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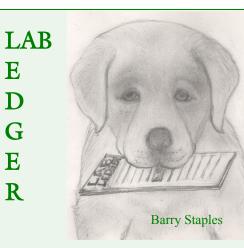
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All,

GALRC is planning a Fun Day at Florence Jones home in Newnan on Sunday September 26.

We will have doggy games, food and prizes. Time is 11:30 am until. All members, their friends, co-owners & Labs are invited. This is a great time to bring your puppies out for socializing.

We will offer a Photography Shoot that day. Photos of your dog/or dogs will be burned onto a CD for the

Package price of \$25. Multiple dog sessions will receive a discount. We will post more information and directions in our August newsletter.

A Lifetime Membership for current members in good standing is now being offered. This \$225 for a single membership and \$250 for a family membership is limited until November 30th.

Please support our breed club with your Lifetime Membership Contribution.

There will be a general club meeting Saturday August 28 at the Lawrenceville show. We will meet a half hour after BOB in the food court. Come join us.

The board has voted to join the Griffin/ Kennesaw KC weekend in 2011 to have our Specialty.

If this is approved, our specialty will be on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. Friday thru Sunday will be Supported Entry days with the possibility of sweepstakes each day before regular classes.

Our Specialty judges on Thursday will be Janet Farmilette, Mijans, all regular & non regular, BOB,

and Steve Kirschner, Big Sky Labradors all Sweepstakes. We are currently waiting approval from AKC & LRC on dates. Also approval for Supported Entry status with sweepstakes on Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

GALRC ANNOUNCES LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

For a limited time, GALRC will be accepting lifetime memberships. This is open to all current members in good standing. Lifetime membership dues will only be accepted from 8/1/10 through 10/31/10.

Individual- \$225.00 Family-\$250.00

Regular Annual dues will be due 11/1/10. Individual-\$20.00 Family- \$25.00

NAME:	 	
ADDRESS:	 	
PHONE:	 	
EMAIL:	 	

Please send dues to: Kristine Hampson 919 Mountain Top Dr Marietta, GA 30062

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GALRC WEBSITE

The GALRC website is getting a facelift thanks to member Jean McLain. Included in this revamping will be a new member breeder's directory. This will allow the public to locate breeders who are club members. To be included, please send the following information to Jean at jean@galrc.com, using the following format.

Kennel Name:

Contact Person:

Website:

Email Address:

Phone:

General Info: brief

Puppies Available: Dates – Yes/No – Frequency

Someone's Dog By Karlene Turkington

She used to be Someone's dog. Now, I realize most dogs were *someone's*. Most adult dogs, even those that end up in shelters, at one time in their lives had *someone* who fed them and called them theirs. But she was *really* Someone's dog.

She knows things. Not just basic things like walking on a leash and sit and down and come, but the every-day things that turn a dog from a pet into a member of the family; conversational things, like "move over" and "wait a minute" and "back up." She knows her name, even though I don't, and gives me strange looks when I call "Daisy" repeatedly and she realizes I'm talking to her. "Good girl" is one she's very familiar with, and her tail wags happily when I say it.

She knows about going for rides. When I open the back of my SUV, she walks up to it, jumps her front paws onto the bumper and waits for a butt boost. She understands baths, and while they don't thrill her, she doesn't fight them, and waits to "shake off" until most of the toweling is done.

She gets crates. She understands "in" and grudgingly walks into the crate and lies down resignedly once she's there. She knows that a polite "woof" gradually increasing in intensity expresses her desire to be removed from the crate, and that when a person yells "Quiet!" she needs to stop yapping.

She understands houses and the people that live in them. She knows that refrigerators hold tasty treats. When she walked into my kitchen for the first time, she walked over to the fridge, looked at it, and then back at me, clearly asking me to open it and find something yummy for her. The first time she heard a pretzel bag rattle she went to my hubby and stood looking at him, expecting to be given a bite. Someone's taught her about sharing snacks.

She knows how to share a bed. When I brought her into the extra bedroom to sleep in the whelping box, I awakened at 3 AM unable to breathe, because a large yellow dog had crawled onto the top of me. She lay there, wagging hopefully, until I patted the bed beside me. Then she happily clambered over the top of me, managing to step on each of my tender areas with at least two feet, as all experienced bed dogs do, and stretched out beside me. She understood she couldn't curl up, as that would have made it too crowded, so she laid full out, her head next to my pillow, with a paw happily resting on my shoulder. When I got up and came back to find her encroaching in my space, a simple "scooch over" did the trick. It's not the first time she's shared a bed with someone.

She lays her head on my knee, and stares up at me with sweet, trusting eyes. When I stop patting her, she nudges my hand with her nose, encouraging me to pet her some more. She knows she is safe here. She knows I care about her. But she also knows that her Someone is out there somewhere, and she's not sure why she's not with them.

She's been Someone's buddy. So where is that person now? And where has that person been? Where was Someone when the flies bit the creases of her ears so badly that the hair will no longer grow there? Where was Someone when she was obviously bred time after time, including the time that resulted in the huge tummy she carries now? Where was Someone when she wasn't given her heartworm preventative, resulting in the massive build-up of deadly worms that are working to end her life? Why didn't Someone microchip her so they could be reunited? And where was Someone when she sat forlornly in a small cement and chain link run in Animal Control, rubbing her nose bloody on the wire and staring out sadly as the clock ticked down? She was there a week. Why didn't Someone show up to take her home before a friendly stranger stepped in at the last minute to give her a reprieve.

Someone's Dog...CONT. By Karlene Turkington

Was she dumped by the side of the road? Did she wander away from home and get picked up before she could find her way back? Did her Someone tire of her and toss her away, or maybe trade her in on a "newer" model? I guess we'll never know. I'm grateful that I could be there for her. Her loving eyes and gentle tail thumps thank me over and over again. If her Someone is out there somewhere, desperately searching for their long lost best friend, I hope they somehow, miraculously find us. And if her Someone disposed of her, tossed her aside like a piece of trash, I hope their dreams are haunted by the memory of this sweet girl they betrayed.

Someone lost a treasure. How blessed I am to be the one fortunate enough to recover it .

Update: Daisy is such a treasure that we couldn't bring ourselves to place her elsewhere. After we whelped, raised and placed her puppies and then had her heartworms treated, she was so firmly entrenched in our hearts that she stayed here. There are many more Daisy's out there. They may not be well-bred or have breeders to go back to, but they are wonderful Labs, and they, too, deserve a chance to have a loving forever home. Every breeder should support breed rescue. Not sure what you can do? Just ask!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear NLRC Member:

We have a new edition of the Labrador Connection at the NLRC website that you can read online by following the links at the NLRC (www.nationallabradorretrieverclub.com) website to the current edition or you can go directly to the current newsletter by clicking here.

Our current newsletter announces cities which have passed bans on the sale of dogs and cats, an article taking an up close look at the American Kennel Club, Dog behavior part 2, a dog app available from iTunes, judges working for multiple registries? and genetic testing, opportunities to improve upon our wonderful Labrador Retrievers!

Any comments, suggestions or input is always welcomed.

If you know of an interesting article you'd like to see shared in the newsletter, do not hesitate to forward it to us (after you've acquired the author's permission of course!)

Do you have brags, awards or events you would like to announce? Send it to us for the next issue! All submissions and contributions welcomed.

Sincerely,

Sandra Underhill

NLRC Newsletter, e-edition of the Labrador Connection

Dear NLRC Member:

It's that time again....we're preparing for the next issue of the NLRC Newsletter.

We welcome your brags, photos, contributions!

Stories, photos, whatever interests you that you wish to share - just send it in!

All submissions are welcomed! We invite you to participate and look forward to your replies.

Older issues of the Labrador Connection can be viewed at the NLRC website, here.

Sincerely,

Sandra Underhill for the NLRC Newsletter, e-edition

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I thought the newsletter might be a good way to let people know about professional photographer Melissa Witcher. If anyone has interest they can contact her directly. Essentially she is working on a coffee table book of dogs, a bit on the artistic side. She wants to take pictures of Labradors from reputable breeders. She did come to my home and take a few pictures. Attached is one of the pictures she took of my girls.

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Dog show was in Orlando, Fl. - Upland's Home for Christmas (Trip) won WD - (major) and Upland's Pocket Full of Sunshine (Summer) won WB - (major) on Saturday. It was a great day! Asheville - Upland's Sunnyside Up (Downey) won WB (major).

Dale & Barry Staples

PUPS AND OLDERS

Black female available, 6 months old.

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Sylvia Gay

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TarKom Labradors has several labs available for placement

We have black and chocolate boys and girls available now. Mom is our U-CH Journey, dad is Marian's and Lawrence's lovely champion pointed boy Gelato. Parents have appropriate clearances. Puppies are lovely and ready to go now!

We also have 4, 5 month old black girls available. These girls are crate trained and house-broken, and know the beginnings of obedience. They are very sweet and very social! One of them would be a terrific agility dog, field companion or service dog; she is a problem solver and very outgoing and intelligent. Parents have appropriate clearances.

Finally, we have a 5 year old yellow girl available for placement. Shasta is an indoor dog with all appropriate house manners, and has been spayed. She is ready to be a forever friend for the right person.

Contact Karlene at tarkom@gmail.com or call 334-332-0068 for more info. Referrals greatly appreciated!

PUPS AND OLDERS

Gregg and Deborah have a litter of all six fox red puppies born 7/12/2010. There is a total of 5 girls and only one boy. The sire is Little river Redheaded Stranger and the mom, Oakdale Little River Wildfire. Both parents are OFA Good, elbows Normal, CERF on eyes, and Willie is Optigen Normal.

Gregg Tonkin
Little River Labradors
http://www.littleriverlabs.com

2 YEARS

THIS MARKS THE END OF TWO YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN PUBLISHING THE GALRC NEWSLETTER. TIME SURE FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN!!

I HAVE TRULY ENJOYED THIS PROJECT, ALTHOUGH AT TIMES I HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED BY DELAYS. ALL IN ALL, EVERYONE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WILLINGNESS TO SHARE INFORMATION, IDEAS, THOUGHTS, BRAGS, LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. KEEP THEM COMING, AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

THIS IS A GREAT ORGANIZATION, AND ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ALL GET TO SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN ENOUGH, IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL THERE AND WILL COME RUNNING WHEN HELP IS NEEDED. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND HERE IS TO ANOTHER YEAR OF THE GALRC NEWSLETTER—LET'S MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER!!!

LOVE TO ALL,

MARIAN GARDNER
DEWBERRIES LABRADORS