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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy fall ya'll!

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I sure like the break from the hot summer, and all the dogs do too. We have a busy couple of months ahead of us, first is the fun day at Flo Jones' Home Sunday the 26th. There will be fun and games for the dogs and food and socialization for the members. We will have a very short club meeting at 11:00 to meet some of our club business requirements. The club will supply hamburgers the Staples will provide hotdogs but we will ask everyone attending to bring a side dish or dessert.

Also it is time to elect officers and board members if interested in stepping in to help contact me at Sheabourne@aol.com. We will also take nominations at the meeting.

Don't forget we are accepting life time memberships for existing club Members up till 10/31/10. The cost will be \$225 for individuals and \$250 for families. You can mail payment to Kristine Hampson or give your payment to Linda Jordan or myself at the Supported Entry.

Speaking of Supported Entry, please remember to enter & support the October 28, 29,30, 31 shows. Sweepstakes will be Saturday and Sunday.

Hope to see everyone at the fun day.

Earl

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:		 	
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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

the address for the GALRC website is www.galrc.com - the site is live.

I know at one point the site was live on www.galrc.org - not sure who actually owns that domain, but it is hosted by SEDO and the domain is "parked". If someone has more info on that and the domain is owned by the club I can have it automatically redirect to www.galrc.com if I have the login info.

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Greater Atlanta Labrador Retriever Club Picnic

DATE: 9/26/10

LOCATION: Bellathatch Labradors

1510 Roscoe RD Newnan, GA 30263

TIME: 11:00 AM- festivities will begin after a brief Club meeting

*****RSVP: Please no later than Thurs 9/23/10 and please let us know how many people will be attending with you. Please call Flo Jones at 770-254-0516, or email Julia Kuni at plumtreejk@aol.com.*****

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served, and drinks provided. (donations to club are welcome!) Please feel free to bring a side dish.

Please bring your dogs!! This will be a wonderful opportunity to bring out your young dogs and play some games! As a reminder, please do not bring any dogs that are coughing or sick.

Flo and Julia will be glad to take photographs of your dogs and put them on a CD, if anyone is interested in purchasing photos of your dogs. \$20.00 per CD, payable to GALRC.

PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP, so we know how many people to expect.

If bad weather, we will postpone the picnic. Please call Flo if you have any questions.

ARTICLE OF INTEREST

New Options for Dogs with Hip Dysplasia

Mambo wasn't the kind of dog most people would adopt. When the stray malamute mix was rescued in northern Minnesota, he had frostbitten ears, visible ribs like a xylophone, and a kink in his tail where it had once been broken. Because of severe hip dysplasia, he howled when anyone picked him up.

When the rescue organization brought Mambo to see Dr Dan Oakes in Minneapolis, the dog couldn't walk across the linoleum floor without assistance. But after a relatively new procedure, Mambo was able to amble out of the clinic on his own.

Hip dysplasia is one of the most common orthopedic disorders of dogs. Large breed dogs, such as German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, and Labrador Retrievers, are often affected, but it can also occur in small-breed dogs and cats. This inherited condition emerges during a puppy's developmental stages and can be exacerbated by improper nutrition, obesity, and abnormal forces on the joint.

Literally, hip dysplasia means "abnormal formation" of the hips. The hip is a ball-and –socket joint, where the "ball" fits snugly in the "socket", allowing for smooth rotation. In dogs with hip dysplasia, the fit is loose, leading to instability, wear and tear on the joint structure, and arthritis. Although some dogs show physical signs as early as four months of age, other dogs may not show discomfort until they're older. Pain is evident by limping, trouble rising, difficulty mounting stairs, and a tendency to lag behind on walks.

With early diagnosis, hip dysplasia can be corrected to prevent or delay the progression of degenerative joint disease. A newer preventative surgery that shows great promise is the minimally invasive juvenile pubic symphysiodesis (JPS) procedure, which must be performed before the puppy reaches 18 to 20 weeks of age. This procedure seals adjoining sections of the pelvis early, so that the hip sockets rotate during development, creating a tighter fit for the joints.

Special x-rays, called PennHIP radiographs, should first be obtained to determine if the dog is prone to developing arthritis later in life. There is a small window of opportunity between when the radiographs are obtained and the JPS procedure must be performed. "It's important for owners to have their dogs' hips evaluated early," says Kyle Mathews, DVM, MS, DACVS, of North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, the originator of the JPS procedure. If your dog is already older than 20 weeks of age, there are other procedures that you can discuss with your veterinarian.

Once arthritis develops, it's difficult to stem the progression of hip dysplasia. In some cases, weight loss alone can help diminish the signs of lameness. Pain medications and cartilage protectants can also help relieve the symptoms, but they won't stop further joint degeneration. At this point, owners are often faced with total hip replacement, a reconstructive surgical procedure, that may require months of recovery and a significant financial investment. (Despite its cost, hip replacement remains the preferred procedure for correcting hip dysplasia.) "Salvage" procedures are also options, but they only alleviate pain and don't actually fix the joint. If your pet has hip dysplasia, talk to your veterinarian about what option is best for your pet.

A total hip replacement wasn't possible for Mambo, so Dr. Oakes recommended a relatively new procedure called sensory denervation. By detaching the sensory nerves around the hip joint, the procedure helps relieve much of the pain. Although it doesn't cure hip dysplasia or stop the progression of arthritis, sensory denervation allows dogs to lead more active lives.

In Mambo's case, surgery also helped him find a new home. "When Mambo first saw my hardwood floors, he wanted nothing to do with them," according to (Mambo's new owner), "but within two weeks of the surgery, he could walk up a flight of stairs".

Health Pet-Fall 2008

Dr. Fuller is a member of the HealthyPet Advisory Board



I finally found a company that will make a metal personalized plate for the front of the van. Perhaps others may be interested in getting their own.

The Platemeister

Dr. Jean Hickman



I have updated the email contact list and here is what I have—if you have any changes or additions please let me know. Marian

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Thanks for Letting Me Share
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"OLDERS" AND PUPS

Piccolo X Gumbo pups born 3/23/10 1 black males, 2 choc males

Bambina X Tatonka Born 10/21/09 2 chocolate males

We also have some "olders" available as we are downsizing our kennel—some are show pointed and others are pet quality—contact us for more information

You can see our Labs on <u>www.dewberrieslabradors.com</u> dewberries@gulftel.com

Marian and Lawrence Gardner 251-960-5317

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UKC Show 9/4 –9/5/10

On both days, all four shows, my almost three year old SGM DOC TITUS PUILLO placed over CH SGM DOC ANTER.

At the two Sunday shows SGM DOC TITUS PULLO took a GROUP ONE.

At the Sunday morning show SGM DOC TITUS PULLO was awarded GSKC BEST IN MULTI-BREED SHOW LONG BEACH MS

Dr. Jean Hickam