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Club Meetings

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

*Regular meetings are held on the fourth **Thursday** of each month at 6:30 pm. As always, all club members are invited. The date might change due to conflict with near by shows or Holidays.

We hope to see you there!





Announcements

Newsletters will be emailed monthly and will include; if available, the following:

**Monthly Club Meeting info and Club Minutes*

**List of Club Officers*

**Any Announcements (Important messages from the President, Club News and so forth)*

**Articles of Interest pertaining to Labradors, Canine genetics, health and breeding.*

**Available & Services (Members available litters, pups, adults, Stud service, training, handling, boarding, transport or anything dog related)*

**ISO In search of: Members or their clients in search of a specific age, gender, service or referral.*

**Brags (Members brags on titles, accomplishments & more)*

**Membership Form*

**Newsletter Disclaimer*



If you have anything that you'd like to have published in the newsletter, send to ashlandlabradors@gmail.com and please include "GALRC Newsletter" in the subject line.

Thank You!

Teresa Gordy-Brown



Announcements

2018 AKC Point Schedule

I wish I could give credit to whomever put together the schedule chart but it was circulating on Facebook and I figured it would be nifty to print the schedule, cut out, laminate and use as a book mark for your catalog while showing.

| Division | 2018 | 1 point | 2 point | 3 point | 4 point | 5 point |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Division 1 | Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont | 2-3 | 10-12 | 18-21 | 31-43 | 54-85 |
| Division 2 | Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania | 2-2 | 8-9 | 13-15 | 20-23 | 30-37 |
| Division 3 | District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia | 2-2 | 10-12 | 17-21 | 26-28 | 39-35 |
| Division 4 | Florida, Georgia, South Carolina | 2-3 | 9-12 | 16-21 | 23-29 | 35-36 |
| Division 5 | Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio | 2-2 | 8-11 | 14-19 | 20-32 | 31-57 |
| Division 6 | Arizona, Colorado | 2-2 | 7-8 | 11-14 | 18-25 | 24-40 |
| Division 7 | Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas | 2-2 | 6-7 | 9-12 | 15-26 | 24-51 |
| Division 8 | Oregon, Washington | 2-2 | 7-12 | 12-22 | 20-37 | 35-65 |
| Division 9 | California | 2-2 | 8-11 | 13-19 | 26-38 | 45-74 |
| Division 10 | Alaska | 2-2 | 3-6 | 4-9 | 5-11 | 6-14 |
| Division 11 | Hawaii | 2-2 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 5-5 | 6-6 |
| Division 12 | Puerto Rico | 2-2 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 5-5 | 6-6 |
| Division 13 | Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming | 2-2 | 6-8 | 10-13 | 12-17 | 16-25 |
| Division 14 | Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee | 2-2 | 6-8 | 10-13 | 13-16 | 14-21 |
| Division 15 | Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin. | 2-2 | 6-7 | 9-12 | 17-26 | 33-53 |



Announcements

Potomac Week:

I am sure many of you are enjoying the wonderful camaraderie this week at the worlds Largest Labrador Specialty while many of us at home get to see glimpses of those gorgeous dogs from videos streaming on Facebook or the great pictures being shared, especially of all that great FOOD...ooh how I could go for some Crab Legs from Mays about now!

Think of us poor souls sitting at home that could not get there this year! But when you come back, please share your stories, your wins, your pictures! We'd love to hear what we all missed out on!

BEST OF LUCK to ALL GALRC members and their dogs attending the 2018 Potomac!

Articles Stud Dog Management Part II



Last month we talked about managing stud dogs and collecting without a teaser. This month I want to touch base on the evaluation, extending and shipping of semen.

Important things to consider in being a good stud dog manager are:

- *How to properly manage Stud Dogs (Proper Nutrition and Care).
- *Learn to collect efficiently without the need of a teaser bitch.
- *Learn to evaluate semen.**
- *Learn to properly extend, package & ship semen.**
- *Keep stud dogs fertile.
- *Record Keeping.
- *Stud Agreements



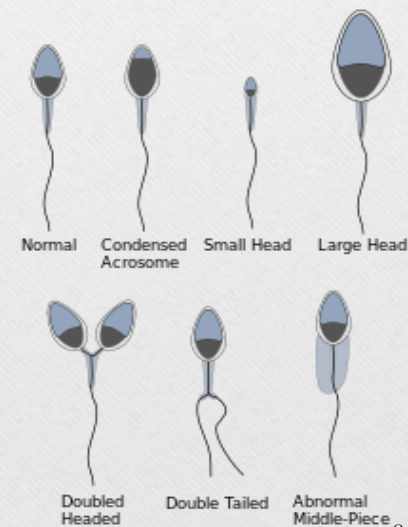
I believe (as I have been taught) that success in stud service begins with the Stud owner, not necessarily just the dog. Now, there are many things that stud owners cannot control (ovulation timing, shipping nightmares, whether or not a bitch can even carry a litter to term). There are variables with every breeding we do or attempt to do. One of the most important things is learning to evaluate semen under a microscope. You don't need a fancy degree or even a

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fancy microscope. But the fact is, you DO need a scope. Without it, you can never say that collection is good. You are sending semen blindly and taking a huge gamble if you cannot collect and evaluate before sending or inseminating.

Evaluating Semen allows you to also check abnormalities such as red blood cells, debris and defective or immature sperm cells. (Morphology). It is not hard to learn how to spot abnormal cells. I do want to stress that color of semen alone is NOT an indicator of fertility. I have heard people say if the color is a milky-white then that indicates it is a good collection. While I can say that yes, the heavier the concentration, the whiter the collection, however this does not mean the semen is even any good. If it is full of bent tails, double-heads, detached heads, abnormal midpiece, etc. (which are all non-productive sperm cells) then they will not contribute to a “viable collection”

Once you start viewing under the scope, collections on different dogs, you will begin to see how some boys will have a heavy concentration (volume of sperm rich fraction) while others are less. It does not matter how much of the second fraction (sperm rich fraction) there is. What is important is the numbers within that concentration.



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Motility is another very important thing to learn. This is the Sperm cells movement. Do they appear strong and moving in a straight line? Or do they appear slow, move in circles, or do they just sit idle despite the tail moving? Motility is very important in the success of the sperm reaching their destination. Without good motility, those swimmers are dead in the water.

So you see, it is important to be able to not just collect from our boys, but to also be able to see or show that his semen is viable and capable of producing puppies.



Shipping Semen. There is a right way and a wrong way to prepare semen for shipping. Semen are very sensitive little creatures. They do not like light and they do not like abrupt temperature changes. You can shock them to death by making mistakes extending and shipping. (I have done it. I know others have done it too.) We ALL learn from our mistakes. Unfortunately, most of these companies that make and sell extenders do not tell you HOW to properly use their products and it is only when you have “missed” that so important breeding because the semen arrived dead, did you call the company to ask if something could

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be wrong with their extender. THEN they tell you “ooh by the way”... So I want to give you the low-down before you make the same dreaded mistakes I and others have made.

1). NEVER add semen to cold extender. Regardless of what extender you plan to use. Make sure the extender has set out to room temp (I prefer body temp) BEFORE you gently mix it with the semen. I usually set the extender out, let it warm to room temp, then I will put it in my pocket while I gather my collection materials and go about collecting the stud. Then I just pull out of my pocket to add however many cc's to the sperm rich fraction.

2). Once you have extended your semen, always label your vial with your dogs name, date and time of collection. Place the vial in a zip lock baggy (snack size baggies work best). Then wrap your vial in either two layers of paper-towels or you can insert into a larger centrifuge tube. Put the sample in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before you plan to ship. I like to put my shipping cooler box in there as well so BOTH are at the same temp when I go to ship. Also, be aware that there is nothing wrong in collecting the night before you need to ship and allow your extended semen to cool down over night. The longer they have had to chill down and become induced into a nice sleep like state, the better they will handle the stress of shipping and minor temp changes associated with the shipping.

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3). Packaging: Regardless of which brand of cooler box you decide to use (mini tube, impact, ICSB puppy pak or the old tried and true insulated shippers (which still work great by the way). Be sure to keep your semen OFF the ice. By this I mean, place a layer of wadded newspaper, bubble wrap or foam between the ice packs and the vial of semen. If your sample gets TOO cold (as in freezing right up against the ice pack) you could kill them. During warm weather, add an extra ice pack to the bottom of the box. It's always better to be extra accommodating to the bitch owner and include with the semen shipment, an insemination pipette and packet of lubricant. Even if their vet is going to do the insemination, it is always easier if they have these items included.

Semen should be shipped overnight (Next day air). You can ship Saturday for Monday delivery but I do recommend to use a ten day extender. Matter of fact, I now use ONLY 10 day extenders (I prefer the old chill 10 that requires the use of an egg yoke). I was shipped a collection from Massachusetts a little while back. It was shipped Friday for Saturday delivery because Monday was a holiday and I wanted it on hand for the "just in case" scenario. Well of course FedEx lost it! It went from MA, to Memphis, to Indianapolis, back to MA then back to Memphis and then finally to me. It spent 5 days in transit. Thank goodness the stud owner used the 10 day extender. I got it Tuesday, and we have 11 babies now! PHEW!! If that had been any other extender, I would not have a litter right this moment!

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I wished our newsletter allowed more room as I would also like to discuss extenders in more detail but that will just have to be for another time. If anyone needs directions on how to properly mix the Chill 10 with egg yoke, please email me and I will be happy to send you detailed instructions.

Next month we will talk about keeping studs fertile, contracts and record keeping practices.

Please feel free to join the [Labrador Retriever Stud Dog Discussion](#) Group on Facebook.

Please Save and Share!

'It's okay, my dog is friendly...'

No it's NOT okay! Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean all dogs are - please remember:

Never let your dog run up to a dog on leash- they could be scared or become reactive.

Try to respect other owners and their need for space.

Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion.

If you have no voice control over your dog off leash then keep them on.



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Litter Announcements



Please email Teresa at ashlandlabradores@gmail.com to include your litter announcements.

*NONE AT THIS TIME





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It's more important than ever for Google search results that websites are responsive (resize for smartphones & tablets) as over 50% of searches are now done on mobile devices. Very reasonably priced.

Please email me, Jean McLain, jean@market-now.com and let me know how I can help.
Thanks,

Jean

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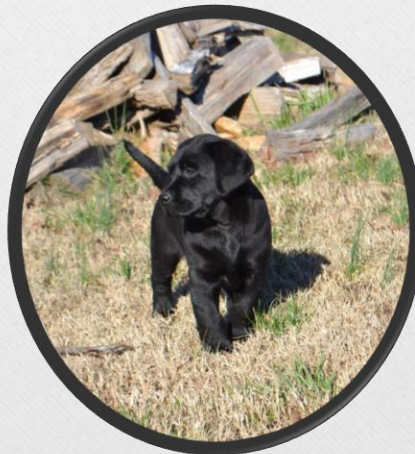
Your Kennel Name, Contact person, Website URL, email address and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.

Available Dogs



Please email Teresa at ashlandlabradors@gmail.com to include your information on available announcements.

➤ None at this time.





ISO



None at this time.

Send in your “ISO” post to Teresa at ashlandlabradors@gmail.com and they will go out in the very next newsletter.

Yard Sale



Please email Teresa at ashlandlabradors@gmail.com to include your items for sale

****Example Format Below *Excalibur Kennels:***

Mason Kennels 10x5x6 Qnty: 6 Good Condition. \$1200.00 Will deliver within 100 miles.

Contact Jo @ 408-555-5555 or email to exclai Burkennels@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Dues Reminder

Our membership dues for 2018 are due on 11/1/17.

Please completely fill out this form and return it with your check so that we can keep our records up to date.

\$20.00 individual ~ \$25.00 family ~ \$15 Associate

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

Athens, Ga. 30605

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Member's breeder directory

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