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Announcements

Newsletters will be emailed on the 15th of each month and will include; if available, the following when submitted before the 14th of each month:

**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.*

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

**Membership Form*

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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

Hello Everyone - Happy New Year!

Another successful specialty as feedback from those who attended and exhibited was all positive, so thank you to all those club members who worked really hard to put on a great event. We continue to hear that we are the most enjoyed specialty show for many who attend. From a financial perspective, the show lost money - mostly due to the judge change and additional expense to hire new judges (i.e. hotel, airfare, etc.). Fortunately the shows in year's past built a sufficient club balance to cover this years' loss. The success of the silent auction/stud auction was a tremendous support and was in large part the main reason we didn't have a bigger loss financially. But again, thanks to the efforts of many - the show was a success.

We've been getting a number of inquiries already about the Specialty Show for 2019. In order to move forward and plan the show, the following positions need to be chaired. Volunteers are needed, so please look at the list and let the Board and Officers know by the next Club meeting (February 28th, 2019) which positions you would like to chair or participate in. A number of those who have been chairs since the club returned to an independent show five years ago, will be stepping back this year for a break. This presents an opportunity for those that have interest and ideas on how to do it "better" to step forward. As of now, no positions have been filled. Here is the list of available and needed positions in order to put on a successful show:

1. Judges selection committee (3 people)
2. Show chairperson (1 or 2 people)
3. Show secretary
4. Decorations
5. Emergency Preparedness
6. Vendor Contact (Grounds, Tent, Hotel, Porta Potties, etc.)
7. Grounds - Setup, Maintenance during the show & Tear Down
8. Hospitality

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Announcements

9. Judges Welfare
10. Publicity & Advertising
11. Stud Dog Auction
12. Silent Auction & Raffle
13. Ribbons/Rosettes
14. Trophy Chair & Donations

We are also required by AKC regulations to complete certain activities to be eligible to hold the annual specialty show. We've already held the B Match so we have that under our belt, however we need other activities to be held between now and August to qualify. These can be health clinics, educational sessions at meetings, etc. If you have interest in hosting or planning one of these events, please also let the Board and Officers know by February 28th (our next meeting).

I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Neil Martin
GALRC President



Westminster Commentator; Judge Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna took advantage of the National coverage to send an important message.

Nat Geo Wild's daytime broadcast of Westminster Kennel Club Day 2 yesterday afternoon included some information on Labrador Retrievers and on buying a dog. Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna, was one of the commentators and she spoke this about Labs. Below, Charlotte Kinskey took the time to post her exact wording.

She: "This is a wonderful, wonderful breed, America's most popular breed, year after year after year! I think that everybody relates to them. They're sweet, they're kind. They're very heavy boned, a heavy dog; they should be. When we're judging this breed, it's all about 'Head, Coat, Tail, Head, Coat, Tail' . . . They come in several different colors. One color that they do NOT come in is a blue or a silver. If you see a 'rare, 'blue' or 'silver' 'Labrador' being advertised, it's not rare: it's not purebred. It is a disqualification in the breed."

Male commentator: "Do you demand your money back?"

She: "Uh, well, hopefully you wouldn't get duped into buying it in the first place.

"The other thing I would like to bring up and touch on is the Goldendoodles and the Labradoodles, which are very, very popular right now. We call them the designer dogs. For the most part, people have a feeling, or they are told by these breeders, that they will have hybrid vigor. They'll never get sick, they'll never have a problem with them. In actuality, the purebred dog people, we do extensive health testing. We do hearts, we do eyes, we do hips, we do a myriad of tests. When you have a dog that is a combination of two breeds, you get the problems from each breeding. So, the Poodles have several different health maladies, as do the Labradors, as do the Golden. You're not getting hybrid vigor. You're getting both problems. So it's very important, if you're going to buy a designer dog, that the public make sure that those people are doing health testing on these animals, like the purebred dog people do."

NOTE: There is a heated controversy going on about Judge Cavanna's comment regarding "heavy bone, heavy dog". Her comments come off right after speaking about the German Shorthaired Pointer and American Water Spaniels. Without speaking directly to Judge Cavanna, we can only speculate what she truly meant by that comment. I personally take it as conformation Labradors should not be a light, weedy dog. I have seen her judge and think she does an excellent job. Regardless...kudo's for her to speak up against DILUTES & DOODLES. She should be commended!



ALL Breed shows of interest to Labradors

Next Wednesday is closing for the Franklin, TN FOUR DAY cluster put on by the Nashville & Tullahoma Kennel Clubs.

Labrador Retrievers will have open class divisions.

Great Health Clinics this year!

Judges:

P. Beisel-McIlwaine

A. Katona

J.A. Moses

L. Warren

Superintendent is Jack Onofrio

Premium Located here:

<http://www.onofrio.com/plist/nash1pl.pdf>

Health Clinics

All require appointments with limited space
Cash, Check, or Money order

Sign up early – see Health Clinics table between Superintendent's desk and Purina

Eye Clinic

Who - Amity M Huskey DVM, DACVO – Veterinary Ophthalmology Services, Nashville, TN
What - Exams for CERF and CAER Certification OFA fee will be separate.
Time - Sat 8:30AM – 5PM and Sunday 8AM-noon
Fee - \$40 if paid through Friday/ if paid Sat or Sun fee is \$45
Note - the following breeds need to be checked before dilation: Dalmatians, Australian Shepherds, Mastiffs, Basenjis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis



Cardiac Clinic - Auscultation exam

Who - Rebecca Gompf, DVM, MS, DACVIM – University of Tennessee College of Vet Med, Knoxville, TN
What - Exam for OFA Certification
Time - Fri 8:30AM-5PM and Sat 8:30-3PM
Fee - \$40 if paid through Friday/ if paid Sat or Sun fee is \$45 OFA fee will be separate.



Cardiac Clinic – Echo exam

Who - Erica Baravik-Munsell, DVM, DACVR – Infinity Veterinary Imaging, Nashville, TN
What - Doppler/Echocardiogram exams for OFA Certification
Time - Fri 8:30AM-5PM
Fee - \$245 for a full echo. \$145 for a partial echo. OFA fee will be separate



X-Ray Clinic(at show) – Hips, Elbows, Trachea, Shoulders, Spine

Who - Nathan Craddock, DVM – Blue Ridge Veterinary Imaging, Clemson, SC
What - OFA studies of Hips, Trachea, Elbows, Shoulders, Spine for Certification
Time - Thurs 8:30am-5pm; Fri 8:30am-5pm; Sat 8:30am-5pm; Sun 8:30am-noon
Fee - Hips \$125; Trachea \$90; Elbows \$75; Shoulders \$75; Spine \$125 OFA fee will be separate. Multiple animal discounts
Note - ext for an appointment to 864-650-3151



Microchips – International universal microchip

Who - Pet-Agrees Wellness Services, Gordonsville, TN – show vet
What - international universal microchip (ISO) can be read by any reader
Time - Thurs 8:30am-5pm; Fri 8:30am-5pm; Sat 8:30am-5pm; Sun 8:30am-noon
Fee - \$20. Registration is separate



Veterinarian's Own Dog Dies After Rabies Vaccination

As a California licensed veterinarian who has been practicing for 32 years, I am concerned about the health and wellbeing of my patients and protection of my clients. I am very concerned about the rabies vaccine. I have seen very serious reactions from the vaccine. My own personal dog, a 17 month old Standard Poodle "Wailea" was given a second rabies vaccine at 17 months and went into liver failure and facial myositis. She eventually lost all the muscles in her head as her eyes were sinking into their sockets and she eventually died.

I had taken a rabies titer (an antibody blood test) on my dog just for information at the time of the vaccine and it showed 10 times more protection than needed for a rabies response. Since the rabies vaccine is only 86 % effective and that means 14% of the animals vaccinated do not have protection. My dog did not need that vaccine but I gave it due to the law and it eventually killed my dog.

My dog's antibodies were protecting her from the deadly disease of rabies and giving her another vaccine did not make her more protected but instead drove her body into an auto-immune reaction attacking her own body.

I received my own rabies vaccines in 1974 and was told in Veterinary School that I should never just blindly get vaccinated but should titer every other year and see if my titer had dropped. If my titer dropped below the level then I should get a booster. Under no circumstances should I just blindly get a booster as it can cause auto-immune issues. As veterinarians, we are required to do that. The vaccine has hazardous effects. With 46 % of dogs and 39 % of cats now getting cancer, giving an unnecessary rabies vaccine is very dangerous to the pet.

Vaccines are strong immune stimulators and can work negatively on the immune system. Titers are the best way to see if vaccines are effective protection and they should be an accepted evaluation of a pets protection from Rabies.

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Some Cool Products that you may like

While doing yet again more renovations to our dog room, I came across this simple little mud stopper. I am probably the LAST person to know about these rugs but I figured just by chance if you guys don't have any...GET SOME!



You can find these rugs on Chewy and various other places online, but I found Amazon has the best prices for the larger size runners.

These do an excellent job keeping dirt, mud, water, snow, etc. from being tracked across the floor. They come in several colors too. I thing I will order some just to put down for old pups to lay or sleep on.

Just thought I'd share this nice little find.

Internet's Best Chenille Dog Mat

by [Internet's Best](#)



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Club Minutes

The GALRC meeting on January 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM was held at the Cherokee Cattle Co. on Canton Road, Canton, Ga.

President, Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM .

Members present:

Neil Martin

Jodi Martin

Dale Staples

Barry Staples

Anne Key

Carol Quaif

The 2018 Specialty Show was discussed at length. Jodi passed out an itemized financial report of the show. The preliminary results showed a small loss. Ways to adjust and save costs were addressed.

A discussion then turned to the job of show secretary. There was a Motion to terminate the second year of the contract for cause with Dogzibit. It was unanimous and the Motion passed with Anne seconding.

There was a Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM seconded by Carol.



Club Meetings

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

*Regular meetings are held on the fourth **Thursday** of each month at 7:00 pm.

LOCATION

Cherokee Cattle Co.
2710 Canton Road
Marietta GA 30066
770-427-0490



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!



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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.

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