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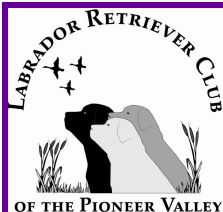
**The Labrador Retriever Club of the
Pioneer Valley, Inc.**

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The Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley, Inc

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The purpose of this Newsletter is to give members an overview of Club activities and to keep them informed on breed related issues. The Newsletter is published 10 times per year, or whenever the editor can manage it.

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Newsletter Submissions

The Newsletter also welcomes articles for possible publication.

Please send submissions to

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E-mail Calsamlabs@cox.net

Deadline by the 10th of each month.

Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley, Inc.

Meeting Notice

Sunday May 3, 2009 6 PM

Annmarie Wilson's home 6 Dara Lane, Suffield, CT 06078 860-6684908

Agenda: Specialty Show

Directions to Annmarie's Home:

From 91

Exit 47W off 91. Left at lights onto 159 South. Straight thru next light, take next right which is Bridge Street. Bridge Street to first right which is Dara Lane. Tan house with burgundy shutters. Plenty of parking in driveway or street.

Puppies Available

Note: In order to list a litter you must be in good standing with the club and work at a minimum of 2 club events during the current calendar year. Members who are unable to meet this requirement may list a litter after paying a \$50 litter listing fee.

No Litters are currently listed.

**For more information on puppies & adult dogs
visit WWW.LRCPVL.ORG**

**It's not to late to sponsor a class
for the Specialty Show!**

Class 1st-4th \$35.00

Reserve Winners Dog or Bitch \$40.00

Make trophy checks payable to LRCPV

Mail to PO Box 52, Suffield, CT 06078



Up Coming Club Events

May 8th & 9th 2009 - Back-to-Back Specialty Shows



Invites you to:

Back-to-Back Specialties!

Unbenched - Outdoors

May 8th & 9th, 2009

OF THE PIONEER VALLEY

Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA

Class	Friday May 8th	Saturday May 9th
Sweeps	Nancy Brandow <i>Cedarwoods</i>	Nancy Rudgers <i>Heybern</i>
Bitches & Non-Regular	Kirsi Luomanen (Finland) <i>Tweedledum</i>	Hannele Jokisilta (Finland) <i>Palabras</i>
Dogs & Intersex	Hannele Jokisilta (Finland) <i>Palabras</i>	Kirsi Luomanen (Finland) <i>Tweedledum</i>
Junior Showmanship	---	Sarah Crepeau
Obedience	Sandra Walker	George Davis
Rally	Lynda Moore	Denise Lacroix

On Friday, May 8 the obedience and rally trials will be held from 8 am until noon. At 12:30, the Holyoke Kennel Club will hold all-breed obedience and rally trials on the same site. Labradors may enter both trials, potentially earning two legs in their event in a single day, with a third leg available on Saturday.

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West Suffield, CT 06093
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Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley
Certificate of Gratitude to
Kevyn Thomas

The Board and Members of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley are honored to welcome you as our guest tonight, April 4, 2009, in appreciation of the several years you have assisted us in running our Specialty Show, Obedience and Rally Trials in Westfield, MA. Not only have you been instrumental in helping us have access to the Holyoke Kennel Club equipment, but you have worked hard beside our members during set up and take down, as well as guided us in our judge selection. Your help has been invaluable.

On a personal note, Kevyn, you have touched many lives with your kindness and willing spirit. Ten and a half years ago you were judging at the Holyoke Kennel Club match when you gave best puppy in match to a border terrier handled by an eleven year old boy whose father had died a week earlier. Whether the puppy deserved the award or not, we don't know. But we do know that today, as a young man of 22, that boy often tells people with great pride of his big win that day! You helped provide a happy event in a difficult time.

We appreciate all you do for dogs, for dog clubs, for show committees and exhibitors, and for all the people you've touched just being yourself.

Thank you very much.

Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley
Certificate of Gratitude to
Paul Beturney

The Board and Members of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley are honored to welcome you as our guest tonight, April 4, 2009, in appreciation of the many years you have been a major part of our club and its functions. For the past 5 years, despite no longer being an actual member of our group, you have been one of our most reliable and hard-working friends. We rely on you for set-up and take down of our specialty rings, for help answering questions about how things should be done, where they are kept, and what to do.

It is no wonder that we still think of you as a valued member. You have held every office in this club, including President, and filled those duties admirably. During your years as an active member, you were one of those that could always be counted on to help with any event at any time. There were probably several years in which many of us felt that you WERE our club, because you performed so many of the tasks needed to keep a group running smoothly. You were an outstanding ambassador for the L.R.P.C.V., and for Labrador Retrievers. Despite your move into a different breed – yikes, even a different group! – we know we can continue to count on your guidance, your knowledge and your generosity. That is a very comforting feeling.

Thank you very much, Paul.

LRCPV Awards – April 4, 2009

<u>Owner/Breeder</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>New Title</u>
Gretchen Boss	Breckin's Foxy Roxy TDI, CC, CGC	Conformation Certificate
	Breckin's Phoebe CGC,CC	Conformation Certificate
	Echomoor's Little CC of Breckin CC	Conformation Certificate
Annmarie Wilson	Tootsieroll Wilson Brownstone, RN, CGC	CGC
Haley Clement	Tameric Tours Just Like You, CGC	CGC
Christina Steinhardt	Shorewind's Maiden Voyage	CGC, Breeder
	BeeHaven Shorewind Jumpin Jack Splash, CGC, TDI	CGC, TDI
Jan Lemire	BeeHaven Shorewind Jumpin Jack Splash, CGC, TDI	CGC, TDI, Breeder
	Briarwood Abeille Sweetheart, CGC, TDI	TDI, Breeder
Kristin Horwitz	T-Bar Country Kali, CD-HCH, UD-H	CD-HCH, UD-H, Natl Ranking
Nona King	Birchangreen's Rising Tide, SH	Senior Hunter, Breeder
Losi Engle	Majestx Satisfaction	Most Breed Points, Breeder

Thanks to the following members who received Member Appreciation Awards

To qualify for a Member Appreciation Award members must work at 3 events.

Doris Alleman, Gretchen Boss, Ann Burns, Cindy Clement, Haley Clement, Fran Cain, Judi Dorsett, Lois Engel, Ann Huntington, Laura Lafreniere, Jan Lemire, Sandy Masek, Merri Mahoney, Andrea Newman, Marilou Pirog, Kelly Rome, Lauren Simpson, Christina Steinhardt, Cindy Stone, Tina Stone, Kenin Strout, Annmarie Wilson.

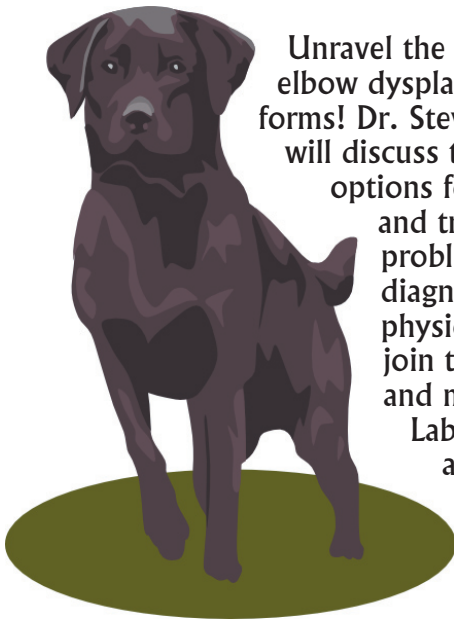
LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF THE PIONEER VALLEY PRESENTS...
2ND ANNUAL LABRADOR HEALTH SEMINAR

ELBOW JOINT DISORDERS IN LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

DATE: FRIDAY MAY 8, 2009

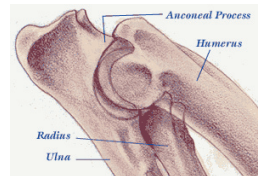
TIME: 45 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF JUDGING AT OUR
SPECIALTY SHOW (APPROXIMATELY 5:00-6:00 P.M.)

PLACE: PAVILLION BEHIND THE OBEDIENCE RINGS,
WESTFIELD FAIRGROUNDS, WESTFIELD, MA



Unravel the mysteries of elbow dysplasia in all its forms! Dr. Steve Leshem will discuss the latest options for diagnosing

and treating a variety of elbow problems seen in Labradors. MRI diagnostics, arthroscopic procedures, physical therapy, and nutraceuticals join traditional X-rays, surgery and medication as options for our Labradors suffering from elbow abnormalities. Dr. Leshem's relaxed style will provide lots of time for answering your questions. Come and learn about this complex joint.



Dr. Steve Leshem, DVM , ACVS is a Board Certified Veterinary Surgeon and a graduate of Tufts University College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition to finishing a residency in small animal surgery at Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine, he spent several years in practice in both Colorado and Nevada. Dr. Leshem is a surgical specialist at Veterinary Specialists of Connecticut in West Hartford, CT.



Implications of the EIC Mutation for Breeding

Breeding two clear dogs

		Sire's Genotype	
		N	N
Dam's Genotype	N	N/N	N/N
	N	N/N	N/N

Breeding a clear dog to an affected dog

		Sire's Genotype	
		N	N
Dam's Genotype	E	N/E	N/E
	E	N/E	N/E

Breeding a clear dog to a carrier dog

		Sire's Genotype	
		N	N
Dam's Genotype	N	N/N	N/N
	E	N/E	N/E

Breeding a carrier dog to an affected dog

		Sire's Genotype	
		N	E
Dam's Genotype	E	N/E	E/E
	E	N/E	E/E

Breeding two carrier dogs

		Sire's Genotype	
		N	E
Dam's Genotype	N	N/N	N/E
	E	N/E	E/E

Breeding two affected dogs

		Sire's Genotype	
		E	E
Dam's Genotype	E	E/E	E/E
	E	E/E	E/E

One way to present the probability that puppies with EIC will be produced from the mating of parents of each of the three possible genotypes is shown above. Each parent, depending on its genotype, will contribute either the E or the N form of the EIC gene to a puppy. This in turn will result in that particular puppy's own genotype of N/N, E/N, or E/E. Each of the four squares shown for each of the six possible matings in the Figure represents a 25% chance for producing a pup with that genotype. Thus, the matings resulting in one, two or four red squares will **on average** produce litters containing 25%, 50% and 100% EIC affected pups, respectively.

For example, breeding an E/N sire to an N/N dam can only produce puppies that are E/N or N/N, and according to our current data that supports a recessive mode of inheritance, none would be susceptible to EIC (2 blue squares and 2 purple squares). On the other hand, breeding an E/N sire to an E/E dam gives a 50% chance that a puppy will have EIC, since puppies can be either E/N or E/E (2 purple squares and 2 red squares). All puppies from the mating of two E/E parents will be E/E and thus likely be susceptible to EIC (four red squares).

Mating an E/E parent to a clear N/N parent would not produce affected puppies (four purple squares), but all would be carriers.

Lastly, and very importantly, we do not recommend selecting dogs for breeding based solely on their both being N/N for the DNM1 gene. Such a drastic strategy, although more quickly eliminating the possibility of producing E/E genotypes and EIC affected dogs, also has the undesired result of losing many of the outstanding exercise and performance traits expected of many lines of Labrador Retrievers. A better approach would enable the continued use of some of the many excellent E/N and E/E dogs by mating them to N/N dogs. This would produce litters without EIC and a choice of dogs to progressively decrease the frequency of the E form of the DNM1 gene by future matings to N/N dogs.



Janice Gunn

October 17 & 18, 2009



Presented by **Saccarappa Obedience Club**

S.O. C. is proud to welcome back Janice Gunn for an ALL NEW Competitive Obedience Seminar! This will be a Problem Solving Novice to OTCH Seminar, plenty of time on the floor with your dog and to ask questions.

Janice will show you how to think outside the box, challenge your dog and have FUN while training. Learn how to create drive and incorporate precision in a way that ensures your dog understand and enjoys the work!

Janice owns and operates TNT Kennels & Training Center in Abbotsford, BC. Janice has several OTCH titles, multiple High in Trials and fourteen perfect 200 scores with four different dogs. Her dogs are highly competitive in obedience and retriever field trials in the US and Canada. Her dogs multi-task with style! To learn more about Janice and her dogs visit www.tntkennels.com



You've got questions...Janice has answers!

- 🐾 How to use a run-thru or correction match properly
- 🐾 Knowing when you are ring ready & what to do next
- 🐾 Coping with nerves
- 🐾 Footwork & Handling both for training & the ring
- 🐾 How to keep your dog focused between exercises
- 🐾 **Novice A to OTCH handlers...bring your questions!**

Only 24 working spots - \$250

Limited to 2 working dogs per person

Audit Spots - \$125

Coffee, Donuts, & Lunch are included both days

For more information contact Lois Hoyt at 207-727-5422 or lhoyt@sacoriver.net

Mail Registration to Lois Hoyt, 191 Rocky Dundee Road, Buxton, ME 04093

Due to limited space, only dogs with working spots maybe in the building. Please make sure your dog is quiet during lecture periods so that everyone can enjoy the seminar fully.

Janice Gunn Seminar Registration Form October 17 -18, 2009

Working Spot \$250 Audit Spot \$125 (Make Checks out to SOC)

**Payment due in full
with registration form.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Working participants which level are you most interested in:

Puppy Novice Open Utility

Specific training problem you would like to have addressed: _____

Mail Registration to Lois Hoyt, 191 Rocky Dundee Road, Buxton, ME 04093. Must be received by October 1, 2009



MASSFED NEWS

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This Federation...

- Promotes and protects the interests of responsible dog owners.
- Actively assists and participates in local, state and national legislation concerning dogs and dog owners.
- Brings such legislation to the attention of the membership and the general public.
- Promotes responsible dog ownership.
- Uses all legal means to promote the general welfare of dogs and dog owners.
- Disseminates information and knowledge regarding dogs.

2009-2010 Legislative Session - BILLS TO WATCH

The list of bills that MassFed is tracking for the next legislative session will be available for downloading on the Statewide page of the website. This is a four page document listing approximately 48 bills that are being tracked on a daily basis by our legislative tracking service.

We have a new page on the website called Position Papers. This page contains the same list of bills as the downloadable "Bills To Watch" document but it also has links to the MassFed position papers. The position papers also include full bill text. The Bills To Watch list and Position Papers will be updated daily as events occur.

MassFed Current Proactive Bills

<i>Bill #</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Name/Description</i>	<i>Position</i>
SB406	Sen. Jehlen	Updating the Animal Control Laws Of Mass.	Support
HB913	Rep. Gobi	Concerning the Use of Certain Insurance Underwriting Guidelines	Support
HB1977	Rep. Hill	Relative to at Risk Dogs (HD2710)	Support
HB3704	Rep. Khan	Regulation of Animal Shelters	Support
SB1578	Sen. Brewer	Relative to Dog Training Areas in the Commonwealth (SD243) Same text as HB1401	Support
HB1401	Rep. Gobi	Relative to Dog Training Areas in the Commonwealth (HD962) Same text as SB1578	Support

MassFed Strong Opposition

HB344	Rep. Harkins	Prohibiting Devocalization of Dogs & Cats (HD653)	Oppose
HB1997	Rep. Pedone	An Act Relative to Animals (HD3393) (refile of 2007-2008 HB1948/HB5092)	Oppose
SB774	Sen. Hedlund	Relative to Puppy Mills (SD1448)	Oppose

MassFed's 5th Annual Lobby Day is Wed., April 8, 2009

See pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter for more information.

MassFed's 5th Annual Lobby Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - Nurses Hall, State House

The invitation below was sent to all Massachusetts State Legislators.



Please send a handwritten reminder note (see below) to your Senator and Representative during the third week of March. Also, please indicate in your note if you will be there to greet them.

You can find your Senator and Representative by going to <http://www.mass.gov/legis/legis.htm>

Dear Representative or Senator (in your district):

I wanted to personally follow-up a mailed invitation you received in March from the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners (MassFed). I hope you and members of your staff are planning on attending the reception and light breakfast on Wednesday, April 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. in Nurses Hall.

I'm a voter in your district and I plan to be there. MassFed will provide a wealth of information and will have knowledgeable dog owners available at the reception to help you understand our position on current legislation of importance to all animal owners throughout Massachusetts.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

If you are planning to attend Lobby Day, please add your name to the signup sheet (page 3 of this newsletter) recruit a friend to come along and mail the form back. You will receive more details about Lobby Day participation via email.

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**LOBBY DAY - 9:30–11:30am, Wed., April 8, 2009
Nurses Hall, State House, Boston, MA
Sign-Up Sheet**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: (indicate home, work, cell) _____
Email: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: (indicate home, work, cell) _____
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Name: _____
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Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: (indicate home, work, cell) _____
Email: _____

When sheet is filled with names please return to: Julie Rembrandt Seeley, MassFed Corresponding Secretary, P.O. Box 295, Harvard, MA 01451

MassFed Participation Around the State

Lowell BSL Update

The meeting went extremely well. Great list of experts mixed with many local groups and individuals. Some of us will be going back to help them come up with a workable solution. They are also letting the December 23rd ordinance have some time to work.

Holly Stump, MassFed Legislative Specialist

City Council delays decision on pit-bull ordinance

By Jennifer Myers, jmyers@lowellsun.com
January 14, 2009
http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci_11450224

LOWELL -- An hour of passionate lobbying from animal advocates convinced the City Council to delay a vote on a proposed pit-bull ordinance last night.

The ordinance, patterned after similar laws adopted by the Boston City Council in 2004, restricts dog owners to a maximum of two pit bulls per residence, with the exception of puppies less than 9 weeks old; pit bulls must be properly registered and licensed, spayed or neutered, and muzzled when off the owner's private property; they will also be prohibited from the city dog park.

Pit-bull owners would be required to post a "Beware of pit bull" sign on their residence that is visible from the roadway and would not be allowed to keep the windows of their homes open, for fear that the dog may jump through the screen.

Those who violate the ordinance will be fined \$200 for the first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense.

Paul Brunelle, a Lowell resident and pit-bull owner said Sioux City, Iowa, recently passed a pit-bull ordinance, but declined to include mandatory muzzling because wearing a muzzle renders the dog unable to defend itself. Their ordinance does require mandatory microchipping, leashes no longer than six feet, and stricter licensing.

He added that of 73 pit-bull attacks recorded in Sioux City, only one of the dogs was on a leash.

"The responsibility for an attack is on the owner, not the dog," Brunelle said. "We need to step up accountability for the owner."

Dr. Amy Marder, of Cambridge, a veterinarian and certified animal behaviorist, said the biggest problem with breed-specific legislation is that "within any breed there is enormous behavioral variability."

Additionally, determining which dogs should be classified as pit bulls is problematic. A recent DNA test on a dog classified as a pit bull by the MSPCA in New Hampshire revealed trace DNA from a German wirehaired pointer and a Yorkshire terrier.

Breed-specific bans have been lifted in Lower Saxony, Germany, and the Netherlands, Marder added.

"When a dog becomes dangerous it is because it is an individual, not a certain breed," she said.

Several of the 13 people who spoke in opposition to the ordinance pointed out that the Council passed a dangerous and vicious dog ordinance last month which should be given time to work before adding on any additional breed-specific regulations that will only serve to punish responsible dog owners.

Emanuel Maciel, the president of the Animal Control Officers of Massachusetts and Animal Control Officer for the city of New Bedford said breed-specific laws are too difficult to enforce because there are so many mixed breeds.

"In New Bedford the ordinance does not work," he said. "You take the dog to the vet and the vet says it is a boxer mix, then what do you do?"

Councilor Rita Mercier admitted that she had been leaning toward approving the ordinance, but the evening's testimony swayed her.

The Council voted unanimously to delay the vote in order to take representatives from the MSPCA, Humane Society, Lowell Unleashed and others up on their offer to work with the city to formulate an ordinance that will work best for all residents.

Legislative Tracking Service

MassFed subscribes to a legislative tracking service (InstaTrac) which alerts us on a daily basis to activities at the State House such as hearings scheduled, new bills filed, and progress on bills we are tracking. **We are fundraising on a continuing basis to cover the cost of this service.**

MassFed Website

Please visit our website frequently. The "News" page will include late breaking news about upcoming hearings and other events. Links from previous events and hearings will remain available for several weeks.

The "Membership" page includes links to member club website and links to Delegate emails. Upcoming meeting information is also posted on this page.

The new "Position Papers" page lists the same legislation as the "Bills to Watch" list but includes links to downloadable position papers and full bill text.

Please email website or newsletter information to jrembrandtseeley@aol.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest associate members: Bonnie Chandler, Linda Gagnon, David Harsch, Alanna Kelly, Diana Mason, Melanie Redford, SallyEllen R. Schilling, Cathy Seale, and Greg von Sternberg. We look forward to their active participation.

We'd also like to welcome new member clubs: Mayflower German Shorthaired Pointer Club with Bill Felins of Quincy as their Delegate; the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club with Annie Baker of Sandwich as their Delegate; the Collie Club of New England with Annette Rawlings as their Delegate, and the Minuteman Boston Terrier Club with Nanette Prideau as their Delegate.

We are always recruiting! Club and Associate Membership applications can be downloaded from the website — www.massfeddogs.org.

If you become aware of any impending legislation in your town please contact a MassFed Board Member immediately so that we may start the process of investigation and take appropriate action! Board Member contact information is on the "Member" page of our website.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- American Dog Owners Association
<http://www.adoa.org>
- American Kennel Club
<http://www.akc.org>
- Center For Consumer Freedom
<http://www.consumerfreedom.com/>
- Contacting Congress
<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/committees.html>
- Lawmaking in Massachusetts
<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/lawmaking.htm>
- Mass. General Court
<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm>
- National Animal Interest Alliance
www.naiaonline.org
- Project Smart Vote
<http://www.vote-smart.org/>
- Thomas - U.S. Congress on the Internet
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
<http://www.usda.org>

2009 Meeting Dates

Check our website (www.massfeddogs.org) for updated meeting info and reservation forms.

- **March 25 (Wed)** - Lobby Day Presentation in Conjunction with South Shore KC regular meeting, Marshfield, MA - flyer is downloadable from MassFed website.
- **April 8 (Wed)** - Lobby Day at the State House; 9:30-11:30 - more info & signup sheet available on MassFed website
- **May, 26 (Tue)** - In conjunction with Springfield KC
- **September 18 (Wed)** - Responsible Dog Ownership Proclamation at the State House
- **October 29 (Thur)** - Location & speaker to be announced

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following clubs for their donations: Yankee Golden Retriever Club - \$100.00; Charles River Dog Training Club - \$100.00; Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club - \$100.00; Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Mass. - \$50.00; Hockamock Kennel Club - \$100 (all earmarked to help defray the cost of our legislative tracking service).

We would also like to thank the following clubs for their donations: Wachusett Kennel Club - \$2500, North Shore Kennel Club - \$500; Pioneer Valley Kennel Club - \$100.00; Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley - \$100.00; Worcester County KC - \$100; Bulldog Club of New England - \$50.00.

Club and individual donations make our ongoing education process possible

PLANNING FUTURE CLUB MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS?

If your club needs a meeting program, our MassFed Board Members will be happy to provide speakers to discuss Legislation and upcoming events. Don't miss an opportunity to educate your club members about legislation and lawmaking. Contact any MassFed Board member about scheduling a meeting speaker.

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