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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 February 1, 2009 2:00 pm

at Suffield Veterinary Hospital
Guest Speaker: Dave Brown from Merial
Topic is Vaccines

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.

Chocolate Boy - Parents are OFA excellent, elbows normal, eyes normal, Optigen normal

Black Girl: 1-1/2 year old black girl now available for adoption

Contact Jan beehavenlabs@aol.com
www.beehavenlabs.com
860-668-4736

Majestx Bonnie At Allegheny X BISS CH Willcare Singing In The Rain

1 Black Boy and 1 Black Girl Born 10-13
Living the good life and nearly all housetrained while waiting for their special families to show up

Breckin Labradors Black Boys
DOB 11/22/2008

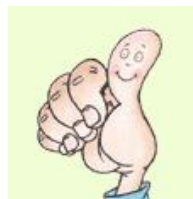
Sire CH Maritime Play It Off The Wall
Dam Breckin's Phoebe

contact Gretchen Boss cgnbboss@yahoo.com

3 Chocolate Males DOB 12-23-2008

Tootsieroll Wilson Brownstone RN x Liberty's Broad Ridge
All appropriate clearances

FOR MORE INFO visit WWW.LRCPVL.ORG



Braggs

From Christina Steinhardt:

BeeHaven Shorewind Jumpin Jack Splash CGC, TDI passed her Therapy Dog evaluation with a standing ovation on Nov 4th. She is currently being trained for AAT (Animal Assisted Therapy for individuals)

From Jan Lemire:

BeeHaven for Extra Credit, aka Sophie, won Best Puppy in Match under Beth Schweitzer.

From Ann Huntington:

Data (Dune Dancer's Birchill Data) is vacationing in Florida with Kathy Mines, and took a 3-point major and Best of Winners on 1/11/09 at Tampa Bay Kennel Club and on 1/12/09 he took Reserve Winners at Pasco Florida Kennel Club.

Up Coming Club Events

February 1, 2009 - 2:00 Suffield Vet - Program Dave Brown on vaccines

March 1, 2009 - Suffield Vet - Program "Ticks" with Jennifer Hellerman

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

Obedience Results

There were 14 Novice entries, one in Nov. A. There were two qualifying scores in Nov. B. In first place Dawn Heffernan with her Whippet Patriot.

There were 26 Open entries, 14 in Open A. There were no qualifying scores.

There were 12 Utility entries, 7 in Utility A. There were no qualifying scores.

I would recommend that next year we try to get one judge for Open classes and another for Utility and Novice. We had one complaint, that we did not have a schedule posted prior to the match for obedience entries. Next year we may be able to plan the classes a bit better so the obedience people don't all need to get here at 9:00 am. If we know Novice is going at 9:00 am, for example, with Utility to follow no earlier than 10:30 then the pre-entered Utility people can come earlier and those who want to enter Utility on the day to do so up to 10:15. If Open starts at 9:00 it should only go to about noon.



WANTED!!

Trophy Donations for the Specialty Show

Please consider sponsoring a class or two for our Specialty Show. The cost is:

\$25 for general trophy fund,

\$45 per class which covers both days

\$60 for Winners

BOB and BOS tbd

To check on class availability email either Jan Lemire Beehavenlabs@aol.com or Annmarie Wilson at annmarie4cw@snet.net, then send your check to Laurie Lafreniere.

Match Report, by Ann Lofgren

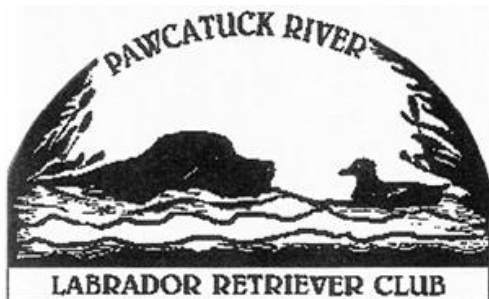
The LRCPV's B-OB Specialty Match held January 4th 2009 at Exercise Finished in Chicopee, MA was once again a success thanks entirely to the hard work of our wonderful core of helpers, with a little boost from clear skies in a Winter so far marked with uncertain and difficult weather.

The most remarkable thing about this match was the reduction in obedience entries from 70 last year (excluding Rally) to only 52 this year. Breed entries were down but only slightly from 113 last year to 98 this year. Given the economic changes in the past year, I suppose we should be grateful that we got the entry we did. Indeed, I believe Lauren told me we had a record income for the raffle, so that is really a tribute to the excellent choice of items we had available. Thanks again for all the extraordinary donations from our club members.

Our entry table was skillfully manned by Andrea Newman, Jan Lemire, Judi Dorsett, and Annmarie Wilson. Despite their hard work it is clear that to reduce the stress at the entry table and keep things moving more smoothly we will need more helpers and better organization here next year. I think if we have one person each for obedience, sweeps and regular classes taking entry money and handing out the armbands (which should have been numbered in advance—sorry, my bad) and then a second person for each completing the judge's books in breed and the white board in obedience, that should help. However, it will mean more early morning help.

Our novice obedience judge, Herb Everett, brought two stewards along, which was a help, and we had Barbara Haskins and Kristin Horowitz volunteer to help our Open/and Utility judge Dawn Burke with stewarding, which was a great help as well. Many thanks to both ladies. Joe Scalia gave the novice Novice stewards that Herb brought along some assistance, so Novice obedience moved along quickly and was done by mid-morning. It was suggested that the Novice judge might have helped with the other classes to finish those up earlier, so perhaps next year we could look for a judge that can do both the Novice and Utility classes and have our second judge do Open. It would certainly get the obedience people done earlier and may encourage entries. Suggestions would be appreciated.

Gretchen Boss and her stewards Kenin Strout and Lauren Simpson did a fantastic job of moving the Sweepstakes class along at a good pace. We had an issue for the first time in my memory of an exhibitor having a professional handler handle her dog in the Best in Sweeps competition, despite it being clearly noted in the flier that handlers can only handle dogs owned by them. It was particularly an issue because the situation was not recognized until after the puppy in question took Best in Opposite Sex in Sweeps. An ad hoc Match Committee was formed of the Match Chair, stewards and judge, and it was determined that the puppy in question's win be rescinded, the puppy be banned from further competition on the day, and another puppy bitch be chosen for Best Opposite Sex to Best in Match. A report has been filed with the AKC as required by AKC rules.



Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club

AKC Sanctioned B Breed Match

Show and Go Obed (Labs only)

Sunday March 8, 2009 - K9 Connection

Warwick, RI 02888

Labrador Retriever Conformation Match

Judge: Laura Witt (Minefall Labs)

Best Puppy and Best of Opposite Puppy

Best Adult and Best of Opposite Adult

Classes: Puppy 3-6 mo. Puppy 6-9 mo. Puppy 9-12 mo. 12-18 mo. Am-Bred. Open.

Veterans 7-over

No dogs with Majors. Professional Handlers may show their own dogs only Wins carry no AKC points

Labrador Retriever Sweeps

Judge: Julie Quigley-Smith (Hollyridge Labs)

Puppy Sweeps classes: 3-6 mo; 6-9 mo; 9-12 mo; 12-18 mo; Best in Puppy Sweeps; Best of Opposite in Puppy Sweeps

Veterans Sweeps classes: 7-over; Best in Veterans Sweeps; Best of Opposite in Veterans Sweeps

To enter sweeps must also be entered in a regular class

PRLRC to retain 35% of sweeps entry fee to go towards expenses; remaining 65% paid back in prize money

Obedience Show and Go

Judge: Anne Hassett

Classes: Pre-Novice, Novice, Open, Utility

Entries taken: 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Judging starts at 10:00 sharp

Entry fee: \$8.00 per class (\$6.00 for sweeps and addtl obed class)

Free Breed Handling Class//Obedience Demo

9:15 – 9:45

Pizza, chips & soft drinks will be available for lunch for a small donation

LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF THE PIONEER VALLEY, INC.

2008 AWARDS APPLICATION

Registered Name of Dog: _____

Owner(s): _____

Breeder if LRCPV member: _____

New Obedience & Rally Titles: (Circle) CD CDX UD UDX UDT RN RA RE

Scores: _____

Agility Titles: (Circle) NA NAJ NAP NJP OA OAJ OAP OJP MX MXP MJP AX
AXJ AXP AJP MX MXJ MXP MJP MACH

Breed Titles: (Circle) CH Group One Specialty Win

Total Points Earned: _____

Field Titles: (Circle) JH SH MH QAA

Tracking Titles: (Circle) TD TDX VST

Other: (Circle) CGC TD TDI

NOTE: If you have earned other titles please submit them for the committee to look at and evaluate. It is possible you have won one that is not listed here.

*This includes NON-AKC titles!

DOG WORLD AWARD

This Award is given to the member who helps in Club activities and functions and is basically there whenever needed.

Nomination: _____

Reason: _____

AWARD FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

This Award is given to the member that shows class in both the assistance they give the Club and its members and others as well as their sportsmanship in competition with their Labradors.

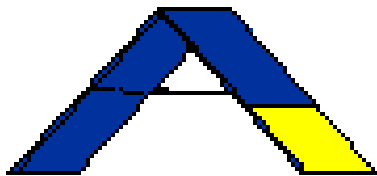
Nomination: _____

Reason: _____

Submit Form before January 31, 2009 to:

Ann Huntington, 2800 Mountain Road, West Suffield, CT 06093

Questions? Call Ann at 860-668-6849.



Agility Changes;

The Agility Regulations were revised, effective March 1, 2009 to clarify the leash requirement when entering or leaving a ring.

AKC Obedience Rule Changes

January 15, 2009

To: All American Kennel Club Licensed and Member Clubs Approved for Obedience Events

We thought it would be helpful to provide AKC clubs that hold obedience trials with a summary of recent and future changes to the *Obedience Regulations*. All of the following changes are in the October 2008 *Gazette* and available on the AKC website.

In 2007, the AKC Board approved three optional titling classes, which became effective on January 1, 2009. Offering these classes is entirely optional and the club's decision.

- **Graduate Novice.** Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes; suggested judging rate is eight dogs per hour.
- **Graduate Open.** Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Open or higher; judging rate is seven dogs per hour.
- **Versatility.** Structure is slightly different from when this class could be offered as a non-regular class, with 12 possible combinations provided for judges to choose from; judges must be approved to judge Utility; suggested judging rate is six dogs per hour.

Three new non-regular classes have been added to the *Obedience Regulations*, as approved by the AKC Board at the July 2007 Board meeting. These classes are Wild Card Novice, Wild Card Open, and Wild Card Utility. Judges must have trained and exhibited a dog to the Utility title and must apply to the AKC for approval to judge non-regular classes.

A new Master (OM)/Grand Master (OGM) title program was added to recognize consistently high scoring dogs, in which title points will be recorded for dogs with a Utility title. The point schedule is listed in the regulations.

Effective on January 1, 2010, clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently, at the same time on the same day (as opposed to two trials in succession under the current rules). A new non-regular class, Obedience Advanced Team Work, may be offered.

Effective July 1, 2010, a club may offer a new optional titling class, Beginners Novice (BN), which is a class designed to bridge Rally and Novice level obedience.

Additionally, effective January 1, 2011, the CD CDX, UD, GN, GO, VER, and BN titles will be awarded to any dog who receives **three** qualifying scores under **two** different judges. This will change the current requirement of **three** qualifying scores under **three** different judges.

Additional information on changes and effective dates are on the [AKC website](#)

Sincerely,

Curt A. Curtis



GREAT NEWS!!!!

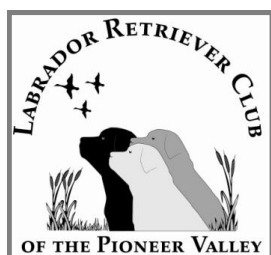
Massachusetts HB 5092 Will not pass

The pragmatic dangerous dog bill has been sent to “study” which effectively means it will not be passed. For those of you unfamiliar with the bill, some of the key components included:

- Imposing mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs over 12 months of age; or in the alternative, owners will have to qualify for and annually purchase an intact animal permit at a cost of up to \$500 per dog.
- Limiting the number of reproductive events per female dog to one litter per year, with few exceptions.
- Requiring the reporting of all sales of puppies to local jurisdictions.
- Eliminating the practice of humane tethering, without allowances for hunting or sled dogs.
- Allowing towns and cities to impose breed-specific ordinances.
- Instituting state-mandated vaccination schedules, instead of allowing vaccination schedules to be provided by, and in consultation with, a veterinarian.
- Establishing unreasonable nuisance laws that can result in the forced sterilization, banishment, or euthanization of dogs.

Logo Items

We will be placing another order for Club log items. If you are interested in purchasing something, contact Lauren Simpson laughinlab@comcast.net



Have you seen the recommended changes in the Lab standard from the UK ?

Retriever (Labrador)

Characteristics Good-tempered, very agile (which precludes excessive body weight or substance). Excellent nose, soft mouth; keen love of water. Adaptable, devoted companion.

Body Chest of good width and depth, with well sprung barrel ribs – this effect not to be produced by carrying excessive weight. Level topline. Loins wide, short-coupled and strong.



Invites you to:

Back-to-Back Specialties!

May 8th & 9th, 2009

Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA

Unbenched - Outdoors

| Class | Friday May 8 th | Saturday May 9 th |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 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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