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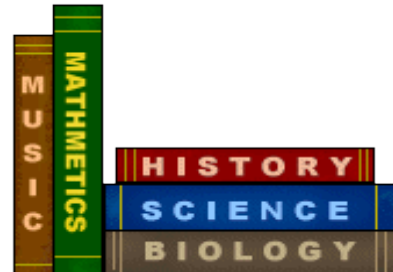
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Newsletter Submissions

The Newsletter also welcomes articles for possible publication.

Please send submissions to

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5 Fawn Drive, Granby, CT 06035

E-mail Calsamlabs@cox.net

Deadline by the 10th of each month.

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Meeting Notice

February 7th - 2 PM at Suffield Veterinary Hospital, Suffield, CT

Agenda:

- *Presentation - Canine Flu and kennel cough with Correy from Schering/Intervet "How to determine the difference"*
- *Regular Club Meeting*

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.. Regardless, you must submit proof of eye, hip and elbow clearances to the Treasurer before your litter can be listed in the newsletter or on the website.

2 Black Females, 1 Yellow Female, and 1 Black Male out of Laura's champion girl Maggie and Ch. Windfalls New England Patriot.

Laura Lafreniere 413-623-5055 westhilllabs@aol.com

**Breckin Labrador Retrievers
Pups Expected
Yellows and Blacks**

Please contact Gretchen for more information 413-736-5606

For up-to-date information on puppies & adult dogs visit

WWW.LRCPV.ORG

Adult Lab Wanted!!

Anybody have a nice adult dog needing a home? I have a good owner that just lost her 12 yr old (bred by my late husband) and doesn't want the puppy experience this time. Give me a call! Ann Huntington 860-668-6849 or ALHDVM@aol.com. Thanks!

Newsletter Needs Your Help!!

If you have any interesting news, articles, etc. please e-mail them to Kelly Rome at Calsamlabs@cox.net

Up Coming Club Events

March: 7th Meeting Supplements and OA in Labradors by Meagan from Nutramax

April: Awards Dinner Date & Time TBD

May 2: Meeting - Prep for Shows

May 14th & 15th: LRCPV Back to Back Specialties

LRCPV supported entry June 25, 2010 in Socrates, NY

LIVER BROWNIES

1 Pound Liver	5 Eggs (with or without shells)
2/3 C Oil	1 C Flour
1-2 Cloves Garlic	

Fry liver in oil until thoroughly cooked. Cool. Puree liver with oil, garlic and eggs. When liquefied, add flour and mix well. Pour into greased 13x9 pan, spreading evenly.

Bake at 300° for 30 minutes.

Cool and cut into bite size pieces. Refrigerate or freeze for later use.

Any animal organ can be used: lungs or hearts.

I find the brownie holds together better with few or no shells.

Annual Awards Dinner

If you are interested in receiving a club award, please complete the form on the next page and return it to Ann Huntington ASAP!

REMINDER ---- LRCPV goes GREEN.

In keeping with the drive to eliminate unnecessary paper and save trees the LRCPV had decided all future newsletters will be send via email. (Those without email will continue to receive hard copy). This allows members to read the email on their computer and only print out pages they may need. As a Club this supports efforts across the nation toward a paperless society and helps reduce the waste in landfills. As an added benefit our dogs will appreciate us saving trees.

If you have any trouble with the newsletter attachment, please contact Annmarie Wilson at 860-668-4908

2009 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) JHSH 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, 2010 to:

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

Questions? Call Ann at 860-668-6849.

Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2009

With various dangers lurking in corners and cabinets, the home can be a minefield of poisons for our pets. In 2009, the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) in Urbana, IL, handled more than 140,000 cases of pets exposed to toxic substances, many of which included everyday household products. Don't leave it up to Fido or Fluffy to keep themselves safe. Below is a list of the top 10 pet poisons that affected our furry friends in 2009.

Human Medications

For several years, human medications have been number one on the ASPCA's list of common hazards, and 2009 was no exception. Last year, the ASPCA managed 45,816 calls involving prescription and over-the-counter drugs such as painkillers, cold medications, antidepressants and dietary supplements. Pets often snatch pill vials from counters and nightstands or gobble up medications accidentally dropped on the floor, so it's essential to keep meds tucked away in hard-to-reach cabinets.

Insecticides

In our effort to battle home invasions by unwelcome pests, we often unwittingly put our furry friends at risk. In 2009, our toxicologists fielded 29,020 calls related to insecticides. One of the most common incidents involved the misuse of flea and tick products—such as applying the wrong topical treatment to the wrong species. Thus, it's always important to talk to your pet's veterinarian before beginning any flea and tick control program.

People Food

People food like grapes, raisins, avocado and products containing xylitol, like gum, can seriously disable our furry friends, and accounted for more than 17,453 cases in 2009. One of the worst offenders—chocolate—contains large amounts of methylxanthines, which, if ingested in significant amounts, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst, urination, hyperactivity, and in severe cases, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures.

Plants

Common houseplants were the subject of 7,858 calls to APCC in 2009. Varieties such as azalea, rhododendron, sago palm, lilies, kalanchoe and schefflera are often found in homes and can be harmful to pets. Lilies are especially toxic to cats, and can cause life-threatening kidney failure even in small amounts.

Continued

Veterinary Medications

Even though veterinary medications are intended for pets, they're often misapplied or improperly dispensed by well-meaning pet parents. In 2009, the ASPCA managed 7,680 cases involving animal-related preparations such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, heartworm preventatives, de-wormers, antibiotics, vaccines and nutritional supplements.

Rodenticides

Last year, the ASPCA received 6,639 calls about pets who had accidentally ingested rat and mouse poisons. Many baits used to attract rodents contain inactive ingredients that are attractive to pets as well. Depending on the type of rodenticide, ingestions can lead to potentially life-threatening problems for pets including bleeding, seizures or kidney damage.

Household Cleaners

Everybody knows that household cleaning supplies can be toxic to adults and children, but few take precautions to protect their pets from common agents such as bleaches, detergents and disinfectants. Last year, the ASPCA received 4,143 calls related to household cleaners. These products, when inhaled by our furry friends, can cause serious gastrointestinal distress and irritation to the respiratory tract.

Heavy Metals

It's not too much loud music that constitutes our next pet poison offender. Instead, it's heavy metals such as lead, zinc and mercury, which accounted for 3,304 cases of pet poisonings in 2009. Lead is especially pernicious, and pets are exposed to it through many sources, including consumer products, paint chips, linoleum, and lead dust produced when surfaces in older homes are scraped or sanded.

Garden Products

It may keep your grass green, but certain types of fertilizer and garden products can cause problems for outdoor cats and dogs. Last year, the ASPCA fielded 2,329 calls related to fertilizer exposure, which can cause severe gastric upset and possibly gastrointestinal obstruction.

Chemical Hazards

In 2009, the ASPCA handled approximately 2,175 cases of pet exposure to chemical hazards. A category on the rise, chemical hazards—found in ethylene glycol antifreeze, paint thinner, drain cleaners and pool/spa chemicals—form a substantial danger to pets. Substances in this group can cause gastrointestinal upset, depression, respiratory difficulties and chemical burns.

Prevention is really key to avoiding accidental exposure, but if you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please contact your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435.

Source ASPCA website

Seminar

A Weekend with
Dr. Patricia McConnell and Ken Ramirez
July 17-18, 2010

Eager Lecture Hall in the Sullivan Academic Center
 Worcester State College, Worcester, MA

For information or questions: Contact Dana Crevling at 508/529-3568 EST, or e-mail her at Crevling@dogsofcourse.com, subject line: McConnell-Ramirez 2010 or visit the website at www.dogsofcourse.com

Match Raffle

Thank you to all of you that donated a raffle item! Even though the weather was threatening & our attendance was low we did great!! The gift baskets & buckets were great & the special Labrador rugs & items were super!!!

Thanks again!

Lauren Simpson

The PRLRC is pleased to present

Pat Hastings

"Puppy Puzzle Plus" Seminar

Saturday January 30, 2010

9:00am-5:00pm

(sign-in begins 8:30am)

Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick

801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886

Registration:

\$100 (includes Continental breakfast and Lunch)

****Early registration deadline Jan 1, 2010****

Registration after Jan 1, 2010 - \$125

For additional information please contact

Wendy Ernst, DVM - wenernst@aol.com or

Kathleen Cipriani- kcip@comcast.net (860) 887-9511

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AKC and AKC/CHF Breeder's Symposium To Be Held at Cornell University

The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation will be presenting a Canine Breeder's Symposium hosted by Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on Saturday, March 13th, 2010. The symposium is open to all breeders, experienced and novice, plus anyone with a true dedication to dogs. This program will include topics relevant to a modern and responsible approach to canine breeding and medicine. The symposium will offer dog breeders a forum to meet, learn and share ideas, concerns and expertise. The event will have presentations by some of the foremost experts in their fields, speaking on subjects of great interest for all breeders. A list of the speakers and topics will be available shortly. This is a one day program. The cost of general admission is \$95. For those wanting Continuing Education Credits, the cost is \$200. This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 5 hours of continuing educational credits. The cost includes conference materials, as well as breakfast and lunch.

See the AKC website for more info.

2010 Obedience Regulations at a Glance

Effective January 1, 2010

Obedience Clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials **concurrently** at the same site on the same day. This changed from clubs only being able to offer two trials of the same event type **consecutively**.

Trial Secretaries and Superintendents are now allowed to move a dog that has been entered in an "A" class for which it is not eligible to the "B" class at the same level.

LRCPV October 4th Meeting Minutes

Meeting at SVC

Members in attendance: Kelly R., Annmarie W., Lauren S., Gret B., Jan L., Sandy M., Ann B., Ann H., Laura L., Hazel H., and Doris A..

Treasurer's Report – Laura Treasurer's report given

Motion made and accepted

II Secretary's Report – given & accepted

III Video/Library -Annmarie reported that everything is on DVD

new books: "Dog Steps" "Inside a Dog"

Future meeting to watch these.

Can be contacted at: annmarie4cw@snet.net for any suggestions.

IV Big E Farmarama – Sept. 18th & 25th – thank you to all who participated: Gretchen-grooming, Hazel-dental, Annmarie w/Toots-training & tricks with Sandy and Tina demonstrating w/ Cleo & Malley
Cindy Stone & Judi D were present for petting time.

V Awards Discussed- President's Award, Dog World and Good Sportsman

VI Health clinic -successful with a profit made

VII Specialty Judges -discussion will continue next meeting

VIII New Business Trophies: Annmarie researching ideas
New business cards & stationery needed

IX Correspondence Report -Gretchen reported 2 new members to be voted on, upon they return. Gretchen will represent our supported entry
June 25, 2010 in New York.

Next Meeting November SVC

December Christmas Party Storowton

January Match

Thank You to Dr. Ann Huntington for our Breeders' Information Program following our meeting