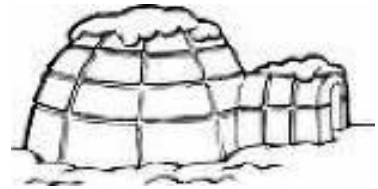




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Please send submissions to

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**E-mail [Calsamlabs@cox.net](mailto:Calsamlabs@cox.net)**

**Deadline by the 10th of each month.**

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

**Meeting Notice**

February 6, 2011 4:00 PM, Annmarie Wilson's Home, 6 Dara Lane, Suffield, CT

***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.*

**Male Yellow Pups born November 23, 2010**

Sire: CH Majestx Satisfaction  
OFA Excellent, Elbows Normal, CERF annually  
Dam: Wildmont's Sparrow, CGC  
OFA Good, Elbows Normal, CERF annually  
Please contact Hazel Holman holmanhazel@hotmail.com  
**for more information Phone: 413-896-4429**

**Female Chocolate Pups born November 26, 2010**

Sire: CH Majestx Wilcare Call Me Mr. Tibbs, SR18945204  
OFA Excellent, Elbows Normal, Heart Clear, Optigen A, CERF annually  
Dam: Wilcare Majestx Madison, SR49508401  
OFA Good, Elbows Normal, CERF annually  
Please contact Lois Engel showdogs@charter.net  
for more information.  
Phone: 413-323-7672

**Chocolate Pups born January 6, 2011**

Males and Females available  
Sire: Can CH Cedarwoods Signature Browning Copied, JH, WC, SR52861603  
Dam: Silverado's Miracles Can Happen, RA, CGC, SR48359002  
Sire and Dam have required clearances.  
Please contact Tina Stone chritinestone@comcast.net  
or Lauren Simpson laughinlab@comcast.net

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

**WWW.LRCPV.ORG**

**IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED!**



**LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF THE PIONEER VALLEY, INC.  
2010 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, 2011 to:**  
Ann Huntington, 2800 Mountain Road, West Suffield, CT 06093

Questions? Call Ann at 860-668-6849.

## Member Brags



### **From Kristen Hurwitz**

Cedarwood's Blazing Pursuit of the Ruthless Bandit "CJ" has earned the APDT Rally national ranking of #1 Puppy in 2010. She earned the puppy title (RLP) in 3 straight shows with high-scoring First Placements and one perfect score of 210, earning title with an "Award of Excellence" distinction. She was eligible for another 3 shows before she aged-out and placed 1st in those too; six shows, six first places, all before her first birthday! **Congratulations to Kristen & CJ!!!!**

### **From Andrea Newman**

Willcare's Canterbury Tale (Nigel) earned 2 points going Winners Dog and Best Of Winners on Dec 19 at Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club. **Congratulations Andrea & Nigel!!!!**

## Up Coming Club Events

### February 2011

February 6, 2011: L.R.C.P.V Board Meeting Monthly Meeting, 4:00 PM Annmarie Wilson's Home, 6 Dara Lane, Suffield, CT. 860-668-4908

### March 2011

March 6, 2011: L.R.C.P.V Monthly Meeting, 6:00 Suffield Veterinary Hospital

### April 2011 - ANNUAL MEETING & Awards Dinner

Check website for details

### May 2011

May 13-14, 2011 - L.R.C.P.V. Back to Back Specialty Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA

### June 2011

June 5, 2011: L.R.C.P.V Monthly Meeting, 6:00 Suffield Veterinary Hospital

L.R.C.P.V. Supported Entry, Shawangunk Kennel Club, New Paltz, NY

### July 2011

Labrador Fun Swim - details coming.

L.R.C.P.V. Supported Entry, Holyoke Kennel Club

### August 2011

Rally Fun Match: Suffield Veterinary Hospital

**NEWS FLASH!!!**

We will be piloting the new AKC **4-6 month puppy class** - see premium for details



**Invites you to:**

**Back-to-Back Specialties!**

May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA

*Unbenched - Outdoors*

Class	Friday May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday May 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Sweeps &amp; Veterans</b>	Linda Farquharson Fhinnonlach, Scotland	Bob Robotham Canada
<b>Bitches &amp; Non-Regular</b>	Sue Willumsen Willcare, USA	Margaret Brown Ramsayville, Scotland
<b>Dogs &amp; Intersex</b>	Margaret Brown Ramsayville, Scotland	Sue Willumsen Willcare, USA
<b>Junior</b>	---	Sarah Crepeau
<b>Obedience</b>	Nancy Withers	Patricia Hess
<b>Rally</b>	Patricia Hess	Nancy Withers

Friday, May 13 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 (judge Patricia Hess) and rally (judge Nancy Withers) 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.

**Canine Good Citizen Test Available Both Days 11-1**

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**Make checks out to LRCPV and mail to Laura Lafreniere, PO Box 131, Middlefield, MA 01243**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DUES: (DUE May 1 annually): \_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family.

Members who have worked a minimum of 4 hours at one event may deduct \$5.00

### L.R.C.P.V. TROPHY SPONSORSHIP - DEADLINE MARCH 25, 2011

**Make checks out to LRCPV and mail to Annmarie Wilson, 6 Dara Lane, Suffield, CT 06078**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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All others, including Sweeps: \$35.00 General Trophy Fund (suggested): \$25.00

Please be sure to email Annmarie with your desired sponsorship and how you want the catalog entry to read.  
 Questions: Contact Annmarie Wilson at [annmarie@wilannlabradors.com](mailto:annmarie@wilannlabradors.com)

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## EPILEPSY RESEARCH

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In September, 2008 my friend Maggie Black and I were driving home from the Huron River LRC specialty show when Maggie said, "I'm going to be show secretary next year, and YOU are going to do something."

That would be the 2009 Mid-Jersey specialty. Well I had a major case of burnout after 2003 when I had run a health clinic, a match show, a Hutch seminar, and finished up my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as treasurer. I had been sitting on my hands since then and only attended a couple of meetings when compelling programs were given. So, my reply was, "I am not!"

"Yes you are!"

"No, I'm not!"

"You are too!"

That's what you think!"

"Yes you are. Just let me know what you are going to do."

Maggie was going to be out of luck, and that is all there was to it. A couple of weeks later as I was straightening up the garage, I stood looking at the 5 flying saucer puppy pans when suddenly it popped into my head. That's it! A garage sale to benefit epilepsy research! I could ask club members and exhibitors to bring their unwanted dog items and I could sell them at the specialty.

Epilepsy has been a problem for me. In the '90's I produced 2 back-to-back litters with the same stud, almost one year apart. When the first litter turned 18 months, the pup I kept had a seizure. A couple of months later, I got a call from a distraught owner, telling me her dog started having seizures too. If you have ever seen a dog seizure, you know what a terrible experience it is. And the worst is when a child has to see his or her dog seizing. With two dogs seizing and knowing there was a second litter out there, I was in a panic. But there was nothing I could do at this point. I didn't want to frighten the owners of the other pups, so I had to wait it out. Every year on their birthdays, I called all the owners to say "happy birthday" and ask how the dogs were. In time I was to learn that 5 out of the 17 puppies had seizures. Ten years later, seizures struck again. The original bitch was not in this

pedigree. It seemed, in spite of all my efforts, the epilepsy gene had come back to haunt me.

I felt so helpless all those years, now maybe there was something I could do. I went online and started looking to see what I could learn. One thing that I knew I

wanted to do was to give the proceeds of the garage sale

directly to the researchers. I did not want one penny to be spent on administrative costs. There were a number of teams doing research, and some of them at different vet schools seemed to be cooperating. They were asking for help from the dog community. That sounded good to me.

I picked up the phone and called the number for Gary Johnson, DVM, PhD, at University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine. My call was answered by Liz Hansen. Liz is the ----- Project Coordinator.

Liz was very helpful and willing to answer my questions. Could they accept direct contributions? "Yes." That was a good start. I was absolutely amazed by the rest of what Liz had to say.

As a minimum to initiate a mapping study, UM needs to have 25 sibling pairs in which one sibling has seizures and the other does not. Family groups are also important, so wherever an epileptic dog has appeared, it is useful to send samples from the affected, plus as many of the normal siblings, parents, and grandparents as possible. The funding needed to conduct the initial mapping study runs between \$15,00-20,000.

Currently UM has DNA from 38 seizing labs, but very few with DNA from their normal siblings. Samples from random normal dogs are not needed, because UM has DNA from over 5000 Labradors through work with Guide Dogs for the Blind and Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Sibling pairs and family groups where epilepsy has appeared are the key to being able to map epilepsy in this, or any breed. There are likely to be many forms of inherited epilepsy in dogs. There have been over 30 different forms identified in humans and laboratory mice.

**Continued...**

Liz said, when they started the epilepsy research project, they assumed there would be many samples from the popular Labrador Retriever. To their surprise, that was not to be the case.

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog breeders have gotten behind epilepsy research. By March, 2009 they had blood from over 1200 dogs, 63 of which are affected. An initial mapping run has already been completed for GSMD's, and the data is in the process of being analyzed.

The researchers at University of Missouri are cooperating with other researchers in the USA and also in Finland, France and England. Most of the mapping has been done in Finland and France so far, but in July UM will have the new SNP chip and will be capable of

doing the mapping studies on campus. Other breeds

that have some mapping data already being analyzed include Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers, and Chinooks. Ten other breeds are ready to map, and will be evaluated in the coming months.

If the lab community, with our huge number of dogs, gets behind this we could have well more than the initial 25 pairs in no time at all. 25 pairs is next to nothing. As with everything else, the trick is to do it!

After our conversation, I had to wonder why they had so few blood samples submitted. That is when I read the literature they have online. I didn't have to read very far before one thing jumped right out at me. *"Complete families are critical to locating specific genes and markers. Wherever possible, submit samples from all siblings, both parents, and all available grandparents."* Good grief! A typical litter would have 8 puppies, 2 parents, and 4 grandparents. 14 dogs! I figure, if I hadn't talked to Liz first, I probably would have stopped right there. Can you imagine rounding up all those dogs, collecting the blood, and shipping it to Missouri? I can't. I think only very, very few people would be able to do that. While it might be the ideal, it is not something most people could or would do.

So let's state it one more time.

**They need 25 sibling pairs in which one dog has seizures and the other does not have seizures to run the initial mapping study.**

### **So what do you have to do to participate?**

*Round up a sibling pair.* Owners with non-seizing dogs are usually willing to participate, but have little motivation. I had one such owner who needed a little extra help. They forgot all about it when they took their dog to the vet. I ended up going to their house, picking up the dog, and taking her to my vet one day when my girl was going in for a progesterone test. Everyone was happy and that gave me a sibling pair. If you can get your hands on other related dogs, great.

*Collect the blood.* The ideal plan is to get 2 siblings, plus any relatives, collected at once. That way you can put all blood samples in the same package and save on shipping costs. Blood can be kept a couple of days in the refrigerator, so you can bundle blood collected a couple of days apart. So far I have heard of only one vet who charged for the blood draw and the fee was very small. Be sure to print out the sample handling page (see below) and take it with you to the vet.

*Package the blood.* Ask your vet to have a freezer pack ready when you come for the blood draw. Vets get freezer packs with vaccine shipments and always have plenty to spare. The blood is sent in several tiny purple top tubes. Each tube is labeled with the dog's call name and the owner's last name. You can wrap the tubes in a couple layers of paper toweling so they do not come in direct contact with the freezer pack. Next, start wrapping the pack and the blood with a single layer of newspaper. Keep adding layers to make a nice cocoon that will fit snugly in the box. Newspaper is an excellent insulator. Your vet may have boxes you can use. The boxes do not have to be large.

*Shipping the blood.* The blood must be sent overnight. If you don't get carried away with the box, the cost will be around \$30-40. You may not want to trust the USPS to deliver it on time. I've had really great experience with FedEx and their online tracking system gives blow-by-blow updates of a package's journey. You can give Liz's email address as the recipient so she will be informed when you drop

**Epilepsy Research Continued...**

it off and when it arrives. One other tip – if the weather is warm, take the package to be shipped late in the day as possible. That way it will be sure to keep cool for the duration.

Paper work. Yes, I know. We don't really like this part very much, but you can do it. There is a simple form for each dog that is put in the package with the blood sample. There is an online form that is filled out ONLY for the dogs that have seizures. The form asks for some things only the breeder can answer and other things only the owners can answer. Because of that, I print the form and highlight the questions that only the owner could answer. I then ask the owner for that information and fill out the online form out myself. I figure as the breeder, I am the one who has most at stake in doing this. If you prefer, you can send the printed form via snail mail.

One last suggestion. When the blood samples from your sibling pair arrives at UM, call Liz or send her an email ( [HansenL@missouri.edu](mailto:HansenL@missouri.edu) ) alerting her to the fact that another sibling pair is in their possession.

So yes, there is some work involved, and some expense too. But what a small price to pay when a test will be developed with some help from us, the breeders.

Do you have access to a sibling pair, and maybe relatives too? Please help. With your cooperation, the researchers will help us so that we need never produce seizing dogs again. This is so worthwhile!

Here are links that will give you the information you need to participate.

<http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/DNAasampl.pdf> This one is supposed to be sent in with the blood sample. I had to send it in separately for one dog & that was OK.

[http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Srvy\\_Ins.htm](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Srvy_Ins.htm) This form is to be filled out ONLY if the dog has seizures. You can complete it online or print it out and mail it to UM.

<http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/DNAhowto.pdf>

This one talks about what they are looking for. Don't get hung up on the part about entire families. Think pairs!!! Additional family members are icing on the cake.

<http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/SampHand.pdf>

This one talks about the blood collection & has the address for sending it.

<http://tulgeywoodlabs.com/pages/PackingSamples.pdf> This page gives step-by-step instructions for packing up the samples and shipping them.

The Mid-Jersey board gave the Garage Sale a big thumbs up, and it will be held at our specialty on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. So, while you are at it, how about holding a "garage sale" at your club's next specialty. You can contact me and I can give you some hints about running a sale.

If we all cooperate, we can beat epilepsy. Your contribution of blood samples is what is needed. You will feel proud to have made a significant contribution to eliminating epilepsy in Labrador Retrievers.

Joan McInnis  
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 732 842-6961

**SAMPLES ARE STILL NEEDED - PLEASE CONSIDER SUBMITTING A SAMPLE!!**  
**Thanks to Joan for sharing this article with us!**

## *New Canadian Labrador Retriever Standard (1/11/2011)*

### **Origin and Purpose**

The Labrador Retriever originated and developed on the island of Newfoundland as an all purpose waterdog and functional retriever. The breed was preserved in England after anti-dog legislation almost decimated the breed in its homeland. The breed is noted for its love of retrieving and water, for its excellent nose, soft mouth, intelligence and biddable temperament. Extraordinary versatility allows Labradors to excel as hunting, service, and therapy dogs; in search and rescues; in drug and bomb detection; as family companions, and in performance and field events.

### **General Appearance**

Medium sized, strongly built, compact, short-coupled, powerful, athletic; broad in skull; broad and deep through chest and ribs; broad and powerful over loins and hindquarters. A water resistant double coat, otter tail, and sound temperament are essential breed characteristics.

### **Proportion and Size**

**Proportions:** Distance from withers to elbow approximately equal to distance from elbow to ground; length from point of shoulder to point of rump very slightly longer than height at withers. A well -balanced dog is the ideal.

**Size:** Ideal height at withers: Dogs 22 ½ - 24 ½ inches (57 - 62 cm); Bitches 21 ½ - 23 ½ inches (54 -60 cm). Weight commensurate with height and with the breed's function as a medium sized, powerful, active retriever. Approximate weights: Dogs 60-80 lbs (27.27-36.36 kilos); Bitches 55-75 lbs (25-34.09 kilos).

### **Coat and Colour**

**Coat Distinctive Feature:** Outer coat short, straight, although a slight wave down the back is also correct; dense without feathering, giving fairly hard feel to the touch; soft, dense weather-resistant undercoat.

**Color:** Wholly black, yellow or chocolate. Small white spot on chest permissible. Yellows range from light cream to fox red with variations in the shadings on ears, under parts, hocks, and down the back. Chocolates range from light sedge to dark chocolate.

**Pigmentation:** Black in blacks and yellows; brown or liver in chocolates. Pigmentation fading to a lighter shade in yellows not to be penalized.

**Head and Skull:** A kindly, gentle expression is characteristic of the breed. Skull broad with defined stop; clean-cut without fleshy cheeks. Muzzle of medium length, powerful, not snipey. Muzzle and skull on parallel planes and of approximately equal lengths. Nose wide; nostrils well developed. **Eyes:** Medium size, expressing intelligence and good temper; almond or diamond shape, not round; color dark brown or hazel.

**Ears:** Medium sized; hanging close to head and set rather far back.

**Mouth:** Jaws and teeth strong; scissor bite.

**Neck:** Clean, strong, medium length, good reach; set into well-placed shoulders.

**Forequarters:** Shoulders long and sloping. Forelegs well boned and straight from elbow to ground when viewed from either front or side. Legs of medium length, not short.

**Pasterns:** Strong, short, sloping slightly from the perpendicular.

**Feet:** Compact, round, medium sized; well arched toes; well developed pads.

**Body:** Chest of good width and depth; well-sprung ribs. Brisket extends to the elbows. Straight, level topline. Loins wide, short-coupled and strong.

**Hindquarters:** Well developed, great power, not sloping to tail; well turned stifle. Hocks well let down; cow-hocks highly undesirable.

**Tail Distinctive Feature:** Very thick towards base, straight, gradually tapering towards tip, medium length, free from feathering, but clothed thickly all round with thick, dense coat, giving "rounded" appearance described as "otter" tail. Tail may be carried 'happily' but not at more than a 35-degree angle with the back. Tail an extension of the topline and balances the dog.

**Gait/Movement:** Free, effortless, powerful, covering adequate ground with good reach and drive; straight and true in front and rear. Tending to converge at higher speeds.

**Faults** Any departure from the foregoing ideal should be considered a fault. The seriousness with which the fault should be regarded must be in proportion to its degree and its effect upon the dog's function as a working retriever.

## The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy<sup>sm</sup> Test

Socialization Training Activity Responsibility

### OWNER BEHAVIORS:

1. Maintains puppy's health (vaccines, exams, appears healthy)
2. Owner receives Responsible Dog Owner's Pledge
3. Owner describes adequate daily play and exercise plan
4. Owner and puppy attend at least 6 classes by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator
5. Owner brings bags to classes for cleaning up after puppy
6. Owner has obtained some form of ID for puppy-collar tag, etc.

### PUPPY BEHAVIORS:

7. Free of aggression toward people during at least 6 weeks of class
  8. Free of aggression toward other puppies in class
  9. Tolerates collar or body harness of owner's choice
  10. Owner can hug or hold puppy (depending on size)
  11. Puppy allows owner to take away a treat or toy
- PRE-CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® TEST BEHAVIORS:**
12. Allows (in any position) petting by a person other than the owner
  13. Grooming-Allows owner handling and brief exam (ears, feet)
  14. Walks on a Leash-Follows owner on lead in a straight line (15 steps)
  15. Walks by other people-Walks on leash past other people 5-ft away
  16. Sits on command-Owner may use a food lure
  17. Down on command-Owner may use a food lure
  18. Comes to owner from 5-ft when name is called
  19. Reaction to Distractions-distractions are presented 15-ft away
  20. Stay on leash with another person (owner walks 10 steps and returns)

<http://www.akc.org/starpuppy/>



## New AKC Breeder of Merit

### Requirements

- Has a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earned at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred/co-bred.
- Member of an AKC club.
- Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.

Demonstrates a commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies produced are AKC registered.

To learn more about the Breeder of Merit program, **visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**.

### LRCPV 2011 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for the 2011 Officers. Please contact them with any comments and/or suggestions.

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### AKC Pilots New 4-6 Month Class

The Board reviewed the staff's recommended proposal for the addition of a 4-6 month

beginner puppy class to be held as a special attraction at All-Breed and Specialty

conformation events. This will be tried at a number of clubs on a trial basis.

**LRCPV Will be one of the Pilot Clubs!!**

## In Memory of Diane Correia

Our thoughts and prayers are with club member Eileen Ketchem who recently lost her dear friend, housemate and handler Diane Correia on December 18th. Diane was a great supporter of LRCPV and often at our club shows and matches. She will be missed by all.

LRC, Inc Connecticut 2011



**Show Your Colors**

**The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. 2011**  
**October 9—16, 2011**

**Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Connecticut &  
 the James Dean property, Woodstock, CT**  
 The Comfort Inn, Dayville, Connecticut will be the host hotel.  
 (This Schedule is Tentative - see the website for additional info)

[www.thelabradorclub.com](http://www.thelabradorclub.com)

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

Tracking Test Set-up

**Monday, October 10, 2011**

8:30 AM Tracking Test – James Dean's property -  
 Woodstock, CT

Agility Ring, Conformation, Obedience & Rally Rings  
 Set-up - Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

Agility Walk Thru 8:00 AM Agility Trial #1

NOON Rally #1 (indoors) Obedience #1 (indoors)

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Judges' EDge (Judges Educa-  
 tion) Meeting Room Brooklyn Fairgrounds

1:00 PM Sweepstakes Judging-Bitch Classes, followed  
 by Dog classes

4:30 to 6:30 PM: "Meet & Greet" Welcome Gathering  
 (light appetizers)

**Wednesday October 12, 2011**

Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

8:00 AM Agility Trial #2

9:00 AM Obedience #2 (indoors)

9:30 AM Rally #2 (indoors)

9:00 AM Continue Dog Sweepstakes judging if neces-  
 sary, Best in Sweepstakes

9:00 AM LRC BOD Meeting (host hotel conference  
 room)

9:30 AM Conformation - Bitch Classes

Agility TOP 25 Special Attraction Event

6:30 PM Annual Meeting/Buffer dinner, followed by  
 Educational Program, Harvest Restaurant, Pomfret, CT

**Thursday, October 13, 2011**

Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

8:30 AM Conformation DOG Classes

Jr. Showmanship

NOON – LUNCH BREAK Obedience Team Judging,  
 HIT awards

Special Event-Top 20/Parade of Title Holders

NATIONAL SPECIALTY Best of Breed competition

5:30 or 6:00 PM- Barbecue, Brooklyn Fairgrounds

**Friday, October 14, 2011**

"No Bells No Whistles" Conformation Show, Brooklyn  
 Fairgrounds

8:00 AM Dog Sweepstakes Judging-followed by Bitch  
 Sweepstakes

8:00 AM Bitch Judging

9:30 AM Dog and Intersex Judging

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

Hunting Retriever Test/WC/CC, James Dean property,  
 Woodstock, CT

8:00 AM Junior #1, Senior #1, Master

10:00 AM Working Certificate Test

11:00 AM Conformation Certificate Evaluation

Ribbons and Tailgate to follow judging

**Sunday, October 16, 2010**

Hunting Retriever Test, James Dean property, Wood-  
 stock, CT

8:00 AM Master (con't)

8:00 AM Junior #2

8:00 AM Senior #2

"Dog for All Reasons" presentation. "The Challenge"  
 presentation.



**Helpers are still needed. If you can help out at any of the events visit the  
 website contact a member of the National Specialty Events Committee. A  
 listing of members is available on the club website  
[www.thelabradorclub.com](http://www.thelabradorclub.com).**

## LRCPV BREED AND OBEDIENCE MATCH

The LRCPV's B-OB Specialty Match held January 2, 2011 at Exercise Finished in Chicopee, MA went off without a hitch, thanks entirely to the hard work of all our Volunteers. The weather cooperated with just a few sprinkles in the morning but entries were still down. We had 47 entries for Breed with 23 for Puppy Sweepstakes and picking up one more at 24 for Regular Classes. Obedience had a total of 33 entries, with several running a non-competitive second run. After all expenses were paid we took in a profit of \$421.84.

Our Judges did a fantastic job and brought a lot of experience to the Match. They really brought with them on how a Match should be and that is for them to use their experience to teach and for folks to learn. For Breed, Sally Leary judged Puppy Sweepstakes and Beth Volle judged Regular Classes. For Obedience, Kristen Hurwitz judged Novice, Graduate Novice, and Open A. Dawn Burke judged Utility and Open B. Thank you to our judges.

A big thank you to all our Volunteers, without dedicated club members things would have never run as smooth as they did. Judi Dorsett did a fantastic job taking care of all our pre-entries and day of entries for Obedience. Ann H. who took care of all our Breed entries with help from Hazel and Cindy S.. Lois for running our beginner's handling class and Lauren for taking care of the raffle with help from Hazel and Cindy S.. Thank you to the set up crew for arriving very early on a Sunday morning, Judi, Annmarie, Lauren, Laura B., Ann H., and Lois. Also, Annmarie for taking care of the Judges gifts and prizes for the Breed Ring. Our Obedience Stewards were Annmarie and Sandy with tremendous help from our non-club members Sara and Robbie Simpson. The Breed ring was headed up by Gretchen with our Stewards being Laura L. and Jen. Gretchen thank you for going out to get lunch for everyone. I hope I didn't miss anyone, if I did I apologize.

Results for Breed and Obedience:

### 2011 Match Results Puppy Sweepstakes

#### Dogs 3-6mos

- 1.'Turtle' owner: Donna Kenny
- 2.'Dually' owner: Abby Crosby
- 3.'Tailten Shameless Swagger' owner: Tracey Giottonini

#### Bitches 3-6mos

- 1.'Patch' owner: Julie Jussaume
- 2.'Cabin's Everything Nice' owner Cathy Benedict
- 3.'Jenny' owner: Julie Kamis
- 4.'Maritimes Penny Lane' - Deb Roche

#### Dogs 6-9mos

- 1.'Blackdux Captain Zane' owner: Kathy Wolf
- 2.'Deusun Smokin Hot' owner: Cindy Gurney

#### Bitches 6-9mos

- 1.'Blackdux It's So Easy' owner: Kathy Wolf
- 2.'Zeta' owner: Nancy Wolston
- 3.'Jackie' owner: Gretchen Boss
- 4.'Deusun Lovely Lilac' owner: Cindy Gurney

#### Dogs 9-12mos

- 1.'Conor' owner: Julie Jussaume

#### Bitches 9-12mos

#### Dogs 12-15mos

- 1.'Steward' owner: Julie Kamis
- 2.'Apollo' owner: Anne Hassett

#### Bitches 12-15mos

## MATCH SWEEPS RESULTS

**BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS** 'Conor' owner: Julie Jussaume

**BEST OPPOSITE PUPPY IN SWEEPS** 'Blackdux It's So Easy' owner: Kathy Wolf

### 2011 MATCH RESULTS REGULAR CLASS

#### Dogs 3-6mos

- 1.'Dually' owner: Abby Crosby
- 2.'Tailten Shameless Swagger' owner: Tracey Giottonini
- 3.'Turtle' owner: Donna Kenny

#### Bitches 3-6mos

- 1.'Patch' owner: Julie Jussaume
- 2.'Jenny' owner: Julie Kamis
- 3.'Maritimes Penny Lane' owner: Deb Roche
- 4.'Cabin's Everything Nice' owner: Cathy Benedict

**Dogs 6-9mos**

- 1.'Blackdux Captain Zane' owner: Kathy Wolf
- 2.'Deusun Smokin Hot' owner: Cindy Gurney

**Dogs 9-12mos**

- 1.'Conor' owner: Julie Jussaume

**Dogs 12-18mos**

- 1.'Apolo' owner: Anne Hassett
- 2.'Steward' owner: Julie Kamis

**Dogs Am Bred****Bitches 6-9mos**

- 1.'Blackdux It's So Easy' owner: Kathy Wolf
- 2.'Posey' owner: Peggy Lands
- 3.'Zeta' owner: Nancy Wolston
- 4.'Io' owner: Nancy Wolston

**Bitches 9-12mos****Bitches 12-18mos****Bitches Am Bred**

- 1.'Spirit' owner: Anne Marie Galvin

**MATCH REGULAR CLASS RESULTS**

- BEST ADULT IN MATCH** 'Spirit' owner: Anne Marie Galvin  
**BEST OPPOSITE ADULT IN MATCH** 'Apolo' owner: Anne Hassett  
**BEST PUPPY IN MATCH** 'Blackdux Captain Zane' owner: Kathy Wolf  
**BEST OPPOSITE PUPPY IN MATCH** 'Blackdux It's So Easy' owner: Kathy Wolf

**OBEDIENCE RESULTS**

- HIGH SCORE IN MATCH** 'Trace' owner: Donna Blew's-Pappa



Thank you to everyone for making it a great day. I know of a few things I will want to do different for next year but if you have any suggestions to help improve things, let me know. You can e-mail me at [citrine-stone@comcast.net](mailto:citrine-stone@comcast.net). I look forward to doing this again next year.

Tina Stone  
Match Chair

**Here is the slate decided on by the Nominating Committee for 2011:**

**President:** Lois Engel

**Vice President:** Gretchen Boss

**Treasurer:** Laura Lafreniere

**Corresponding Secretary:** Judi Dorsett

**Recording Secretary:** Laura Beauver

**Board Of Directors:** Tina Stone, Lauren Simpson, and Annmarie Wilson

\*past president will also be a board member

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.