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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.

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Meeting Notice

November Meeting

Sunday 11/1 6:00 Details will be e-mailed out shortly

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.

Chocolate Males & Females puppies available.

Contact Cindy at ToursLabradors@aol.com 413-237-1150

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

WWW.LRCPV.ORG

Newsletter Needs Your Help!!

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

Do you have any suggestions for the club library? If you do, let Annmarie Wilson know.

Electronic Newsletter - Test

We are going to try the electronic newsletter again. Annmarie Wilson has volunteered to help me trouble shoot with those of you who are having a problem getting it as a PDF. I will be mailing it this month but if you are unable to open the document, please e-mail Annmarie by 11/8 and she'll try to figure out why you are having problems.

Annmarie's email is annmarie4cw@snet.net

3 New Things Every Breeder Should Know

Brucellosis Update

The number of incidents has increased significantly over the past few years. This may be attributable to the increase in movement of dogs from the south to the north. Brucellosis is transmitted through mucus membranes (saliva, **sperm**, mucus etc.) and it can take 2-3 months for it to present itself. Brucellosis is contagious to people and very difficult to treat in both dogs and humans. This is why it's important to check your dogs/bitches for it.

There are two tests for brucellosis. The first test is a card test with same day results. This test can present false positives, but never false negatives. For definitive results, positives on the card test should be followed up with a more advanced test from a reference lab like Cornell. Before you check your dog you may want to check your state's laws. Some states such as Iowa require owners to put down a dog that has tested positive for Brucellosis. If you live in a state with these types of rules, you may want to skip the card test and avoided a potential false positive.

Since Brucellosis can be transmitted through sperm, owners of Stud dog that are used frequently should have their dog tested every 3-4 months. If you are planning on doing a frozen collection, you should test your dog two weeks or less prior to freezing.

Nutrition in pregnant and lactating bitches –

Recent studies show the ideal composition of food for pregnant and lactating bitches is 30% protein 20% fat. Studies have shown this combination can increase litter size if started a couple months prior to breeding. Additionally, bitches that received omega fatty acid supplements have been shown to produce better behavior testing results in puppies.

Inverted Vulvas

Have you ever had a puppy with an inverted or recessed vulva? This can be a major inconvenience for pet owners especially if she gets chronic UTI's. There is now a new procedure that can be done on a very young puppy. Talk to your vet about tacking the inverted vulva similar to a Sharpei's eye. Pull it out and put in a stitch. If you have a litter of young pups and would like to give this a try, contact Dr. Ann Huntington.

Braggs

Sally Leary -

Congratulations to Sally for winning the beautiful hand made quilt that was auctioned off at the Nationals!



Cam Adams-

Congratulations to CH Camelot's Dragon Tale, "Trixie", took two JAMs at the Pawcatuck River LRC Specialty, Sept 17 and 18, one on each day, and a JAM from Margaret Brown at Mid-Jersey's LRC Specialty on Oct. 16

Kristen Hurwitz-

My 11 year old "Kali" finished her RAE at the PCOTC 10/3 rally trials under Karen Wrey and is enjoying retirement: ARCHEX T-Bar Country Kali CDX, RAE, CGC, CC, UD-H, CD-HCH, RL1X3 (MCL), RL2X3 (MCL), RL3X2 (AOE), TDIA, TT

My little 13 week old "CJ" Cedarwood's Blazing Pursuit of the Ruthless Bandit earned her STAR Puppy certificate on 10/17 at Meet The Breeds at the Javitz Center under Mary Burch.

Kelly Rome -

Casbar's déjà vu "Ditto", RN went WB at Palisades KC and Chesslabs On Demand "Mandy" earned her RN at the Nationals.

Up Coming Club Events

November 1 - LRCPV Monthly Meeting

November 19th Supported Entry Holyoke Kennel Club

December 5th - Meeting & Holiday Dinner Storrowtown

January 3rd - No Meeting - Match at Exercised Finished

February 7th: Meeting Canine flu by Correy from Schering/Intervet

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

www.Entryexpress.net

Have you ever wondered when/where hunt tests or field trials will be? Interested in attending a hunt test training seminar. Visit www.entryexpress.net - it's the infodog of the hunting community!



Field Trials vs. Hunt Tests

If you are new to the retriever field it's important to know the difference between field trials and hunt tests. The biggest difference though between field trials and hunt tests is that hunt tests are not competitive. Hunt tests are supposed to simulate a real hunt situation. Handlers, judges and workers generally wear hunting attire. Retrievers are usually within 100 yards. Duck calls, decoys, and blinds are often used. Any dog who does the required work will receive a pass toward a title.

Field trials are competitive. Only the dogs who place receive points toward their title. There may be 50—100 dogs competing in one stake and the judges need to determine placements—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, plus a Reserve JAM (5th place). Because of the need to determine the “best” dogs, the trials have become rather stylized. Multiple retrieves of 400-600 YARDS each are not uncommon. Throwers wear white to be seen and dogs are judged on how straight they run to the birds and how quickly they respond to their handler's directions. The scenarios generally have little to do with hunting and more to do with control over great distances.

AKC Proposed Grand Championship

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a new advanced conformation title to be called Grand Championship. The specifics of the Grand Championship, which is intended to provide additional venues for exhibitors and to encourage entries, are:

All Champions of record that are eligible to be entered in Best of Breed competition, are automatically entered in competition for points toward the "Grand Champion" title when they are entered in the Best of Breed class at a dog show. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events. Dogs and bitches that have earned their Championship and are moved up to Best of Breed class would be eligible to compete on the day.

Any exhibits found to be ineligible for "Grand Champion" points would have those points disallowed administratively by the AKC. If Best of Breed is found to be ineligible, all Grand Champion points awarded will be administratively disallowed for Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch.

Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, or non-regular class winners, are not eligible to compete for "Grand Champion" points.

All eligible exhibits entered in the Best of Breed class will compete and judging will be concurrent with traditional Best of Breed judging.

The judge will award Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Judges may withhold any awards at their discretion.

For eligible Champions, the Best of Breed (BOB), Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) winners can acquire points toward the "Grand Champion" title. A maximum of four dogs may be awarded "Grand Championship" points.

The existing schedule of points and divisions will be used to calculate "Grand Champion" points. "Grand Championship" points will be awarded based on the number of eligible entries exhibited. All class exhibits and champions in breed or variety competition present will be counted to compute "Grand Champion" points.

"Grand Championship" entries will not affect the annual computation schedule of points assigned to each Points Division.

Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch can earn "Grand Champion" points at AKC All Breed, Limited Breed, or Specialty events.

There will be no "Grand Champion" points awarded when all competing Champions of Record or move-up dogs are defeated by a class dog or bitch receiving the Best of Breed award.

If the Best of Opposite Sex winner is the Winners Dog or The Winners Bitch, neither the Best of Opposite Sex nor the Select award for that sex will be eligible for "Grand Champion" awards.

Best of Breed winner will receive the highest number of "Grand Champion" points available regardless of sex. Best of Breed "Grand Champion" points are based on the total number of dogs and bitches competing in the breed or variety using the point schedule for the individual dog's sex.

AKC Proposed Grand Champion cont.

Best of Opposite Sex winner will receive Grand Championship points based on the total number of dogs defeated of the same sex. The Select Dog and Select Bitch will receive points based on the total numbers of dogs defeated of the same sex. Best of Breed or the Best of Opposite Sex will not be included in this computation.

Best of Opposite Sex point computations may be equal to the Best of Breed winner but in no case will they exceed "Grand Championship" points awarded to Best of Breed.

"Grand Champion" ribbons will be provided to all eligible Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch winners.

Once an eligible dog or bitch has accumulated 25 "Grand Champion" points with three majors under three different judges and at least one point under a fourth judge, it may be designated "Grand Champion" and receive an AKC enhanced certificate indicating they have completed the necessary requirements for the title.

"Grand Champion" title holders will continue to accumulate points towards the "Grand Champion Ranking System" after completion of title (Top 25, 50 or 100 by Breed, and Group).

Any dog who completes its Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

The rule changes necessary to implement the Grand Championship will be read at the September 2009 delegate Meeting for a vote at the December 2009 meeting.

Salmon Treats

2 - 6oz cans of tuna or salmon - or 1 -14oz.can -- Do not drain
 1 1/2 Cups rice flour
 1 Tbsp garlic powder or granulated garlic
 2 eggs
 Grated Parmesan Cheese - about a handful

Mix all together in food processor- bake in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. Cool. Cut into small pieces.

Refrigerate if using within a week, or freeze for longer storage. Smelly but healthy and enticing training treats.

Thanks Denise Cormier for your submission. Reprinted from A Better Canine Newsletter April 2009



Wanted...

Newsletter Articles !!

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

Photo from our Big E Demo

(L to R). Annmarie, Tina & Sandy



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.

PA 09-169—sSB 650 *Judiciary Committee*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TRUST FOR THE CARE OF AN ANIMAL

SUMMARY: This act authorizes the creation of a testamentary or inter vivos trust to provide for the care of an animal or animals alive during the lifetime of the person who creates it. The trust must terminate when the last surviving animal dies. Under prior law, trusts for animals were simply honorary, because animal beneficiaries could not enforce them.

The act requires the trust to designate a trust protector to act on the animal's behalf and gives the protector certain enforcement and oversight powers. The act requires the trustee to annually render an account to the trust protector for the trust, signed under penalty of false statement. It allows a probate court to replace a trust protector for the same reasons it can currently replace a trustee (death, incapacity, refusal to serve, or resignation).

The act gives Superior Court jurisdiction over any trust created under the act. It also gives a probate court jurisdiction if the trustee is otherwise subject to its jurisdiction or the trust is an inter vivos trust and is, or could be subject to, its jurisdiction for an accounting by law.

The act requires that trust property may be applied only to its intended use, subject to proper trust expenses including trustee fees, except to the extent the Superior Court or a probate court having jurisdiction, upon application by the trustee or trust protector, determines that the value of the trust property exceeds the amount required for its intended use. The act establishes how trust property must be distributed if it exceeds the amount needed or the trust is terminated.

Finally, the act specifies that, except as the act otherwise provides, statutory provisions governing trust creation and administration apply to trusts created to provide for the care of an animal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

ENFORCEMENT

The act gives a trust protector the right to file a petition in the Superior Court or a probate court having jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the trust, remove or replace any trustee, or require a trustee to render an account. The court may award costs and attorney's fees to the trust protector, from the trust property, if the trust protector prevails on the petition and the court finds that filing the petition was necessary to fulfill the trust protector's duty to act on behalf of the animal or animals provided for in the trust.

It also gives the trust protector the right to ask the attorney general to file a petition in court to enforce the trust's provisions, remove or replace any trustee, or seek restitution from the trustee if the protector determines that the trustee has used trust property for personal use or has otherwise committed fraud. The act allows the attorney general to file the petition only if he or she determines that the circumstances warrant it.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST PROPERTY

The act requires that trust property not required for its intended use, including trust property remaining when a trust is terminated, must be distributed in the following order of priority:

1. as directed by the terms of the trust;
2. to the remainder beneficiaries identified in the trust instrument, under the same terms provided in the trust for the remainder interest;
3. to the settlor, if living;
4. pursuant to the residuary clause of the settlor's or testator's will; or
5. to the settlor's or testator's heirs in accordance with the laws governing descent and distribution.

BACKGROUND

Inter Vivos Trust

An inter vivos trust is established while the creator (called a settlor) is alive. The settlor can revoke it or change it during his or her lifetime.

Testamentary Trust

A testamentary trust is created by the terms of a will and places some assets from the dead person's estate in a trust to exist from the date of death until fully distributed.

Vacancies in the Office of Trustee

By law, a probate court with jurisdiction may appoint some suitable person to fill a vacancy caused by the trustee's death, incapacity, refusal to serve, or resignation (CGS § 45a-474).

Jurisdiction of Accounts of Fiduciaries

Probate courts have jurisdiction of the interim and final accounts of testamentary trustees and accounts of the actions of trustees of inter vivos trusts. By law, a trustee or a settlor of an inter vivos trust may ask the probate court to review the trustee's or attorney's actions under the trust. If the court finds that appointment of an auditor is necessary and in the best interests of the estate, the court upon its own motion may appoint one to be selected from a list provided by the probate court administrator to examine accounts over which the court has jurisdiction (CGS § 45-175).

OLR Tracking: GC: JKL: SS: DF

Royal Canin's Response

To a breeder's inquire on what food to feed a bitch you are planning on breeding:

Thank you for your email! I was at the annual therio conference in Albuquerque in August, too. Dr. Russ Kelley did the presentation your veterinarian is referring to.

Dr. Kelley's material focused primarily on DHA from studies done several years ago. DHA is tremendously important to the development of the brain and eye tissue. The neural system in carnivores is the last system to fully develop, usually by the time the pups are 6 weeks old.

I get so excited about the nutritional impact on reproduction because there are so many individual nutrients that affect different events or stages, from the beginning of the estrous cycle to the weaning of the pups. This is one of the areas that Royal Canin has spent years researching. The findings are amazing!

To answer your question about using Starter for your bitch before estrus and throughout pregnancy - we don't generally recommend that because the bitch's nutritional needs don't change significantly until about week six. One of the problems with feeding a diet that high in fat and calories is maintaining the optimal weight for your bitch. Research has documented that a bitch that is too lean, or too heavy, has more reproductive problems, from getting pregnant to survivability of the pups. There are other ways to deliver the extra nutrients, without the calories.

This is exactly why we developed our HT42d diet. It is specifically formulated for estrus and pregnancy up to 6 weeks, by providing enhanced levels of several nutrients that have been proven to support optimal reproductive performance from getting the bitch pregnant, to litter size, and neonatal survivability. DHA is just one of those nutrients.

We recommend starting the bitch on HT42d a week or two before her expected heat, as many of the benefits affect hormone production that will influence her outward signs of heat and breeding behavior, along with supporting maturation of the follicles, and uterine changes that provide the most beneficial environment for the early embryos. The first 30 days of pregnancy are tremendously important as well, due to the development of the individual organ systems, and the fragile nature of the embryos. Many birth defects can be caused or initiated during this time. HT42d has the same levels of DHA that the Starter diet does, along with several other key nutrients. There is no need to supplement, because it is already in the food.

Then at the end of week six, you transition her to the Starter diet which will provide that extra energy and protein she needs for the rapidly growing puppies, while maintaining those enhanced nutrient levels like DHA. The fetuses gain 75% of their birth weight in this last three weeks. Truly amazing.

If your veterinarian works with many breeders (and I suspect so if they are going to the therio conference!), I would be happy to provide a seminar for their breeder clientele. I love sharing this research! Please extend this invitation to your veterinarian. Kennel clubs or breed associations are also welcome to schedule talks.

Thank you again for your email.

Bretaigne Jones, DVM

PRE-BREEDING EXAM FOR THE BITCH

<http://showdogsupersite.com/kenlclub/breedvet/vpbxm1.html>

STRESS, INFERTILITY AND HERPES INFECTION

<http://showdogsupersite.com/kenlclub/breedvet/vhr2.html>

ROUTINE PREVENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE INTACT BITCH

<http://showdogsupersite.com/kenlclub/breedvet/vppib1.html>

LYME DISEASE, PREGNANCY AND MONTHLY HEARTWORM

<http://www.showdogsupersite.com/kenlclub/breedvet/herx.html>

**Website links you may
find interesting.**