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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, September 9, 2012

*Suffield Veterinary Hospital
577 East Street South, Suffield CT*

3:00PM

Field Training Tips: presentation by Dan Leblanc
Bring your dogs; this will be a fun, interactive presentation
We will be enjoying the new pond!

Pot Luck Dinner following program
Please bring a chair if you have one, and a dish to share

5:30PM

Business Meeting
Some items on the agenda:
Well Dog Clinic
Big E

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

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RALLY MATCH and OBEDIENCE SHOW & GO

The LRCPV's Rally Match and Obedience Show & Go held August 12, 2012 at Suffield Veterinary Hospital was a success thanks entirely to our hard working members. We were a little short on member turn out but everyone kept things running smoothly. We had rain during set up but other than the humidity we had a nice day. Entries were up from last year in Rally from 18 to 27. Obedience entries on the other hand were down from 45 to 25. However, we did make a little more compared to last year. This is due to the increase in entry fee for Rally and shrinking the mailing list, which is a big expense. Thank you to our members who turned out to help. They include Ann Huntington, Andrea Newman, Jan Lemire, Laura Bauver, Michelle Johnson, and Cindy Stone. A special thank you goes out to our members who judged. Danette Smith who judged Rally and the Utility class for Obedience and Annmarie Wilson who judged our Novice and Open class for Obedience. They did a terrific job with judging and juggling handlers back and forth between the two rings. Also, thank you to Annmarie and Laura B. for giving up their Friday morning to help set up the rings.

This is our second year running the Obedience Show & Go with the Rally. I think we still have room for improvement to keep things running smoothly. There was a suggestion made by Danette to do away with the competitive and non-competitive classes in Rally and make it a show & go as well. This is something we can discuss at our next meeting as it would simplify things. I would be open to suggestions if anyone has some other ideas.

I hope everyone had a good time. Once again thank you and a job well done. I look forward to chairing this match again next year.

Tina Stone, Match Chair



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LRCPV at THE BIG E

Once again, The Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley will have a presence at The Big E!

We set up a display of information about the club, information about Labrador Retrievers, photos, trophies, and other memorabilia. We're adding something new this year: we are running a slide show throughout our time in the booth. If you have any pictures you'd like included, please email them to Laura Bauver (If you do not have an electronic copy, Laura can scan it – contact her to discuss.) We'd like to include pictures that show the versatility of Labs so we welcome pictures of Labs in the field, in the water, and at family events (with all ages of people) along with the conformation, obedience, and rally rings.

This year we are excited to have two specialized trainers with us. Chris Chorney will be with us on Sunday, representing DAWGS, a Search and Rescue organization that uses Labrador Retrievers as part of their program. Leslie Pirnie will be joining us again (on both Wednesday and Sunday) to share information about Service Dogs and Paws with a Cause.

Thanks to our members (and prospective members) who have volunteered to represent LRCPV and showcase our versatile Labs! We will be contacting you soon to finalize the schedule and distribute parking passes, entrance tickets and information that you will need for your participation! We will plan to give you your ticket and parking pass at the September meeting or the Well Dog Clinic.

We will have space in the Farm-a-Rama Building. We will be there 11am – 8pm on Wednesday September 19th and Sunday, September 23rd. We ask that those who are covering the first and last shift plan to help with set-up and /or clean- up, so please plan to arrive for 10am or stay until 9pm if at all possible.

The Big E does require that we carry evidence of inoculations and licensing when we bring an animal onto the grounds.

Please contact co-chairs Laura Bauver cassiscloset@yahoo.com and Lauren Simpson laughinlab@comcast.net with any questions!



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WELL DOG CLINIC

The annual Well Dog Clinic will be held on Sunday September 16th at the Suffield Veterinary Hospital.

Micro-chipping and the following screenings are being offered:

Cardiac: auscultation or ECHO
CERF
DNA
OFA Hip & Elbow X-Rays
OFA Thyroid
Optigen
PRA

Contact Annmarie Wilson to offer to volunteer annmarie@wilannlabradors.com
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PUPPY PEN

If you have a litter of Labrador Retriever pups you would like to list in our newsletter and/or on the website, please review Rule 11 in the club Rules & Policies (available in the member section of the website). Laura Lafreniere must receive confirmation of required clearances prior to publication.

If you have any further questions, please contact Laura Lafreniere, Laura Bauver, or Annmarie Wilson.

ADVERTISING

The Board of Directors has established advertising opportunities for members of our Club. Ads may not be political, but do not have to be dog related.

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There will be a minimum of

10 newsletters/year

Contact Laura Bauver for more information

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\$100/Club Year

\$50/Club Year for members in good standing
who have worked at least four (4) hours each at
two events in the prior Club Year, as verified by
the event chairperson

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Contact Annmarie Wilson for more information

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ASK THE VET

What are the causes of cleft palates?

A quick literature search revealed the following:

Cleft palates are most frequently caused by a recessive genetic trait. Labradors are one of the predisposed breeds.

Exposure to the following, especially in the second trimester of gestation may increase the risk of cleft palate:

- Corticosteroids

- Excessive A and D in dam
- Griseofulvin
- Teratogenic chemicals
- Virus
- Excess vitamin D supplementation

In one study of Boston Terriers, a breed highly affected with this problem, supplementation with folic acid at a dose of 5 mg per day significantly reduced the incidence of cleft palate.

Ann Huntington, DVM

How/when do you know when snotty eyes are just allergies or warrant a trip to the vet?

First of all, the term "snotty eyes" is incorrect. I believe the scientific name is actually "goopy eyes", or at least that is what I was taught at Cornell.

Here are the criteria I consider:

1. Is the dog off her food, or drinking either too little or too much?
2. Are the eyes squinted partially shut, or is she pawing at the eyes a great deal?
3. Are the whites of the eyes really red compared to normal? (or compared to each other?)
4. Are the 3rd eyelids protruding up from the inner corner of the eyes?
5. Is there nasal discharge? (Here the term "snotty nose" would properly apply!)
6. Is only one eye affected, and the other normal?
7. Has the goopy eyes condition lasted longer than 10 days?

If the answer to all of the above is no, it is fine to treat this at home. Gently clean away the material twice a day using cotton balls and lukewarm water. You may put a few drops of an OTC saline solution into each eye a couple of times at day as a soother. If the condition persists longer than 10 days, or any of the other conditions above develop, time to see your vet.

Ann Huntington, DVM

LAB BRAGS



Congratulations to Deb Brunell

Holly Farm's Music Of The Night "Zoe" won big at the recent Springfield MA shows: Zoe took Winner's Bitch three of the four days. She also took Best of Winners and Best of Opposite! It was a very productive four day event for Zoe and Deb! Zoe is out of Deb's CH Holly Farm Jack's Tootsie and by CH Casbar's Hart To Hart.

Has one of your labs completed a title or had another achievement? Please let us know! We're proud of our members' accomplishments! Please send an email to Laura Bauver at cassiscloset@yahoo.com so we can recognize you in our newsletter. We'll publish all notices received, in order of receipt, as space is available. Photos are always welcome!



An AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Program

CGC TESTING

Danette Smith will be conducting an AKC Canine Good Citizen Test at Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT as part of Responsible Dog Ownership month on Friday night, September 20th starting at 5:30pm. Registration details can be found on www.showcasefordogs.com under the "Events" heading

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OFA AND ACVO ESTABLISH NEW EYE CERTIFICATION REGISTRY AND CLINICAL DATABASE FOR OPHTHALMIC DIAGNOSES

Columbia, Missouri, Friday, August 31, 2012 –

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) are pleased to announce the establishment of a new joint Eye Certification Registry (ECR) and Clinical Database for Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD) effective November 1, 2012. Together, the ECR and CDOD will be important tools to monitor canine inherited eye conditions and reduce their incidence.

OFA Eye Certification Registry exams are ophthalmic examinations, performed by ACVO

Diplomates, to assess dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary ocular disease. Dogs with normal exam results will receive OFA eye certification numbers valid for one year. Eye Certifications are an important part of the routine health screening practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies. Recognizing that animals presenting for a Certification Exam represent a biased population of primarily normal dogs, the CDOD will capture aggregate statistics regarding disease prevalence for those animals presented to ACVO Diplomates in private and institutional clinical practices.

The OFA currently maintains the world's largest online database of canine health screening results. The addition of eye exam results will enhance the value of this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions to reduce the incidence of inherited disease. For informed puppy buyers, the database provides documentation of a breeder's health screening efforts.

A portion of the proceeds from all OFA eye registrations will be donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination of ocular diseases causing vision loss and suffering in animals.

For more information please visit the OFA website at www.offa.org

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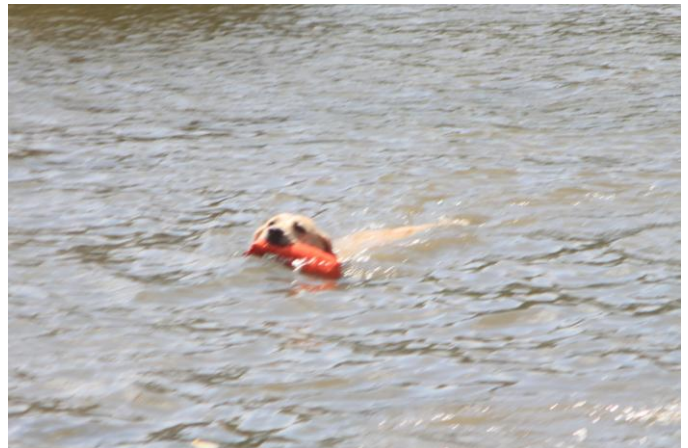
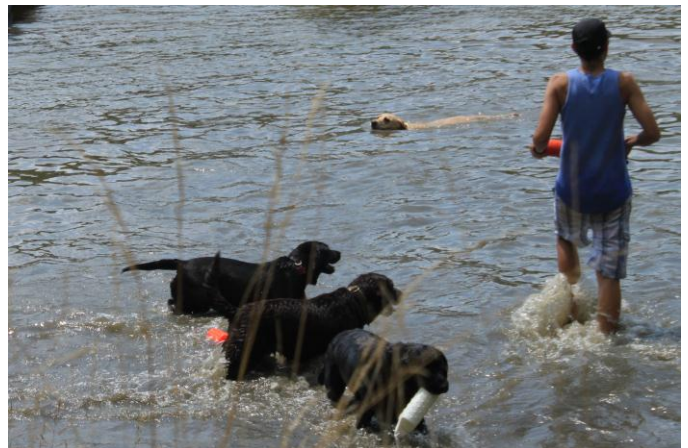
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Founded in 1966, the OFA is a not-for-profit foundation with the mission to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. The ACVO promotes excellence in veterinary ophthalmology through advanced training, certification, research and education.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 9 LRCPV Business Meeting, Suffield
- Sept 16 LRCPV Well Dog Clinic, Suffield
- Sept 19 LRCPV at the Big E, W Springfield
- Sept 23 LRCPV at the Big E, W Springfield
- Oct 14 LRCPV Business Meeting
- Nov 4 LRCPV Business Meeting
- Dec 8 LRCPV Christmas Party, W Suffield

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