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The purpose of this newsletter is to give members of LRCPV an overview of club activities and to keep them informed on breed related issues. The newsletter is published monthly.

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THANK YOU!

The Board of Directors extends a special thank you to ***Kelly Rome*** for her many years of service as editor of our newsletter. We look forward to her continued involvement in club activities!

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

We will be adding a few new columns to our newsletter that we hope you will like and appreciate. We will be asking some of our members with expertise to put in helpful advice on the many disciplines our talented Labradors excel in; Obedience, Rally, Breed showing, Field, Tracking, and Therapy Dog. And we will have a column "Ask The Vet" your submitted questions will be answered by Hazel Holman VMD and Ann Huntington DVM.

We are asking for your input. Please contact newsletter editor *Laura Bauver* (cassiscloset@yahoo.com) with questions you'd like our vets to answer, topics you'd like to have addressed or information you'd like to share with the members.

We will, of course, continue to include our "Braggs", litter information, calendar of events, photos, etc. We'll also be including some "just for fun" information – please feel free to share !!!

We look forward to your comments and suggestions!

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Board of Directors has decided to try a different format for our business meetings. We will meet in a central location (possibly a different one each month). It is out plan to locate easily accessible sites that can accommodate our needs.

The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012. We have made arrangements for a private room at Piccadilly Pub, 1506 Riverdale Road, (Rte 5) West Springfield MA 01089.

The meeting will be called to order at 6pm. Anyone interested in gathering for dinner prior to the meeting should arrive by 5pm.

IMPORTANT: BYLAWS and RULES & POLICIES AMENDMENTS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING! Contact Judi Dorsett at judedors@aol.com if you have not received a copy of the proposals!

2011 AWARDS

(Application is attached.)

It is time to submit your application for recognition at our Annual Meeting in April.

This year the application form is attached in "word" format so you may easily complete and return to *Ann Huntington* by either mail or email at ALHDVM@aol.com by the January 31, 2012 deadline! Please contact Ann soon if you have any questions.

NOMINATIONS

The LRCPV Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. If you would like to suggest a candidate, or you are interested in serving, please contact *Laura Bauver* at cassisclouset@yahoo.com by January 8, 2012.

LRCPV BREED AND OBEDIENCE MATCH

Sunday, January 8, 2012
Exercise Finished
Chicopee MA
(Flier is attached.)

Please contact *Tina Stone* at chritinestone@comcast.net if you are available to assist at this annual event. There are many ways our members can participate for all or part of the day.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Lauren Simpson is organizing the raffle for our January Match. Every member is asked to consider donating a prize. If you would like to donate and will not be at the match during set-up, please contact Lauren at laughinlab@comcast.net to arrange pick-up or drop off! Our raffle is a major factor in the financial success of our match!

DECEMBER 2011 MEETING

A good time was had by all at the Christmas Dinner at The Delaney House. Members donated a total of \$75 for the Heifer Project. This donation will provide a farm animal (or two) to help an impoverished family to provide for their future needs.

2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8 – LRCPV Breed & Obedience Match
January 8- LRCPV Nomination deadline
(nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March meeting)
January 31- LRCPV Award deadline
February 12- LRCPV Meeting