

Pawsitively News

The Official Newsletter of The Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club

SPRING 2011



Chucklebrook Lily of the Valley CGC
CH Cacao's Willey the Aristocrat x
CH Chucklebrook Mousefeathers

Happy Birthday Lily!

On March 29, Lily turned 17 years old. She was one of Mouse's second to last litter of 3, all of whom made it to ages 14.5 and older. Mouse herself lived to the ripe old age of 16 years and 1 day!

This picture was taken at Pioneer Valley last May. We were going to try to enter the Brood Bitch class for exam only but decided we would just take the picture! Left to right: Nancy has an almost-life-size cut-out of



CH Chucklebrook Mousefeathers, and her get Chucklebrook Lily of the Valley (16+ years) and Diane has Chucklebrook Country Mouse (almost 15 years). Country was from Mouse's last litter and is

now over 15.5 years old.

This was taken at Lily's last show. She hadn't been shown for many years but I thought at that age she deserved a little outing! Bob brought her to the Pioneer Valley specialty last May for a brief appearance in the Veterans classes (which she won!). She was just over 16 years old. She is wearing her mother Mouse's pearl collar that Mouse wore at her last show. This beautiful picture was taken by Carol Stevens.



"Structure in Action for the Labrador Retriever: Injury Prevention, Conditioning, Ball Work, and Structure"

PRLRC is offering a day long seminar by Dr Deborah Gross Saunders, DPT, MSPT, OCS, CCRP (Wizard of Paws) on conditioning your dogs for companion, performance and conformation exhibition. Dr. Saunders is a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner

North Stonington Grange 21
Wyassup Road
North Stonington, CT.

Cost: \$35.00
(includes lunch)

Start Time: 9:30 A.M.

Seating is LIMITED so sign up early to be sure you reserve your seat for this fascinating lecture.

Please send your reservation

check for \$35 to Claire White -Peterson, 36 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT. 06359

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Date: Sunday, May 22

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PRLRC Minutes of the Meeting held February 8, 2011. At the Library, North Stonington, CT

In attendance were: Claire White-Peterson, Cathy Straub Benedict, Lori Riley, Peter Wolcott, Jack Gordon, Audrey Wolcott, Damon Wallace, Diane Wallace, Cheryl Curtis, Miss Q Kitty and Mr. G. Turkey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary Report: A motion was made to forgo reading the last meeting's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: A treasurer's Profit & Loss report was read by the president who received it via email Julie.

Corresponding Secretary: No correspondence received.

Fun Day:

Several people have expressed an interest in changing the venue from RI to CT for this year and switching back and forth every year. Donna Crompton may be the chair and the Benson's property in Lebanon, CT is being considered as a possible site. Cathy SB will check with the Benson's to see if the property is available for the May 22nd date and also what the cost is. Donna Crompton has expressed an interest in providing new programs for the event. The chairs involved in the past years will be polled to see how they feel the attendance at their section was received by the crowd. We would like to see Donna put her ideas in writing so we can send them around to the membership and get their input.

Winter Match:

The winter match Chairman and the rest of the committee were not in attendance. Cheryl Curtis will do JS. We are hoping that a potluck luncheon is arranged.

Programs:

Lori Riley reported that the Pat Trotter is available to do the "Structure & Movement Seminar" March 3rd & 4th, 2012. Her cost is \$1,000 for a one day seminar and \$1,500 for a two day seminar. She will require a deposit to hold the dates. These fees are pretty much the same as everyone else charges, Dr. Hutchinson is very expensive. Pat Trotter has been well received and informative according to general opinion. We need to find out from Pat what is covered in the one day vs. two day seminar. We plan to hold the event at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick again as they were very accommodating and it is convenient for the speaker when arriving from the airport, etc. The Committee will decide if we will have the one-day or two day seminar but most likely it will be a one-day program.

Live Flyer Day:

We don't have a volunteer to head up a Live Flyer Day as yet. Wendy Ernst has said she can help with the ducks, etc but can't take on the chairmanship this year because of previous commitments. Someone will need to research the other hunt tests that are going on to see what dates are open. We also need to check with Millstream Preserve as they will probably be able to accommodate the event best. We are looking at a July or August timeframe.

Back to Back Specialty:

Claire White-Peterson will contact Janet Huntley to make sure she is again heading up the Trophy committee. Claire & Kathy Cipriani have come up with a template to use for Advertising and Vendor solicitation. Cathy Straub Benedict is contacting her dog food distributor Sport N' Live to sponsor the show.

People can now select and pay for trophy donations on the PRLRC website through Paypal. Ted & Sally Jennings are again going to head up Catalog Sales. We need to find out if Julie Kamis and Tiffany Newman are going to head up the Raffle committee. Also who is the actual Raffle committee Chair or are they Co-Chair's. The Raffle committee will need to keep on top of their expenses/purchases; to be sure not to go over the amount agreed that they could spend for on the Specialty raffle for 2011 Specialty. The contract has been sent in to the Steward Association by Cathy Straub Benedict. We still don't have obedience judges, Wendy Ernst, Kathy Cip and Claire will work on this week to get judges confirmation.

All items for the premium must be into Cheryl Curtis by the 15th of May. This includes advertising and list of vendors. Catalog Ads later in July or August.

Membership:

The following members have requested that their membership be changed from full to associate: Marie Baccari, Mel Losea & Steve & Colleen Croteau. Also Anne Hassett has decided not to renew her membership.

LRC National 2011:

On Wednesday night there will be a buffet and entertainment at the Harvest Restaurant in Pomfret with a guest speaker. Tony has suggested that Fran Smith might speak and give a presentation on how OFA spends their money.

On Thursday night there will be a Barbecue & entertainment by a church band as well as an auction. You are encouraged to sign up for the RV's that will be on site if you plan to do so, your credit card will not be charged for the deposit until August.

Motion to adjoint at 8:24 p.m. by Cathy Straub Benedict, seconded by Lori Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Straub-Benedict, Recording Secretary, PRLRC



More About Wizard of Paws

The Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club is offering a day long seminar by Dr Deborah Gross Saunders, DPT, MSPT, OCS, CCRP, the Wizard of Paws. The title of her talk is "Structure in Action for the Labrador Retriever: Injury Prevention, Conditioning, Ball Work, and Structure"

We lost our Clumber Spaniel, Edsel, very quickly to immune mediated hemolytic anemia in July, 2010. It was just devastating. The Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation is promoting research of this disease - it has a very poor survival rate in Clumbers. To learn more about it and to help out with the research please go to [Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation](#) Debbie began her physical therapy career with a Bachelor's of Science degree in physical therapy from Boston University. It was during her physical therapy education that she began to think about combining her love for animals with the principles of physical therapy. However, it was not until she continued on in the 'human' field of physical therapy that she seriously followed through with the combination of animals and physical therapy. ([Read more of Deb's story.](#))

She holds a Master of Science degree from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut in Orthopedic Physical Therapy with distinction and became board certified in orthopedic physical therapy from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Debbie earned her doctorate in Physical Therapy in August 2008 at the University of Tennessee.

Debbie has been working with small animals for over fourteen years. During the past seven years, she has become passionate about the recognition and treatment of injuries in athletic dogs. She currently runs a facility on her 23 acre farm that can accommodate lengthy stays for the rehabilitation of dogs, and in particular athletic dogs.

Debbie enjoys speaking all over the country as well as abroad. She has been teaching continuing education courses in the field for over eight years. She is one of the founders of the first and only university based program in canine rehabilitation - University of Tennessee's Certificate Program in Canine Physical Rehabilitation. She remains intricately involved in this program and [teaches throughout the year.](#)

Debbie also [speaks to agility groups and athletic groups](#) on a regular basis. She is commonly called in to evaluate dogs for pre-athletic exams and evaluates show dogs for conformation and movement. She has spoken at the Second and Third International Symposiums for Veterinarians and Physical Therapists in 2002 and 2004. She was also invited and spoke at Brian Mulligans' First International Symposium on her treatment and evaluation of joint dysfunction in dogs. She has also taught labs and spoken on Peripheral Joint Mobilization at the ACVS (Annual College of Veterinary Surgeons) Annual Meeting.

Debbie held the office of President of the Animal Physical Therapist Special Interest Group within the Orthopedic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association. She has been a member of this group for eight years. She is the founder and editor of an international canine physical rehabilitation journal, "[Wizard of Paws Journal](#)" and has written a book, [Canine Physical Therapy](#), dedicated to the manual evaluation and treatment of the canine patient. Currently, additional titles are in the works. She has recently published a chapter in the Veterinary Clinic of North America Journal on Joint Mobilization.

She is a regular contributor to the monthly agility magazine, Clean Run, as well as other performance magazines. She has been quoted in variety of magazines including Bark, Parade, AAHA's Trend Magazine, Veterinary Technician and newspapers across the country. You may have seen her on Good Morning America and heard her on Ask Martha's Vet with Marty Goldstein. In conjunction with Clean Run Productions, she has produced three DVD's: [Stretching the Performance Dog](#), [Strengthening the Performance Dog](#), and [Get on the Ball](#). She has two books and other projects currently in the works.

Live Flyer Day

Kathy Cipriani has been busy and has come up with information on holding a Live Flyer Day on Sunday, August 7th. The Location that seems to be the best for this, is called **Markover** in Danielson, CT. She is still seeking info on what is a normal cost to run dogs, rental fees and so forth. Wendy Ernst has offered to help with ducks.

Please email Kathy if you would like to help out

Email: kcip@comcast.net



Winter Match

Regular Classes; judged by Beth Robillard

Best In Match: Dogwood Cool MKT Run novice, owned by Shawn & Debra Scott
Best Puppy in Match: Patch, bitch, 6-9 mon., owned by Julie Jussame
Best of Opposite Sex: Chablais Dogwood George, dog, open, owned by Debra Scott
Best Opposite Sex Puppy In Match: Chaps, dog, 6-9 mon., owned by Cheryl Curtis
Best Junior: Juliana Mary Anderson, age 6
Best Veteran: Ridgcrest's All American, bitch, owned by Betsy Broyd

Sweeps; judged by Jen Leteio

Best of Sweeps: Aquarius Immabe The Flyest Chick bitch, 9-12, Kathy Snieder
Best of Sweeps Opposite: Woodruff Northern Trust dog, 12-18, Julie Kamis

Great BIG thanks to all Judges, Volunteers and Exhibitors!
This year's Match had a record attendance with 62 dogs entered!



Everyone enjoyed themselves & it was a great day for all!

This year we had two adorable Juniors entered with their pups, they are our future, please encourage Juniors to handle whenever you meet a young person with interest in showing!
Hope to see you all at next year's Match!

Nancy Bard, Chair

Tiffany Newman

EPILEPSY RESEARCH

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 2nd 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.

Advanced Retriever Workshop
with Carol Cassity

May 28 - 29

Where: Addieville East Farm, 200 Pheasant Drive
Maplewood, RI

Time: Seminar will begin promptly at 8:30am (breakfast at
8:00am)

What to Bring: chair, paper, pen, water for your dog if running
YGRC Member:

Handler/Dog: \$200; Auditor: \$150

NonMember:Handler/Dog: \$250; Auditor: \$200

Limited Entries: There are a total of 12 working spots for SH and
MH level dogs

and 18 auditor spots (any level). Entry deadline is April 1st.

Fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

This is an advanced seminar for handler teams in the transition and advanced stages of training. This seminar will be suitable for both AKC and HRC training. Field setups will be supplemented with yard drills that will enhance handling and marking concepts run with participating dogs. There will be setups covering a variety of training and handling challenges, for example: how to break down a triple for training purposes: identifying suction and factors, paying particular attention to the handlers role dealing with such. Carol will provide comments and suggestions on each run. All attendees are encouraged to ask questions throughout the seminar.

About Carol Cassity:

Carol Cassity is the author of Building A Retriever, Drills & More. Carol has been training her own dogs as an amateur since 1993. She has had experience working with a variety of pro trainers and breeds while working towards advanced titles in the hunt test game. Carol has worked with Chessies, Goldens, Labs, Tollers, Poodles, Boykins, Drahthaars, Curlies and Flat Coated Retrievers. She competes at both AKC and HRC hunt tests. Carol is an AA Finished judge in HRC. She has put multiple hunt test titles on her Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and Golden Retrievers, including: Grand Hunting Retriever Champion, Master Hunter, Hunting Retriever Champion and Upland Hunter. Carol's dog Tally was the first Chesapeake Bay retriever to achieve the titles of Grand Hunting Retriever Champion, 500 points and Master Hunter in the United States and the first of any breed in Florida.

Carol Cassity Seminar Registration deadline April 1st. Payment is non refundable, however substitute participants are allowed.

For more info: Susan Lynch, 27 Worcester Road, Hollis, NH 03049

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PRLRC Back to Back Specialty Update

September 22-23

N Stonington Agricultural Fairgrounds

Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT

Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd.

2011 Judging Panel Confirmed!

Thursday

Linda Bednarski (Tullamore) Bitches

David Hopkinson, UK (Rocheby) Dogs/Intersex

Dr. E. J. Adomelis: Obedience

Cindy Skiba (Epoch) Sweeps

Friday

David Hopkinson, UK (Rocheby) Bitches

Linda Bednarski (Tullamore) Dogs/Intersex

Mr. J. M. Ashton: Obedience

Nancy Chargo (Banner) Sweeps

Epilepsy Research cont.

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.

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 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) 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/DNAasamp.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 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.HYPERLINK \"http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/SampHand.pdf\"pdf](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/DNAhowto.HYPERLINK\) 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 15th & 16th, 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.

I am very thankful for Joan for taking this issue on and bringing to the attention of the Labrador world. I was active in the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog breed at the time they were working on getting their paired samples in and was impressed with how quickly such a SMALL group of breeders was able to accomplish the goal. It's more than a little disappointing that the Labradors lag behind.

I do think that epilepsy is an issue and is present in our breed. My first Labrador had epilepsy and although I never regret having had him in my life, it was absolutely heartbreaking to watch him have seizures. He died at 4 1/2 years old from complications of the anti-seizure medications. I can only imagine how difficult it is for pet owners and their children to deal with this condition.

I would strongly encourage breeders to actively participate in this research if they have an candidates.

Wendy C. Ernst, DVM



Trophy Donations PRLRC Back to Back Specialties

It's not too late to sponsor a class for our Specialty this fall. It's a nice way to pay tribute to a special old friend! Payments can be made on our website www.prlrc.org but please contact Janet Huntley to specify which class you would like to sponsor, or for more info

Check out Nationals
on facebook

**2011 LRC National
Specialty Event
Week**

www.facebook.com



JUDGES ONLY PUT UP HANDLERS, SO HANDLERS MUST BE THE ONLY ONES WINNING AT DOG SHOWS

Really? If you speak with very many exhibitors they'll be only too happy to express that statement. This got us thinking. So many folks believe this to be so, but upon what is this statement based? Perception? Experience? Their breed? What are the facts?

We decided to take a look at wins at dog shows. Using published records for MB-F shows held in 2008 and 2009 we looked at: The number of Winners wins awarded

The number of Bests of Breed awarded

The number of Group Firsts awarded

The number of Bests in Show awarded

The number of these wins that were awarded to dogs with no agent listed and the number that were awarded to dogs that had an agent listed.

Here's what we found.

For 2008:

82,724 Winners awards

11,771 (14%) were given to dogs with **handlers listed** and
70,953 (86%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

50,587 Bests of Breed awards

17,033 (34%) were awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
33,554 (66%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

3402 Group Firsts

1857 (55%) were awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
1545 (45%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

488 Bests in Show awards

323 (66%) awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
165 (34%) awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

For 2009:

82,237 Winners awards

11,239 (14%) were given to dogs with a **handler listed** and
70,998 (86%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

51,176 Bests of Breed awards

17,566 (34%) were awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
33,610 (66%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

3445 Group Firsts

1810 (53%) were awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
1635 (47%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

496 Bests in Show awards

310 (62%) were awarded to dogs with a **handler listed** and
186 (38%) were awarded to dogs with **no agent listed**.

The numbers are what they are. To find your individual breed, go to the accompanying table to see the numbers and percentages for Winners and Best of Breed. Please remember that not all breeds compete at each show. The totals account for every time a breed was entered at a show and competed. There are separate tables (by Variety Group) for 2008 and 2009.

[View the 2008 table](#)

[View the 2009 table](#)

	Coming To New England The Art and Science of Retriever Training with Pat Nolan – Ponderosa Kennel Hosted by The Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club July 9 - 10, 2011 Where: Addieville East Farm & Mike Coutu's Technical Training Ponds (1 mile from Addieville) 200 Pheasant Drive Mapleville, RI 02839
From getting your puppy off to the right start to challenging advanced concepts, Pat has a unique approach that maximizes your retriever's drive and learning. Pat's strong fundamental training concepts form a solid foundation for retrieving work. You will gain a clear understanding of how dogs learn to progress your training to a higher level. Pat's "break-through" and innovative methods should be of interest to all retriever trainers regardless of level.	
Cost: Working spot (2 days) limited to 15	\$ 200.00 CRFTC member \$ 225.00 non-member
Auditor : (2 days) Limited to 30	\$ 125.00 CRFTC member \$ 150.00 non-member
1 Day Attendance available \$ 75	
***CRFTC members will have priority for working spots until April 15, 2011; then it will be opened up to non-members on a first come, first serve basis.	
**DEADLINE for working and auditor registration is June 10, 2011	
***** CRFTC reserves the right to cancel seminar if not enough interest by June 10, 2011 *****	
There will be no refunds for working teams unless they can find a replacement.	
Seminar fee includes lunch both days, snacks and a Barbeque Dinner Saturday evening at Addieville	
For More Information Contact: Karen Kennedy Pleasantpine@aol.com	
Make checks payable to CRFTC (Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club). Mail payment & registration form to: Karen Kennedy, 343 Locust Street, Danvers, MA 01923	
Owner/Handler Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Dog's Name: _____	Breed: _____ Age: _____
Dog's Level: (puppy, JH/SH/MH/Derby/Q./All-age) _____	
What are you looking to get out of this seminar: _____	



Congratulations!



Tide Rock's Sea Star Salty Mist, (shown on right)

Owned by Jean Staunning was Best Puppy in breed at the Eastern Dog Club show held in Providence RI 12/12/2010 under Judge Barbara Nowak– Misty was expertly handled by Norman Grenier.



Mayfair Autumn Way

Trick or Treat, co-owned by Gayle Tabor and Karen Pandolfi
Springfield KC 11/28/10
1st puppy bitches 6-9 mos
Elm City KC 2/19/11
1st puppy bitches 9-12
Eastern Dog Club 12/11/1
2nd puppy bitches 6-9 mos
Governor's Foot Guard
2/20/11 1st - puppy bitches 9-12 months

Danbridge Kathryn's Emmy Award RA, CDX, CGC, TDI, alias Emmy, had a wonderful year in 2010. She took 4th place, on January 23rd, at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Trial at Performance Plus in Taunton. Here she achieved her "Companion Dog Excellent" title. On June 17th, she placed 4th again, receiving her "Rally Advanced" title at the LRCGB Specialty in Westford. What a great role model for her roommate Sophie (**Sunapee's Summer Catch CC**) who received a Conformation Certificate at the PRLRC Field Trial in October. Way to go girls

Beamer-the honorary PRLRC Golden, Belhaven **RHF My Beamish Boy**, WC was Best Gun Dog in the golden ring on Sunday. Got his mom, Anne Angelastro a bit teary-eyed as he entered the group ring! Those veteran boys sure tug at our heart strings.

"A BIG thank you from the New England Sporting Group Association for a fabulous entry in Labs again this year, the 5th Annual shows on March 19 & 20 in Fitchburg. We appreciate your support and awesome enthusiasm ringside!"

Anne Angelastro

New England Sporting Group, March 19, 2011
1st sweeps 9-12

New England Sporting Group, March 19, 2011
4th 9-12 puppy bitches

New England Sporting Group, March 20, 2011
1st 9-12 puppy bitches

Jen Leteio's new dog, co-owned with Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren got Winners Dog at our supported entry at New England Sporting Dog Assoc on sat at his very first show for a 4 point major!!! He also got Reserve on sunday!!! is name is **Grampian Sharp Shooter**. "**Shooter**"

What a nice story:

"Shooter came back to Robin Anderson after 5 years of being in a pet home. His original owner died of cancer after about a year of owning Shooter. The family decided that they would take care of him. Then after 4 years they decided that they didn't want to deal with a dog anymore and Robin got him on a plane to come home to her.

She had Gerrie Owren and I come to look at him to see if he was worth keeping, we both said absolutely!!! Now the 3 of us own him. So yesterday was his very first dog show and he got WD from the Novice class at New England Sporting Dog for a 4 point major!! Thank you Betty Wenner!! He got reserve today, and Robin, Gerrie, and I couldnt be more happier. He shows like he has been doing it all his life!

" Jen L.

Coming Events:

April 12-15 36th Annual Potomac Specialty Frederick, MD

May 10 PRLRC Regular Monthly meeting N. Stonington, CT

May 13-14 Pioneer Valley Specialty Westfield, MA

Regular Judges : Sue Willumson (Willcare) and Margaret Brown (Ramseyville) Scotland

Sweeps (Friday) Linda Farquaharson, Scotland and (Saturday) Bob Robathum, Canada

Obedience (Friday) Nancy Withers (Saturday) Patricia Hess Juniors: Sara Crepeau

Rally (Friday) Patricia Hess (Saturday) Nancy Withers

June 16-17 Greater Boston Specialty

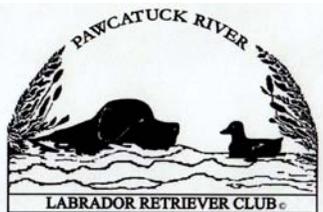
Regular Judges : Guillermo Carilla MD (Tequilabs) and Patty Block (Sumo Labradors)

Sweeps (Thursday) Susan Patterson (Fenwick) (Friday) Becky Jack (Nip N Tuck)

Obedience: Jean Charest will be doing both days

Rally: (Thursday) Lyn n DePrizio (Friday) Donna Blews-Papas

July 8 PRLRC Fair Demo North Stonington Fairgrounds



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