

Merry Christmas

THE LAB REPORT

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BOARD MINUTES FOR THE HRLRC MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2001

A regularly scheduled meeting of the HRLRC was held at Andrico's on October 23, 2001 at 7:40 p.m. Board members present were: Angela Ewald, Mary MacLean, Nancy Chargo, Cheryl Wellnitz, Helen Bronson, Beverly Schnell, Stella Blair, Cathy Culpert, George Schnell, Sheila Norgren, and guests Dolores Richards, Pauline Mortier, and Jeanine Asch.

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: see attached. Although all the bills have not been turned in it appears that we made a profit at the Specialty and this was due to the success of the raffle. The board felt that the lunch prices should be raised next year and that the quality of the lunches was excellent.

Spring Specialty: Pauline Mortier volunteered to steward. One more steward is needed. If the entries are large enough for the DKC shows we will get money back.

Fall Specialty: Sweeps judge is still needed. The possibility of having the show at Cabela's was discussed and Annie will check into it and firm up the judges.

Two letters were read to the Board. One from Madge Ziessow and the other from Barb Reisig. Both were protesting the cost of the litter ads and both felt that they should be exempted from attending meetings. After discussion the Board decided (unanimously) that the original

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

By Bev Schnell

The General Membership Meeting of the Huron River Labrador Retriever Club will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2001** at the home of **Sheila & Norm Norgren at 6 p.m.** This is our Annual Christmas party and it will be a potluck, so call Sheila to let her know if you will be attending and what dish you will be bringing. There will be a brief Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. so plan to arrive early.

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www.huronriverlrc.com

COMMUNICATION WEBSITE:

hrlrc@yahoo.com

decision was made for the good of the club and that decision still stands.

Mike Pipia reported that at this date 4 people are interested in hunting classes.

In November the newsletter is going online. Pauline or Maurice Mortier must be notified if you wish a hard copy.

Sunshine: It was voted on that seriously ill members should receive flowers while their family members should receive cards.

Diane Russell sent a letter complaining of the \$25.00 for the newsletter only. The \$25.00 is for a hard copy.

Judy Trevino was reimbursed for the crate she bought for rescue.

PUPPY MATCH: Mark your calendars for JULY 13TH. Once again it will be at the home of Norm and Sheila Norgren.

CHRISTMAS PARTY will be at the Norgren's on December 8th and is **POT LUCK** at 6 p.m. Call Sheila if you have a question (517) 548-4037.

Cathy Culpert will invite a speaker for Therapy dogs for the March meeting. There is a \$60 fee that we hope to share with other clubs. Remember if we want to have speakers we must attend those meetings.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Norgren, Recording Secretary

EMAIL CORRECTION

Please correct your membership booklet and email address book for **JUDY TREVINO**. Correct addresses are:

Home: JALEGRA@AOL.COM

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Thanks.



THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thanks to all the people that helped with all my questions preparing for the specialty show. A special thanks also to Kim Bryson, Karen Brines and Cindy Skiba for coming over and helping me prepare the catalog, stuff the exhibitor's slips and judges' schedules for the mail. And, again, a very special thank you to all the people that I called and took up their time with questions on the phone. I could not have done the job this year without all of you.

Sincerely, Cheryl Wellnitz

VetGen Research

Submitted by Michelle VeuCasovic

VetGen is continuing their research in Hip dysplasia, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, and Early Onset Cataracts in Labrador Retrievers. We have already learned the genetic markers for other diseases and have developed DNA tests to determine which animals are clear, carrier and affected. This information will enable breeders to select the sire or dam which will prevent these hereditary diseases from affecting their puppies, and keep their lines clear of these problems.

To develop these new DNA tests for Labradors we need participation from owner/breeders who can supply us with crucial DNA samples from affected and unaffected dogs. Breed clubs can play an important part in

this by letting their members know about these research projects at club meetings, and through the club's newsletters.

For either the Hip Dysplasia or the Juvenile Cataract research we need DNA samples from families of dogs in which two or more are affected with Hip Dysplasia. Along with the DNA from the affected dogs we need DNA samples from either the sire or dam (preferably both) and several unaffected siblings when available. For our research on PRA we just need DNA samples from affected dogs. DNA is collected by means of small cheek swabs which are simple swiped in the dog's mouth.

When contacted we send sets of cheek swabs for DNA sample collection along with instructions, and self-addressed, stamped envelopes for their return. Participation is free and completely confidential.

I encourage you to visit our web site at www.vetgen.com and provide a link to your web page if you wish. If you have any questions please contact me at either the email or the phone number listed below.

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WHELPIN' WAGGIN'

Disclaimer Clause: This list is for litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club and has been made available for your assistance in finding a new puppy. BUT: The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. makes no warranties, expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc. telephone listing, Newsletter Listing, or within the HRLRC, Inc., website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc. does not endorse, recommend, or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed.

Reminder: Send \$5 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Pauline Mortier, 4611 Brophy, Howell, MI 48843. Please indicate in memo section of check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards our Rescue Account. Please call (517) 548-5429 or email pmortier@ismi.net to renew or update your ad. Deadline is the 15th of the month. NEW POLICY: No litter ad will be published without receipt of the fee. Also beginning JULY 1, 2001 for ACTIVE MEMBERS fee remains the same---\$5 per month/per ad. For NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS fee will be \$100 per month/per ad. Read the minutes in the March 2001 newsletter for detailed explanation of ACTIVE MEMBERS & NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Hunt Club Clayview Funny Bear
LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE

Ch Hennings Mill Lubberline Jib
X

AmCanCh Chancellor Merry
BANNERS BUTTER ME UP

Banners On the Rocks
Whelped: October 12th
2 yellow females 3 yellow males
Nancy Chargo Clio, MI
(810) 686-0967

Banner Wenwood Obleo Arrow WC WCX JH
BONAVENTURE CHOCOLATIER

Alegra Kahlua
X

Windfalls Charrow MacKacy
BANNERS BRONWYN

Banners Apple Brown Betty
Due: Jan. 1, 2001
All chocolates
Nancy Chargo Clio, MI
(810) 686-0967

Ch Raintree Slippery When Wet, JH
WITHARA BRODIE'S SOUVENIR
Withara Classique's One To Remember
X

Ch Dickendall Arnold
WINDFALL'S STORMY SUNRISE AT BANNER

Ch Windfall's Win Storm, JH
Whelped: Nov. 12
7 black males
Helen Bronson Flushing, MI
(810) 659-8517

Ramsayville Raith
TALARD RUNAWAY AT RAMSAYVILLE

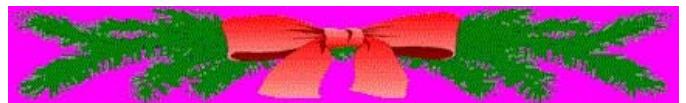
Talard Miss Jemima
X
Fin Ch Upwards Alfonso
STRONGLINES KEEP GOING
Fin Ch Stronglines Ever Known

Due: Dec. 25
All blacks
Pauline & Maurice Mortier Howell, MI
(517) 548-5429 email: pmortier@ismi.net

RESCUE

Small black female Labrador, all shots up to date, very mellow temperament, housebroken, loves children. Contact: Nancy Chargo (810) 686-0967 or Stephanie Bellant (810) 670-0976.

Large black male Labrador, all shots up to date, current on heartworm medication, watchdog temperament, should be in home without small children. Contact: Maurice Mortier (517) 548-5429



WINS'N'GRINS

Central Ohio LRC Specialty Saturday Oct. 27th

Sweepstakes Classes Saturday

BONAVENTURE'S KNIGHT WATCHMAN---Tom & Gail Shearer---4th 6-9 month puppy dog

SPIRIT OF SHERWOOD AT BONAVENTURE---Tom & Gail Shearer---2nd 6-9 month puppy dog

WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---1st 9-12 month puppy dog & **BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES!!!**

LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---Pauline & Maurice Mortier---2nd 12-15 months dog

EAST HILL WILLIAM TELL---Sheila Norgren---2nd 15-18 months dog

LOR-ALS DIRECT FROM TANTARA---Laura Reich---3rd 15-18 months dog

BONAVENTURE'S LUCY LOCKET---Tom & Gail Shearer---4th 6-9 months puppy bitch

MADAMIK WINDFALL SIERRA VISTA---Angela Ewald & Annie Cogo---2nd 6-9 months puppy bitch

EAST HILL WILLIAM SONOMA---Sheila Norgren---1st 15-18 months bitch

Regular Classes Saturday

SPIRIT OF SHERWOOD AT BONAVENTURE---Tom & Gail Shearer---2nd 6-9 months puppy dog

WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---1st 6-9 months puppy dog

EAST HILL WILLIAM TELL---Sheila Norgren---1st 9-12 months puppy dog

LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---Pauline & Maurice Mortier---4th 9-12 months puppy dog

BONAVENTURE'S CLIPPER---Tom & Gail Shearer---1st Bred by Exhibitor Dog

HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW FUNNY BEAR---Nancy Arbuckle, David Vollette & Pauline Mortier---1st Open Black Dog & **RESERVE WINNERS DOG!**

WITHARA BRODIES SOUVENIR---Annie Cogo & Eric & Tammy Benziger---2nd Open Black Dog

LOR-AL'S LOVER BOY AT NANI-LOA---Laura Reich---2nd Open Yellow Dog

BONAVENTURE'S LUCY LOCKET---Tom & Gail Shearer---1st 6-9 months puppy bitch

MADAMIK WINDFALL SIERRA VISTA---Angela Ewald & Annie Cogo---4th 6-9 months puppy bitch

WINDFALLS SWEET TEA AT EPOCH---Cindy Skiba & Annie Cogo---2nd 9-12 months puppy bitch

WINDFALL STORMY'S SHADOW---Annie & Ron Cogo---3rd Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

MARDAS MADURO WRAPPER---Carol Johnson & Michelle VeuCasovic---3rd Open Chocolate Bitches

BANNER'S CHA CHA CHA AT EPOCH---Cindy Skiba & Nancy Chargo---1st Open Chocolate Bitches

GAFF CINAMAR SWEET EXTREME---Mark & Cindy Adler---2nd Open Chocolate Bitches

INSELHEIM CORIANER---Barb Reisig---1st Open Yellow Bitch---**WINNERS BITCH, BEST OF WINNERS, BEST OF BREED, GROUP 3 !!!!!**

PORTSIDE MOLLY BROWN CD JH---Mike & Judy Merians---1st Hunting Retriever Bitch

Central Ohio LRC Supported Entry Sunday Oct. 28th
Sweepstakes Classes Sunday

BONAVENTURE'S KNIGHT WATCHMAN---Tom & Gail Shearer---3rd 6-9 months puppy dog

SPIRIT OF SHERWOOD AT BONAVENTURE---Tom & Gail Shearer---4th 6-9 months puppy dog

WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---1st 9-12 months puppy dog

WAYFIELD HIGHLAND PLAID---Pam Smith---2nd 9-12 months puppy dog

LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---Pauline & Maurice Mortier---1st 12-15 months dog

EAST HILL WILLIAM TELL---Sheila Norgren---3rd 15-18 months dog

LOR-AL'S DIRECT FROM TANTARA---Laura Reich---1st 15-18 months dog---**BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES!!!**

BONAVENTURE'S LUCY LOCKET---Tom & Gail Shearer---2nd 6-9 months puppy bitch

MADAMIK WINDFALL SIERRA VISTA---Angela Ewald & Annie Cogo---3rd 6-9 months puppy bitch

EAST HILL WILLIAM SONOMA---Sheila Norgren---2nd 15-18 months bitch

Regular Classes Sunday

BONAVENTURE'S KNIGHT WATCHMAN---Tom & Gail Shearer---3rd 6-9 months puppy dog

SPIRIT OF SHERWOOD AT BONAVENTURE---Tom & Gail Shearer---2nd 6-9 months puppy dog

WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---1st 9-12 months puppy dog

LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---Pauline & Maurice Mortier---3rd 12-18 months dog

LOR-ALS DIRECT FROM TANTARA---Laura Reich---1st 12-18 months dog, **WINNERS DOG, BEST OF WINNERS, BEST OF BREED, BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES & made the cut in Group!!!!**

BONAVENTURE'S CLIPPER---Tom & Gail Shearer---1st Bred by Exhibitor Dog

HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW FUNNY BEAR---Nancy Arbuckle, David Vollette, & Pauline Mortier---2nd Open Black Dog

WITHARA BRODIES SOUVENIR---Annie Cogo & Eric & Tammy Benziger---1st Open Black Dog & **RESERVE WINNERS DOG!**

CINAMAR'S MONTANA MAC ATTACK---Mark & Cindy Adler---4th Open Chocolate Dog

BONAVENTURE'S LUCY LOCKET---Tom & Gail Shearer---1st 6-9 months puppy bitch

WINDFALL'S PIPE DREAMS---Annie & Ron Cogo---3rd 9-12 months puppy bitch

WINDFALL STORMY'S SHADOW---Annie & Ron Cogo---2nd Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

MARDAS MADURO WRAPPER---Carol Johnson & Michelle VeuCasovic---1st Open Chocolate Bitch

BANNERS CHA CHA CHA AT EPOCH---Cindy Skiba & Nancy Chargo---2nd Open Chocolate Bitch

GAFF CINAMAR SWEET EXTREME---Mark & Cindy Adler---3rd Open Chocolate Bitch

CH INSELHEIM CORIANER---Barb Reisig---**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX!!!**

BONAVENTURE'S CLIPPER---**NORTHEASTERN INDIANA KC**---Tom & Gail Shearer---1st Bred by Exhibitor & **WINNERS DOG & 3 point major!!! And LIMA KC**---1st Bred by Exhibitor & **WINNERS DOG & 3 point major & NEW CHAMPION shown and finished exclusively from the Bred by Exhibitor classes**

WITHARA BRODIE'S SOUVENIR---Annie Cogo & Eric & Tammy Benziger---Oakland County KC---**WINNERS DOG & A NEW CHAMPION !!!**

AM/CAN CH LOR-AL'S GOT OUR POWER PLAY CD JH---finished his CD with a score of **191.5!!!**

LEO---Kim Bridgewater Bryson---Progressive KC---**WINNERS DOG & BEST OF WINNERS**---No longer afraid of the big noisy building and the judge!!!

THE BUSTER CUBE

By Autumn Davidson, DVM

Dog psychologists have demonstrated that many behavioral problems can be reduced by *mental stimulation*.

Yes, in addition to physical activity and exercise we need to offer our dogs *mental* exercise and stimulation.

Through studies of wild dog's activities, dog psychologists Anders Hallgren and Marie Hansson Hallgren have identified three very important ingredients of mental stimulation.

- Sense of smell
- Problem solving
- Learning

The Buster Cube is an ingenious toy, which incorporates these three features to provide mental

stimulation for your dog. It is a fun way for him to utilize excess energy in a natural way.

By serving your dog ready-to-eat meals we have unwittingly eliminated one of his basic activities, hunting and foraging for food. These are activities in which the dog would have to use his natural instincts to find the food, work out how to catch it, etc. This sort of mental exercise is very important and your dog will be a happier and more contented individual if you can provide it in other forms. You will also help to prevent many common behavioral problems from developing in your dog. And, if you already have such problems, you might even be able to decrease their severity or eliminate them completely.

The Buster Cube has been developed by Mr. Kurt Jorgensen of Denmark, who has had many years of experience with dogs with behavioral problems.

Easy to Use

The Buster Cube is divided into several compartments which release dry food pellets when the dog rolls the Cube with his nose or paws. The smaller the food pellet the more pellets it takes before your dog feels full and the more energy he will use getting enough food out of the Cube.

It's important to reduce the dog's daily food allowance by an amount of food equal to what he eats when playing with the Cube.

Turning the cylinder towards min. or max. regulates the ease with which the food will be released, and is a way of adjusting the level of difficulty for your dog as he progresses. Enthusiastic Buster Cub players need a greater challenge!

The Buster Cube will withstand ordinary cleaning agents and is dishwasher safe.

Treat your dog to an inexpensive, high quality toy, which will greatly enrich live "playtime", producing a more contented dog.

How do I teach my dog to use a Buster Cube?

When the dog is introduced to a Buster Cube for the first time, the degree of difficulty is set at "max".

Fill the Cube with dry food, approximately one spoonful. Rotate the Buster Cube a couple of times to distribute the food in the Cube. Place the Buster Cube on the floor or ground with the hole facing upwards and let the dog smell at the hole. Push the Cube for the dog so that he can see how it works and soon learn what to do. In no time it will be necessary to change the degree of difficulty. Another good way of teaching the dog

how to use the cube is to give it its usual dry food by means of the Buster Cube. When the dog scents the well-known smell of food, it will activate the cube to get the food out.

Are all dogs able to use the Buster Cube?

Yes, the Cube rolls very easily and the dog does not need a lot of strength to activate the Cube. Just remember that the Buster Food Cube is for large dogs and the Buster Mini Cube is for small dogs.

How do I adjust the level of difficulty?

You can turn the inner tube from min. to max. When it is turned to max. the opening is widest and the largest amount of food will get out.

The Buster Cube is Easy to Use

Start the dog playing or eating by rolling the cube across the floor. The dog will use its nose to move the cube and gradually learn how to empty it, or in other words, the dog is rewarded with food or treats the more it plays with the cube. It is of course important to consider the extra nutritional energy intake provided through the cube. Therefore the daily amount of food must be kept at a level corresponding to the dog's needs in order to avoid obesity.

As the dog gets more experiences and empties the cube faster, it is possible to increase the level of difficulty and thus maintain the value of the cube. This is done by turning the cylinder towards maximum or minimum respectively in order to adjust the speed at which the food is released during play.

For filling and easy cleaning the central cylinder can be removed. Put your finger into the hole of the cylinder and turn towards MAX. Turn counterclockwise again until you hear a sound. Now it is possible to extract the cylinder. When replacing the cylinder please note that the tabs on the cylinder are three different sizes and should be placed into the three slots of corresponding sizes in the opening of the cube. Turn the cylinder clockwise towards MIN. When you hear the click sound then the cylinder is back in place and will turn only between MIN. and MAX.

Put the dry food into the Buster Cube through the opening. Turn the cube to distribute the food into the various compartments inside. Turn the central cylinder in the Buster Cube to adjust the level of difficulty.



LABRADOR OF THE MONTH

Especially now that the Huron River Labrador Retriever Club Newsletter is online, members are invited to submit a photo and brief article on your special Labrador. Your Labrador must have attained a title, distinction, win, or experience that sets them apart from all others. The Editor will make the selection for each month. Photos may be electronically scanned to the editor or sent via regular mail. All photos sent via regular mail will be returned.

MEMORIAL

Do you have a special Labrador that has died and that you wish to pay tribute to? Send photo, achievements, and brief commentary to the Editor for publication in the club newsletter.

TITLES IN LABRADOR QUARTERLY

If your dog has earned a title in the year 2001, please contact Laura Michaels laura@woodhavenlabs.com and let her know. Laura is compiling the annual list of club members whose dogs have earned titles for the spring issue of the Labrador Quarterly. Deadline to submit your dogs' titles to her for inclusion is JANUARY 15, 2002.

