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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

By Bev Schnell

The next General Membership Meeting of the HRLRC will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2002 at the Hartland High School, Room 2, on M-59 just west of US-23 at 7:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!!!!

The Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7 pm at ANDRICO'S on US-23 and Owen Road.

There is a notice in the newsletter, it is that time again, membership dues ... please note that your check should go to our Treasurer, Cheryl Wellnitz.

Hopefully, most of the bad weather is behind us, but should there be any question of a meeting being cancelled, it will be placed on the YAHOO GROUP. If you do not have a computer and wish to be contacted by phone, please let me know. A good rule would be IF THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THERE IS NO MEETING!

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Reminder: The March General Membership Meeting is the time for nominations from the floor. Elections will be the April General Membership Meeting.

HRLRC MEETING SCHEDULE 2002

February 19 Board Meeting
March 8 General Membership Meeting
March 19 Board Meeting
April 5 General Membership Meeting & Elections

DUES

Membership Dues for Family are \$40, for Single are \$30, for Newsletter Only \$25. Breeders Directory Dues on the HRLRC Club Website are \$25. All fees are due MAY 15, 2002. Remit to the Treasurer.

TITLES EARNED

CORY'S DANCING HAWK, CGC, TDI, FUR ANGEL---owned by Stella Blair & Dolores Richards

KREEKSIDE KING EDDY AT CORY'S, CGC, TDI, FUR ANGEL---owned by Stella Blair & Dolores Richards

EMAIL?

Do you have email? Has your email address changed? Have you newly acquired email? Please notify the President, Beverly Schnell, of any new additions so that we may keep in touch.

MINUTES FOR THE HRLRC BOARD MEETING 2/8/02

A regular meeting of the HRLRC Board was held in Hartland, MI at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Sheila Norgren, Nancy Chargo, Mary MacLean, Helen Bronson, Stella Blair, and Cheryl Wellnitz. Guests: Pauline Mortier and Mike Rathsburg.

The possible liability of Board members was discussed. Cheryl will check with Sportsman's Insurance.

Rescue was discussed and Nancy mentioned how ads in the Livingston Press were beneficial and that Bonnie Matthias has a weekly rescue "Open House Adopt A Pet." We may ask her to speak at a future meeting.

Members discussed individuals joining the LRC.

The necessity of having a Fan Out for Board Meeting was discussed. It was felt that emailing alone was not enough. The president calls the Vice President and so on.

A form for the Labrador Breed Council was looked at and will be filled out at the Board meeting.

A motion was made and passed that the website and membership dues be due at the same time.

Pauline volunteered to email Sheila with the Club's Logo so that she can use the Logo for the raffle receipts.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Norgren, Secretary

MINUTES FOR THE HRLRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2/8/02

A regular meeting of the HRLRC was held at Hartland High School Room 2 at 7:30 pm.

Due to President Schnell's illness the meeting was run by the Vice President Nancy Chargo.

The minutes were accepted as read.

New Business: 250 dogs are needed for search and rescue. The type of dog that is suitable needs an "up" temperament.

The form for the Labrador Breed Council was filled out and will be mailed.

Show Chairs need to have our parent club approve any Specialty we may have. This is a formality, but needs to be done.

Field: Ron Cogo discussed possible dates. Lapeer is unavailable for our use during the nesting season which runs from April 15 to July 15. April 6th and August 24th were proposed dates.

A discussion on the value of the trailers and their contents followed. An inventory needs to be done to determine the insurance needed.

Spring Specialty---the premiums have been sent. We will have a raffle.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Norgren, Secretary



OUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS LABRADORS

From Maurice Mortier, Editor

One of the results of heightened national security by our government agencies is the need for trained detection dogs. The number of 9,000 dogs over the immediate years ahead has been mentioned.

Auburn University appears to be the center for acquisition, breeding, training and disposition. The Canine Detection Training Center (CDTC) will be looking to acquire dogs locally in the near future.

"Auburn University's Canine Detection Training Center (CDTC) was founded to provide local, state, and federal law enforcement with trained detection dogs of the highest quality. As part of this effort, CDTC has started a Labrador Retriever breeding program in association with Australian Customs Breeding Program. The purpose of the CDTC's breeding program is to provide well-socialized dogs for training as detection dogs. By breeding our own dogs, CDTC is able to breed for the traits that will help dog handlers in the community."

I have had some contact with the CDTC and the FAA with the result that I am satisfied any Labradors entering the program will have a good life at the facility and with their handlers.

Members interested in further information can contact me or the CDTC website at www.vetmed.auburn.edu/ibds or Leslie Busbee at neubala@hotmail.com

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WINS'N'GRINS

LIVINGSTON KC DAY 1
CINAMAR'S MASTER OF
TWISTIN'---Cindy & Mark Adler---
3rd Open Black Dog

LAKEVIEW BROWNBANK
CHESTER---Kristi Fruchey---3rd
Open Chocolate Dog

BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE
VISCOUNT---Pauline & Maurice
Mortier---2nd Open Chocolate Dog

WINDFALL LUBBERLINE SAILOR-
Annie & Ron Cogo---3rd Open
Yellow Dog

ROSANAN BARLEY CORN---Meira
Regev---1st Open Yellow Dog &
WINNERS DOG!!!---3 point major!!!

INFINITY'S SASPARILLA
O'FORSYTHE---Michelle
VeuCasovic & Carol Johnson---1st
Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

WINDFALL'S STORMY SKY---
Annie & Ron Cogo---4th Open Black
Bitch

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

EAST HILL WILLIAM SONOMA---
Sheila Norgren---2nd Open Yellow
Bitch

LIVINGSTON KC DAY 2
LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---
Pauline & Maurice Mortier---1st 12-18
Month Dog

ALEGRA SABO'S TOP GUN---Matt
Pius & Judy Trevino---2nd 12-18
Month Dog

INFINITY'S SCREAMING EAGLE---
Michelle VeuCasovic---2nd Bred By
Exhibitor Dog

CINAMAR'S MASTER OF
TWISTIN'---Cindy & Mark Adler---
2nd Open Black Dog

LAKEVIEW'S BROWNBANK
CHESTER---Kristi Fruchey---1st
Open Chocolate Dog

EAST HILL WILLIAM TELL---Sheila
Norgren---4th Open Yellow Dog

WINDFALL'S LUBBERLINE
SAILOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---1st
Open Yellow Dog---WINNERS DOG
& BEST OF WINNERS!!! 3 point
major!!!

ROSANAN BARLEY CORN---Meira
Regev---2nd Open Yellow Dog

LAKEVIEW'S GOLDEN ANGEL---
Kristi Fruchey---2nd 6-9 Month Puppy
Bitch

NORTHMARKS EXHALATION---
Karen Brines---1st 6-9 Month Puppy
Bitch & BEST PUPPY!!!

LORESHO GRACE---Meira Regev---
3rd 12-18 Month Bitch

INFINITY'S SASPARILLA
O'FORSYTHE---Michelle
VeuCasovic & Carol Johnson---2nd
Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

BANNERS BROWN AND SERVE---
Nancy Chargo---1st Bred By Exhibitor
Bitch

WINDFALL'S STORMY SKY---
Annie & Ron Cogo---4th Open Black
Bitch

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

LAKEVIEW'S BABBLIN' BROOK---
Kristi Fruchey---3rd Open Chocolate
Bitch

EAST HILL WILLIAM SONOMA---
Sheila Norgren---1st Open Yellow
Bitch---WINNERS BITCH!!! 3 point
major!!!

MAR-JO'S ON THE BANK---Mike &
Judy Merians---4th Open Yellow
Bitch

OAKLAND COUNTY KC
KREEKSIDE THE DUCK STOPS
HERE---Pam Smith---2nd 6-9 Month
Puppy Dog

ALEGRA SABO'S TOP GUN---Matt
Pius & Judy Trevino---1st 12-18
Month Dog

LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---
Pauline & Maurice Mortier---2nd 12-
18 Month Dog

INFINITY'S SCREAMING EAGLE---
Michelle VeuCasovic---2nd Bred By
Exhibitor Dog

CINAMAR'S MASTER OF
TWISTIN'---Mark & Cindy Adler---
3rd Open Black Dog

MID-KNIGHT IN SHINING
ARMOUR---Pam Smith---4th Open
Black Dog

LAKEVIEW BROWNBANK
CHESTER---Kristi Fruchey---3rd
Open Chocolate Dog

BANNERS ST NICK AT EASTHILL-
---Sheila Norgren---1st Open
Chocolate Dog

ROSANAN BARLEY CORN---Meira
Regev---2nd Open Yellow Dog

LOR-AL'S DIRECT FROM
TANTARA---Laura Reich---1ST Open
Yellow Dog---WINNERS DOG &
BEST OF WINNERS!!! 3 point
major!!!

KREEKSIDE CORE TRAINING---
Diane Masserant---2nd 6-9 Month
Puppy Bitch

NORTHMARKS EXHALATION---
Karen Brines---1st 6-9 Month Puppy
Bitch

**INFINITY'S SASPARILLA
O'FORSYTHE---Michelle
VeuCasovic & Carol Johnson---1st
Bred By Exhibitor Bitch**

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

MARDAS MADURO WRAPPER---
Michelle VeuCasovic & Carol
Johnson---4th Open Chocolate Bitch

EAST HILL WILLIAM SONOMA---
Sheila Norgen---2nd Open Yellow
Bitch

INSELHEIM CALAMITY JANE---
Mike & Judy Merians---3rd Open
Yellow Bitch

**MARION OHIO KC
LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE---**
Pauline & Maurice Mortier---1st 12-18
Month Dog---RESERVE WINNERS
DOG!

**MID-KNIGHT IN SHINING
ARMOUR---Pam Smith---1st Open
Black Dog ---WINNERS DOG &
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX!!!**

**CINAMAR'S MONTANA MAC
ATTACK---Mark & Cindy Adler---
2nd Open Chocolate Dog**

LOR-AL'S DIRECT DEPOSIT---
Laura Reich---1st Open Yellow Dog

**MAR-JO'S ON THE BANK---Mike &
Judy Merians---2nd Bred By Exhibitor
Bitch**

INSELHEIM CALAMITY JANE---
Mike & Judy Merians---3rd Open
Yellow Bitch

**PIEDMONT LRC SPECIALTY
WINDFALL'S STORMY SKY---**
Annie & Ron Cogo---RESERVE
WINNERS BITCH!

**WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie
& Ron Cogo---1st 15-18 Months Dog
in Sweeps**

**WINDFALL'S ABERDEEN AT
AVONLEA---Annie Cogo & Cathy
Chisholm---2nd 1-15 Month Bitch in
Sweeps**

**WINDFALL'S LUBBERLINE
SAILOR---Annie & Ron Cogo---2nd
Open Yellow Dog**

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@iami.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.

**Banner Wenwood Obleo Arrow
WC WCX JH
BONAVENTURE CHOCOLATIER
Alegra Kahlua**

**X
Windfalls Charrow MacKacy
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Banners Apple Brown Betty
Whelped: Jan. 1, 2002
3 chocolate males; 2 chocolate bitches
Nancy Chargo Clio, MI
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**Epoch's Edward At Bonaventure
BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE
VISCOUNT**

**Classique's Count On Me
X
Loresho Tango
CAPE BRETON'S COTILLION
Chablais Katelyn
Whelped: Feb. 6, 2002
3 chocolate males; 2 chocolate bitches
and**

**Ch Hyspire Darktown Strutter
WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR
Ch Windfall's Black Piper
X
Ch Lubberline Yachtsman
CAPE BRETON'S BAILIWICK
Countryside Michiwa Sultan
Blacks & Yellows Due March 1, 2002
Mary MacLean Metamora, MI
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email: mmaclean55@hotmail.com**

**OLDER DOG FOR SALE
10 month chocolate male looking for
nice family. Kepts as a show
prospect and now has a crooked
tooth. Will sell at puppy price.
Contact: Annie & Ron Cogo, Howell,
MI (517) 546-7722 Email:
windfall@ismi.net**



NEW APPROACH TO VACCINATION OF THE CANINE

By Leanne Bertani, MD
(submitted by Laura Michaels)

For years, it was believed that annual vaccinations for viral diseases were necessary to keep our beloved companions out of harm's way. But we have recently come to a turning point in vaccination of the canine. While we are grateful for protection from diseases such as distemper and parvovirus, there is a growing realization that vaccination is not always benign.

In 1996, a study was published suggesting an association between vaccination and autoimmune disease, specifically autoimmune hemolytic anemia, an often fatal destruction of red blood cells.

This was followed by another study that demonstrated that dogs may develop an autoimmune response after vaccination. In 1998, the American Association of Feline Practitioners responded to the increasing incidence of vaccine-induced fibrosarcomas in cats by

changing the recommendation for feline parvovirus vaccination from annually to every three years. These events, coupled with the knowledge that some vaccinations for viral diseases may protect for seven or more years, have caused veterinarians and dog breeders alike to begin to ask, "Are we vaccinating too much?"

Duration of Immunity for Common Vaccines

Studies have shown that, once fully immunized, more than 90% of canines retain immunity to Parvovirus-2 and Adenovirus-2 for more than 7 years. (Full immunization may not take place with vaccinations administered prior to 16 weeks, due to interference by maternal antibodies.) Immunization to Distemper may last up to 15 years, and immunization to Corona virus probably lasts a lifetime. Immunization to Rabies and Parainfluenza lasts about 3 years in about 80-85% of dogs. Note that proven duration of immunity may vary dependent on the type of vaccination used; for instance, modified live parvovirus demonstrated a longer duration of immunity than killed virus; one strain of distemper tested for a longer duration than another. New recombinant vaccines may be more efficient and produce a longer-lasting immunity.

Other vaccines, particularly the bacterial ones, are less durable. Some vaccines for Bordetella may last less than a year and are probably only effective in about 70% of dogs. Sufficient data on Leptospira, Borrelia (Lyme) and Giardia vaccine is not available to suggest immunization lasting much longer than a year.

Progress in the Veterinary Community

The American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents published

immunization recommendations for dogs and cats in 1989, suggesting annual revaccination. The companies that produce the vaccines also suggest annual revaccination. A study published in 1998 found that 27% of vaccinated dogs had a less-than-protective CPV titer, and 21% of dogs had a less-than-protective CDV titer, and summarized that the current practice of annual revaccination of dogs against CPV and CDV infection should be maintained. (5) (Critics of that study argue that authors used CDV antibody titers that are inconsistent with sterilizing immunity and don't take into consideration that those dogs with lower titers will be protected from disease but not infection.) With the above in mind, it was understandable that veterinarians were reluctant to buck tradition, as the legal community generally compares medical practice to the "standard of care". But the vaccination revolution received a couple big pushes in 2001. The January 2001 issue of The Veterinary Clinics of North America (Small Animal Practice) featured vaccinations and discussed the need for reconsidering traditional annual vaccinations. A chapter author, Dr. Ronald Schultz, Professor & Chair at the University of Wisconsin, says that their Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital has been on an "every three or more" year vaccination schedule for cats and dogs for over four years. "The goal for the future should be to vaccinate more animals than are now vaccinated but to vaccinate those animals less often and only with the products that the animal needs," says Dr. Schultz. Another advance came in

April 2001, when the American Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board approved the Council on Biological Therapeutics new "Principles of Vaccination." This statement was published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association on September 1, 2001. The principles state that "unnecessary stimulation of the immune system does not result in enhanced disease resistance and may increase the risk of adverse post-vaccination events." It recommended that veterinarians create "core" and "non-core" vaccination programs (see below for examples), and that vaccine schedules be tailored to the needs of each specific animal.

High Priority ("Core") Vaccines

The high-priority vaccines are those protecting against diseases that are of greatest risk to the dogs or to public health, and those that carry a large benefit-risk ratio. Possible vaccines that might be included in many core programs would include:

1. canine parvovirus-2 (CPV-2)
2. canine distemper virus (CDV)
3. infectious hepatitis, controlled by canine adenovirus-2 (CAV-2).
4. rabies (RV) - a priority in all but the "rabies-free" countries.

2. At this time, most products intended for vaccinating for CAV-2, also includes Parainfluenza (PI), so vaccination for Parainfluenza may be included by default. Rabies vaccine is almost a "no-brainer", as it is considered a core vaccine in most areas, and is high priority and governed by state law in the United States. Although there appear to be some rabies-free areas in Canada, most dogs

in the US should receive a rabies vaccine between 4 and 6 months, with a booster a year later, and then every three years. There are a few states with a high rabies incidence that may require an earlier initial vaccine, and yearly revaccination.

Minimalist Approach

Like many decisions, the vaccination decision comes down to risk

versus benefit. The absolute minimum requirement would be vaccination with the high priority vaccines at least one time after the age of 4 months, and revaccination with rabies vaccine according to area law. Using this minimalist approach, a dog living in a rabies-free area may only have one injection in its entire life. This approach might be useful in families of dogs that are at risk for adverse reactions to vaccines such as anaphylaxis or autoimmune disease.

But the minimalist approach is risky. Knowing that the parvovirus vaccine is over 90% effective is not much comfort if you are in the small percentage whose dog is unprotected and that dog brings it home to your puppies. Then there is always the worry that some puppies will contract disease between the ages of 6-12 weeks, when protection by maternal antibodies begins to wane. And there are some breeds that don't appear to "immunize easily" (Dobermans, Rottweilers). There is concern that the initial vaccines may not be effective due to poor handling or other reasons, and that extra vaccines are necessary for "insurance". There is also concern that without the vaccines to draw pet owners in for annual veterinary visits, life-threatening conditions may go unnoticed.

Breeders' Compromise

Because of the fear of puppy mortality from distemper and parvo, many breeders still give annual distemper and parvo vaccinations to dogs and bitches being bred or shown, but more and more are choosing to discontinue vaccinations for viral diseases at the time the bitches are retired, with the exception of rabies where required by law

The Future

The veterinary community is somewhat hampered by lack of adequate funding for the research needed, but the future should bring more efficient vaccines. Instead of modified-live virus, we will probably have vaccines available made from recombinant DNA. We may also see more nasal vaccines, which may be less likely to cause adverse reactions. Hopefully, more work will be done to correlate antibody titers with immunization to clinical disease. It would also be nice to see some studies done comparing the prevalence of autoimmune disease between groups of annually-vaccinated dogs, and dogs vaccinated less frequently under the new proposals. And of course, there will need to be more studies regarding the actual duration of immunity following vaccination. We can help by encouraging our breed clubs to contribute to funding of veterinary research.



