



# The Tendermouth

## Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Newsletter ~ Winter 2013

**Club meetings are at 7:30pm and held at Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 5742 Pleasant Ave, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014.**

### Meetings-

- **February 11th Chili supper, 7:00pm**, Rolling Hills Baptist Church. Annual elections held at this meeting. Bring your favorite chili or side dish/dessert
- March 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, 7:30pm Rolling Hills Baptist Church
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, 6:30pm followed by General Meeting at 7:30pm, Rolling Hills Baptist Church
- May 6<sup>th</sup> (1 week earlier than usual) 7:30pm, General Meeting, Rolling Hills Baptist Church. Final review of Specialty Plans.

### **Reminder that membership dues are due, don't forget!**

#### October Membership minutes October 8, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 7:40.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Treasurer's report : \$7,277.86 savings, \$8801.93 checking for total : \$16,079.79

Programs: Search and rescue program scheduled for November. Nadine will look into a program on dog conditioning.

Refreshments: Gail Shearer and Pat Doty November

Specialty 2013: No new news. Judges are under contract. Kathy Pflum and Chris Carroll will check ribbon inventory. Discussion was held about a wine and cheese party during Saturday BOB. If we did it on Friday, why would people stay?

Raffle will be drawn before BOB except for 15 or so premium items. Then we could auction off flowers at that time (during wine/cheese party)

Specialty 2014: Bring ideas to Board meeting in November.

Old Business: Christmas party will be Dec. 8th at Chris Carroll's.

Chris Carroll shared a letter from the AKC regarding the Canine Health Foundation.

January 18 is the date for our agility match pending AKC approval. Secretary would be Catherine Berberich, Match chair: Nadine Glaub, Committee members: Marti Couch, Pat Doty, Roger Doty, Greg Ewen, Kurt Glaub, and Marshall Tucker.

Donations money was discussed. Marti Couch suggested we all contact local police forces to see what canine protective equipment is needed for the canine units.

New Business: Dues letter needs to be sent out in November.

Rings for 2013 Bring ideas to meeting next month for how to make standards and rings stand on concrete.

5 Nominating committee is working on officers and directors for next year.

Bragg: Chris Carroll bragged that Hoops, her springer, was Best in Show and Reserve Best in show and Mazy her Boston was also Best in Show at the Clermont County DTC UKC shows.

Cagney, a Cavalier, owned by Pat Doty and Nadine Glaub, got his open titles in standard and jumpers with four first places. He also is a dad :)

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 by Kurt Glaub, second by Marti Couch. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by, Chris Carroll, secretary

#### Board minutes November 12, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 6:40.

Members present: Nick Merritt, Colleen Rose, Marti Couch, Greg Ewen, Ron Pflum, Chris Carroll

Absent: Nadine Glaub, Gail Shearer, Kevan Langner

July Minutes were read

Treasurer's report: Checking \$8,725.05 Savings \$7,277.86 for a total of \$16,002.94

2014 show: Judging suggestions included: Judy Heim, Vonnie Russell and Traci Stinzcum

Sweeps: Jim Russell

Agility Match: The constitution will need to be amended for the inclusion of performance events.

Discussion was held about this and will be presented at the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 by Greg Ewen, seconded by Colleen Rose. Meeting adjourned

Submitted,

Chris Carroll

## November 12, 2012 General Meeting MVLRC

MVLRC Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Nick Merritt.

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Erlanger Fire/EMS presented a program on search and rescue dogs prior to the meeting.

Minutes from October meeting were read.

Treasurer: \$8,725.05 in checking, \$7,277.86 in savings

Membership: no new applicants

Refreshments: Colleen Rose and Anne Thornbury

### 2013 show

Show will be held at Warren County Fairgrounds. Mats and ring stanchions are still a concern. Several options for food vendors were shared by Misty Merritt. We still need trophies for Saturday.

### 2014 show

Judges to be contacted include Vonnie Russell , Traci Stinctzum, and Jim Russell. An additional sweeps judge will be needed.

### 2013 agility match

Premium list is on website. Ribbons have been ordered. We have AKC approval. We will need to amend constitution to allow for agility events: Section 2: (e) currently reads:

"To conduct sanctioned matches, licensed specialty shows, obedience trials and field events under the rules of the American Kennel Club;"

The new article would read:

"To conduct sanctioned matches, licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, field events, and any AKC performance events permitted under the rules of the American Kennel Club;"

This amendment would need to be amended by 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed/mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Catherine Berberich made a motion to vote on the constitutional amendment , Dan Couch seconded.

### OLD business

There were no nominations from the floor for 2013 slate of officers. Slate will be emailed to members.

Several members reported on the requests from various police organizations regarding funding of cool jackets, etc. West Chester Police have no need, Oxford made no specific requests and Butler County will get back in January. Boone County sheriff requested a cooling vest. A motion was made by Catherine Berberich to give an amount not to exceed \$400.00 to the Erlanger Search and Rescue and an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for a cooling vest to Boone County Search and Rescue.

Remainder of funds appropriated will be given to TVD research (Kathy Wright contact) for a total of \$1000.00. John Federle seconded, motion passed. Marti Couch will contact the organizations. The LRC had not replied from the note sent them regarding medical research

## NEW business

Potomac sent information regarding sponsorship of classes.

## Braggs

Catherine Berberich bragged that Penny qualified 4 for 4 in standard every day and placed in the classes at the recent agility trial. Eric double Q'ed in standard and jumpers excellent A.

Marti Couch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Couch.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Submitted by, Chris Carroll , secretary

**Note from secretary-** In order to have an agility trial, we need to amend the constitution.

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We will vote on this at the February meeting.

Chris Carroll, Secretary



## MVLRC 1<sup>st</sup> Agility Match Report-

MVLRC held its first AKC Sanctioned Agility Match at the Queen City Dog Training Club on Friday, January 18, 2013. The trial filled with the maximum number of 60 entries. The match was open to Labrador Retrievers and all AKC dog breeds as well as the AKC Canine Partners (mixed breed dogs.)

The person who judged the match was a local AKC agility competitor Brenda Gilday. Brenda was a very cordial judge and the competitors enjoyed the match. Several MVLRC members worked the match and learned the rules and procedures regulating AKC Agility competition. Catherine Berberich was the match secretary. Nadine Glaub was the match chairperson. Committee members included Pat and Roger Doty, Greg Ewen, Kurt Glaub, Marshall Tucker and Marti Couch. John Federle, Chris Carroll and Kevan Langner worked at the match. Alicia Miller and Linda Zehler helped MVLRC run the match also. The event lasted from 4pm- 8pm.

The match will net a profit of approximately \$100 for MVLRC. Thanks to all of the members who worked and donated snacks for the event. A special thank you goes to the Queen City Dog Training Club for the use of their beautiful facility.

MVLRC is awaiting AKC approval at the completion of the Match to hold our first sanctioned, two day Agility Trial at Queen City Dog Training Club on November 2, 2013 and November 3, 2013.

**2013 All Breed CERF & Micro Chip Clinic - February 23, 2013.**

**ALL BREED CERF & MICRO CHIP CLINIC**

Sponsored by Central Ohio Shetland Sheepdog Association

Saturday, February 23, 2013 8:15am – 4:30pm

**NEW LOCATION**

Fort Rapids Indoor Waterpark Resort

4560 Hilton Corporate Dr.

Columbus, OH 43232

810 Distribution Dr. Columbus, OH 43228

877.337.7527 / 877.33.SPLASH

**Dr. William Greentree, DVM, Diplomate, AVCO Boston, MA**

- CERF: \$35 Appt. Recommended
- Avid Micro Chip: \$35 (Includes Chip Registration)

**Appointments Contact:**

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**MIAMI VALLEY  
LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.  
BACK TO BACK SPECIALTIES  
Friday & Saturday, May 10, & 11, 2013**

**New Location!**

**WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
LEBANON, OHIO**

**Friday Judges:**

Dogs & Intersex ~ Dr. Guillermo Carrillo  
(Tequilabs)  
Bitches ~ Barbara Nowak (Broyhill)  
Sweepstakes ~ Shelah Frey (Mainland)

**Saturday Judges:**

Dogs & Intersex ~ Barbara Nowak  
(Broyhill)  
Bitches ~ Dr. Guillermo Carrillo  
(Tequilabs)  
Sweepstakes ~ Luann Curtis (Cressmoor)  
Obedience & Rally ~ Catherine Thompson

For details visit [www.mvlrc.org](http://www.mvlrc.org)

**Show Chairman:**

Marti Couch  
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**Show Secretary:**

Katie Maess  
513-459-9613  
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The show will be held under roof but is not enclosed.  
Obedience will also be under roof and will be divided from conformation by bleachers.  
We will be having Rally this year.

The MVLRC specialty show is fast approaching and once again we'll have our raffle. In years past we have had great raffles and it is thanks to the wonderful donations from people. Many of the items are from the members and we are GRATEFUL. I am able to contact some different vendors/businesses for donations as well. If you know of somebody that you think might be willing to donate...ask them or send me their information and I will send them a letter requesting a donation. Ask your veterinarian...surely they have something in their office that might be appropriate. Most of us know our veterinarian's pretty well so don't be bashful...go for it!

Thanks, Debbie Ward-Ewen [missdebo@aol.com](mailto:missdebo@aol.com)

*Trophies are an integral part of any dog show and Specialty Trophies are coveted. In the past few years we have been very successful with sponsors for our trophies. I am hoping this year will be no different. Contact me with the choice of what trophy you want to sponsor. Hurry before your choice is taken.*

Thank you, Joan Koch [LastCastLabs@aol.com](mailto>LastCastLabs@aol.com)



## Microchips, Have You Updated Them?

I just got some info that I think is important to all of us dog breeders. I don't know about you but we microchip all of our pups at 6 wks of age when we grade the litter. WE use the AKC chips and we register the chips when we register the pups and on all the boys I also get their akc certified pedigree at the same time because it is a savings to get it at that time. So talked to the lady at AKC yesterday and found out that AKC used to field all the calls for the Home Again Chips when someone found a lost dog and when Home Again became a For Profit company, AKC still had their data base for the years previous. Also their is a website called <http://petmicrochiplookup.org> and Vets and humane societies and the like can look up found dogs. All but two of the microchip companies are a part of this website. This site is promoted by the AAHA which is the American Animal Hospital Association. Also if you have trouble with your microchips migrating to the wrong part of the body, here are two tips: microchip your dog late evening or night as the body almost immediately starts working to sort of seal it off and if in those first hours the dog is less active it helps and also make sure the tip of that syringe needle is between the point of the shoulder blades because those shoulder blades help keep that microchip from going down the shoulder.

~Judy Drewett Heim

## **MVLR RESCUE REPORT**

As always, adoptions are slow but lots of dogs being given up to rescue. The BIGGEST need is for foster homes. We could save many, many more if we had *temporary* homes to put them in while they waited for a new family. Please consider fostering a Lab in need. Or referring someone to use for an older dog.

**Other needs** are items of everyday life, especially collars and leashes. If you find yourself cleaning out your dog supplies consider donating what you no longer need to us. Carol McMahon [cmcmahon1@juno.com](mailto:cmcmahon1@juno.com)

Winter 2013's Face of rescue



Cinder is an eight month old female, black Labrador mix; very Labby though. She weighs about 50#, and has a beautiful shiny coat. Cinder is brand new to rescue, a little timid but loves attention. She gets along fine with other dogs that are respectful to her. She knows a sit command and appears to be housebroken. She is getting used to her crate and is quiet once she is in it. Cinder is working on leash manners and wants to please.



## Labrador Quarterly News

Recently, Cynthia Kerstiens, editor of The Labrador Quarterly, asked me if I would be interested in purchasing this magazine, as she was ready to retire after decades in the publishing business. She was aware of the tradition of quality we have demonstrated in our Sheltie International magazine.

Using the experience gained from 25 years of publishing Sheltie International, we have some very exciting plans for this magazine, which include a website, [labradorretriever.com](http://labradorretriever.com), that will, along with announcements and features, post all color ads in full size at no extra charge to you. And there's more in the works we will go into later!

We look forward to making many new friends and welcome your suggestions. And please, send us your email address so we can contact you with breaking news!

We are in process of publishing the combined Winter-Spring issue.

Email us to see if we can still accept advertising!

Jean Fergus, [dogmag@fix.net](mailto:dogmag@fix.net)

The deadline for the Spring issue has been extend to February 8, But email to reserve space!

Full page, one photo, logo, unlimited text - Color \$250 - Full bleed \$300

Black and white \$100, Includes screen/reverses

Email text and photo directly to [dogmag@fix.net](mailto:dogmag@fix.net)

You will receive a proof copy before we go to press!

Looking forward to welcoming you and your Labs into OUR premier issue!

Need to talk to me? 805-528-4747

Jean



## 10 "Poison Pills" for Pets American Veterinary Medical Association

Anyone who takes medication prescribed for someone else puts themselves at risk of illness or even death - and this applies to your pets, too! Although there are many medications used in both animals and people, the effects, doses needed, and other things aren't always the same.

About one-quarter of all phone calls to the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center \(APCC\)](#) are about human medications. Your pet can easily ingest dropped pills or may be given harmful human medications by an unknowing owner, resulting in illness, or even death, of your pet.

The APCC provided us with the 10 most common human medication complaints they receive. Here they are, in order based on the number of complaints:

1. **Ibuprofen** – Ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin®) is the most common human medication ingested by pets. Many brands have a sweet outer coating that makes it appealing to pets (think "M&M," but a potentially deadly one). Ibuprofen can cause stomach ulcers and kidney failure.
2. **Tramadol** – Tramadol (Ultram®) is a pain reliever. Your veterinarian may prescribe it for your pet, but only at a dose that's appropriate for your pet – never give your medication to your pet without first consulting your veterinarian! Too much tramadol can cause sedation or agitation, wobbliness, disorientation, vomiting, tremors and possibly seizures.
3. **Alprazolam** – Alprazolam (Xanax®) is prescribed as an anti-anxiety medication and a sleep-aid. Most pets that ingest alprazolam can become sleepy and wobbly; however a few will become very agitated instead. These pills are commonly ingested by pets as people put them out on the nightstand so they remember to take them. Large doses of alprazolam can drop the blood pressure and could cause weakness or collapse.
4. **Adderall**® – Adderall® is a combination of four different amphetamines and is used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children. This medication doesn't have the same effect in pets as it does in people; it acts as a stimulant in our pets and causes elevated heart rate and body temperature, along with hyperactivity, tremors and seizures.
5. **Zolpidem** – Zolpidem (Ambien®) is a sleep-aid for people. Pets commonly eat pills left on the bedside table. Zolpidem may make cats wobbly and sleepy, but most pets become very agitated and develop elevated heart rates.

6. **Clonazepam** – Clonazepam (Klonopin®) is used as an anticonvulsant and anti-anxiety medication. It is sometimes also prescribed as a sleep-aid. When animals ingest clonazepam they can become sleep and wobbly. Too much clonazepam can lower the blood pressure, leading to weakness or collapse.
7. **Acetaminophen** – Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) is a very common pain killer found in most households. Cats are extremely sensitive to acetaminophen, but dogs can be affected too. Acetaminophen can cause liver damage. It can also cause damage to your pet's red blood cells so that the cells are unable to carry oxygen – like your body, your pet's body needs oxygen to survive.
8. **Naproxen** – Naproxen (Aleve®, Naprosyn®) is an over-the-counter pain reliever. Dogs and cats are very sensitive to naproxen and even small amounts can cause stomach ulcers and kidney failure.
9. **Duloxetine** – Duloxetine (Cymbalta®) is prescribed as an antidepressant and anti-anxiety agent. When ingested by pets it can cause agitation, vocalization, tremors and seizures.
10. **Venlafaxine** – Venlafaxine (Effexor®) is an antidepressant. For some unknown reason, cats love to eat the capsules. Ingestion can cause agitation, vocalization, tremors and seizures.

As you can tell from this list, a medication that does one thing for people does not necessarily do the same for our pets. And although this may be the list of the medications about which the APCC receives the largest numbers of complaints, remember that any human medication could pose a risk to your pets – not just these 10.

***You can keep your pets safe by following simple common sense guidelines:***

- Always keep human medications away from pets unless you are specifically instructed by a veterinarian to give the medication;
- Do not leave pills sitting on counter or any place a pet can get to them;
- Do not leave pill bottles within reach of pets (You'll be surprised how fast your dog can chew through a pill bottle.);
- If you're taking medications out of the bottle and you drop any of it, pick it up immediately so you know your pet won't be able to eat it;
- Always contact your veterinarian if your pet has ingested any medication not prescribed for them;
- Never give your medication (or any medications prescribed for a two-legged family member) to your pet without first consulting a veterinarian.

...and last, but not least, always keep the number for your veterinarian and the APCC handy. You don't want to be looking for it in an emergency situation! Feel free to print this page, cut out the box below, fill out the info, and put it in a handy place (or maybe a few handy places).



**Baby it's  outside!**

## Frostbite Symptoms, Treatment, and Prevention

Frostbite, the injury or death of tissue from prolonged exposure to freezing or subfreezing temperatures, poses a significant wintertime threat for all dogs.

Frostbite most commonly affects the tips of the ears, the tail, the scrotum, and the toes. Normally, blood flow keeps these areas warm. However, when a body area becomes extremely cold, its local blood vessels constrict to help the body conserve heat. The tissues then have even less blood supply and can eventually become as cold as the surrounding air. If the tissue freezes, it dies.

### IS YOUR DOG AT RISK?

Dogs housed outdoors are extremely susceptible to frostbite. They absolutely require warm, dry housing. Indoor dogs – especially small and/or short-haired dogs – are also at risk. Seniors are especially at risk. Certain medications and medical conditions can increase susceptibility to frostbite. Protect your pet from frostbite with warm pet clothing and boots. Plus, shelter her from the wind.

### FROSTBITE SYMPTOMS

Frostbitten tissue may initially appear pale or gray, as well as hard and cold. As the area thaws, it may turn red. Thawing is very painful. If frostbite is severe, tissue will eventually turn black and slough off.

### VETERINARY TREATMENT

Your veterinarian will examine the affected area, although total damage may not be evident for several days, and prescribe pain relief medication and antibiotics. Your dog will also be evaluated for hypothermia. Severe frostbite may necessitate amputation. Prevent pain and suffering this winter; keep your pet warm, dry, and safe from frostbite.

### IMMEDIATE TREATMENT

Treat frostbite with extreme care:

- Warm the affected area rapidly with warm (NEVER HOT) water. Apply warm, wet compresses or soak the affected area. Do NOT use a heating pad or hair dryer.
- Gently, thoroughly dry the warmed area.
- NEVER rub or massage frostbitten tissue.
- Contact your veterinarian for an immediate examination. Wrap your pet in a warm towel or blanket before transporting her.
- Do NOT warm a frostbitten area if you cannot keep it warm.
- Do not give pain medication.