



The Tendermouth

Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Newsletter ~ Fall 2011

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

Meeting Dates-

- October 10th - 6:30pm Board meeting, 7:30pm General meeting, program will be Delta Society
- November 14th – 7:30pm General meeting.
- December Christmas party date will be determined at the October meeting.
- No January meeting

MVLRC Show dates for 2012

- May 10th, (Thursday) WC test
- May 11th & May 12th Back to Back Specialties



MVLRC General Meeting Minutes - May 2011

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Nadine Glaub.

April minutes were read. A motion to accept was made by Kurt Glaub, second by Pat Mitchell.

Minutes were approved as read.

Guest: Sheri Glover re-introduced herself

Treasurer's report: \$19,337.79 in checking; \$7,224.76 in savings; \$26,562.55 total

Membership: Second readings were read on applications from John and Sherry Federle, and a dual membership on Sherry Glover-Walsh, Brad Walsh, and Stephen Walsh.

Voting was held and new members were welcomed to the club.

Programs: Kevan Langner - Dr. Shumann will be presenting a program on ACL repairs in the fall. Other suggestion was on the Delta Therapy Pets program.

Refreshments: Nothing until Sept.

Fun Day: 10:00 on June 4th at Colleen's home. Bring a covered dish. Chris will get info from Colleen on changes to Fun Day flyer. Dogs will be kept on lead this year, and only 2-3 dogs in water at a time.

Rescue: Same as usual. Need fosters.

Specialty 2011

- Replacement judge has been found. Road work is being done on Gephart. Notices will be sent about this. Nadine needs help with judges transportation.

- WC - We will need bird throwers.
- Obed/Rally - 9:00 start time for obed. 12:30 start time for rally. Need stewards.
- Set up on Thursday at 9:00. Tent will be set up Wed.
- Club members are being asked to bring desserts. Club will pay for stewards and judges lunches.
- Rescue raffle will consist of gas cards.
- Carol will email Gail a breakfast inventory

Old business: none

New business: A July board meeting date needs to be set

BRAGS:

- Casey, bred by Chris Carroll and Jack Shepard, and owned by Kathy Pflum and Chris Carroll took Best of Breed at Ft. St. Clair KC and made the cut in the sporting group.
- Beau, owner by Kevan Langner, took 2nd in rally advanced with a score of 99.
- Anne Thornbury's Buddy took Breed at 2 UKC shows in March
- Catherine Berberich will be attending the CPE nationals in June.
- Pat Mitchell has a litter of three puppies, 2 yellow females and 1 black boy

A motion to adjourn was made by John Federle, 2nd by Pat Mitchell, meeting adjourned at 8:35.

MVLRC JULY 2011 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 6:50 PM. Members present: Nick Merritt, Nadine Glaub, Gail Shearer, Colleen Rose, Kevan Langner, Ron Pflum, Greg Ewen Absent : Marti Couch

Minutes from January board meeting were approved (motion to approve Greg Ewen, seconded by Nadine Glaub)

Treasurer's report: Checking \$8,976.87 Savings \$7,224.76 Colleen will email income and expenses from 2011 show to determine the profit from the show.

Programs: Kevan reported that Dr. Schumann will present a program on ACL repairs and treatment this fall. He is working on a possible program on Delta therapy dogs and possibly Royal Canin.

2011 Show Report:

Camp is still saying we do not owe them any money for the show. Discussion was held about whether we should pay club members for lunches. Decision will need to be made by Dec. 2011. All stewards will receive lunch next year. All non club member stewards will receive a \$25 gas card for each day they steward. Greg Ewen will shadow Pat Doty to learn the ropes of being chief ring steward. Kurt is checking into getting photos from the photographer. Discussion was held about changing the format of the raffle for one year to see if it raises profits. Raffle made about \$800 this year, rescue raffle about \$250.00

2012 Show:

We will need an assistant show chair. Katie Maess will be show secretary. Still waiting on one sweepstakes judge to return contract.

New Business: It was brought up that we could benefit from a facebook page. Gail Shearer suggested we donate a portion of the show's profit to health related research on labradors. Discussion was held but no immediate decision was made. It was suggested that we try to add something "fun" to the show. Gail will work on this and report to Chris by September 1st so it can be listed on show app to AKC.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 by Gail Shearer, seconded by Ron Pflum Meeting adjourned.

MVRLC meeting September 12th, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 8:50 after a program given by Tony Schumann on ACL repairs.

Minutes from last meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Marilyn Coffee and seconded by Greg Ewen.

Treasurer's report : Nick reported, in Colleen's absence, that there was a total of \$7,684.93 in checking and \$7,225.31.

Programs: Kevan is hoping to schedule a program on therapy pets in October (Delta Society).

Refreshments: A new schedule is being circulated.

Rescue: no report

Specialty 2012

Chris is getting ready to send in the applications. Gail is working on a health clinic, Chris will email her contact numbers for eye cerfs. Anne and Misty volunteered to be assistant show chair. Marti suggested having co-chairs instead of a show chair and assistant in case one of the show chairs could not be in attendance both days.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nick and Gail discussed donating a portion of the club's income to a health cause, possibly coordinated through the parent club. In an email, Colleen offered her lake for a fall "morning out" with the dogs. It was mentioned that we did not receive a summer newsletter. The date for the Christmas party will be decided in October.


Braggs:

- Anne's boy, Toby, was WD, BOS at Clermont Co on Sunday. He was also 2nd in the puppy group at Lexington and Clermont Co.'s puppy matches.
- Buddy, owned by Anne, was BOB at Clermont Co. on Saturday.
- Kevan's Jack received 7 points at shows over the summer.
- Woody, owned by Jack, got two legs in rally advanced.
- Edgar, Kurt and Nadine's cavalier, got his CD in obedience, and Cagney was WD at Huntington, West Virginia. Sizzle, their lab, double q'ued in agility.
- Chris's Boston, Mazy, was BOB at Huntington, BOS over a special in Muncie, Select in Lexington, and was Select and BOS at Clermont. Her bred by Springer, Hoops, finished with a 4 point major in South Carolina, was BOB over 2 specials in Muncie, and select dog over 2 specials at Clermont.
- Gail, Tom, and Liz's Windy has spent the spring and summer in the UK and became the **FIRST AMERICAN BRED LABRADOR TO FINISH HER UK CHAMPIONSHIP!**

A motion to adjourn was made by John Federle, seconded by Marilyn Coffee.



Just A Dog



From time to time people tell me, “Lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or, “That’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for “Just a dog.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog.” Many hours have passed with my only company being “Just a dog,” and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by “Just a dog.” In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its “Just a dog,” you will probably understand phrases like “Just a friend,” “Just a sunrise,” or “Just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man or woman.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog,” smile, because they “Just Don’t Understand.

~ Author Unknown

Member's Brags & NEWS

"Ben", owned & bred by Bonnie Hall, took Best of Breed out of the Open Black class for a 3 point major (1 dog short of 4 points), over 9 specials at the St Petersburg Dog Fanciers show. He now has 7 points, 4 from the Bred By class.

"Hatch", owned & bred by Joan Koch took Winners Dog at the Huron River Labrador Specialty.

"Casey", bred by Chris Carroll and Jack Shepard, and owned by Kathy Pflum and Chris Carroll took Best of Breed at Ft. St. Clair KC and made the cut in the sporting group.

"Beau", owned by Kevan Langner, took 2nd in rally advanced with a score of 99 and **"Jack"** received 7 points at shows over the summer.

"Buddy" owned by Anne Thornbury, took Breed at 2 UKC shows in March and was BOB at Clermont Co. AKC show on Saturday. Anne's boy, **"Toby"**, was WD, BOS at Clermont Co on Sunday. He was also 2nd in the puppy group at Lexington and Clermont Co.'s puppy matches.

"Woody", owned by Jack, got two legs in Rally Advanced.

"Erik", bred by Marti Couch and owned by Catherine Berberich, passed the WC at our May Specialty. He also finished his AKC novice Agility Jumpers title at the Hamilton's trial and completed his CPE CL2 titles at the CPE nationals. **"Penny"**, bred by Alicia Miller and owned by Catherine, placed 6th in 16" Veteran Games at the same CPE nationals and finished her AKC Agility FAST Excellent title.

Edgar, Kurt and Nadine's cavalier, got his CD in obedience, and **"Cagney"** was WD at Huntington, West Virginia. **"Sizzle"**, their lab, double Q'd in agility.

Chris's Boston, **"Mazy"**, was BOB at Huntington, BOS over a special in Muncie, Select in Lexington, and was Select and BOS at Clermont. Her bred by Springer, **"Hoops"**, finished with a 4 point major in South Carolina, was BOB over 2 specials in Muncie, and select dog over 2 specials at Clermont.

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More about Windy in our next newsletter

AKC Gazette is available on line FOR FREE - <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/59aa0be7#/59aa0be7/1>

Dog World - <http://www.dogworld.co.uk/Home>

Bella Dog Magazine - <http://www.belladogmagazine.com/>

MVLRC RESCUE REPORT

We have few dogs on the website at present. Due to the lack of foster caregivers we are unable to bring in more animals. The cost of boarding is too great to continue with it. Therefore, a number of very deserving animals are being euthanized in shelters or are just roaming the streets because their disgruntled owners are turning them out. **What we need are foster care homes.** We can not do this all on our own. **Please consider helping.**

Fall 2011's Face of Rescue



Dalton is a Yellow male with a very sweet disposition - he just wants to have "snuggle time" and get the TLC he has never had. He is very loving and affectionate, as well as easy going. Looking to his future, we are hoping to help him gain some weight. Dalton is only about a year old and has lots of "pet potential".

<http://www.okilabrescue.org/>



New EIC Research Explained in Podcast

From the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Inc.

The summer sunshine brings with it the urge to get outside and be active with your retriever. However, Lab owners must be cautious of the health risks that can rise from a Lab being physically overworked. Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC), a syndrome specifically common in active Labrador retrievers, is caused by strenuous physical activity and/or excitement. This health problem can occur in young, athletic dogs involved in field trials or hunting related activities, but also during normal exercise. Symptoms such as loss of coordination, balance, and limb control may appear after 15 minutes into activity, and disappear 20 minutes or so later.

Dr. Ben Character, author of "The Vet's Office" (December/January 2005), states, "There are many variations seen, and because the problem is in some way caused by exercise or the anticipation of exercise, it is difficult for veterinarians to have the opportunity to examine affected dogs during an episode." But Dr. Jim Mickelson,

University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, has recently completed research and determined a **genetic** cause of EIC. He has also constructed a test used to preemptively pinpoint conditions of this syndrome in Labs. “We ended up finding that a gene that produces a protein that contributes to synaptic transmission between nerves and the nervous system had a mutation in the dogs that were susceptible to collapse,” said Dr. Mickelson. This disrupts nerve communication to the muscles, ultimately to a collapse. “One of the things we want to do, and hopefully this podcast can help, is to further educate Labrador retriever owners about what this genetic test for... exercise induced collapse susceptibility actually can and can’t do,” stated Dr. Mickelson.

As Lab owners, be sure to keep an eye on your dogs this summer& fall for any signs of EIC, and if you do witness any of these symptoms, be sure to cease activity immediately and contact your breeder. 🎧

[Listen to this podcast to hear more details.](#)

Podcast by [American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc.](#) For a first person account of this syndrome, [order the April/May 2009 issue of The Retriever Journal](#) for the article “Living with EIC: The Overlooked Disease” by Red Wilkinson.

What to Do if Your Pet Was Stolen

Dog thief is on the rise all across the Country.

As upsetting as it is to lose a pet, it’s even worse when you believe that your pet was stolen. If you suspect pet theft, you must act immediately. Here are some ways to get a stolen pet back, as well as some preventative measures you can take:

1. Call the police right away. Filing a report creates a record of the theft and will make it easier to retrieve your pet if you happen to see her or hear of her location.
2. Contact your pet’s Microchip company. They may have a pet recovery service which can alert people in your area to the loss.
3. Get on the phone. Call all of the shelters, vet offices, and grooming salons in your town and neighboring towns. The thief may have second thoughts about keeping the animal and try to leave her at a vet office or grooming salon.
4. Find a few great photos. The best images are clear, close-up shots that show your pet’s head and a side profile of his body. Crop digital photos so that there is nothing distracting in the background. Ideally, you’ll want color images to give to the police and send via email to animal shelters and grooming salons.
5. Spread the word. Post flyers offering a reward for any information leading to the recovery of your pet, but don’t indicate that you believe she was stolen. The person who stole her might want to give her back, but probably won’t if there’s the possibility of prosecution. Don’t even use the words “no questions asked.” Finally, do not specify the amount of the reward.
6. Make it news. Write an email or letter to local newspapers to let them know about the theft. Include a photo of your pet and any details that you think may interest a reporter, especially genuine details that pull at the heartstrings. If there have been other pet thefts in the area, perhaps there’s a pet crime wave happening in your town—that’s definitely a story for the paper.
7. Get on the air. While you’re at it, call your local radio station and offer them the same story. You might find an animal-loving DJ that will take up your cause.
8. Leave it to the authorities. If you happen to see your pet with someone else or in someone’s yard, call the police immediately, and have your case number on hand. Do not try to recover the pet yourself.
9. Be wary and wise. If someone calls you from another state or town asking for money to ship your pet back, it’s probably a scam—predators have been known to target vulnerable pet owners through classified ads or flyers.
10. Use social media to spread the word. For example Facebook and Craig’s List.
11. Play it safe. Most importantly, take measures to keep pet theft from happening in the first place. Never leave your pet unattended in a car, outside of a store, or even in your yard if there’s a way that a thief can easily enter.

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Submitted by club member

My name is Derrick Carter and I represent Animal Clinical Investigation out of Washington, DC. We assist in the development of new treatment opportunities for pet animals through the design and implementation of prospective clinical trials. We have a vast group of experienced network members in Oncology, Veterinary Specialty, and Primary Care. We recently opened a new sample collection study in which we are collecting cheek swabs for DNA analysis from purebred Golden or Labrador Retrievers with confirmed Hip Dysplasia, or had a historical TPO or Total Hip Replacement surgery that was related to Hip Dysplasia.

This is a fairly easy and Free process should you decide to get involved. Give us a call if you are interested. We would send you a kit that has been pre-paid round trip. Once you receive the kit, collect the samples from the pet and drop it in the mail.

Easy as 1-2-3.

We are looking for up to 250 Golden and 250 Labrador Retrievers. This is going to be a nationwide search and we believe you would be very beneficial in the success of this project. I would love to speak with you more about what it is that we do, the subject matter of this email, and how we seek your support. This information is also posted on our website should you need more clarification at <http://www.animalci.com/>. We are also a current sponsor of <http://www.goldenretrieverforum.com/>

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon,

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