



The Tendermouth

Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Newsletter ~ Winter 2012

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

Meeting Dates-

- March 12th – 7:30 General meeting
- April 9th - 7:30 General meeting, Program by Tony Shuman, subject to be announced.
- **May 7th ** – a week earlier than usual, 7:30 General meeting

MVLRC Show dates for 2012

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



October 10, 2011 - MVLRC minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt after a program on the Delta Society Pet Therapy program in the Cincinnati Area.

Welcome Guests: Cynthia Kozad

Motion to approve September minutes was made by Marti Couch seconded by Kevan Langner.

Treasurer's report : Checking \$7533.13 Savings \$7225.86 Total: \$14,758.99

Programs: Royal Canin will not be able to do a program in Nov. Suggestion would be to have a rescue update.

Refreshments: Anne Thornbury and Gail Shearer are up for November.

Newsletter: Nick will contact Bonnie about the next newsletter.

Specialty 2012: Discussion was held about changing the format to a silent auction.

Webpage: Marti Couch will update.

Old Business: Christmas party will be held on December 10th at 4:00, Chris Carroll's farm

New Business: Anita Eisthen shared information concerning one of her puppies and a vet in the greater Cincinnati area.

Braggs:

- Marti Couch bragged on Joan Koch's boy, "Hatch", going Winners Dog at Huron River LRC's specialty in September for a 5 point major.

- Anita Eisthen bragged on “Aspen” for picking up a 1st in utility and 2nd in open at Hamilton Dog Training Club's trail. She also took a 2nd in utility and picked up 4 OTCH points. “Aspen” now has 43 OTCH points.
- Nadine Glaub's cavalier, “Cagney”, took BOB.
- Chris Carroll's “Mazy” (Boston), “Hoops” (springer), and “Dodger” (labrador) are now all UKC champions. Her new lab puppy, “Siren”, took BOB and won the sporting group at Fort St. Clair's puppy match.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn Coffee at 8:55, seconded by Kurt Glaub. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Chris Carroll, Secretary.

November 14, 2011 - MVLRC minutes

Attendees: Nick and Misty Merritt, Greg Ewen, Gail Shearer, Colleen Rose, Anne Thornbury, Joyce Ross, John Federle, Marilyn Coffee, Ron and Kathy Pflum

Meeting was called to order at 7:35

Minutes from October meeting were read by Nick Merritt

Treasurer's report: Savings: \$7,225.86 Checking \$7,483.13 Total: \$14,708.79 Discussion was held regarding the previous three years bank balances. Colleen will have those figures available for the next meeting.

Show report 2012: No report. Discussion regarding having a sponsor as Purina will not be sponsoring next year. Greg Ewen suggested contacting Bil-Jac as a sponsor. Greg will check and report status at next meeting.

New Business: Discussion regarding a prospective show site in Fayetteville. Nick will make a site visit and report of possibility of being a show site in the future.

Brag:

- “Rebel” took second at the Delaware KC fun match.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

January 2012 - MVLRC Board minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 7:07.

Members present: Kevan Langner, Nadine Glaub, Gail Shearer, Marti Couch, Greg Ewen, Colleen Rose, Ron Pflum, and Nick Merritt

Absent: none

Minutes from October board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report : \$13,028.82 in treasury

Show report 2012: It was decided that on site expenses would be paid for a guest of a judge. Royal Canin will be a sponsor. They will provide the club with \$200.00, and bring a vet for an aftershow presentation. There will also be microchipping available. Chris will send Gail the phone number for Med Vet in Cincinnati for a possible eye clinic. Camp is being paid ahead of time. The tent has been ordered, and rooms reserved for the judges. Marti will order glassware Friday 2012 and one day for 2013.

2013 show: Misty has agreed to be show chair. Chris will send her sample letters and emails for contacting judges. The list of potential judges include: Regular judges: Barbara Nowalk, Dr. Carrillo, Judy Chambers and Pauline Mortier. Sweeps: Shelah Frye, Luann Curtis, Linda Moffitt and Roger Bannister. Trophies for 2013 will be club logo on mugs for one day, other day will need to be decided. Nick shared another possible site for glassware.

General show discussion

Show expenses: it was agreed to present to the membership the idea of keeping at least \$10,000.00 in our treasury. Amounts above that could be donated to labrador rescue or research. Chris suggested spending it in \$1000.00 increments rather than all at once.

Programs: Kevan will contact Carol McMahon for an possible program on where rescue is headed. Tony Schumann has agreed to do another program on topic to be decided in early spring.

Old / New business: A nominating committee was made with Marti Couch being the head and board rep, along with Kathy Pflum and Misty. Officer positions up for re-election include vice president and secretary. Directorships include Greg Ewen's position and Kevan Langner's position.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Gail Shearer, second by Greg Ewen. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Carroll, Secretary

February 13, 2012 - Membership meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Nick Merritt at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes from the November 14, 2011, meeting were ready by Marti Couch & approved as read.

Treasurer report – Colleen Rose was absent but emailed the treasury balance - \$13, 188.82.

One guest was present – Lynn Langenbrunner who purchased a puppy from Nick Merritt.

Membership – The first reading for the application from Tony and Denise Williams was read. They are applying for a family associate membership.

Programs –

March – possible presentations on health issues that the club could fund with treasury excess.

April – Dr. Tony Schumann on reproduction.

Dan Couch suggested a program on search & rescue / cadaver dogs.

Nominating committee – The slate presented for election next month:

Vice President – Nadine Glaub

Secretary – Chris Carroll

Directors – Greg Ewen and Kevan Langner

Refreshments – covered through the summer.

2012 Show – Chris wasn't there but she is working on premium list and everything seems to be on track.

Debbie Ewen asked for suggestions for what the club should buy for the raffle.

2013 Show – no report.

New Business – Marti Couch passed along information on an animal rescue seminar being held on

March 31, 2012, presented by Lake Erie LRC.

Braggs – Catherine Berberich's Penny finished her C-ATCH title.

Nadine & Kurt Glaub's Sizzle qualified in two jumper runs in Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



**MIAMI VALLEY
LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
BACK TO BACK SPECIALTIES
WORKING CERTIFICATE**

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 10, 11, & 12, 2012
Camp Campbell Gard, Hughes Center, Hamilton, Ohio

WC Thursday ~ Judge: Joseph M. Smithberger

Friday Judges:

Dogs & Intersex ~ Linda Bednarski
(Tullamore)
Bitches ~ Greg Lynch (Kellyn)
Sweepstakes ~ Allison C. Rogers
(Devonshire)

Saturday Judges:

Dogs & Intersex ~ Greg Lynch (Kellyn)
Bitches ~ Linda Bednarski (Tullamore)
Sweepstakes ~ Linda Ciancio (Brooks)
Obedience ~ Catherine Thompson
Rally ~ Catherine Thompson

For details visit www.mvlrc.org

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It is time to start gathering items for this year's raffle at the MVLRC specialty show and your donations are greatly welcomed. This year we going to run the raffle a bit differently in that we'll have numbers assigned to each raffle item/basket and folks can put their tickets towards a specific item that they want to win. It will be interesting to see what the favorite item will be. I challenge you to come up with a basket or item that gets the most interest. Or, if you don't want to put a basket together feel free to donate whatever and we can either have it as a single item or group it with others in baskets as we have in the past. All of you that take your dog to the vet (and I know all of you do), why not ask them for a donation. If you'd like a copy of the letter that I send out to vendors which includes our federal tax id # I would be happy to email it to you if there is somebody that you'd like to give a request to or send me a name and address of somebody that you think might be a donor.

I'll be setting up the table on Friday morning so you can bring your item then, bring it to a meeting or mail it to me. In the past your donations have made our auction very impressive and we could not do it without your support. Thanks in advance for your help and support.



It is that time of year again to donate trophies for our 2 Specialties.

To donate the trophy of your choice before someone else gets it contact –
Joan Koch, Trophy Chairman, lastcastlabs@aol.com 502-245-1308



GROUP ALIGNMENT

Opinions of Dog Show Superintendents Association

The American Kennel Club Board of Directors voted to accept and approve the report of the Group Realignment Committee. The rule changes necessary to implement going from 7 to 11 groups was read at the December, 2011 Delegate Meeting for a vote in March, 2012. The final decision on assigning breeds rests with the AKC Board, which will consider the input of the breed parent clubs. If adopted, these changes would become effective in 2015.

Additional information and background on this proposal can be seen on the AKC website at:

Realignment Proposal, http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/Realignment_Proposal.pdf

Realignment Judging Procedure, http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/Realignment_JudgingProcedure.pdf

Realignment Suggested Breed

List, http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/Realignment_SuggestedBreedList.pdf

Realignment FAQ, http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/Realignment_FAQ.pdf

In addition to the information provided by the AKC at the above links the Dog Show Superintendents Association (DSSA) believes there are some other factors to consider based on our direct experience in the operation and execution of dog shows.

Adding the "new" breeds in the coming years should have little impact on most shows at the Group level. Few shows have most or all breeds in the current 7 groups represented at that level. For those occasions where the Group Ring available is too small for the number of breeds the Judge can divide the dogs as they do now with a large class in a breed.

There will also be increased expense since 28 Additional group rosettes and, for some clubs, additional trophies must be purchased. More multiple Group Judges must be hired which typically charge a higher fee.

The addition of 4 groups will add time to the length of a normal all-breed show day at a time when AKC is urging judging schedules be compressed and have no delays. Since additional time will be needed to move 4 more groups in and out of the ring(s) as well as time to make the trophy/ribbon presentations to those 1st-4th placements, the DSSA as well as others think it reasonable to expect this will add approximately 1 to 2 hours. Additional time would also have to be allocated for those shows with special attraction groups such as Puppy, Bred By exhibitor, Veteran etc. For those shows with larger entries this would certainly lengthen the day. One option to reduce the length of time would be to judge groups concurrently or to judge them as they become available throughout the day, which poses other challenges.

Member's Brags & News

Lugger's Big Ben, owned & bred by Bonnie Hall, took Best of Breed out of the Open Black class for a 4 point major, over 6 specials at the Greater Ocala Dog Club show. He is now an AKC Champion. Due to handling conflicts, every time Ben went in the ring he had a different handler on him. All but one had never handled him before. This is the same thing that happened back when he won his 3 point major, BOB. He now has 2 points toward his Grand Champion.

At the Dayton Dog Training Club on January 8, Bonnie (Sunfire's MD Cotton Bonnie CDX JH RN GN) earned her first Utility Dog leg in Obedience with a score of 192 and a first place finish. Aspen (Sunshine's Hope MD Cotton UDX2 OM3 RAE JH NA OAJ NAP NJP) earned a third place in Open B with a score of 197 and a third place in Utility B with a score of 194 and 2 OTCh points, bringing her total to 53. Both dogs are owned by Anita Eisthen.

More brags above in the meeting minutes.

Below is a US Postal Stamp that was released in Jan. 2012. The subject of this stamp is a yellow bitch, Oona, out of Apple Blossom's Babe O'Licious owned by Bonnie Hall and bred by Connie Stutler (a Stock daughter). Oona's sire was Full Moon Over Apple Blossom owned and bred by Connie (out of her foundation bitch Queenie). We are both very excited that our past dogs are honored in this way.



Here is an article in the New York Post about the stamps and a little bit about Oona.
http://www.nypost.com/p/entertainment/stamp_of_approval_lkAwtw30119oviEcEg5050



Available online FOR FREE

AKC Gazette - <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

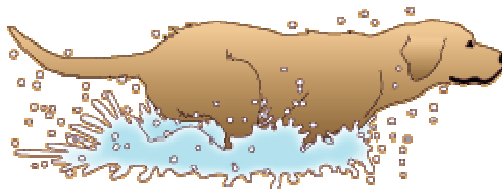
We have few dogs on the website at present. Due to the lack of foster caregivers we are unable to bring in more animals. The cost of boarding is too great to continue with it. Therefore, a number of very deserving animals are being euthanized in shelters or are just roaming the streets because their 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.**

Winter 2012 Face of Rescue



Meet Brandy; a sweet and pretty yellow female, looking for a forever family. Brandy is approximately 3 yrs young. She was overweight when she came into rescue but due to a good diet and exercise she has lost her extra pounds. Baby carrots & low-fat treats are best for her. And of course, more exercise is key. Brandy is working on crate training, so she can enjoy an active role in the home. She plays well with dogs, large or small and performed well at the doggie park. She also didn't mind her foster family's cat. Brandy likes children, too.

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



LIFELONG IMMUNITY – WHY VETS ARE PUSHING BACK

by Dogs Naturally on December 6, 2011

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The duration of immunity for Rabies vaccine, Canine distemper vaccine, Canine Parvovirus vaccine, Feline Panleukopenia vaccine, Feline Rhinotracheitis, feline Calicivirus, have all been demonstrated to be a minimum of 7 years by serology for rabies and challenge studies for all others.

In the Duration of Immunity to Canine Vaccines: What We Know and What We Don't Know, Proceedings – Canine Infectious Diseases: From Clinics to Molecular Pathogenesis, Ithaca, NY, 1999, Dr. Ronald Schultz, a veterinary immunologist at the forefront of vaccine research and chair of the University of Wisconsin's Department of Pathobiological Sciences, outlines the DOI for the following vaccines:

Minimum Duration of Immunity for Canine Vaccines:

Distemper- 7 years by challenge/ 15 years by serology

Parvovirus – 7 years by challenge/ 7 years by serology

Adenovirus – 7 years by challenge/ 9 years by serology

Canine rabies – 3 years by challenge/ 7 years by serology

Dr. Schultz concludes: "Vaccines for diseases like distemper and canine parvovirus, once administered to adult animals, provide lifetime immunity." "Are we vaccinating too much?" JAVMA, No. 4, August 15, 1995, pg. 421.

Yet vets continue to vaccinate annually. Dog owners feel that their vets are doing their dogs a great service by vaccinating every three years instead of annually – why do we allow it when these studies were done over thirty years ago and have been replicated time and again by other researchers?

Ian Tizard states: "With modified live virus vaccines like canine parvovirus, canine distemper and feline panleukopenia, calicivirus, and rhinotracheitis the virus in the vaccine must replicate to stimulate the immune system.

In a patient that has been previously immunized, antibodies from the previous vaccine will block the replication of the new vaccinal virus. Antibody titers are not significantly boosted. Memory cell populations are not expanded. The immune status of the patient is not enhanced.

After the second rabies vaccination, re-administration of rabies vaccine does not enhance the immune status of the patient at one or two year intervals. We do not know the interval at which re-administration of vaccines will enhance the immunity of a significant percentage of the pet population, but it is certainly not at one or two year intervals. Tizard Ian, Yawei N, Use of serologic testing to assess immune status of companion animals, JAVMA, vol 213, No 1, July 1, 1998.

“The recommendation for annual re-vaccination is a practice that was officially started in 1978.” says Dr. Schultz. “This recommendation was made without any scientific validation of the need to booster immunity so frequently. In fact the presence of good humoral antibody levels blocks the anamnestic response to vaccine boosters just as maternal antibody blocks the response in some young animals.”

He adds: “The patient receives no benefit and may be placed at serious risk when an unnecessary vaccine is given. Few or no scientific studies have demonstrated a need for cats or dogs to be revaccinated. Annual vaccination for diseases caused by CDV, CPV2, FPLP and FeLV has not been shown to provide a level of immunity any different from the immunity in an animal vaccinated and immunized at an early age and challenged years later. We have found that annual revaccination with the vaccines that provide long-term immunity provides no demonstrable benefit.”

Why then, have vets not embraced the concept of lifelong immunity in dogs?

“Profits are what vaccine critics believe is at the root of the profession’s resistance to update its protocols. Without the lure of vaccines, clients might be less inclined to make yearly veterinary visits. Vaccines add up to 14 percent of the average practice’s income, AAHA reports, and veterinarians stand to lose big. I suspect some are ignoring my work,” says Schultz, who claims some distemper vaccines last as long as 15 years. “Tying vaccinations into the annual visit became prominent in the 1980s and a way of practicing in the 1990s. Now veterinarians don’t want to give it up.”

The report of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccine Taskforce in JAAHA (39 March/April 2003)³ includes the following information for vets:

**‘Misunderstanding, misinformation and the conservative nature of our profession have largely slowed adoption of protocols advocating decreased frequency of vaccination’;
‘Immunological memory provides durations of immunity for core infectious diseases that far exceed the traditional recommendations for annual vaccination.’**

‘This is supported by a growing body of veterinary information as well-developed epidemiological vigilance in human medicine that indicates immunity induced by vaccination is extremely long lasting and, in most cases, lifelong.’

Both the AAHA and the AVMA must do more to “step up to the plate” says noted immunologist, Dr. Richard Ford. But the reality is the vets do not have to listen to the AAHA or the AVMA and it appears the state veterinary medical boards are not interested in enforcing vaccine schedules, opting to leave it up to the individual vet.

Dr. Bob Rogers hired a Chicago based law firm and initiated a class action suit for pet owners who were not given informed consent and full disclosure prior to vaccination administration. His article entitled “The Courage to Embrace the Truth”, states “While attending conferences like WSVMA and NAVMC I have asked over 400 DVMs from various parts of the country if they attended the seminars on New Vaccination Protocols. I was told by all but one, “I don’t care what the data says, I am not changing.” One DVM here

on VIN even said "I am not changing until the AVMA makes me change."

It seems that pet owners are against the wall when it comes to vaccination. The obvious conclusion is that pet owners who are concerned about the long term health of their companion animals must take it upon themselves to research vaccines, duration of immunity and vaccine dangers. At the very least, question every vaccine that goes into your animal – but none of the above information indicates you will get an honest or well-informed answer.

Be your dog's advocate – protect him with knowledge and by taking a stand against unnecessary vaccination. His life may depend on it!