



LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# RETRIEVER REVIEW

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Guys!

I am afraid to say anything about the wonderful weather we have had up to now, as I don't want to jinx it! I hope everyone has used the cooler temps to be out and about with your Labs.

October will be a busy month for LRCSC. Be sure to save **Saturday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> for the LRCSC BOB Match.** (see flyer in this issue) CGC will be offered and a great pot luck lunch with Sandwiches Club provided. Bring your favorite item and have a fun day with the dogs at Tewinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

Plans are in the works for a **September or October Working Certificate Practice Day.** When the date is confirmed, a blast will be sent to everyone.

The **Fall Hunt Tests** are set for **Oct. 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>** with the Working Certificate on Sun.

Don't forget that **Top Dog Competition** is right around the corner in November. If you have a good working dog and would like to be considered for the Top Dog team, contact Wendy Pennington (sealionlabs@aol.com)

Lots to do and a chance for everyone to get started in an activity with your Labrador. What could be greater! We are so lucky to be in a breed that has such versatility.

Hope to see you and your dogs!

*Margaret*

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Please direct any website related items to our webmaster: Ron Morelos

[ron.morelos@gmail.com](mailto:ron.morelos@gmail.com)



We're on Facebook!

Have you joined the LRCSC's email list at yahoo.com?

Share upcoming events and news with fellow LRCSC members via our own email list. This list is intended for the use of the members of the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California. Please use this list to keep current members up-to-date on pertinent Dog News and Information.

It's easy to subscribe! Send an email to:

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**From the Membership Chair**  
**Celeste Young**  
[finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com](mailto:finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com)

**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!**  
(none)

**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW FULL MEMBERS!**  
(none)

The following people have applied for **Associate** membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:  
**Elaine & Ron Gray**

The following people have applied for **Full** membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:  
**Susan Merrill**

*If you have any objection to the above mentioned persons joining the club, please voice your concern at the next Board meeting.*

Lab Rescue Organizations:

Fetching Companions, Inc.

[www.fetchingcompanions.org](http://www.fetchingcompanions.org)

FCRR Message line 888.412.3382

[www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org)

[sclrr@sclrr.org](mailto:sclrr@sclrr.org)

PO Box 4188

Irvine, CA 92616-4188

1.888.55.4.ALAB





## *The Winner's Circle*

The Winner's Circle entries are any **1<sup>st</sup> place**, a **qualifying score or leg**, a **placement at a specialty or LRCSC supported entry** or a **new title** in the **last three (3) months**. Non AKC titles will only be listed in regular format, but no individual wins for non AKC events will be listed. Please only submit title, date, and location where the title was completed. Match wins are not eligible for publication in the Retriever Review, but may be listed if space is available. Entries are listed in alphabetical order by the dog's registered name.

### **NEW TITLE!**

#### **Kintra's Always On My Mind **RN CGC****

(Kellygreens Meet Joe Black x Kintra's Brigadoon)

Breeder: Sandra Flanigan and Sandra Lee Martin,

Owner and Handler Alice E. Munger

7/9/11 3rd leg Rally B, Score 88, Santa Maria Kennel Club, Judge: Lora Cox

#### **Laurlen Ardent Rogue at Hyspire**

(MBISS GCh. Sure Shot HySpire Impressive, WC X BISS Ch. Ghoststone's Woodland Gossip)

Owner/handler: Julie Langhans

Breeder: Lisa Cruanas

5/1/11 WD- Lake Mathews Kennel Club, Judge: Ms. Pluis Davern

5/30/11 WD/BOW/BOB (over specials!) Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Judge: Mr. Charles L. Olvis

6/5/11 WD/BOW Kennel Club of Pasadena, Judge: Mr. W. Everett Dean, Jr.

6/2/11 WD/BOW/BOB (over specials, then made the cut in the sporting group!) Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, Judge: Mr. Dana P. Cline

6/10/11 WD/BOW (for a major!) Santa Maria Kennel Club, Judge: Mr. Christopher T. Neale

### **NEW TITLE!**

#### **Stonecreek's Natv Gold Dust **THD****

Stonecreek's Court Jester x Stonecreek's Roxanne 11

7/8/11 3rd place Novice B Score: 179 Channel City Kennel Club, Judge: Lora Cox

3/18/11 Therapy Dog title, 350 documented visits since November 2004

### **NEW TITLE!**

#### **BISS CH Thornwood's Dressed To Thrill**

(CH Thornwood's Resolution x CH Thornwood's Singular Sensation)

Owner/Breeder: Cheri and Kevin Conway, Handler: Ellen Cottingham

7/14/11 WD, BOB, Rose City Specialties, Judge: June Sasaki

7/15/11 WD, Rose City Specialties, Judge: Cheryl Curtis

7/16/11 BOB, Rose City Specialties, Judge: Cheryl Curtis

*"Dandy" completed his championship with two majors and Best of Breed wins!*

*A once-in-a-lifetime weekend, and we are STILL walking on a cloud!*

## PUPULATION INCREASE

Only verifiable screening information will be listed and only certification numbers are provided. The following organizations will certify the certifications that they have issued. You must know either certification number of the dog or its AKC number. If no certification numbers are listed, it does not necessarily mean that the dog has not been screened. Prospective buyers should inquire for further information from the breeder of the litter.

### Canine Eye Registration (CERF)

317.494.8179      [www.vmdb.org/inquiry.html](http://www.vmdb.org/inquiry.html)

### Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA)

573.442.428      [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

### Optigen

607.257.0301      [www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)

Note: These litter listings are provided as a service and information exchange for full members of the LRCSC. The listing will run in two (2) consecutive issues, only. One (1) extra month costs \$5.00, payable to LRCSC before the ad will run. No effort is made to verify the information provided, nor does the LRCSC as an organization enforce these litters. It is the responsibility of the consumer to certify information, ask questions, and evaluate guarantees and contracts as should be done before making any significant purchase.

(No Population submissions this month)





Ric Fox with Maya and Cooper

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that we have lost a member of our Labrador community.

Ric Fox passed away June 29<sup>th</sup> while hiking near Hetch Hetchy Reservoir with friends.

Among the many hobbies that Ric enjoyed, such as photography and hiking/backpacking, he loved to cook and was recently featured in an article on the "Retriever Life" website, where he shared his recipe for *Pawsta Carbonara*. Here is a link to that article, <http://retrieverlife.com/magazine/2011/06/pasta-carbonara-recipe/>. Always eager to help out at our Club's events, Ric always had a big smile while he was working. He truly was one of the good guys!

Ric loved to show his boy, "Cooper" in the conformation ring, and was in the ring earlier this year with his new favorite girl, "Maya", the pup that he and Irma got from Christine Tye at Gingerbred Labradors last year.

Ric is survived by his wife, Irma, who is on the Board of LRCSC, their 3 sons, Christopher, Jeremy, and Jordan, and grandchildren, Brendan and Alexis. Ric and Irma celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am at Whittier Church of Christ, and the church was filled to standing room only by the people whose lives were touched by this generous man.

### ***Godspeed dear friend!***



Ric and Cooper

My Dear Labrador Friends,

Words cannot express how much your love and support has meant to me. Your generosity has touched me. "THANK YOU", for your words of encouragement, cards and gifts.

I was extremely excited when Ric began training for the Hunt Test &, Obedience with Cooper, and actually enjoying handling in the ring. He once said, "I drank the Kool-Aid". He loved participating in club activities, but most of all, "each" one of you. I will miss him.

I know that I will continue in due time, but since it is the most recent memories, I am taking some time off. Cooper and Maya bring so much joy in our home.

Please keep me and my boys in your prayers.

With Love,  
Irma

# *The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California*

## **AKC B-OB Match**

**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

Tewinkle Park, 970 Arlington, Costa Mesa, CA

From the 405 fwy N or S, take the Fairview exit. Go to the west. Left at Arlington Dr. (just before the fairgrounds). Left at Junipero Dr. (cuts across the park). Turn right into the parking lot. The "Bowl" is the grassy area beside the parking lot.

### Judges

Mrs. Shawna Lawson – Conformation and Junior Showmanship

Mr. Robert Livell – Obedience

**Pre-entry deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Please send entries to Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora CA 91741

Entry information via email to [dmatsuura@canidae.com](mailto:dmatsuura@canidae.com)

### Classes Offered:

**Conformation:** 4-6m. puppy, 6-9m. puppy, 9-12m. puppy, 12-18m., Bred by Exhibitor, Open Black, Open AOAC

**Obedience:** Sub-Novice, Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Novice

**Junior Showmanship:** \$1.00 Ringside, classes divided as necessary

**Futurity:** No Futurity offered this year.

**Entry Costs: Pre-entry** \$6.00 per entry and \$4.00 additional class per dog

**Day of Match** \$8.00 per entry and \$5.00 additional class per dog

**CGC Test will be available immediately following Conformation judging for \$15.00 per dog**

### Additional Information

**Judging will begin at 10:00am** with Junior Showmanship and Obedience. Conformation judging will begin immediately following Junior Showmanship.

**Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park:** LRCSC will provide sandwich fixings and cold drinks. Please bring your favorite food to share.

Bring your own chairs, dog equipment (crate or x-pen), water, and shade.

**Reminder:** Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Dogs with major points toward their Championship are not eligible for match entry.

**Only Labradors may be entered in this Match.**

To **VOLUNTEER** or for **Match information** contact:

Diane Matsuura, [dmatsuura@canidae.com](mailto:dmatsuura@canidae.com)

### LRCSC Match Entry Form

Send pre-entries to: Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora CA 91741

**All Pre-entries due by October 3, 2011**

Entry number: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**First entry per dog \$6.00 Additional class per dog \$4.00**

**Breed Class** (circle one) 4-6m. 6-9m. 9-12m. 12-18m. BBE Open Black Open AOAC

**Obedience Class** (circle one) Sub-Nov Nov A Nov B Open A Open B Utility Grad Nov

*I/We agree to hold the LRCSC, its officers, members, and agents harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.*

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HELP NEEDED!!!!

We desperately need a volunteer to tow the trailer from it's base at Prado to Tewinkle Park for the October 8<sup>th</sup> match. If you are able to help, please contact diane matsuurra at [dmatsuura@canidae.com](mailto:dmatsuura@canidae.com). We can't set-up the match without our trailer!

### Story by Full Member Joanie Shugar

I am very excited for Goldie. Stonecreek's

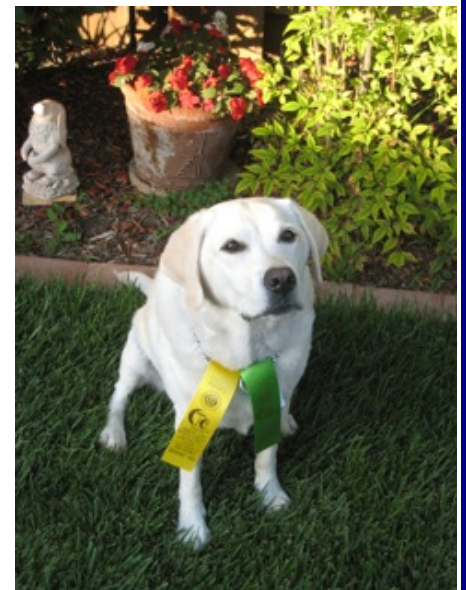
Natv Gold Dust, "Goldie" qualified at the Chanel City Kennel Club at the Summer Fest Dog Show July 8th. Goldie got her first CD leg in Novice B and Third Place with a score of 179. I am so excited. We didn't qualify the following day and would have at the Ventura Dog Fanciers, but I double handled. Did a verbal and hand signal at the same time. Oh, my! Goldie is thinking I am the one that needs to go to class.

Goldie also received a new title that the AKC is offering now for therapy dogs. After filling out the application which you can get on line and have 50 documented visits, send in a 20.00 fee. Goldie now has her "AKC Therapy Dog" title. She received a beautiful patch and certificate. Anyone who is in Therapy Dogs International, Love on a Leash, Delta, Therapy Dogs Inc., can apply. This is important to put in the newsletter as I know of a lot of Therapy Dogs in the club. Finally the AKC is recognizing this as a title for all the hard work dogs

volunteering in pet therapy. I am enclosing a photo of Goldie and her ribbons.

Hope all is well.

Joanie Shugar



From: "Robert Livell" <[rpksl@charter.net](mailto:rpksl@charter.net)>  
<<mailto:rpksl@charter.net>>  
Date: August 1, 2011 5:54:57 PM PDT  
To: "Robert Livell" <[rpksl@charter.net](mailto:rpksl@charter.net)>  
<<mailto:rpksl@charter.net>>  
Subject: SCDOC day at the Races

*Hello All,*

*Thursday Sept 15, 2011 is SCDOC Day at the Races during the L.A. County Fair.*

*We are up to 13 people as of today. This is not just for SCDOC members, you can also bring friends & family and spend the day at the Fair doing what you want to do.*

*Here is the link to the Fair to check it out à <http://lacountyfair.com/2011/>*

*Day at the Races \$37.00 package includes:*

*All day L.A. County Fair admission (\$17.00 value)  
Reserved seating for the entire day on the Fairplex Park Terrace. From 12-5p.m. racing starts @ 1:00p.m.*

*Delicious lunch buffet (So you don't have to spend money on Fair food but you know you are going too.) Group photo in the Winner's Circle Customized welcome message on the fairplex park tote board Complimentary racing program and betting guide Group name recognition in the racing program Free betting voucher Plus all will receive a free gift ( Most likely a refillable souvenir mug) (\$6.00 value) Plus a free ticket to come back to the Fair Wed- Fri. (\$17.00 value)*

*Please forward this to as many clubs/members as you can or friends.*

*Deadline to reserve will be Aug 19th SCDOC meeting*

# FUN STUFF

The Year 2011, is the year of Feng Shui and Luck, which I wish for you all.

The month of July this year has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This combination arrives only once every 623 years. The Chinese call this phenomenon "The Sacs of money".

This year is the Year of Money and Wealth. The month of October will have 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays! This combination arrives only once every 823 years! These years are called the years of Gain.

This year is a bit special. We will have 4 unusual dates:

1/1/11, 11/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/11/11

....and that is not all.

Take the last two digits of the year of your birth and the age you will have or have this year, add them, and the sum for everyone is 111 !

Ex: 63 + 48 = 111



What are you doing to  
beat the heat?!



## Liver Lickers Dog Treats

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup wheat germ
- 3/4 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon brewers' yeast
- 1 (3.5 ounce) jar pureed liver baby food
- 1/4 cup water, or as needed

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the wheat germ, milk powder, egg, yeast and liver baby food. Add water if necessary to make a workable dough. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet.
3. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove from cookie sheet to cool on wire racks. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.



## Diabetic Dog Treats

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 pounds beef liver, cut into pieces

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a 10x15 inch jellyroll pan with parchment paper.
2. Place the liver into a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. If you have room, add the flour and eggs, and process until smooth. Otherwise, transfer to a bowl, and stir in the flour and eggs using a wooden spoon. Spread evenly in the prepared pan.
3. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the center is firm. Cool, and cut into squares using a pizza cutter. The treats will have a consistency similar to a sponge. Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

# ***Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club***

presents its 2011 specialties shows and supported entries

The Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club in association with the Harvest Moon Cluster would like to invite you to a 5 day celebration of our wonderful breed.

## **Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County, Thursday, October 20**

Judge: Beth Speich

## **Golden Gate LRC & Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County, Friday, October 21**

### **“Bare Bones” Specialty**

Judges: Sharon Parr (Delight Labradors) Dogs & Intersex

Susan Huntzinger (Riverlane Labradors) Bitches

Kim Nowak Sweepstakes

## **Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, Saturday October 22**

Judges: Susan Huntzinger Dogs & Intersex

Sharon Parr Bitches

Linda Maffett (Suunydzee Labradors) Sweepstakes

Mike Babilacqua Obedience

Linda Hause Obedience & Rally

## **Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore, Sunday, October 23**

Judge: Lori Bentine (Tremont Labradors)

## **Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore, Monday, October 24**

Judge: Judy Corbett (Jaybriar English Cockers)

**Location** Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA

**Superintendent** MB-F infodog.com

**Entries close** Wednesday, Sept 28, 2011

**Show Chair** Terri Herigstad marstad@aol.com



## Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.

### Semi-Annual Health Clinic - October 17, 2011

**OEDC Clubhouse  
18225 Santa Ana Ave.  
Bloomington, CA 92316**

Directions: From I-10, to Cedar Ave; South on Cedar to Santa Ana; Right on Santa Ana about 3/4 mile on the left  
From I-60, to Rubidoux Ave (will become Cedar); North to Santa Ana; Left on Santa Ana about 3/4 mile on the left

**No parking on street, please park in lot!**

**\*\*PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPERATE FORM FOR EACH DOG YOU ARE BRINGING\*\***

(Detach Here)

**Dr. Michael Butchko: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

	\$	# of Tests	=	Totals
Rabies:	\$8.00 x	_____	=	_____
Combination Shot:	\$8.00 x	_____	=	_____
Bordetella:	\$8.00 x	_____	=	_____
von Willebrand:	\$50.00 x	_____	=	_____
Heartworm:	\$15.00 x	_____	=	_____
Thyroid:	\$55.00 x	_____	=	_____
(T3, T4, Free T4, Free T3, T4AA, T3AA)				
Full Body Chemistry:	\$65.00 x	_____	=	_____
(Com Plus Heartworm)				
Microchip:	\$25.00 x	_____	=	_____
(Including lifetime registration)				

**Dr. Michael Chang: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*Limited to Approximately 75 Dogs!*

	\$	# of Tests	=	Totals
EYE EXAMS		_____	=	_____
CERF or Non-CERF	\$30.00 x	_____	=	_____

*CERF & Cardiac Exams require your dogs AKC Information!!  
\*\*We are offering appointment times for CERF & Cardiac Exams.  
Please be sure to include your e-mail address and we will contact you to set an appointment\*\**

**Dr. Sharon Huston: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*Dr. Huston is a Boarded Cardiologist thus meeting OFA requirements for all breeds! Learn more about Dr. Huston at [www.sdvetcadio.com](http://www.sdvetcadio.com)*

	\$	# of Tests	=	Totals
OFA Cardiac Auscultation	\$40.00 x	_____	=	_____
OFA Echocardiogram	\$210.00 x	_____	=	_____
(Includes Auscultation)				

**OEDC:**

	\$	# of Tests	=	Totals
Prepaid AKC DNA Tests:	\$40.00 x	_____	=	_____

**Dinner:**

	\$	# of Meals	=	Totals
Number of Plates:	\$10.00 x	_____	=	_____
<i>Sandwiches, Chips &amp; Dip, Drinks &amp; Dessert</i>				

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color / Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

To Register Please Send Completed Form With Check Made Payable to OEDC to:

**OEDC Health Clinic, c/o Karen Means, 3162 Sacramento Rd., Phelan, CA 92371**

**If you have any questions please contact Karen or Kathy at (760) 868-4598**

*Thank You for Your Support! We Look Forward to Seeing You There!*

# CPR in Dogs

[http://www.superhappypets.com/article\\_dog\\_cpr.html](http://www.superhappypets.com/article_dog_cpr.html)



Despite your best efforts to keep your dog safe, the unthinkable can happen. Your dog could choke on a toy, chew through an electric cord, slip out the door and get hit by a car, or collapse from heatstroke on a hot day. Any number of serious illnesses or injuries could lead to *respiratory arrest* (failure to breathe) and then rapidly spiral into *cardiac arrest* (stopped heart) and ultimately death. If your dog fell unconscious and stopped breathing, would you know what to do?

CPR, or *Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation*, is an emergency procedure used to restore life to an animal (or human) whose breathing or heartbeat has stopped. The goal of CPR is to keep oxygen flowing to the brain and other vital organs until more definitive treatment can be obtained. CPR does not take the place of proper veterinary care. But when conducted appropriately, it can make all the difference for your dog.

## The ABC's of CPR

It is important to confirm that your dog is unconscious and has actually stopped breathing or has no pulse before you attempt to perform CPR. Take a moment to observe the situation before forging ahead. Does your dog fail to respond when you try to rouse her? Is her chest no longer rising and falling as with normal breathing movements? Is there anything stuck in her mouth, any blood or other sign of injury? Are you unable to feel a pulse? If your pet's breathing or heartbeat has truly stopped, her tongue, lips and gums will soon start to turn blue. If you see these signs, it's time to act.

CPR in animals and humans has three main components: Airway, Breathing and Circulation, and they must be addressed in that order. There's no sense trying to restore a pulse (circulation) in an unconscious dog before first trying to remove the toy that is lodged in her throat (airway).

## A=Airway

If your dog is unconscious and has stopped breathing, first make sure there is nothing blocking her windpipe. In cases where a dog is choking, this may resolve the problem.

### What to do:

1. Lie your dog on her side
2. Gently extend the neck and incline the head upwards slightly
3. Look in the mouth for any blood, vomitus, or foreign material and clear it away if possible.
4. Pull the tongue forward. Sometimes this will dislodge an object.
5. Perform a "finger sweep" of the back of the throat to dislodge objects forward onto the back of the tongue.
6. If all else fails, try the doggy Heimlich maneuver described in our article on [Canine First Aid](#).
7. Tweezers or pliers may be used to dislodge a solid foreign body
8. Check to see if your dog begins breathing again. If she is breathing effectively, her tongue and lips will start to turn pink and she will slowly come to. If not, proceed to then next step (*rescue breathing*).

9. Seek veterinary care immediately, regardless of whether your dog seems to have revived completely. Unforeseen complications can arise minutes to hours after an episode of choking or respiratory arrest.

#### What not to do:

1. Take extreme caution not to get bitten. This procedure must only be performed on an unconscious animal.
2. Don't confuse the tiny bones in the back of the throat (the larynx) with a foreign body!

### **B=Breathing**

If the airway is clear but your dog is still unconscious and not breathing, it's time to perform *rescue breathing*. The goal of rescue breathing is to provide oxygen to the lungs and vital organs until spontaneous breathing can resume. It is analogous to "mouth-to-mouth" resuscitation in people. The procedure is modified for small or large dogs to account for their different anatomy.

#### What to do for a large or medium-sized dog:

1. Gently tilt the head upward to straighten the airway.
2. Grasp the tongue and pull it forward
3. Close the dog's mouth and clasp the muzzle shut with both hands to minimize air leaks.
4. Clamp your lips over the dog's nose and exhale with enough force to expand your dog's chest as it would with a normal breath. Inhalation should take about one second.
5. Relax and let your dog's lungs deflate normally.
6. Give 3 to 5 rescue breaths and then pause to see if your dog is breathing on her own.
7. If she has not resumed breathing, continue rescue breathing, aiming for 8-10 breaths per minute.
8. Occasionally pause to press down on your dog's abdomen. This will release air that may have built up in the stomach.
9. Seek veterinary care immediately, even if your dog resumes breathing normally. Your vet will need to observe for complications and determine why breathing stopped in the first place.

#### What to do for a small dog:

1. Gently tilt the head upward to straighten the airway.
2. Cover your dog's entire nose and the front of her mouth with your lips.
3. Clamp the corners of her mouth shut with your hands to prevent leaks and proceed as with rescue breathing for larger dogs, above.

#### What not to do:

1. Rescue breathing is for animals who are unconscious. Never attempt rescue breathing on an awake or distressed animal.
2. Don't attempt rescue breathing unless you have confirmed that the airway is clear.

### ***Is your dog breathing?***

This can be tricky to determine in an unconscious dog, but it is critical information. Stay calm if you can and take a moment to assess the following:

- Can you see the normal rise and fall of the chest?
- Can you feel exhaled breath on your hand?
- Gently pluck a tuft of hair from your dog's coat and hold it near the mouth and nose. Is it stirring back and forth with your dog's breath?
- Check the gums. Have they turned blue? If yes, your dog has probably stopped breathing.

## **C=Circulation**

Clearing the airway and performing rescue breaths may be all that's needed to revive your dog in an emergency. But if you've completed these steps and your dog is still not breathing AND has no heartbeat—or if your dog had no pulse even from the start—it will be necessary to provide chest compressions along with rescue breathing. To put things in perspective, the prognosis for a dog who has suffered both cardiac and pulmonary arrest is not favorable. The overall survival rate may be less than 5% for animals who have arrested, and of course this depends on the severity of the reason that the heart and breathing stopped in the first place. But in this rare type of emergency, you may be your dog's best and only chance.

### **Performing chest compressions**

The principle here is the same as in human CPR courses many of us have taken along the way. Direct compression of the chest wall overlaying the heart can actually force it to passively pump blood. This is sometimes enough to sustain life until the heart can be restarted.

#### **What to do for medium and large dogs:**

1. Lie your dog on her side
2. Extend your elbows and cup one hand over the other. Place your hands on your dog's chest in the area right behind the tip of the elbow.
3. Briskly compress the chest by 2-3 inches at a rate of 80 to 100 beats per minute.

#### **What to do for small dogs:**

1. Cup your palm or fingertips around the area of the chest right behind the elbows
2. Briskly compress the chest by 1/2 to 1 inch at a rate of 100-120 beats per minute.

Continue doing this until you feel a pulse or arrive at the veterinary hospital. Be aware that an animal who has no pulse and is not breathing despite 20 minutes of CPR is extremely unlikely to survive.

### **How to coordinate chest compressions with rescue breathing:**

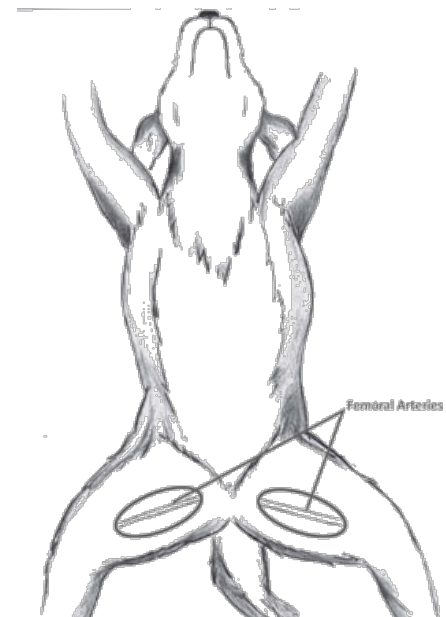
It's best if there are two people to perform CPR. One person can give chest compressions while the other gives rescue breaths. If no one else is available to help, then you must alternate between the two. In this case, give one rescue breath for every 12 chest compressions.

Every savvy dog lover should know the ABC's of CPR. Hopefully you'll never need to use them.

### **How to check your dog's pulse**

Checking your dog's pulse can be a bit tricky even under normal circumstances. Practicing this at home when you're both relaxed and comfortable will help you be prepared in an emergency. Note that a dog's pulse rate is typically faster than that of a human and depends on size. A large dog may have a pulse rate of 70-90 beats per minute whereas a small dog's heart may beat up to 120 times per minute.

The best place to feel your dog's pulse is the femoral artery, which runs down the inside of the thigh from the groin to the knee. Cup your right hand firmly over the front of your dog's right upper thigh (or use your left hand on her left thigh) with your fingertips touching the groin area. Move your fingertips back and forth until you feel your dog's pulse.



## Are Dogs Color Blind

<http://www.doghealth.com/vision/are-dogs-color-blind>

Many people think that their pet dog lives in an old black and white movie, unable to distinguish colors, and it seems that it is a ho-hum world indeed. Poor Fido can't even enjoy that handsome winter sweater we so carefully picked out for his days at the dog park. And what about that fancy blue ball he loves to fetch? Is it merely a dim grey orb lolling in bleak grey grass? Well, not quite.

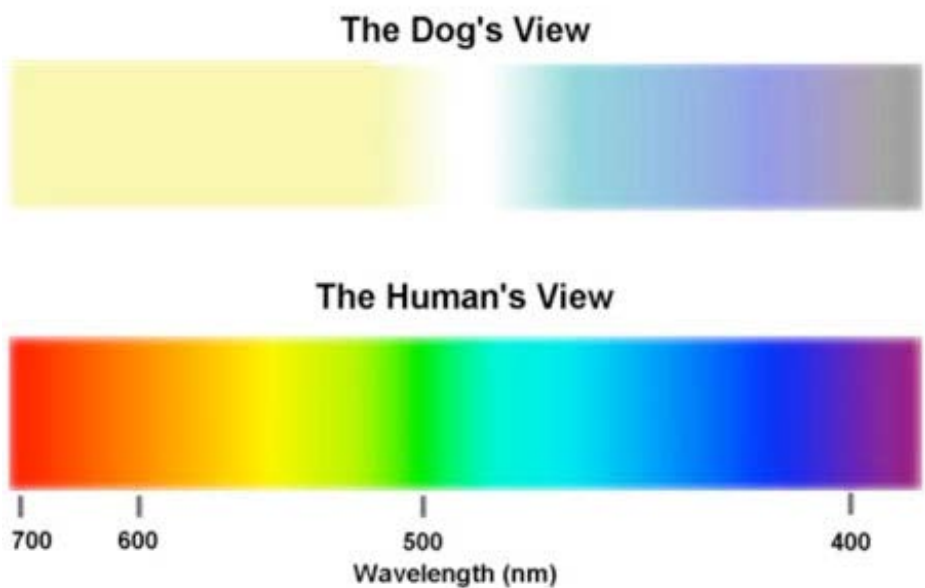
Until rather recently, the 1990's in fact, it was thought that dogs could not see color at all. After advanced research, science has come to find that your dog's retinas actually do contain the color-sensitive components called cones.

Dogs have fewer cones than we do in our retinas so they don't see quite as many colors as a human, and the colors they see are not as robust and vibrant, but they do see color.

The following graph (courtesy of Dr. Mark Plonsky PHD, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point) is a wonderful and easy to read example of how your dog's vision compares to our human vision.

In looking at the chart we can see that certain colors are indistinguishable to them. Red looks brownish-grey or brownish-black, and orange, green and yellow all look yellow.

Your dog is able to see the color blue. Purple seems blue to them. Greenish blue and green seem grey.



### More Interesting Information About Dog Vision

Another component of a retina is called a rod. Dogs have more rod cells than we do. Rod cells help see in dim light and also to distinguish the color gray.

It is believed that dogs can not only comprehend grey well, but that they can see many shades of grey that we cannot. Dogs, like cats, also see much better than we do in dim light situations.

Dogs are nearsighted creatures and do not see clearly at distances of more than 20 feet. They are able to detect movement at great distances, but cannot see the detail that would allow them to distinguish you from a small tree.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>AUGUST 2011</b>			
8/6	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon clinic	Dog Beach, Del Mar
8/11	Fullerton's Dog Days of Summer	Dog Days of Summer	Fullerton Market on Wilshire 714.738.6545
8/13	Canine Angels	4 <sup>th</sup> annual walk	Huntington Beach
8/13	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon clinic	Dog Beach, Del Mar
8/13	Southwest Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally Trial	Gardena
8/13	Cardiff Dog Days of Summer	Canine Festival & Contest	Cardiff-by-the-Sea
8/13, 14	South Bay KC	All Breed	Torrance
8/20	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon clinic	Dog Beach, Del Mar
8/20	Boxer Club of San Fernando Valley	All Breed Conformation, Obedience & Rally Fun Match	Woodley Park
8/21	Surf City Animal Response Team	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Fair in the Park	Long Beach Marine Stadium Park, Long Beach
8/27, 28	Santa Barbara KC	All Breed	Earl Warren Fairgrounds
<b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b>			
9/3, 4	Cabrillo KC	All Breed	Bates Nut Farm
9/11	Laguna Beach	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Parade & Chili Cook-off	contact Caroline Haines (949) 499-9933
9/11	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon	Dog Beach, Del Mar
9/15	SCDOC	Day at the Races (See page 8)	Pomona Fairgrounds
<b>9/16</b>	<b>LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
9/24, 25	Santa Ana Valley KC	All Breed	Cerritos
9/25	OSCPA	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Animals	Huntington Beach
<b>OCTOBER 2011</b>			
10/1,2	Burbank KC	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Van Nuys
10/1, 2	WLAOTC	Sandra Ladwig Obedience Seminar	Contact: Tawnsinclr@aol.com
10/2	Lomita Obedience Training Club	Rally Throwdown	Rolling Hills Estates

## HELP NEEDED!!!!

**WE DESPERATELY NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TOW THE TRAILER FROM IT'S BASE AT PRADO TO TEWINKLE PARK FOR THE OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> MATCH. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT DIANE MATSUURA AT [DMATSUURA@CANIDAE.COM](mailto:DMATSUURA@CANIDAE.COM). WE CAN'T SET-UP THE MATCH WITHOUT OUR TRAILER!**

<b>10/8</b>	<b>LRCSC</b>	<b>B-OB MATCH</b>	<b>TeWinkle Park, Costa Mesa</b>
10/11	Obedience Club of San Diego	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Markim Pet Resort
10/15, 16	Bakersfield Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Bakersfield
10/17	OEDC	Health Clinic	Bloomington – See page 12
10/21	California South Coast Retriever Club	2011 Fall Field Trial	Lost Hills
<b>10/21</b>	<b>LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
10/22, 23	Hidden Valley Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Escondido
<b>10/29, 30</b>	<b>LRCSC</b>	<b>2011 Fall Hunt Test</b>	<b>Chino</b>
10/29, 30	Kennel Club of Riverside	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Perris
10/30	Pasanita Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Brookside Park
10/30	Haute Dog	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Howl'oween Parade	Long Beach - <a href="http://www.howloween.info">www.howloween.info</a>
<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>			
11/5 & 6	San Gabriel Valley & Antelope Valley Kennel Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Industry Hills
11/12	SCDOC	TOP DOG	OEDC Clubhouse
11/13	High Desert LRC	Specialty Breed & All-Breed Obedience & Rally	Acton
<b>11/18</b>	<b>LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
11/19, 20	San Luis Obispo KC	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Paso Robles
<b>DECEMBER 2011</b>			
12/9	Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County	All Breed show & 2 Obed & Rally Trials	Costa Mesa
12/10 & 11	Valley Hills Obedience Club	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Van Nuys
<b>12/16</b>	<b>LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
12/17 & 18	Los Encinos & Long Beach KC	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Long Beach Convention Center
<b>JANUARY 2012</b>			
1/6, 7 & 8	Palm Springs Kennel Club	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Indio
1/ 21, 22	San Fernando KC & Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Ventura
<b>FEBRUARY 2012</b>			
2/18, 19	SDLRC	Specialty Show & All Breed Obed & Rally	Valley Center
2/25, 26	Silver Bay KC of SD	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Del Mar
<b>MARCH 2012</b>			
3/16, 17	Del Sur KC	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Valley Center
<b>MAY 2012</b>			
5/6	HDOC	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Newhall
5/12, 13	Apple Valley KC	All Breed Show Obed & Rally Trials	Victorville