#### LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



# Retriever Review



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## A New Year Message

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Christmas is behind us and a New Year is unfolding, beckoning us into the future. No doubt the post-festive mind is full of worthy resolutions. The box room will be tackled this year. The weight that accumulated last year, topped off by Christmas indulgence, will be vanguished. There may be a car restoration project, that has been languishing in the garage for years. This may be the year to give yourself that long-promised 'trip of a lifetime'. There may be distant or close relatives, who should be seen more often. It may be something simpler but possibly more worthy. Smile at fellow travellers. Lend a helping hand to those in need, whenever encountered. Each day, contribute to someone's happiness. Some of these resolutions will fall by the wayside, lost in the turmoil of the first weeks of January. Many will, undoubtedly, be seen through, for a happier and better-fulfilled year ahead. How many of us, however, will have had thoughts of the family pet, at this traditional time of self-examination and resolution?

Just as we ourselves fall prey, during the year, to inertia and to the penalties of succumbing to the pressures of stress, the temptations of over-indulgence and falling into unhealthy lazy lifestyles, so too do our animals, who depend upon us for their lifestyle and well-being. Perhaps there has been a nagging feeling that all is not hunky-dory, in the dog or cat department, despite an outward appearance of health, needing a closer look at the details of life, to ensure the best in well-being, enjoyment of life and longevity, for our much-beloved companion.

This could be the year to get out and about more with the dog, to the physical and mental benefit of both man and beast. How many times have I heard, in discussions with clients, that retiring or becoming redundant has brought unexpected health benefits, as a result of more time to walk the dog. A habit that started as a way of filling idle time can become a keenly-protected and precious essential activity. The reverse can also be the case. If one or other

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From the Membership Chair Celeste Young

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

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING **NEW FULL MEMBERS!** 

The following people have applied for Associate membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board: Jenna Hollister

**Trevy & Mary Winterstrom** 

The following people have applied for Full membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board: (none)

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

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www.sclrr.org sclrr@sclrr.org PO Box 4188

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#### **REMINDER:**

LRCSC Club dues are due no later than January 15, 2011. Statements were mailed out in November, so if you did not receive yours, please email membership, immediately:

finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com

THANKS!!

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# The Winner's Pircle

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 TITLES!!!**

#### Green Canyon's Guide Dog Gone Awry JH CD RN WC CGC

Ch Ghoststone's Boomtown, RB, JH X Longview Green Canyon Amy Breeder: Christine and Ken Kegel, Owner/Handler: Diana Kudell

11/14/10 1st Place Novice A Obedience, CD Title, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club of CA, Inc, Judge: Novile J. Mat

ard Place Novice A Rally, RN Title, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club of CA, Inc, Judge Noelle J. Pilat

11/20/10 SH Qualifying Score, GRCGLA 2010 Fall Hunt Test, Judges: Tony Urquidi / Larry Saayedge

#### Coleriver's Special Request, CGC WC

BISS Ch Sure Shot Hyspire Impressive X Gingerbred Cookie Jar Cash, CGC WC CD JH

Owner: Denise Coler and Tania Clark, Handler: Denise Coler, Breeder: Denise Coler/Greg Coler

11/14/10 3rd place Bred-by Exhibitor, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club, Judge: Judy Chambers,

#### Coleriver's She's Got It All, CGC WC

Ch Talimar's Trendsetter X Gingerbred Cookie Jar Cash, CGC WC CD JH

Owner: Denise Coler and Tania Clark, Handler: Denise Coler, Breeder: Denise Coler/Greg Coler

11/14/10 4th place American Bred, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club, Judge: Judy Chambers

#### Gingerbred Cookie Jar Cash, CGC WC CD JH

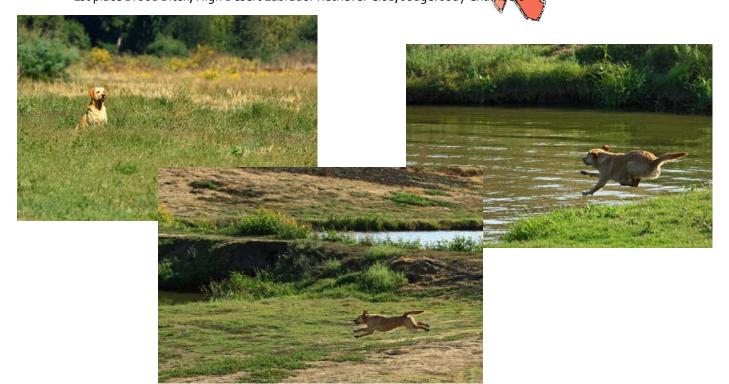
BISS Ch Saddlehill Struttin inthe Moonlight X Hennings Mill Gingerbred ATM

Owner: Denise Coler and Tania Clark, Handler: Denise Coler, Breeder: Christine Tye

11/14/10 1st place Veteran Bitch, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club, Judge: Judy Chambers

Select Bitch, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club, Judge: Judy Chambers

1st place Brood Bitch, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club, Judge: Judy Chambers



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## PUPULATION INCREASE

Only verifiable screening information will be listed an 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

Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) 573.442.428 www.offa.org

Optigen

607,257,0301

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.

#### Black and Yellow litter Due 12/25/10

Sire: Kintra's Nu

OFA hips LR-137689G49M-PI, elbows LR-EL20931M49-PI

Cerf LR-38127/2003--50/10 Dam: RockinOak Champagne On Ice

OFA hips LR-167203G24F-PI, elbows LR-EL34831F24-PI

Cerf LR-43389/2009-56/10

Contact Karen dP-Jobke 209-966-8076 or Tuckawaylabs@sti.net

#### BLACK & YELLOW Litter Due 12/15/10

SIRE: BISS CH. Lawson's Rush In (Luke)

OFA: LR-187004G24M-VPI Hips Good; OFA LR-EL46984M24-VPI

Elbows normal; Optigen normal/Clear by parentage; ACVO

annually, Heart-Normal.

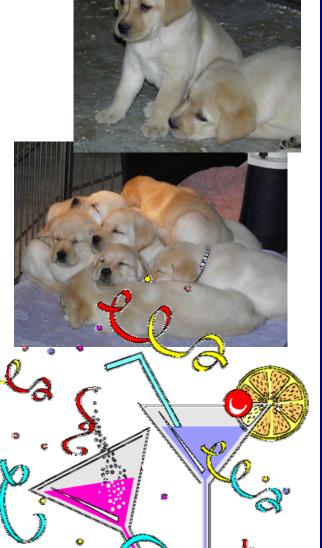
DAM:Kintra's Midnight Storm (Stormy)

OFA LR-179406G25F-VPI Hips Good; OFA LR EL42039F25-VPI

Elbow Normal; CERF LR-9/10 Optigen Normal/Clear by Parentage.

Contact Alexandra Flanigan 951 789-0890 or kintralabradors@att.net

Did You Know.... Dogs do recognize their mom, dad & littermates.



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# LRCSC Conformation, Obedience and CGC Practice Day And Picnic

Sunday, January 15, 2011 – 10:00 am Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa

Join us for practice and fun

#### Obedience:

Show and Go - corrections allowed, enter as often as you like

#### Conformation:

- Handling instruction and practice
- Take your turn in the ring going over the dogs!

#### Introduction to CGC

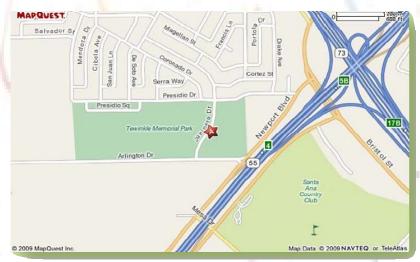
- Demonstration
- Practice

#### Picnic:

Join us in the nearby pavilion for soup, salad, sandwiches and drinks

### Directions to Tewinkle park:

- 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). Left onto Presidio Dr. (just outside the park). Left onto the second Presidio Square Rd. (parking entrance is 1 way), which leads into a 1-way parking lot. Our area is right by the exit end of the parking lot.
- Map attached



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#### New Year's Resolutions For Dog Lovers!

Courtesy of FreeDogTrainingInfo.com

It's time to ring in the New Year! A great time for new beginnings, new goals or getting back on track with old ones. Human nature makes us all become complacent occasionally. But when it comes to our pets, reduced involvement can contribute to behavior problems! As the cold weather sets in, most people don't spend as much time outdoors. What does this mean for our dogs? Less exercise, less ball playing, less dog training, and less attention overall. Reduced physical activity combined with lack of mental stimulation can result in a pet who is more mischievous, hyperactive, or begins to develop other problems. Pets who live outdoors may receive so much less attention that they become lonely, aggressive, or destructive.

However as with most things in life, there's still a chance to change! Here are some ideas for pet related New Year's resolutions to help keep things on track!

- Even if it's very cold, spend at least 10 minutes a day outdoors playing with your dog.
- Take your dog for a leash walk every day. Even a short walk is better than none!
- Practice obedience training daily either indoors or out to keep your dog's mind mentally exercised.
- Instead of yelling at your pet, work patiently toward creating new good behaviors.
- If your dog lives outdoors, bring him inside the house or at least the garage so you can interact and he can be warm and healthy. Pay attention to him at least 40 minutes per day.
- Brush your dog's coat regularly so it's not traumatic when he goes for a professional grooming.
- Do not separate your dog from visitors. Instead, use the leash and train him how to behave.
- Stop thinking about getting "rid of" your dog. Instead read books, watch videos, or work with a trainer to resolve the problems.

Whether you choose one of these resolutions or several, or even create your own, enjoying your pet more will be benefit both of you in the New Year!

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# How Do Dogs Get Tapeworms?

Courtesy of i-love-dogs.com

Worms aren't a very pleasant topic but they are something that you should know about if you have

You may hear about different kinds of worms and wonder how your dog can get them. How does your dog get tapeworms, for instance?

Dogs get tapeworms from eating fleas. Fleas ingest tapeworm eggs and when your dog eats the fleas he eats the tapeworm eggs, too. They then happily hatch out inside your dog. A single tapeworm can grow to be four to six inches long in your dog's intestine. The tapeworm's head attaches to the intestine. As it grows it is followed by many little linked segments. These little segments look like rice. They break off and your dog passes them when he uses the bathroom. You can sometimes see them in his stool or they can catch on the fur around his rectum. A single tapeworm may have 90 of these segments. Each of these segments contains more eggs for the tapeworm.

When you take your dog to the vet (and this is one reason why you should take your dog for an annual check-up), your vet can identify these little white links as tapeworm segments. Sometimes these links will show up in a fecal exam, but there is no guarantee that a tapeworm will conveniently break off when your dog is at the vet so your vet may not find the segments when he does the fecal exam.

Over-the-counter wormers for dogs do not work on tapeworms. You will need a prescription wormer from your vet to kill the tapeworms.

A tapeworm can infect your dog for a year or more. They rob your dog of the nutrients that pass through his <u>digestive system</u>. Your dog may have abdominal discomfort, he may be nervous, and he may vomit. If you notice these signs in your dog, even if you don't see the rice-like segments of the tapeworm around your dog's tail or in his stool, take your dog to the vet and tell him that you suspect your dog may have tapeworms.

Tapeworms can be passed to humans so it's very important to kills these parasites as quickly as possible. Beefing up your flea control will help prevent tapeworm infestations from getting started. If your dog has had tapeworms you will also need to treat your yard and home.

If you have a puppy, most vets will offer worming when your puppy has his series of puppy shots. Make sure that you get this worming for your puppy since it will take care of any tapeworms that your puppy may have when you first get him.

There are other worms and parasites that can bother your dog but most of them can be killed by over-the-counter wormers for dogs, with the exception of heartworms. Make sure that you get your dog tested annually for worms with a fecal exam to find out if he has any worms or parasites. Your vet can answer any questions you have about parasites and your dog.

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#### (New Year – cont'd from front page)

becomes unable to go for walks, for whatever reason, the health penalties quickly show in both. We happily don't need the unwelcome jolt of redundancy, to bring about such changes. We can simply resolve to do it.

The beckoning year could make you think that the poor old dog is only given manufactured and highly-processed food, day in and day out, when the family feasts on fresh and wholesome variety. Some families even seek 'organic' food for themselves, for health reasons, little realising that their dog can also benefit from this natural diet approach, for exactly the same reasons. Many families come to see me and are surprised and overjoyed to hear that they can offer their dogs or cats a share of their own food or can freshly prepare the pet's daily diet, as they do so carefully for themselves. I cannot count the telephone calls I have received. that simply tell us how liberated the family can feel, when changing over to fresh and wholesome food prepared at home and how obvious the health benefits are, within weeks, in the sparkling eye and the gleaming coat. All that is needed is to banish the fear that you cannot do it yourself, for lack of knowledge, and to accept that the nutrient requirements of dogs are broadly similar to our own.

None of us eats a truly balanced meal, any day of our lives. What happens is that we take in a goodly variety of fresh and healthy foods, compatible with our species' evolved requirements and the body miraculously balances the uptake of nutrients. If we don't do this for ourselves, maybe this January is a good time to resolve to do so. It's never too late to start but it is a case of the sooner the better.

To go back to our dogs, they can also benefit from this approach, so long as we remember that they are better adapted to meat-

eating than we are and have the jaws and teeth to handle lumps of raw meat and to deal with raw bones, in a way that we cannot. This adaptation places a requirement in them, for such items in the diet. The old adage 'if you don't use it, you lose it' is very appropriate. Dogs that do not have regular access to such food ingredients soon tend to suffer tooth problems, as a clear sign that all is not well. There are even enzymes in raw meat, which serve to maintain mouth health. The early signs of trouble are stained teeth. Later, there is a build-up of tartar and this soon leads to gum disorder and smelly breath. In more advanced cases, teeth become compromised and have to be removed. Experience shows that, given a suitable diet, dogs keep their white teeth and healthy gums right into old age. If the early signs are there, in your dog's mouth, the change has become an urgent necessity, if you are to avoid a series of expensive dental vet visits and a progressive decline in mouth health.

Dogs are unable, because of their specialised dentition, to deal with and properly to use vegetables, in their raw, chunky state. They cannot chew them properly and do not have the bowel anatomy and function to break them down and digest them. In the wild, they overcome this obstacle and supply their needs for vegetable material, by eating fruit and by consuming herbivore dung, rich in the minerals and vitamins they require. Have you noticed how your dog is so proud of himself, to have found a fresh lot of sheep dung, while on a walk on the moors, that he will come up to you straight after, to offer you a kiss? In our domestic environment, we can supply this need for our dogs by giving fruit (but watch for the recent reports of toxicity from grapes and raisins, which are not fully explained as yet) or by giving vegetables that are prepared for him. Lightly-boiled or lightlysteamed vegetables can readily be utilised and digested. Raw vegetables provide essential nutrients but should be liquidised, for full benefit. Juicing is not so good, as essential fibre is lost.

Good supplements are seaweed (kelp), freshly-squeezed garlic, grated fresh parsley and watercress, brewers yeast, evening primrose oil, fish oil, flax oil, star flower oil and live yoghurt. We tend to avoid dairy products and wheat, if there is a tendency to allergy.

Cats are different, in some aspects. They can, sadly, show a great reluctance to be weaned off 'fast-foods', if accustomed to them. They are prone to food poisoning, if meat is not hygienically prepared and if bowls and dishes are not kept clean. They are not so good with garlic and the onion family and they have an absolute dietary requirement for meat. Dogs can go veggie, if this is important to a family, but the needs of teeth and gums must then be more carefully addressed, without the natural benefit of raw meat and bones.

A good New Year present for your pet is to buy ceramic food and water dishes and to wash them in ecological reagents. This really tops off your health initiative and prevents the ingestion of potentially toxic material from other types of receptacle and household chemicals.

It is worth adding, at this point, that the general remarks made about diet may need some modification, in the case of animals with specific illnesses, such as kidney trouble. A natural diet can still be offered, but with modifications that a holisticallyminded vet can recommend.

I wish all readers and their animal companions a healthy and happy New Year, which brings all the benefits that a healthy lifestyle and diet can bring. Page 8 of 9 Retriever Review

# My Dog Is Marking In The House!

Courtesy of i-love-dogs.com

If you see a woman chasing a dog from room to room, threatening them with a mop, it's possible you are watching a dog owner who has a male dog that's been marking in the house.



It should be understood that marking behavior is not the same as ordinary peeing in the house, although the result may be the same. Marking behavior, which may be no more than sprinkling everything in sight, is not a housetraining issue. It is about territory, dominance and sexuality. Sometimes it is about insecurity. But even dogs that are thoroughly housetrained can mark in the house.

Marking is usually, but not always, an issue that involves male dogs. Some females will mark in the house, but by far most dogs that exhibit marking behavior are male.

Dogs mark by peeing on <u>furniture</u> or other items in order to establish their territory. They are "marking" something as theirs. They are usually motivated to do so to show their status. There may be other dogs in the household that they think should be reminded about their position. There may be females around and they want to advertise their sexual availability. Or, the male may be insecure in some way and marking makes him feel bigger and tougher. He's tossing his hat in the ring, so to speak. He wants to be one of the guys.

As you probably know, dogs have incredible noses and they can gather a wealth of information from sniffing urine. Your dog is leaving information about himself and his position when he marks something.

Not surprisingly, most owners don't appreciate this practice in their homes.

Marking is far more prevalent with unneutered males since it seems to be linked to testosterone. Neutering at any point in a dog's life does seem to reduce or nearly eliminate the behavior (though it is not a guarantee). So, you might suggest to your intact male that if he doesn't want to lose something he values he should knock off the marking. If that doesn't work, there are some other ways to try to discourage marking behavior.

One of the best ways to stop the marking is to catch your dog in the act. This usually requires very close supervision and immediate correction. You may have to confine your dog to one small area of the house in order to watch him closely. You may even need to put him on a retractable leash in the house. However, this method is effective.

You can also make yourself a shaker bottle using an old soda bottle and fill it with pennies or something else that rattles. Watch your dog and as soon as he starts to mark you give your command, "NO MARK!" and rattle the shaker at him. The goal is to startle him into not marking. Do this consistently for a couple of days and he should be on his way to breaking the habit.

You may need to confine your dog while you are away from home, at least while you are trying to break the marking habit. You can crate your dog for a few hours while you are away from home in order to control the marking. Make sure your dog goes outside to potty, as usual, and praise him when he pees outside.

Remember to thoroughly clean every area where your dog marks in the house. These areas are special to him and you have to remove all trace of the urine so he won't be tempted to mark there again. A 50/50 solution of vinegar and water works well.

If none of these solutions works you may have to resign yourself to putting a belly band on your dog. A belly band is a wrap which fits around your dog's waist and over his penis. You fit it inside with a sanitary napkin. If your dog is tempted to mark and lift his leg then he pees into the band and not onto anything in the house. It's really a method of last resort.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	
	JA	<b>NUARY 2011</b>		
1/2	Southwest Obedience Club	Match, Obedience & Rally	Gardena	
1/7, 8 & 9	Palm Springs KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Empire Equestrian Park and Polo Field, Indio	
1/15	LRCSC club membership dues are due!			
1/15	LRCSC	Practice Match, Picnic & Board Meeting	Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa	
1/16	Belgian Tervuren Club	Track Test	Prado Regional Park	
1/20	Channel City KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Ventura	
1/21	LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE			
1/21	Simi Valley KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Ventura	
1/22	San Fernando KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Ventura	
1/23	Ventura County Dog Fanciers	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Ventura	
1/29 & 30	Orange Empire Dog Club	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	National Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino	
	FEE	BRUARY 2011		
2/12	LRCSC	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Denny's in Brea	
2/13	Agility Club of San Diego	Track Test	San Diego	
2/18	LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE			
2/20	Belgian Tervuren Club	Track Test	Prado Regional Park, Chino	
2/26, 27	Silver Bay Kennel Club	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Del Mar Fairgrounds	
	IV	IARCH 2011		
3/3, 4	Sequoia KC	All Breed	Hanford, CA	
3/4, 5	Superstition KC	All Breed	Scottsdale, AZ	
3/5, 6	Kings KC	All Breed	Hanford, CA	
3/5, 6	SCDOC	AKC Obedience & Rally Seminar	Bloomington	
3/5, 6	BTCSC	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Sliverado	
3/6, 7	Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assoc.	All Breed, Obedience, Agility & Rally	Scottsdale, AZ	
3/12, 13	Apple Valley KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Victorville, CA	
3/18	LRCSC RETRIEVER REVIEW	W NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIO	N DEADLINE	
3/19, 20	Del Sur KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Valley Center, CA	
3/26, 27	Kern County KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Bakersfield	
3/26, 27	Basset Hound Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	La Habra Heights	
		JUNE 2011		
6/30 – 7/3	Treasure State Retriever Club	Mike Lardy Basic/Transitions Retriever Clinic	Butte Montana	

