



# RETRIEVER REVIEW

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Guys,

Not only was it a "GREAT DAY" in the park, it was really and truly a FUN DAY! The weather was perfect. The food was wonderful, and I think everyone learned something they didn't know before, and had a relaxing time with old friends, new friends, and their four legged friends.

Thanks to Jane Babbitt and Marty Rice for all their organization and hard work. The "gymkhana ring" was a great for both the young dogs and older dogs, and I think the people had a great time too.

Tania and Bryan Brodowski were super, and worked all day helping dogs and evaluating dogs for their CGC degrees.

In the main ring, Denise Coler and Holly demonstrated quality Novice Obedience work, while yours truly, and Max showed some Open and Utility exercises that were still a "work in progress!"

Joe Cook impressed everyone with his dog's field ability, and showed the beginners how to get started.

Sandra Flanigan took over for conformation help and instruction in what the Lab Standard is and how to look for it in your dog. She very generously even extended the instruction into the afternoon during breaking down.

Celeste Young was there for questions and answers in how to get started in tracking, and offered literature and info on holistic medicine and nutrition for our dogs.

Ron Morelos and his "magic BBQ" tuned out some great hamburgers and hot dogs complimented by a super pot luck which, once again, seems to come out perfect every time.

Paw painting was offered to "immortalize your furry child" and seemed to catch on towards the end of the day.

Games of "Musical Chairs", Dog Food Toss, and the very popular "Hot Dog Toss" rounded out the afternoon.

Most of all we had a really great turnout of members and non-members, and reached a lot of people with the versatility of our breed and the fun and satisfaction derived when working and playing with our Labs.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this Fun Day a success!

I hope everyone continues through the summer working and playing and learning with and from our Labradors.

Be safe and healthy. *Margaret*

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**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:  
(none)

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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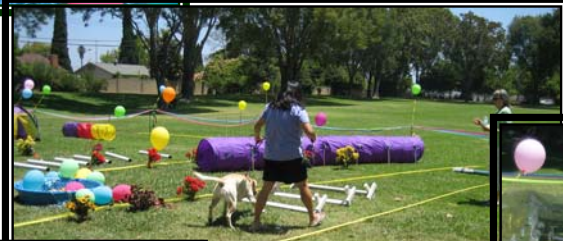


## *The Winner's Circle*

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.

(No Winner's Circle submissions this month)

## *A few FUN DAY photos!*



## 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.

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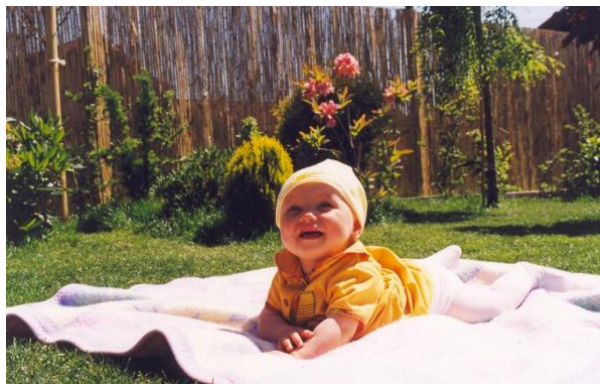
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(No Pupulation submissions this month)

### *Instructions for properly hugging a baby (from a dog's point of view)*

*1. First, uh, find a baby.*



*2. Second, be sure that the object you found was indeed a baby, by employing classic sniffing techniques.*



3. Next, you will need to flatten the baby before actually beginning the hugging process.



4. The 'paw slide' = Simply slide paws around baby and prepare for possible close-up.



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## Puppy love is in the air at B&Bs

By Rosemary McClure  
LA Times Sunday, June 19, 2011

In the age-old war between cats and dogs, the Fidos of America have scored another victory.

Their triumph revolves around the nation's bed-and-breakfast owners. Long a bastion of anti-pet sentiment, the B&B industry has grown so fond of dogs that it's luring them with special toys, treats and cushy beds.

Cats, meanwhile, are rarely invited anywhere.

This makes my pal Darby, a handsome wheaten terrier, giddy. He loves to travel and hates felines, so he's only too happy to hit the road and check out places to stay, especially places that didn't allow cats.

In the past three years, our jaunts together have chronicled a growing dog-acceptance trend. It began with budget lodgings such as Motel 6, which has always had a soft spot in its corporate heart for man's best friend. (I haven't told Darby, but the chain also accepts cats).

As the recession took hold, high-end hotels rolled out the grass carpet, making it clear that affluent clientele could bring Rover along; they'd even supply Evian water and down-filled dog beds.

"The economy threatened to put a lot of innkeepers out of business," said Jenn Wheaton, program coordinator for the California Assn. of Bed & Breakfast Inns ([www.cabbi.com](http://www.cabbi.com)). "They found a new niche by opening their doors to travelers with pets."

And now, at last, B&Bs are beginning to put on the dog. (You'll notice that the phrase isn't "put on the cat.")

Her members "like to make people happy, and some people aren't happy if they have to leave their dogs at home, she said. Ninety of the group's 200-plus members allow pets – a few even give the nod to cats – but always check ahead to make sure.

Nationwide, the number of pet-friendly B&Bs is growing.

Mary White, founder and chief executive of BNBFinder.com, a popular online bed-and-breakfast directory, said about one-third of her 3,500 members now accept dogs in one or more of their rooms. "Some offer special treats and spa packages."

It sounded tempting to Darby and me; we packed kibble, toys and a leash and went in search of bowser-friendly B&Bs.

### Julian

Our first stop was at the mountaintop **Tucker Peak Lodge** in Julian, a historic gold-mining town in the backcountry of San Diego County. Every room at the lodge, named after owner's spaniel Tucker, was filled that night with a doggie guest and master. Darby quickly struck up a friendship with Chibi, a 2-year-old Shih Tzu visiting from Ocean Beach.

When we went to town for lunch, the hostess at the Julian Grille (2224 Main St.) began the conversation with, "Your dog is

welcome here.” I ate on a shady patio while Darby slept under the table.

The town was filled with bikers – they enjoy the winding mountain roads leading to town – and we rubbed shoulders with them in boutiques and shops, most of which allowed dogs.

Back at the B&B, we sat on an expansive deck that offered a panorama of mountain ridges and valleys that turned purple as the sunset faded into an inky black sky. Owls hooted, frogs ribbeted and crickets did whatever it is that crickets do when the sun goes down.

### **Dana Point**

Working our way north along the coast, we found cooler temperatures, a stylishly furnished B&B and a spectacular ocean view at the **Blue Lantern Inn** in Dana Point.

The Cape Cod-style inn perches on a cliff overlooking Dana Point Harbor, our patio faced the sea and we spent much of the day watching sailboats in the distance and soaking up fresh air and sunlight.

Darby made friends with a couple staying a few doors down who were on their honeymoon. He cadged some pats on the head while they sat in patio chairs enjoying the view of the harbor and planning the rest of their lives.

That afternoon he waited in the wings while I joined the other guests for an elaborate afternoon wine, tea and hors d’oeuvres gathering. No one seemed to notice when I popped a few crackers and cheese slices into a napkin for my traveling companion.

### **Desert Hot Springs**

Heading toward Palm Springs on Interstate 10, we turned north when we reached the Coachella Valley, bound for Desert Hot Springs. Long known for its mineral baths, the community has a stylish new pets-and-people inn that was a big hit with Darby; the **Dog Spa Resort & Wellness Center**.

The B&B, which opened early this year, is the creation of longtime Orange County veterinarian Dr. Paula Terifaj, who transformed a ‘50s-era motel into doggie nirvana. Swim with your pal in the pool, hang with him in the cool Lazy Dog Lounge or play with him in an adjacent dog park. Leashes aren’t necessary. Dogs – as long as they’re mannerly – have the run of the place.

We tore ourselves away long enough to explore the area with Desert Adventures ([www.re-jeep.com](http://www.re-jeep.com)), a pet-friendly company that runs Jeep tours. Darby and Sebastian, a Welsh terrier, zipped through the desert on a San Andreas Fault tour. They didn’t care about the fault, but Darby held his head high as wind whipped by the open Jeep; if a dog can smile, he was grinning ear to ear.

### **Santa Barbara**

Back to the coast we went, looking for cooler climes. Our next stop was one of Santa Barbara’s first B&Bs, the **Old Yacht Club Inn**, a collection of three vintage houses a block from East Beach.

We met a friendly group of people lounging on the porch, and Darby made the rounds saying hi and getting pats on the head.

The Inn’s location is excellent, and we strolled along the beach walkway at sunset.

But our favorite spot in Santa Barbara was the Douglas Family Preserve, a 70-acre swath of wild cliff-top land with wonderful coastal views. The acreage, preserved by the Kirk Douglas family, is crisscrossed by off-leash trails.

### Paso Robles

Our travels were winding down; soon we'd return home to work and neighborhood cats. But we had one more B&B to visit, and it was special: **Christopher Joyce Vineyard & Inn**, a striking, contemporary-style home overlooking the owner's vineyard.

The hilltop inn is filled with art and light, and its owner Joyce Clarke justifiably prides herself on her gourmet breakfasts and afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres.

There was only one drawback: Clarke doesn't allow dogs to be left alone in rooms, a prohibition that's common in many dog-friendly lodgings.

So travelers bound for the wine-tasting rooms of the central Coast must take their dogs, which could be deadly in the summer's heat.

We stopped only at tasting rooms that allowed dogs inside, including Tablas Creek ([www.tablascreek.com](http://www.tablascreek.com)) and Grey Wolf Cellars ([www.greywolfcellars.com](http://www.greywolfcellars.com))

Many vintners love dogs; those that don't didn't get my business.

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## Travels With Darby

### Where to stay

**Dana Point:** Blue Lantern Inn, 34343 Street of the Blue Lantern; (800) 950-1236, [www.bluelanterninn.com](http://www.bluelanterninn.com). Nicely furnished Cape Cod-style B&B with spectacular coastal views. Double rates start at \$175, including breakfast, afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres; pet fee, \$65. (Not all rooms are pet-friendly, so book early.)

**Desert Hot Springs:** Dog Spa Resort & Wellness Center, 67840 Hacienda Ave.; (760) 600-0246, [www.dogsparesort.com](http://www.dogsparesort.com). Newly renovated '50s motel offers bed, breakfast and plenty of dog-friendly activities, including a pool where you can swim with Fido. Doubles from \$129 a night; no pet fee.

**Santa Barbara:** Old Yacht Club Inn, 431 Corona del Mar Drive; (800) 676-1676, [www.oldyachtclubinn.com](http://www.oldyachtclubinn.com). One of Santa Barbara's original B&Bs, this inn is actually three buildings, one of which dates to 1912. Close to East Beach. Doubles from \$119; pet fee, \$15 to \$35.

**Julian:** Tucker Peak Lodge, 3975 Eagle Peak Road; (760) 765-3975, [www.tuckerpeaklodge.com](http://www.tuckerpeaklodge.com). Mountaintop bed-and-breakfast is named after the owner's dog. Nice views of the region. Double rates from \$75; pet fee, \$20

**Paso Robles:** Christopher Joyce Vineyard & Inn, 7110 Drake Road; (805) 712-3395, [www.christopherjoycevineyardandinn.com](http://www.christopherjoycevineyardandinn.com). Striking contemporary B&B overlooks owner's vineyard. Gourmet breakfasts and afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres. Double rates from \$225; pet fee, \$25 per dog. Dogs cannot be left alone in the room.





## Perception Is Reality

### How we are shooting ourselves in the foot with the public

When I worked for GE Commercial Finance, I had a boss that loved to say “**Perception is reality.**” He used it in nearly every team meeting we had, and even sent out surveys to our own internal customers asking them for feedback on how our team, and team members, were perceived. Since I’m a computer programmer, the bar is set pretty low for interpersonal skills, but I’d like to think of myself as the exception to that rule, and always went out of my way to be very social with the departments I wrote applications for, and to explain to the users what the programs did. (Let’s face it; most computer programmers would prefer a dark basement, some Star Trek DVDs, and a couple of slices of pizza to the thought of having a conversation with a “real” person.)

For over a year, nearly all of my surveys came back with glowing reviews, but then I got one with very low scores, and the comment “Scot gave me exactly what I needed, and it works perfectly, but he consistently talked down to me, and made me feel stupid.” I didn’t give it much thought, but my boss printed the comment and taped it next to my computer. He explained his actions by saying, “9 out of 10 people may love you, but that 10<sup>th</sup> person will spread their negative opinion more strongly to others who don’t know you than the other 9 combined. **Perception is reality.**”

When you think about it, it makes sense. The last time you had a good meal at a restaurant, how many people did you tell? Probably a couple. But, I bet the last time you had a terrible dining experience, you told everyone you knew that could possibly ever eat there. If this meal was during a dog show weekend, you probably told everyone near your set up, your fellow exhibitors, and maybe a couple of judges too.

Right about now you are thinking, “What does this have to do with dog shows?” Good question. The answer is **EVERYTHING!** If you haven’t noticed, the AKC is in a Public Relations battle with not only PETA, but dozens of other dog registries, and many high powered state/local politicians. Right or wrong, the perception the general public has of us is their reality. *You can’t talk Public Relations, without using the word PUBLIC.* (I have a feeling that “Public Relations” will be quite the buzz word to the new Board of Directors, as it should be.)

This PR battle begins and ends on the front line. A front line that isn’t in a far away country or on Capitol Hill, but one that is found at every dog show, next to every ring, all over the United States. The problem is that, as dog show participants, we stand on BOTH sides of this line...and John Q. Public is caught in the middle.

“Can I pet your dog?” ...“Is that dog fast?” ...“Is this a greyhound?” ...“My brother has a Golden Retriever that looks just like this.” ...“Do you ever put a Sherlock Homes hat on the bloodhound, and fake pipe in its mouth?” ...“If your dog were a football player, what position would he play?” ...“Guess how much I can bench press.”

Without a doubt, we have all heard questions and statements like that from a well meaning spectator at a dog show. Our reply is what will either win us the PR war, or lose us everything we hold dear about showing dogs. Unfortunately, by the time this article is printed, both

Westminster and the Chicago International Kennel Club shows will be over, and thousands of people will have either left with a positive experience, or a negative one. Those that left feeling good will tell a couple of people about the cute dogs they saw, or the Saint Bernard they got to touch. But, those that left having a negative experience will tell everyone they know about the "snobby dog show elitists", they will NOT care when the AKC comes under fire, they will NOT care when BSL laws are passed, or when PETA compares us to the KKK. The John Q Publics of the world will sit back and watch as laws are passed which limit our ability to own dogs, and they won't just watch, they will probably feel good about it...all because of a bad experience.

The challenge we all face, from big time handler to long time breeder to owner handler, is to provide the public a positive experience, to share with the public everything we love about showing dogs. Why do we do this? Why do we have the breeds we do? What is it about those breeds that we adore? Why do we like showing dogs? It only takes 2 minutes to influence their opinion...for the better or for the worse. Judging from the decline in entries, kennel club membership, and new exhibitors, we need to get a lot better.

Your knee-jerk reaction is most likely: "They should know better!" or "Why isn't the show giving club making announcement?" When the general public is at a dog show, they are in sensory overload, they are seeing dogs they have never been exposed to, they are seeing that their Cocker at home doesn't quite look like the Cockers at the show, and much like the masses walking through a mall at Christmas time, they are just there in body, and might have checked their head at the door. After all, this is their family day together at a dog show. As far as announcements go, well, most of the time, the announcement is muffled or too quiet, and sounds much like Charlie Brown's teacher " *Wah wah wah wah, wah, wah, wah.*"

### **"Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their image" - Goethe**

As I sat at the St Paul shows, the first weekend of Jan, and watched the general public meander through the show building I was appalled at how they were treated. The treatment ranged from slight disgust, to a reaction that seemed to be a cross of nausea and a bad allergic reaction to shell fish.

If you're a professional handler reading this, you're thinking that you have a string of dogs to show, or groom, or exercise, and you don't have time for "them". Although, I'm pretty sure that if you're able to text on your "Crackberry", while clipping the PWD, all while listening to your Ipod...you're able to answer a few simple questions...or at least smile politely. I realize that there isn't anything worse than having someone come up to as you are rushing to the ring to ask you questions, most likely it's a small child with a half melted chocolate ice cream cone and you just groomed your Samoyed. But, all it would take to give you peace is: "I'm about to go in the ring, catch me later today when I'm done showing." That answer resolves your issue of sticky fingers on nicely quaffed fur, but also gives John Q Public the perception that they will eventually get 30 seconds of your time.

Last year at the International, my wife (a professional handler) gave me the job of "handling the public." Once we were done for the day, while she exercised the dogs, I pulled the Saint Bernard out of his crate, put him on the grooming table, and let everyone and their brother

take pictures or pet him, or just look at him. (He had a temperament which fit that task, and his owner actually took pride that Harvey was our ambassador to the public.) It was a small, simple action, which drew quite a crowd, and hopefully gave them all a fun end to their day at the dog show. You know what questions they are going to ask you. What's his name? What kind of dog is it? Does he eat a lot? Being a professional handler is a lot of work, it's incredibly tiring, both mentally and physically...but try to remember, that to these people, to the people asking you these questions, you and your dog are the most fascinating thing in their world at that moment. You may have just finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 2...but to the child asking to pet your dog...your dog is the most beautiful animal in their world. You may be tired, cranky, and no longer have an "indoor voice"...but to them...you will be remembered for your actions.

If you're a breeder, or owner handler, you should love the fact that someone is taking an interest in your breed or the dog you are showing. After all, that's how you got started, right? At some point, you too were the "public" asking all kinds of silly questions, and hoping someone would answer them for you. I look back on how I got started in dogs. Just some guy who had never shown before, looking for a Vizsla, and lucky enough to talk with Betty Anderson (She's got top ranked Vizslas!), taking lessons from the late judge, Lenny Schulman (Holy cow, a judge!), and from Michael Canalizo (I think he showed at Westminster!), watching my dog finish with Ron and Tigger Hahn (Real life professional handlers!). I was wide-eyed, and in awe of these people. They all shared one thing. They all had patience, knowledge, and a pure love for not only what they did, but for sharing their experiences.

Thankfully, about 10 years ago, when I was "the public," those people gave me a positive dog world experience. There isn't a show that goes by that I don't think about some lesson that I learned from one of them, or the countless other folks that took the time to work with me.

If, we, as a dog show community are perceived as dog show snobs. If the general public looks at us, and perceives us to be rude, arrogant, and unwilling to answer their questions...then that is **THEIR** reality. When enough of the public have that same shared reality, then **OUR** reality will become one that does **NOT** include the AKC or dog shows at all, because at a time when we needed to win the PR battle...we were **too** busy to answer a few questions...we were **too** proud to let the "public" pet our dog...and we were **too** rude to care....that is....until it was **too late**.

Just remember, the next time John Q. Public asks you if your Whippet is a greyhound, or if they can pet your dog...take the time to give them a good experience. After all, a little kindness goes a long way.

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This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. The dog should sit at the handler's side as the Evaluator approaches and begins to pet the dog on the head and body only. The dog may stand in place to accept petting. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

**TEST 3: APPEARANCE AND GROOMING**

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger, such as a veterinarian, groomer, or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern, and sense of responsibility. The Evaluator inspects the dog, then combs or brushes the dog, and lightly examines the ears and each front foot.

**TEST 4: OUT FOR A WALK (WALKING ON A LOOSE LEASH)**

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog can be on either side of the handler, whichever the handler prefers. There must be a left turn, a right turn, and an about turn, with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops.

**TEST 5: WALKING THROUGH A CROWD**

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers, without appearing overexuberant, shy, or resentful. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not be straining at the leash.

**TEST 6: SIT AND DOWN ON COMMAND/STAYING IN PLACE**

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's command to sit and down, and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to make the dog sit and then down. When instructed by the Evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of a 20-foot line. The dog must remain in place, but may change position.

**TEST 7: COMING WHEN CALLED**

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell the dog to "stay" or "wait," or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog as the Evaluator provides mild distraction (e.g., petting).

**TEST 8: REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG**

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 10 yards, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 5 yards. The dogs should show no more than a casual interest in each other.

**TEST 9: REACTIONS TO DISTRACTIONS**

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations, such as the dropping of a large book or a jogger running in front of the dog. The dog may express a natural interest and curiosity and/or appear slightly startled, but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark.

**TEST 10: REACTION TO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

*The dog must be tested around medical equipment (such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, or other devices which would ordinarily be found in a facility) to judge the dog's reactions to common health care equipment.*

**TEST 11: LEAVE-IT**

*The handler with the dog on a loose leash walks over food on the ground and, upon command, the dog should ignore the food.*

**TEST 12: ACCLIMATION TO INFIRMITIES**

*This test demonstrates the dog's confidence when exposed to people walking with an uneven gait, shuffling, breathing heavily, coughing, wheezing, or other distractions which may be encountered in a facility.*

**TEST 13: SUPERVISED SEPARATION**

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain its training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

**TEST 14: SAY HELLO**

*The TDI Certified Evaluator will test the willingness of each dog to visit a person and that the dog can be made readily accessible for petting (i.e., small dogs can be placed on a person's lap or can be held; medium and larger dogs can sit on a chair or stand close to the patient to be easily reached.)*

**TEST 15: REACTION TO CHILDREN**

*The dog must be able to work well around all types of populations, including children. The dog's behavior around children must be evaluated during testing. It is important that during the testing the potential Therapy Dog and the children are not in direct contact. This means the dog can only be observed for a reaction toward children playing, running, or present in general at the testing site. Any negative reaction by the dog will result in automatic failure. Negative reaction means a dog showing signs of aggression.*

*\*\*Please see additional rules for TDI Testing on back cover.*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Club	Event	Location
<b>JULY 2011</b>			
7/1 – 3	Splash dogs	Splash dogs	Rancho Cucamonga
7/9, 10	Santa Maria KC & Ventura Dog Fanciers	All Breed	Ventura Fairgrounds
7/10	Santa Cruz Dog Walks	3-hr train ride with your dog	Felton
<b>7/15</b>	<b>LRSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
7/16	Downey Obedience Club	Obedience & Rally Practice Match	Apollo Park
7/16	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon clinic	Dog Beach, Del Mar
<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
<b>8/19</b>	<b>LRSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
8/20	www.animalcenter.org	Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon clinic	Dog Beach, Del Mar
8/21	Surf City Animal Response Team	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Fair in the Park	Long Beach Marine Stadium Park – 5225 E. Paoli Way, 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
<b>9/16</b>	<b>LRSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
9/24, 25	Santa Ana Valley KC	All Breed	Cerritos
9/25	OSPCA	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Animals	Huntington Beach
<b>OCTOBER 2011</b>			
10/1, 2	WLAOTC	Sandra Ladwig Obedience Seminar	Contact: Tawnsinclr@aol.com
<b>10/8</b>	<b>LRSC</b>	<b>B-OB MATCH</b>	<b>TeWinkle Park, Costa Mesa</b>
10/15, 16	Bakersfield Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Bakersfield
<b>10/21</b>	<b>LRSC RETRIEVER REVIEW NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>		
10/22, 23	Hidden Valley Obedience Club	All Breed Obedience & Rally	Escondido
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>