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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*The President is on vacation!*



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## EDITORS NOTE

*Greetings Everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. I have spent most of my July camping by Big Bear Lake so I brought along some jumps and dumbbells to practice for Open and some bumpers, dead fowl trainers, & a duck whistle to practice hunt. With the lake so close, it's made water practice really easy and FUN!*

*At the moment, I am working with a veterinarian on a new segment for the Review called Q&A. It is meant to answer any questions you may have regarding canine health or any other questions you may have for a veterinarian. If you have an interest in holistic health, please send in those questions, too! Of course, the answers to these questions will not and are not to take the place of an actual visit to your vet but will be of general interest. I hope to begin this segment next month so send in your queries to me at: [finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com](mailto:finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com).*

*I hope you enjoy this August issue. Please remember to send in your brags, pupulation increase, photos, article suggestions and any ideas you may have for future issues. This newsletter is for you!*

*Thanks!!*

*Celeste*

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Please direct any website-related items to our webmaster, Ron Morelos, at [Can8tive@aol.com](mailto:Can8tive@aol.com)

Have you joined the LRCSC's email list at [yahoogroups.com](http://yahoogroups.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:

[LRCSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LRCSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Contact Ron Morelos at [can8tive@aol.com](mailto:can8tive@aol.com) with any questions.

From the Membership Chair...

**Celeste Young**  
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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!!

**Jason Armison & Diana Kudell**

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW FULL MEMBERS!!

**Tania Brodowski**  
**Irma Fox**

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:  
**Kelly Greenwood**

*If you have any objection to the above-mentioned person 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  
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P.O. Box 4188  
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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 months**. Non AKC titles will only be listed in regular format, but no individual wins for non AKC events will be listed. So please only submit title, date, and location where 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.



### ★ Saddlehill Follow Me, WC

★ CH Sure Shot's Baloo x CH Saddlehill Don't Be  
 ★ Late  
 ★ Owner: Susie Gallagher, Breeder: Susan Eberhardt,  
 ★ Handler: Susie Gallagher  
 ★ 7/26 - 1st - 12 - 18 month Dogs, Winner's Dog &  
 ★ Best of Opposite Sex - Lompoc Valley Ken-  
 ★ nel Club, Judge: Mr. Elliott B. Weiss

*Please remember to send me your submissions by the  
 3rd Friday of each month.*



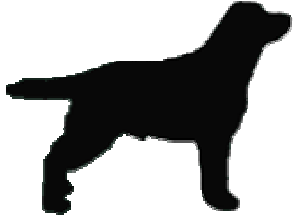
## LRCSC is now on Facebook

-Ron Morelos

Facebook. I have a feeling at least half our membership has no idea what Facebook is all about. In the age of "cyber-networking", Facebook is a network website that helps you connect and share with the people in your life. Through Facebook, I have reconnected with many high school and college friends. I also have connected to several Labrador Breeders from all over the world. It is really amazing!

So how does it work? First you log on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up as a user. All you need is a valid email address and your own password. The website will prompt you to enter information about yourself. You can be as selective with your information as you choose. By the power of the computer, Facebook will find people who you might "know" either through a school, club, email addresses or interest similarity. Facebook will suggest that you might want to be friends. You can choose that person to be your friend and from now on you will be able to network and keep in touch with what your "friend(s)" are up to.

LRCSC has a Facebook page. Sign up and be a fan of LRCSC and we'll keep you updated on what the club is up to. Facebook is fun and addicting. It is very user friendly. See you on the web!



## 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)

573-442-0428      [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 consecutive issues only. One 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 litter submissions this month. Please remember to send me your submissions by the 3rd Friday of each month.*



Dear Southern California Dog Fancier/Enthusiast Club:

As you might be aware, the new mandatory spay/neuter bill (SB 250) is making its way through the Assembly. It currently is in suspense but is not dead. It is still a threat to all dog owners. There is a good chance that a few of the Democrats on the Assembly Appropriations Committee will either abstain or vote "no" and they all represent the Los Angeles area. However, they have received very few if any opposition letters from constituents. We are asking clubs in this area to organize and get letters to Assemblymembers Hall, Calderon, Davis, Fuentes, and Perez. In fact, we are making it very easy-- Save Our Dogs has set up an easy letter form on their website: [www.saveourdogs.net](http://www.saveourdogs.net) and it will take people less than two minutes to complete.

For more information, please go to [www.sb250.org](http://www.sb250.org)

Will you please help us out and send out the information to members, students, and those who may be willing to help us defeat SB 250. Thank you!

Laura Finco  
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STOP SB 250 Coalition

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Please update your directories. Thanks!

## **Caring for your Elderly Pets**

Darlene O. Sanchez, DVM \*\*



As pets age, their care requirements change. It is important that you recognize these changes to ensure your pets live life to the fullest. An elderly pet is generally considered to be one over approximately 7 years of age. However, larger breeds will age more quickly. Although it is true that age is not a disease, it is also true that with age often comes disease. Elderly pets often become arthritic and also develop problems such as hip dysplasia and other musculoskeletal diseases. They can develop endocrine problems such as diabetes, hyperadrenocorticism, hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism. They can develop abdominal and skin tumors that may be malignant and may develop kidney, liver or heart failure. Because pets cannot tell you how they are feeling, disease may be present well before you are aware of it. If a disease or condition can be detected before pets show signs of illness, steps can often be taken to manage or correct the problem before irreversible damage occurs. Thus, pets over 7 years of age should have a complete geriatric exam, blood work and urine analysis performed every 6 months and an abdominal ultrasound and/or x-ray approximately every year. In addition, if elderly pets are still intact, it is a good idea to have them spayed or neutered, since they are more at risk for diseases such as pyometra, prostate hyperplasia, and testicular tumors compared to their younger counterparts. Here are some signs of concern you should look out for in your geriatric pets to recognize some of the diseases mentioned above:

- Increase in drinking and/ or urination
- Changes in urination behavior
- Increase or decrease in appetite
- Sudden increase or decrease in weight
- Coughing, difficulty breathing, exercise intolerance or fainting
- Slowing down, stiffness, or difficulty getting up
- Hair loss or unkempt haircoat
- Lack of interest
- Distended abdomen
- Vomiting and/ or diarrhea

For more information about your pets special needs or to receive any of the above mentioned services, please visit Dr. Sanchez at Animal and Bird Hospital or contact your regular veterinarian. Any concerns with your aging pets should be brought to your veterinarian's attention. They can help you develop the best preventive care plan for creating a happier, healthier life for your pets.

Animal and Bird Hospital  
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*\*\*Dr. Sanchez is a former breeder of Labrador Retrievers and a current member of the LRCSC*

## First Aid Procedures

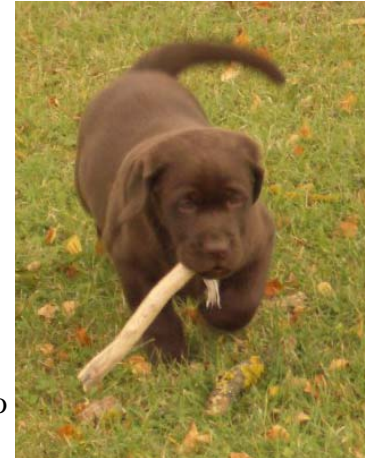
- Immediately consult your Vet for advice and let him know you are on your way for treatment.
- Apply pressure pads or a sheet of Nori (Japanese seaweed used for sushi) to wounds to stop or control any bleeding.
- Injuries may cause your dog to go into shock. Use a blanket to keep him warm.
- Administer Bach Rescue Remedy to the inside of the lips or on the pads of the paws until you can get medical help.
- If your dog is unconscious, place his head lower than his body during transportation.

CONDITION OR PROBLEM	SYMPTOMS	FIRST AID TREATMENT
BLEEDING	Small cuts, open wounds, Deep lacerations or punctures. Pain	Clean wound with hydrogen peroxide or a mild saline solution. Apply a pressure pad or a sheet of Nori. If bleeding continues, apply more pressure packs and elevate wound. Do not remove pressure pads or Nori if the wound is still bleeding or to check if it is. Removing will interrupt the clotting process causing the wound to continue to bleed. RUSH TO VET.
BURNS	Singed hair, inflamed skin, blisters, hair pulls out easily. Possible shock. Pain	Flush area with cold water, apply cold, wet compresses. Apply Aloe Vera or Lavender <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> essential oil, topically.  For more serious burns, treat for shock, administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes and RUSH TO VET.
CHOKING	Gagging, drooling, making choking sounds. Difficult to breathe and swallow. Paws at mouth.	Examine nasal and throat passages for foreign objects. Remove, if possible. If unable to dislodge, apply the Heimlich maneuver. Consult your Vet.
FRACTURES & DISLOCATIONS	Limping, swollen joints, protruding bones. Severe pain. Possible shock	Treat for shock. Administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes. Cover wound with gauze. Do not move fractured body part or attempt to treat injury. CAREFULLY RUSH TO VET.
HEAT STROKE	Slobbering, panting, rapid heart beat, high temperature. Vomiting and possible coma	Potentially life threatening. Consult Vet. Lower body temperature by removing from the heat source and bathing in cold water. Apply ice to the head and chest. Massage limbs gently. If conscious, feed small amounts of cool water. Administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes. RUSH TO VET.
INSECT BITES & STINGS	Scratching at affected area. Panting and/or drooling caused by allergic reaction. Possible vomiting and collapse	Use a paste of baking soda and water or meat tenderizer dissolved in water or a few drops of Bach Rescue Remedy or Lavender <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> essential oil and apply to the wound. If outdoors, apply a mud pack. If any swelling occurs or breathing becomes difficult, RUSH TO VET.
INTERNAL INJURIES	Difficulty breathing. Sensitive to touch in wound area or abdomen. Signs of blood in the eyes, ears, mouth or urine. Possible shock	Cover & treat for shock. Carefully lay flat and secure. Apply a cold compress to any bruised areas. Administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes. RUSH TO VET.
SHOCK	Paleness in the mouth, eyelids and lips. Weak and shallow breathing. Cool body. Semiconscious. No response.	Cover with a blanket. If unconscious, the head should be slightly lower than the rest of the body. Massage paws and body gently, administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes and RUSH TO VET.
SNAKE BITES	If poisonous, painful swelling and discoloration in area of bite will occur within minutes. Difficulty breathing. Possible convulsions and bleeding from punctures	RUSH TO VET.  Immediately apply a tourniquet between bite and heart. Administer Bach Rescue Remedy every 5 minutes.



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>**

Proper emergency planning can help save the life of your pet. The American Kennel Club has prepared the following checklists to help pet owners pack a portable pet first-aid kit and prepare for an emergency evacuation. Preparedness is important in any disaster situation and these checklists can be applied to any emergency that calls for evacuation from your home.



### **Evacuation Checklist for Pets**

**Dog medicine(s), i.e. heart worm, flea, ear mite medicine, etc.**  
**Dog Bowls**  
**Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.**  
**Can opener**  
**Leashes: walking leash, short leash**  
**Harness (to attach to seat belt)**  
**Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen) Cell #, Hotel # and Room #**  
**Pet records stored in waterproof container or plastic sealable bag**  
**Crate**  
**Dog bed/blanket/toys**  
**Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light**  
**Current dog photograph(s) with your notification information: useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter**  
**Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists**  
**Shampoo**  
**Litter/portable litter pan**  
**Duct tape**  
**Bottled water**  
**Pet First Aid Kit**

### **Portable First Aid Kit for Pets**

**Water-proof storage container for kit**  
**Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/Alcohol prep pads**  
**Eye wash**  
**Eye and skin wash in one**  
**A sock (foot wrapper)**  
**Latex surgical gloves**  
**Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot days)**  
**Emergency space blanket**  
**Small flashlight**  
**Bottled water**  
**Medicated balm**  
**Leash and collar**  
**Soft muzzle**  
**Speak to your vet about what to pack in case your dog has a sudden allergic reaction**  
**Flexible bandage**  
**Gauze roll**  
**Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds**  
**Wood splint**  
**Paper towels**  
**Plastic baggies**  
**Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)**  
**Cotton swabs**  
**Antibiotic ointment/packets**  
**Tweezers**  
**Space for copy of dog's papers & vet records (sealed in plastic bag)**

Summer is here and some of us are looking for places to take our dogs. Here is a list of dog-friendly places .

### **Attractions**

**Catalina Express** -Long Beach, San Pedro

**Catalina Ferries** -13763 Fiji Way , C2 Terminal Building Marina del Rey

**Disneyland Kennel Club** -Located to the right of the Main Entrance of Disneyland® Park. The kennel is available for a charge of \$20.00. There are no facilities for overnight accommodations.

**Griffith Park Miniature Trains** - 4400 Crystal Springs Drive (Near Los Feliz and Riverside) Los Angeles, California 90027

**PJ's Pet Cafe** - This is not a Cafe that allows dogs, it is a cafe for dogs that allows humans! They bake fresh treats for your dog and serve them on silver platters. While your pet enjoys the food you can enjoy free coffee or fruit drinks. 449 Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90807

### **Dog Hikes**

#### **Beverly Hills**

##### **Franklin Canyon Park**

2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills  
Franklin Canyon offers more than five miles of hiking trails that range from grasslands, woodlands and a three-acre lake, to a handicapped-accessible duck pond and expansive picnic grounds.

#### **Calabasas**

##### **Las Virgenes View Park**

At the intersection of Las Virgenes Road and Mulholland Highway, Calabasas

This park features rolling green grasslands, oak and sycamore tree-lined canyons bottoms and unspoiled vistas. (Hint: Take the Virgenes View Trail, a 2.4-mile path that winds its way up to an elevation of 1,100 feet, where you and your pooch can take in the 360-degree views of the surrounding hills.)

#### **Encino**

##### **Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park**

17500 Mulholland Drive, Encino

1,500 acres of the Santa Monica Mountains to explore. Plenty of space for dogs to run. Dogs are allowed off-leash here, provided they are under "owner's control"

#### **San Vicente Mountain Park**

17500 Mulholland Drive, Encino

In addition to its network of wide, open trails, San Vicente Mountain Park also offers a bit of a history lesson: From 1965 to 1968, it was one of 16 Los Angeles-area Nike-Ajax supersonic anti-aircraft missile launch sites. Climb the original radar tower for views of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Encino reservoir and San Fernando Valley, and the Los Angeles Basin. (Tip: There's not a lot of shade here, so bring sunscreen.)

#### **Los Angeles**

##### **Runyon Canyon**

North entrance is 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Boulevard on Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles

This is the hot spot for dogs and their people.

**Remember—dogs are not allowed on trails at any California State Park.**

Anyone who's anyone has been spotted trekking the half-mile-long paved trail up the canyon. Dogs are allowed off-leash on paved paths, but must be leashed on dirt trails. (Hint: It's almost always crowded with beautiful people - and their dogs - so wear something cute.)

#### **Malibu**

##### **Zuma Canyon**

Trail is at the end of Busch Drive, north of Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu

The main trail etches its way across the Malibu Mountain ridges and offers picturesque ocean views stretching from the Channel Islands to Catalina.

#### **Pacific Palisades**

##### **Temescal Gateway Park**

15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades

141-acre park features gently sloping dirt trails that climb towards stunning ridge-top views of the coast and surrounding mountains. (Caution: Once you and Fido reach the Topanga State Park boundary, turn around; dogs aren't allowed there.)

#### **Studio City**

##### **Fryman Canyon**

8401 Mullholland Drive, Studio City

Fryman's 122-acre park has spectacular views of L.A., as well as a fitness course and clearly marked trails through shaded canyons.

California Canine Hikers organizes and leads day and evening hikes mainly in Los Angeles County foothills and mountains.



## Holistic Medicine and Your Pet Reprinted from [www.thefreelibrary.com](http://www.thefreelibrary.com)

If you are a practitioner of holistic medicine, you may want to extend your holistic and natural medicine beliefs to your pet. One form of holistic medication that a growing number of pet owners are choosing to utilize is acupuncture. Of course, not everyone is a supporter of holistic medication. But, for those that are, it is possible that the procedure could help your pet heal without the need for harsh chemicals, preservatives or synthetics.

### **What is Acupuncture?**

Acupuncture is a procedure that has been used in China for thousands of years. The procedure has long been used to treat human illnesses, but has also been growing in popularity with pet owners.

The basic premise behind acupuncture is that a vital life force called chi is flowing through everyone's body. This force flows through pathways called meridians and, by stimulating these pathways, the body is encouraged to release endorphins to provide pain relief. Acupuncture can also be used to bring about other effects, including:

- Anti-inflammation
- Decreased inflammation
- Euphoria
- Increased circulation a

Overall, the goal of acupuncture is to provide balance to the chi by increasing the chi in some meridians while decreasing it in others.

### **How is Acupuncture Performed?**

The acupuncture procedure is actually quite simple. First, a very thin needle that is only as thin as a piece of hair, is inserted in specific points on the pet's body. In some cases, a mild electrical current is also applied during the procedure or the needles may be rotated or moved around in order to achieve the desired effects.

The place where the needles are placed depends upon the illness or problem that is being treated. In order to accurately identify the correct points, a veterinarian needs to be trained in acupuncture.

### **How Long Does Acupuncture Take?**

Performing the acupuncture procedure takes only about 20 minutes or one hour to complete. For some pets, relief may occur almost immediately. In other cases, it may take 2 to 6 weeks before the pet experiences relief. Some animals, on the other hand, may not experience any relief at all. If no results are seen after completing 10 treatments, the treatments are generally suspended.

In order to achieve and maintain results, it may be necessary to undergo regular treatments. Typically, a pet will require 1 or 2 treatments per week until the condition has been properly managed. Once managed, the treatments may be performed on a less frequent basis.

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**"The goal of acupuncture is to provide balance..."**

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(Holistic Medicine—cont'd from page 9)

**What is Treated with Acupuncture?**

Acupuncture can be used to treat a number of different illnesses and diseases. The most common uses for acupuncture include:

- Allergies
- Osteoarthritis
- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Degenerative Joint Disease
- Epilepsy
- Hip Dysplasia
- Digestive Disturbances
- Intervertebral Disc Disease

- Muscle Spasms
- Skin Problems

If you aren't sure whether or not acupuncture is right for you and your pet, you might want to consider other holistic treatment options. Possibilities include massage, acupressure, and reflexology. Each of these options can be discussed with your veterinarian in order to find the option that is best for you.

CS Swarens is the president of Find a Pet Online. 800 998-7065 For additional information on dogs, cats, birds, horses, and exotic pets visit the internet's pet resource including pet classifieds at <http://www.findapetonline.com>. Research over 430 pet breed profiles at <http://www.findapetonline.com/breeds.html>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST**

- 1 WLAOTC PRACTICE MATCH—LOS ANGELES  
 8 SWOC ALL BREED OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL—GARDENA  
 8, 9 SOUTH BAY KC—TORRANCE  
 29-30 SANTA BARBARA KC—SANTA BARBARA matches)

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5 & 6 REDWOOD EMPIRE—SONOMA-MARIN FAIRGROUNDS, PETALUMA  
 19 & 20 SANTA ANA VALLEY—RICHARD GAHR HIGH SCHOOL, CERRITOS  
 26 & 27 BURBANK—LA VALLEY COLLEGE, VAN NUYS

(Go to <http://www.scdoc.org/calendar.htm> for more information on the matches

**RATTLESNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINICS**

Aug 8, 9—Dixon

Aug 29, 30—Calabasas—818-591-1701 x189

Sept 19—Norco—951-735-7748

Sept 26, 27—Dunnigan— 530-724-0552

Rattlesnake bite are very deadly, and can be very expensive to treat. These clinics are one way that you can teach your dog to avoid them !

**WANTED**  
**Labrador Articles,**  
**Litter submissions &**  
**Brag!**

Email them to:  
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