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The Evil That Lurks in California

You've heard it in the news. There's the gazillion dollar budget deficit, declining academic test scores, state park closures, and never-ending heated discussion about gay marriage and illegal immigrants. What you may not know is that there is something even more sinister lurking in California. It is of the ilk that science fiction writers fantasize about- alien creatures that penetrate body cavities, migrate through tissues, and wreak havoc!

Take the recent case of Emma Louise, a darling four-year-old residing in northern California. One minute she was a healthy, happy, go- lucky little girl. The next minute she was writhing in pain. Doctors could not figure out what was wrong. Little did they know that an alien had invaded her being, and poor little Emma Louise was incapable of describing the evil that lurked within.....

Hmm, as I write this I'm wondering if I've been denying in inner desire to write science fiction! I met Emma Louise just a few days ago. She came to me for a second opinion to try to figure out the cause of her abdominal discomfort. Emma Louise is undeniably adorable- part hound dog and part Brittany Spaniel- and there's nothing she enjoys more than running through fields with her nose t the ground. The problem is, the fields are loaded with foxtails - awful little bristly weeds that grow rampantly throughout California in the late spring and summer months. They seem hell bent on finding their way into dogs' noses, ears, eyes, mouths, and just about every other orifice. Not only is the dog's body incapable of degrading or decomposing them, the foxtails are barbed in such a way that they can only move in a "forward" direction. Unless caught early, they can migrate through the body causing infection and tissue damage. Once foxtails have moved internally, they are notoriously difficult to find- they become the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Apparently Emma Louise was a "foxtail magnet" having accumulated several in her ears and nose over the years. Her current symptoms were different than any she'd experienced before- she appeared to have abdominal pain and was straining to urinate and have bowel movements. Other than a mild fever and some abdominal splinting, her physical examination findings were unremarkable. I performed abdominal ultrasound and discovered a gigantic abscess tucked up under Emma

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**From the Membership Chair
Celeste Young**

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

Susan & Rod Merrill

**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:

Daniel O'Balles

Lynette & Bradley Glaum

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 **1st 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.

Broyhill Etched in Stone "Cutter"

(CH Big Skys Stone Kutter x CH Ghoststone Wonderful Me)

Owners: Jill Lyman & Barbara Nowak, Handler: Jill Lyman, Breeders: Barbara & Kimberly Nowak

9/19/09 1st leg IVRC Hunt Test, Judges: Ron Morelos & Cynthia Trotter

9/20/09 2nd leg IVRC Hunt Test, Judges: Donna Green and Rick Kail



WC Test: Oct. 24, 2009

Buck passed and completed his WC (working Certificate) test! You can watch the land and two water tests at these links that Taylor recorded for me:

Land test:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhcfL6P6FC8>

Water test#1:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7CAB_xg600

Water Test#2:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAfEsZSqH-g>

It was a great day and everything ran so smoothly! We will now train and go for our Junior Hunt title. Attached is a pic of me and Buck with our ribbon.

... just wanted to share since I'm so very proud of him.

Thanks,
Janene Edmiston



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

Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA)

573.442.428 www.offa.org

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607.257.0301 www.optigen.com

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Black/yellow litter Born 8/31/09

Available: 1BM, 1BF

Contact Terri Boyle VENTURE RANCH LABS

760-379-4926 harerzr@earthlink.net

OR Sue Vose DELTA DAWN LABS 760 379-5135

Sire: Lawson's Best Man

OFA PRELIMS HIPS GOOD, OFA PRELIMS

ELBOWS CLEAR, CERF ANNUALLY

Dam: Venture-Deltadawns Classic Design

OFA HIPS LR-177316G31E-PI

OFA ELBOWS LR-EL40753F31-PI

CERF LR-51661/2009

Black/yellow litter Born 9-30-09

Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467

forlabs@centurytel.net

Sire: Thornwood's Above and Beyond

OFA hips LR-170289G24M-PI, OFA elbows LR-

EL36560M24-PI, CERF yearly LR-45716

Optigen A

Dam: Thornwood's Eclipse

OFA hips LR-161963E24F-PI, OFA elbows LR-

EL31996F24-PI, CERF LR-42628 yearly

Chocolate litter, Born 10-2-09

Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467

forlabs@centurytel.net

Sire: Ch. Thornwood's The Achiever

OFA hips LR-107026G24M-T, OFA elbows LR-

EL11008M24-T, CERF LR-22860 yearly

Dam: Thornwood's Anticipation

OFA hips LR-171497G24F-PI

OFA elbows LR-EL37254F24-PI

CERF LR-45719 yearly

Black/Yellow litter 3BF 1YF 2BD Born 9/10/09

Contact Trudy or Eric Soneson (714) 685-1557

e-mail tsoneson@hotmail.com

Sire: Ch. Prospect Bayside Storm Watch, CD, SH, WCX

OFA Hips Good, OFA Elbows Normal Optigen Normal

CERF Annually, Heart Normal

Dam: Cookie's Best Girl

OFA Hips Good, Eyes Normal

All Yellow Litter 5YB 1YD Born 9/8/09

Contact Susan Merrill 951-543-2122

Sire Ch. Everwoods Sly Dawg

OFA Prelims Hips Good, OFA Elbows Clear,

Optigen A, Full Dentition

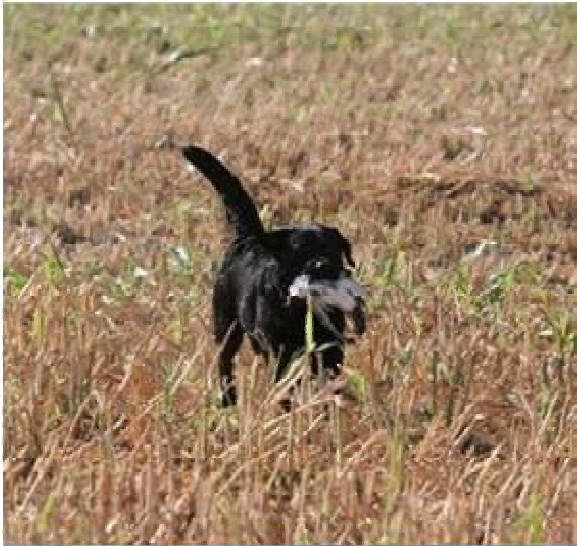
Dam: Country Manor Bailey

OFA Hips Good, OFA Elbows Normal, CERF

Optigen B



Photo Album - Field Practice, Oct. 3, 2009



Thank you, Janene Edmiston!

**Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California 2009 Fall Hunt Test – Chino, CA
Saturday, October 24, 2009 & Sunday, October 25, 2009**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PASSED!!!!

Master - Saturday 8:00 am - 25 Entries Judges: Cynthia Trotter & Bernadette Brown

#	Dog Name	Owner	Handler	Results
1	Dots the One SH	Rob Trenholm	Rob Trenholm/Steve Raney	Pass
2	Waterdog's A Fine Mess	Florence Sloane	Florence Sloane	Pass
4	Chena River Calypso Callgirl MH	David Kirker	David Kirker	Pass
5	Autumn's Dark Mystic JH SH	Joseph Cook	Joanne Perler	Pass
8	Diamond Bar Slight of Hand MH	Jennifer Evans	Jennifer Evans	Pass
10	Watermark's Instigator MH***	Steve & Carrie Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
14	Hunters Buck Shot SH	Steven Trudeau II	Richard Cole	Pass
18	Jetta Nuit, CDX, SH	Janey Saavedra	Larry Saavedra/Janey Saavedra	Pass
19	Lands End Gets What She Wants SH	Lauren Bullock	Lauren Bullock	Pass
22	Augustus Class V At Sealion CDX MH MX MXJ RE	Wendy Pennington	Wendy Pennington	Pass
24	Flashfire's Scarlett O'Hara MH	David Kirker	David Kirker	Pass
15	Ch Raintree Wooly Bully, MH, RN	Judie Lynch	Judie Lynch	Scratch
20	The Quiet Man Trooper MH	Jennifer Evans	Jennifer Evans	Scratch
3	Black Jacks Double Down CDX, RE, SH	Donna Kurtz	John Kurtz/Donna Kurtz	
6	Yukons Wolfman Jack	BRIAN SKAJEM	Richard Cole	
7	Firemark's Madison River SH	Scott & Cindi Bailey	Scott Bailey	
9	JLN'S Duckbusters	Fran Young	Fran Young	
11	Ch Charwin Ricochet,UDX,OM1,SH,RE,AX,AXJ	Rick & Kathy Kail	Kathy Kail	
12	Hightest Full Steam Ahead, MH	Anne G. Schlosser	Anne G. Schlosser	
13	Ardenwood Gustav as a Wayfarer SH WC	David & Kelly Kunkle	David Kunkle	
16	CR Pepper Two SH	Rob Trenholm	Rob Trenholm/Steve Raney	
17	Maroco River Grass SH	Colleen Markins	Colleen Markins	
21	Lil Cash	Robert Dutton	Paul Cacciatori/Josh Cacciatori	
23	Hightest I Am Ruger Too MH	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	
25	Mystic's Fire Star MH	Joseph Cook	Joanne Perler	

Senior - Saturday 8:00 am - 14 Entries Judges: Ed Ferner & Candy Ferner

#	Dog Name	Owner	Handler	Results
1	Frog hollow's Cumoran Rebel	Steve & Carrie Raney	Steve Raney/Scott Wolverton/Rob Trenholm	Pass
3	Raney's Comming Up River JH	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
6	MV Prairie's Simply Sue	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
7	Spencer's little Spoon JH	Harry Spencer	Harry Spencer/Paul Cacciatori	Pass

8	Heads Up Son of a Gun JH	Pam Murphy	Pam Murphy	Pass
9	Ch Ardenwood's As Time Goes By JH WCX	Patricia Skorupa	Joe Skorupa	Pass
10	Longplain Sequitor WCX, JH	Jeanne Fowler	Jeanne Fowler	Pass
14	Lakota MysticJack Griggs JH	Lisa Griggs	Lisa Griggs	Pass
2	Kona's Little Rio JH	Steve Morales	Steve Morales/Paul Cacciatori	Scratch
4	TTF Meglor's Igan of Glendale JH	Loren & Meg Rivera	Loren M. Rivera	
5	CH Marnetts Cant Give It Away JH	Annette Monugian	Charlene Cordiero/Annette Monugian	
11	Raney's Ria De Latte'	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	
12	Lean On Me Mac JH	Brian Hawley	Brian Hawley	
13	Raney's Spike-Von Urff Top Dog JH	Jeff Von Urff	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	

Junior - Saturday 8:00 am - 34 Entries Judges: Kate Urquidi & Linda Brooks

#	Dog Name	Owner	Handler	Results
1	Cosmic Bear Fetish	Rebecca Williams	Becky Williams	Pass
3	Raney's Ria De Latte'	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
6	Tiger mtn Sadie Lady	doug randazzo	Doug Randazzo	Pass
7	Sweep's Sunny Delight	Harold & Gerrie Bridges	Harold Bridges/Steve Raney	Pass
8	My Other Brother Darryl	Brian Altizer	Brian Altizer	Pass
10	Skywater's Barney Buster	Brian Cimperman	Brian Cimperman	Pass
12	Acedo's Tucker RE	Maribel Acedo	Maribel Acedo	Pass
13	Lands End Lady A La Mode	trevy winterstrom	Trevy Winterstrom	Pass
16	Daisy Hajjar	Ty & Julie Hajjar	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
17	Aqueus Dutch Wood Polish, JH	Kathleen Gibson	Kathleen Gibson	Pass
18	Windyridge's Gone with the Wind	Sheila McKee	Sheila McKee	Pass
21	Master Murphy Beltis	Paul & Judy Beltis	Paul Beltis/Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
25	Duke Hajjar	Ty & Julie Hajjar	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
28	deercreeks general motors	Fran Young	Fran Young/Carol Kackelmeyer	Pass
29	CR Duck Duck Goose	Rob & Cheryl Trenholm	Rob Trenholm/Steve Raney	Pass
32	Lidos I Love Lucy, JH, WC	Patricia Berne	Paddy Berne	Pass
33	Junior Beltis JH	Paul & Judy Beltis	Judy Beltis/Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
19	Ch Talimar's Stellar Performance	Trudy Rose	Judie Lynch	Scratch
2	Gallogold Brambles N Brookes	Alan Ankerstar	Alan Ankerstar	
4	Rock Canyon's Willpower of Skywater	Roy Horsley	Jason Luis/Heather Luis	
5	Foxgrove's Don't Call Me Jack	Terry Simons	Terry Simons	
9	Gaylan's Thaleia TD WC	Victoria Chaney	Victoria Chaney	
11	Abigail Jean IV	Robert Littrell	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	
14	Diamond P's Smokin' Bailey	Max Garcia	Max Garcia	
15	R and M Anne Get Your Gun	richard east	Richard East	
20	Windrose Night Hawke	patricia collom	Patricia Collom	
22	Skywater's Tessa At Rock Canyon	Heather Luis	Heather Luis/Jason Luis	
23	Ch Kurly Kreek Alberta Clipper RN	Iris Andre	Kathy Kail	

24	Saddlehill Follow Me, WC	Susie Gallagher	Susie Gallagher	
26	Cinder Soot	Brian Altizer	Brian Altizer	
27	Wright's Mindy's Independent Girl	Bruce Hayes	Bruce Hayes	
30	Rockin' After Midnight	Michael Williams	Michael Williams	
31	Magicgold's Wind in the Willows	Catherine Colley	Catherine R. Colley	
34	Broyhill Etched in Stone WC	Jill Lyman	Jill Lyman	

Senior - Sunday 8:00 am - 17 Entries Judges: Kate Urquidi & Linda Brooks

#	Dog Name	Owner	Handler	Results
1	Lean On Me Mac JH	Brian Hawley	Brian Hawley	Pass
2	MV Prairie's Simply Sue	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
6	Hunters Buck Shot SH	Steven Trudeau II	Richard Cole	Pass
8	Manitou Dunvegan Piper of Skye CD RN JH MX MXJ	Jackie Myers	Jackie Myers	Pass
10	Frog hollow's Cumoran Rebel	Steve & Carrie Raney	Steve Raney/Scott Wolverton/Rob Trenholm	Pass
13	Raney's Spike-Von Urff Top Dog JH	Jeff Von Urff	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
14	Spencer's little Spoon JH	Harry Spencer	Harry Spencer/Paul Cacciatori	Pass
15	Lakota MysticJack Griggs JH	Lisa Griggs	Lisa Griggs	Pass
16	Raney's Comming Up River JH	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
4	Kona's Little Rio JH	Steve Morales	Steve Morales/Paul Cacciatori	Scratch
3	SR Misty Mountain Merry Mischief JH WCX	Bennett & Therese Ellington	Biff Ellington	
5	Raney's Ria De Latte'	Carrie & Steve Raney	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	
7	TTF Meglor's Igan of Glendale JH	Loren & Meg Rivera	Loren M. Rivera	
9	Heads Up Son of a Gun JH	Pam Murphy	Pam Murphy	
11	Longplain Sequitor WCX, JH	Jeanne Fowler	Jeanne Fowler	
12	Ch Ardenwood's As Time Goes By JH WCX	Patricia Skorupa	Joe Skorupa	
17	CH Marnetts Cant Give It Away JH	Annette Monugian	Charlene Cordiero/Annette Monugian	

Junior - Sunday 8:00 am - 42 Entries Judges: Ed Ferner & Candy Ferner

#	Dog Name	Owner	Handler	Results
1	Foxgrove's Don't Call Me Jack	Terry Simons	Terry Simons	Pass
2	Magicgold's Wind in the Willows	Catherine Colley	Catherine R. Colley	Pass
3	Ch Kurly Kreek Alberta Clipper RN	Iris Andre	Kathy Kail	Pass
4	Diamond P's Smokin' Bailey	Max Garcia	Max Garcia	Pass
5	Sweep's Sunny Delight	Harold & Gerrie Bridges	Harold Bridges/Steve Raney	Pass
6	Bayside's Is That Savvy, RN	Kristina Cordiero	Kristina Cordiero	Pass
7	Rainbow's Pot Of Gold VI	James Stevens	James Stevens	Pass
10	Tiger mtn Sadie Lady	doug randazzo	Doug Randazzo	Pass
11	Duke Hajjar	Ty & Julie Hajjar	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm	Pass
13	Windrose Night Hawke	patricia collom	Patricia Collom	Pass

14	Brandymere Bayside Tub "O" Joe	Charlene Cordiero	Charlene Cordiero Pass
16	Lands End Lady A La Mode	trevy winterstrom	Trevy Winterstrom Pass
19	CR Duck Duck Goose	Rob & Cheryl Trenholm	Rob Trenholm/Steve Raney Pass
20	My Other Brother Darryl	Brian Altizer	Brian Altizer Pass
21	Skywater's Barney Buster	Brian Cimperman	Brian Cimperman Pass
22	Reagan Elizabeth Alexandra	Michael Rouse	Michael Rouse/Steve Raney Pass
24	Skywater's Tessa At Rock Canyon	Heather Luis	Heather Luis/Jason Luis Pass
26	Broyhill Etched in Stone WC	Jill Lyman	Jill Lyman Pass
27	Gallogold Brambles N Brookes	Alan Ankerstar	Alan Ankerstar Pass
28	Abigail Jean IV	Robert Littrell	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm Pass
29	Rockin' After Midnight	Michael Williams	Michael Williams Pass
30	Cosmic Bear Fetish	Rebecca Williams	Becky Williams Pass
31	Lidos I Love Lucy, JH, WC	Patricia Berne	Paddy Berne Pass
32	Ely in Cooper's Shadow	Stephan Regenfuss	Stephan Regenfuss Pass
33	Master Murphy Beltis	Paul & Judy Beltis	Paul Beltis/Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm Pass
34	Dykstra's Remy The Natural		Charlene Cordiero Pass
35	Acedo's Tucker RE	Maribel Acedo	Maribel Acedo Pass
37	Gaylan's Thaleia TD WC	Victoria Chaney	Victoria Chaney Pass
38	Daisy Hajjar	Ty & Julie Hajjar	Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm Pass
39	Cinder Soot	Brian Altizer	Brian Altizer Pass
40	Aqueus Dutch Wood Polish, JH	Kathleen Gibson	Kathleen Gibson Pass
41	Junior Beltis JH	Paul & Judy Beltis	Judy Beltis/Steve Raney/Rob Trenholm Pass
42	Rock Canyon's Willpower of Skywater	Roy Horsley	Jason Luis/Heather Luis Pass
8	Ch Talimar's Stellar Performance	Trudy Rose	Judie Lynch Scratch
9	Sir Rex of Valhalla 2	Boris Naydichev	Boris Naydichev
12	Saddlehill Follow Me, WC	Susie Gallagher	Susie Gallagher
15	Gary's Greenhead Getter	Gary Paprocki	Gary Paprocki
17	Stevandorn Dijon CD, RE	Karen W. Webb	Karen W. Webb
18	R and M Anne Get Your Gun	richard east	Richard East
23	Ryder's Breez'n Decoy	Pam Felgenhauer	Pam Felgenhauer/Mary Sarmiento/Debra Chun
25	Wright's Mindy's Independent Girl	Bruce Hayes	Bruce Hayes
36	Star Crowned Athos RN	Karen W. Webb	Karen W. Webb

OCTOBER 10, 2009 - B-OB MATCH

Photo by Catherine Sisk



Adult



Best Adult

Photo by Catherine Sisk



Puppy



Best Puppy



High Score in Match



Obedience

Conformation - Adults



Thank you, Susie Terpstra!

Conformation - Jr. Handlers



Conformation - Puppies!



Keeping Your Dog Happy, Active, and Entertained While You and Your Family are Away

There are several ways you can help to ensure that your dog is feeling happy and staying active while you and your family are away during the day.

Do Some Fun Activities With Your Dog Before You Leave the House

Take a walk. Try making some time in your routine for a walk together before you leave for work or the kids go to school. That way both dog and humans will be getting exercise and you'll be spending some quality time together.

Play together. If there isn't enough time to go on a walk in the morning, try having a play session before you leave the house. You can give your dog some exercise and tire her out so she'll spend at least part of the rest of the day relaxing until you return.

Enhance Your Dog's Home Environment

Introduce a new toy. A new toy can add some excitement during the day while your dog is home alone. A tough chew toy that can't be torn apart while you're gone is best, just in case your dog likes to gobble things up. Also rotate toys: After a day or two, put one toy away so it's out of sight and mind, and bring out another to replace it. This will keep all of your dog's toys fresh and exciting.

Fill up a treat-dispensing toy. Coaxing a toy (such as the [Buster Food Cube](#) and the [Atomic Treat Ball Dog Toy](#)) to dispense treats may be a fun "alone time" activity for your dog. The treat toy will help entice your dog to stay active and the rewards will enforce good behavior during your absence. Even the laziest dog may not be able to resist a toy that gives out yummy treats when you play with it.



Add a fountain. Making sure your dog has enough water for the day while no one is home is very important, and a [dog fountain](#) can provide a constant supply of clean fresh water while also piquing your dog's interest. Many dogs love water and the running water of a fountain can create a diversion for your dog. Be

sure to have the regular bowl of water out just in case your dog does not take to the fountain while you're away.

Use sound and video media. Pleasant sounds and video images in the home help your dog from feeling like he or she is alone when no one else is around. On some days, you can play a soothing [classical CD](#). On other days, you can leave the TV on and put in a ["for dogs only" video](#) that will let your dog enjoy the sights and sounds of the great outdoors without having to leave the doggy bed.

Create a comfortable napping place. It's inevitable that your dog will want to snooze part of the day away while you're gone, so set up a comfortable place for your dog to relax. A [soft bed](#) in a darkened room is always calming. If your dog has been crate-trained, you can leave the crate door open and put a bed inside the crate, making it the perfect doggy den for napping.

Use a dog pheromone. If you sense that being alone causes anxiety in your dog, try using a dog-appeasing pheromone [diffuser](#), [spray](#), or [collar](#). The pheromone released by these products is similar to one that a lactating mother would emit to calm her newborn puppies. This pheromone will be familiar to your dog and create a sense of relaxation. You can place the diffuser in a room that is usually occupied by your dog, apply the spray to a dog bed, or have your dog wear the collar.

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BED TIME STORY:



Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this,' the mother told the volunteer. 'What is it she keeps asking for?' the volunteer asked. 'Puppy size!' replied the mother 'Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for.' 'I know..... we have seen most of them,' the mom said in frustration...

Just then Danielle came walking into the office 'Well, did you find one?' asked her mom. 'No, not this time,' Danielle said with sadness in her voice. 'Can we come back on the weekend?' The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed 'You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply,' the volunteer said. Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. 'Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend,' she said.

Over the next few days both Mom and Dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. 'It's this weekend or we're not looking any more,' Dad finally said in frustration. 'We don't want to

hear anything more about puppy size, either,' Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs.

Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look.. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, 'Sorry, but you're not the one.'

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

'Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!' She screamed with joy. 'It's the puppy size!' 'But it's the same

size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks,' Mom said.

'No not size.... The sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed,' she said.

'Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!'

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

'Mom , every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms,' she said. Then, holding the puppy up close to her face, she said, ' Mom , he loves me.. I heard the sighs of his heart!'

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. They are the sighs of God. Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear. 'Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.'

I hope your life is filled with Sighs!!!

(Keeping your dog happy - cont'd from page 12)

Install a dog door. If you have an enclosed yard in which your dog is safe to roam around while you're gone, consider installing a [dog door](#). The door will allow your dog to leave and re-enter the house at will, and to enjoy the sensory delights that your neighborhood has to offer.

Hire dog caretakers. This is a good option for dogs who are going through training or who suffer from separation anxiety. You can take your dog to a day care facility where your companion will be under constant supervision, or you can have a dog sitter or dog walker come to your home and make sure that your dog is getting the attention and exercise he or she needs while you're out. Your dog may greatly appreciate the mid-day exercise and visit.

Consider a second dog. Deciding whether to get another dog—and integrating a new dog into the household—are major undertakings that are beyond the scope of this article. But if Resident Dog and New Dog get along, each may benefit greatly from having company during parts of the day that would otherwise be spent alone.

Additional Benefits of a Happy Dog During "Home Without the Humans" Times

If Mr. or Ms. Dog is content and occupied rather than anxious and/or bored while at home alone, he or she is less likely to eat shoes, dig in the garbage, and get into other trouble, and will probably be better adjusted overall.

http://www.superhappypets.com/article_dog_home_alone.html

Q&A

with Dr. Darlene Sanchez

Do you have a question for Dr. Sanchez? Please submit your questions to the editor by the 1st of the month & Dr. Sanchez would be happy to answer it in the next Review!



"Dr. Sanchez earned her BS in Animal Science at Cal Poly Pomona in 2005 & her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree at Western University of Health Sciences in 2009. Dr. Sanchez has written several articles on topics such as caring for geriatric pets, spaying & neutering, and microchipping. Her species of interest include cats, dogs, equine, camelids and small ruminants (sheep and goats). and her disciplines of interest include dentistry, reproduction and ultrasound. She is a member of the AVMA, CVMA, AAEP, SVT, AAHA & the LRCSC. "

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(Evil – cont'd from front page)

Louise's spine and extending back (towards her tail) into the pelvic canal. Given this girl's history, I just knew there had to be a foxtail somewhere in that huge abscess pocket. The question was, would we be able to find it.

I prayed to the "god of foxtails" and turned Emma Louise over to one of my esteemed colleagues (a surgical specialist) for abdominal exploratory surgery. After approximately two hours of me biting my nails and some expletives heard in the operating room, there was a shout of "Hurray!" My colleague had located and removed the foxtail! Now with some post-op exercise restriction and a course of antibiotics, Emma Louise will be good as new. Not finding the foxtail would have meant lifelong antibiotics, unless the foxtail migratory course happened to exit the body.

Perhaps you've always wanted to experience the unique flavors and marvelous beauty of California. After reading this, you might just have a change of heart- now that you know of the evil that lurks there!

Best wishes,
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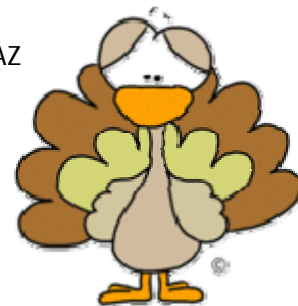
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Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Antelope Valley KC, LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona
 14 Top Dog – Orange Empire KC, Bloomingdale
 14 & 15 San Luis Obispo KC, California Mid State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles
 14 & 15 California South Coast Retriever Club 2009 Fall Hunt Tests – Lost Hills
 13 – 16 Tucson and Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Clubs. Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ
20 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions
 20 & 21 Golden Valley KC. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock
 22 & 23 San Joaquin KC. San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton, CA
 27-30 Yuma and Imperial Valley Kennel Clubs. Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ



December

- 7 Malibu KC – Costa Mesa
 9, 10, 11 Beverly Hills KC, Los Encinos KC & Long Beach KC - Long Beach Convention Center
18 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions

Editors Note:

October was a very busy month with Field Practice days, the B-OB Match and the Fall Hunt Test. Match entries were up in Obedience, this year. Yay!!

For myself, it was a busy month preparing for our first leg in Open. Sometimes I wonder whether or not it is worth all the trouble to go through Obedience. There are other things to get involved in that are so much more fun! But I am reminded of an article written by Sandy Mowery from Front & Finish. She reminds me that these titles are an ultimate memorial to my dog. It says that he is intelligent, adaptable and good-natured and that he loves me enough to please me by doing these crazy things that I ask of him. It shows a special bond between the two of us and is nothing less than true love & respect both given and received. So, yes, I guess I will plug on because it is all worth it.

November is here and so are all of the holiday celebrations. During all the hustle & bustle, remember to give your dog a hug & a kiss. In their quiet manner, it's so easy to forget about them in all the rush. Keep them safe and love them as their love for you is unconditional.

Many blessings to all of you and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Celeste

Hi Everyone,

There were 75 votes cast in the Final Ballot for the selection of the 2010 Labrador National Theme. The winning theme is "CALIFORNIA FUN UNLEASHED" with 36 votes. The final count for other themes was:
 California Dreamin - 15,
 California Cruzin -8,
 Labradors Strike Gold/
 California Gold - 11 and
 Labrador Rush to California - 5.

The parent club will sponsor a contest for artists to submit designs. It is my understanding that designs selected as finalists will be presented to us for the final decision. Thank you all for your participation.

A Planning Committee will now be formed to include volunteer members from HDLRC, LRCSC, and SDLRC. We need to plan the weekly activities, educational seminars, schedule of daily events, hospitality, evening dinners/banquets, entertainment, welcome reception, and a host of other activities. Please let Margaret Stanard, Joe Mata, or me know of your willingness to share the excitement of the Nationals.

FIRST, let's support High Desert Labrador Retriever Club's Specialty on November 7 & 8, 2009 at their new show location. In this economy for clubs to survive financially and to create majors for our Labradors, we need to work together to support each other's specialties. Thank you for your support.

Barbara Nowak

First Thanksgiving Poem

If I had been a Pilgrim child
 Among the fields and forests wild
 Where deer and turkey used to roam,
 A cabin would have been my home
 With fireplace and earthen floor
 And bearskins hanging at the door.

I would have gathered berries bright
 For candles fragrantly alight,
 And dug for clams and picked the corn
 And laid the table smooth and worn.
 Or hunted nuts hard-shelled and good
 And helped in any way I could,
 With time to laugh and play and run
 When Indian children came for fun.

And on the first Thanksgiving Day
 I would have met with friends to pray
 And thank the Lord for all his care
 In keeping us together there.

By Margaret Hillert