



LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RETRIEVER REVIEW

OCTOBER 2010

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FLASH!!!

Your help is needed to make these show a great success!

Can you help with set-up on Monday Oct. 11th?
Email Joe Mata at jose.mata2@twcable.com.



LRCSC is hosting the Wednesday morning breakfast on the 13th. We need two hostesses to organize the items, and for members to bring donations of breakfast items for the exhibitors. Contact Margaret Stanard at mstanard@cox.net.

All three clubs are hosting the lunch on Friday the 15th, so we are again asking all members to donate a salad item or a dessert item to share, with all three clubs providing chicken. Marty Rice is the coordinator of the lunch. Please contact Marty at hawkettlabs@hotmail.com so we know what you can bring.

Please plan on attending the after show festivities; the Mexican Fiesta on Wednesday and the all you can eat BBQ on Thursday. These parties are what make a National special, and show our out- of- state visitors that we welcome them to Southern California and appreciate their support. You need to send in reservations for these events also on Sept. 15th

The other areas needing volunteers are the raffle table, catalog sales, and T- shirt sales. If you can help out for an hour or two, on Tues., Wed., Thurs., or Fri., please contact mstanard@cox.net

Finally, we will need hosts and hostesses at the hotel on Tuesday afternoon in the welcome room to answer questions, and pass out the "welcome bags" to those staying at the hotel. Remember there is a "Meet & Greet" after the health seminar so if you are planning to attend the seminar this would be a good opportunity to help, and meet some new people at the same time. Contact Gary Plotkin at gapdogs34@gmail.com to help out at the hotel.

A lot of work? You bet! But if everyone does a little bit, we will be successful. "Unleash Your Inner Lab!" and be a part of a great event.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Margaret Stanard

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We're on Facebook!

Have you joined the LRCSC's email list at 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:

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

**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING
NEW FULL MEMBERS!**
Jason Armison
Diana Kudell

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 **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.

LRCSC B-Ob Match Results

Junior Handling

Dog

- 4 - 6 mo Puppy: 1st place: Moonshadows Buffalo Bill Cody; Owners: Nicole Davidson and John Will Dodd
 6 - 9 mo Puppy: 1st place: Saddlehill Irish Luck; Owner: Susie Gallagher
 2nd place: Heartson's Tawn-skis You Can't Stop The Beat; Owners: Tania and Bryan Brodowski
 9-12 mo Puppy: 1st place: "O" Danny Boy; Owner: Sheila Thornburgh
 15 - 18 mo: 1st place: Sierra's Timeless Tale; Owner: Kathleen Kliese
 Open Black: 1st place: Daltwater Martini at Rycroft; Owner: Dianne Mullikin
 2nd place: Saddlehill Follow Me; Owner: Susie Gallagher

Bitch

- 6 - 9 mo Puppy: 1st place: Oakwest Dayz on Morningside; Owner: Becky Pike
 9 - 12 mo Puppy: 1st place: Everwoods All Riled Up at Country Manor; Owner: Rod & Susan Merrill and Dan & Sharene Clark
 2nd place: Algarden's Algarve Piper at Kintra; Owner: Alexandria Flanigan
 12 - 15mo Puppy: 1st place: Evergreen's Jumpin' Jenna; Owner: Dale and Kathy Nelson
 2nd place: Knoxhills One More Shot; Owner: Jessica Knox
 BBE: 1st place: Tuckaway True Bliss; Owner: Karen Dos Passos-Jobke
 2nd place: Coleriver's She's Got It All, CGC WC; Owners: Denis Coler and Tania Clark
 3rd place: Norfield Will O' Th' Wisp; Owner: Jane Babbitt

Junior Handler

- 8 yrs: 1st place: Grant Knox
 14 yrs: 1st place: Katie Merrill

Conformation

- Best Adult: Tuckaway True Bliss; Owner: Karen Dos Passos-Jobke
 Best Opposite Sex Adult: Daltwater Martini at Rycroft; Owner: Dianne Mullikin
 Best Puppy: Oakwest Dayz on Morningside; Owner: Becky Pike
 Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Moonshadows Buffalo Bill Cody; Owners: Nicole Davidson and John Will Dodd
 Best Junior Handler: Katie Merrill

Obedience

- Novice A 1st place: Green Canyons Guide Dog Gone Awry; Owners: Jason Armison & Diana Kudell
 Novice B 1st place: Augustus Captain Nemo at Sealion; Owners: Wendy and Kyle Pennington
 2nd place: Applewoods Bow Rider at Sealion; Owner: Wendy and Kyle Pennington
 3rd place: Coleriver's Special Request CGC WC; Owner: Denise Coler & Tania Clark
 Pre Novice Absent
 Open A 1st place: Max; Owner: Margaret Stanard
 Open B 1st place: Augustus Class V at Sealion; Owners: Wendy and Kyle Pennington
 High in Trial: Augustus Captain Nemo at Sealion; Owners: Wendy and Kyle Pennington



Best Adult

Best Junior Handler



Best Opposite Adult

Best Opposite Puppy



Best Puppy

High in Trial



National Specialty Photography Contest

Enter photos of your Labradors in the National Specialty Photography Contest. You don't even have to attend or enter the shows to enter the Photography Contest. Just following the simple rules on the following link from the National Specialty website and submit photos to me at my email dmatsuura@canidae.com or you can send them to me in the mail. So far I have only received a handful of entries and I know there are more great Labrador photos out there that you have taken. So share your love of Labradors as seen through the lens of your camera and let's make this years National Specialty better than ever.

http://www.thelabradorclub.com/subpages/show_cont_ents.php?page=Photography+Contest

Sincerely,
Diane Matsuura

SB 250 is finally defeated

September 1, 2010

The California state Assembly voted on SB 250 (Florez) tonight, but after multiple attempts it did not receive a sufficient number of votes to pass.

The final vote – at 11:47 pm — was ~~28~~ 27-Yes, 40 ~~39~~ No, 10 ~~12~~ abstain. 41 Yes votes were required for SB 250 to pass.

SB 250 – mandatory spay-neuter for dogs and cats – is ***finally and truly defeated***.*

Congratulations to the tens of thousands of Californians who made this victory possible. Your immense outpouring of opposition to SB 250 in the form of phone calls and faxes to legislators made the difference.

Thank you, for Saving our Dogs.

*According to Article IV, Sec 10(c) of the California state Constitution, SB 250 cannot be voted on again after midnight Tuesday night.

Attention LRCSC Members!

If you are the breeder of a litter that was born (or will be born) between November 1, 2009 and October 31, 2010, and that litter meets the LRCSC Futurity requirements, you may enter it (retroactively if necessary) into the 2010 Futurity. You will have to provide all the necessary documents and fees to the Futurity Chair, Trudy Soneson. Requirements for entering a litter can be found on the club website www.lrcsocal.org. Scroll down the left side and click on "Futurity". The 2011 Futurity competition will be held at the LRCSC Specialty on April 30, 2011. In addition, each individual dog that you wish to compete in the Futurity must enter the appropriate Futurity class at the LRCSC April 30 Specialty (Saturday) by filling out a Specialty entry form and submitting it together with the Futurity class entry fee (\$4) to Sharon Licciardi, Event Secretary, by the closing date. Futurity entries do not have to be entered in any other Specialty class. In addition to the usual division of monies among the class winners, LRCSC will contribute substantial cash awards to Best in Futurity, BOS in Futurity and Breeder of Best in Futurity.



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**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.

All Black Litter Due Oct 4, 2010

Sire: BISS CH Nipntuck Hyspire Unforgettable

OFA: LR-172558E26M-VPI LR-EL37902M26-VPI, CERF LR51678, Cardiac LR-CA3032/28M/c-VPI-ECHO

Dam: Lands End Gets What She Wants SH

(CH Brooklands Hampshire Bucky X CH Lands End Whatever She Wants CDX MH)

OFA, LR-171829G26F-PI, LR-EL37482F26-PI, Cerf LR-57290/2010--59, Optigen Normal

Contact: Lauren Bullock 714-628-9807, landsendlabs@yahoo.com



Every registration makes a difference . . . for all dogs!

I hope that 2010 has been a great year so far for your club and its members, and that the rest of the year continues similarly.

Without the continuing help of our clubs, the AKC cannot live up to its mission of advocating for the purebred dog as a family companion, advancing canine health and well-being, working to protect the rights of all dog owners and promoting responsible dog ownership. As we continue extensive outreach to the AKC community regarding our efforts to meet the challenge of decreasing registrations, we need your help in **telling your club members why AKC registrations are so important.**

To help us meet this challenge, we have developed several print-ready files that we ask you to include in your club's communications, like your newsletter or website. These include:

- [Full-page](#) and [half-page](#) ads that briefly explain why it is important for breeders to register all the puppies they produce.
- ["Registering All Your Dogs Has Never Been More Important"](#), an in-depth article that explains why registration is vital to everyone involved in the world of the AKC.
- ["All Dogs Deserve to be Registered"](#), a flyer that explains the benefits of AKC's new Online Litter Record Service.

Please feel free to distribute this information to your club members.

Thank you for your dedication to your breed, your club, and to the sport of purebred dogs. Please know that with your support, and by working together, we will be able to take the necessary steps to ensure AKC's long and healthy future as the nation's preeminent purebred dog registry.

Sincerely,

David Roberts

VP, Registration and Customer Service



Heading West . . .

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. 2010 National Specialty Events Week

Prado Regional Park and Prado Dog Training Area, Chino, California (Southern California)

October 9 through October 15, 2010

Deadline for catalog advertising September 5, 2010.

Entries for Conformation, Companion Dog Events and the WC and CC close September 15, 2010.

Entries for the Hunting Retriever Test close September 29, 2010.

Food and Entertainment with—

- “Meet & Greet” Hospitality Night • Mexican Fiesta Night • On site Barbeque Night with Band

A Hunting Retriever Test with—

- TWO Juniors • TWO Seniors • A Master
- Working Certificate Test (WC) • Conformation Evaluation (CC)

Tracking Test—

- TD and TDX tracks.

Workshops with—

- Educational Seminars • Health Screening Clinics • Judges’ Education Seminar

Companion Events with—

- TWO Agility Trials • TWO Obedience Trials • TWO Rally Trials

Conformation Events—

- TWO dog shows
- Sweepstakes • Jr. Showmanship

Host Hotel will be the **Doubletree**, Ontario, California.

For the hotel reservations link, event details, judges and more information visit the LRC, Inc. web site at www.thelabradorclub.com.

A very BIG THANK YOU to the members of the three regional Southern California clubs—the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California, the San Diego Labrador Retriever Club and the High Desert Labrador Retriever Club—that have provided their support, recommendations and manpower to help make the 2010 National Specialty Event Week an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Come Join the Fun!

2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY "MEET AND GREET"

California Fun Unleashed



Meet old friends and make new ones—

The LRC is sponsoring a No Host *"Meet and Greet"* informal party on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 P.M.** at the DoubleTree, the National Specialty host hotel.

This event will be held outdoors in the beautiful Courtyard at the hotel.

The snacks are free, but you are on your own for the drinks.

Socializing will immediately follow the afternoon Educational Program and Health Clinic at the Doubletree.

There will be surprises and prizes for those attending.

This event is open to everyone and we look forward to *unleashing some California fun!*

How to Stop a Dog from Chewing

courtesy of <http://pet-articles.blogspot.com>

The act of chewing seems to be a matter of individual preference among dogs: some have an innate desire to chew as a pleasurable activity in itself, and some seem to have no need to chew whatsoever unless they're driven to it out of sheer boredom. In any case, when chewing is destructive - it's a problem that NEEDS to be address quickly.

The phrase "destructive chewing" may sound redundant, because – by its very nature! – all chewing is destructive. Your dog has strong jaws full of sharp, pointy teeth: just about anything she starts to chew on is probably going to show the effects of it inside of a minute. So just to clarify, when I use the phrase "destructive chewing", I'm referring to inappropriate chewing: the kind of chewing that's focused on your own possessions and household items, instead of on your dog's own designated toys and chews.

The 3 Main Reasons Why Dogs Chew:

1. Most dogs have a natural desire to chew. It's fun, it passes the time, and it's a self-rewarding, self-reinforcing activity (for example, if she's chewing on something that tastes good.)
2. Chewing provides a nervous, bored, or lonely dog with an outlet for her emotions. To an anxious dog, the repetitive act of chewing is soothing – it's the doggie equivalent of comfort food.
3. Under exercised dogs often use chewing as a way of burning up nervous energy and giving themselves something to do.

6 Ways to Prevent Destructive Chewing

Dogs are perfectly capable of learning not to chew your stuff – you just have to put in a little effort first, that's all.

1. Doggy-Proofing: Take control of the situation: manage your own possessions. Your first step should be to dog-proof your home. Even if you have the best-behaved dog in the world, there's still no reason to test her self-control – after all, dogs explore the world with their mouths.

Dog-proofing your home means taking whatever you don't want to end up in her mouth, and making it unavailable. Consider her size and agility when deciding whether something's out of reach: can she jump? Can she climb, or leap onto something else to reach the desired object? How tall is she when standing on her back legs

Common targets in the home include books, eyewear, clothing, shoes, garbage, and small crunchy appliances like cameras, cell phones, and remote controls.

It should go without saying that all food needs to be put securely away: don't leave snacks on low tables (or even countertops – you'd be surprised how acrobatic she can be when there's food at stake!), put all food into containers or the pantry. Rinse your dirty plates clean of any food scraps before leaving them by the sink.

2. Prevention: Prevent her from learning the joys of illegal chewing. The more times she manages to snatch a jawful of a forbidden substance – a chair-leg, a pillow, a running shoe – the more readily she'll target those items in future. If you can prevent her from chewing your stuff in the first place, it's a lot easier for her to

understand what you expect of her. Practically speaking, this means confining her in a dog-proofed area until you're confident of her understanding of the house rules.

3. Rule Setting: Don't set her up for failure by blurring the boundaries between her stuff (OK to chew) and your stuff (not OK to chew). Don't offer your dog cast-off clothes, shoes, or towels to chew and play with: realistically, you can't possibly expect her to be able to tell the difference between your current shoes and the one she's got in her mouth that you gave her five minutes ago.

4. Provision: Provide her with lots of tasty alternatives to your stuff. If her environment is relatively barren of attractive, appropriate chewing objects, you can hardly blame her for targeting your possessions. Remember, most dogs need to chew; if she's an adolescent (under three years) or a puppy (under one year), her needs will be even more pronounced. Go on a toy and chew shopping spree, then give her two or three to play with at a time. Rotating the available toys every few days will keep things novel and interesting for her.

5. Supervision: Spend lots of time in active supervision. Yes, it might be easier for you to just keep her penned up in her [dog crates](#), run, or the yard – but that's boring and horrible for her, and hardly much fun for you either (if you wanted a pet that you don't need to interact with, you'd have got a goldfish, right?) She can't learn what you expect of her if she's spending all her time boxed up in the dog-proof zone: she needs the opportunity to explore the boundaries of your expectations, so she can understand what's appropriate and what's not.

6. The Switcheroo: When you catch her chewing something inappropriate, interrupt her by making a loud noise: clap your hands or make an "Ah-ah-aaaah!" noise. Then, immediately hand her a tasty and dog-appropriate alternative (a rawhide bone or other chew toy); as soon as her jaws close around it, praise her lavishly. There is no better way to get your dog to understand that chewing "her" toys equals praise from you, but everything else equals trouble.

Maintain a Positive Attitude

Above all, remember to keep your expectations realistic. You're not perfect, and neither is your dog: there's likely to be at least one incident where a cherished item is damaged by her curiosity.

Particularly in the early stages of your relationship, she's still learning the ropes: it'll take awhile before she's completely reliable (and even then, if she's left by herself for too long or feels neglected, she may choose your stuff over hers to occupy her time and jaws with.) Remember to give her time to learn the rules, and plenty of 'you-time' to help her learn faster – and don't forget to take precautions and keep things out of reach until she's got the hang of the chewing rules!

If you REALLY want to end your dog's excessive chewing problem, you NEED to establish yourself as the Alpha Dog of the house. To discover the FASTEST way to accomplish Alpha Dog status, check out the step by step tutorial at www.Dog-Training-Works.com. There, you'll learn how to finally get your dog to listen to you and follow your command the first time around. Check it out here!

Jason Ellis has been helping people train their dogs and newborn puppies for years. His expertise deals with applying proven, effective techniques that train your dog to be the obedient companion you've always wanted in a matter of WEEKS. You can find Jason's complete [dog training](#) course at <http://www.Dog-Training-Works.com>

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Dogs and Allergies: What You Should Know

Courtesy of <http://www.i-love-dogs.com>

Your dog may have an allergic reaction to anything at any time. He can even have an [allergic reaction](#) tomorrow to the dog food that he's eaten all his life. He can have a reaction to the detergent that you use to wash your blankets. He may suddenly have a reaction to the grass in your yard. As a matter of fact, you may suddenly develop an allergy to you dog.

What causes allergic reactions? An allergic reaction is the body's response to an "invader." Your body, or your dog's body, mounts a defense against what it perceives to be as an attacker -- whether it's a flea bite or the corn in his [dog food](#). That defense can be a rash, hives, itching, watery eyes, and so on. The body is reacting to the offending allergen by trying to get rid of it in some way. Yes, the body is overreacting, but that goes along with having an allergic reaction to something.

Why does a dog or someone develop an allergy when they haven't been allergic previously? Their body may suddenly decide that something that they previously accepted is no longer acceptable. The body may suddenly have an intolerance for a specific ingredient. Whatever the body is allergic to, it may only take a very small amount to get a big reaction.

Dogs are most commonly allergic to flea bites which results in flea bite dermatitis -- itching, redness, rash, and [loss of hair](#)

around the rear quarters and over the tail. According to one vet, for a dog with flea bite dermatitis, or an allergy to fleas, if one flea bites a dog on the nose, the dog will itch like crazy around his tail. This allergy makes a dog miserable. Good [flea control](#) is absolutely essential for a dog that is allergic to fleas.

Dogs are also commonly allergic to some typical ingredients in dog food. One of the most common ingredients in dog food is corn in various forms. Corn can be found as whole corn, ground corn, corn meal, corn gluten meal and so on. If your dog is allergic to corn he will react to any of these kinds of corn. You may have to read the ingredient labels carefully to find some of the corn since it can be slipped in almost unnoticeably.

Dogs may be allergic to other grains and cereals in dog food, so you may need to try your dog on different foods to gage his reaction.

Dogs can also be allergic to different kinds of meat protein. Some dogs are now allergic to chicken or lamb since these have been so commonly used as primary dog food ingredients. If your dog is allergic to one of these meat ingredients there are plenty of other meat proteins from which to choose. Some dog food companies specialize in making foods with novel proteins such as emu meat, kangaroo, venison and others.

If your dog is on good flea control and you have tried different foods but you still suspect that your dog is suffering from allergies, it's time to see the vet. Your vet can test your dog to see what he may be allergic to. It could be a [cleaning product](#), something you use in your yard, or one of a dozen other things that we use daily. Your vet will be able to help you identify the cause of your dog's allergy.

[Allergies](#) are a problem for both people and [pets](#) but they can be overcome with a little effort. By identifying the cause of the allergy we can eliminate it and make our dogs much happier.

Terms of Dog Shows

Courtesy of <http://www.i-love-dogs.com>

When you begin going to dog shows you need to know the dog show lingo. That way you'll understand what people are saying and know how to communicate. These are terms used at AKC dog shows.

Terms

The American Breed Class is a regular class open to all dogs six months old, which were whelped in the United States. Its parents must have mated in the U.S.A. The exception is champions. This is a basic term to be familiar with and learn.

The term angulation means the angle made when bones meet at the joint, which is a concrete notion useful when talking at [dog shows](#). The angulation is related to balance. When both of these traits are good the canine's joints be more flexible and the movement will be smooth.

Agility Trials are competitions in which the dogs surmount or negotiate jumps and obstacles like tunnels and weave poles. These events are a lot of fun for the audience.. The [AKC](#) holds a national agility trial. There are many canine agility events sanctioned by various [dog clubs](#).

An All-Breed Show is a conformation show and any bred can show. Of course, you'll want a very agile dog. In a conformation show the judges try to select the canines that are the epitome of the standard for their breed. A match show means no championship points are given at that show.

When a trainer uses a treat to attain a dog's attention causing him to seem alert it is called baiting. It is important to teach your dog to bait properly; he should look attentive, quizzical, with an air of anticipation.

The [bench](#) show is one in which the [dogs](#) are seated on benches, when they are being shown. Sitting on the bench allows the attendees, [breeders](#), and

exhibitors to view and discuss them. The judges look for the ideal dog for this show, exhibiting the standards better than the other competitors. When the dogs limbs and body are posed to design a pleasing look it is called stacking.

The champion is the title given to a dog that defeats a specific number of dogs in designated competitions during a series of shows. A standard is determined for a breed. A dog is measured out when his measurement is not within the limit for the breed. The dog earns credit toward a championship called points.

The exhibitor or handler is the person that brings a dog for showing and shows him in the correct class. He shows the dog in the ring or works him at an event such as a field trial. He is hired by an owner that doesn't want to show the dog himself.

Another person involved in shows is the fancier. He is someone that has a keen interest and normally is actively involved in some part of the sport of purebred canines.

The gait is how the dog moves. It is one indicator of the dog's condition and structure. Agility, angulation, and balance are intertwined in the dog's gait.

To move is to gait a [canine](#) in a patten a judge proscribes. Moving close means that the dog's hocks turn inward and his pasterns drops towards the ground, moving parallel to each other. Moving straight describes a balanced gait in which the inclination angle starts at the shoulder and legs stay mainly straight going from these points to the pads of the dog's feet. This is while his legs extend. This can also start from the hip joint.

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Dog Training: Learn How You Can Overcome The Issue Of Your Dog Refusing To Come When Called - By Jonathan Cheong

Courtesy of <http://www.freedogtrainingarticles.com>

Many dog owners fail to recognize the importance of having a dog that comes when called until there is a problem, such as the collar or leash breaking, or the dog tearing free to chase a person or another animal. These situations can be dangerous for the dog, the owner and other members of the community. In areas where there is a lot of vehicular traffic, the situation could even prove fatal to the dog.

Unfortunately, many well meaning owners sabotage this important part of their dog's training by allowing it to run off leash and unattended. Whether the dog is allowed to run in the park, on the beach, or just play with other dogs, this teaches the dog that there are many fun things that do not involve its owner. In fact, from the dog's perspective at least, these fun times are often ruined by the appearance of the owner.

Look at things from the dog's perspective for a moment. You - the dog - are having a ton of fun running on the beach with all your doggy friends, and suddenly here comes this human to take you away from the fun. When you see the dog's point of view it is easy to see how the appearance of the owner, and the leash can be seen as a negative.

This negative perception causes many dogs to delay this outcome by refusing to come when they are called. From the dog's point of view, this makes perfect sense, since every minute of delay means another minute of romping on the beach or in the park. In other words, the dog has learned that the most rewarding thing to do is to ignore the calls of its owner. While this may seem like a good idea to the dog, it is definitely not a good thing from the owner's perspective.

For dogs who have not yet learned this type of avoidance behavior, it is best to prevent it from happening by supervising the dog at play, and making the time you spend with your dog as much, or more, fun, as the time it spends alone or with other dogs.

For dogs that have already learned the value of ignoring their owner, some retraining is definitely in order. It is vital that every dog respond to the "come here" command, for the safety of both humans and dogs alike.

One thing to avoid is following the "come here" command with unpleasant activities. Calling the dog, and then immediately giving him a bath, clipping his nails, taking him to the vet, etc. will quickly teach the dog that coming to the owner has negative consequences. It is best to ask the dog to come and then play with him, feed him, walk him or engage in other fun activities. If you do need to take your dog to the vet, bathe him, etc. be sure to allow some time to pass so the dog does not associate the "come here" command with the bad experience.

It is important to remember that dogs are constantly learning, whether a formal training session is in process or not. Your dog is always learning something from you, whether good or bad. It is therefore important to make every interaction with your dog a positive one.

When teaching the dog to come on command, it is vital that the dog be consistently rewarded every single time he does as the owner wants. A reward can be as simple as a pat on the head, a "good boy" or a scratch behind the ears. Of course, treat based rewards are appreciated as well, and many dogs are highly food motivated and respond quickly to this type of training. The key is to be consistent. The dog should get some kind of reward, whether it be praise, a toy, or a treat, every time he appears at the owners side when called.

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Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.

Semi-Annual Health Clinic - October 18, 2010

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

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

No parking on street, please park in lot!

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

(Detach Here)

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Sex: _____ Color / Markings: _____ Age: _____ Weight: _____

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
OCTOBER 2010			
10/2	LRCSC	Board Meeting	Denny's in Brea
10/2 & 3	Hollywood Dog Obedience Club	Agility	Lakeview Terrace
10/2 & 3	Aztec Doberman Pinscher Club of San Diego	Agility	Bonita
10/2 & 3	Burbank KC	All Breed	Van Nuys
10/3	LRCSC	WC Practice	Prado Dog Training Park
10/9 & 10	LRC Nationals	Hunt Test	Prado Dog Training Park
10/9 & 10	Sacramento Dog Training club	Obedience, Rally	Roseville
10/9 & 10	Simi Valley KC	Agility	Lakeview Terrace
10/9 & 10	Donner Trail KC, Inc	All Breed	Roseville
10/11	LRC Nationals	Tracking test	Prado Regional Park
10/12	LRC Nationals	Agility	Prado Regional Park
10/13	LRC Nationals	Rally, Obedience, Agility	Prado Regional Park
10/14	LRC Nationals	Rally, Obedience	Prado Regional Park
10/15	Cabrillo KC, Inc	Obedience, Rally	Del Mar
10/15	LRCSC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
10/16 & 17	Bakersfield Obedience Training Club	Obedience, Rally	Bakersfield
10/16 & 17	Cabrillo KC, Inc	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Del Mar
10/16 & 17	Two Cities KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Yuba City
10/16 & 17	Dash Agility Club of So Cal	Agility	Costa Mesa
10/17	Obedience Club of San Diego	Obedience, Rally	San Diego
10/18	Orange Empire	Health Clinic (See form on page 14)	Bloomington
10/22, 23, 24	Samoyed Club of America	Agility	Simi Valley
10/23 & 24	Hidden Valley Obedience Club of North San Diego	Obedience, Rally	Escondido
10/30 & 31	KC of Riverside	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Perris
10/30 & 31	Golden State Rottweiler Club	Agility	Van Nuys
10/31	Pasanita Obedience Club	Obedience, Rally	Pasadena
NOVEMBER 2010			
11/6	San Gabriel Valley KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	City of Industry
11/6	Antelope Valley KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	City of Industry
11/13	LRCSC	Board Meeting	Denny's in Brea
11/13	SCDOC	TOP DOG	
11/19	LRCSC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
11/20 & 21	Golden Retriever Club of Greater LA	Hunt Test	Chino
11/27	Golden Valley KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Turlock
11/27 & 28	Orange Empire Dog Club	Agility	Bloomington

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12/1	KC of Beverly Hills	All Breed, Obedience	Long Beach
12/2	Los Encinos KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Long Beach
12/3	Long Beach KC	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Long Beach
12/3	American KC	Agility	Long Beach
12/4	American KC	All Breed, Obedience	Long Beach
TBD	LRCSC	Board Meeting	Denny's in Brea
12/10	Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County	All Breed, Obedience, Rally	Costa Mesa
12/11 & 12	Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc	Agility, Rally, Obedience	Van Nuys
12/11 & 12	Golden Retriever Club of San Diego	Agility	Escondido
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12/12 & 13	Malibu KC	All Breed	Costa Mesa
12/17	LRCSC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
12/18 & 19	KC of Palm Springs	Agility	City of Industry
12/29	Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	Agility	City of Industry
12/30 & 31	Keeshond Club of SC	Agility	City of Industry
12/31	High Desert Agility Club	Agility	Pomona

