



# RETRIEVER REVIEW

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## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

After a quiet summer, there are lots of club activities this fall. Look for flyers and announcements throughout this Review. By the way, for those who were disappointed that we did not hold the Fun Day this year, we are planning it for next June during the cooler weather.

Sunday, September 13, will be our one-day conformation handling clinic to be held at Costa Mesa's Tewinkle Park. Beginners can learn from scratch, and others can practice for our B-OB match on October 10. After that you will be ready to take advantage of a rare opportunity to show under LRCSOC founding member Winnie Limbourne at the High Desert Specialty on November 7/8.

Please note that the Futurity will NOT be held at the match this year. We are trying something different – namely requesting AKC permission to hold it at our 2010 Specialty during the Saturday lunch break. There are big cash prizes and a chance for recent litters to be entered retroactively. See details in Trudy's announcement. Also coming up in late September/October will be Working Certificate Training Days prior to the Working Certificate itself, which will be held in conjunction with our Hunt Test.

We keep sending you repeated requests for letters opposing SB250. Unfortunately, we do not hear about these hearing dates until the last minute ourselves, which seems to be part of the proponents' strategy. However, <http://saveourdogs.net> can fax a well-written opposition letter for you within minutes, and all you need to do is enter your name and address. Your zip code even ensures that your local representative gets a copy.

*Jane*

## Editor's Note:

This summer, I have spent even more time outside with my "kids" with school twice a week, training, camp trips, police activities, & out-of-town guests to entertain. Just a few weeks ago we went to the famous Pink's hot dog stand and I was able to bring my "kids" along since they have an outdoor patio. It certainly was nice to be able to enjoy a meal with my trusty companions at my side. There were numerous dogs accompanying their persons, there, too. It reminded me of my travels to Europe and being pleasantly surprised at how many dogs are accompanied by their person while taking the subways, shopping and even dining IN restaurants. It was really nice to see them spending quality time together as well as getting exercise walking from place to place.

Americans seem to be "Pet-Phobic" which causes some pet owners to shy away from public activities with our dogs. It may help to change the cultural perception if we take our dogs with us to as many places as possible. This issue contains some ideas of places you can spend time together, as well as activities that they can become involved in. Enjoy!

--- Celeste :o)

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Please direct any website related items to our webmaster, Ron Morelos at [ron.morelos@gmail.com](mailto:ron.morelos@gmail.com)



We're on Facebook!

### 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 [ron.morelos@gmail.com](mailto:ron.morelos@gmail.com) for any questions

### From the Membership Chair

**Celeste Young**

[Finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com](mailto:Finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com)

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

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FULL MEMBERS!!

**Kelly Greenwood**

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.*

### **Lab Rescue Organizations:**

Fetching Companions, Inc.  
[www.fetchingcompanions.org](http://www.fetchingcompanions.org)  
FCRR Message line 888.412.3382  
[www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org)  
[sclrr@sclrr.org](mailto:sclrr@sclrr.org)  
PO Box 4188  
Irvine, CA 92616-4188  
1.888.55.4.A LAB





## *The Winner's Circle*

The Winner's Circle entries are any **1<sup>st</sup> place**, a **qualifying score or leg**, a **placement at a specialty or LRCSC supported entry**, or a **new title in the last three (3) months**. Non AKC titles will only be listed in regular format, but no individual wins for non AKC events will be listed. Please only submit title, date, and location where the title was completed. Match wins are not eligible for publication in the Retriever Review, but may be listed if space is available. Entries are listed in alphabetical order by the dog's registered name.

*(None for September)*

## 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)**

573.442.428      [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

### **Optigen**

607.257.0301      [www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)

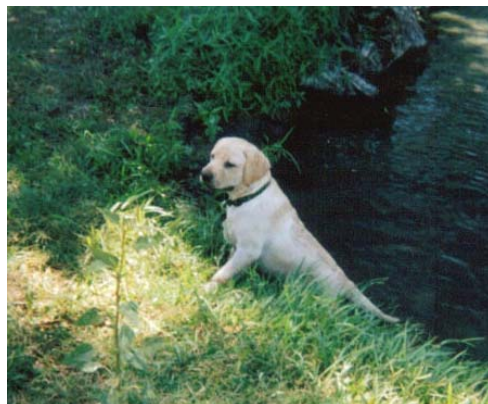
Note: These litter listings are provided as a service and information exchange for full members of the LRCSC. The listing will run in two (2) consecutive issues, only. One (1) extra month costs \$5.00, payable to LRCSC before the ad will run. No effort is made to verify the information provided, nor does the LRCSC as an organization enforce these litters. It is the responsibility of the consumer to certify information, ask questions, and evaluate guarantees and contracts as should be done before making any significant purchase.

## Black/ yellow litter due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Contact Terri Boyle VENTURE RANCH LABS 760-379-4926 [harerzr@earthlink.net](mailto:harerzr@earthlink.net)  
OR Sue Vose DELTA DAWN LABS 760 379-5135

Sire: Lawson's Best Man SR49132502  
OFA PRELIMS HIPS GOOD  
OFA PRELIMS ELBOWS CLEAR  
CERF ANNUALLY

DAM: VENTURE-DELTADAWNS CLASSIC DESIGN  
SR:31919701  
OFA HIPS LR-177316G31E-PI  
OFA ELBOS LR-EL40753F31-PI  
CERF LR-51661/2009





AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB

An invitation from the AKC

August 18, 2009

Dear AKC®-Registered Dog Owner's the owner of a newly registered dog, the American Kennel Club® invites you and your dog to participate in an AKC Canine Experience educational event on **September 13, 2009** at the **Lane Park, 5520 W. Ave. L-8, Quartz Hill, CA 93536**.

Join fellow dog owners and longtime dog experts to learn the basics about AKC dog events. Then, have the opportunity to practice showing your dog at an AKC-Sanctioned Match in a relaxed environment.

Members of AKC-affiliated clubs from the surrounding area will be available to meet with you and discuss a variety of dog show topics. Additionally, the AKC Clubs in this area will be offering free educational programs to teach dog show basics. This will be followed by a sanctioned match where you can show your dog. Exhibitors may run their dogs through an Obedience or Rally course as well. The AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program will be explained and evaluations will be offered. A dog supply vendor will be onsite with an assortment of products available for purchase.

**What to bring:**

Bring your whole family and dog at least three months of age with current vaccinations, AKC registration or PAL/ILP number, dog lead, water and bowl, and crate (recommended if you have one).

**Registration is at the event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Planned educational activities include:

- Handling classes for both adults and children (Junior Showmanship)
- Grooming tips and demonstrations
- Dog Show procedures
- Dog Show entry assistance
- Equipment advice for show and grooming
- AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluations
- Obedience and Rally run-throughs
- Agility Demonstrations
- A licensed dog show superintendent with information concerning dog shows in your area

The educational programs begin at 10:00 AM, Breed Demonstrations at 11:00 AM, Canine Good Citizen tests offered from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Obedience and Rally run-throughs at 10:00 AM, and the all-breed conformation match begins at 12:30 PM.

For additional information, you may contact Dick Greaver at [greaver@as.net](mailto:greaver@as.net) or (805) 377-8035.



## *Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California*

### Conformation Clinic

*Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*10:00 a.m. - ???*

### Tewinkle Park

*970 Arlington Drive, Costa Mesa, CA*

*(The area is the big square grass area above the tennis courts adjacent to the parking lot. The area is called "The Bowl" and is bordered by huge shade trees.)*

*Wear comfortable ("athletic") shoes and bring your dog, bait, show collar/lead, a chair, and your lunch. (the Club will provide water and soft drinks)*

*There is plenty of shade at the park. If you bring a canopy, it may not be staked in the ground.*

*\*We are responsible for removing our own trash from the park. Please bring a receptacle or bag to take your trash home with you.\**

#### Facilitators:

*Margaret Stanard ~ Beginners ring*

*Sandra Flanigan ~ Advanced ring*

*R.S.V.P. to Denise Coler*

*949.295.1642*

[coleriverlabs@roadrunner.com](mailto:coleriverlabs@roadrunner.com)

## **Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club**



**Invites you to its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial, & Rally Trial**

**Friday & Saturday, October 16 & 17, 2009  
Pleasanton, CA**

Judges:	Arwyn Ellis (Dolwen, UK)	All Breed Classes
	Dan Clark (Everwood)	Sweepstakes
	Dorin Ladd	Novice A & B, Utility A & B, Veterans
	Lara Cox	Open A & B, Rally

Catalog Ads Close: September 2, 2009 Jennifer Kelly [belgairnlabs@mchsi.com](mailto:belgairnlabs@mchsi.com)

Entries Close: Noon, Wed., September 30, 2009

Supt: MB-F [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

Questions? Specialty Chair Terri Herigstad [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com)

# The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California

## AKC B-OB Match

**October 10, 2009**

Canyon RV Park at Featherly Park, Anaheim CA  
(Gypsum Canyon exit off of the 91 fwy)

### Judges

Mrs. Sharene Clark – Everwood – Conformation and Junior Showmanship  
Mr. Wendell Young - Obedience

**Pre-entry deadline is October 5th.** Please send entries to:

Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora, CA 91741

Classes Offered:

**Conformation:** 4-6m. puppy, 6-9m. puppy, 9-12m. puppy, 12-18m., Bred by Exhibitor, Open Black, Open AOAC

**Obedience:** Sub-Novice, Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Novice

**Junior Showmanship:** \$1.00 Ringside, classes divided as necessary

**Futurity:** No Futurity offered this year.

**Entry Costs:** **Pre-entry** \$6.00 per entry and \$4.00 additional class per dog

**Day of Match** \$8.00 per entry and \$5.00 additional class per dog

### Additional Information

**Gate Fee is \$5.00 per vehicle, plus \$1.00 per dog.** Gates open at 7:00a.m.

**Judging will begin at 10:00a.m.** with Junior Showmanship and Obedience.

**Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park:** LRCSC will provide sandwich fixings and cold drinks.

Please bring your favorite food to share.

Bring your own chairs and dog equipment (crate or x-pen) and shade.

**Reminder:** Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Dogs with major points toward their Championship are not eligible for match entry. **Only Labradors may be entered in this Match.**

To **VOLUNTEER** or **DONATE RAFFLE ITEMS** or **Match information** contact:  
Diane Matsuura, dmatsuura@canidae.com

## LRCSC Match Entry Form

Send pre-entries to: Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora, CA 91741

**All Pre-entries due by October 5, 2009**

Entry number \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**First entry per dog \$6.00 Additional class per dog \$4.00**

**Breed Class** (circle one) 4-6m. 6-9m. 9-12m. 12-18m. BBE, Open Blk, Open AOAC

**Obedience Class** (circle one) Sub-nov, Nov A, Nov B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Nov

I/We agree to hold the LRCSC, it's officers, members, and agents harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Top Dog

November 14, 2009  
Orange Empire Dog Club, Bloomington, CA

The Southern California Dog Obedience Council consists of 21 Southern California dog clubs. SCDOC holds a Top Dog obedience competition each year, in which member clubs compete. Each team has about ten members. If you are interested in competing on the LRCSC's team, contact Wendy Pennington at (562) 420-8629. In the past several years, our team has been in the first **five** placements. This will be the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Top Dog Exhibition.

This year LRCSC is in charge of the raffles. Trudy Soneson, (714) 685-1557 or [tsoneson@hotmail.com](mailto:tsoneson@hotmail.com), is the coordinator. There is a fifty/fifty raffle and our team members will be selling tickets for this, as will all of the teams members. The second raffle will be a general raffle with tickets being sold at the competition. If you would like to donate or help with the raffle, call Trudy.

Come out and attend Top Dog and support our team. Lots of fun and excitement. See great obedience dogs and handlers in all of the Clubs, and support our Club. It's free.

Memories of Margaret...

I lost my best friend, dearest friend, my "Auntie Margaret" July 9, 2009.

Many people didn't know Margaret like I did, but if you were at a dog show you always saw us together. For some she was hard to know but those of you who knew her loved her and she loved you. I met her at my grooming shop about 25 yrs ago or so. She was a customer then became my dearest friend. She was family to me. Margaret got her first lab from me. I had bred my first litter and there was this little tiny runt girl who was sweet and feisty (just like Margaret), so I wanted her to have a special home. So I begged Margaret to buy her from me and so she did ..... Well little Hannah became CH.Paisley's Precious Hannah... and that's how TalleyLane Labradors started! Margaret always loved her yellows but did have a few blacks. Oh how she loved that barkin' Benny!! I could always count on her to go to dog shows with me. Even if she wasn't entered, she would be there for support and to cheer me on. She was always excited when her friends would win and would say the judge didn't know what he was putting up when they would lose! LOL! She is very dearly missed by her husband, Albert Avila. Yes, he misses her ~ ahh... how do I say it... kevetchin! And all her dogs miss her special touch and I hope all the other ones that have passed were there to meet her with lots of wags and licks.....

bye my friend ~

MONIQUE TULLY

FIRESTONE LABRADORS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARGARET ZIMMER~ AVILA  
TALLEYLANE LABRADORS





## Digital TV: Better Viewing for Dogs?

From Skywriter Newsletter  
By Lexiann Grant

Do dogs watch television? If so, can they really see images on the screen? And, do they enjoy it? If they don't now, HDTV, or the June 13th, 2009, switch to digital signal might turn more dogs into regular viewers. Move over Nielsen!

Although a dog's eye is somewhat similar to a human's, canine vision is quite different. Dogs see in dim light and detect motion better than people. According to Dr. Mike Richards, DVM, and host of VetInfo.com, dogs also see flickering light better, which may cause them to view "television as a series of moving frames rather than as a continuous scene."



Dogs do see something when they look at television, but what they perceive is – and probably shall always remain -- a mystery.

"There is little doubt that dogs see the images. The real question is how they process the information and what it

means to them," said Dr. Ned Buyukmihci, VMD, a veterinary ophthalmologist.

Owners say their dogs watch other dogs, wolves or animals like horses, large cats, birds and deer on television, often running behind the TV set to see if the animals are back there. Some people note that their dogs like shows with "lots of motion," such as westerns and sports. Other people say their dogs dislike commercials or talk shows, responding to these broadcasts by growling, and even head-butting or biting the screen.

How shows are broadcast also makes a difference to canine viewers. HDTV, which has higher-resolution pictures and clearer images linked with smoother motion, should be more easily seen by dogs. "HDTV could enhance dogs' viewing pleasure," said Paul Noble, co-author of *277 Secrets Your Dog Wants You To Know*."

Dr. Susan McLaughlin, DVM, a veterinary ophthalmologist at Purdue University, said her own dog "responds noticeably" to other animals on television. "I don't think dogs look at TV all that differently than looking out a window at the world," she explained, "It's my observation that dogs act like they can see TV, but not everything interests them -- they are rather discerning viewers."

## Running with Your Dog - *superhappypets.com*

Running with your dog can be a great way for the two of you to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and strengthen your bond with each other. However, you need to be aware of several important safeguards before you leash up and lace up.

First, running is not for every dog:

- Puppies are still developing their muscles and bones, and going on runs may harm their development, so it's best to wait until your pup is at least a year old and has had plenty of time to get used to walking on a leash.
- Older dogs who have joint or muscle problems or who are overweight shouldn't be going on a run either; it will cause a lot of stress on their body.
- If you're a committed runner, you may push yourself and "run through the pain," but never enforce that strategy on your dog. Let injured or sick dogs fully recover before taking them with you on a run, and above all let runs be fun for your dog, not a grueling or dangerous ordeal.
- Smaller breed dogs probably cannot keep up on a run. Better to give them walks for exercise.
- Some dogs are highly resistant to exercise. Take these couch potatoes for walks, at least until they show genuine interest in running.

Before running with your dog, work out a running program with your veterinarian to be sure it's appropriate for your four-legged best friend. Your veterinarian is your best resource for advising you on the proper care and exercise for your dog.

When starting a run with your dog, work up to your normal routine gradually. Don't get discouraged if your dog stops to sniff, pulls on the leash, or doesn't run at the same pace as you do. After going on a few runs, your dog will likely get used to the smells, stop pulling on the leash, and learn the pace at which to run to keep up with you—practice makes perfect! Don't push your dog too hard at first; dogs need to work up their endurance, also. Being loyal companions, dogs may run themselves ragged before letting on to their humans that they're tired or sore, so be sure to pay attention to your dog while running to avoid causing overexertion. Overexertion could cause an injury that would leave your canine companion on the doggy bed at home while you're out exercising alone.

- Many of the factors that you consider important for the satisfaction and safety of your run are similarly important for your dog. For example, when you're running, you want comfortable running shoes. Your dog obviously will not want to wear shoes, but will appreciate knowing that you'll pick a running spot that doesn't have rocks and gravel, which can hurt the pads of your dog's feet. In addition, concrete and asphalt can burn your dog's feet on hot days, so find a grassy park in which to run on those dog days of summer.

....(cont'd on page 11)

## DOG FRIENDLY

### Dog Parks

#### **Culver City**

*The Boneyard.* 1 acre park in Culver City Park. Small & large dog areas; benches, trees, water fountains; bring plastic bags - Built and paid for by Friends of the Culver City Dog Park. Location: Duquesne Street, south of Jefferson; East of the 405 Freeway, South of the 10 Freeway. Directions: 405 Freeway to Jefferson; go east on Jefferson about 2 miles to Duquesne, turn right into Culver City Park; Take 10 Freeway to Overland; south on Overland to Jefferson; left on Jefferson to Duquesne; turn right into the park; The Boneyard is up the hill.

#### **El Segundo**

*El Segundo Dog Park.* 600 E. Imperial Hwy., El Segundo. About 60x300, lots of trees, south side of LAX.

#### **Long Beach**

*Dog Zone.* 3 acre dog beach at the water, between Roycroft and Argonne avenues in Belmont Shore, Long Beach (zip 90803), a few blocks east of the Belmont Pier and Olympic pool. Enter the parking lot at Bennett Ave. **One dog per adult.** No dog outside the orange traffic cones without its master on a leash. The cones outline the off-leash area. Collar and tags must be worn at all times. Dogs are not allowed to walk on the bike path (only to cross it). Enter the dog zone between the two yellow flags on metal poles at the parking lot. No aggressive dogs are allowed. Hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily. Bring your own poop-bags.

#### **Redondo Beach**

*Redondo Beach Dog Park.* 3 acre off-leash dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs, three water stations, benches, trees, pooper scoopers. On the corner of Flagler Ln & 190th St, Redondo Beach. [www.rbdogpark.com](http://www.rbdogpark.com)

#### **San Pedro**

*Front Street.* Off leash dog park on Front Street is just north of Swinford Street and the onramps/overpasses to the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the 110 (Harbor) Freeway. The fenced-in park is located back from the street, on the east side of Front at the base of Knoll Hill in San Pedro. Separate areas for small and large dogs, hours dawn to dusk. Free parking on gravel lot next to the park. For information, call the Port of Los Angeles, 310-732-3503.

#### **Venice**

*Westminster Dog Park.* 0.8 acres in size and it is open daily from 6 am to 10 pm. There is a smaller fenced area for small dogs. The park is located one block south of Venice Blvd near Centinela Avenue. 1234 Pacific Ave Venice, California 90291.

### Outdoor Restaurants

*Java Man* -157 Pier Ave, Hermosa Beach

*Catalina Coffee Company* -126 North Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach

*Coffee Cartel* -1820 South Catalina Ave., Redondo Bch  
*Sacred Grounds*-399 West 6th Street, San Pedro

*Martha's 22nd Street Grill* -25 22nd St, Hermosa Beach

*Good Stuff* -1286 The Strand, Hermosa Beach

*Hennessey's* -8 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach

*Le Petite Cafe* -190 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach

*Hennessey's* -313 Manhattan Bch Blvd., Manhattan Bch

*Johnny Rockets* -1550 Rosecrans Ave., Manhattan Bch

*Local Yolk* -3414 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach

*Uncle Bill's Pancake House* -1305 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach

*Baja Fresh Mexican Grill* -13424 Maxella Avenue, Marina Del Rey

*The Cow's End* -34 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey

*Mercedes' Cuban Grill* -14 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey

*Rive Gauche* -320 Tejon Place, Palos Verdes

*Kool Dog Diner* -1666 South Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach

*Petit Casino*-1767 South Elena Avenue., Redondo Bch

*Whole Foods Market*-405 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach

*Zazou*-4810 South Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach

*Lighthouse Deli/Cafe*-508 W. 39th Street., San Pedro

*Lazy Dog Cafe* -3525 W. Carson St., Torrance (Below the Del Amo AMC Theaters)

*Whole Foods Market* -2655 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance

*Abbot's Habit* -1401 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Venice

*Baja Fresh Mexican Grill* -245 Main Street, Venice

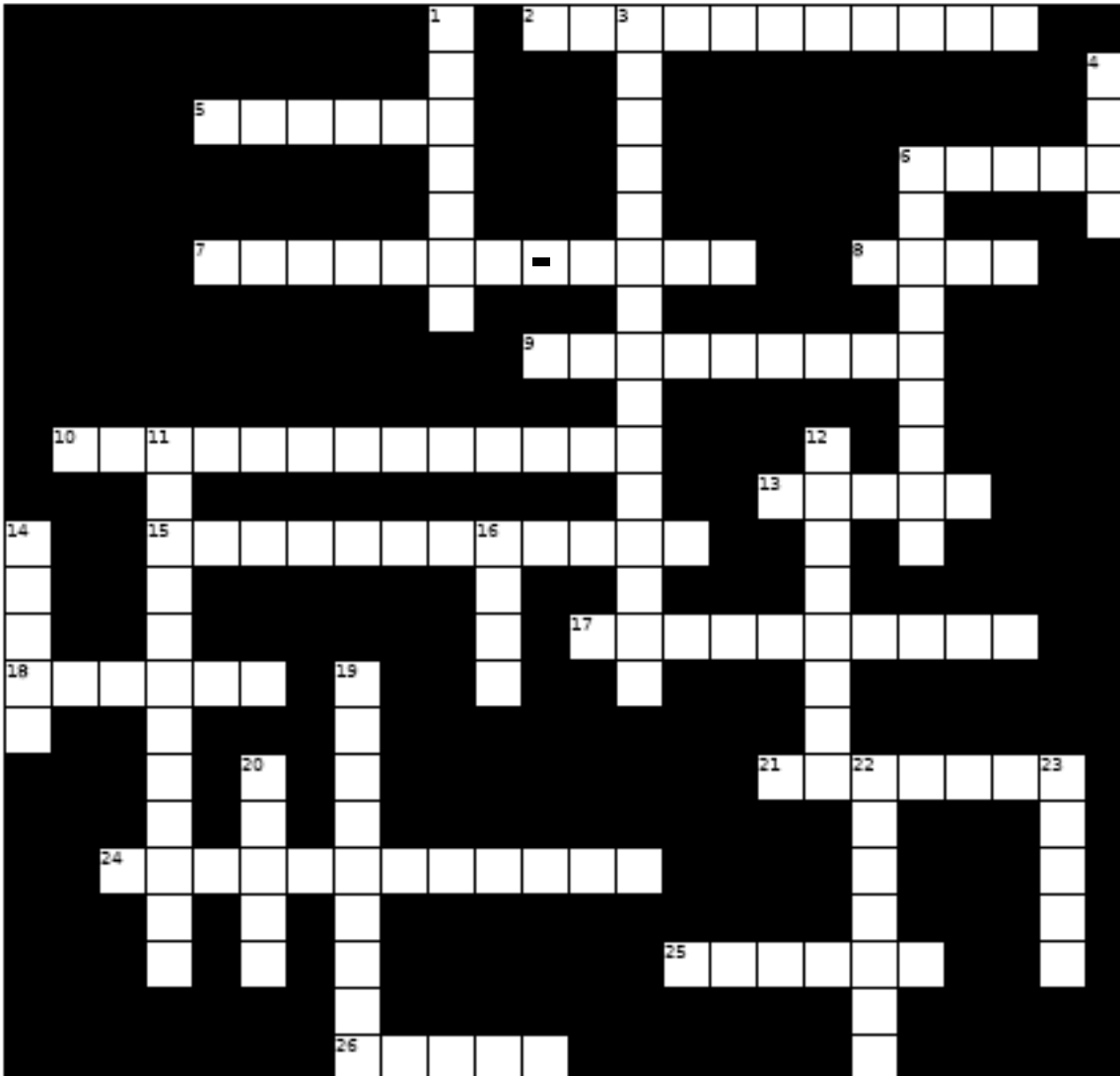
*Brick House Cafe* -826 Hampton Dr, Venice

*Figtree's Cafe* -429 Ocean Front Walk, Venice

*French Market Cafe* -2321 Abbot Kinney, Venice

*Past Factory* -425 Washington Blvd., Venice

*The Terrace* -7 Washington Blvd., Venice

**CROSSWORD FUN!!** (answer key in next month's newsletter)

(Running – cont'd from page 9)

Speaking of hot summer days, dogs need to stay hydrated just like you do, so always have water available that your dog can drink.

Dogs tend to love routines, so don't be surprised if after a few running sessions you find your dog at the door ready to head out and get going. Your furry companion may turn out to be your best motivator and workout buddy. Happy running!

Summary:

- Check with your vet before running with your dog.
- Don't run with puppies or with old, sick, injured, exercise-resistant or small-breed dogs.
- Start slowly and work up to a pace that's appropriate and comfortable for your dog.
- Choose running spots that are free of rocks and other sharp objects that may cause pain or injury.
- Avoid asphalt and other hot surfaces on hot days.

Bring water for your dog. Dogs need to stay hydrated just as much as humans do.

**Across**

2. Name of Cottonelle mascot
5. Head type
6. Tail type
7. max male weight according to standard
8. area between skull and nasal bone near eyes
9. people who show dogs
10. original foundation dog
13. most famous lab
15. origin
17. original breed name
18. reproductive cycle
21. thumb
24. an inherited disorder

25. flesh colored nose

26. practice show

**Down**

1. common problem
3. original lab job
4. father
6. guard hairs
11. structure & appearance
12. seasonally pink nose
14. chocolate
16. ear type
19. first milk
20. Name of Clinton's labrador
22. Name of Prince William's lab
23. birth

## BED TIME STORY:

(A fictional story but one that reminds us of the sacrifices those who are serving overseas are making and how much we owe them)



**T**hey told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie as I looked at him lying in his pen. The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly. I'd only been in the area for six months, but everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street.

But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did. But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes, and a sealed letter from his previous owner. See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home. We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too. Maybe we were too much alike.

For some reason, his stuff (except for the tennis balls - he wouldn't go anywhere without two stuffed in his mouth) got tossed in with all of my other unpacked boxes. I guess I didn't really think he'd need all his old stuff, that I'd get him new things once he settled in. But it became pretty clear pretty soon that he wasn't going to. I tried the normal commands the shelter told me he knew, ones like "sit" and "stay" and "come" and "heel," and he'd follow them - when he felt like it. He never really seemed to listen when I called his name - sure, he'd look in my direction after the fourth or fifth time I said it, but then he'd just go back to doing whatever. When I'd ask again, you could almost see him sigh and then grudgingly obey. This just wasn't going to work. He chewed a couple shoes and some

unpackaged boxes. I was a little too stern with him and he resented it, I could tell. The friction got so bad that I couldn't wait for the two weeks to be up, and when it was, I was in full-on search mode for my cell phone amid all of my unpacked stuff. I remembered leaving it on the stack of boxes for the guest room, but I also mumbled, rather cynically, that the "damn dog probably hid it on me."

Finally I found it, but before I could punch up the shelter's number, I also found his pad and other toys from the shelter. I tossed the pad in Reggie's direction and he snuffed it and wagged, some of the most enthusiasm I'd seen since bringing him home. But then I called, "Hey, Reggie, you like that? Come here and I'll give you a treat." Instead, he sort of glanced in my direction - maybe "glared" is more accurate - and then gave a discontented sigh and flopped down with his back to me.

Well, that's not going to do it either, I thought. And I punched the shelter phone number. But I hung up when I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that, too. "Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice." ....

*To Whoever Gets My Dog:  
Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this, a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it. If you're reading this, it means I just got back from my last car ride with my Lab after dropping him off at the shelter. He knew something was different. I have packed up his pad and toys before and set them by the back door before a trip, but this time... it's like he knew something was wrong. And something is wrong... which is why I have to go to*

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try to make it right.

So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes that it will help you bond with him and he with you. First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier. Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he hordes them. He usually always has two in his mouth, and he tries to get a third in there. Hasn't one it yet. Doesn't matter where you throw them, he'll bound after it, so be careful - really don't do it by any roads. I made that mistake once, and it almost cost him dearly.

Next, commands. Maybe the shelter staff already told you, but I'll go over them again: Reggie knows the obvious ones - "sit," "stay," "come," "heel." He knows hand signals: "back" to turn around and go back when you put your hand straight up; and "over" if you put your hand out right or left. "Shake" for shaking water off, and "paw" for a high-five. He does "down" when he feels like lying down - I bet you could work on that with him some more. He knows "ball" and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business. I trained Reggie with small food treats. Nothing opens his ears like little pieces of hot dog.

Feeding schedule: twice a day, once about seven in the morning, and again at six in the evening. Regular store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand.

He's up on his shots. Call the clinic on 9th Street and update his info with yours; they'll make sure to send you reminders for when he's due. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet. Good luck getting him in the car - I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows.

Finally, give him some time. I've never been married, so it's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat,

and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people and me most especially. Which means that this transition is going to be hard, with him going to live with someone new. And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you.... His name's not Reggie.

I don't know what made me do it, but when I dropped him off at the shelter, I told them his name was Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. For me to do that, it seemed so final, that handing him over to the shelter was as good as me admitting that I'd never see him again. And if I end up coming back, getting him, and tearing up this letter, it means everything's fine. But if someone else is reading it, well... well it means that his new owner should know his real name. It'll help you bond with him. Who knows, maybe you'll even notice a change in his demeanor if he's been giving you problems.

His real name is Tank. Because that is what I drive.

Again, if you're reading this and you're from the area, maybe my name has been on the news. I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander. See, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call the shelter... in the "event"... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my colonel is a dog guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word. Well, this letter is getting to downright depressing, even though,

frankly, I'm just writing it for my dog. I couldn't imagine if I as writing it for a wife and kids and family. But still, Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me.

That unconditional love from a dog is what I took with me to Iraq as an inspiration to do something selfless, to protect innocent people from those who would do terrible things... and to keep those terrible people from coming over here. If I had to give up Tank in order to do it, I am glad to have done so. He was my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades.

All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. I don't think I'll say another good-bye to Tank, though. I cried too much the first time. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth. Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss goodnight - every night - from me.  
Thank you, Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags had been at half-mast all summer.

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# Q&A

with Dr. Darlene Sanchez



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## **My dog has a lot of fatty tumors. Do I HAVE to get them removed or is it ok to just let them go.**

It depends. A fatty tumor (lipoma) is a benign tumor of fatty tissue. Labradors Retrievers are one of the most predisposed breeds to develop these tumors. In addition, they are more common in older, obese bitches. They usually appear on the trunk, shoulder or thigh area. They present as soft, movable masses under the skin. They can grow to be quite large. If they are small or in a location where they do not affect the dogs normal functions, they can be left alone. I only recommend surgery on lipomas if they are affecting the dogs normal functions (for example large lipomas in the axillary area that prevent the dog from walking normally) or if the dog is causing trauma to the mass. The most important point to make is to make sure you properly diagnose the mass as a lipoma before deciding to leave it alone. It is extremely important to do a fine needle aspirate and cytology (examine under a microscope) to ensure it is not another type of tumor. I have been fooled by "lipomas" that are in fact malignant (cancerous) tumors. Had I not done a fine needle aspirate, I would have never known. So make sure it is a benign lipoma before you decide to leave it alone.

## **Are intact males at a higher risk of prostate cancer and why?**

No. Studies have shown that there is no association between intact males dogs and prostate cancer. In fact, some studies have shown a 2.38-fold risk of developing certain types of prostate cancer (prostatic carcinomas) in castrated over intact male dogs. Part of the reason for this is that prostate cancer is primarily influenced by non-testicular steroids. That being said, the incidence of prostatic carcinomas has been reported to be only 0.29- 0.60%. The intact status of a male dog does, however, predispose him to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), the most commonly diagnosed prostatic disease diagnosed in dogs. This is a result of metabolites of testosterone from the testicles called DHT. As many as 16% of dogs get BPH by 2 years of age and about 50% of them get it by 5 years of age. The average age of onset of clinical signs, though, is 8 years of age.

## **What is Panosteitis and can it be prevented?**

Panosteitis is a disease that occurs spontaneously in rapidly growing large breed dogs, usually between 6- 16 months old. It results in necrosis (death) of the fat within long bones such as the humerus (upper arm), as well as congestion of blood vessels in the area and excess bone production. It is a self limited, but very painful disease, usually treated with pain management. Enough studies have not yet been done to find a cause, but suspected causes include genetics, stress, infection, autoimmune and nutritional causes. Because of this, an effective prevention protocol is difficult to recommend. The best prevention tip may however be to avoid excessive dietary supplementation in young, growing dogs, by only feeding a quality commercial puppy food (not an adult food and no supplements). In addition, genetic selection and reduction of stress may serve as prevention techniques.

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## Calendar of Events

### September

- 5 & 6 Redwood Empire – Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds, Petaluma  
 12 **LRCSC Board Meeting** – Denny's, Brea  
 13 AKC Canine Experience Educational Event – Quartz Hill  
 13 **LRCSC Conformation Clinic**  
 18 **Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 19 & 20 Santa Ana Valley – Richard Gahr HS, Cerritos  
 19 & 20 IVRC 2009 Fall Hunt Tests – Prado  
 19 Las Vegas DockDogs Pet CPR & First Aid Seminar - Las Vegas, NV  
 26 & 27 Burbank – LA Valley College, Van Nuys

### October

- 3 Splash Dogs - Lancaster, CA  
 9 Obedience only. Cabrillo KC, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar  
 10 **LRCSC BoB Match** – RV Canyon Park, Anaheim  
 10 & 11 Cabrillo KC, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar  
 10 & 11 Black Mountain KC, Primm Valley Resort Conference Center, Primm, NV  
 23 **Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 24 & 25 KC of Riverside, Lake Perris Rec Area, Perris  
 24 & 25 **LRCSC 2009 Fall Hunt Test - Prado**  
 31 San Gabriel Valley KC, LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona



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I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey, Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright. "C'mere boy." He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted; searching for the name he hadn't heard in months. "Tank," I whispered. His tail swished. I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him. "It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek. "So whatdaya say we play some ball? His ears perked again. "Yeah? Ball? You like that? Ball?" Tank tore from my hands and disappeared in the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth.

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