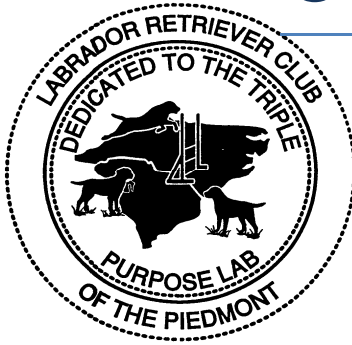


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LRC Piedmont Upcoming Events and Meetings Calendar

LRC Piedmont Hunt Test Hunt Test – Cooper Black May 4th & 5th

Set up on Friday, May 3rd

Cooper Black Recreational Facility, Patrick SC

Double Junior, Double Senior, Single Master

LRC Piedmont is a Master National Member Club

Entry Express

Stake	Fee		Judges	Start
Master	\$80.00	(limit 120)	Master A - Chris Bodine / Kyle Bertram Master B - Harry Gooch / Joey Edsall	5/4/2013 8:00 am 5/4/2013 8:00 am
Senior	\$80.00		Jane Doolittle / Michael Tinker	5/4/2013 8:00 am
Senior	\$80.00		Audie Gould / Rick Vaughan	5/5/2013 8:00 am
Junior	\$75.00		Audie Gould / Rick Vaughan	5/4/2013 8:00 am
Junior	\$75.00		Jane Doolittle / Michael Tinker	5/5/2013 8:00 am

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Message from our President:

Libby Flowerree

Today's horrific events in Boston have brought a somber reminder of the versatility of our breed, with images surfacing of Labradors acting as bomb-sniffing dogs assisting law enforcement and as therapy dogs for survivors. In the face of mounting anti-dog legislation, there are days when explaining "why" we promote the the purebred dog feels like an exercise in futility, but today wasn't one of them.

Many, many thanks to Bernadette Brown and Joy and Rusty Gabriel for opening their homes/land/ponds for a couple of fantastic training day meetings in March and April! Great fun for all and good fellowship! See you all at the May hunt test.

Finally, I'll offer up what may be both the beginning and end of a new newsletter feature - a film/TV review. Even though it may be a short-lived tradition, I do want to mention a great series available on DVD and instant streaming on both Netflix and Amazon Prime - All Creatures Great And Small. Anyone familiar with the books of James Herriot (the pen name of veterinarian Alf Wight) or the original PBS broadcast of this BBC adaptation will be delighted with how well it has held up through the decades. Those new to the stories will be treated to a remarkably true depiction of veterinary practice in the mid 20th century, one that feels far less scripted than modern Reality TV. Those aren't CGI lambings and calvings, folks! The Yorkshire scenery is "comfort food" on its own. Highly recommended and suitable for most ages, if you don't mind a bit of pub crawling. Four paws up.

Libby



BRAGS



We have been a very active and winning club over the last several months! Congratulations to all the winners, qualifiers, Breeders, and Owners!!

January 2013

From **Debbie Winn**

- In January 2013, **GCH CH Hawk-n's Secret Masterpiece CGC** ~ "Murray" and I were awarded his Rally Novice Title. GCH CH Hawk-n's Secret Masterpiece RN CGC Murray earned his RN at the Greater Columbia Obedience Trial in Columbia, SC on January 19th & 20th, qualifying both days and won 3rd Place on Sunday . He had previously earned his first RN Title leg in October 2012, finishing 1st Place at the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville Trial in Simpsonville, SC. I'm so proud of Murray's accomplishments both in the Conformation and Obedience venues.

February 2013

From **Tammy Aghjayan**

- 02-16-2013 **GCH CH Epoch Banner's Chocolate Midnight Malt** ~ aka Lucas ~owned by **Tammy Aghjayan** goes **G2 in Sporting Group** under Judge Mrs. Sue Sellers Rose at Spartanburg Kennel Club, defeating 286 dogs!! What a great accomplishment for not only a Labrador Retriever, but for a CHOCOLATE LAB!!
- 02-16-2013 **GCH CH Epoch Banner's Chocolate Midnight Malt** ~ aka Lucas ~owned by **Tammy Aghjayan** goes **BEST OF BREED** at Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc. under Judge Mrs. Gloria Geringer
- 02-15-2013 **GCH CH Epoch Banner's Chocolate Midnight Malt** ~ aka Lucas ~owned by **Tammy Aghjayan** goes **BEST OF BREED** at Greenville Kennel Club under Judge Mrs. Sue Sellers Rose and then makes final cut in Sporting Group from 23 dogs to top 7 under Judge Mrs. Gloria Geringer

From **Beth Carroll**

- 02-23-2013 ~ **Ranger** participated in his first Pheasant Shoot. He did an AMAZING job. At first he wasn't sure exactly what to do. After seeing a couple of other dogs in action he figured it out pretty quickly. He successfully retrieved at least two dozen birds, one in particular tried to fight back. He did great finding missing birds, retrieving wounded birds, and not destroying birds. He marked like a champ. He pulled them from land and out of water. He even was steady more than once and waited for me to tell him to fetch. I thought my training might have been insufficient, but it wasn't. When I saw all the practice and training come together in his brain it brought tears to my eyes. He had so much fun once he figured out 'the game.' Ever since the hunt he's been more obedient than ever. I am really proud of our Ranger for being 10 months old today, he is really amazing.

March 2013

From **Sallie Wright**

- **3/20/2013** - Thanks to Judge Elizabeth Wenner @ **Cary KC, Raleigh NC, Jusright Nikolaus via Crystal** went **WD BOW BOB** for his 4th major and finished his Championship!!!!!!!
- **3/29/2013** - @ **Columbia KC, Concord, NC - Champion Jusright Nikolaus via Crystal** was awarded **Select Dog** and 1 GC point.
- **3/31/2013** - @ **Salisbury North Carolina KC, Concord, NC - Champion Jusright Nikolaus via Crystal** was awarded **BOB** and 4 GC points.

From **Nancy Poplin**

- **03-30-2013 Popway's The Crush On ELHID ~Tiffany** ~ bred by and co-owned with Coleen Kincaid and Nancy Poplin goes **Winners Bitch** at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club Show from the 9-12 month class under Judge Michele L. Billings to pick up her first 3 pt. major. Coleen and I are very excited about this young girl's future in the show ring.
- **03-29-2013 Popway's Never Say Never ~Jeter**~ owned and bred by Nancy Poplin goes **Winners Dog** at the Columbia Kennel Club Show under Judge Peter A. Gaeta to pick up a **3 pt. major** and finish his **AKC Championship!** He also went **Select Dog** to pick up his first major and 3 points toward his Grand Championship. We are so very proud of this young boy!!!
- **03-03-2013–Popway's Jumping in Feet First ~ Hannah** ~ went Reserve Winners Bitch and received a Judges Award of Merit at the Hilton Head Kennel Club under Judge James White. I am very proud of this young girl and excited about her future
- **03-02-2013 –Popway's Cutter Off The Windward Rail ~Cutter** ~ bred by Nancy Poplin and co-owned with Ann Yowell, went Best in Sporting Group in the B Match at the Hilton Head Kennel Club. His family does not know there were only 3 other dogs....shhhh.

From **Ellison Armfield**

- **Duckback Armbrook's Indigo CD MH ~Tiger** ~ earned a 4th place in the Owner Handler Q at Tidewater Retriever Club in March. A big thrill for a show dog.

April 2013

From **Sue Schultz**

- **Balewaters Secret Blend of Hawk-ns (Lexie)** (Hawk-ns L.L. Bean, CGC, TDI x GRCH Hawk-ns Secret Masterpiece, CGC, RN) took a 2nd place in regular 9-12 mo choc bitches and a 3rd place 9-12 mo sweeps. Lexie was shown by Debbie Winn.

From **Libby Flowerree**

- **Hero Dogs Calvin Graham** (GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble x Makasi Twist of Fate at Milltowne RN, WC,) bred by **Betty Dust, Mario Cilia and Libby Flowerree**, has been accepted into the **Hero Dogs** program in Maryland, whose mission is to raise, train, and place service dogs with military veterans who become disabled as a result of injury or illness sustained while serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces. There is no charge to the veteran for the dog or any associated training. Follow young Calvin's progress (he doesn't understand why they call it "schooling," he calls it fun!) on his blog at <http://www.hero-dogs.org/>.

 **ARTICLES** 

New rodenticide without antidote alarms pet toxicology experts

2008 EPA regulations may have unintended but dangerous consequences.

Jan 29, 2013

By: Julie Scheidegger

DVM NEWSMAGAZINE

Fluffy got into the rat poison in the garage? Get the Vitamin K!

Not so fast, warns Ahna Brutlag, DVM, MS, a diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology and assistant director of veterinary services for Pet Poison Helpline. The ingested substance may be bromethalin, the new toxin of choice for rodenticide manufacturers. There is no test save necropsy to detect its presence--and no antidote.

To read the entire article:

<http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/Toxicology/New-rodenticide-without-antidote-alarms-pet-toxico/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/804032?contextCategoryId=40534>

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NORTH CAROLINA HB 930 INVOKES AKC CARE AND CONDITIONS POLICY LANGUAGE AS BEST STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DOGS

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club, leading experts in the breeding, care and well-being of dogs for more than 128 years, is pleased that the sponsors and humane organizations supporting recently introduced North Carolina HB 930 agree that the [AKC Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy](#) offers the best standards of care for all dogs and are using them as the basis for this bill.

“It’s encouraging to see language from the AKC Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy, which is the foundation of our inspections program, used in the North Carolina bill as a model for best standards of care,” said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “But we are disappointed, and even puzzled, why they would not include several of the basic standards of care from our policy, such as socialization and grooming, when describing canine health and well-being.”

In addition, HB 930, characterized as a “law enforcement tool” to prevent cruelty, is an arbitrary law that only applies to “large commercial dog breeders,” defined as those with 10 or more breeding females. It also purports to exclude dogs used for hunting, sport, field or show. AKC believes that animal cruelty statutes should cover all dogs regardless of the number or reason owned.

While the [AKC Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy](#) language included in the bill includes important standards for care of dogs, housing, and operations, the bill fails to include other important standards of care for socialization, grooming, disaster preparedness, and adequate oversight to care for the animals, among others. Unlike the bill, AKC’s policy includes a mechanism to alert governmental agencies when substandard conditions are discovered, stating, “all unhealthy and/or unsanitary conditions” and “conditions that place [dogs] in immediate danger” **will be reported immediately** to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

AKC’s Government Relations department will be monitoring the progress of this bill.

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FUN STUFF

Website to try courtesy of Beth Carroll

doggyloot.com

"I have made several purchases for Ranger from this site and it's great. They have 'deals' on items that are below retail price, and they always have free shipping.

Click this link: <http://doggyloot.com/invite/281ff70e> you will get a \$5 credit towards your first/next purchase just for being referred by me. If you don't see anything you like today, their inventory is constantly changing.

Check back in a few days! They are always stocking neat dog products that I haven't seen elsewhere."

Thanks, Beth Carroll



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