



RETRIEVER REVIEW

Issue 2 November 2008

November Meeting

November 21, 2008—7:30 pm
Elmer's Restaurant-Delta Park

~ Club Officers~

President: Barb Gilchrist
Vice President: Judy Chambers
Secretary: Deb Neal
Treasurer: Greg Huntzinger

Board Members

Bob Fagundes
Celeste Smith
Nikki Berthold-Illias
Dan Neal

Committee Chairs

Bob & Kathy Fagundes
2008 B-Match
Susan Huntzinger—2008 Specialty
Christine Crosby -
2008 Obedience/Rally
Nikki Berthold-Illias
2008 Hunt Test

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President's Message:

Dear Club Members ~

This November's General Meeting will be back to the Normal third Friday of the Month which is Nov. 21st at Elmer's Restaurant @ 7:30 pm. I hope you can come.

Since we now have our new Newsletter Editor in full swing, this month's Newsletter is coming to you within the first week of this month. Last month was a learning curve for our Editor and so now she's got the Newsletter figured out. We so look forward to Valerie's flavor as the Editor and I know she is looking for input from everyone for ideas and articles that would help make the Newsletter interesting and educational so let's help Valerie with ideas. Submit your thoughts and ideas to jonvaler@pmt.org

Another resource that has been sometimes forgotten by our Membership is our Club's website. I am asking all committee chairs to please submit your new 2009 information on upcoming events to our Webmaster, Allison Hillius. The Club's site can only be as good as the Members who invest in it and our Webmaster should not be expected to track down the information but rather update the site with Committee head's information.

Another thought here is that the Website will have the updated Club Meeting dates and places each month on the very first entrance page of our website. Remember if you are wondering where / when our next Club Meeting is....check out www.rosecitylrc.com

The Nominating Committee is working to fill all the positions of the Club for next year's Officers and two Board Positions. Those three Committee members are Nikki Illius, Susan Huntzinger, and Marilyn Parker. Their job is to ensure we have names for all positions going into the January Election Meeting but the General Membership can nominate any fellow Club Member to run... You can find out more about the By-laws which can be found in your General Membership Directory Article IV, Section 4c where it states, "Additional Nominations may be made at the November General Club Meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate...." SO get busy working on your Democratic rights!

One more item to ponder is Nikki Illius' work on ordering Club Sweatshirts. She has said that she can order some various styles/quality. She is very willing to continue to order what fellow Members want but also that come this January, the orders will be taken at that time instead of continually through out the year. Ask Nikki about the other styles and options of Sweatshirts and get your order in....

I look forward to a good turn out for the November meeting.

Your President ~ Barb Gilchrist



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of Nikki Illius, Susan Huntzinger and Marilyn Parker are submitting the following confirmed names for Rose City L.R.C. 2009 Officers and Board Positions. The following Names have agreed to being nominated.

Officers 2009

President - Barbara Gilchrist
Vice President - Judy Chambers
Secretary - Deb Neal
Treasurer - Greg Huntzinger

Board Positions 2009

Ellen Sparks
Cindy Freeman

**Remember to bring new names to the November General Membership Meeting

And a BIG THANKS to...

Outgoing Board Members
Bob Fagundes and Celeste Smith!

From the Editor

Valerie Jones

First of all , you should know that I am very left-brained , but please, also believe I am good at what I KNOW how to do. Other stuff... not so much! But, I am trying very hard — cross my heart.

Some of you can probably relate to what I am going to confess. I am stuck in the zone of knowing a little about technology, enough to THINK that when my secretary (on whom I pile all my unwanted and don't "know how to do" tasks), shows me how to perform a simple computer function, I am sure I will be able to replicate it later on.

Well, this morning here I am alone here in my office trying to do just that, replicate what she showed me on the last newsletter. Not working!!! I have forgotten a few steps, even with the template she set up, LOL! I have actually placed calls to her twice already, to bail me out and "talk me through" this edition. You must learn what she already knows—I am a techno-idiot. But this club position will be so good for me—I will learn a lot.

However, I need your help—be sure to send me your litter announcements, wins, brags, so I can let everyone know what is going on with you and your dogs. Also appreciated would be any articles, links or lab-related research or information you come across. Thank you to Allison Hillius for the link to a superb article on C-sections for this months newsletter.

I would also like to include a "Member Spotlight" in each issue. So I will be contacting you and asking you to tell us about yourself (as much as you dare tell).

Thanks, Valerie

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## **Great Reading!**

The C-Section

By Dr. Richard Wheeler, DVM

Online Article

link submitted by Allison Hillius

<http://www.papillonclub.org/Education/c-section.htm>

Thank you Allison for submitting this link as well as the following article form AKC. Both are excellent resources that can be printed off and referred to by our club members.



## **Bacteria May Cause Infertility in Dogs and Bitches**

by William Truesdale, DVM

Have you experienced poor conception rates? Early embryonal or fetal death? Abortions, stillborns, fading pups, or small litters?

A common opportunistic bacteria known as T-Strain Mycoplasma may be responsible for the above complications. Researchers have isolated mycoplasma from dogs in all phases of infection. The condition is most often seen in establishments where there is a high population of breeding animals living in close quarters, hence lending itself to propagation.

Transmission of mycoplasma is not necessarily by sexual contact. Virgin males and females have been cultured with high levels of mycoplasma. It has been established that direct contact, such as shared water buckets, exercise pens, and intense close living conditions, are perfect hosts to the propagation of mycoplasma. In some affected kennels, several bitches or stud dogs may be involved, causing fertility rates to drop drastically. Ironically, many reproductively sound dogs and bitches can also harbor these agents.

Stud dogs and bitches that are subfertile or infertile may show no clinical manifestations of urogenital tract infections. However, the fetus(es) may become infected, perhaps fatally, during or at the time of birth.

It is clear to this veterinarian that the opportunistic nature of this bacteria leads it to be overlooked as a significant pathogen, since not all of its victims are affected. It is my opinion that when there is a history of reproductive problems in both male and female animals, the animals should be tested for mycoplasma as a possible cause.

Diagnosis of bacterial infection is made by isolating the organism. In bitches a deep vaginal culture is collected by passing a guarded culture swab into the vaginal canal during any phase of the estrus cycle. In males a culture of the prepuce or of the semen is performed. Culturing aborted fetuses or afterbirth can also be of significant diagnostic value.

When mycoplasma is isolated in high numbers, antibiotic therapy should be instituted. Treatment consists of dosing entire groups of animals with an antibiotic such as Baytril, Tetracycline, or Chloramphenicol. Therapy should be given for a minimum of 14 to 21 days. In many cases multiple treatment regimes are required. Successful therapy is greatly dependent on minimizing re-exposure to carriers. Single dog/bitch households are very easily treated, if kept free of re-exposure. Unfortunately for the active show enthusiast, many pathways to re-exposure exist, making it difficult for total and permanent eradication of the bacteria.

Much research is still needed to establish the definite role of these agents in breeding dogs. But in cases of canine infertility, looking for infection with mycoplasma and other bacteria should be a part of every diagnostic work-up.

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## **Litter Listings**

CH Skye's Big Black Guy CD JH and CH Blackthorn

Katmai Jezebel, 3 boys and 3 girls all black  
Breeder: Joanne Hanscom (Skye Labradors) and Marilyn Burdick (Katmai Labradors)  
Contact: 907-522-5104 or [skyelab90@gci.net](mailto:skyelab90@gci.net)

## **Older Male for placement**

Laurglen's Takin it to Rivermar. Call name is River Ch. Lor-Al's Chuckwaggin X Blackthorn's Charisma Born 11/17/2006. Yellow Neutered Male  
Crate Trained, Leash Trained with Basic Obedience.

He will need to have a quiet home, no hunting, hiking those types of things as he has been diagnosed with ED.

Amanda Dearing  
Phone (541) 882-5507  
Fax (541) 884-0052

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## **PEANUT BUTTER TREATS**

Ingredients:

1 1/2 C. Flour  
3/4 C. Oatmeal  
1/4 C. Wheat Germ  
1/4 C. Peanut Butter  
1/4 C. Salad Oil  
1/4 C. Honey  
1 tsp. Baking Powder  
1/2 C. Water

Combine all ingredients and mix on low until mixed. Make into 1 Tbl. size balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten balls to 1/4 inch using fork. Bake at 325 degrees for 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: 20 cookies





## RCLRC 2008 ANNUAL AWARDS

We will be giving out the Annual Awards at our meeting in January, 2009. If your dog has earned an AKC title in the field, obedience or conformation ring during the period of November 2007 through November 2008 and you are an R.C.L.R.C. member of good standing, you are eligible for this award.

If you have bred the dog, you will receive a "Breeder Award". The owner of the dog shall receive an individual award.

Your dog must have finished an American or Canadian Championship, obedience title, hunting title or working certificate to qualify. Dockdog and UKC titles are also included this year!

Dogs that have finished their championship and earned a title in two different performance disciplines are eligible for the "All Around" Labrador award.

Dogs are also eligible for the "Versatility" Award or "Certificate of Achievement" Award.

"Versatility" Award a dog must earn a working title in two different areas from the following:

- A) Obedience – OTCH, UDX, UD, CDX, or CD
- B) Hunting – FC, AFC, MH, SH or JH
- C) Tracking – VST, TDX or TD
- D) Agility – MAX, MAD, OAD OR NAD
- E) Rally – RN, RA, RE, RAE
- F) Dock Dogs NJ, JJ, SJ, MJ, EJ

And in addition one certificate from the following: CGC, TDI, Delta Society, WC, WCX or TT.

Certificate of Achievement Award a dog must finish any one working title and one certificate from the above listings.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog's Full name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Breeder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Award or Certificate applied for

\_\_\_\_\_  
When title or certificate was received

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Please send all nominations to:

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**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY DECEMBER 1, 2008 .**

**YOU MUST SEND A COPY OF PROOF OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENT**