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## CCLRC NEWSLETTER

“Sniffing Tails”



**It's about our lives and love of this versatile breed**

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Our President, Patty Gallagher is in New York City participating in the Avon 39 The Walk to End Breast Cancer. We look forward to an expanded message from Patty in the next edition.

## LISTING OF CURRENT OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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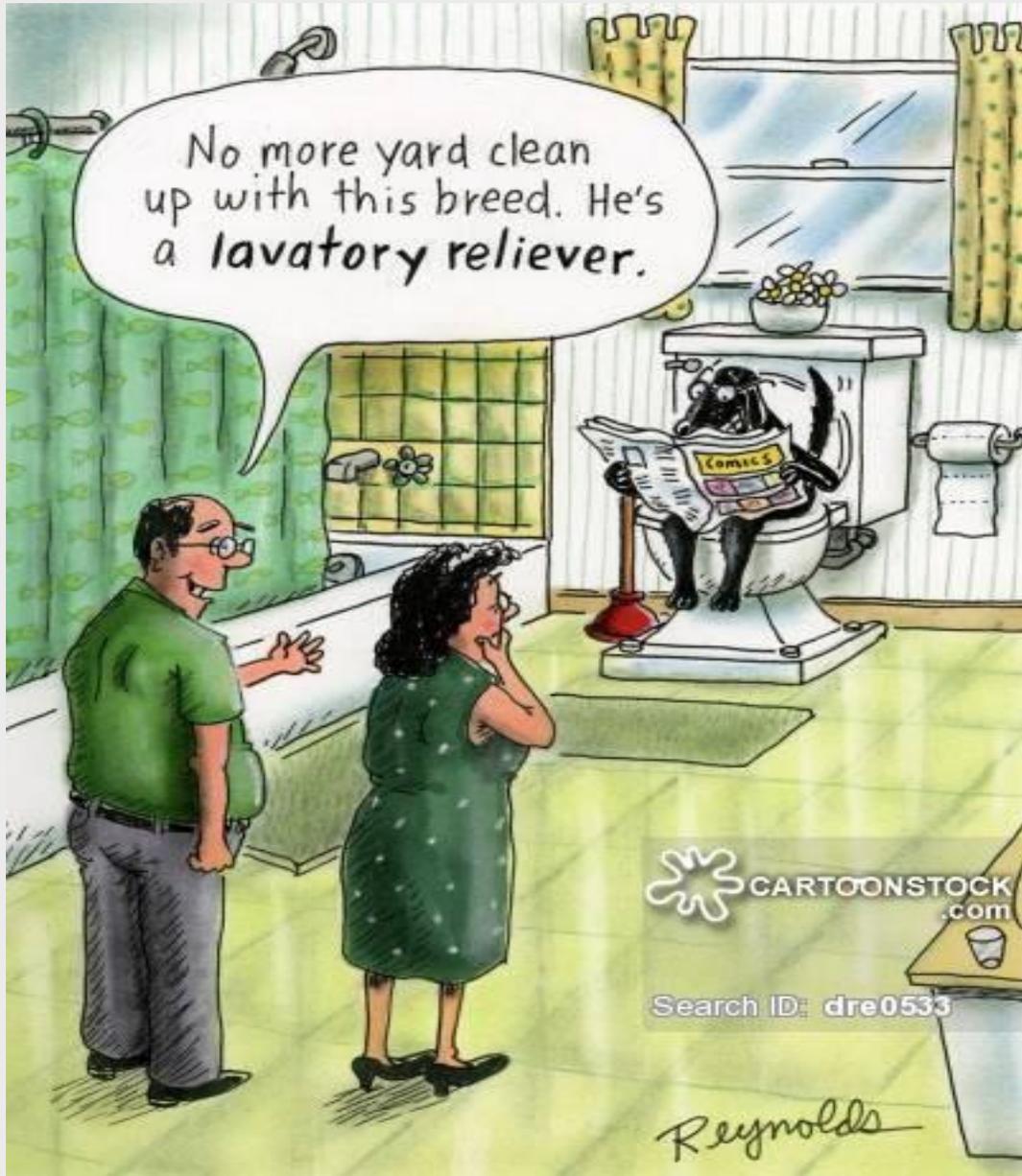
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## MEMBERSHIP

Current Members as of October 2015 :

We have 68 members with two new members pending:

- Autumn Davidson, DVM
- Benita von Dehn, DVM



## HIGHLIGHTED MEMBER



Laurie Frazer is our highlighted member in this issue. Laurie has participated in many of our club's activities including evaluating one of our Canine Good Citizen tests and participating in our Working Certificate and Specialty Shows.

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I was three years old and it was a Saturday morning. I can picture it so clearly right down to the bedding on my bed and the pajamas I was wearing. My door opened and my grandma stood in the door holding a black and white spaniel mix pup. Her huge smile beaming over its wiggly body. She set it at the foot of my bed and it flew up to me to give me kisses. After it attempted to return to grandma and I cupped my hand around its rear legs and tried to hold it back. My grandma took my hands gently away and said I must never pull on its legs like that. It was that moment the love of dogs was born in me.

That dog was an early sixties family and neighborhood dog. Everyone on the block knew her. She often showed up at school and I was excused from class to take her home. I liked that. I took her home along a wooded creek route instead of along the neighborhood sidewalks. We flushed Mourning Doves and hid waiting for them to return, to do it again. We didn't understand when the school called my mom to come get her the next time she showed up at school.

She was game for anything and us kids put her through it all. After seeing Disney's Big Red she was my show dog. I moved her up and down the back lawn and my dad judged us from the window while he paid equal attention to Walter Cronkite. I knew then I wanted to show dogs.

Years later I got the chance when a AKC Blue Merle Collie was brought to a vet where I worked. A co-ownership gone bad, she was abandoned. I took up the co-ownership and acquired my first show dog. Rocca was always good to win her open class but was the queen of reserve. I traveled with her breeder handling dogs that constantly made it into and placed in groups.

My heart wondered from the Collie ring. I was captivated by Dobermans and the lack of grooming. I left Collies and purchased a Doberman. I became friends with Betty Hop and she got me started in Min Pins. She told me if you can show a Min Pin you can show anything! I didn't understand at the time it was because the king of toys would challenge its handler with onset of rabies symptoms, aggression, or flat out refusal to show. Why? That's what makes them king!

I also involved dogs in my career as a agriculture inspector. Having trained for obedience and as a member of the Doberman drill team, I met Pat and Rosalee Alvarez. Rosalee taught me to train scent dogs and included me in her training with Santa Clara County Sheriff's Dept. So I was in dogs 24/7.



I After a divorce I moved back to town and would have sworn my dog days were over. I was working as a State Humane Officer and pulling German Shepherds, Rott's and Dobermans from the shelter to place with Sheriff Officers I had trained with. I met and married my second husband and in a couple of years we had a beautiful girl, Kelley. I

wanted a kid dog for my daughter and although I was all about rescue, I wasn't trusting a rescue dog with my only child. I knew labs were hands down kid friendly.

I looked at my first Labrador sleeping in her crate next to six month old Kelley's crib. She had big drooping ears and eyes. She was a far cry from the regal Shepherd, Rott's and Dobermans I had an eye for. I even remember thinking she looked stupid and wouldn't amount to much. Everything changed when I put a leash on her. She sure wasn't like those German breeds. She was compliant and willing to do anything you ask. You only had to ask once. She was highly trainable.

Kid proof was an under-statement, that dog lived for Kelley. She was everywhere Kelley was and for that reason Kelley never won a game of hide and seek. When she passed we were lost without her and I quickly found another lab.

The next lab was different. I hadn't done any homework, and I only needed a kid dog. So I purchased a lab from a local gundog enthusiast. That Lab was over the top in every way. Doing my homework after the fact, I learned she was nearly a different breed from our first Lab. She barely had any of the traits that made us lifetime Lab lovers. She was a house wrecker and a life wrecker. She only cared about tennis balls.

When my second marriage fell apart I threw my husband out. I was pleased that the girlfriend was a dog lover. I threw that dog out with him. The dog had traits any girlfriend should enjoy. I certainly have enjoyed thinking over my generosity in starting her in Labs. I then made sure I learned about Labs. I saw some Labs around town that were stunning. I found the breeder who had imported labs from Penny Carpennini.

So our next Lab purchase was an educated one. I told Kelley stories of my former dog show days. She wanted to show her new pup. His first show he went winners dog from the 6-9 puppy class for two points. We were hugged that day by a gracious tall man in a cap. We didn't know Allen's name for a long time but he always welcomed us at every show. The second generation of my dog show career began that day. We added to our Lab family and we travel up and down California making many friends over the years.



Kelley delivered every pup we ever had. She recorded both order and weight. As soon as she could get done with homework, back in with the pups she would go. Over the last fourteen years nothing about that has changed. We just had a litter and twenty-two year old Kelley spent every available moment of her winter break with those pups. I secretly wiped tears that mourned the passing time as Kelley

nuzzed and named those pups. It wasn't hard to squint through those tears to see a eight year old girl, where a twenty-two year old lady sat curled up in a pool with a litter of pups.



My heart has never forgotten the countless dogs languished in shelters. We started our own 501c3 rescue and Kelley and I moved 1876 dogs through our home in a four year period. These were dogs who's behavior earned them an unadoptable status. The rehabilitation of those dogs was a daily adventure for both of us. Every weekend was spent at pet adoption

fairs. Kelley was photographer, website developer, groomer, and rehabilitator. Her special projects included a large hybrid wolf and a German Shepherd with aggression problems. Under Kelley's loving leadership that Shepherd passed his therapy dog test and lives in our home to this day.

Kelley has taken so much from this lab adventure, her interest in website development, photography, and her love for dogs. The most important things have been empathy, sympathy and her ability to endure and recover from loss.

We have had a blast. Someday, years from now, I hope there is another sleepy Saturday morning girl. I will be beaming a big smile over a wiggly lab pup. That pup will shape her life's direction and just maybe there will be another dog show girl.

# ROSETTES & RIBBONS

## Summer/Fall 2015



**Award:** AKC Junior Hunter Title

**Dog:** Wallcroft Windrose Zero Gravity JH

**Event:** Inland Valley Retriever Club Hunt Test

**Date of Award:** June 7, 2015

**Breeder:** Nancy Shahan-Wall & Patricia Collom

**Owner:** Larry W. Wall & Nancy Shahan-Wall

**Handler:** Charlene Cordiero

**Award:** Beginner Novice Title with a Second Place

**Dog:** SunRivers Twilight Madness CD RN BN WC  
CGC "Cullen"

**Event:** Del Monte Kennel Club

**Date of Award:** July 12, 2015

**Owner:** Kat Cushing

**Handler:** Kat Cushing



**Award:** Reserve Winner's Dog  
**Dog:** Gingerbread Elf on the Shelf  
**Event:** Sir Francis Drake Kennel club  
**Date of Award:** September 13, 2015  
**Breeder:** Christine Tye  
**Owner:** Christine Tye  
**Handler:** Lisa Fennel



**Award:** WB/BOW/BOB  
**Dog:** Bazurto's A Rose in Times Square  
**Event:** Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club  
**Date of Award:** September 13, 2015  
**Breeder:** Katy Bazurto  
**Owner:** Katy Bazurto  
**Handler:** Lisa Fennel



**Award:** First Puppy Bitch, 6-9 Months  
Reserve Winners Bitch  
**Dog:** Kenya Nancy's Waffle  
**Event:** Sana Barbara Kennel Club  
**Date of Award:** August, 2015  
**Breeder:** Christine Valdez  
**Owner:** Christine Valdez  
**Handler:** Christine Valdez



**Award:** BOB  
**Dog:** GCH Gingerbred Party Animal  
**Event:** Reno Kennel Club  
**Date of Award:** August 15, 2015  
**Breeder:** Christine Tye  
**Owner:** Katy Bazurto  
**Handler:** Lisa Fennel



**Award:** Winner's Bitch  
**Dog:** Candyview's Harvest Moon  
**Event:** LRC Parent Club Specialty  
**Date of Award:** October 7, 2015  
**Breeder:** Laura & Mo Dickenson  
**Owner:** Laura & Mo Dickenson  
**Handler:** Laura & Mo Dickenson



**Award:** Best in Sweeps  
**Dog:** Candyview's Harvest Moon  
**Event:** LRC National Specialty  
**Date of Award:** October 8, 2015  
**Breeder:** Laura & Mo Dickenson  
**Owner:** Laura & Mo Dickenson  
**Handler:** Laura & Mo Dickenson



Special Note: We know that our club members are very active with their Labradors in many different pursuits. Please be sure to submit your achievements to the editor on a regular basis. Should your accomplishments not be included in this edition, please email your information to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter edition.

## CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS-SPRING 2016

- Planning is well underway for our March 2016 Specialty Show in Turlock, CA with high anticipation as our entries last year were nearly 200 Labradors. Lots of work is still to be done and your participation would be appreciated. Contact Christine Tye, Show Chair, to get involved.
- With El Nino this year and the anticipation of a wet winter, there should be plenty of water for the swim retrieves at next year's May 2016 Working Certificate Test. Contact Pat Collom, Event Chair, to get involved.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 2015	Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club Specialty Show
November 7-8th	High Desert Labrador Retirever Club Specialty Show

Just a reminder that entries for our specialty shows and obedience/rally trial close on Wed., Oct. 21 at 6 PM! Does your dog know basic obedience commands and walk nicely on leash? You can try rally or maybe Beginner Novice obedience. Do you have a youngster who would be a blast to show in conformation for the first time (4 - 6 month beginner puppy classes or 6-9 month sweepstakes and regular classes) or one ready for that first major win (or maybe the last points for a championship)? Do your kids enjoy the dogs, and want to have a go at Junior Showmanship? Go for it!

You can enter on the show secretary's website at [slicciardi.com](http://slicciardi.com).

Don't let the date pass by! Invite a friend to come join us, and watch this email group for opportunities to volunteer to make Nov. 7 and 8 an absolute blast. Thank you, Nancy Talbot.

## TOPICS OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS

### A PUPPY FOR CHRISTMAS?

(PATTY GALLAGHER)

Fall is FINALLY in the air and yes, the Holidays will be here before you can say Rudolph! As Labrador enthusiasts, I am sure many of you have come in contact with folks looking to find a puppy for Christmas. Here's a refresher on why PUPPIES ARE NOT GOOD HOLIDAY PETS.

Each year we see images of adorable puppies festooned with red bows waiting under the tree for excited children who will shower them with love and attention. But the romantic image is often not reality. Please encourage folks to choose the right time to bring a new puppy into the home, which is very likely not during the holidays.

Puppies are not something anyone should decide to get on impulse. Dogs are a lifetime responsibility and they generally live from 10 – 15 years. Puppies require constant attention. During the holidays, many people are too busy to keep an eye on the new puppy to be sure it does not get in harm's way with holiday decorations, plants and other hazards that may injure them or make them sick. It is hard to find moments in an already full schedule for training, comforting and loving an insecure pup who needs reassurances in his new surroundings away from his siblings and birth home. Overexcited children may scare the puppy or neglect it, especially if it chews new presents or has an accident on the rug.

Bringing a new pet into the home can and should be a relaxed and happy time for both the puppy and the family. Please encourage folks to start this new relationship out with careful thought and preparation. This investment will reap huge rewards.

### THREE REASONS TO MICROCHIP YOUR DOG

(PATTY GALLAGHER)

Information from American Kennel Club website

Ok, if you are a procrastinator, here is the challenge—JUST DO IT!

A microchip for your dog is a rice-sized chip implanted between the shoulder blades. The process is quick and painless and can save mountains of heartache. This means of permanently tagging your furry friend is very popular and highly recommended by veterinarians, rescue organizations and breeders. This practice has become law in Ireland, England and Scotland.

**IF YOUR DOG GETS LOST** Don't think it will never happen to your dog. AKC Reunite reports that one in three dogs go missing at some point in their lifetime. Unlike a collar, which can break, fall or be removed, a microchip is a reliable way to record your contact information—as well as vital information about your dog's medical conditions—and increase the odds he'll be returned if found.

**IF YOUR DOG IS STOLEN** A recent story on the AKC website shared the story of Waffles, a Cairn Terrier who was stolen and dyed black to hide his identity. When the owner tracked the dog down, a simple scan of the microchip was all the proof needed to return the stolen dog to his owner.

**IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU** For example, if you are hit by a car and injured while walking your dog and you are not carrying ID, a scan of your dog's microchip can help the authorities get in touch with your family.

Here's hoping none of these things ever happen to you or your dog. But you know what they say about an ounce of prevention...

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I know our members have diverse interests with their Labradors and are very busy. However, I would like to thank the club members who contributed to the Newsletter this quarter. As you can see, we had some very interesting and informative articles.

For our Winter newsletter I would like to encourage members to submit a write up of a personal experience you have undergone. This could be a training problem, a whelping issue or how your dog has impacted your life. We can all learn from each other.

Submissions and letters to the Editor for the Rosettes & Ribbons section should be sent as soon as you achieve them, and don't forget .

Thank you, Pat Collom, [patcollom@windroselabradors.com](mailto:patcollom@windroselabradors.com)