

Hoosier Labrador Retriever Club



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Our Next Event

May 7 Club Meeting & Water Retrieval

Practice

Sunday, May 7,
2017 2:00pm

WHERE: Meet at
Tippecanoe County
Amphitheater Park
4449 St. Rd. 43 North,
West Lafayette

Paw Print



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President's Column

Spring—a time of rebirth and renewal, a time when our focus starts to be outdoors. Trees are starting to bud, flowers are starting to poke their heads above ground and the birds are starting to nest. As I think of the birds nesting I envision Canada geese and Mallard ducks with their clutch of little ones following along and it makes me smile. I smile even more as my thoughts turn to working with my Labradors and honing the skills that were bred into them. Yes, springtime turns my thought to getting out and training the dogs.

It's been a long time since the end of hunting season. The dogs have gotten lazy and we're not going to mention my sedentary lifestyle. It's time to get back to work!



Now, let's face facts, we have retrievers. Retrievers were bred to retrieve. Seems redundant, but it bears repeating:



Retrievers were bred to retrieve. So, we should give them something to retrieve. That brings me to the next thought: Humans enjoy camaraderie, food and fellowship. If we can combine the two, that seem to me like a winning combination.

For those who are new to reading this newsletter, I'm referring to our *field training days*. We try to cover some training principles and practices, spend some time putting those into practice with the dogs, spend some time eating good food and growing the bonds of friendship. As we head forward, keep check on the website for training dates and locations. Work on basic obedience and socialization and remember your dog IS capable of learning much more than they are given credit for.

Until we meet again.
Wet noses and wagging tails,

— Pete





2017 HLRC Specialty

It was another successful specialty for HLRC at the Indy Winter Classic Saturday and Sunday, February 11-12, 2017 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Thanks to the efforts of many in our club, it was a profitable event enjoyed by all!





Health Column

What's Wrong With My Dog's Tail?

John R. Garzon, HLRC member

You've just come in from a fall hunting trip or an early spring water training session, look over at your faithful Labrador, Charger, recounting the adventures of the day and his fabulous otter tail is – well – limp. Oh good grief!!! What's happened to that wonderful tail, one of the most outstanding characteristics of the Labrador Retriever?

Chances are it could be limber tail, also known as cold tail, rudder tail, broken tail, dead tail, broken wag, or sprung tail. You get the idea. That tail don't wag! Relax, the good news is nothing is broken. The bad news is this condition is very painful for pooch. Poor Charger has sprained/strained some of the muscles around the base of the tail. The tail itself is fine.

OK. How did this happen? What can I do about it? Can I do something in the future to keep this from happening?

The cause of Charger's limber tail appears to be overexertion of the tail. Imagine that in a Labrador. Dogs use their tails for balance. It prevents them from toppling over as they change direction while running. And of course, your Labrador uses that thick strong tail as a rudder in the water. They seem more susceptible to limber tail as a result of swimming in cold water (even though that's what they were bred to do). You may be thinking, I'm in the clear. I'm not one of those camo nuts sending their dog into cold icy water to do their dirty work. Read on - it can also be the result of a bath with cold water; a bath with water too warm; or even a day of extreme tail activity – overexertion.

So, Charger's tail is tucked between his legs, what can I do for him? He's whining when he tries to sit. Darting off yelping, as if he had just sat on a nest of angry hornets. I'm starting to feel his pain. Relax. He will be fine - in a day or two or three. First, rest the dog. Second call your vet. Of course this will probably happen on the weekend so, you can give him buffered aspirin until you can get a hold of the vet. The recommended dosage is 5 to 10 mg per pound of the dog's weight, administered every 8 to 12 hours. Your vet may prescribe a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory which will relieve the pain and help him rest. Continue to rest the

dog after his wag returns. Your Labrador will still be hurting a bit just like you when you over do it. You can still move but boy are you stiff and sore.

Finally, Charger's on the mend. What can I do to prevent this from happening again? He's a Labrador for Pete's sake (all hail our club president). A sporting dog. Don't fret – Charger need not be relegated to life on the couch. Just take a few precautions. The most important thing you can do to for your Labrador is keep him in top physical condition - even if he is “just a family pet”. A Labrador in top physical condition will be less likely to suffer injuries like limp tail. Refrain from sending your dog into very cold water. This may be unavoidable for you die-hard waterfowl sportsmen. Just make sure your four legged friend gets to stretch his legs on his way to your destination. Unload when you arrive – let him run a bit. Don't overwork him. His switch will be “ON” engrossed in the excitement of the day's quest. You control the switch.

Sources:

Pethealthnetwork.com – Dr. Mike Paul DVM
Ducks Unlimited – Laura Houseal





Braggs

This is the format you need to use.

Name: AKC Name and Call Name
(parentheses and italics)
Event: Use the KC or host club
name
Location: City and State
Date: Month, Day, Year
Winnings: Be Specific.
Owner: Full name (s)
Breeder: Full name (s)
Handler: Full name

Name: C.R. Jimmy Dreams BN CD JH (*Jimmy*)
Event: Dayton Dog Training Club
Location: Moraine, OH
Date: January 7, 2017
Winnings: Rally Novice 1st Place, 1st Leg
Owner: Susan Steffey
Breeder: Carole Ramsey
Handler: Susan Steffey

Same dog, additional wins

Event: Dayton Dog Training Club
Location: Moraine, OH
Date: 01/07/2017
Winnings: Preferred Novice 3rd Place, 1st Leg

Name: Belquest Conclusion's Star At Eagle Bay
(*Star*)
Event: Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic
Location: Manitowoc, WI
Date: March 31, 2017
Winnings: Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite
Owners: Mary Broihier & J. C. Randolph
Breeders: Krista Beal & Vicky Creamer and Kristen
Cream Allison
Handler: Sarah & Correy Krickeberg

Same dog, additional wins

Event: Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic
Location: Manitowoc, WI
Date: April 1, 2017
Winnings: Winners Bitch

Event: Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic
Location: Manitowoc, WI
Date: April 2, 2017
Winnings: Winners Bitch





Happy Birthday!

- ♥ Belquest Ashely of Eagle Bay (Ashley) 3-10-2009
(Owners: Mary Broihier & J. C. Randolph)
- ♥ Belquest Fields of Gold At Eagle Bay (Meadow) 3-17-2010
(Owners: Mary Broihier & J. C. Randolph)



Ashley with her
2010 Litter



Meadow at 2012 Labrador
Retriever Club National

Rainbow Bridge



BROCHURES

Members and Breeders: The club now has brochures—if you would like some, ask Pete or Tanya Zimmerman.

We're on the web:
hoosierlrc.org

Our Facebook Group



Please visit us to see the activities that make us who we are today. Join the club and start enjoying your Labs even more!

Just type in Hoosier Labrador Retriever Club in the search window of Facebook and you will find us.

Want to Join HLRC?

Request an application form or download it from our Facebook group or website. Attend an event to obtain sponsors or talk to your breeder or a Board member.

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2017 Submission and Publication Schedule

Please submit news for publication according to the following schedule, including columns, brags, photographs, activities or information pertaining to Labrador Retrievers.

Q1
Submissions: March 10
Publication: March 31

Q2
Submissions: June 10
Publication: June 30

Q3
October 10
Publication: October 31

Q4
Submissions: December 10
Publication: December 31

Don't snooze and
get left out!

