



FLAT -COAT TIMES

WINTER 2013

Important Dates:

March 30: Supported Entry at Chintimini Kennel Club in Albany. Entries close on March 13.



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Flat-coats love the holidays. (Actually, isn't every day a holiday to a flat-coat?)

Above, Heather Dawson's Mick and Patsy are prepared to greet Santa. Who gets to help him?

To the left, Chris Cornell's Bree shares her holiday spirit during a therapy visit.

Membership renewal; notices were sent out by Linda Monroe. If you didn't receive one, contact her at tamturifer@clearwire.net.

The election of officers will take place in March. See the information about elections on page 14 of this newsletter.

President's Message



Meet Jeanne's gorgeous girl,
"Kiss".

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday Season, So hard to believe another year has gone by. I hope everyone has time to spend with family and friends, both two legged and four. May the good Lord watch over us and keep us safe and well in the year to come.

I want to thank everyone who has done so much for the club this year. Without the support and help of the members , we would not be able to have the events that we do through out the year. Your hard work shows and it is greatly appreciated.

The next supported entry will be in Albany, OR in late March. Details will be in the next newsletter. Also this is an election year and the following positions are up for re election: vice president, two (2 year) board positions, newsletter editor and membership chair . Please think about running. We can use some new ideas and we would be happy to add you to the ballot. If you decide you might want to run , we would like it if you would write a short bio about yourself and how long you've been in dogs. Please contact Sheila Bradshaw or myself if you would like to run for a position.

Some of the other events planned for 2013 are a fun day, possibly two., the agility trial, supported entry in the fall , helping with the WC/WCX test in the fall. As always we will need help with these events. If you're new and want to help out , please let us know. We love to show the newbies the ropes and the more help we have the smoother the events run.

We are hard at work for hosting the 2014 specialty. We hope to have the logo and the website up shortly. Joyce Brackney and Heather Dawson are the co chairs. If you think there is something you would like to help with, please contact them and let them know. This next year we need to get a multitude of things in order to have it be a very special "SPECIALITY".

Congratulations to everyone who added new titles to your dogs this year. Our flats are such a versatile breed and they do well in so many different venues. For those that don't show , you know that yours is the best at just being your best hiking, swim, and cuddle buddies. Give them that extra hug or two , they'll love it.

I would like to offer my condolences to those who lost their fur kids this year. They are all so special and touch our lives in so many ways. May they always live with you in your hearts and memories.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see many of you this year. Here's hoping for new titles and making new friends.

Jeanne Allen, President

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Supported Entry Results

Our Supported Entry was held in Ridgefield, Washington on Oct. 27th. Results were:

Sweepstakes:

Best Puppy: WAUNARUN'S MARIO ANDRETTI. Bred and owned by Mary and John Aykens.

Best of Opposite Sex: RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER. Bred by Steve Chinn ,Jo Chinn, Joyce Brackney. Owned by Steve and Jo Chinn.

Best Veteran: CH MACH SHASTA BROWNSTONE CD JH RA. Bred and owned by Joyce Brackney.

Best of Opposite Sex: BLACKSTONE'S HISSY FIT CD AX AXJ. Bred by Andrea K Williams Wes Williams Laura Fordice. Owned by Steve and Jo Chinn.

Regular Classes:

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs: COASTALIGHT IN HOT PURSUIT. Bred and owned by Wendy Tisdall.

American-Bred Dogs: MOONSTONE BRILLIANT BLUE IDAHO GEM. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Open Dogs: VALLEY CREST SWORD IN THE STONE. Bred and owned by Stacey Ronan.

Winners Dog: MOONSTONE BRILLIANT BLUE IDAHO GEM. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos: BLACFRIAR GRACE OF SWIFTWATER. Bred by Rachel Hill. Owned by Susan Kravit-Smith.

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos: SHASTA FIRE. Bred and owned by Joyce Brackney.

Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches: RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER. Bred by Steve Chinn, Jo Chinn, Joyce Brackney. Owned by Steve and Jo Chinn.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches: EAGLETARN TATTOO YOU. Bred by Anna L. Daly. Owned by Anna Daly/ Randy Andrews.

American-Bred Bitches: MOONSTONE ASTROZOMBIES MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR. Bred by David Wells and Andrea Holsinger. Owned by David Wells.

Open Bitches: COASTALIGHT'S FLYING ACE. Bred by Judy K Teskey & Wendy S MacDonald. Owned by Colleen Chapman.

Working Retriever Bitches: COASTALIGHT'S FLYING ACE. Bred by Judy K Teskey & Wendy S MacDonald. Owned by Colleen Chapman.

Winners Bitch: COASTALIGHT'S FLYING ACE. Bred by Judy K Teskey & Wendy S MacDonald. Owned by Colleen Chapman.

Best of Breed: CH SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI. Bred by Joyce Brackney & Dinah Baggenstos. Owned by Lura Dunn & David Kerschner.

Best of Opposite Sex: CH BLACKSTONE SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH DINAH. Bred by Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Andrea Evans. Owned by Steve and Jo Chinn.

Select Dog: CH HERONBECK OBSIDIAN STOUT NF CA TD RN XAP XJP. Bred by Lynda Spangler & Linda Crowson. Owned by Victoria Peterson, John Lovegrove, L Spangler.

Select Bitch: CH GONDOLIN MISTY MOUNTAIN RIVER KANYON. Bred by Colleen Chapman/Sandee Cassidy/Christopher Butler. Owned by Kathy Adams.

Best of Winners: MOONSTONE BRILLIANT BLUE IDAHO GEM. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Our Dogs



Some dogs are just “naturals” in front of the camera, and Scupper is certainly one of them! Rhonda Porter snapped this photo while he cheerfully posed in holiday attire.



Rudolph the Red Nosed Flat-coat!

AKA Kathy Adams' Canyon.



Exciting News from Heather Dawson!

Am Ch U-Ch Northern Lights Kenai Peninsula RN RL-1 (UKC BIS winner-2 GCH Majors) “Kenai” was awarded Best of Breed and 4 GCH points, under Mrs. Carol Jean Nelson on November 24th, 2012 at the Lake Shore Kennel Club Show in Chicago Heights !

Adored/trained by Paul & Laura Bertelsen and handled by Julie Darling, bred by Heather Dawson-Northern Lights FCR's.

Kenai

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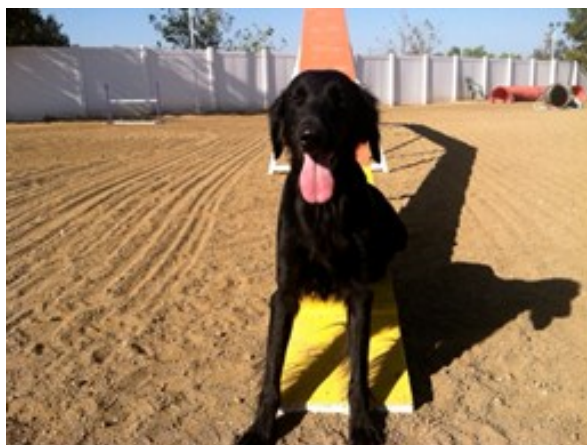


At the Supported Entry, seven-month-old Valley Crest Magical Silhouette “Silly” took Reserve Winners’ Bitch. In the picture to the left, Kate’s husband Tim caught Silly and owner Kate Beevers rehearsing their stack.

Kate reports that puppy Silly now engages in mud sports, but Kate invested in a “puppy rug”, a super absorbent “at the door” rug. The result: less mud and wetness inside after mud worship forays. Find it at the Pet Place 170 12th St. McMinnville OR . It’s called Soggy Doggy and is about \$40.

Maggie Minetti and Jasper (Valleycrest Fuedin' Fussin' and a Fighten') ran agility at Argus Ranch in October, and double qualified again. He has run in Excellent B seven times and already has 79 points toward his Mach.

Maggie began competing in agility in November with Tracy Tennison, her handler and trainer. She loves agility and shows much talent for the sport. In only four runs, Maggie earned her NAJ and in only five runs, she earned her NA. Maggie just started in open agility, but has already earned her first Q in open jumpers. She is now, WaunaRun’s Prime Minister NA NAJ. Her proud owner breeders Mary and John Aykens are very proud of their girl!



Maggie cheerfully hits her contact on the teeter !

Our Dogs



The three generations of Chinn dogs won “Best Opposite” honors at the Supported Entry. Mom Dinah (on the left) for breed, baby Flo (in the middle) for puppies, and grandma Hissy Fit for veterans! Hiss is making special plans for her tenth birthday party in January. Jo was brave enough to show Hiss, while Jennifer Holmberg-Baggenstos handled the other two. Back at Vancouver in December, Flo won “Best of Breed” honors.



Patsy and Mick prepare to ring in the new year!

Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss some-one very spe-

cial to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...

Blackstone's Pink Lady

7-5-2004 to 12-18-2012



While there's never a "right" time, our Daisy, CH Blackstone's Pink Lady, crossed the Rainbow Bridge on December 18. She was eight in July and had been slowing down, but gave no indication of the cancer growing inside. Her bloodwork at that time was perfect. The previous weekend she had leapt into the car for a ride like a puppy. By Tuesday she was gone. We are comforted that she played ball and hung with the other dogs and us until the end.

Daisy was our queen. She ruled the pack with quiet elegance. She had two litters of puppies and they all are well loved and a great legacy. We enjoy our Maggie from her first litter and our Mario from her second litter. She has lovely show pictures, but we used some favorites from the back yard. She liked to hop on the table to look in at us in the kitchen. She didn't want to miss out on a food opportunity. She was a terrible counter cruiser. Her favorites were bread and cubes of butter. We had to carefully put all items up and away. She was always there to help put the groceries away.

Mary and John Aykens

Meet Our Members



Chris and Claire Cornell with their canine family.

Chris and Claire live in Sequim, WA, which is located on the northeast corner of the Olympic Peninsula, about 50 miles northwest of Seattle. We moved up here in 2000, from Phoenix, after Chris retired as a Civil Engineer for the City of Phoenix. Claire continued to work as a Systems Analyst for IBM through 2002. Chris originally hails from Long Island, New York, while Claire is a native Arizonan with stops at Yuma, Tucson in addition to Phoenix. She made it clear, however, that as soon as Chris was eligible to retire, they were permanently moving out of the desert. We had friends living in Sequim, liked the area, the small town atmosphere, bought a home in 1997 and rented it for a couple of years. We love it here, with not much rain (rainshadow effect of the mountains) and just the right mix of not too cold Winters and not very hot Summers. Our first dog (1973) was a black Lab puppy that we saw running alongside Interstate 10, south of Phoenix. We passed by, talked for a minute or so, turned around, pulled onto the shoulder, opened the door, gave a couple of yells and in he flew. It was in the middle of nowhere and he was very happy to meet us. Little "Hitch" (about 5 months old), quickly developed into a big, rambunctious boy. Claire took him to obedience classes and got some control of the strong young man. The first dog Chris trained was "Queen", a field English Setter (1976), and we have been in the dog showing game since 1977. Chris has judged obedience with AKC since 1984, adding rally in 2003.

We got our first Flat Coat, circa 1984, from Marie Wickhorst ("Tealsnest", Tucson). Marie had a wonderful working obedience dog, Branta, so when Marie planned to have a litter via Branta, we got a puppy. Her name was Megan and was Claire's dog. She got her CD and we also showed her in conformation. Our second Flat Coat, around 1992, was not planned. We were active in rescuing setters in the Phoenix area, and were notified that there was an English Setter at the shelter. Chris went to investigate and was notified that the dog had already been reunited with his owner. But, while there, he

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made the rounds and discovered a black dog huddled in the corner of a kennel. Thinking it could be a Flat, he got her out for a walk. Sure enough, she was all Flat and scared. Chris checked with Claire, got the OK, and Dana promptly joined our home. She turned out to be the sweetest dog. Chris worked her in obedience, but she was always reserved and soft so he did not push her to show, although she made many therapy visits. Dana was a real love, made the big move up to Sequim and died suddenly in 2002. We still miss her gentle presence.

We currently have five dogs. Mercedes (12, yellow Lab) is the elder. Following are Jamie (9, mixed breed), Junior (9, Springer Spaniel), Fox (8, Pomeranian) and Bree (1, Flat Coat). Jamie, Junior and Fox are rescues. We got Bree (Rainshadow's Summer Breeze) from fellow Sequimites, Jo and Steve Chinn, and she just turned one year old in October.

Although we do not hunt, we have owned mostly sporting dogs for over 40 years. Figure that out? These have included Labs, English Setters, Irish Setter, Cocker Spaniel, Springer Spaniel and Flat Coats. How did Fox the Pomeranian squeeze in there? He was rescued by a local group in 2009 and was in terrible shape. Broken leg, under weight and most of his teeth were rotten. We took him in, got his leg fixed up, pulled all but 5 of his teeth (the remaining 5 came out a year later) and he happily joined the family. He bonded to Chris and loves doing therapy work. Back to the question, we like Flats and sporting dogs in general for their friendliness, out-going nature, exuberance, love of family (especially kids) and for sometimes being just plain goofy.

The big local activity we do with our dogs is therapy work. I am an evaluator for Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and all our dogs, except Jamie, are registered to do therapy. We have been involved in this activity since 1998 (starting in Phoenix) and just celebrated our 2000th official therapy visit in the Sequim/Port Angeles area. We go to 20 local places, including retirement/assisted living/convalescent facilities, Alzheimer/dementia facilities, elementary schools, pre-schools, libraries, a hospital and an adult day care. Chris usually takes 2 dogs to a visit, sometimes 3, but has not done 4 yet (Yikes !) We also raised two puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Mercedes was career-changed and came back to live with us and Benicia (black Lab) had three litters in the breeding program and now is retired and living north of San Francisco. Chris showed Mercedes in agility and got her titles in the three levels. With Bree, in addition to therapy dog work, Chris is planning to show her in conformation, rally, obedience, agility and tracking. Locally, we belong to the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club, where Chris just finished up 2012 as President (now VP for 2013) and has been Obedience/Rally Chair for a number of years. He is also Head Groundskeeper for the showgrounds (can you say water&mow, rake, water&mow, rake, forever).

After picking up new puppy Megan from Tucson in 1984, we stopped as some friends home on the way home to show off our baby. They had three kids, five dogs and a very active household. We were holding Megan and slowly introducing her to everyone until things calmed down a bit. She then went down on the floor, where she did more saying hello and investigating of the living room. After awhile, thinking a potty break was in order, we looked for her, but no puppy in the room. A quick search revealed that she had meandered into the kitchen. Our friends had a huge ceramic water dish for their pack of thirsty animals and there, curled up in the middle of this neat "swimming pool" was little Megan, happy as a clam. Oh yes, we knew we had a water dog.

Meet Our Board Member

Meet Sheila Bradshaw, Secretary

Been a member of the NWFCRC long before I moved to Longview WA in 2005. I lived in California and served in several positions in the old (now non existent) Northern California Flat-coated Retriever Club. Those included director, membership secretary, interim newsletter editor and President.

I got my first Flat-coat in 1991....after researching the breed for 3 years. My Labs were getting on in years and frankly I did not like the trend toward breeding short, stocky Labs. I was at the Golden Gate Kennel Club benched show and saw my first Flat-coats, fell in love, and after research got a "pet" male Black 'n Sweet Evening Shade CD "Burt".

Since moving to WA it has been my pleasure to serve as Secretary for the NWFCRC and also to be Chairperson for Fun Days.....2008, 2009 and two in 2010. Supported Entry Dinner Chairperson for two of our Fall Supported. I enjoy getting out and meeting all our members. I feel strongly that our club should be geared toward activities for all. Not every puppy in a litter is a show dog and not every FCR owner wants to be involved in dog shows. We must never loose sight of the fact that those folks with pet puppies are often the best volunteers to help with activities and given a chance like to learn and become involved in activities.

At the moment I have two dogs.....sadly my rescue FCR girl Velvet crossed the Rainbow Bridge in March this year. I got her in Oct 2008 at age 10 1/2she had her 14th birthday in Feb. I was blessed to have her in my life during her last years....probably one of the sweetest dogs ever born.

I have one Flat-coat, CH SHR Flashback's Moon River CGC CD RA "Rio" he is a liver male...my first liver. He is my pal and team mate. Despite being told by several people that I should put a pro handler on him as because he is a liver he would be hard to finish..... I chose to have fun and show him myself. I am proud to say our first venture into the ring at age 8 months he took a 4 point major and he finished his Championship at age 17 months. All owner handled. Same day we finished in show ring we took the Canine Good Citizen Test and he passed with flying colors...not sure which I was more proud of the CH or the CGC!!

Rio and I have gone on to doing Rally, Obedience and Field. It was a thrill for me as a novice Field person to put his UKC Started Hunting Retriever Title on him.....passing in 4 straight Hunt Tests. As an owner handler Wow, was I excited.

It is not the titles and the ribbons it is the sheer joy of doing things with your dog and watching him have fun learning new things....Flat-coats are smart and need brain exercise.....the breeder I got my first FCR from told me it is like living with a gifted child...one must keep them challenged!!!

My other dog is Buddyhe is mostly Border Collie with a bit a Lab. I was dog sitting for him when his owner and my friend passed away suddenly Jan 1, 2012. Buddy turned a year old this past May so it has

been an adventure learning about how different a Border Collie is from a FCR!! Although I will say the little rascal is a fantastic swimmer and loves retrieving. Buddy and I did a basic obedience class and now we are working on fine tuning things and hopefully will sometime soon have fun in the Obedience and Rally Rings. We did do a herding instinct test for fun he definitely shows the herding side of his heritage.

To date I have had the pleasure of sharing my life with nine FCRs..... the boys: Burt, Sutter, Flash, Kody and Rio. The girls Questa, Brandi, Maya and Velvet. Each one has left paw prints on my heart.

Meet Sheila's Best Friends, Rio and Buddy:



Partners in crime?



CH SHR Flashback's Moon River CGC C RA

A New Look at Inherited Behaviors

By Susan Kravit-Smith

I have a 10 month old flat coated retriever. I can tell that some of you are already chuckling and thinking with a sigh, this is going to be another one of those stories about counter surfer extraordinaires, or foreign object ingestion specialists, or home demolition experts. But no, my story is about a subject of greater seriousness. It involves the genetic heritage of our breed. It is about a set of behaviors that frankly have me questioning the accuracy of my dog's pedigree and the record keeping of my illustrious breeder. Sometimes strange, long forgotten genes can suddenly appear many many generations later - I once saw a litter of flatcoat puppies in which one pup had the faint markings of a gordon setter! No one had seen anything like that in the memory of any of the breeders linked to the lines involved. It was a true throw back. I suspect my case is something like this.

The behaviors I am referring to used to be described by Jewish comedians, when I was a child, as typical of Jewish mothers. Nowadays these rarely seen behaviors would be ascribed to a Jewish great grandmother. And so you see, to see them in a flat coated retriever, was just, startling, to say the least. You may be wondering where the hell I am going with this, so let me get back to my pup.

I am not a novice owner, I have had flatcoats since 1996. I know how important routine is for training a new pup. I also know how much they want to be part of the family. So every night, as I go to bed, I invite Gracie up on the bed for a half hour of cuddle time before lights out. Then I tell her to "get on your bed," her bed being an "orthopedic foam" bed sitting along side my bed. She generally gets down begrudgingly and curls up in her bed. However, the other night when I asked her to get down, she sighed, stalked off without looking back, and plopped loudly down on the laminate floor. I could swear I could hear the words "that's right, don't worry about me... down here on the cold hard floor. You just stay there in your nice warm soft bed. I'll be alright....eventually." I thought to myself, I must just be imagining that I heard something. Half an hour later, just as I was finally drifting off, I was awakened by a gentle low humming. I opened my eyes and saw its source; Gracie sitting stoically upright next to my bed, purposefully staring away from me. I could again hear the faintest words "you've probably forgotten about me already. I might just as well leave... Who knows what will happen to me. But don't you worry about that. You just get your sleep, in your nice soft warm bed." But again I doubted my hearing. I told her "Gracie, lie down in your bed". At this point she did lie down, though not in her bed. No, she laid very loudly on top of a collection of books and papers and my work briefcase which I had put on the floor next to the bed, in the process knocking the books over and scattering the papers. The words drifted up to me "well, if I can't be next to you at least I will be next to your things. I may be uncomfortable all night with these books poking into my side and my head resting on a zipper, but don't worry about

me...if this is all I can have of you after all my love and devotion...I will just...(sniff)...have.... (sniff)... to accept it.” I didn’t answer. That sort of thing should really just be ignored.

Finally, sleep, at least several precious hours of it. I was not surprised when I was awakened later by flatcoat whiskers on my cheek. No, it was not from the side of the bed. Gracie’s head was next to mine on my pillow as she lay stretched out full length smack dab in the middle of the bed, belly up, four feet in the air, having leapt onto the bed over my sleeping body without waking me. This time the words were quite distinct: “Oh don’t mind me, I will just lie here quiet as a mouse. You will never even know I’m here.” She knew I would be too worn out to kick her off this time. Thank God she doesn’t snore.

But you see my dilemma...where in the lines did someone do the cross with a jewish mother? I don’t even think I want to imagine how they did it. Or perhaps there was just always a line of Jewish Flatcoats. I think I remember hearing about a Kennel Meshugeneh in Europe. It was lost during the war like so many of our original kennels. It was famous for the field trial champion Meshugeneh Kvetch it Up, Conformation Champion Meshugeneh’s Mazel Tov, the brace team Meshugeneh What’s Not to Like and It Could Be Worse, and how can I have forgotten one of the all time prepotent studs, Meshugeneh Matzoh Balls. Now that I understand her famous heritage I will look at Gracie’s antics with a little more respect. Perhaps after all, some of her ancestors lived with some of mine.



Gracie

Election Information

Dear Fellow Club Members,

As most of you know the positions on the NWFCRC Board come up for re election in rotation. That way there are always experienced members on the Board.

The Offices which are due for election in 2013 are: Vice President, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor and TWO Director positions.

We have volunteers to run for all of the above except one Director position.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN IN FOR ANY OF THE POSITIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY FEB 15TH

so that I can create a ballot for voting in March 2013. e mail me at shelenfcr@aol.com

HERE IS LIST OF AVAILABLE POSTIONS AND WHO IS CURRENTLY RUNNING....

Vice President	Heather Dawson
Membership Secretary	Linda Monroe
Treasurer	Mary Aykens
Newsletter Editor	Jo Chinn
Director 1	Kris Rainey
Director 2	we need a volunteer.....

Submitted By,

**Sheila Bradshaw
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