



Important Dates:

- Oct. 6: WC/WCX Test in Monroe, Washington. Contact: Jennifer Stanley, fowlplay-fcr@gmail.com
- Oct. 26: Supported Entry at Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield. Contact: Jeanne Allen, whatzthat-fcr@earthlink.net, for dinner info contact Sheila Bradshaw, Shelenfcr@aol.com

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FLAT -COAT TIMES

AUTUMN 2012

MBIS/Int'l Gold Gch/Can Ch Blacklace Magic Mocha Sapphire CGC JH March 31, 2003-September 26, 2012 "Once in a Lifetime Dog"



The flat-coat world mourns the shocking loss of Koby, owned and loved by Cathy and Ken Johnson. Cancerous masses on Koby's spleen, liver, and stomach ruptured and caused his sudden death. In the picture above, Koby celebrates his 2012 Westminster Kennel Club Best of Breed win with handler Tony Carter.

President's Message



Meet Jeanne's gorgeous girl,
Kiss.

Hello everyone, I would like to welcome new members to the NWFCRC. While summer is coming to an end (aww), we still are having some very nice weather and I'm sure you, like me and my dogs, are enjoying the Indian summer we are experiencing. I hope all of you have had a chance to have a great summer of swimming, hiking and just having a wonderful summer spent with family and your four-footed friends.

We have two events coming up very shortly. First the WC/WCX test being held Saturday Oct. 6th at Greenleaf Farms in Monroe, WA. Hopefully all of you received the flyer sent out earlier. If you would like more info on this, please contact Jennifer Stanley at fowlplayfcr@gmail.com. If you are just interested in what a dog needs to do to obtain a WC/WCX, this is an event you can go and watch. Talk to some of the people there and find out how to get started. Please remember if you are new to dog events to wait until they are done running their dogs before you ask questions. It is fun to see dogs doing what they were bred to do.

"The supported show is Saturday Oct. 27th at the Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield, WA."

The supported show is Saturday Oct. 27th at the Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield, WA. Trophies are being offered for all classes and the major wins. Sweeps for puppies and veterans are also offered, plus gun/field dog/bitch classes. Jack Onofrio is the superintendent. Entries close Wednesday, Oct 10th. We will be having the meeting and dinner that night at Jollie's which is across the freeway from the fairgrounds. We will have the upstairs room this year. We will have the raffle this year, too. So bring your raffle items as well as extra cash (he he) to get those special things you just can't live without. Members will receive \$5.00 towards their dinner. Drinks are available and we order off the menu. Hope to see many of you there. There is a page with all the info on the dinner in this newsletter.

Hope to see many brags in this newsletter. Know it has been a busy year for many of our members and it's nice to see who has done well this year. Congratulations to all those that have finished titles this year.

Thanks to all who helped to make the agility trial such a great success again. We had a great turnout with several flat coats earning titles, including two of our own members, who earned their MACH titles. Congrats to Lynda Spangler and Reggie on their MACH 2 and Vicky Peterson and Twinkle on their first. Nice wins for great dogs and their handlers. Thanks to all who donated to the raffle. It as usual was a great success. This year we did something a little different for the judges' dinner. Joyce had Panda Express cater, and it was a big hit. Plenty of food and nice being able to visit with friends after a long day and this time no cooking for me... yea. We'll probably do this again next year. Plus, we had plenty leftovers for Sunday for the workers. If you've never come down for this

President's Message, continued

trial , think about it for next year. We always need help, plus a chance of 4 days of earning legs or titles on your dogs.

I am sorry that we did not have a chance to offer a fun day this year. We will do it next year . If you're new to the club and would like to get involved in something , this is a great place to start. We would be happy to help you with the details. Finding a place and date is the first thing. Maybe for 2013 if we can think about this ahead of time it will help to insure we do have it . Ideally it would be nice to see one up north and one down south so members don't have to travel unless they want too. If this is something you think you'd like to do , please let me know .

There are two rescues in need of new forever homes. One , a six year old male, is in WA in the Seattle area. The other one, a 2 year old male, is in Idaho. I have asked Jo to include the one in Idaho in this newsletter. Both are black. If you know of someone looking for a rescue , please let me know or send me their contact info and I will send them the info I have on these dogs.

Happy hunting to those that are off this fall for ducks, pheasants etc. I know this is the time many of our members look forward to. May your FCR's have many great days in the field.

Jeanne Allen,
NWFCRC President

Planning Continues for the 2014 FCRSA Specialty

Joyce Brackney, co-chair of the 2014 National Specialty that will be held in Albany, Oregon, reports that slow, steady progress is being made by the committees. She, Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, John Aykens, and Mary Aykens attended this year's specialty in Oconomowoc , Wisconsin, with observant eyes! They picked up some "how-to" tips,. They determined that communication of accurate, pertinent information while the event occurs is very important, and devised new ways to keep participants informed. Always a team player, Steve contributed to our fun-raising efforts by selling magnets during the week-long event. He showed off some great salesmanship! (But it took Jo to keep the money straight) During the annual FCRSA meeting, Joyce lured the members to come to Oregon with the promise of delectable food.

Joyce would like to meet with committee people at our next supported entry, Oct. 27 in Ridgefield, right after the dogs show in the ring. Please make contact with Joyce ringside to learn where the meeting will take place.

Our Dogs

Kathy Adams sends exciting results from her clan:

Busy Summer for the Gondolin Gang !!! It was a family Affair at the Flat Coat Canadian National in July!!!

- CH Gondolin's Simral "Julie" - National Canadian Winners Bitch!!!
- CH Tealwin Splish Splash at Gondolin JH "Kai" - 3rd in Veteran Dog 7-9 Yrs & Canadian National WC Test Dog
- Coastalight's Flying Ace "Sage" - Achieved her CAN WC
- Kanyon—CAN National Specialty 2nd Place win in Open

Julie & Kanyon 4th place in their first ever BRACE Class (and with very little practice - hehehe)

National Canadian Sporting Dog Specialty:

CH Gondolin Misty Mountain River Kanyon "Kanyon" - Canadian Nation Sporting Dog Winners Bitch both days, Reserve Winners on Sat & Best of Winners on Sunday

Back in the States:

- CH Gondolin Misty Mountain River Kanyon "Kanyon" BOB both days at Mt Vernon and made her first cut in group!!!, Many Select Bitch and BOS this summer (so many can't count :))

Coastalight's Flying Ace "Sage" achieved two legs of her JH Title.

Jennifer Stanley also reports exciting results from the Canadian National:

“We had a grand time at the FCRSC National Specialty in July! So much fun to spend time with old friends and their dogs, and meet new folks and dogs!”

Eagletarn FowlPlay Silverbells "Jingle" was 2nd in the 6-9 month Puppy Female, and 4th in the Regular 6-9 Puppy Females.

Blazingstar Midnight Loon "Luna" was 2nd in the Canadian Bred Females.

Jennifer Stanley's Paris shows off the trophy she received for earning her WC title.



SHR FowlPlay Just Here For The Party "Paris" was 4th in the 7-9 Year Old Females, 3rd in Altered Females, and passed her Canadian WC!”

Maggie Minetti's "Jasper" Valleycrest Feudin" Fussin" and a Fighten" received his AXJ title in Redmond, Washington in August. He got a first place as well, and his first mach points (18 points).



SHR* Coastalight FowlPlay LoveCharm JH "Trinket" finished her HRC Started title on August 19, passing four tests in a row.

Our Dogs

The NWFCRC held the annual four day agility trial in Central Point, Oregon, in July.

Pat Boydston reports : “Our agility trial was an awesome success! We had more Flat Coats attend than any other year. And one of our own earned her MACH! Vickie Peterson's Twinkle earned her MACH with the help of friends, Lynda Spangler and Lisa Michelin who ran Twinkle while Vickie is recovering from knee surgery. Joyce Brackney did a great job of organizing and running the trial, with lots of help from many Flat coat owners.”

Member Lynda Spangler and her dog Reggie completed their 2nd MACH at the trial.

Pat Boydston's Pebbles earned her Novice Standard title and moved up to Opehn, where she got her first leg with a 1st place!

The High In Trial Flat-coats each day were:

Days 1,2, and 3: "Sprint" (CH MACH7 ADCH Windfall's Made To Run CD JH MXC2 MJC2 WCX OF HOF) , owned and handled by Teresa Rodney.

Day 4: "Clique" (Butterblac's Winners Circle JH MX MXJ NF), owned and handled by Teresa Rodney.

*We received this very special message from Heather Dawson:

Oh it is so hard to write stuff like this but what a touching story that unfolded in Colorado today.....

Kat was headed to a show with Summit (Koby and Patsy's son).....she ran into Tony (not literally) the previous day. J For those who don't know, Tony Carter was Koby's Best Buddy and handled Koby expertly for several years (to over 100 Group Placements, 2 Best In Shows and Best of Breed at Westminster and Eukanuba). Tony took a look at Summit and was pretty broken up.....looking into the eyes of Koby's son had to be a very tough moment.....

Today Kat (Summit's owner) handed over Summit's show lead to Tony. Tony took Summit in the show ring and a little of Papa Koby came out in Summit.....Kat texted me to let me know that Tony had won Winners Dog and was headed into the breed ring.....a few short moments later and I get a text that Summit won **Best of Breed and a 5pt major!!!** Holy cow, this is fantastic news!! Could it get any better??? Well yes it could.....a few hours later I get a text from Kat that Tony and Summit entered the Group ring, with Summit only 16 months old and what did they do? A **Group 4!!!!!!!!!!!!** What a special moment that Tony and Summit shared in the ring today....no doubt Koby was smiling down on that.



The rest of the story:

Summit continued his winning ways throughout the entire weekend. On Thursday he went Winners' Dog, Friday was Winners' Dog, Best of Breed and a Group 4. Saturday he was Best of Winners with a five point major, and Sunday he was Best of Winners with a four point major. He is now:

****CH** Northern Lights Black Diamond "Summit"**

Grooming For Health by Mary Young

(Reprinted from the FCRSA Summer 2012 Newsletter with the author's permission)

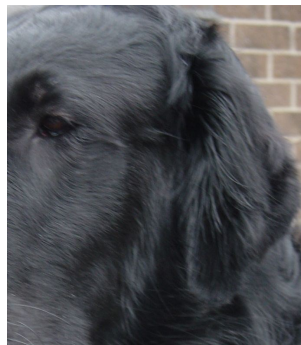
Grooming your dog can be an integral part of managing your dog's health, as well as keeping your house clean, bonding with your FCR, and perhaps even doing a little training. While you should always seek the assistance of a trained veterinary professional, there are many preventative approaches you can take to monitor the health of your FCR.

Your dog should be able to sit or stand while you do an examination and brushing or other grooming needed. One of the most valuable pieces of equipment is a grooming table with an arm so the dog will sit or stand patiently. Grooming tables are not expensive, all commercial ones fold away in a small space, or you may choose to construct your own. Much cheaper than a vet bill. A table will save your back too. If your dog is not used to a table, it may take some training and treats to help them feel comfortable on the table and in the "arm" of a table. Teach a "table" command.

Where and how to start when examining your dog? In addition to a grooming table or raised flat area, I always keep a box of disposable surgical gloves. You will be examining many parts of the dog and those gloves are protective.

First, check their mouth. Loose teeth? Excessive tartar? Growths in the mouth? There are a number of dental products ranging from toothbrushes, pads to wipe teeth, large raw knuckle bones or even additives for water to decrease bacteria. Or you may choose to have a professional cleaning done by your vet.

The next things I check are eyes and ears. Are the eyes clean? Basic saline solution is used to rinse eyes if needed. If a consistent discharge, lots of blinking, etc. you may want to consult a vet about infection, extra eyelashes, or even an eye injury. Keeping eye solutions* (first aid kit is another article) but it is extremely important to know if any eye medication contains steroids before you decide to use them on weepy eyes without a professional consultation.



For ears, I use a 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water to thoroughly flush each ear. Instead of cotton ball or Q-tips, I use rolled cotton to clean the ear, being careful not to dig too deeply. Flush until the stuff comes up, rub the ears gently, don't allow the dog to shake. Wipe and repeat until you have clean ears. My vet and techs taught me how to really clean ears. A common problem in warm weather and moist climates is fungal infection. You will find dark brown stuff in the ear canal. You probably will need a visit to a professional if an infection is present to determine the most appropriate drug. After it is cleared, regular grooming will help you monitor the problem. Trimming behind and under the ears, hair on the flaps and hair inner ear are important in preventing ear problems.



Third, I move to feet and nails. Some dogs just hate having their feet touched and nails trimmed. You can work with much patience (and treats) to handle your dogs nails, using a cutter, electric trimmer, or a file. My rule of thumb is that I never want to hear a toenail click on my tile floors...otherwise, they are too long. Front nails tend to grow faster than back nails. The toenails should also not be cracked or broken; this can be both painful and an opportunity for infection. If too long, they can rip things in the house, hurt people if a dog jumps up and contribute to foot problems. Also check the pads and between the pads for cuts or injuries. Being able to trim the hair between and under the pads makes the exam faster and easier. A good groomer or vet should be able to help you with nails if you have difficulty. Many owners prefer to let someone else groom their dog's nails but it does not excuse you from examining their feet.

Fourth—skin. It is hard to examine a dirty dog but I'll come back to that later. I am looking for pests (fleas or ticks), any scrapes, punctures, foxtails, a potential “hotspot” infection, etc. Examine your dog for pests, injuries, scrapes. What products you use will depend on your weather, the dog, environmental considerations, etc.

Fifth, I do an entire body exam. I will look for lumps and bumps. With experience, you can probably learn to identify a fatty tumor (lipoma) vs. a hair follicle that has become irritated vs. other raised lumps. They can vary from very tiny with discoloration to swelling in a bone. Every older dog is going to get lumps and bumps and most will be benign. It is up to you to monitor them, discuss them with a vet, and decide on the proper protocol. Regular grooming will make you more aware of changes in your dog's body.

Another part of the exam is to check for sore spots—sore joints, painful areas, etc. I stretch each leg, stretch the neck, and feel carefully along the spine. With experienced hands, you may be able to notice muscle atrophy on one side of the body, a lack of flexibility in a leg, and spinal pain. I have been checking one of my own dogs and her spine just crunches when I move along it. She also has less flexibility—less extension—in one rear leg. She is an older competitive working dog but she is telling me that she is getting aches & pains. In addition to seeking professional advice for physical therapy, massage and supplements, I have cut back her work and may retire her. It is hard to recognize mild to moderate pain in FCRS and a trained professional can provide assistance. There are certified physical therapists for dogs that can teach you about doing an exam, strengthening exercises, and provide other tips. There are also books and videos but as a certified human massage therapist, I don't think there is a good substitute for learning to use your own hands.

Before ending the article with some advice on grooming equipment for health, I'd like to say my dogs LOVE getting a quick massage, hugs, treats, and a quick spritz of water or grooming spray followed by a towel. They feel better, smell and look better, have been checked out, and we have been creating a special bond during the process. They wait in line to get on the grooming table.

There are some other things about grooming for health that should be noted. I already mentioned the table. Dogs do need to be bathed and trimmed to keep excessive shedding under control, monitor weight, and also be trimmed by hand or otherwise. When you do a bath, it is also good to check anal glands. If you are not familiar with anal glands, have a good groomer or other experienced professional explain this to you. It may be something you choose not to do yourself.

You will ruin your scissors and other equipment if used on dirty dogs. Shampoo is cheap. Dilute it as recommended or choose to dilute more as it will rinse out more easily. The dogs love the soft curry combs made for horses while getting a bath and it loosens old hair. If possible, keep the water running and just rinse out the

old dead hair from the coat. A very wide comb can also be used to comb out the dog, especially if you have used conditioner so the comb does not pull their hair. Most people will not have a blow dryer but a regular hair dryer is useful if trying to examine a lump. You can then clip or identify that spot so vet can find it easily or it can be monitored. Often a lump or bump or injury is easier to feel on a wet dog which is another good reason for a bath.

While it is somewhat controversial and prohibited in the show ring, one of my favorite grooming devices are electric shears. I can groom an ear in seconds (not to show standards). Shears can also be used on other body parts to prevent fleas, hot spots, and may be especially appreciated by older dogs in hot weather. You can also partially use shears (such as on ears) and then trim coat with scissors. Ears can also be done by hand with scissors.

Equipment summary: Treats, Saline solution, ear rinse, cotton, surgical gloves, grooming table, shampoo, conditioner, scissors, wide comb, soft bristle and long wire brush, narrower comb and/or “furminator”, dryer (optional), electric shears (optional), towels and cheap bottles –one with fresh water and one that might have a bit of scent if you like that. And then more treats and hugs.

Find Flat-Coats on Facebook!

If you're a Facebook user, try finding flat-coat friends in these locations:

*Flat Coated Retrievers of Washington. NWFCRC member Rhonda Porter has started a site at <http://www.facebook.com/FlatCoatedRetrieversWA>. She has some great links to articles about flat-coats, including the recent *Gun Dog* article. She also has a link to a video made at the August Fun Daze. Rhonda's hoping her site will catch on with club members .

*flatcoats. This is an international group. Not all posting are in English.

*Flat Coated Retrievers Dog Friends. Used primarily by us northwest folks!

*Flat Friends. Another international group, although most posts are in English.

*Flat@art. Flat-coat art work. (Created by people, not dogs!)

*Flatcoat Counter Surfers and Food Snatchers Anonymous. These stories will make you feel better about the roast your dog stole off the counter today.

*Flat Coated Retrievers. Lots of information sharing, contacts.

*Flat Coated Retriever. Very international, limited English. Great pics of European dogs.

Supported Entry

NWFCRC

Supported Entry Dinner & Raffle & Meeting

Saturday October 27th 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Jollie's Restaurant and Lounge

17701 NE Union Road, Ridgefield WA 98642

<http://www.menuism.com/restaurants/jollies-restaurant-lounge-ridgefield-372253>

Please plan on joining us for dinner at Jollie's. Conveniently located just across the Interstate from the Clark County Fairground where the dog show is being held. Exit 9 off Interstate 5. Above link has directions and reviews.

We will be ordering and paying individually off the menu....beef, chicken and seafood etc.....prices range from \$8.99 to 14.99.....there is a Saturday night Prime Rib Special for \$13.99

Lounge is available for those who want something stronger than tea or coffee!

We have the private dining area reserved....it is just off the main entrance to the restaurant.

I need an accurate count of attendees so room can be set up properly. Here is an incentive to respond promptly!

GET CASH FOR RSVP BY OCT 19 TH Those who respond by Oct 19 th will receive \$5 cash at the door from the clubuse it towards your dinner or a drink!

Send your response to: Sheila Bradshaw via e mail shelenfcr@aol.com OR via phone at 360 577-0890

Thank you,

Sheila Bradshaw

Dinner Chairperson

NWFCRC Supported Entry
at
Vancouver Kennel Club
Saturday, October 27th, 2012
Clark County Fairgrounds
Exhibition Buildings,
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Show Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows —
www.onofrio.com
Entries close Wednesday Noon, October 10, 2012

Featuring:
Sweepstake Classes for puppies and veterans
All Regular Classes
Plus Classes for gun/field dogs and bitches
Prize for HIT Obedience Flat-coated Retriever

Following the show:
Specialty 2014 Planning Meeting (see page 3) For more info contact Joyce
Brackney at jbrackney@snowcrest.net

Dinner at Jollie's (see previous page) For more info contact Shelia Bradshaw at
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Meet Our Board Members

In this edition, meet our treasurer and vice-president.

Linda Monroe, Treasurer



My name is Linda Monroe and I live in Benton City, a little town just west of the Tri-Cities in eastern Washington. I like space, so though I was born and raised in Detroit, when I finally got the chance to move outside of town, I jumped at it. I've been here in my "little country", of one acre, for 20 years and I love it!

I am wonderfully retired from a career as an OB nurse. Now the babies I play with are my great-grandbabies, of which there are two with two more on the way. I have three daughters and a son, in that order, who all live in Washington; for which I am thankful daily. I have five grandchildren and several plus grandkids.

I am currently serving as Membership Secretary for our NWFCRC. I enjoy this, as I have learned the names of all the members and really look forward to putting faces and dogs with the names when I am privileged to meet members. I felt that this was one way that I could contribute to the club even from so far away. I also serve as the club's Supported Entry Chair Person. It is my pleasure to take care of the details of setting everything in motion for the two supported entries that the club has each year. These are in Albany, OR in March with the Chintimini Kennel Club and in Ridgefield, WA in October with the Vancouver Kennel Club. If you haven't been to one of these events, please consider joining us for one or both of them. Even if you don't show your dog or dogs, we have dinner and a club meeting and it's a great time to get to know other members. I want to get to know you!

My start with Flat-Coats in the spring of 2003 was a matter of fate. My son and his wife were showing English Cockers, and they kept encouraging me to get involved in showing. I had had a little, and I mean a little, exposure to dog shows several years earlier, with a Collie puppy that we had purchased. But with

a young family and not much money, it was not something I could do. When my son was starting to show dogs, I had Golden Retrievers and had been to enough shows to know that was not the breed to start with. I also knew that English Cockers were way too energetic for me, not to mention the grooming nightmare! The Yakima dog show was coming up, so I went there looking for a breed that I could show. Since we show them only a small fraction of the time, and have to live with them all the time, I wanted a breed that I could be comfortable living with first and foremost. When I saw these dogs running around the ring, I fell in love. They were so graceful and just flowed. I had no idea what breed they were and had to wait for the finish before approaching someone to ask them.

I had never heard of Flat-Coated Retrievers, although when I came home and started my online search for information about them, I realized that I had known of them as wavy coated retrievers, which they had been called before becoming flat-coats. As my investigation proceeded, I realized that this was definitely a breed that I would like to know. My first flat-coat came from Solitude Kennels in Prince George, Canada. He was a lovely boy but sadly his testicles never descended and I could not show him. His breeder, Sandy, found him a wonderful home, and he is happily hunting his heart out in Canada. In the fall of 2003, I got Mona, CH Valley Crest Mona Lisa's Angel RN, from Stacy at Valley Crest Kennels. She is my heart dog. I have learned so much working with her, especially that flaties are too darned smart, and too darned stubborn!

Toffee, Tamturi's Butter Rum, is my liver three year old from Mona's second litter. My golden, Chase, died this summer at the age of 14+ years, so I just have the two of them at home now. I co-own Ace, Am/Can CH Tamturi's Ace in the Hole RN, with my granddaughter Jessica Welch. He lives with her.

Currently, I am trying to finish Toffee. She is just three points from her Championship. I would like to breed her this winter or spring. I enjoy raising puppies and working with my puppy people. I would like to do more rally and also earn Therapy Dog status for my girls. I am not a hunter. My sum total of the hunting experience was hearing my husband tell me that we had to cut our honeymoon short because pheasant

Meet Out Board Members

season was starting and he had to go hunting on opening day! If he had had a flat-coat, I probably would have gone with him. I really enjoy watching these dogs do field work. It is truly a thing of beauty!

I enjoy reading, and some gardening. I have loved sewing since I was a little girl. Now that I am retired, I can knit and crochet as much as I like. My girls always know that when the yarn comes out, they must play with their toys or just sleep on my feet. I love them because they are smart, loyal, loving, and willing to go when I'm going and lay at my feet when I'm ready to rest!

P.S. And they are willing to share my pears with me if I can get to them first!

Kris Rainey, Vice-President

I live in Eugene in a home that has two acres with it. We moved here just over a year ago when this place became available. We had lived in this same development years back and really loved it. All the places are about 300 feet from each other and it is ideal for dogs.

I have been retired for awhile. We owned our own Mom and Pop store on highway outside of Eugene. Since my husband was tied to the store for a change I got a golden retriever and started to show in obedience. While at AKC shows I saw the flat-coats and my world changed for the better. I bent Dinah's ear for many shows and finally got my first flat in 1989.

Over the years I have shown in breed, obedience, agility, tracking and field.

I am vice president right now and the best thing I like is that I get to back up Jeanne. She does such a great job mine is an easy role. I do the five days of hospitality at the agility show and fill in whenever she asks.

I currently have two flats. Sizzle(GCH Whazthat All Fired Up VCD1 RE AX OAJ NF) and her mother Chili (CH Whazthat's Hot Head RN TD NA).

The dogs and I really enjoy agility and tracking. It is fun when you get the green ribbon but the trip there is more fun. My dogs bring a smile each and everyday I live with them. I can not imagine not having a flat coat.

I think my favorite story about one of the dogs was the one who tried stealing the turkey I was stuffing on the counter. I had a hold of one end and she tried to get it from me at the other end as I was putting in the dressing. I might add that since I did not see what she was up to I almost lost the bird.

(At the time Kris submitted this information, her dog Sizzle was eight weeks pregnant and in the "I Need You Every Minute" stage. Kris is proud to announce that Sizzle is now the mom of five puppy boys and two puppy girls!)

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 special 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...



In Loving Memory

MBIS/Int'l Gold Gch/Can Ch
Blacklace Magic Mocha Sapphire CGC JH
"Koby"

Owned and loved by Cathy and Ken Johnson

Meet Our Members



Introducing Kate Beevers, of McMinville, Oregon, and her puppy Silly.

My name is Kate Beevers, McMinnville, Oregon

I've been dogless for (8) eight years!

My husband Tim said "so...we have had dogs for the last 25 years now let's not for the next 25". I did not remember this part of the contract.

I really tried; I really, really tried.

Late last year Tim said if I finished my research paper(it had suffered from procrastination for 3 years) I could get a dog.

I didn't realize what an incentive that would be!

The paper is finished and it will be in the Nov/Dec issue of Neonatal Intensive Care magazine.

I wanted a dog who liked everyone but adored me.

Soft ears and I didn't have to lean over to pet (lazy)

I want to play catch but not obsess about it.

My first dog was a Lab/Ridgeback, my roommate had an Irish setter. I thought If I could blend Burnaby and Earl I'd have the perfect dog.

Sounds like a Flattie doesn't it?

Silhouette (Silly) joined our home in June. I am delighted to have her in my life "cold nose in my ear" 5:30 AM wake up and all.

I'm happier, I don't stay chained to work (have to walk the dog) I'm more productive

Silly is the BEST office dog. Life is a series on long naps interrupted by joyous walks and games 3X a day.

I am looking forward to all the things that go with having my first purebred dog. Including the people that go with the breed, how grumpy can you be with a Flatcoat in your life?

OFA Announces New Eye Certification Registry; CERF Clarifies Their Role

The OFA is pleased to announce a new Eye Certification Registry (ECR). The new ECR is a joint effort between the OFA and the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) and has the full endorsement of the ACVO and their member Diplomates. The addition of [eye examination](#) results to the OFA database will unquestionably make the OFA the most complete resource of canine health screening results in the world and enhance this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions in an effort to reduce the incidence of inherited disease.

The new OFA Eye Certification Registry will be available as of November 1, 2012. **Transition to this new registry should be seamless** for both owners and examining ophthalmologists:

EXAMS - There will be **no changes to the existing exam protocols**. The standard exam process will still be conducted by ACVO Diplomates assessing dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary eye disease.

RESULTS - There will be **no changes to the interpretation or classification of the exam results**. Dogs with normal [eye exams](#) will receive OFA eye clearance numbers similar to the OFA numbers issued for hips, elbows, cardiac, etc. Dogs with observable, but passing conditions (currently known as Breeder Option Codes), will be issued notated OFA eye clearance numbers. Dogs with observed eye diseases of significance will be reported as ineligible for eye clearance numbers. A complete list of Breeder Option Codes and Ineligible Categories will be available on the OFA website soon.

FORMS – All active ACVO Diplomates will receive the new OFA exam forms by mid-October in advance of the transition. The forms will be similar in format to the exam forms currently in use.

VALID PERIOD – OFA eye certification numbers will be considered valid for one year from the time of the exam.

FEES - Fees for both initial submissions (\$12) and resubmits (\$8) of passing results for eye certifications will remain the same with one change. In order to maximize the benefits to breeders it is important to encourage owners to share all exam data, both normal and non-passing results. To that end, there is no charge to owners to submit non-passing results to the database if they authorize open disclosure.

ONLINE ACCESS – All normal/passing eye exam results submitted to the OFA will be available on the OFA's website. Non-passing results will be available on the OFA website if the owner authorizes disclosure.

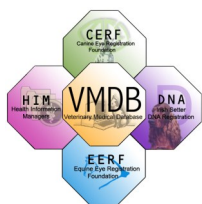
AKC – OFA eye certification numbers will be shared with the AKC for inclusion on their registration and pedigree documents if the dog was permanently identified via microchip or tattoo AND the id was verified by the ophthalmologist at the time of the exam.

STATISTICAL DATA COLLECTION – Regardless of whether the owner opts to register eye exam results with the OFA, the examining ophthalmologist will submit the results for statistical purposes to monitor disease prevalence and progression at the breed level. Working with the ACVO Genetics Committee, the OFA will make aggregate statistics available to ACVO Diplomates, breed clubs, and the public.

In addition to the new Eye Certification Registry (ECR), the OFA is working with the ACVO to establish a new Clinical Database of Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD). Recognizing that the ECR represents a biased

population of primarily normal dogs, the CDOD will capture additional data regarding disease prevalence for those dogs presenting to private and institutional practices for reasons other than [a certification](#) exam. Together, the OFA's new ECR and CDOD will be important tools to monitor canine inherited eye conditions and reduce their incidence.

As a not-for-profit organization, a portion of the proceeds from all OFA eye registrations will be donated to the **ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation** to support research leading to the elimination of ocular diseases causing vision loss and suffering in animals. In keeping with the OFA's existing policy to support canine health research grants, these donations will be in addition to grants supported through the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation.



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Dear CERF Breeder,

President

Robert Malinowski, DVM, MA

In light of the recent OFA press release, CERF would like to take a moment to share some information on how this may affect your registration process.

Immediate Past President

Allen W. Hahn, DVM, PhD

OFA and the ACVO Board of Regents have partnered to establish a new Eye Registry through OFA. This new registry is a separate organization from CERF. CERF will continue its working relationship with OFA, ACVO Diplomates and continue to service our dog breeders. You can continue to request CERF examinations when making appointments with your ACVO Ophthalmologist. The Canine Eye Registration Foundation through its purebred and hybrid registry and research data bases provides breeders and Veterinary Ophthalmologists unique tools by which to help ensure the ocular health of dogs as well as a means to investigate potential ocular diseases in dogs. Only through your continued support of CERF are we able to collect these data and to provide these valuable services.

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We are in the process of upgrading our CERF registration database and welcome any suggestions on how we may improve our registration process.

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CERF is now on Facebook!! Please take a moment to "like" our page and check back for any updates. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Canine-Eye-Registration-Foundation-CERF/130747340405526>

[Canine Eye Registration Foundation- CERF](#). Looking forward to hearing from you.

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We appreciate your continued support,

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Sponsored Entry Results

Our last sponsored entry was held at the Rainer Sporting Dog show in Enumclaw on August 16th. Results follow.

Sweepstakes:

Junior Dogs 12-15 months: Wauna Run's Mario Andretti. Owner: Mary & John Aykens.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months: Rainshadow's Rollin On The River. Owner: Jo Chinn & Steve Chinn.

Best Puppy in Sweeps: Wauna Run's Mario Andretti. Owner: Mary & John Aykens.

Field/Gun Dog Sweepstakes Dogs: GCh Blacklace Magic Mocha Sapphire,JH. Owner: Ken & Cathy Johnson.

Field/Gun Dog Sweepstakes Bitches: CH Moonlight Black Dahlia RN JH. Owner: Salomeja Garolis.

Best in Field/Gun Dog Sweeps: GCh Blacklace Magic Mocha Sapphire,JH. Owner: Ken & Cathy Johnson.

Regular Classes:

Puppy Dogs 12-18: Wauna Run's Mario Andretti. Owner: Mary & John Aykens.

Open Dogs: Traeloch's Midnight Regatta. Owner: David A Braucht.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months: Rainshadow's Rollin On The River. Owner: Jo Chinn & Steve Chinn.

Open Bitches: Tamturi's Butter Rum. Owner: Linda Monroe.

Veteran Dogs: GCH Mach Shasta Brownstone CD JH RA. Owner: Joyce

Brackney.

Best of Breed: CH Moonlight Black Dahlia RN JH. Owner: Salomeja Garolis.

Best of Opposite Sex: Wind Dancers All Star & Stripes. Owner: Shawna Noyd.

Select Dog: GCH Mach Shasta Brownstone CD JH RA. Owner: Joyce

Brackney.

Select Bitch: CH Gondolin Misty Mountain River Canyon. . Owner: Kathy Adams.

Best of Winners: Tamturi's Butter Rum. Owner: Linda Monroe.

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