



Important Dates:

March 29: Supported Entry at Chintimini Kennel Club in Albany. Entries close on March 12. Superintendent: Onofrio.

May 30-June 6: Flatcoated Retriever Society of America National Specialty in Albany.

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FLAT -COAT TIMES

WINTER 2014



Happy Holidays!



Heather Dawson's 'Mick' seems to have a message for Santa. But with a name like **Am/Int'l Ch Flashback's Paint It Black CD RA JH NAJ NJ WC CGC**, how could have time to be naughty? Let's hope Santa visits him this year!

President's Message



Meet Jeanne's gorgeous girl,
"Kiss".

It is also time for elections. President, Secretary and one board position are open this year. Sheila Bradshaw is stepping down this year and we need someone to run for her position. I also would like someone to take over and run for the President's position.

Hello all,

Wishing you all very Happy Holidays. Which ever you celebrate, I hope you have time to spend with family, friends and of course our beloved fur babies. I also hope you had a great Thanksgiving.

We had a nice turnout for the supported entry on Sat Oct 26th. There was an entry of 3 in puppy sweeps, 7 in veterans sweeps and 23 in the regular classes. Thank you to Linda Monroe for organizing this again. You have done an awesome job for the last few years. The trophies were beautiful Mikasa glass pieces. Thank you to Sheila Bradshaw for organizing the dinner at Jollie's restaurant that evening. We had about 20 people in attendance. We also had a raffle with several nice items. We had fun visiting with one another. A complete list of winners can be found in the newsletter. GCH "Now" Gold GCH Shasta's Brownstone was the BOB winner. This win gave him the final points he needed for the gold. He is the only liver to attain this honor. Congrats to all the winners.

I hope that there were many new titles earned this year. Congrats to all who had the pleasure of adding to their dog's name.

Plans are well under way for the speciality in June. Time is going to go very quickly so if you haven't already, please think about helping out somewhere. Please contact any of the committee members or board if you would like to help or if you're not sure, just drop us a note and we'll be happy to let you know where help is needed.

Thank you to all of the officers and board members for all your hard work again this year. I couldn't do my job without your support. It is also time for elections. President, Secretary and one board position are open this year. Sheila Bradshaw is stepping down this year and we need someone to run for her position. I also would like someone to take over and run for the President's position. Please let us know if you know of someone willing to run or if you would consider it yourself. Elections will be held at the supported show in Albany in early April.

To all who lost a friend this year, my heartfelt condolences. We all feel the pain of loss of our very special four footed companions. They fill our hearts with so much love and ask for so little in return that when they are gone there is a hole left that only the memories of them can fill. Remember them with your heart and they are never truly gone.

Jeanne Allen, President

Supported Entry Results

Our Supported Entry was held in Ridgefield, Washington on Oct. 26th. Results were:

Sweepstakes: Judge Candace Way

Best Puppy: **WHAZTHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS.** Bred and owned by Jeanne Allen.

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

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran: **CH MACH SAUDADES' FIRST STAR IC TONITE RA TD OF CA.** Bred by Keli and David Martin. Owned by Victoria Peterson & John Lovegrove & Keli Martin.

Regular Classes: Judge Yvonne Savard

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs: **NORTHERN LIGHTS RIVER WILD.** Bred by Heather Dawson. Owned by Heather Dawson and Juli & Levi Milburn.

Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos: **SAUDADES FORBIDDEN ROMANCE AT CATORI.** Bred by Keli, David Martin. Owned by Shawna Noyd and Keli Martin.

Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches: **WHAZTHAT'S WILD THANG.** Bred by Jeanne Allen, Kris Rainey, and Deb Petersen. Owned by Jeanne K Allen and Kris Rainey and Deb Petersen.

Open Bitches: **BLACFRIAR GRACE OF SWIFTWATER.** Bred by Rachel T. Hill. Owned by Susan Krav-it-Smith.

Winners Bitch: **BLACFRIAR GRACE OF SWIFTWATER.** Bred by Rachel T. Hill. Owned by Susan Krav-it-Smith.

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

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 SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI.** Bred by Joyce Brackney, Dinah Baggenstos. Owned by Lura Dunn and David Kerschner.

Select Bitch: **CH Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River.** Bred by Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Joyce Brackney. Owned by Jo and Steve Chinn.

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership! Our membership secretary Linda Monroe recently sent cheery greetings and membership renewal notices through the mail. If you did not receive yours, or have questions, please phone her at 509.845.0550 or email her at tamturifer@clearwire.net

The Flatcoated Retriever

Type and Function

By Edward J. Atkins

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The development of man's ability to shoot larger numbers of flying and running game required developing dogs for the retrieving function. During the middle 1600's the British Royal family and many of the nobility took refuge with the French aristocracy during the English revolution, and up to the Restoration. The French Royals had developed the sport of shooting large numbers of birds into a grand social pastime and when the British bluebloods returned to England they brought this with them. Various types of dogs were used to drive, locate or recover the game. Early prints of shooting scenes in France show many Spaniels, and some very sturdy setter like dogs retrieving.

As the shotgun technology improved there was a need for a specialized retrieving dog to collect game from land and water. Each landed family or region developed strains of retrievers from whatever worked. The heavy type setter seen in the early prints seems to have been the basis of this development. These were crossed with working farm dogs ("collies") to make them more trainable, the shipboard dogs brought back from the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and Labrador to add strength and water working ability, and truthfully anything else that man or critter could perceive. By the mid 1800's the fashion was to favor solid black as the color for a retriever and this led to some standardization for conformation that suited the dogs to the work required. This can be seen in prints, paintings and bronze statues of dogs from the period.



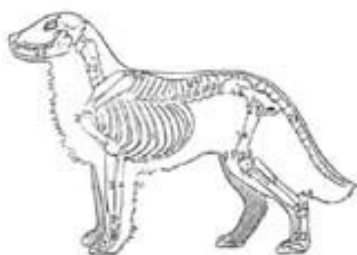
Painting of flatcoat by Reuben Ward Binks for the book, Gun-dogs, by Chalmers.

When shows began the animals exhibited were the better-looking workers. Dr. Bond Moore a country doctor in the British midlands was also a show judge and shooting man. He was very instrumental in helping to standardize retriever shape, size and in providing the "right sort" to wealthy patrons such as S. E. Shirley, of Ettington, who was for the next 30 years the breed's great patron and also founded the Kennel Club. What evolved is a strongly built dog of medium size with a dense weather resistant coat that lay generally flat as opposed to being curly or rough. First referred to as Wavy Coated and then with the current breed name, Flat Coated. In no manner should these terms be confused by a show trend to excessively groom for a smooth coat.

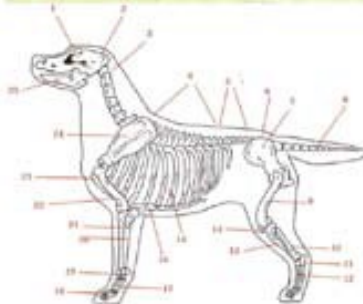
The one thing that separates a quality flatcoat from other retrievers is a very distinctive and practical outline. The head is long and clean with the strength to carry any game. It is a one-piece head with little distinction between skull and foreface and these are equal in length. Stop is slight and gradual but a down face or collie like head would be atypical. It is set upon a strong neck that flows well into the dogs back. This is essential for a proper front end and makes the back of the dog appear square while the overall profile shows a long (from point of the breast or prow to the last rib) deep ribcage that tapers up to a strong square loin.

The forechest is only moderately broad but viewed from front or side will show a distinct prow. This prow is a physical structure not a groomed fluff of hair.

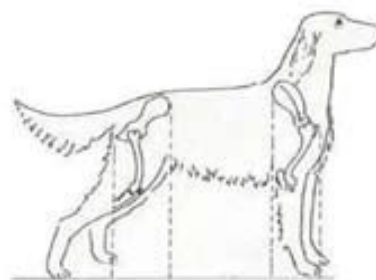
The shoulderblade (top point of withers to shoulder joint), upper arm (shoulder joint to the elbow), and forearm (elbow down to the pastern or wrist) are each of approximate equal length. With the shoulder blade and upper arm set at about a 90- degree angle. This structure with the round well-arched foot and strong but sloping pastern of moderate length provide the shock absorber system to protect the integrity of the skeletal system and the internal organs.



Correct Flatcoat type and skeletal structure



Incorrect Labrador type with Labrador skeletal structure



Incorrect Setter type with Setter structure

When standing approximately 65% of the weight is on the front assembly and in action over 90% of the concussion of striking the ground is absorbed up front. The proper front also allowing for a smooth ground covering action; the efficiency of fewer steps also minimizes shock to the system, and encourages both endurance and durability.

The flatcoat topline should be generally level, never sloping or swayed. If the neck is properly set and shoulders set well into the back there will always be a very slight but perceivable dip just behind the withers. Any softness of back or longer than square loin region is seriously faulty and tends to render a hard worked dog unsound at a relatively early age. In this respect, upright shoulders, weak or upright pasterns, a soft back and loose loin region (open couplings) are as crippling to a worker as moderate hip disease.

Form and Function, continued

The rear of a flatcoat should be well muscled with angulation in balance with the shoulders. The second thigh or gaskins (knee to the hock) should be of a good length at least equal to the thigh (hip to knee), with hocks well let down (short). The optimum function for a retriever is to propel itself forward using the rear as an efficient lever not as a pushing instrument. Dogs that are over angulate must push in a constant uphill position, squandering needed energy for endurance and placing greater stress on the hips and spine.

In summary the flatcoat is a strong but elegant, medium size dog with substance and bone. Deep rather than rounded in ribcage with a very distinct blunted triangle shape formed by the level back, deep brisket with prominent prow, tapering up to the last rib to form a tuckup. A flatcoat is never compact or cobby, nor is it overly rangy (length of body). The general appearance of the breed; “showing power without lumber (excess flesh) and raciness (higher stationed on legs) without weediness (slightness in bone or general build). Any attempt to stylize or change the shape of the dog by shaving, barbering, fluffing, etc is reprehensible and more often than not is a red flag calling attention to the very faults it seeks to hide. A bit of tidying of the ear fringes, throat and feathers should be the ly grooming needed.



Edward J. Atkins has owned flatcoats and Chesapeakes since 1953, and currently uses the prefixes Wyndham in the USA and Wyndhamian in the UK. Over the years he has bred many champions around the world from a limited-breeding program aimed at producing gundogs for his own use in North Dakota, a region noted for plentiful upland game and migrating waterfowl. In addition to horses and cattle, he has judged Chesapeakes, flatcoats and goldens since 1972.

2014 Specialty: Spotlight on Conformation

In this edition, we shine the specialty spotlight on conformation, also known as the “breed ring”, or to my neighbors, “the show dogs”. In the northwest, most flatcoats who compete in the breed ring are also obedience, hunting, agility, or tracking dogs.

(Note: if you are brand new to conformation shows, go to

<http://classic.akc.org/events/conformation/beginners.cfm> to get a good overview of how dog shows work.)

At the specialty, the excitement for conformation begins on Monday, June 2nd with the Veterans Sweepstakes. Judge Shelley Marks will preside over the ring as our older dogs strut their stuff. Veterans is always heartwarming as we cheer and celebrate each dog entered. There are three separate classes for dogs and bitches, depending on their ages: Age 7 and under 9 years, Age 9 and under 11 years, Age 11 years and over. These dogs compete for the “Best Veteran in Sweepstakes” and “Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes”, but do not go on to compete in Best of Breed competition. Dogs and bitches entered in the veterans classes may be altered.

On Tuesday, June 3, the puppies get their turn! This is always the “cutest” event at the specialty, with many of the entries just past their qualifying birthday and many of them with no ring experience. Getting around the circle can be a challenge! Again, our Judge is Shelley Marks. The puppy classes (separate for dogs and bitches) are 6months-under 9 months, 9-under 12 months, 12-under 15 months, and 15-uner 18 months. They compete for “Best Puppy in Sweepstakes” and “Best Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes”. This year, we include a new event: a 4-6 month class!

Following the Puppy Sweeps on Tuesday, Judge Sid Marks takes the ring to judge Gun Dog Bitches. This class is open to bitches who have earned a field title. On Wednesday, the Gun Dog Dogs (boys) get their chance.

Judge Kurt Anderson takes command of the ring on Wednesday as we begin the march to “Best of Breed.” Beginning with 6-9 month dogs, he will proceed through 9-12 months dogs, 12-15 month dogs, 15-18 month dogs, Amateur Owner Handler Dogs, Bred by Exhibitor Dogs, American Bred Dogs, and Open Dogs. They are all competing for the “Winners’ Dog” award, and the opportunity to move on to Best of Breed Competition on Friday. On Thursday, Judge Anderson has another exhausting day as the bitches take the ring. There are also classes on Wednesday and Thursday for Field Trial Dogs and Field Trial Bitches, Working Dogs and Working Bitches, and Veterans.

Friday is Best of Breed Day. In past specialties, there have been 100-130 champions vying for this title. Dogs and bitches are divided into groups of about 10, and the judge proceeds to make cuts to narrow the field. It is honorable to come away with an “I Made the Cut” ribbon. Dogs reenter the ring and the judge makes cuts until he determines this year’s Best of Breed (who gets to sport the title BISS) and Best of Opposite Sex. He also chooses Select Dog, Select Bitch, and gives Judges Awards of Merit to 10% of the entries.

Following Best of Breed, the “stud dogs” enter the ring with their “get”, followed by the “brood bitches” and their “get”. This is a lot of fun, with handlers sometimes sporting matching shirts.

With a superb facility and grooming/crating under the same roof, the Albany specialty conformation events will be comfortable and classy. Bring on the dogs!

Our Dogs



Furricane Flatties send their Christmas greetings to all the northwest flatcoats and their people. Seated below are Valley Crest Furrricane's King of Cantrip "Mischief", Valleycrest Feudin' Fussin' and a Fighten' MX MXJ "Jasper".



To the right: "Truffles" "Whazthat's Written in the Stars was Best Puppy in Sweeps at the supported show on Oct 26th under judge Sharol Candace Way. This was her first show. She was handled by owner/breeder Jeanne Allen.

Kate Beevers sends us this admission of guilt: Valley Crest Magical Silhouette aka Silly got a 96 and a 99 in her first rally competition. Unfortunately, Kate (that's me) invalidated the 99 score by having a cookie in the ring. I didn't lure Siily, I rewarded her at the end but before I had left the ring. Hear the groan from the crowd? My bad, I didn't read the instructions. Well, live and learn, the dog won, a cookie was all the reward she was looking for.

Those helpful flatcoats! They like to be in the center of the holiday spirit, helping in any way they can! To the left, Valley Crest Magical Silhouette "Silly" enjoyed putting up tinsel. Says owner Kate Beevers, "Silly loves tinsel. We don't use tinsel anymore.

Below, Bart helps set the table for a holiday meal. Bart, otherwise known as Black Bart of the Caribbean, is owned by Pamela Hill.



Our Dogs

Nancy Dyson and her "Inklin" (Am/Can CH Coastalight Just An Inklin Am/Can CDX JH WC) enjoy a new venture: carting! She writes: "Some friends with Bernese Mountain Dogs encouraged us to try the sport and Inklin took to it like the proverbial duck to water. We even joined our fellow carters (the team is named "A La Cart," of course) in the Bellingham Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis on December 14th. Everyone decorated their carts and it was quite the festive outing with most of Bellingham in attendance. Inklin's cart was filled with greenery and dokkens and decorated with flashing lights and bells. A friend made the special "slow" sign for us."



Our Dogs

Vicki Peterson from Medford sends us a report on the Solstice Flatcoat Retrievers:

I will start with the Flat Coat Agility trial in Central Point, Oregon, in July. My girl, Twinkle, Ch MACH Saudades' First Star IC Tonite RA TD MX MXB MXJ MJS OF CA, got injured when she hit the triple jump on her second run of the first day. Although not noticeably lame, on the advice of her vet, chiropractor, & masseuse, I pulled her for the rest of the trial. She has been undergoing rest & therapy for her injury, and hopefully she will be ready to return to competition in January or February 2014. At the same trial, Obi, Ch Heronbeck Obsidian Stout RN TD AXP MJP OFP CA, had one glorious day where everything came together and we qualified in both Masters jumpers and standard for his first PACH QQ and finished his MJP title! He also earned his Open Fast Preferred title there too.

It has been a busy fall for us. In September, I took "Dax", Saudades' Daily News of Denmark, down to the Sir Francis Drake shows where she took reserve to majors. Then we went to Del Valle, where we saw lots of FCR friends, but the only ribbon worth noting was Obi's first qualifying leg in Rally Advanced. The end of October found us at the Vancouver Kennel Club show & supported entry where we had a great time. Dax took reserve WB Saturday, and Twinkle took best op in the veterans sweeps. Then Sunday was a "Best Day Ever" with Dax going WB and Best Op for her first major (4 pts.)! with handler Tiffany Skinner. While Dax was showing, Twinkle and I managed to earn the final leg in Nov. obedience for Twinkle's CD title. That entitled Twinkle the Versatile Companion Dog 1 title! She is now CH MACH Saudades' First Star IC Tonite VCD1 RA MXB MJS OF CA.

In November, we had two shows in Oregon, with Dax earning another point in conformation and her CGC, and Obi earning another leg in Rally Advanced. We are taking time off from showing to enjoy the holidays but will be gearing up in the Spring for the Albany, Oregon shows, and of course getting ready for the FCR national specialty in June 2014!



Playtime for Obi and Dax! Looks like Obi thinks he's a bit mature for playtime!



Obi also enjoys working as a therapy dog.

Susan Kravit Smith writes: On Oct. 12th in Cloverdale, BC - Gracie (Blacfriar Grace of Swiftwater) took winners bitch, and then Oct. 13th she went Best of Breed over a male special. Not bad for a 20 month old girl! Especially since she had just blown her coat. She then got winners bitch for a 3 point major at the supported entry in Ridgefield WA Oct 26th.

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A jubilant Luna (Blazingstar Midnight Loon *Am*/Can WC) returns her bird to handler/owner Jennifer Stanley at the WC test in October. Luna easily passed the test. Jennifer's SHR FowlPlay Just Here For The Party JH *Am*/Can WCX "Paris" passed her WCX with style, lining all her marks. Awesome for an 8 1/2 year old veteran girl! Below, Paris races back from the second bird, looking to the third!



Health Matters

Compound Derived From a Mushroom Lengthens Survival Time in Dogs With Cancer, Penn Vet Study Finds

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PHILADELPHIA — Dogs with hemangiosarcoma that were treated with a compound derived from the *Coriolus versicolor* mushroom had the longest survival times ever reported for dogs with the disease. These promising findings offer hope that the compound may one day offer cancer patients — human and canine alike — a viable alternative or complementary treatment to traditional chemotherapies.

The study was conducted by two [University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine](#) faculty. [Dorothy Cimino Brown](#) is professor and chair of the [Department of Clinical Studies](#) and director of the [Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center](#). [Jennifer Reetz](#) is an attending radiologist in the [Department of Clinical Studies](#). They published their findings in an open-access article in the journal [Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#).

The *Coriolus versicolor* mushroom, known commonly as the Yunzhi mushroom, has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for more than 2,000 years. The compound in the mushroom that is believed to have immune-boosting properties is polysaccharopeptide, or PSP. In the last two decades, some studies have suggested that PSP also has a tumor-fighting effect.

“There have been a series of studies looking at groups of people with cancer,” Cimino Brown said. “The issue with those studies is that they weren’t necessarily measuring what most people would think is the most clinically important result, which is, do people taking PSP live longer?”

To address this critical question, Cimino Brown and Reetz pursued a study in dogs with naturally occurring hemangiosarcoma, an aggressive, invasive cancer that arises from the blood cells and typically affects the spleen. It commonly strikes golden retrievers and German shepherds.

Fifteen dogs that had been diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma participated in the trial. Divided into three groups of five, each group received a different dose — 25, 50 or 100 mg/kg/day — of [I’m-Yunity](#), a formulation of PSP that has been tested for consistency and good manufacturing processes.

The owners were instructed to give their dog capsules of I’m-Yunity, compounded by Penn pharmacists, daily. Each month, the owners brought their dogs to Penn’s [Ryan Veterinary Hospital](#) for follow-up visits. There, the researchers took blood samples and conducted ultrasounds to determine the extent that tumors developed or grew and spread in the dogs’ bodies.



Dorothy Cimino Brown

Based on the ultimate endpoints — how quickly the tumors progressed and how long the dogs actually lived — the results of the researchers’ trial suggest that the I’m-Yunity was effectively fighting the tumors.

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“We were shocked,” Cimino Brown said. “Prior to this, the longest reported median survival time of dogs with hemangiosarcoma of the spleen that underwent no further treatment was 86 days. We had dogs that lived beyond a year with nothing other than this mushroom as treatment.”

There were not statistically significant differences in survival between the three dosage groups, though the median survival time was highest in the 100 mg group, at 199 days, eclipsing the previously reported median survival time.

The results were so surprising, in fact, that the researchers asked Penn Vet pathologists to recheck the dogs’ tissue biopsies to make sure that the dogs really had the disease.

“They reread the samples and said, yes, it’s really hemangiosarcoma



Jennifer Reetz

Meet Our Members



Meet Karen Dolphin and her canine family.

My husband, Craig, and I live on wooded acreage in Custer, WA. He's a marine biologist turned database designer and I'm a veterinarian. We currently have two flat-coats. Flynn (Affinity In Like Flynn VCD2 RA MX AXJ XF) is 6 years old and our first flat-coat. He's my first competition dog and has endured all my novice training mistakes with good humor and endless enthusiasm for the 'games' we play. A complete ham, he believes that every stranger he meets is a future member of his fan club. Kiera (Affinity With The Starlight RN OA) just turned two. She's my husband's agility dog, but I'm doing rally, obedience, and starting field work with her. Though a high energy, eager worker, her specialty at home is snuggling on the couch or laying on our feet. We also have three cats who regularly receive baths from the dogs.



I grew up with mixed breed dogs, but when my first dog after graduation (a Lab-Shepherd mix) turned out to have inherited the worst hips I'd ever seen, I decided that I would like to try starting with a physically sound dog the next time round. I knew that retrievers as a group had the general characteristics that I most appreciated in a dog. So I looked through a textbook on genetic diseases (it was, admittedly, an older text and didn't mention the cancers in great depth) and thought the flat-coat looked promising. From there I did more breed specific reading and then went to some dog shows to meet them. It was basically love at first meeting. A few years later I was lucky enough to have clients, now friends, with flat-coats and they introduced me to Sophia Fanous of Affinity. When the time was finally right, Flynn came home.

I originally planned to do agility and dabble a bit in obedience.

Flynn was so eager to do anything with me that we went to an informational day about tracking and somehow wound up adding that to our activities list. We're now working toward our TDX. He's a very willing worker and we finished our CD and CDX quickly, so we jumped off the deep end and started training for Utility. That's been a long project with a huge learning curve, but really interesting. We picked up two legs in

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2013, so here's hoping we can finish in 2014! The rally titles came as a way to ease him into the obedience ring; I figured that being able to talk to him his first few times under judgment would be a help. Plus, it was fun.

Agility is our favorite activity and one the whole family does.

Training me to execute my handling moves cleanly and soon enough wound up being far harder than training Flynn. The boy does have a tendency to knock bars (I think double Q's are against his religion), but so far Kiera tends to jump clean.

Field work appeared on our radar this past year and will likely be replacing tracking for awhile (though I still want to get Flynn's TDX after all the work we've done). The dogs are incredibly excited by it and we both enjoy watching them do the work they were bred for.

Outside of training and competing, we enjoy hiking with the dogs and taking them to the beach. We also go running three times a week, which Flynn and Kiera enjoy a lot more than Craig and I do. Watching them race around the fields alongside us makes our fitness routine vastly more enjoyable. **And, ultimately, that may be what I love most about living with flat-coats - everything is more fun when they're with you.**

WC/WCX Results

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club held the WC/WCX at Greenleaf Farm in Monroe on Oct. 13, 2013. For the WC, there were 22 starters with 15 passes, for the WCX, 14 starters with 10 passes. Congrats to the flatcoats and their handlers who passed:

WC: Blazing Star Midnight Loon
CAN WC "Luna", owned and handled by Jennifer Stanley

CH Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River "Flo", owned and handled by Jo Chinn

WCX: SHR Fowlplay Just Here For The Party, JH, WC, CAN WCX "Paris", owned and handled by Jennifer Stanley

Can CH Glainddu's Star Of Wonder, TD WC CAN TD JH WCI AgJJ CD "Shasta", owned and handle by Carol Redekopp



Women in Black: Jennifer Stanley (left) and Jo Chinn celebrate new WC and WCX titles with Luna, Paris, and Flo .

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 Memoriam of Scupper

04/05/2012 – 10/19/2013

Loved

By

Rob an Rhonda Porter

Our sweet puppy Scupper passed away on October 19, 2013. Scupper battled health issues throughout his short life and was able to pack in a lot of happiness to those around him during his 18 months. He enjoyed swimming, walks on the beach, short hikes, playing with our kids and our kitten.

Scupper's favorite games included playing "hide and seek" or sneaking up on us in the kitchen. Scupper liked to inspect grocery bags – he had quite the nose! He had a lot of fun teasing the kitten and they were very entertaining together. He had a special gaze (which we called "the look") that he would give to my husband when he wanted to Rob to take him for a walk. One of his favorite walks would be up to the hardware store where he would put his paws up on the counter and be lathered with attention from the clerks. He knew which neighbors to frisk with his nose to find a hidden treat. Thankfully, he also loved going to the vets, which was lucky for us as we were there often. Scup just loved life, people, squirrels, cats and most other dogs.

He was a wonderful friend and is terribly missed by all who knew him. He is now reunited with two of his litter-mates across the rainbow bridge.

—Rhonda Porter



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 2014 are: President and Secretary

Our retiring president, Jeanne Allen, will fill a board position, as required by our by-laws.

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 2014. e mail me at shelenfcr@aol.com

Submitted By,

Sheila Bradshaw

Secretary

Merry Christmas

from newsletter editor Jo Chinn and the girls:

Blackstone's Hissy Fit CD BN AXP
AJP RE

CH Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River
WC

GCH CH Blackstone's Someone's in
the Kitchen with Dinah CD RE TD
NA NAJ

Thanks to you all for your care and concern and enquiries about Hiss's health. The vet gave us predizone and tramadol and sent us home to wait, and I wasn't sure she'd still be with us when I came back from the supported entry. However, after the terrible downturn, she is doing well. She walks, romps, sniffs for 2 miles every morning, and can jump in and out of the car. She still steals food. And she still loves to play dress up. We hope she makes it to her 11th birthday in January.



Officers/Board of Directors

Yes the lighthouse logo
should go here. But I can't
find it. And I am tired of
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