



Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

# FLAT-COAT TIMES

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## Drum Roll Please: ANNOUNCING OUR NEW WEBSITE!!!

New Club Website at [NWflatcoat.org](http://NWflatcoat.org)

### Important Dates:

December: Watch for election information.

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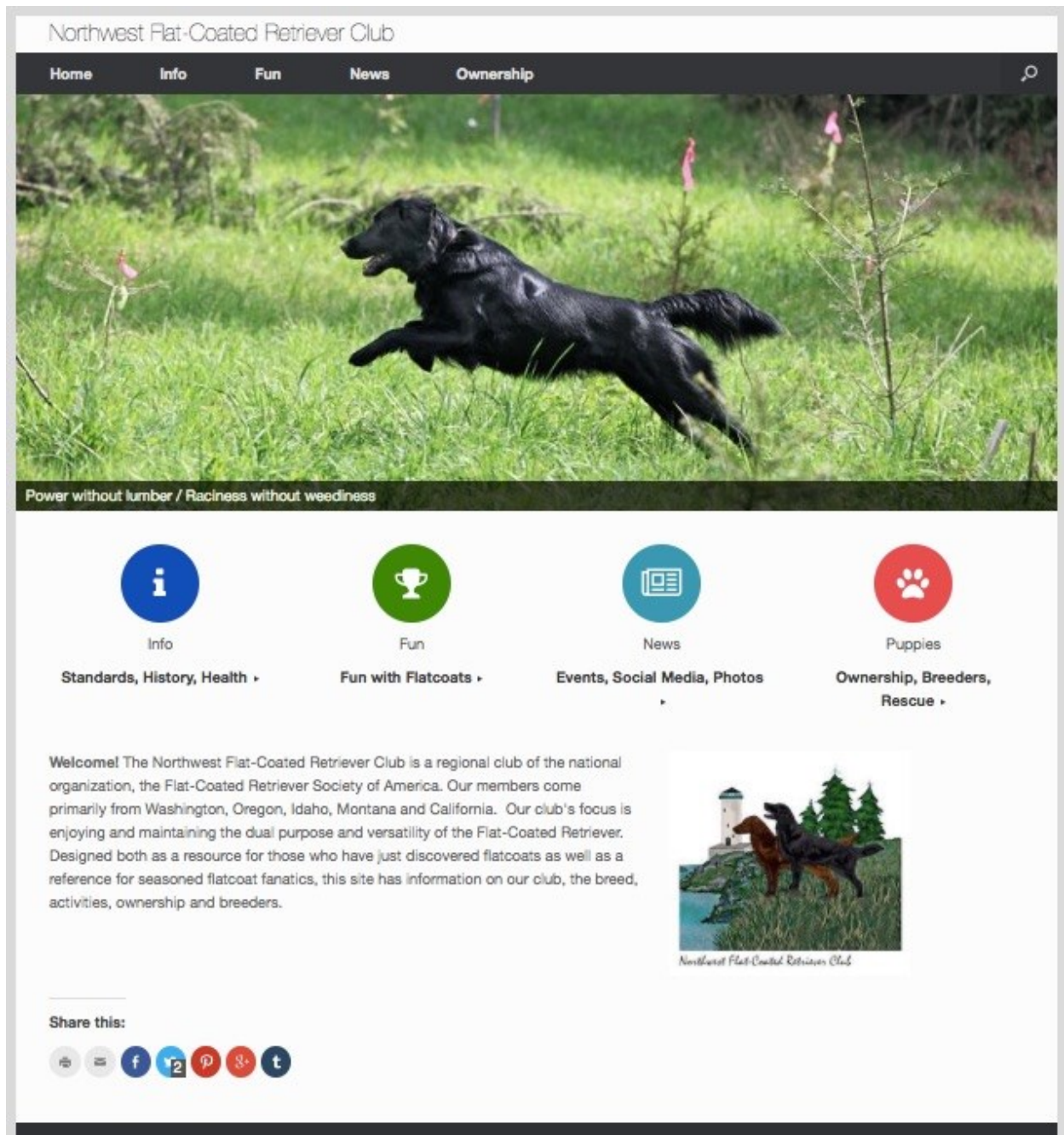
Building on the foundation Heather Dawson has assembled over the past few years, the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club has started to build a new website, facebook page, twitter feed and instagram account. The website features information about the club, flatcoats, activities, news, photos and breeders. It is designed for both hardened flatcoat fanatics and people who are interested in learning a bit about flatcoats. The goal is to have a website that has real value for club members and also shares the fun of flatcoats with the wider community. The website has a new address, [NWflatcoat.org](http://NWflatcoat.org), in order to use the .org suffix and the old web address has been configured to redirect users to the new site.

The new website is designed to work with social media and there are buttons on every page to help share the information on user's facebook, twitter, pinterest, tumblr and google+ pages. News items are published in a blog format that is automatically posted on the club's new facebook page ([facebook.com/NWflatcoat](https://facebook.com/NWflatcoat)) and twitter account ([twitter.com/nwflatcoat/](https://twitter.com/nwflatcoat/)) as well. There is also an easy signup on the news page to receive the news items as a convenient email as soon as they come out! There is a photo page with multiple albums and we are working on connections to instagram to share flatcoat fan photos from around the world.

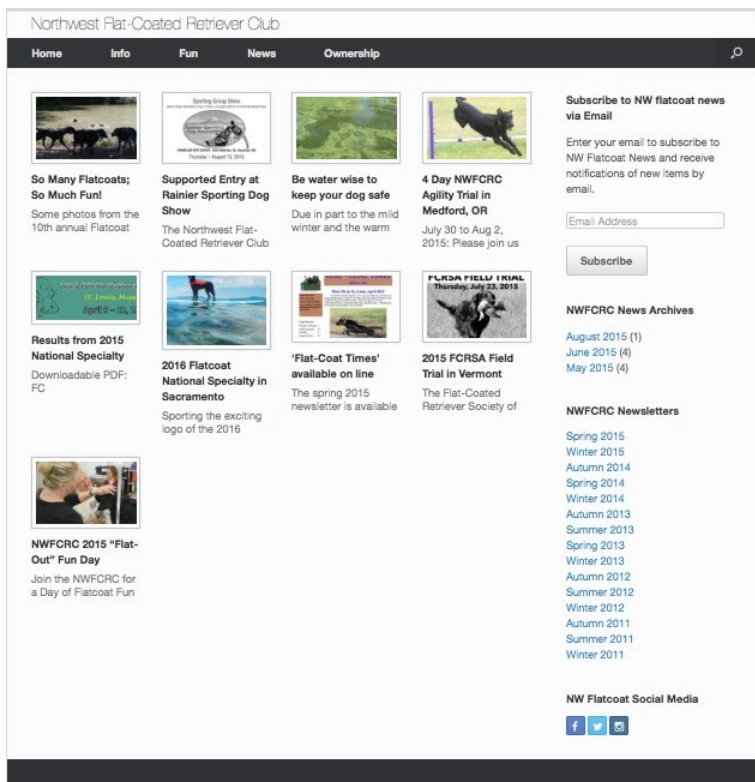
In addition to information on many organized and recreational flatcoat activities there are some useful resources for all northwest dog owners such as links to current water quality data. There is a page for prospective flatcoat owners designed as a humorous reality check and a list of club breeders with links. There is also an extended listing of flatcoat sites around the North America many of which also have useful information.

## *New Website, cont'd.*

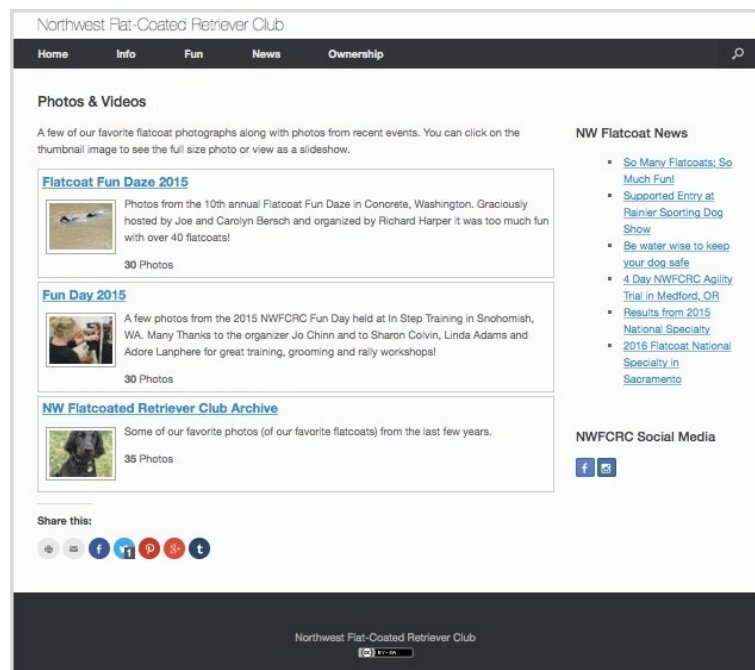
Take a peek at the new website: here's the home page. When you visit the page online, make sure to click through the slide show to see a selection of photos of our beautiful, versatile dogs.



## New Website, cont'd.



You're viewing the "News" page to the left. When you visit the page online, you'll be able to click on each photo for more information. For example, "So Many Flatcoats; So Much Fun" links you to information pics from this year's Fun Daze.



Here's another of the "News" pages. As you can see, the pages are organized, colorful, and easy to understand. All the links work! And most importantly for people wanting to know what's going on in our flatcoat world, the information is up-to-date.

Our club owes Jon Izant a huge "Thank You" for creating the new site. Now we need to send Jon our photos and information so that the site is always updated with the latest news of northwest flatcoats!

## *President's Message*

In lieu of a message from the president, Vice-President (and Co-Chair of the 2014 Specialty) Joyce Brackney asks members to consider putting on another specialty:

Now the question I want to ask everyone is----Does anyone want to do another specialty in June 2019 in Albany, Oregon????

I think we did a wonderful job last time and know it would be so much easier since we know what to expect. I found some great dates in later June 2019. The 2017 specialty is in New York and the 2018 specialty is in Pennsylvania.

I feel like I have another specialty in me. I will be 70 then but my health is good. If the club does not want to do another specialty then I will let the dates go. I hate to commit without the major jobs assigned. Most of the board is in favor of doing another one.

**Please let me know if you are in favor of doing another specialty and if there are any jobs you would take on. The Albany fairgrounds are a wonderful venue.**

Joyce Brackney  
NWFCRC Vice president  
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## *Club News: Change of By-Laws*

The Board of Directors of the NWFCRC would like to propose a change to the by-laws of the club, enabling us to hold elections in December instead of waiting until the first meeting of club members in the spring. This would enable us to begin planning the club's activities in January instead of having to wait for the new board to be decided. This change will be placed before the club members for a vote in the spring.

However, we would like to hold the election for 2016 Board Members this December. To this end, we are placing this notice in the Newsletter to inform everyone of this change and allow anyone who might have an exception to it time to notify the board of their objection.

If you feel that we should not hold the election by mail vote in December, please contact one of the board members via email or snail mail. Their names can be found on the front of this Newsletter, on the back of your 2015 Club Roster, or on the NWFCRC website NWflatcoat.org .

We really would like to have the input of all of our members, so please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us on this or any club matter.

Thank you,

Your NWFCRC Board of Directors

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## *Welcome, New Members!*

The NWFCRC welcomes new members Linda Irish and Bruce Hamner of Spokane. Many of us met them when they came to learn about flat-coats at the 2014 Specialty in Oregon. We also welcome back Rhonda Porter of Seattle. She was also at the specialty in Oregon. We also welcome Suzanne Elberfeld of Corvallis, and Susan Shingleton and Jennifer Blasko. Many of us met Susan and Jennifer at conformation shows where their boy just finished his championship. Here's the information for updating your roster:

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Also make these roster changes:

Nancy Dyson has a new email address: [nancydyson@openaccess.org](mailto:nancydyson@openaccess.org)

Mary and John Aykens dropped their home phone line. Please remove 360-895-6055 from their data on your roster.

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## ***RAINBOW BRIDGE***

MACH CH Saudades' First Star IC Tonite "Twinkle" RA TD MXB MJS OF CA

April 11, 2005-May 22, 2015

A Beloved Member of Vicki Peterson's Family



On May 22, we said "goodbye" to our special girl, Twinkle. She came to live with us in July of 2005, from Keli Martin's Saudades' Kennel. She became an exceptional agility dog, fast and very agile, earning her MACH and coming very close to MACH 2 when she was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma. We nearly lost her in January 2015, when she became very sick, very suddenly. She was found to have a mass by her heart that was bleeding, leading to cardiac tapenade.

She responded exceptionally well to treatment, giving us four good months while on chemotherapy. Then in mid-May, she started having problems with nausea & loss of appetite. It got harder and harder to get her to eat. Unfortunately, we found out that the cancer had spread to other organs, so we made the difficult decision to let her go.

She was such a special girl, with such a presence. She was sassy; barking at me on agility courses, stealing bread off the counters, eating poop and dandelions, demanding her morning shoulder and back rubs. She lived life by her own rules, but she liked challenges and working together. At the 2014 specialty, she earned the Mt. Hood award for qualifying in agility, rally, obedience, and conformation. She also got a special ribbon for a dog with a tracking title who also qualified in obedience. She also tried dock diving and lure coursing, which she also loved. We ran out of time to get a field title so she could be in the Hall of Fame, but she will forever be in my heart.

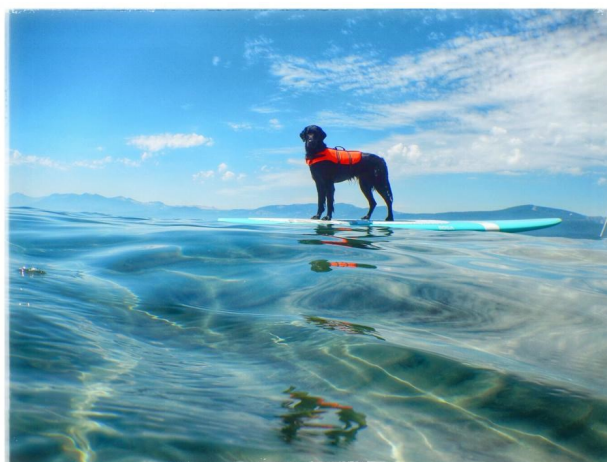
I will miss you Twinkie-Dink.

## *FCRSA 2016: Sacramento*



Sporting the exciting logo of the 2016 FCRSA National Specialty, the California flat-coat people are planning for next year's "Summer of Love". The event will be June 3-10 in Sacramento, with field events in Corning.

You'll find them on Facebook at 2016 FCRSA National Specialty, and at their website <http://www.flatcoat2016.us/>



## ***A Hunting We Will Go?***

Gary Simpson and Steve Chinn are interested in organizing a fall upland bird hunting trip to Maupin, Oregon. Sage Canyon Outfitters, <http://sagecanyonoutfitters.com/hunts.html>, is about 12 miles outside of Maupin Oregon, which is about 40 miles south of The Dalles. The Preserve season runs from August 1 to March 31 in Oregon. You don't have to have an Oregon hunting license, but if you don't you will need to purchase a Preserve license, (\$12 out of State, \$6 in State) which is available on-site. There are a number of hunt packages you can purchase, last year they chose to get 2 of the 6 bird pheasant packages which were about \$175 each. The packages can be pheasant (rooster and/or hen) chuckers or a combination.

Sage Canyon has a house and the bunkhouse for rent on-site or there are a couple of hotels in Maupin that you can stay at. Gary and Steve are willing to organize the trip, so if you're interested get in touch! You can reach Gary at: Home: (503) 645-5428, Cell: (503) 939-9609, or email [Gary@GLSimpson.com](mailto:Gary@GLSimpson.com).

## ***Supported Entry Results***

Results from the Supported Entry at the Rainier Sporting Dog Club Show held August in Enumclaw.

### **SWEEPSTAKES**

Judge: Jack McDaniel

#### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.**

1/BISW/SWG2 GONDOLIN'S JACK PUDDLEFOOT. Brdr: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler, . Owners: Sandee Butler, Christopher Butler

#### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.**

1/OSSW GONDOLIN'S KIRIL. Brdr: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler, Owners: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler

#### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.**

1/BVSW/VSWG4 GCH BLACKSTONE SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH DINAH CDX RE NA NAJ TD. Brdr: Andrea Williams, Wes Williams, Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Owners: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn

### **REGULAR CLASSES**

Judge: Dana Cline

#### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.**

1 FIELD DAY ZARKANA TARIENTAR. Brdr: Nicole Germain, Owners: Wendy S Tisdall, Vico Rugebregt

#### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.**

1 GONDOLIN'S JACK PUDDLEFOOT. . Brdr: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler. Owners: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler

Retrievers, Flat-Coated, American Bred Dogs



## ***Supported Entry Results, cont'd.***

1 Tamturi's Dreamer at Tea Time. Brdr: Linda M Monroe. Owners: Patricia Olson

### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Open Dogs**

1/W WAUNARUN'S IMMORTAL SPIRIT. Brdr: Mary Aykens, John Aykens, Owners: Susan Shingleton, Jennifer Blasko, Mary Aykens, John Aykens

2/R ARTIC SUN'S MASTER OF MISCHIEF. Brdr: Lori Kunz, Deb Brown, Owners: Ron Colyer, Sheila Iturriaga Colyer

### **Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.**

1/R GONDOLIN'S KIRIL. Brdr: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler, Owners: Christopher Butler, Sandee Butler

### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Open Bitches**

2 TAMTURI DESTINY REIGNS Brdr: Linda Monroe, . Owners: Linda Monroe

1/W/BW BLACKLACE STAR OVER GONDOLIN. Brdr: Kathy Kondrat, Marion Hemming, . Owners: Kathy Adams

3 VALLEY CREST'S HAPPY FEET Brdr: D Keeter, S Coleman, Owners: Mary Kirkness, Dan Rotter

4 MACH WAUNARUN'S PRIME MINISTER Brdr: Mary Aykens, John Aykens, Owners: Mary Aykens, John Aykens

### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Veteran Bitches 7 yrs. & Older**

1/OS GCH BLACKSTONE SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH DINAH Brdr: Andrea Williams, Wes Williams, Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Owners: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn

### **Retrievers, Flat-Coated, Best of Breed Competition**

B GCH SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI. Brdr: Joyce Brackney, Dinah Baggenstos, Owners: Lura Dunn, David Kerschner

SEL CH COASTALIGHT'S FLYING ACE JH. Brdr: Judy K Teskey, Wendy S MacDonald, Owners: Colleen Chapman

SEL GCH WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE Brdr: Robert Rickert, Sonja Rickert, Leanne M Selof, Mark Beattis, Owners: Ken Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Dr Robert Rickert, Sonja Rickert

## *Health Matters*

# Salmon Poisoning Disease

This Pet Health Topic was written by Sarah Hoggan, Washington State University, Class of 2001. Washington State University assumes no liability for injury to you or your pet incurred by following these descriptions or procedures.

**This information is not meant to be a substitute for veterinary care. Always follow the instructions provided by your veterinarian.**

Fishing can be wonderful recreation, but sharing the catch with your dog can be an act of kindness that kills.

Salmon Poisoning Disease is a potentially fatal condition seen in dogs that eat certain types of raw fish. Salmon (salmonid fish) and other anadromous fish (fish that swim upstream to breed) can be infected with a parasite called *Nanophyetus salmincola*. Overall, the parasite is relatively harmless. The danger occurs when the parasite itself is infected with a rickettsial organism called *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*. It's this microorganism that causes salmon poisoning.

"Salmon poisoning occurs most commonly west of the Cascade mountain range," says Dr. Bill Foreyt, a veterinary parasitologist at Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He adds, "Canids (dogs) are the only species susceptible to salmon poisoning. That's why cats, raccoons and bears eat raw fish regularly with out consequence."

Generally clinical signs appear within six days of a dog eating an infected fish.

Common symptoms of salmon poisoning include:

- vomiting
- lack of appetite
- fever
- diarrhea
- weakness
- swollen lymph nodes
- dehydration

If untreated, death usually occurs within fourteen days of eating the infected fish. Ninety percent of dogs showing symptoms die if they are not treated.

Thankfully, salmon poisoning is treatable if it's caught in time. A key to its diagnosis is telling your veterinarian that your dog ate raw fish. If you have a dog that wanders, or raids trashcans and you are unsure of what it's eaten; consider the possibility of salmon poisoning. Salmon poisoning can be diagnosed with a fecal sample or a needle sample of a swollen lymph node. Detecting the parasite's eggs as they are shed in the feces confirms its presence. The rickettsial organism can be detected in a needle sample from a swollen lymph node. The combination of symptoms, and the presence of parasite eggs or the rickettsial organisms, are enough to justify treatment.

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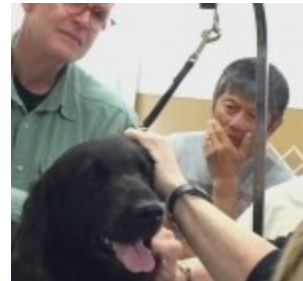
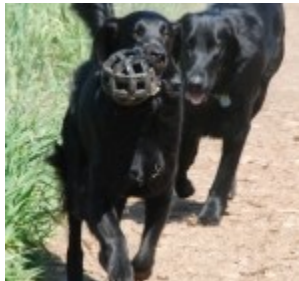
Given the severity of the condition, treatment is relatively simple. Your veterinarian will prescribe an antibiotic and a “wormer”. The antibiotic kills the rickettsial organisms that cause the illness, and the wormer kills the parasite. If the dog is dehydrated, intravenous fluid are given. Once treatment has been started, most dogs show dramatic improvement within two days.

Next time you are fishing or purchase raw salmon and you hear the familiar begging whine of your dog, ignore it. They may not understand it, but not sharing the fish is the best thing for them. This will save them from suffering salmon poisoning, and save you from a veterinary bill.

## *Flat Out Fun and Fun Daze*

To see pictures from the June “Flat Out Fun Day” and the August “Fun Daze,” visit our club’s new website. Here’s the link:

<http://www.nwflatcoat.org/news/photosvideos/>



## *Our Dogs*

From Mary Kirkness: Valley Crest's Happy Feet "Sadie" earned her Beginner Novice title with 3 first place finishes. She is owned by Mary Kirkness and Dan Rotter and handled by Mary.

Mary and Dan introduce their newest family member, Victory's My Name In Lights "Roxie." They're having much fun with a puppy in the house. Mary says Sadie and Roxie wrestle and play ALL DAY.



Roxie, above, and Sadie, to the right, create lots of excite in the Kirkness/Rotter home.



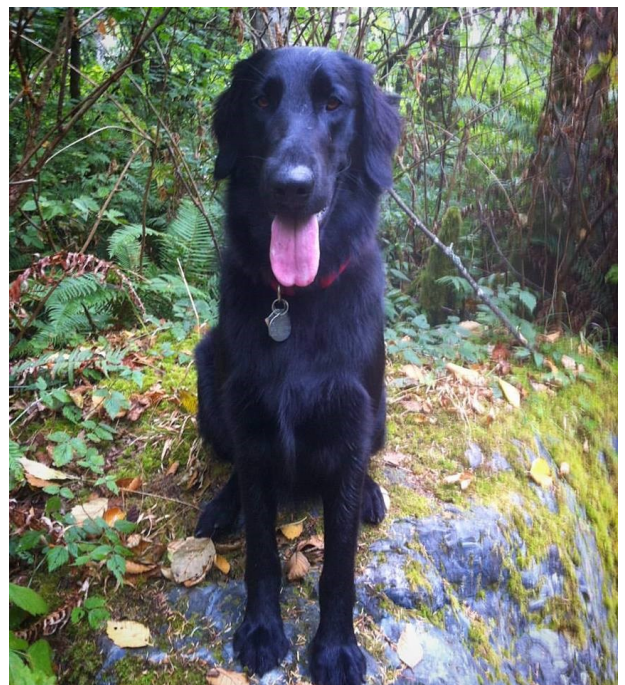
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Linda Monroe sends good news about her Tamturi Destiny Reigns RN CGC. "Reign" took a four-point major at the Olympic Kennel Club Show in Enumclaw on August 15.

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Emmett Blackstone enjoyed hiking, swimming, and camping in Idaho and Washington this summer. His traveling companion Jon Izant writes "Emmett seemed to enjoy camping but was particularly ecstatic about hiking/running through mountain meadows and streams. "

In his professional life, Emmett is known as Blackstone's Botany Bay.





## *Our Dogs*

From Vicki Peterson:

CH Daily News of Denmark RN CGC “Dax” and she earned their first leg in Novice FAST at the Flat Coat agility trial in July.



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GCH CH Rainshadow’s Rollin’ on the River “Flo” CD TD BN RN JH WC WCX earned her WCX title at Greenleaf Farms in Monroe on Sept. 19 with Jo Chinn handling. “Honoring” (remaining close by, off leash) while another dog retrieved a bird was extremely difficult for her, but with some “sweet nothings” whispered into her ear, she managed to stay still.



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GCH CH Blackstone Someone’s in the Kitchen with Dinah “Dinah” CDX TD RE NA NAJ WC JH hunted with the spaniels at the upland bird tests at Scatter Creek. Dinah passed the tests three out of the four days, and loved the experience, which was much like “real” hunting. Steve and Jo Chinn took turn handling her.

AKC made the Upland Bird hunt tests open to retrievers just a few years ago. The golden retrievers and flatcoats excel at them.



## *Our Dogs, cont'd.*

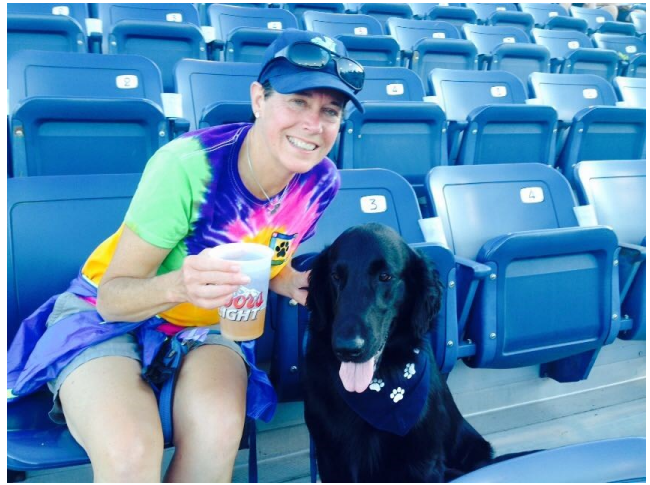
From Lura Dunn:

GCH Shasta's Western Samurai "Ronin" took a break from his dog showing job to attend the Everett Aqua Sox game and won a prize for our entire section by catching the tennis ball with finesse in the "ball toss challenge" at the Bark in the Park night!

Then he dazzled everyone at the Janiuk winery's Wine Down Wednesday with his charming attitude and his "give me some food" look! Next up, the second Tuesday concert series at Ste Michelle winery where he will no doubt score some cheese and crackers.



Does Ronin prefer red or white?



Seventh-inning stretch for Ronin!



Look at that catch! Sign him to a contract!



## ***VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!***

The Northwest Flatcoat Club staged a fantastic WC/WCX test at Monroe's Greenleaf Farms on Saturday, September 18. The event ran smoothly and quickly. Key to the success? Volunteers!

Pete Szilard worked as Chairman/Test Secretary and had everything organized when participants arrived. Kate Szilard got everybody lined up in order, and the test flew from there. Pete even got to do what he likes best: throw birds.

Boyd Ulsh, Pam Ulsh, Steve Chinn, and Jo Chinn worked as throwers and gunners, landing all birds in their perfect locations with their white sides up, or sticking out of the water just right to get the dog's attention. A few golden retriever friends finished out the field crew.

Judges Sharon Hilton and Darlene Prado had nothing but praise for how well run the test was.



Pete Szilard and Judges Darlene Prado and Sharon Hilton present awards to the dogs and handlers who passed the tests. Pam Duncan Ulsh and Boyd Ulsh share a joke after a job well-done! Kate Szilard kept a watchful eye on the proceedings.



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