



Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Important Dates:

Supported Entry, Albany Oregon.

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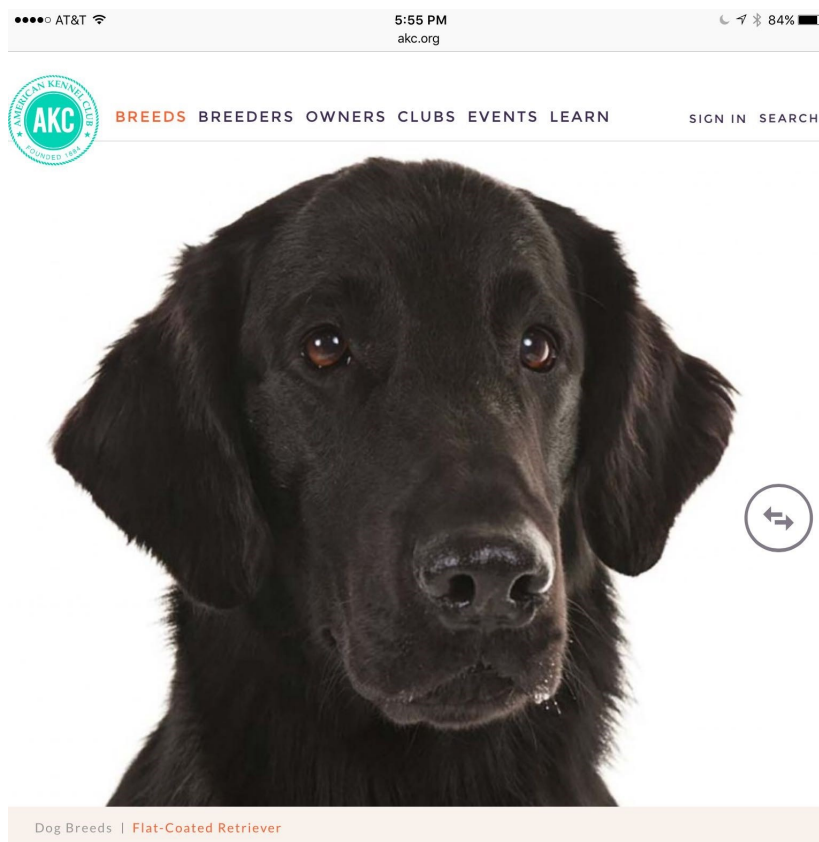
AKC POSTER DOG!

Go to the AKC website, look for breed information on flatcoats, and whose picture appears?
Our very own Ronin!

Ronin is GCH Shasta's Western Samurai, owned by Lura Dunn and David Kerschner. Ronin was invited to an AKC photo shoot while they were in Orlando for the Eukanuba Dog Show.

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FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER

CHEERFUL, OPTIMISTIC, GOOD-HUMORED



President's Message

I can't believe it is now 2016!

Our Board has had some challenges in 2015 with health issues, family commitments and of course our dogs keeping us busy. To keep our club going and assure we were following our by-laws, we decided to change them so that our elections would be held in December. I know that was a difficult time for people to submit their ballots with all the Holiday chaos. Our Board members are:

President	Lura Dunn
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Newsletter Editor	Jo Chinn
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Director Position 2	Kris Rainey
Director Position 3	Susan Kravit-Smith

I look forward to working with our Board members to provide our membership with fun social activities, learning opportunities, supported entries and much more! I would love to hear from our membership as to what direction you would like to see our club move and how we can better support our members. Our members are spread out across the Great Northwest which makes it a challenge to get many of us together in one spot. Some of us are just focused on field, others on agility or obedience, some in conformation and others in various other events. Our common bond is that we all enjoy the company of our Flat-Coated Retrievers!

I hope to see some or all of you at some event in the coming year!

Lura Dunn



Supported Entry

**The Northwest Flat-coated Retriever Club
Cordially invites you to the
Spring 2016 Supported Entry, Dinner, and
Annual Members' Meeting**

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The Cascade Grill, 5:30 p.m.

110 Opal Ct. SE (adjacent to Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn Express)

Everyone will order and pay for their own meal.

**Held in conjunction with the Chintimini Kennel Club All-Breed Show,
with Rally and Obedience Trials
and three days of Agility Trials sponsored by
The Columbia River Agility Club**

**Linn County Fair & Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Rd.
Albany, OR**

Dinner at Please RSVP to Lura Dunn via email: turalura@comcast.net

Note: Veterans entered in sweepstakes may be spayed or neutered.

Notes from the AKC Website

What does the AKC have to say about Flat-Coated Retrievers? A look at the website reveals these quotes:

“A Flat-Coated Retriever’s energy level comes set to ‘FORCE-OF-NATURE’. Cleanliness is pretty much a nice-to-have for Flat-Coated Retrievers —most of the time. Sociability? They love, love, love to be adored. Verging on co-dependency, Flat-Coated Retrievers certainly fret if you’ve been out roaming. And...how trainable is Flat-Coated Retriever? At last half of them should have PhDs.”

“Happy, confident, intelligent, and forever young”

“The Flat-Coat excels as a family companion. He requires regular vigorous exercise, however, due to his working heritage. He is a versatile working dog, multi-talented sensible, bright, and tractable. Dog sports such as obedience, agility and hunt tests provide both mental and physical exercise. The Flat-Coat demonstrates stability and a desire to please with a confident, optimistic, and outgoing attitude characterized by a wagging tail.”

“This is a breed named for its coat, so let’s begin there. The lustrous, flat-lying coat comes in solid black or liver, with feathering at the legs and tail. Beautiful, yes, but also highly functional: it protects these superb retrievers from harsh weather, icy water, and punishing ground cover. Another breed hallmark is the long head—unique among retrievers—that projects a smart and kindly expression. Flat-Coats will stand just as tall as a Lab, but in silhouette they present a leaner, more elegant look.”

“Beauty, brains and personality: the Flat-Coated Retriever has it all. The breed is known for both superior retrieving skills and a cheerful, outgoing personality. They excel in the field and at dog sports like agility and obedience. This smart, athletic dog needs plenty of mental and physical exercise to be at his best. Your Flat-Coated Retriever puppy has a desire to please that makes him attentive and trainable. He may continue his puppyish hijinks and mischief-making into old age, making him a life-long playmate and companion.”

And from the NWFCRC Website...

“Lifelong family companions”

“Happy at home and in the field”

“Power without lumber/Raciness without weediness”

“Versatile sporting retrievers”

“Fun-loving larrikins”

Don’t forget to visit our fabulous website at <http://www.nwflatcoat.org/>.

Our Dogs



Mary Kirkness sends this picture of her gorgeous Sadie and says, “Sadie finished her CD in three straight trials all with placements and nice scores . She is now Valley Crest's Happy Feet BN CD CGC.

We had the baby (Victory's My Name In Lights “Roxie”) entered last Friday (Puyallup), went well. She stood for exam and kept all four feet on the ground on the go round,. Can't ask for more than that from a 7 month old.

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From Karen Dolphin:

Flynn and I have a long-awaited brag. At the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show in November, we finished our UD! He nearly gave me heart failure at one point (the lure of horse poop was strong in one part of the ring), but he kept it together in the end and we picked up that elusive final leg at last!

My first flat-coat and Perfect Puppy, he is now officially Affinity In Like Flynn VCD2 UD RE MX MXJ XF.

Put YOUR dog's photo here in our next newsletter!

What? You DON'T have thousands of dog pics on your phone?

FUN DAZE



**Carolyn and Joe Bersch and their Flatcoats Suzy and Scout Invite You to the Tenth
Annual Flat Coated Retriever Daze**

at

RUDDER'S RIVER RANCH

52368/52372 Concrete Sauk Valley Road

Concrete, WA 98237

Saturday, August 6, 2016

10:00 - ??:00



Potluck Lunch to be Served at 1:00 (or thereabouts)

Pot Luck, but some BBQ'd chicken/homemade Brats will be provided

Please Bring Your Own Beverages

**Please Feel Free to Invite other Flatties (and their owners too!)... or
folks who might like to own a Flattie!**

Please RSVP and request directions by e-mailing

cjbersch@comcast.net

or

rharper2@gmail.com

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/>



Health Matters

As part of AKC's century-long commitment to advance the health and welfare of all dogs, the AKC has a new program called Bred with H.E.A.R.T. The program gives AKC a new way to engage, encourage and recognize ALL breeders who meet specific health testing standards and who participate in continuing education. Click on the links below to learn more about the specific commitments that an AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T. breeder makes to the health and well-being of their dogs.

An AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T breeder makes an on-going commitment to the health and well-being of purebred dogs by committing to these program requirements:

HEALTH

Certifying that their breeding stock is health tested in accordance with the recommendations of their breed's AKC Breed Parent Club.

EDUCATION

Promising that they will pursue AKC provided or AKC approved continuing breeder education so that they stay current on the best breeding practices, including advances in canine health.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Agreeing to comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspections by the AKC, and promising to share with AKC health testing and continuing education documentation.

RESPONSIBILITY

Accepting responsibility for the health and well-being of the puppies they produce and for complying with all laws regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

TRADITION

Upholding the AKC's tradition of breeding purebred dogs that are happy and healthy.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM:

- Have registered at least one AKC litter within the past 5 years
- Be in good standing with the AKC
- Certify that applicable health screens are performed on breeding stock as recommended by the respective AKC Breed Parent Club and be prepared to supply proof of such compliance upon request
- Must agree to comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspection(s) by the American Kennel Club or its duly authorized representative
- Must agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs
- Must agree to complete AKC-approved and/or AKC-provided continuing breeder education courses annually
- Must complete the online application process and pay an annual fee of \$25 per breed

Rainbow Bridge



CH Whazthat's How Spicy You Want It TD RN
Oct 5th, 2007 to Oct 29th, 2015.

Bred, Owned, and Loved

By

Jeanne Allen

“My beautiful and so sweet DOLLY crossed the Rainbow Bridge way too soon. Eight years wasn't enough time, but I ,as well as her other mom Kris Rainey, are thankful that she was in our lives.

She loved everyone she knew, but was also my watch girl; not much got past her. She left part of her not only in my heart, but in her daughter Willow.

I know she is up there enjoying running around with all her friends and that we will be back together again one day.

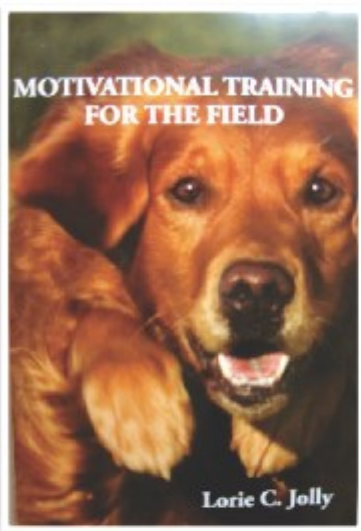
Dolly, I miss you everyday.”

FCRSA Lending Library

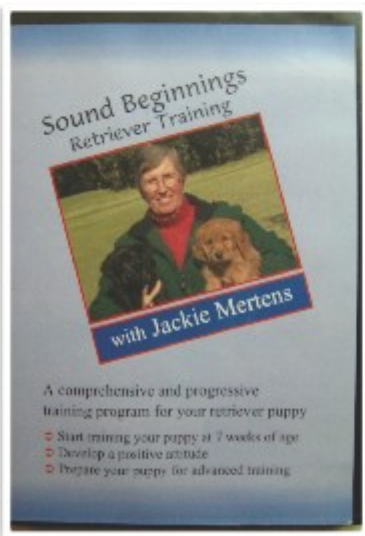
Finding information about field training specifically can be hard to find. The Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America maintains a lending library with helpful information. See their flyer below:

FCRSA Field Lending Library www.FCRSAfield.com

Recent additions



#B011 - A positive training book



#V022 - A familiar DVD title but new to the library

A field training resource —

- A 33 title library of DVDs and books
- Easy to use
- Six week loan period (can be renewed)
- Return by Priority Mail

Authors available to you —

Bill Hillman
Mike Lardy
David Rorem
Dennis Voigt
Evan Graham
and more . . .

For more information —

Go to the Lending Library at [fcrsafield.com](http://www.fcrsafield.com)

For the lending list -

<http://www.fcrsafield.com/list.html>

For the request form -

<http://www.fcrsafield.com/requestform.html>

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