

Important Dates:

November 19 & 20:
Monroe Show with bar-
becue/potluck at Kathy
Adams' house. Show
superintendent is
BaRay. See article on
page 7 for more info.

FLAT-COAT TIMES

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Oh, the Places We Go!



From the editor: Looking through the submitted photos for this edition, I was amazed at the variety of activities and adventures our members experience with their dogs. Our breed can do anything! I was reminded of Dr. Seuss's book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, which offers advice for living life to its fullest. I'm sure that book was written not by Dr. Seuss, but by a flatcoat! So I've borrowed a few lines to include in our newsletter.

We begin with a story of Emmett and Jon Izant, and their remarkable training with King County Search and Rescue. At the beginning, Jon had no idea where they would go...

Thanks, Jon, for writing the following story about your search and rescue experiences:

Our path to search & rescue as a 'job' for Emmett (Blackstone's Botany Bay BN CD CGC) combined a fascination with the olfactory capabilities of our previous flatcoat and my experience (many years ago) doing avalanche and backcountry search & rescue in Colorado. After eight months of applications, interviews, background checks, classroom and field training and a candidacy period, Emmett and I became members of King County Search Dogs (KCSO) in January. We were drafted into the airscent program, one of their two core disciplines that involves searching for any live human in wilderness or urban settings without the use of any scent articles.

The other core KCSO discipline is trailing, where dogs are given something with the search subject's scent and then work on a long lead to follow the route of a specific person, discriminating them from all other humans in crowded urban as well as wilderness environments. Additional advanced KCSO disciplines include human remains detection and water, disaster and avalanche search & rescue. The new KCSO web site www.kcsearchdogs.org (which not coincidentally resembles the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club site) has more information on the unit, its history and activities.

It can take 18 months or more of training several times a week for a dog-handler team to pass the basic KCSO airscent certification test of finding two people hidden in 40 acres of often dense forested wilderness within two hours. Watching an experienced team complete the task in 45 minutes or less, it can seem like magic and a daunting undertaking for a beginner. But like any advanced dog training activity it is built incrementally from small pieces with many repetitions over a long period of time. Emmett and I are still novices but are having great fun on the journey.

Training

The basic game for an airscent search dog is to find any human ‘subject’ and then receive a reward when the dog’s handler and the search subject come together. KCSD teaches a ‘re-find’ behavior wherein once a dog has found a search subject, the dog returns to its handler, performs a specific ‘trained indication’, and then leads the handler back to the subject. It is similar to the way Lassie would come home and bark, “Come

quickly; Timmy has fallen down a well!” and then lead everyone back to unfortunate Timmy. Aiscent re-find training involves stepwise teaching/reinforcing desired behaviors and backchaining them together in much the same way one teaches a retrieve over a jump or other task. The equipment is minimal; as a cue that he is working Emmett wears an orange vest outfitted with reflective tape and bells so that he can be seen or at least heard when he disappears into northwest forests. The big challenge, especially for a mischievous and independently-minded flatcoat, is that the goal is to have a search dog that can focus for hours, off lead, working confidently away from the handler, day or night in difficult, unfamiliar terrain and bad weather.



The first step in the re-find game is a ‘puppy runaway’ where the handler holds

onto their dog while a search subject excitedly engages in play and then noisily runs 10 or 20 yards away and hides behind a tree or other obstacle. Few dogs can resist such a siren call, and when released with the command “Show Me!” they usually run to find the subject with the handler in hot pursuit and are rewarded for the ‘find’ with abundant loud and silly celebratory play and/or food. The search subject typically provides the play and rewards to encourage the dog to bond with the people it might find. This is of course a natural thing for flatcoats who assume any new person they meet wants to give them attention.

In the second step, often labeled a ‘reverse takeaway’, the subject holds on to the dog while the animated handler runs 20 or 30 yards away. When released the dog returns to the handler at which time the handler gives an excited “Show Me” command and, if all goes well, the dog does a puppy runaway back to the subject. The handler follows the dog and more enthusiastic play/rewards ensue when handler and subject connect.

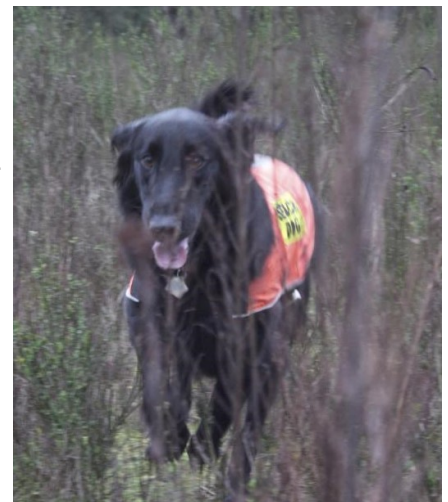
The third step is a full ‘runaway’ where the handler holds on to the dog while an enthusiastic subject engages the dog and then excitedly runs 20 to 40 yards away and hides behind a tree or other obstacle. The dog is released with a “Search” command and when it finds the subject it is called back to the handler and cued to perform

its distinctive ‘trained indication’, often tugging on a favorite toy attached to the handler’s belt or pack. After the dog performs the trained indication the handler gives the “Show Me” command and follows the dog back to the subject for copious fun and celebration.

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A reliable trained indication is critical. It is the basis for the dog to human communication that the dog has actually found someone, rather than just returning to check where the handler is or to get a drink of water. A false indication, either to initiate playtime or out of frustration after an hour of unsuccessful searching, creates confusion and wastes resources on an actual mission and so is cause for failure in certification tests. An excessively tentative or false negative indication would result in a search team missing a subject altogether and is similarly penalized. It can take a long time to develop and proof a trained indication that is reliable after hours of searching in varied environments and situations and it is the Achilles heel for many aspiring dog-handler teams.

Perhaps because he felt it was his duty as a flatcoat, Emmett has done some things a little differently. He refused to learn the standard ‘tug on a toy’ indication and would only nose the toy a bit even after considerable clicker training. When doing runaways he would sometimes just return and stare or simply run around me and then return to the subject. A senior handler suggested trying a jump as an indication, which of course is quite natural for a flatcoat. Emmett rapidly integrated a jump indication into his search regime and now comes racing back after finding a search subject and hits me with a full speed jump as if to say, “Tag you’re it!” A flying 68 lb flatcoat can of course be a hazard and it took me a couple of weeks to fully recover from a mis-timed jump that became a collision with my knee.



The runaway exercise is a core training platform. Search subjects gradually run further away and hide in a blind or under tarps to encourage and give the dog confidence to use its nose. The handler may start to delay releasing the dog to help the dog learn to focus. Eventually the subject will start in their hiding place and do ‘Call Outs’ where they indicate their presence with a shout or by moving from one tree to another to get the dog’s attention. Runaways build up from 20 second searches in a park to five minute searches in dense forest but remain an important tool throughout an airscent dog’s career.

The next step in the airscent game is blind searching which is essentially a runaway where the subject hides before the dog is brought into the search area. It tests the dog's confidence in the handler that there is actually someone to search for when the dog has not seen or heard the search subject. Emmett was typical of beginning search dogs the first time I gave him a 'Search' command on a blind search: He took a few slow steps then paused and looked back as if to say, "Search for what?" He then seemed to remember the game and began to walk then run around the area until he found the search subject behind a tree not too far away; a wonderful moment!



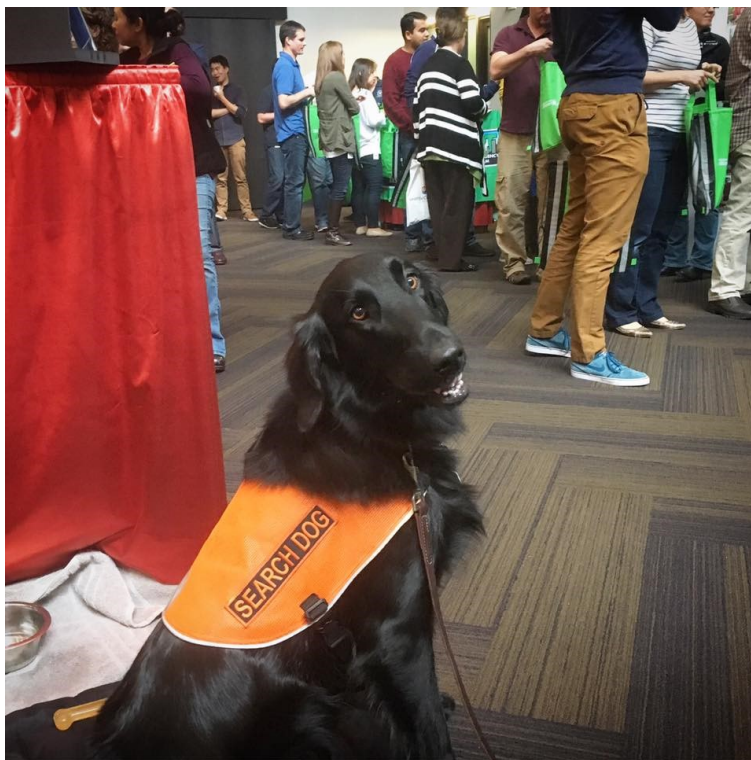
Emmett really loves the game and is now up to 25 acre searches with multiple subjects taking over an hour to complete. Good progress but, while certification now seems possible, it still feels a long way off. As with all dog training, progress is not linear. When overtired or confused Emmett's indication disappears and we have to take a step or two back. Being a flatcoat he can get so full of himself that he occasionally loses the plot completely, forgetting where he found a subject after returning to me or deciding that a search subject who is kneeling or lying down is doing it just so he can stay and lick them. If there is any sort of water near the search subject it is still a 50:50 proposition whether he will return to me for a re-find or indulge the intrinsic flatcoat need to be wet.

Dog training is of course primarily handler training, and search & rescue is no exception. Senior KCSD members provide extensive dog and search tutoring but handlers are also required to complete classroom and field instruction and testing on a variety of safety, rescue, navigation and procedural topics as well as a fitness test. There is some good fun too, such as recent helicopter training for dog-handler teams that included hoist practice being lowered from and raised back up into a helicopter on an amazingly thin cable. Despite the noise and unfamiliar harness Emmett was unperturbed and seemed to want to stick his head out of the open helicopter door to feel the breeze as though it was a car window.

There are further dimensions of fun and challenge as training areas increase. Wind, or lack of it, becomes more critical than terrain. Even when hidden under a tarp humans release dead skin cells and volatile chemicals that a dog recognizes as the signature smell of a human. Body heat and the local breeze carry these smells producing a scent cone extending downwind of the search subject. Search dogs encountering a scent cone often display a characteristic change of behavior as they begin to work

their way up to a subject 50 or more yards away. Meanwhile even an experienced dog can seem blind to a hidden subject less than 10 yards away if the dog is on the upwind side. Wind flow through a forest landscape is rarely linear and changes with the weather, time of day and season creating a dynamic and complex puzzle. So as training areas increase, strategy and navigation become real challenges.

This is also where some special fun begins. Emmett confidently ranges 20 to 50 yards when we are working a trail or open forest. His head turn and change in behavior when he is 'in scent' is unmistakable. He will independently work his way 100 yards to a subject beyond my ability to see or hear him. After what can seem like an eternity he returns on a gallop, with a smile, his eyes fixed on mine before his indication jump. It seems like more than just wanting to show me what he found. It is almost his way of sharing, for a brief moment, that parallel universe of smells that dogs enjoy but is quite invisible to mere humans.



President's Message

Fall has come in a flash. The leaves are changing color and dropping quickly. As we transition into another Season, your NW Board of Directors has been active planning activities for the upcoming year. Our efforts have been focused on planning for events that will be of interest to FCR owners who don't participate in performance events and may just want to socialize with other families owned by FCRS and get introductions to training our dogs in both obedience or field, dock diving or other events. Susan Kravit-Smith and Mary Aykens have been busy working on planning events for our club. November will start these events with a Social event to be held after the Monroe dog show at club member Kathy Adam's home in the Snohomish area of Washington. More events for the Puget Sound area for 2017 are being planned but we need someone from Oregon to help us with more events. If you are interested in taking the lead on an Oregon event, please contact me or any board member.

The 2109 Specialty Chairs are working on assuring that we have secured the Fairgrounds in Albany, have volunteers to lead each of the key areas of the Specialty and working on a survey to be sent to the National membership that will help us in planning for the big event. If you haven't already been tapped to help and are interested in chairing or being a member of a committee, please let me or Joyce Brackney know your interests.

Lura Dunn, NWFCRC President



You're Invited

Join us for a late fall barbecue!

Who: You, your flatcoat friends, wannabe flatcoat friends.

When: November 19th in Snohomish WA., 4pm ish. This will be in conjunction with the Monroe dog show that day, but everyone is invited whether they are participating in the show or not.

Where: We will meet at the lovely home (with fenced yard) of Kathy Adams located at 13629 239th Pl SE Snohomish WA 98296.

What to bring: The NW Flatcoated Retriever Club is providing the main dish (probably veggie, salmon and beef burgers) and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. It will be a time to socialize with old and new friends, and our dogs!

Feel free to bring friends who have flatcoats or who are interested in the breed. We plan to gather around 4pm, since we are meeting after the show. We will post show times too once we know when flatcoats are on, so folks who are not entered can come cheer us on if they like.

Please RSVP to Susan Kravit-Smith at sekravit@yahoo.com so we know how many folks to cook for.

Hope to see you there!



Supported Entry Results

Below are the results from our Supported Entry at the Rainier Sporting Dog show. Thanks to Mary Aykens for arranging fantastic prizes for all the dogs that participated. Best spectacle of the day: Sadie Kirkness-Rotter rolling her crate next to the show ring!

Winners Dog and Best of Winners, 1st place 12-18 month dogs: **Swiftwater Tom Foolery**. Brdr: Susan Kravit-Smith. Owners: **Jude Fritts**

Reserve Winners Dog, 1st place Open Dog: **WIND DANCER'S FANTASTICAL MISCHIEF MAKER..** Brdr: Kerry M Forni, . Owners: **Kevin Brown,Kerry Forni**

Reserve Winner's Bitch, 1st place 12-18 month bitches: **WYNCLIFF'S WILD VIOLET**. Brdr: Sandra Jo Dennison, Richard Baggenstos, Dinah L Baggenstos. Owners: **Rick Oswald,Laurel Westal**

Winners Bitch, 1st place Bred by Exhibitor: **Swiftwater My Foolish Heart**. Brdr: Susan Kravit-Smith, Owners: **Susan Kravit-Smith**

Best of Breed, Gun Dog Group 4, 1st place Working Class Bitches: **GCH RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER CD TD SH WCX** Brdr: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Joyce Brackney, Owners: **Steve Chinn,Jo Chinn**

Best of Opposite Sex: **GCHG SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI**. Brdr: Joyce Brackney, Dinah Baggenstos Owners: **Lura Dunn,David Kerschner**

Select Dog: **GCH CH WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE RN JH CGC**. Brdr: Robert Rickert,Sonja Rickert,Leanne Selof,Mark Bettis, Owners: **Ken Johnson,Cathy Johnson,Dr Robert Rickert,Sonja Rickert**

Select Bitch, 1st Place Veteran Bitches 9-11: **GCH BLACKSTONE SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH DINAH CDX RE NA NAJ TD**. Brdr: Andrea Evans, Jo Chinn,Steve Chinn, Owners: **Steve Chinn,Jo Chinn**

Best of Breed Owner Handler: **CH BLACKLACE STAR OVER GONDOLIN JHU** Brdr: Kathy Kondrat, Marion Hemming, Owners: **Kathy Adams**

High Scoring Flat-coat in Obedience: **GCH RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER CD TD SH WCX** Brdr: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Joyce Brackney, Owners: **Steve Chinn,Jo Chinn**

Rainbow Bridge



I lost Toffee, CH Tamturi's Butter Rum BN RN CGC, to cancer the end of August. She was a sweet, active, happy girl who loved to train and could always be found just a few feet from me. She gave me seven wonderful years and 10 beautiful puppies. Toffee is waiting near the Rainbow Bridge with her mother, Mona, who we lost in April at 12¾ years of age. They are both missed very much by those of us who loved them.
— Linda Monroe and Reign

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 someone 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....



Our Dogs



From Nancy Dyson:

Our boy Inklin (Am/Can CH Coastlight Just An Inklin CDX JH WC Can CDX JH WC DD NW2 BMDCA ANDD) earned his NW2 title on his first try in early August. He was an outstanding sniffer!

Then in early September he finished his Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Advanced Novice Draft Dog title, the first flat-coat to ever do so! The Advanced title is earned by passing the BMDCA novice draft dog test five times. Inklin not only passed five times but did so in five straight tests.

So handsome, so talented, so versatile! We're so proud!



Oh, the places you'll go!
You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights

Our Dogs, Cont'd.

From Chris Cornell:

Bree earned her MACH title at the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club trial, Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA, on Sept 4, 2016.

Her official AKC name is now CH MACH Rainshadow's Summer Breeze CD BN RE MXB MJB.



Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

Our Dogs, Cont'd.

**You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you
know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll
decide where to go**

From Jo Chinn:

We were upset with Flo's failed breeding, but she apparently thought she didn't have time to be pregnant! She had other plans for her summer.

In August she passed two senior hunt tests to finish her Senior Hunter title. At Rainier Sporting Dog, she won the breed, got a Group 4 in the Gun Dog Group, and (on the same day) got the first leg of her CDX in obedience!

Her name is GCH Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River CD TD BN RA SH WCX .

Three years ago, Steve and I had no clue what hunt tests were about or how to train for utility obedience. Oh, the path our dogs have taken us! Best of all, the fantastic people we have met!



Our Dogs, Cont'd.

From Susan Kravit:

Juno joined her litter brother Rollie in the winners' circle at Rainier Sporting Dog. She earned her first points that day, while Rollie finished his championship. Susan, breeder of the dogs, handles Juno and owner Jude Fritts handles Rollie.



**You'll be on your way up!
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sights!
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who soar to high heights.**

To the left,

Swiftwater My Foolish Heart and Swiftwater
Tom Foolery, born April 1st, 2015.



Our Dogs, cont'd.

Stolen from Kathy Adams' Facebook page:



CH Blacklace Star Over Gondolin "Talle" earned her Junior Hunter Upland on Labor Day Weekend in Rochester, Washington.

You won't lag behind, because you'll have the speed.

You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon take the lead.

Wherever you fly, you'll be best of the best.

Wherever you go, you will top all the rest



Looks like Maggie Minetti's dogs have taken her to a lot of agility trials! Check out Maggie's message:

Valley Crest Feudin' Fussin" and a Fighiten' has earned his second Time to Beat title (T2B2) and his MXJP4 title, for a total of 23 titles...

Valley Crest Furrricane's King of Cantrip is now MXP MXJP, and Valley Crest Great Balls of Fire has finally earned is AXP title.

Lovin' my 3 sons!

Health Matters:

Great News Flat Coat Owners and Breeder's!!!!!!

A new test is available for flat-coated retrievers to assess Genetic Diversity through Dr. Niels C. Pedersen & the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Lab (VGL).

Research has shown that both simple and complex genetic diseases are more likely to be found in dogs with common ancestors. The use of this genetic diversity analysis will not only provide insight into the genetic diversity of our breed, it will also be a lasting resource to inform and guide breed planning. The genetic analysis results will ensure that breeder's and owners know which dogs in our breed are the least related genetically so they can make sure the diversity within our breed is preserved and becomes better distributed throughout our breed. Lastly, this analysis will provide valuable genetic information that can lead the way for breeders to begin to develop a strategy for improving the long-term viability of our dog's gene pool.

This certificate and report will not only provide valuable information to you the owner it will also provide identification of dogs that have rare genes whose diversity value to the breed is highly desirable, so that special effort or consideration can be made to preserve those dogs/lines going forward. Over time, as the database matures, it may help breeders select breeding pairs that will produce a higher level of healthy diversity in their puppies.

The test is performed via a cheek swab using a cytology brush or inter-dental/gum brush.

UC Davis requires all of the testing be ordered via their website at <http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/myvgl> Please create your own account, as the dogs you test will appear in that account giving you access to your results when they become available.

Once UC Davis VGL receives 100 tests they will provide participating owners with individual certificates and reports on their dog's genetic diversity.

Any Flat Coated Retriever owner worldwide may purchase online a Genetic Diversity Test through the UC Davis website: <http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/myvgl>. The first 400 dogs will be tested for \$50 and 100 tests will be eligible to receive a \$25 refund from the Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation by submitting a copy of their UC Davis Genetic Diversity Test receipt to the FCR Foundation treasurer, Cheryl Kistner, at kistnec@yahoo.com. The Foundation will reimburse up to a max of \$2500. Reimbursements will be made in US funds only and are available to US residents or FCRSA members.

After testing, please submit the registered name of your dog to me at bdkrieger@netwurx.net as I would like to keep a record that will be made available to breeders and acknowledge those dogs that have been tested.

This is a great day for our Flat coated Retrievers!

Thank you to the Flat Coated Retriever Foundation for supporting and making a commitment to the health of our breed and GDT.

FMI contact Barbara D Krieger, bdkrieger@netwurx.net

Our Dogs, cont'd.

Cathy and Ken Johnson's dogs take them far from home. Here's Cathy's latest comments:

On September 3rd and 4th, 2016 Kasey - (MBIS MRBIS GCGG CAN CGC WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE RN JH CGC HOF) was awarded his 15th and 16th BEST IN SHOW in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Also Kasey won his 9th RESERVE BEST IN SHOW in Enumclaw August 20, 2016

And on August 21st Kasey got his third leg of Five towards his Dock Diving Title!!



**So...
be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or
Bray
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off the Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!**

Meet Our Member, Lisa Anderson

My name is Lisa Anderson and I live in Meridian Idaho (near Boise). I grew up in Wyoming and got started with dogs when I was around 12. My parents enrolled my two sisters in the 4H dog program. I wanted to participate badly, but we only had two dogs at the time. The following year after school I came home to a 1 year old sheltie girl Rusty that my parents found for me. We did junior showmanship, agility, obedience, and eventually tried Rally but I was largely limited to showing once a year at the county fair.

After a few years of college (Boise State) I brought home my golden retriever Scout who has gone on (and continues still) to teach me so much more about dog training. I drifted from agility waiting for her to finish growing and eventually met a friend, Katherine, who bred conformation golden retrievers and convinced me to try this field work stuff where I was able to my first JH. I've been hooked on field ever since!

About the same time I met my now good friend and competitive obedience instructor Pam Green and fell in love with her beautiful flat coated retrievers with their happy demeanor and heads up heeling. I began considering a flat coat for my next puppy and my husband Adam (then boyfriend) and I drove with Pam and Chris Karnes Twin Falls to visit the Wells' first two litters years ago. It was at that time that we played around with name ideas and came up with the idea of Revan (Star Wars video game reference the nerdy folks out there).

We postponed any ideas of a puppy until after I would be done with college, but just as I was ready to give Scout her debut in the obedience ring she came up with a shoulder injury that we were never able to resolve over months of therapy. I was so disappointed but I took the vet's advice and pulled her from competition. We decided at that time even though it was a year early was time to look for a puppy and so my search began by attending the FCRSA Specialty in Oregon in 2014. I volunteered and marshalled at some of the field events.



It would take an entire year of searching and missed litters before I would finally bring Revan home. I think it must have been fate because the chilled semen was delayed and yet somehow despite the bad luck of the past year produced 7 puppies and I was matched with one at the last minute. Revan finally came home a week after I graduated from pharmacy school!

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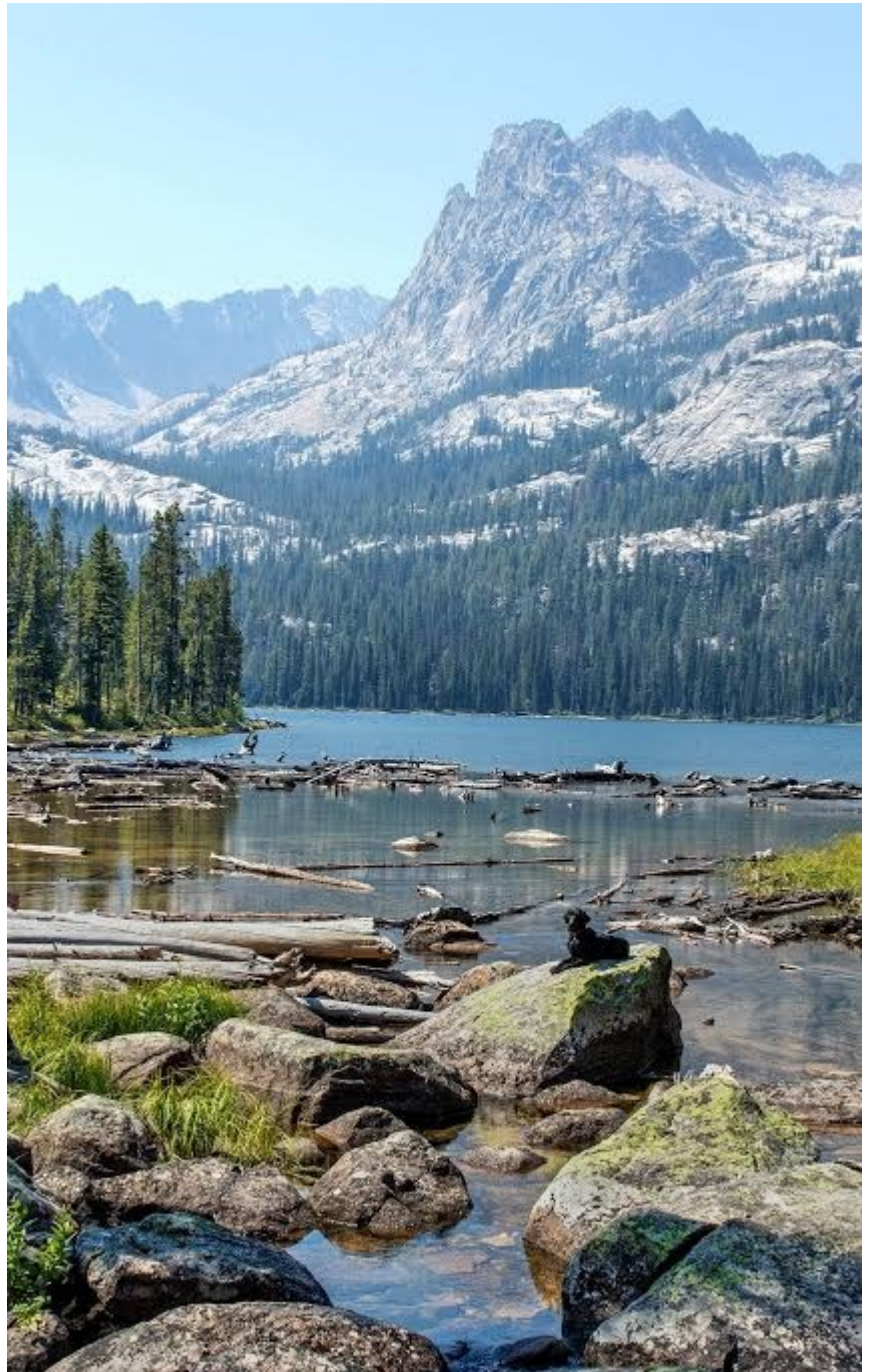
Lisa Anderson, cont'd.

Revan, Wingover's Potentium Philosophy, has lived with us for over a year now and we can't imagine life without him. Right now we are focusing on field, obedience and the occasional venture into the show ring until he matures. We attended the specialty in California this year where he debuted in field, won the Unsteady Singles B competition, and picked up one junior hunter leg! At the specialty I also experienced my first flat coat silly moment that ultimately cost us a junior hunter leg: he decided he'd had enough of the heat and decided to repeatedly dunk his head under water after retrieving his last mark. Lisa Newton aptly said "Well THAT was hilarious." I recovered him the first day, but by day three of being in the heat little stinker was not getting out of the water on his own!

He picked up two more junior legs in McCall in July, but I haven't finished his junior hunter yet due to time constraints with work, travel, and living far from most hunt tests and shows. We are looking forward to finishing his JH in the spring at our local tests and then moving on to senior. We continue to train for competitive obedience, but we are waiting for him to mature a bit and get further in his hunt training before competing.

As I type Revan just got his first points going WD / BOW for 2 points the first day of the Boise show cluster. This is the first time other than the specialty that he has been in the conformation ring so we are thrilled! Next weekend we are going to take him duck hunting for our first time--so that should be an exciting adventure. In addition to training I love hiking and camping with my dogs.

To the right, Revan enjoys his first camping trip, at Hell Roaring Lake in Idaho.

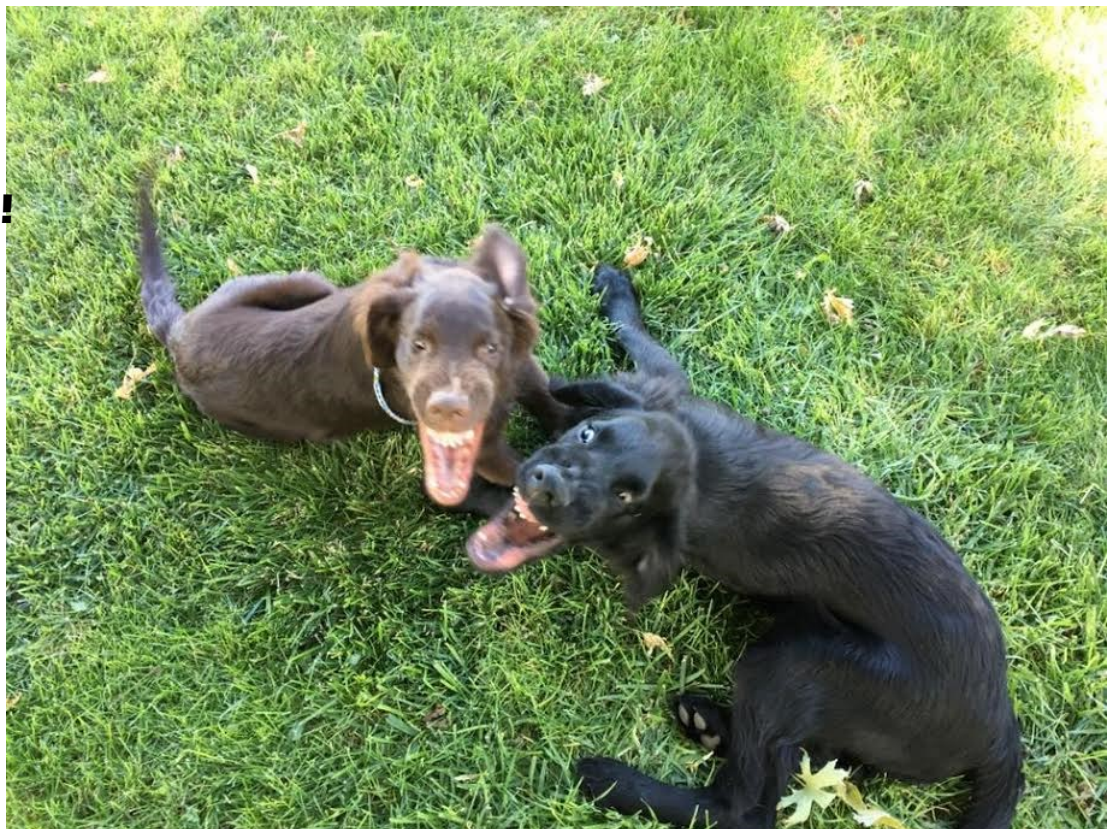


Life with Puppies



**Somehow you'll escape
all that waiting and
staying
You'll find the bright
places
where Boom Bands are
playing.**

**With banner
flip-flapping,
once more
you'll ride high!
Ready for any-
thing under
the sky.
Ready because
you're that
kind of a guy!**



Making their first appearance in the newsletter are Coulson (Wyncliff's Agent of SHIELD and Amber (Wyncliff Gem of Tamturi) . Amber (liver) and Coulson are littermates. Luckily, they don't live together. Amber provides excitement for Linda Monroe and Reign, while Coulson entertains Lura Dunn, David Kerschner, and Ronin.

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