

NORTHWEST FLAT-
COATED RETRIEVER
CLUB



Important Dates:

**April 1: Supported Entry
at Chintimini Show in Al-
bany, OR. Dinner in the
evening.**

FLAT-COAT TIMES

WINTER 2017

Good Luck to the NW Stars!

Two of our very successful northwest dogs are enroute to the nation's prestigious show, The Westminster Kennel Dog Show in New York City. Flatcoats take the ring on Tuesday, with group judging and best-in-show on Tuesday evening. Cathy and Ken Johnson will be on hand to cheer for their "Kasey" whose kennel name is MBIS MRBIS GOLD GCH/CAN GCH *WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE*. RN JH CGC HOF. Lura Dunn reports that she and David Kerschner will also trek to New York to watch their "Ronin" GCH CH Shasta's Western Samurai compete in the breed ring.

To watch the flatcoats you can Live Stream 10 rings for FREE on WKC website and [FOX Sports GO](http://FOXSportsGO.com). No TV provider login needed. Group and Best-in-Show can be streamed or viewed on Fox Sports 1 (FS1) from 8-11pm EST.



Kasey relaxes after a "Best In Show win
President's Message

Being quite social, Ronin enjoys an evening at the Everett Aqua Sox.



President's Message

I hope that everyone is surviving the snowy winter that we have had this year. From what I've seen of pictures on Facebook, our dogs have sure enjoyed the snow even when we did not!

Our Board continues to work on events that might be of interest to all who are owned by a Flat-Coat. Susan Kravit-Smith is exploring both Field and Agility fun days. We hope that we can have more informal social events around the time of dog shows. A potluck, picnic or day at a dog park? Please let me or anyone on the board know of ideas that you have and especially any event that you would like to organize. We would like to get an event going in the Portland area possibly around the date of the Summer Portland show.

Thanks to Kathy Adams for hosting a social event at her house after the Monroe show last November and to Trish Olson for organizing a Meet the Breed booth for FCRs at the Portland show in January! And a round of applause to Gary Simpson, Lynda Spangler, Jeanne Allen, Nancy and Scott Harger, Erin Kennedy and Pamela Smith-Hall for helping with the booth!

The 2019 Specialty Co-Chairs are still seeking volunteers to lead some key areas of the Specialty. If you haven't already been tapped to help and are interested in chairing, co-chairing or being a member of a committee, please let Joyce Brackney, Jo Chinn or me know your interests. The Survey that was sent out to the National Membership in December helped us in planning the schedule and to see the interests of those possibly attending the event.

Our Supported entry at the Chintimini Albany show is April 1st. Even if you don't plan on attending any of the show events, come on over for dinner at the Cascade Grill, which is adjacent to the hotels by the Fairgrounds.

We will have a social hour from 5:30-6:30 and dinner around 6:30pm. Dinner and drinks are a no-host event. Our Sweepstakes Judge, Neil Goodwin, is a long time FCRSA member. He has been invited to stay for our dinner!

Lura Dunn, NWFCRC President



Supported Entry

Please join us!
Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club
Supported Entry, Dinner, and Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 1, 2017
Albany ,Oregon

**Dinner: Cascade Grill, with social hour beginning at 5:30,
dinner approximately 6:30**

For folks who haven't attended a Supported Entry, here's what you can expect:

Our club sponsors the competition, with special prizes for winners of each conformation class. Usually, each dog entered brings home a small toy. (Puppies of all ages enjoy their toys!) In the past, prizes for winners have included flat-coat logo items like cutting boards, crystal dishes, silver plates, wood candle holders, etc. As a supported entry, special "sweepstakes" classes are offered. This allows puppies an extra experience in the ring under a separate judge. If you are new to conformation, make sure you enter your puppy in "sweepstakes" and the regular classes. We also offer sweepstakes classes for veterans (age 7 and older). The winners in the sweepstakes classes do not advance to "Best in Breed", so they may be neutered. Dogs and bitches entered in the regular classes must be intact. Be sure to check the premium to see which classes are offered, as sometimes we offer "Gun Dog and Gun Bitch" and "Working Retriever" classes.

At a supported entry, we are usually judged right after lunch. The sweepstakes classes go first, followed by the regular classes with a very smooth judge change in between. Occasionally we have to change rings for the regular classes. Although it may sound confusing, everything flows smoothly.

Our club also sponsors a prize for the highest scoring flat-coat with a qualifying score in Obedience or Rally. In Albany, the obedience and rally classes are held in a separate building, but it is close by and dogs can usually be entered in conformation and obedience. Obedience stewards are quite good about working around a time conflict.

After the judging, many of us stay around to chat or go back to the grooming area to hang out. Some of us take our dogs on walks through the nearby park and get in a good chat! If the weather is nice, we sometimes sit outside in lawn chairs at one of our travel trailers, as several of us camp onsite. Adult beverages have been known to flow...

We'll meet at the Cascade Grill around 5:30 for social hour, followed by dinner. The restaurant is next door to the fairgrounds and is an easy walk for people who are camping onsite. There will be a very short business meeting.

See everybody in Albany!

Health Matters: Xylitol Poisoning

By Nancy Kay , DVM

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For some folks, the start of a new year is a catalyst to lose weight and this may mean switching from plain old sugar to lower calorie sweeteners. Xylitol is one such sugar substitute that is safe for human consumption, but is toxic for dogs. In fact, it can be deadly.

What exactly is xylitol?

Discovered by German chemist Emil Fisher in 1891, xylitol is found in fruit and vegetable fibers. The xylitol we consume is manufactured by beginning with a product called xylan found in hardwood trees and corncobs. Xylitol was first put to use as a sweetener in Finland during World War II when sucrose was unavailable. The growth in xylitol popularity is attributed to its many beneficial properties. To begin with, xylitol is as sweet as sucrose, but with far fewer calories. Additionally, compared to sugar, it causes very little insulin release in people and insulin is not required for it to be put to use as an energy source for the body. Lastly, xylitol has been shown to prevent mouth bacteria from producing acids that damage the surfaces of the teeth. For this reason, xylitol is commonly included in toothpastes, sugar-free gum, and other oral care products.



Species-specific effects

The effect of xylitol on insulin release varies dramatically between species. In people, rats, horses, and rhesus monkeys, xylitol causes little to no increase in insulin release or change in blood sugar levels. This is altogether different in dogs, cows, goats, rabbits, and baboons. In these species xylitol causes a marked increase in insulin release and drop in blood sugar and is the basis for xylitol toxicity.

Toxicity in dogs

After a dog consumes a significant amount of xylitol, there is a massive release of insulin from the pancreas. This, in turn, results in a dangerously low blood sugar level and symptoms such as weakness, trembling, seizures, collapse, and even death. At higher dosages, xylitol can cause massive liver destruction (known as necrosis) in which large numbers of liver cells die abruptly. This produces an acute health crisis and, in many cases, death.

Vomiting is often the first symptom of xylitol toxicity.

Other symptoms related to the low blood sugar level develop within 30 minutes to 12 hours following consumption. When xylitol-induced liver damage occurs, blood liver enzyme values typically begin increasing within 12 to 24 hours. The dose of xylitol considered to be toxic for dogs is 0.1 gram or more of xylitol per kg of the dog's body weight.

Health Matters

Treatment of xylitol toxicity

Emergency treatment is warranted after a dog consumes xylitol. If vomiting can be successfully induced within the first 30 minutes or so (before the xylitol leaves the stomach), the problem may be solved. Once xylitol leaves the stomach and triggers the pancreas to produce insulin, intensive treatment is warranted in order to try to counteract the effects of hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) and liver damage. Treatment includes hospitalization with round-the-clock care, blood monitoring, and administration of intravenous glucose and liver-protective agents. In some cases, blood transfusions are needed to counteract the effects of blood clotting abnormalities caused by liver failure. The prognosis for xylitol toxicity varies and depends on how promptly the dog receives treatment as well as the amount of xylitol that was consumed.

Read labels carefully

Many foods and dental products contain xylitol. It is found in chewing gum, candy, peanut butter, cereals, and toothpaste, to name a few. Believe it or not, some products advertised specifically for dogs, such as toothpaste, contain small amounts of xylitol! What are these manufacturers thinking?! Not all product labels clearly state if they contain xylitol. If a label states only, “artificially sweetened,” presume that it contains xylitol. If you opt to use xylitol-containing products in your household, be sure to keep them completely out of your clever dog’s reach.

What to do if your dog eats xylitol

If you believe that your dog has just eaten (as in you just watched it happen) something containing xylitol, contact a veterinary hospital staff member right away. You might be advised to induce your dog to vomit at home. This is accomplished by forcing your dog to swallow hydrogen peroxide.

If you’re not really sure when the xylitol was consumed (you’ve just returned home from work and the remains of sugar-free gum wrappers are decorating the couch), transport your dog to a nearby veterinary clinic or 24-hour emergency hospital right away. Be sure to take the label of the consumed product with you. Time is always of the essence when treating xylitol toxicity.

Look around your house and see if you have any xylitol-containing products. What did you find?

Our Dogs

Congrats to Maggie Minetti, who sends us this message:

"Jasper gave me a wonderful Christmas present and earned his PACH at the Afghan trial in dec. then topped it off with silver jumpers in Jan.. He is now PACH Valley Crest Feudin' Fussin" and a Fighten' MX MXJ OF MXJPS MXPB MXJP5 MXP4 NFP T2BP2 RATO. Little Mischief earned his T2BP title in Dec. as well as MXJP2 titles. Killer hadn't ran in standard most of the year just jumpers, put him back in standard and he finally earned his AXP title and is now a master dog, long road but he is finally coming around. (currently on IRR for non agility related injury) Also took Jasper to a barnhunt trial after not trialing for a year, took him a couple times to remember what he was doing and nailed the last run with another senior barnhunt leg and a 1st place. We have also purchased a used R.V. for Team Furrricane to trial in style this year"



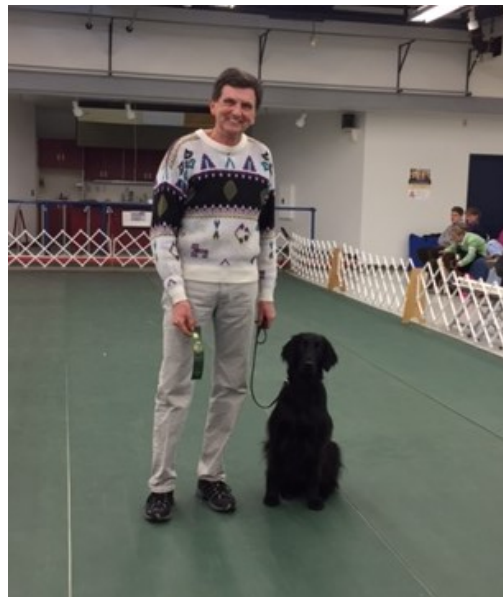
Maggie sends us these happy shots.



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Another milestone for Chris Cornell and Bree:

Bree earned her CDX title on 1-15-17 at the Tacoma KC show, Puyallup, WA. She is now known as CH MACH Rainshadow's Summer Breeze CDX BN RE MXB MJB.



Our Dogs, Cont'd.

On January 25th, Cathy Johnson sent this joyous brag:

*"Kasey won Best Of Breed at the AKC National in Florida December 17, 2016.
He won his 17th Best In Show at the Puyallup Valley DFC show (Jan 14, 2017)
I put his International Title on him in Lynden, WA Jan 7, 2017.
He is now*

MBIS MRBIS IntCH Am GCHG Can GCH Windy Hill God Of Fire RN JH CGC HOF"

However, on Feb. 5, an excited Cathy sent in new information:

*Could you change that to **18 BIS'S** Kasey just got hi 18th yesterday in Missouri*

Cathy included two pictures of Kasey after win #17.



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Many thanks to Trish Olson and her crew for their "Meet the Breed" display at the Portland Show. Below are a few random pictures that were snapped at the show. Looks like the flatcoats attracted a lot of attention.



2019 National Specialty: Update

Specialty 2019: Focus on the Field

We know the dates: June 14, 15, 16.

We know the place: Scio, OR.

We know a local club will assist with shooting, throwing, launching birds: The Greater Pacific Hunting Retriever Club, President Jim Corbell.

We know we're organized: Candy Ferner will be the field secretary and Entry Express will do the entries.

What's missing: Key people to organize and manage the events!

We know **we need: a Field Chair**(and an assistant?) to oversee all three days of field

We know **we need: one co-chair for each day of the field events:** the WC/WCX, and the Steady/Unsteady Singles events. This way, once that field event is over, that co-chair can sit back and run his/her dogs and enjoy the other days.

We know **we need: a Field Volunteer Coordinator**

We know what the field chair and the assistant do:

- Get a contract on the land

- Order the birds

- Hire Judges

- Reserve hotel rooms for judges if needed

- Order ammunition

- Buy direction signs (Great Western Club in California has signs)

- Order portapotties

- Coordinate volunteers with Greater Pacific HRC (Jim Corbell) and the Field Volunteer Coordinator

- Coordinate equipment with Greater Pacific HRC (Jim Corbell)

- Order lunches from Specialty Hospitality Chairs for workers

We know what the co-chairs do:

Co-chair on Friday, June 14, 2019 WC and WCX

Communicate with Field Chair about

- Number of birds needed

- Needed equipment to run the event on that day

- Number of workers needed

- How many worker lunches are needed for the day

Co-chair on Saturday June 15, 2019 Hunt tests Junior, Senior and Master

Communicate with Field Chair about

- Number of birds needed

- Needed equipment to run the event on that day

- Number of workers needed

- How many worker lunches are needed for the day

Specialty, cont'd.

Co-chair for Sunday June 16 Steady and Unsteady Singles

Communicate with Field Chair about

- Number of birds needed

- Needed equipment to run the event on that day

- Number of workers needed

- How many worker lunches are needed for the day

Volunteer organizer to get people to work ahead of time.

- Communicate with Jim Corbell and Greater Pacific Club about workers

- Reach out ahead of time to get volunteers

- Fill in names on the worker schedule

- Communicate with those people what their duties will be

- Remind people of their job right before the event

- Work with co-chairs and chair about worker needs.

We know **we need: YOU!** Will you volunteer for a position? Please contact Lura Dunn, Jo Chinn, or Joyce Brackney.

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