

Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club



Watch for monthly newsletter updates with important information about the 2019 FCRSA National Specialty.

Plan to attend the March 31, 2019 Supported Entry in Albany. There will be a "walk through" specialty meeting.

Flat-Coat Times

Summer's End 2018



Training Under the Big Blue Montana Skies!

Montana's Mission Valley is nicknamed "Retriever Paradise" and it certainly didn't disappoint the fifteen flatcoats who trained there in August. The dogs retrieved ducks for five days on five different properties, swam five different ponds, and collapsed into bed exhausted each night as their owners celebrated each day's success with BBQs, pizza-night-out, potlucks, and a bit of beer.

When Xan Latta first moved to Montana in 2016, she invited the northwest club to come train with her. Formalizing her offer, she put together the training days, and organized a WC/WCX test. She arranged for the birds, including three days of live-flyers. She also recruited Canadian friend Judy Teskey to help with the training. Xan planned the training so that dogs of all levels of training would be challenged, yet successful. Chad Moloney and Eveline Ip brought their Olive, who had never seen a bird before. By the end of the week, Olive was diving into water, swimming, running across land, and re-entering water to retrieve her duck. She proudly brought it back and presented it to Chad. Linda Givler's Trapper was trained by a professional. He had earned titles in Canada, but Linda wanted to run him herself. She proved what she had learned by successfully running him in the WC at the end of the week. Karen Dolphin found lots of advice and tips from Judy Teskey, as she refined Tag's skills. Judy and Karen worked together to provide Tag a variety of water entry experiences, which Karen felt he desperately needed because she has a hard time finding good water in her area. Everybody gained new skills, and according to Xan, Steve Chinn went from "Dude" to "Handler" in just a few days!

As Steve Chinn says, "great training, great scenery, great people, great dogs, great beer."

Xan says she hopes the northwest club will support another training week next year and has begun looking at available dates.



Barbara Fowler's Hiya steadily waits for her bird.



Linda Givler and "Trapper" prepare for the WC.



Flint races back to Judy Teskey.



Judy and Flint demonstrate the "wagon wheel" drill.



Left: Jo Chinn launches Valley.

Below: Wendy Tisdall and Piper enjoy a joke together.



Right: Olive gallops proudly to Chad Moloney with her bumper.



Left: "Got it, Mom. Love, Trapper."



A little concentration pays off: Roxie and Mary Kirkness study the field, and Roxie gets her bird!



Wendy Tisdall and Linda Givler swooped through Walmart where they found a deal on camo shirts! They bought 16 shirts for \$2 each, thus providing the training group with a uniform!



Woohoo! Life couldn't be better for Karen Dolphin's Tag. He loves Retriever Paradise! He mastered those water entries is ready to go!



Left: Wendy's Piper, Above: Valley Chinn.

Below: Montana skyline over Xan's pond.



Who's in the pic on page 1?

Raffi, Kenya, Hiya, Olive, Tag, Flint, Zephyr, Kestrel, Valley, Piper, Aretha, Sophie, Flo, Roxie, Trapper. The people? Ronnie Ward, Barbara Fowler, Chad Moloney, Eveline Ip, Karen Dolphin, Judy Teskey, Jo, Xan, Jim Winslow, Steve Chinn, Mary Kirkness, Dan Rotter, Linda Givler.

President's Message

Presidents Message

I am writing this message on the first day of Fall! I can't believe that Summer has come to end. There have been new litters of puppies, new performance and conformation titles earned, many vacations and fun times had with all our NWFCRC dogs this summer. But as the leaves start to fall, the weather gets cooler and we move inside there are still many opportunities for you to train your dogs and be involved with the NWFCRC.

Our annual Board of Directors elections will be held in December for the calendar year 2019. We are always looking for members who are up to the challenge of taking on a Board position. Meetings are held via conference call and emails as we all live so many miles apart. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please send me an email at turalura@comcast.net.

The 2019 FCRSA Specialty show is just around the corner! The NWFCRC is hosting it in Albany, OR next June 14th through the 21st. It is a large undertaking to host a National Specialty show so there will be many opportunities to help a little or a lot! If you have never been to a Specialty, plan to come to this show! It is amazing to see so many FCRs at one place! The Specialty starts with Field, Agility and Dock Diving events and then transitions to Obedience and Rally and culminates with four days of conformation classes. There are social and education events, vendors that will have FCR and all breed merchandise and a silent auction that is not to be missed! Make your hotel reservations now as they will fill up fast! If you aren't on the volunteer list and can help for any amount of time, contact Joyce Brackney (jbrackney@snowcrest.net), Jo Chinn (researcherjo@gmail.com) or me! We would love to have a stress free show for those participating and those that are volunteering and that means we need lots of help!



Lura Dunn, NWFCRC President

Supported Entry Results

Rainier Sporting Dog, Enumclaw, August 2018

Sweeps Judge: Linda Kelly

Junior Dogs 12-15 mo.

(BISW) BEAUTYFIELD'S I'M LEGEND. Brdr: Ralf Malz, Cornelia Malz, Owners: Sherin Denny-Jenkins

Junior Dogs 15-18mo.

WAUNARUN'S JOE COOL. Brdr: John Aykens, Mary Aykens, Owners: Mary Aykens, John Aykens

Junior Bitches 15-18 mo.

(BOSSW) BLACKLACE SYRAH'S TRUE MYTH. Brdr: Kathy Kondrat, Owners: Kathy Adams

Veteran Dogs 7-9

Best Veteran, Veteran Group 2 GCHP WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE RN JH CGC. Owners: Ken Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Sonja Rickert, Dr Robert Rickert Agent: Tony Carter

Veteran Dogs 9-11

GCHG SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI CA DJ. Breeder: Joyce Brackney & Dinah Baggenstos. Owners: Lura Dunn, David Kerschner, Dinah Baggenstos

Regular Classes Judge: Beverly Anderson

Puppy Dogs 12-18 mo.

1 W HIGH VALLEY CREST RAMBLIN' MAN. Brdr: Carla Harcum, Owners: Carla Harcum Agent: Dinah Baggenstos

Am-Bred

1 RW WYNCLIFF'S AGENT OF SHIELD RATO DM. Brdr: Dinah Baggenstos, Richard Baggenstos, Owners: Lura Dunn, David Kerschner

Puppy Bitches 9-12 mo.

1 RW STORMWATCH RAGING SEA. Brdr: Kadrayn Leonhardt, Owners: Bruce Broughton, Elaine Broughton

Bitches 12-18 mo.

1 W BLACKLACE SYRAH'S TRUE MYTH. Brdr: Kathy Kondrat, Owners: Kathy Adams

Veteran Dogs

1 GCHG CH Shasta's Western Samurai. Breeder: Joyce Brackney & Dinah Baggenstos. Owner: Lura Dunn & David Kerschner & Dinah Baggenstos.

Veteran Bitches

1 CH NORTHERNLIGHTS CALLIOPE. Brdr: Heather Dawson, Owners: Bruce Broughton, Heather Dawson

Working Class Bitches

GCHB RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER CDX TD DJ SH JHU. Brdr: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Joyce Brackney, . Owners: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn

Best of Breed

GCHB ARTIC SUN'S PURSUING THE DREAM JH. SR80620601. Brdr: Deb Brown, Lori Kunz. Owners: Sarah Brown, Deb Brown

Best of Opposite Sex

(Gun Dog Group 1) GCHB RAINSHADOW'S ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER CDX TD DJ SH JHU. . Brdr: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn, Joyce Brackney, Owners: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn

Best of Winners

BLACKLACE SYRAH'S TRUE MYTH. Brdr: Kathy Kondrat, Owners: Kathy Adams

Select Dog

GCHP WINDY HILL GOD OF FIRE RN JH CGC. . Brdr: R Rickert, S Rickert, L Selof, M Bettis, Owners: Ken Johnson, Sonja Rickert, Robert Rickert, Cathy Johnson

Select Bitch

GCHB ALMANZA STRIKE A POSE TKN CGC. Brdr: Ragnhild Ulin Owners: Heather Dawson

Who's Driving The Bus?

(a call-to-action from your newsletter editor)

Training in Montana, my dog and I were selected to be the first team to run the very first drill. I introduced my dog, warning everybody that she was the rudest dog in the world. She proved my words to be true within minutes. Excited to be the center of attention, excited to run bumpers, she barked rudely at me, danced around me, and refused to do anything I asked.

Judy Teskey looked at me and said, "Who's driving the bus?"

Ashamed, but willing to admit it, I have to say that my dog was definitely driving that day. She drives lots of days. I tried to climb into the driver's seat many times during the past seven years, but somehow, she pushed me out of the way and took over on too many occasions.

Sometimes I managed to grab the wheel and take charge, but often my efforts backfired. For example, she would bark when we pulled up to her favorite walkie parking lot. She would continue to bark as I put on my walking shoes and coat. I would wait until she was quiet (like all the good trainers advise), and then slowly release her from her crate. As soon as she hit the ground, she was barking again. Thinking I was a good trainer, I made her get back in the crate and be quiet. When she was quiet, I would release her again, at which time she would bark at me. Rudely. So I would put her back in her crate. This circus continued indefinitely, with the barking getting louder and more frantic. Ultimately, I would give in, thus renewing her driver's license for another day.



Does your dog drive the bus? Does he tell you what time to get up? When to feed him? When to pet him? What does he do when you talk on the phone? Type on the computer? Does your dog bound through the door, pushing you aside?

Do you need help taking the steering wheel away?

Let's compile a list of trainers and training facilities that can help us. If you've taken a great class, share the teacher's name and location! Maybe you know a good training center. Let's put together a list of flat-coat-friendly trainers---for pet manners, obedience, rally, scent work, agility, field, tracking. Just shoot me an email (researcherjo@gmail.com) with the trainer's name, location, and contact information. Our list will become a resource for flat-coat people in the northwest.

Now excuse me, my dog wants to go to bed.

Health Matters

A broken heart: Risk of heart disease in boutique or grain-free diets and exotic ingredients

By Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVN

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Earlier this year, Peanut, a 4-year-old male Beagle/Lab mix was diagnosed with a life-threatening heart disease at our hospital. Peanut had been lethargic, not eating well, and occasionally coughing. The veterinary cardiologist seeing him asked what he was eating and found that his owner, in a desire to do the best thing for Peanut, was feeding a boutique, grain-free diet containing kangaroo and chickpeas. Peanut required several medications to treat his heart failure but the owner also changed his diet. And today, now 5 months later, Peanut's heart is nearly normal!

Heart disease is common in our companion animals, affecting 10-15% of all dogs and cats, with even higher rates in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Doberman Pinschers, and Boxer dogs. Most nutritional recommendations focus on treating dogs and cats with heart disease and there is much less information on the role of diet in causing heart disease. However, a recent increase in heart disease in dogs eating certain types of diets may shed light on the role of diet in causing heart disease. It appears that diet may be increasing dogs' risk for heart disease because owners have fallen victim to the many myths and misperceptions about pet food. If diet proves to be the cause, this truly is heart-breaking to me.

In my 20 years as a veterinary nutritionist, I've seen vast improvements in our knowledge about pet nutrition, in the quality of commercial pet foods, and in our pets' nutritional health (other than the unfortunate rise in obesity). However, in the last few years I've seen more cases of nutritional deficiencies due to people feeding unconventional diets, such as unbalanced home-prepared diets, raw diets, vegetarian diets, and boutique commercial pet foods. The pet food industry is a competitive one, with more and more companies joining the market every year. Marketing is a powerful tool for selling pet foods and has initiated and expanded fads, that are unsupported by nutritional science, including grain-free and exotic ingredient diets. All this makes it difficult for pet owners to know what is truly the best food for their pet (as opposed to the one with the loudest or most attractive marketing). Because of the thousands of diet choices, the creative and persuasive advertising, and the vocal opinions on the internet, pet owners aren't able to know if the diets they're feeding have nutritional deficiencies or toxicities – or could potentially even cause heart disease.

Dilated cardiomyopathy

Dilated cardiomyopathy or DCM occurs in cats where it is associated with a nutritional deficiency (see below). DCM is a serious disease of the heart muscle which causes the heart to beat more weakly and to enlarge. DCM can result in abnormal heart rhythms, congestive heart failure (a build-up of fluid in the lungs or abdomen), or sudden death. In dogs, it typically occurs in large- and giant-breeds, such as Doberman pinschers, Boxers, Irish Wolfhounds, and Great Danes, where it is thought to have a genetic component. Recently, some veterinary cardiologists have been reporting increased rates of DCM in dogs – in both the typical breeds and in breeds not usually associated with DCM, such as Miniature Schnauzers or French Bulldogs. There is suspicion that the disease is associated with eating boutique or grain-free diets, with some of the dogs improving when their diets are changed. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine and veterinary cardiologists are currently investigating this issue.

Is diet the cause?

It's not yet clear if diet is causing this issue. The first thought was a deficiency of an amino acid called taurine. DCM used to be one of the most common heart diseases in cats but in 1987, it was discovered that feline DCM was caused by insufficient taurine in the diet. It was shown that DCM in cats could be reversed with taurine supplementation, and now all reputable commercial cat foods contain enough taurine to prevent the development of this lethal disease. We still occasionally see taurine deficiency-induced DCM in cats but it is usually when owners are feeding a vegetarian or home-prepared diet, supplemental diets, or a diet made by a manufacturer with inadequate nutritional expertise or quality control.

In dogs, Golden Retrievers and Cocker Spaniels were found to be at risk for DCM caused by taurine deficiency, and one study

showed that Cocker Spaniels with DCM improved when given taurine supplementation. Since then, additional studies have shown associations between dietary factors and taurine deficiency in dogs, such as lamb, rice bran, high fiber diets, and very low protein diets. And certain other breeds were found to be at increased risk for taurine deficiency and DCM, including Newfoundlands, St. Bernards, English Setters, Irish Wolfhounds, and Portuguese Water Dogs. The reasons for taurine deficiency in dogs are not completely understood but could be reduced production of taurine due to dietary deficiency or reduced bioavailability of taurine or its building blocks, increased losses of taurine in the feces, or altered metabolism of taurine in the body.

No matter what the reason, the number of dogs with taurine deficiency and DCM subjectively appeared to decrease since the early 2000's. However, recently, some astute cardiologists noticed higher rates of DCM including Golden retrievers and in some atypical dog breeds. They also noticed that both the typical and atypical breeds were more likely to be eating boutique or grain-free diets, and diets with exotic ingredients – kangaroo, lentils, duck, pea, fava bean, buffalo, tapioca, salmon, lamb, barley, bison, venison, and chickpeas. Even some vegan diets have been associated. It has even been seen in dogs eating raw or home-prepared diets.

So, is this latest rash of DCM caused by taurine deficiency? Most of these affected dogs were eating boutique, grain-free, or exotic ingredient diets. Some of the dogs had low taurine levels and improved with taurine supplementation. But even some of those dogs that were not taurine deficient improved with taurine supplementation and diet change. Fortunately, cardiologists reported the issue to the FDA which is currently investigating this issue. [Note: Dr. Joshua Stern from the University of California Davis is conducting research on taurine deficiency and DCM in Golden Retrievers.

It's not so simple

Currently, it seems that there may be two separate problems occurring – one related to taurine deficiency and a separate and yet unknown problem (with a third group of dogs likely having DCM completely unrelated to diet). Identifying the potential dietary factors contributing to DCM in the non-aurine deficient dogs is more difficult, but the FDA and cardiologists are hard at work trying to solve it. What seems to be consistent is that it does appear to be more likely to occur in dogs eating boutique, grain-free, or exotic ingredient diets.

Exotic ingredients are on the rise

Why are pet owners feeding these exotic ingredients? I think it is primarily because pet owners are falling victim to marketing which portrays exotic ingredients as more natural or healthier than typical ingredients. There is no truth to this marketing – and there is no evidence that these ingredients are any more natural or healthier than more typical ingredients. This is just good marketing that preys on our desire to do the best for our pets.

There is no proof that grain-free is better!

Many pet owners have, unfortunately, also bought into the grain-free myth. The fact is that food allergies are very uncommon, so there's no benefit of feeding pet foods containing exotic ingredients. And while grains have been accused on the internet of causing nearly every disease known to dogs, grains do not contribute to any health problems and are used in pet food as a nutritious source of protein, vitamins, and minerals.

Exotic ingredients are more difficult to use

Not only are the more exotic ingredients unnecessary, they also require the manufacturer to have much more nutritional expertise to be nutritious and healthy. Exotic ingredients have different nutritional profiles and different digestibility than typical ingredients, and also have the potential to affect the metabolism of other nutrients. For example, the bioavailability and metabolism of taurine is different in a lamb-based diet compared to a chicken-based diet or can be affected by the amount and types of fiber in the diet.

Small pet food manufacturers might be better at marketing than at nutrition and quality control

Making high quality, nutritious pet food is not easy! It's more than using a bunch of tasty-sounding ingredients. The right nutrients in the right proportions have to be in the diet, the effects of processing (or not processing) the food need to be considered, and the effects of all the other ingredients in the food need to be addressed, in addition to ensuring rigorous quality control and extensive testing. Not every manufacturer can do this.

How could diet be increasing the risk for DCM?

What is the consistent factor between the diets being implicated in diet-related DCM? It may be related to companies' inadequate nutritional expertise or rigorous quality control. We published a study several years ago in which we measured a single nutrient in 90 canned cat foods that all claimed to be nutritionally complete and balanced. We found that 15% of the diets were deficient in that nutrient (all of those diets were made by small companies). If companies don't have the quality control to ensure all nutrients are at the minimum levels, deficiencies could occur and could contribute to DCM. However, these problems could also be related to problems with bioavailability or interaction with other ingredients in the diet (especially the more exotic ingredients, which are not as

well studied or understood). And DCM could even be the result of an ingredient in the diet that is toxic to the heart. The FDA is investigating this potential association between diet and DCM but, in the meantime, there are some things you can do.

What should you do?

Reconsider your dog's diet. If you're feeding a boutique, grain-free, or exotic ingredient diets, I would reassess whether you could change to a diet with more typical ingredients made by a company with a long track record of producing good quality diets. And do yourself a favor – stop reading the ingredient list! Although this is the most common way owners select their pets' food, it is the least reliable way to do so. And be careful about currently available pet food rating websites that rank pet foods either on opinion or on based on myths and subjective information. It's important to use more objective criteria (e.g., research, nutritional expertise, quality control in judging a pet food). The best way to select what is really the best food for your pet is to ensure the manufacturer has excellent nutritional expertise and rigorous quality control standards (see our "Questions you should be asking about your pet's food" post).

If you're feeding your dog a boutique, grain-free, or exotic ingredient diet, watch for early signs of heart disease – weakness, slowing down, less able to exercise, short of breath, coughing, or fainting. Your veterinarian will listen for a heart murmur or abnormal heart rhythm and may do additional tests (or send you to see a veterinary cardiologist), such as x-rays, blood tests, electrocardiogram, or ultrasound of the heart (echocardiogram).

If your dog is diagnosed with DCM and eating one of these diets, I'd recommend the following steps:

Ask your veterinarian to test whole blood and plasma taurine levels (I recommend the University of California Davis Amino Acid Laboratory

Report it to the FDA. This can be done either online or by telephone. The FDA may be able to help with testing costs for your dog. Reporting it will also help us to identify and solve this current problem.

Change your dog's diet to one made by a well-known reputable company and containing standard ingredients (e.g., chicken, beef, rice, corn, wheat). Changing to a raw or homecooked diet will not protect your dog from this issue (and may increase the risk for other nutritional deficiencies). If your dog requires a homecooked diet or has other medical conditions that require special considerations, be sure to talk to a veterinarian or a veterinary nutritionist (acvn.org) before making a dietary change. You can contact the Cummings Nutrition Service to schedule an appointment (vetnutrition@tufts.edu)

Start taurine supplementation. Your veterinarian or veterinary cardiologist can recommend an appropriate dose for your dog. Be sure to use a brand of taurine with good quality control.

Any improvements in your dog's DCM can take 3-6 months. Your dog will need regular monitoring and may require heart medications during this time. There's no guarantee she'll improve but is certainly worth a try.

Make sure your dog is getting the best combination of medications to treat his heart disease, as this can make a difference in his outcome. You can find a board-certified veterinary cardiologist near you on this website: <http://find.vetspecialists.com/>

Sometimes, the changes we make in pet nutrition advance our knowledge and the health of our pets. In other cases, we can take a step in the wrong direction when the marketing outpaces the science. Hopefully, identifying this current issue will allow us to set a new, more science-based approach to the optimal nutrition of our pets.

For more information about heart disease in dogs, please see our HeartSmart website.

Splish Splash!

Dock Diving Fun Day

Northwest Flat coats had their day at Paws Aquatic. The facility does both rehab. and is an official pool for North American Dock Diving competitions. That means the pool is at least 4 feet deep, 21 feet across, and 41 feet long and for dog safety have a ramp or steps for the dogs to exit the water. The dock is 40 feet long and the end sits 2 feet above the water. That distance can be daunting for first-time divers.

After a safety briefing for humans the dogs were put in groups to learn the exit ramp and warm up the muscles. Fourteen flatties ranging from puppies to veterans swam, dove, and entertained each other. In typical flat-coat style they were soon jumping in off the side, stealing toys, and generously shaking off water on their owners (that was why a change of clothes was suggested as an item to bring). A big thanks to aquatic staff, Jill and Tyler who managed the pool time and dock diving. They were impressed on how well everyone played together.

The dock diving event gave a choice of jumping off the big dock, or jumping from the side. The experienced divers led the way to build up novice enthusiasm to “take the leap” as us humans cheered them on. Be on the look-out for these jumpers at the specialty next year. The time flew by and the group moved to Gary Simpson’s home for a BBQ and chance to relive the highlights of the day. The day was perfect to enjoy the deck and visit with new and old friends. For future reference note that Gary grills an enticing burger. One puppy simply could not resist and did a taste test for the other dogs. In her defense she had carried the dog food bowl around to show she was ready to snack.



Michael Kennedy and Dexter engage in a serious conversation about technique.



Gary Simpson, Jeanne Allen, Dana Ford, and Elizabeth Knight hang on.

More Splishin' and Splashin'



Would Salomeja's sweet Gracie be the burger thief?



The Host with the most! Gary Simpson seems to have appealing charm for the dogs. Could there be something tasty and tempting in his hand?



Lynda Spangler launches her dog in style!



Jill and Madison Ford are all smiles while Karen Giese's Morgan gets friendly with Oly behind their backs!

Our Dogs

Congrats to Lisa Anderson:

Revan and Lisa got two back to back senior passes in McCall, Idaho in July. They got their last pass in early August at Sauvie Island, Oregon. He is now CH Wingover's Potentium Philosophy BN CD SH CGC WC. We hope to try master next year and will be working on more obedience this fall.



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And congrats to Lynda Spangler, who writes:

Thanks to Dinah Baggenstos for finishing our beautiful boy Mr. Knightly, he ended up with 4 majors. What a great experience!



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Karen Giese and Morgan enjoyed Flat-coat Daze and dock diving!



Our Dogs

Congratulations to Karen Dolphin! She writes:

Tag finished his breed championship at the Puyallup Dog Fanciers' show this July. He started and finished with 3 point majors and sandwiched two 5 point majors in between. He's the first dog I've shown and I really appreciate all the helpful advice and moral support I received from fellow flat-coat people along the way. Extra thanks to Kathy Adams for shepherding us through the formal 'new champion' photo process.

Below, Karen Dolphin and "Tag" CH* Wingover Ready Or Not CD RA JH OA OAJ XF WCX



Special birthday wishes go out to Suzanne Elberfeld's special girl!

Here's "Gilly" (Am Can CH Stratford's Love-in-Idleness CGC) celebrating her 14th birthday in grand style (and showing admirable restraint in waiting for her orange scone!) on 07/25.

Happy Birthday beautiful girl!"

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Susan Kravit-Smith's daughter graduated from high school and is off to college. Susan managed to fit in a few major accomplishments during this busy year. She reports:

Juno is now AmCan CH Swiftwater My Foolish Heart NAJP NAP DJ DS TKN, having earned both her Novice Titles in Standard and Jumpers in just four week-ends of agility trials with ME handling. Those of you who have seen me in the conformation ring with be amazed to hear I have not yet fallen in my face once. We are having a great time learning together. We plan to continue until January when I hope to breed Juno.

At the Sequim show Rollie, CH Swiftwater Tom Foolery, earned two five point majors towards his GCH title. Owner handled by Jude Fritts, as all of his points have been.

Pictured at right: Jude and Rollie at the Hurricane Ridge kennel Club show in Sequim.



Our Dogs



Elizabeth Knight writes: At the July Puyallup shows, Swiftwater Redwing Blackbird (Pai) won her second major. She went WB, BOS, BOW and NOH over 2 days. Proud of my girl!!



How's that for style? Barb Fowler's Hiya finished her novice agility titles (NA, NAJ, NF). She is now Shasta Meet and Greet RI NA NAJ NF BCAT JH TKA WC

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Steve and Jo Chinn's "Valley" successfully ran four straight Junior Hunter tests last spring. She passed one in eastern Washington, one at Pepper's in Carnation, Washington, and then two in Minnesota. She inconveniently came into season before the national specialty, but was still allowed to run the WC, which she passed. She is now CH Flyway Farms Down in the Valley TKN JH WC. She also earned 3rd place in the 12-18 month puppy sweeps at the national specialty.



The other Chinn dog, "Flo" impressively placed 2nd in the Senior Gun Dog Sweeps at the national specialty, and then won the Gun Dog Group at Rainier Sporting Dog. She is GCHB Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River CDX TD BN RA DJ SH WCX.

Our Dogs

Kathy Adams' pup "Kollins" went from baby puppy to champion in a flash! She finished her championship at 15 months and is now CH Blacklace Syrah's True Myth.



Stay in Touch!

Don't forget to visit our club's website at <http://www.nwflatcoat.org/>. Jon always accepts pictures of our zany dogs, so if you snap a good one, send it his way!

And while surfing, float by our 2019 specialty website at <https://fcrsa.org/2019specialty/>.

Or, "like" our specialty Facebook page "2019 Flatcoated Retriever National Specialty."

Two very cool specialty fund-raisers launch in the next few weeks. Get a jump on Christmas shopping at our "Holiday Market" featuring clothing, home décor, and other gift items with great flat-coat photos and images.

Our "Dog First Aid Kits" will be available to ship in November. Currently, boxes and boxes of supplies clog the hallways at Lura Dunn's house! These kits contain the most important, good quality products you need to keep your dogs safe while in the field, traveling, or just out for a walk.

We send a flyer to your in-box when the Holiday Market and First Aid Kits are ready to go.

National Specialty



Bringing it Back to
Albany • Oregon

Fetch is bringing the national specialty back to Oregon! Save June 14-21, 2019 for exciting flatcoat action at the field in Scio and the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. FCR people love to come to the Oregon specialty because the grounds and facilities are fabulous, the hotels are conveniently located next to the show grounds, the food is outrageous, and of course, the Northwest Flatcoat Club members are so kind and so helpful! We aim to present a stress-free specialty for our guests (and for ourselves!)

Volunteers have stepped up to take on the committee chair positions, but many workers are still needed. Some tasks require people skills, other require computer skills. Take a look at the following pages to see where your skills best fit, and then step forward!

Specialty 2019

Thursday June 13

Set up agility trial, set up dock diving and set up for field events

Friday, June 14

All breed agility trial (High in class FCR) Judges Dale Mahoney and Jan Skurzynski

Agility B match in evening

NADD dock diving

Steady and Unsteady Singles

Saturday, June 15 (AKC weekend 24)

All breed agility trial (High in Class FCR) Judges Dale Mahoney and Jan Skurzynski

NADD dock Diving

Hunt Test (JH, SH, MH)

Sunday June 16 (AKC weekend 24)

All breed agility trial (FCR only in trial) Judges Dale Mahoney and Jan Skurzynski

NADD dock diving

WC and WCX

Grooming area open for people to set up

Conformation, obedience and rally rings set up

Field/Agility Banquet

Monday, June 17

Rally and Obedience regular and non-regular Judges Alvin Eng, Theresa Temple and ?

NADD dock diving

CGC and TDI Chris Cornell

Trick Dog Chris Cornell

Ring of Honor in evening

Welcome party

Tuesday, June 18

Puppy sweeps and Veterans' sweeps

Gun dog sweeps Barb Krieger

Search and Rescue Demo (tentative)

Northwest Dinner

Wednesday June 19

4-6 month puppy class

Dog classes Helen

Junior Handling Ryann Grady

Junior's ice cream social

FCRSA Board Meeting? (suggestion, restaurant banquet room)

Education First Aid for Dogs in afternoon

Black Dog Casino Night

Silent Auction

Thursday June 20

Bitch classes

Judges education

Eye Clinic

Annual meeting

Friday, June 21

BOB, Owner Handler, Stud/Brood, brace

Awards Banquet

Other events on Saturday and Sunday June 21 and 22, AKC weekend 25

All breed agility trial in Salem,

All Breed Conformation and Obedience in Canby

Specialty 2019

Committees

Show Chairs Joyce Brackney, Lura Dunn and Jo Chinn

Agility Chairs Lynda Spangler, Pat Boydston

Conformation

Conformation Chair Joyce Brackney

BaRay Liaison Joyce Brackney

Conformation Ring Steward Hach Hatchel (tentative)

Judges Hospitality/Liaison? **Need somebody!**

Field

Field Chairs Jo Chinn and Lura Dunn with assistance from: Boyd and Pam Ulsh, Pete and Kate Szilard, Salomeja Garolis, Gary Simpson, Mary Kirkness, Dan Rotter, David Kerschner, Steve Chinn, Karen Dolphin, Lisa Anderson, Xan Latta, Ed and Candy Ferner, Lisa Anderson, and others.

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Obedience/rally Chairs Jeanne Allen and Nancy Harger

Obedience Chief Ring Steward-Need 3 volunteers 3 rings going at same time

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Trick Dog Chris Cornell

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Merchandise Lori Kunz, Suzanne Elberfeld, Cathy Doster, Linda Monroe

Ribbons Sandy Butler and Mary Kirkness

Trophies Kathy Adams and Lizzy Ramhorst

Dock Diving (tentative) Todd Whitney

Ring of Honor Keli Martin

Fundraising

Black Dog Casino Night Joyce Brackney

Silent Auction Jennifer Stanley and Trish Olson

Table Donations Joyce Brackney and Deb Ricketts

Magnet Sales Joyce Brackney

First Aid Kit sales Lura Dunn

FCR sheets for bed covers Joyce Brackney

Raffle at Field and Agility dinner?

Trophy Donations on web site Adora Lanphere

Donations from Businesses for money and raffle/silent auction items Sheila Colyer

Agility Trial 3/22 to 3/24, 2019 Medford Oregon Joyce Brackney

Online Holiday Store with flatcoat items Xan Latta

Name Tags and Welcome Bags Linda Monroe and Susan Kravit-Smith

Sasquatch award (3Q or 4Q) Margo Ormiston

Catalog Ads Candy Ferner

Grounds Steve Chinn, David Kerschner, and Dan Rotter

Junior Showmanship Dinah Baggenstos

Eye Clinic Barbara Fowler

Logo Jo Chinn

Info Packet Jo Chinn

RV Reservations- Steve Chinn, Ray Konopa and David Kerschner

Volunteer Coordinator **Need somebody!**

Membership Notes

Our club has over 102 members, representing the states of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and California. We also have far-flung members in Missouri, Colorado, and Texas.

Welcome to our new members:

Bob & Claire Loehr, San Jose

Isaabelle Albi and Schuyler Ransohoff, Los Angeles

Rob Allen, Denver

Steve Bobbitt, Missouri

Robert Brkich and Ben Pratt, Los Angeles

Brian Rainey and Trisha Hanson, Denver

Justin Robinson and Rachel Sheppard, Texas

Tracy Smith, Colorado

Maggie & Dennis Donnelson, Richland, WA

Lydia Montagner, Redmond, OR

Christine & Rob Slavik, Langley BC

Van Maddox and Linda Springer, CA

Don & Pat Malberg, CA

Marcella & Jim Winslow, Kirkland, WA

Elections for Officers, 2019

The NWFCRC will hold election for officers in December. Open offices are President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Board Position #3. The Newsletter Editor position is always open to anybody who wants it! If you're interested in holding an office, contact Linda Monroe at tamturifcr@gmail.com

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