

NWFCRC WINTER 2023-24



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

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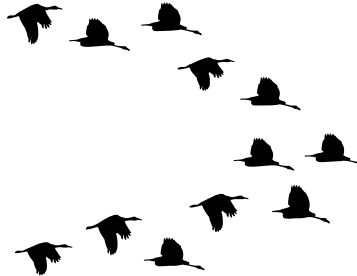
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Some **Good News** from the national club about new requirements for
entering the FCRSA Hall of Fame!

These will be effective January 1, 2024 and the updated requirements can be
found on the FCRSA website [here](#)



Isak enjoying the Nehalem River this summer!

Karen Dolphin writes:

Ciri and Kaya ended the year with a small spree of events, finishing just in time to take December off to relax for the holidays.

In agility, Kaya finished her excellent fast, open standard and open jumpers titles. Ciri completed her open jumpers. Both girls are now in ex/mas for all classes...no more ring conflicts! It was a very nice early Christmas gift from the girls.

In rally, they embarked on their first two days of competing in master/excellent/advanced. They both managed to pick up triple Q's each day. Ciri was on fire on the Saturday of the trial, coming away with the Triple Q and High Combined awards. Kaya performed respectably and earned a decent number of points. On Sunday, Kaya air scented something in the neighboring ring as we entered for the master class. We barely survived and had a surreptitious 'leave it' discussion as we sat in the ring for awards. She must have received the message, because she was nearly perfect in the next two classes and beat Ciri for the High Combined award. Ciri faced down her kryptonite (the offset figure 8 with toys for distractions) in all three classes that day and managed to come away with another Triple Q award. Not a bad debut!

At our club's WC/X test, Ciri ran the X and Kaya did both stakes. They passed everything, though the steadiness was shakier and shakier with the excitement of each successive series. But they held it together and I was happy to be at the line with them. Kathy Adams was there and took some great photos. Attached is a picture she took of Kaya returning with the first bird of her water double and one of Ciri launching for a water mark.

Here's wishing everyone a great 2024!

Karen Dolphin and Ciri (Wingmaster Witchers Ward RE JH AX OAJ XF WCX) and Kaya (Wingmaster X Games RE JH OA OAJ XF WCX) and retired boy Tag (CH Wingover Ready Or Not CDX RM SH AX MXJ MXF WCX HOF)



Ciri gets her bird



Kaya makes her mark

Thanks to Kathy Adams for the wonderful photos from the WC/WCX trials!

from Marianne Mason

Elle, is 7+ yo and does nosework. She at the NW3 level & is half way to reaching the next level-Elite. A team needs to pass the NW3 level three times (either at 100% or with 1-error also known as missing a hide. When this happens you get some credit & it's called getting a leg) before we can move up to the Elite level. Elle has titled once & gotten a leg once. Hence, we are half way. This is the most challenging sport I have ever done.

Learning tons! Definitely being stretched as a handler. However, the bonding & growth with Elle is unmeasurable. She is amazing a finding the hides. It's us humans that are in the way! Hopefully we'll get into some trials in 2024. Fingers are crossed

Elle



from. Ann Richards

I am thrilled and proud to announce that CH PACH Shasta Shawnika has qualified for The National Agility Trial in Georgia 2024.

I am attaching a picture of Shasta Sirius Brownstone who is currently being handled by a Junior Handler, Ari Beaudoin, who is working to qualify with her for the AKC Junior Open Agility Championship Team with the trial in Belgium in July 2024. We wish her all the best.



Susan Kravit (Swiftwater FCRs) writes:

Swiftwater News: After finishing her Championship in Dec of 2022 Kira (Blacfriar Dark Crystal at Swiftwater) has been training in Agility and Field. We are very close to beginning to trial in Agility, and also close to finishing her GCH. Kira also got all health clearances done and hips were scored as excellent. So we are looking towards doing a breeding in early 2024. If you are thinking of adding a puppy let us know.



Kira



Kira

Salem (Swiftwater Brilliant Disguise), largely took the year off of showing, but has sired litters in Colorado and California. He is about to be bred to Kira's mom Mariah (Blacfriar Speaker of the House). This should be a stunning litter, it will be raised at Blacfriar in New York State.

Pai (Swiftwater Redwing Blackbird) began her obedience and field careers this year, titling in both. I am so proud of this team. I am sure Liz has her own write up about Pai, I know they have worked hard on these accomplishments.

Pepper (Swiftwater Fooled You By a Day) got her DS1 senior title in the Canadian Detection Sport Association, placing 2nd in interior finds and third place overall.

We are grateful for all of the wonderful homes our puppies have gone to over the years, we know they are loved and bring joy to their families with or without earning titles.

Linda Spangler writes:

I got my GRAND CHAMPION! In November at The Medford dog show GCH,Ch Heronbeck Ms Pippa. Happy New Year all!





GCH Rainshadow We Shall Overcome BN JH WCX (Glory) and her Owner Handled group placement at the Hurricane Ridge Show in July.

Jo Chinn writes

Happy New Year from the Chinn dogs and their people. 2023 was a good year for us. Glory and Jo finished Glory's Grand Championship, they passed the Canadian WC, the American WCX, and earned Glory's Beginner Novice title in obedience. They are looking forward to more obedience and field in 2024. Valley and Steve passed the Canadian WC, and continue to train for field and obedience. Glory might also be looking for a boyfriend in late 2024. We want to wish all of our flatcoat friends a very happy, successful, and fun 2024.

Pictures:

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GCHB Flyway Farms Down in the Valley CD JH WCX TN FDC (Valley) puts up with a little lovin' from Glory.

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Jo Chinn

Reader, Quilter, Flat-coat Friend
Perry Mason Aficionado

Rainshadow FCRs



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Karen Giese sends us this photo of 4 Flatcoat's from Heronbeck kennel in Merlin Oregon.

We have granddad Mr Knightly , sisters/daughters Morgan & Hattie , and granddaughter Pippa.

We were all out hiking the Enchanted Forest in Southern Oregon and came upon this old vintage truck so stopped for a photo shoot.

Happy New Year 🎉🍷🍷🍷

Owners : Lynda Spangler and Karen Giese

from Barbara Fowler

CH AGCH MACH PACH2 Shasta Meet and Greet CDX TD RAE *SH* BCAT AKA WCX (Hiya) finished her Senior Hunter title by getting her last two legs at the fall hunt tests put on by the Marin Retriever Club and the Sagehens Club at the California Retriever Training grounds in California.



I don't know if we will go on to master but we are still training because it so much fun!

Linda Irish writes from Spokane

Our girl, Hope, just completed all her requirements for pet therapy this month. She is now a certified, registered pet therapy dog. I've attached a pic taken during one of her sessions at an after school program for at-risk children. We are located in Spokane, WA. Hope's breeder is Salameja Garolis in Oregon. Hope is 19 mos. old. Her official AKC name is Headliner's Hope for Hidden Treasure.





QUAIL RUN

Flatcoated Retrievers



Angus



Maggie

AM CH AM GCH
BLACFRIAR THE SKY IS THE LIMIT
CHIC8687L AKC DNA #V10089275, BCAT, ATL, CGC, FDC, RH (COI 7.2%)
26 JUL 2023 BLACK

AM CH AM GCH
SHASTA'S MARGUERITE MAY
CHIC75550, AKC DNA #V10089274, BCAT, ATL, FDC (COI 10.4%)
16 MAR 2017 LIVER

CAH CH BUTTERBLAC'S ONE FOR THE MONEY
(COI 3.1%)

AM/CAH GCH RACH BLACFRIAR MADELINE
Am/Can CD, JH, Am PCDX, RM4, RAE2, WCX, MX, MXJ, MXS, MUG, OAP, AJP, MFB,
OFF, P, T202, SON, SIN, DS, Can Agi, Agi, NP, WCI, HOF (COI 17.0%)

CH MACH SHASTA LEATHER BU RH IH NMB MIS T2B HOF
(COI 2.7%)

AM CH SHASTA RED GEMSTONE, RH
(COI 8.0%)

AM CH AITHERCROFT'S DEACON BLES (COI 14.6%)

AM CH BUTTERBLAC'S SENSIBILITY (COI 25.6%)

AM GCH CAH CH BLACFRIAR SEAMUS MCGRATH JH (COI 2.5%)

AM CH AM GCH CAH CH BLACFRIAR A STITCH IN TIME
AJP, Am WC, AXJ, AXP, Can CDX, Can WC, CDX, HOF, OA, OF, OFF,
RE, SH, WCI, WCX (COI 13.2%)

BIS BSS GCH QUILLQUEST ETCHED IN STONE
JH OA AXJ WCX HOF (COI 0.8%)

AM CH MACH SHASTA TERRACOTTA CDX, HOF, JH, RA (COI 10.5%)

BIS GCH MACH SHASTA BROWNSTONE CD JH RA HOF (COI 4.7%)

CH SHASTA PEANUT BUTTER MX, MXJ (COI 1.5%)

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Amy D. Petti sends news of the litter !

We welcomed a fine litter of 6 on Dec 15 - 3 boys and 3 girls. All are doing well, including Mama Maggie. Daddy Angus and Big Sister Frankie are waiting for them to be a bit bigger for a playdate!

Resilience Unleashed:

Coulson's Journey from Injury to Recovery

Lura Dunn

Coulson, my ever-active and spirited FCR, thrives on constant movement and play. Whether engaged in agility training, field activities, or simply carrying toy in his mouth, his energy knows no bounds.

At the 2022 Specialty in Indiana, Coulson was very excited to run the Steady Singles event. His first mark went unexpectedly well, with only a brief hunt for the duck. However, the second mark led downhill, where a tumble midway left him disoriented but undeterred. Although he didn't progress into the next series, his effort made me immensely proud. The subsequent Senior and WCX tests, followed by an agility run, showcased his usual zeal and the only sign he might have an injury was a few bars knocked down during his agility runs.

It was after these events that Coulson's behavior shifted. I noticed him holding his left front leg up while in his exercise pen. A vet at the Specialty indicated that it might be a bicep injury and she noticed some muscle atrophy. This abrupt change in behavior prompted thorough examinations and consultations. The journey toward uncovering the root cause of his intermittent limping commenced, leading us through multiple veterinarians' evaluations.

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Initially, a vet specializing in acupuncture and massage recommended a diagnostic ultrasound to probe further into Coulson's condition. It took some time to secure an appointment at a specialized veterinary clinic, but once scheduled, Coulson underwent an ultrasound, coupled with a PRP injection and shock wave therapy. These treatments brought a glimmer of hope for his recovery from the shoulder issue that plagued him.

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The ultrasound findings were revelatory—moderate insertional tendinopathy of the left supraspinatus tendon on the cartilaginous insertion and mild-to-moderate bicipital tenosynovitis on both shoulders. A PRP injection targeted his left shoulder, complemented by shock wave therapy on both. Coulson's activity was restricted to gradual leash walks, complemented by the Myos Muscle Building formula, anti-inflammatory medications, and tailored exercises to rebuild his shoulder muscles.

After about six months post-PRP injection, Coulson's limping resurfaced, leaving me frustrated with the limited support received from the specialized veterinary center. In my quest for more specialized care, I switched to a veterinarian known for treating only sports-related injuries in dogs—a gratifying decision in Coulson's diagnosis and treatment journey.

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Under this new vet's care, Coulson underwent weekly electro acupuncture sessions, occasionally complemented by laser treatments. Eventually, the vet suggested an MRI to explore any underlying neurological issues contributing to Coulson's lack of muscle gain despite adhering to a strict exercise regimen and the prescribed muscle-building supplements.

Following a visit to a Neurologist, an MRI was scheduled, accompanied by an orthopedist vet's scrutiny of the results. This MRI became the breakthrough we desperately sought. It finally revealed the diagnosis—Medial Shoulder Instability or Syndrome (MSS). It likely occurred over time and not from his tumble down the hill. MSS is usually from chronic repetitive use resulting in microtears, degeneration and eventual breakdown of tissue leading to instability. It is often referred to as being like a human rotator cuff tear.



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The subsequent treatment plan outlined arthroscopic surgery to address Coulson's condition. The surgery unveiled mild glenohumeral ligament tearing, mild proximal bicipital brachii tendon, moderate synovitis, and neovascularization of the medial glenohumeral ligament. To stabilize his shoulder joint on the medial side, a prosthetic ligament (Tightrope implant) was inserted.

Post surgery Coulson has been confined to a crate or exercise pen, with leash-only walks for bathroom breaks. His restlessness requires Trazadone to keep his activity under control, coupled with calming aids like an Adaptil collar and room spray. To keep him mentally engaged, treat puzzles and food-stuffed toys have become his companions.

This diagnostic process has been both trying and enlightening. My investment in pet insurance, a decision made since Coulson was a puppy, has been a lifesaver. Covering 80% of expenses for his MRI, surgery, rehabilitation, and even his hobble brace, the insurance mitigated the bill of over \$17,000 considerably.

I eagerly await Coulson's rehabilitation journey, anticipating his gradual return to his favorite activities, particularly his passion for running in the field. Here's to Coulson's resilience and the promising path ahead as he embarks on his recovery journey.

Part 2 on Coulson's rehabilitation process will come in the next newsletter!

2023 was a year of ups and downs, but for us, it brought many gifts! Pai (SHR CH Swiftwater Redwing Blackbird, BCAT BN CD) In the spring, we got our Started Hunting Retriever title; the summer gave us a Beginner Novice title and then a CD in 3 straight trials. We went up to Monroe for the WC; despite not passing due to shenanigans, we had a great time.

Pai and I are training for our CDX, an AKC Junior Hunter title and UKC Seasoned Hunting Retriever.

Pai's son, Isak (Swiftwater Avenging Angel), has started his Novice work and, like his brilliant mama, is doing very well.

Liz Knight

