



Fall, 2010
Newsletter

The Lab Line

What's New?

It was a busy summer for Badger Labrador Retriever Club. Many of our members were busy competing in the breed ring and performance events.

We had a very successful booth at the State Fair's World of Dogs. We took 2 firsts and 2 seconds to win Best Overall Booth.

On September 17th we held a WC/AWC in Fond du Lac, WI. The weather cooperated and everyone present agreed the site was really nice.

Passing the WC were:

Ch Linamia Papageno's Aria CD RA JH WC
Corhampton Playboy At Lustalab Can JH, CD
Can CH Lustalab's Material Girl

Kate's Pride Ms Cleo

Lustalab's Vince Lombardi Can JH

Addison Oaks Superstar at Linamia WC

The AWC was passed by:

Linamia Thanks for the Memories RA SH

We are working on choosing a date for next year that won't conflict with other WC's or hunt tests. Stay tuned.....

Plans are being made for the annual Holiday party. It is tentatively planned for January 22nd, 2011.

Member Brags

Cream City Prelude to Mars, owners Jim & Maria Kraft, won WD out of the BBE Class at the Sheboygan Show in September.

Angus, owned by Kathy Schmidt and Malcom Richardson was awarded a JAM at the Shawnee Mission Specialty in September.

Bo, owned by Deb & Bert Wiley, took 1st place in 3 to 6 month puppy dog class and BOS Puppy at the Janesville-Beloit KC match in October.

From Peggy Stevens:

Jake earned 4 master passes in 4 tests as well as his RA with a 1st, 2nd and 4th place.

Celia finished her RA with 1st place.

Cece earned 2 RN legs with 2 2nd places.

Dash earned 2 Novice obedience legs with scores of 188 and 194.5

From the Ingellis:

Ingelnook Markers Mark took WD to finish his AKC Championship at West Bend.

Ingelnook Chic Design was WB for 1 point at Belvidere.

Ingelnook Dark Design was WB for 1 point at Burlington KC.

WHAT I LEARNED AT THE DOG SHOW

(taken from an article published by Humane Watch May 24, 2010)

- 1. When you go to a dog show, bring your own chair.** But don't be surprised if someone offers to lend you theirs. (I'm typing this in someone else's customized, embroidered lawn chair.)
- 2. Dog shows are competitive, but the people involved are remarkably supportive** of their human opponents. I heard a steady stream of "congratulations!" offered to blue-ribbon holders from handlers who were trotting away empty-handed.
- 3. If you're a first-timer who asks "what kind of dog is that?"** too loudly, somebody might look at you funny.
- 4. These people treat their dogs like royalty.** It was 90 degrees in the shade on Saturday, and the dogs had shade, electric fans, and cold water—even if their owners didn't.
- 5. Judging from this weekend, the typical show-dog handler isn't a stuffy Brit** wearing Saville Row tweed. She—yes, she—is an

energetic 40-year-old married mom whose husband packs up the kids and brings them along on the trip.

6. Sometimes the kids strut the dogs around the ring. The under-18 handlers even have their own judging category in which their skills are being judged, not the qualities of their dogs.

7. The name of the game is "conformation" (not "confirmation," as I used to think). Dog show breeders are trying to breed animals that "conform" to a set ideal of how a breed can look, "gait," and behave if they do everything right. (I read an article in Wired this week about how Cheetos in the factory are checked every 30 minutes against a "reference sample" from Frito-Lay headquarters, just to make sure the ideal color, texture, and crispiness is being matched. It's kinda like that, but it takes years for these folks to make a single Cheeto. And Cheetos don't pee on you.)

8. Watch where you step in the parking lot.

To read the rest of the article go to:
http://humanewatch.org/images/uploads/2010-05-24_HW_Dog_Show_Essay.pdf

WISCONSIN DOG FAIR, NOVEMBER 7th, 2010

BLRC is having an educational booth at this year's Dog Fair. We could use some help staffing the booth. If you can help even for 1 to 2 hours, we can use you. We will need help with set-up at about 9:00 a.m. that day. We also need people to show off your Labs and talk to people about our breed. Suggested times would be 9:00 to 11:30 or 12, 12 to 2 and 2 to 4 p.m.

Finally we need baked goods so we can try to raise enough money to equal the cost of the booth. Chocolate chip cookies, brownies, cup cakes or rice krispie treats are popular items. Items need to be pre-packaged and labeled with a price. If you can't come to the Dog Fair please get your goodies to Deb Hamele or Deb Wiley.

Please contact Deb H. to volunteer to work at the booth or to contribute some baked goods. THANKS!!

PLAN AHEAD!!

2011 LRC NATIONAL EVENT WEEK is in the planning stages. The dates for the 2011 National will be October 10th to 16th. The 15th and 16th will be the hunt test dates. The location is the Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Connecticut. The New England Lab clubs, LRC of Greater Boston, LRC of Pioneer Valley and Pawcatuck River LRC will be assisting the LRC in putting on this week long event.

Merck Sued: HomeAgain(r) Pet Chip Implicated in Cancer

(PRWEB) October 13, 2010 -- Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. has been served with a lawsuit over claims its HomeAgain(r) pet microchip induced cancer in a cat. Animal rights attorney Steven Wise seeks "reasonable compensatory damages" for a malignant tumor "likely" induced by a HomeAgain(r) ID chip implanted in his client's cat, Bulkin.

The complaint, "Andrea Rutherford v. Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. and Digital Angel, Inc." (case # 1052CV1147) was filed last week in Cambridge (MA) District Court. The complaint named implant maker Digital Angel Corporation as a co-defendant.

"Based on the alarming number of microchip-linked cancers we are discovering, I predict this lawsuit will be just the tip of the iceberg," said Dr. Katherine Albrecht, a consumer advocate and expert on adverse reactions associated with implantable microchips.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/press/pet-chip-implicated-cancer,1500224.html>

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