



June, 2011  
Newsletter

# The Lab Line

## Letter from the Pres.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work in helping make our 4<sup>th</sup> annual specialty a great success. Every year we learn so much and it shows! This club has really come together and our tremendous enthusiasm, hard work and love for our Labradors certainly shows in all that we do. I look forward to next year's show and anticipate that we will continue to increase our entries, but also our reputation as a great Labrador club. I also look forward to the summer and our WC/AWC. I think we are truly hitting our stride and look forward to our all coming together and sharing the love of our breed and club.

Thanks again for everyone's contribution to the specialty and to the club.

Best regards,  
Sandy

## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Sandy and BJ Bethke's home in Waunakee. Call Sandy at 608 849-5003 if you need directions.

## Member Brags

### From the Bethkes:

Ch Isthmus of Sunlakes 24 Karat (Lexi)  
BOB  
Badger Labrador Retriever Club Specialty  
Under Judge Thomas J. Feneis  
Owned and bred by Sandy Bethke and  
Cynthe Sundin

### From Brenda Toepfer:

Ch Isthmus Terlingua of Tedco who won  
BOS at the Saturday Wisconsin Kennel  
Club show from the Veterans class

### From Deb Hamele:

Honorbright Summer Blonde Ale JH  
(Summer)  
finished her AKC Championship at the  
Wisconsin Kennel Club show on March  
6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Summer then finished her  
Novice Agility title on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the  
Car-dun-al Agility Trial in Huntley, IL with  
a first place in her class. Since then  
Summer has added another Novice  
Jumpers with Weaves leg on May 29<sup>th</sup>  
with another first place and Select Bitch  
both times shown since she earned her  
CH for 4 points towards her Grand  
Championship.

Dunn's Marsh All That Jazz JH, CD, RAE, NA, NAJ, NF finished her RAE 2 title at the Badger Kennel Club show on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. At the Miami Valley LRC specialty she had first places in Veteran's Obedience, and Ex. B and Adv. B rally.

Jazz's daughter, Dunn's Marsh River Dance earned her first Rally Novice leg at the same BKC show.

#### **From the Ingelli's:**

Isthmus The Dark Knight was WD/BOW/BOB at the Fox Valley KC show on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Animal shelters prepare for influx of dogs with new state law**

#### **The law**

Wisconsin Act 90 is a new law regulating dog breeding and sales/transfers that was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in late 2009. It took effect June 1. This law has been a decade in the making and represents cooperation among many different interests. The intent is to protect the welfare of dogs and to protect consumers who purchase or adopt dogs.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

More information about the bill is available under "animals" at <http://datcp.wi.gov/>.

A Plymouth dog breeder says a new state bill regulating puppy mills will put him out of business.

"These people who wrote the law don't know nothing about dogs. What am I going to do once my dogs are gone?" said Gerald Schultz, operator of Pretty Penny Kennel, located along Highway 67. He said he sells around 1,000 dogs a

year, but is refusing to purchase the newly required license or let inspectors on his property.

"I've been doing this for 45 years and now they are taking away my livelihood. They (the state) are going to take my dogs and give them to the humane society," he said.

The new law that calls for licensing and inspecting dog sellers and facilities went into effect on June 1. Breeders who sell more than 25 dogs a year have to be licensed, along with animal shelters with at least 25 dogs and auctions that sell at least 50 dogs a year.

Wisconsin Act 90 signals a long-awaited victory for rescue groups and animal shelters, said Renee Webb, shelter manager at the Fond du Lac Humane Society. Animal shelters around the state have been preparing for months to take in large numbers of dogs from commercial breeders who may now decide to shut down operations rather than comply with the new care standards.

"We know that these big breeders and puppy mills are going to shut down. We definitely have a solid plan in place and will be working with other shelters in the state so transfers go quickly and smoothly," Webb said.

The Fond du Lac shelter just applied for its license through the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the regulating body and expects an inspector to check out the facility sometime before September. License fees begin at \$125 a year for non-profits and animal control facilities and range up to \$1,000 a year for the largest in-state breeders.

There are about 500 dog breeders in Wisconsin, according to estimates by the DATCP. So far, 677 license applications have been mailed out and 110 completed. The bill reflects the hard work of people

who have lobbied for stricter commercial dog breeding controls for years, said Eilene Ribbons, head of the Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project.

“People who are running good, clean operations have no worries. Quality hobby breeders will not be affected,” said Ribbons.

New standards address the need for dogs to have clean, safe cages large enough to allow them to move naturally and protect them from the elements, along with daily exercise, nutritious food and contact with humans.

Anyone requiring a license will need to have each dog examined by a veterinarian before selling them, and puppies must be at least 7 weeks old before they are sold.

Schultz said he’s been harassed for years by animal rights activists who label his operation a “Puppy Mill.” He keeps his dogs in wire cages stacked off the ground because it’s cleaner for the animals, he explained.

Knowing what was coming, he cut his numbers down from 36 different breeds of purebred dogs to 12. About 80 dogs are left on his property as he prepares to shut down his operation. If found in violation, Schultz said he will have to hand the dogs over to the state who in turn will hand them over to the Sheboygan County Humane Society.

“They (the inspectors) jumped over about 600 people to get to me first. Why should I purchase a license if they won’t give me any variance. Hardly anyone will be able to obey all the new laws,” he said.

The penalty for operating without a license would be up to a \$10,000 fine and nine months in jail. Violating standards of care would be penalized with a fine up to \$1,000 for the first offense and up to \$2,000 for a second offense within five

years.

A provision in the law allows breeders a one-time kennel liquidation if they notify the department at least 30 days prior to the sale.

Ribbons said rescues are preparing for the flood of (unhealthy) dogs that may need help. Cost to rehabilitate an average puppy mill dog runs around \$1,400 (\$400 for vet care alone), she said.

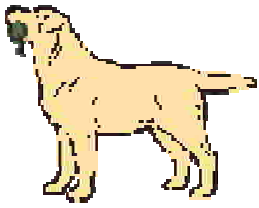
“We have a system set up so when things happen, we are ready. People are ready to help,” she said.

*The Appleton Post Crescent contributed to the story.*

<http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110603/FON0101/110602113/Animal-shelters-prepare-influx-dogs-new-state-law>

## All Breed Shows & Obedience Trials

Date	Show Supt.	Closing
7/2 & 3	Kettle Moraine Roy Jones	6/15
7/9 & 10	Greater DeKalb Roy Jones	6/22
7/15	Blackhawk KC Roy Jones	6/29
7/16	Kishwaukee Roy Jones	6/29
7/30 & 7/31	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Waukesha KC Shows Onofrio	7/13
Aug 1 & 2	Burlington KC Onofrio	7/13



## BLRC WC

Our WC will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
Chelstar Kennels, N4890 Us Highway 45  
Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

## BILL HILLMAN SEMINAR AUG. 20TH & 21ST. 2011

AT CUR-SAN'S KENNEL

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\$150.00 ( starts at 8:30 AM )

Price includes two days with Bill Hillman  
sharing his knowledge.

Day one 7:30-8:00 sign in, AM Snacks,  
lunch & Dinner Sat.

Sunday starts at 8:30 AM will end early  
afternoon.

Entries MUST be RECEIVED by July 29<sup>TH</sup>

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## Sportsmen Win Major Courtroom Battle Protecting Hunting On Public Lands

(Columbus) – Federal Judge James S.  
Gwin has ruled in favor of sportsmen by  
denying a lawsuit aimed at closing  
hunting on dozens of units of the 100  
million acre National Wildlife Refuge  
System.

This long running case began in 2003  
when the Fund for Animals, which later  
merged with the Humane Society of the  
United States (HSUS), filed a lawsuit to

stop hunting on 39 refuges. The U.S.  
Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation  
(USSAF), along with other organizations,  
intervened on behalf of sportsmen. Anti  
hunting groups later expanded the lawsuit  
to include more 50 refuges.

Judge Gwin's ruling stops HSUS' attempt  
at using the National Environmental  
Policy Act to close hunting on these  
refuges. In making the decision the  
judge noted that "Plaintiffs, however, are  
not entitled to an inviolate sanctuary for  
their preferred uses – Congress has  
determined that, to the extent possible,  
hunters, fishers, observers,  
photographers, and educators must share  
the refuges."

The judge's ruling relied heavily on  
language in the 1997 Refuge  
Improvement Act, championed by the  
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, which made  
hunting, fishing and other wildlife oriented  
activities priority uses on refuge units. The  
Act also mandated hunting and fishing  
activities be "facilitated".

It is unknown at this time if HSUS will  
appeal the ruling.

"The majority of refuges were created to  
be open to hunting but relentless attacks  
by anti-hunting groups forced Congress to  
spell it out in law," said Rob Sexton,  
USSAF vice president for government  
affairs. "Now, the courts have once again  
ruled that hunting is a priority use of  
refuge land wherever and whenever  
compatible with wildlife management."

The U.S. Sportsmen's Legal Defense  
Fund (SLDF), the legal arm of the U.S.  
Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation, has  
worked since the beginning of this case to  
defend the rights of hunters and has

collaborated with other groups including Safari Club International (SCI). Together, the SLDF and SCI are co-counsels and also represent Ducks Unlimited, the National Rifle Association, Izzak Walton League, Delta Waterfowl Foundation, and California Waterfowl Association. National Wildlife Refuges provide excellent opportunities for sportsmen to pursue waterfowl, big game, furbearers, and much more. Hunting is a popular public activity on refuge land and a practical means of maintaining optimal wildlife populations.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 empowered the Fish and Wildlife Service to open refuges to hunting when compatible with the purposes for which the refuges were established. In 1997, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act went a step further. It ensures that refuges are managed for wildlife conservation and that hunting and fishing are priority public uses on refuge units.

\*The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is responsible for public education, legal defense and research. Its mission is accomplished through several distinct programs, coordinated to provide the most complete defense capability possible. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, [www.ussafoundation.org](http://www.ussafoundation.org) \*

**Please send any articles that may be of interest to members, announcements or brags to Deb Hamele, [dmlabs@charter.net](mailto:dmlabs@charter.net)**

## **Labrador Life Line Cyber Show... it's a "snap" to enter!**

This is your call for entries to the Labrador Life Line Cyber Show...the Show runs through June 17th. Snap away! This annual fundraiser is your opportunity to share in our mutual love of Labs, and to "show off" your Lab(s) too. And what if you don't own a lab? Not to worry, you can still participate in the Cyber Show! We have a category "Not JUST Labs-All Pets Welcome". You can enter a photo in honor of a beloved companion who passed away, in our "Rainbow Bridge" category.

Last year the Cyber Show had a record number of entries...over 200 photos were entered. We would love to break that record again this year, but we can't do it without you. Tell all your friends and family and help support a worthy cause! Go to [www.labradorlifeline.org](http://www.labradorlifeline.org) for more info. Now, what are you waiting for? Start snapping!

## **EntryExpress / Retriever News Merger Update**

We recently announced that the online event entry services of EntryExpress.net and RetrieverEntry.com have merged. You will continue to receive the same great service you have come to expect. You can look forward to many enhancements, as well as a single source for event entry and a complete database for results research.

In an effort to simplify our pricing, everyone will pay the same price. Effective immediately a \$4.50 *administrative fee* will now be charged for all entries.

This pricing structure will be equal for online, mailed and VIP.