The NLRC was organized in 1996 with the idea of creating a national club that would preserve and promote the Labrador Retriever. Everyone in the Labrador community is welcome...from pet owners to old timers.

We are a National Lab Club formed by the members, for the members, working together for the preservation, betterment and service to the Labrador Retriever.

THE LABRADOR CONNECTION

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Letter from our Vice President

Webster's Dictionary defines SPORTSMANSHIP: conduct (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport. The word is a noun, and a partial definition of a noun is: refer to an entity, quality, state, action, or concept.

Therefore, sportsmanship as a noun, an act, can even be a habit! The first quote I want to use is from Aristotle,
"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

A very long time ago we were so excited to exhibit here in Orlando and something happened that I think about each and every time we go to a show. A young, well known breeder dropped her purple ribbon on the way out of the ring. I quickly ran over and picked it up and caught up with her and gave it to her, thinking she would really appreciate my gesture of running across the building. Well, after I gave it to her, she took a couple of steps and threw the ribbon back to the ground. A beautiful purple ribbon that so many of us envied, so many of us would have put in a shadow box to proudly exhibit. I still have it, as I could not bear it laying on the floor or being walked on. What did her example do to me, to the other exhibitors who saw her? Well, it has prompted me to editorialize on the subject of sportsmanship and how each and everything we do can and will affect those who are watching, and there is ALWAYS someone watching.

Here are some synonyms for the word sportsmanship: fairness, goodness, honesty, honor, honorableness, principle, righteousness, sincerity and virtue. This is what we want to aspire to not only in the ring but as bystanders discussing the dogs and people in the ring.

Here is the AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP:

Preface: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented:

Sportsman respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsman commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.

Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.

The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.

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"Colostrum" is the first milk produced by the mammary glands.

"SC" subcutaneous injection.

"Immunoglobulins are proteins found in blood used by the immune system to identify and neutralize foreign objects."

- - definition from wikipedia

Use of Adult Dog Serum as a substitute for Colostrum in the neonatal dog

by: Poffenbarger EM, Olson PN, Chandler ML, Seinn HB, Varman M

(article submitted by: Becky Bailey)

Failure to obtain passive transfer of immunity via colostrum can be detrimental to the health and survival of a young pup. It has been stated that pups that do not receive colostrum in the first 2 days after birth, be given adult dog serum as a source of protective immunoglobulins. Twenty-five Beagle pups were obtained by cesarean section from 6 Beagle bitches. The pups were allotted to 3 groups at birth. Group 1 was a control group and was allowed to suckle colostrum. Group 2 pups received 22 ml of pooled adult dog serum/kg of body weight 10 ml/lb) SC at birth. Group 3 pups were given 22 ml of pooled adult dog serum/kg of body weight by stomach tube at birth. Pups from groups 2 and 3 were separated from the bitch for 48 hours to prevent colostral antibody absorption and were fed a commercially available milk replacer by stomach tube. After 48 hours, all pups were returned to the bitch until they were weaned at 6 weeks of age. Blood samples were collected from all of the pups at birth and on days 1, 2, 7, 14, 21, 28 and 35. The concentration of IGA, IgG and IgM was determined by radial immunodiffusion and compared by use of a one-way analysis of variance. The control pups had significantly higher serum concentrations of IgA and IgG than the pups in groups 2 and 3 on days 1 and 2 and 2 and 7 respectively. Group 2 pups had significantly higher serum IgM concentrations on day 1 than either group 1 or group 3 pups. PMID: 1928903. [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE] AJ J Vet Res. 1991 Aug;52(8);1221-4

Absorption of an alternate source of immunoglobulin in pups.

by: Bouchard G, Plata-Madrid H, Youngquist RS, Buening GM, Ganjam VK, Krause GE, Allen GK, Paine AL. Dept of Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia 65211.

(article submitted by: Becky Bailey)

Newborn pups from 4 large litters were allotted to 6 groups to determine effect of time and route of administration on absorption of an alternate source of immunoglobulin. Selective absorption of specific classes of immunoglobulins was also investigated. The alternate source of immunoglobulin consisted of pooled serum that was administered either PO or SC. Control groups were either left with the dam (group C1) or fed milk replacer (group C2). Blood samples were collected from pups at birth and 24 hours. Immunoglobulin (IgA, IgG, IgM) concentrations were determined by use of radial immudiffusion on samples of pooled serum, colostrum, and pups serum (birth and 24 hours). Serum IgA concentration was less than the sensitivity of the procedure and was not included in the statistical analysis. Pups fed 8 ml of pooled serum at birth and 12 hours later (group T10 absorbed more (P less than 0.05) IgG and IgM than did group C2 pups, but less (P less than 0.05) than did group C1 pups. Pups fed 8 ml of pooled serum at birth at 12 hours only had significant increase of IgG concentration, but no absorption of IgM (P greater than 0.05) at 24 hours, compared with control pups (group C2). Pups administered 8 ml of pooled serum SC at birth (group SC1) had similar (P greater than 0.05) absorption of IgG and higher (P less than 0.05) absorption of IgG and higher (P less than 0.05) absorption of IgM than did pups of gropu T1. (Abstract truncated at 250 words). PMID: 1575389 [PupMed—indexed for MEDLINE] AM J Vet Res. 1992 Feb;53 (2);230-3

"IP" stands for "intraperitoneal injection"

"Peritoneum" is found in higher vertebrates and some invertebrates.

"IV" stands for intravenous injection.

Treating Fading Puppy Syndrome or Orphan Pups with Plasma.

By: W. Jean Dodds, DVM www.Hemopet.org (article submitted by: Becky Bailey)

One important use of blood plasma is to provide a source of globulins (plasma protein antibodies) to protect weak, fading or orphan newborns against the common infectious agents to which they are exposed. Plasma treatment [canine fresh-frozen plasma (FFP)] for orphaned puppies or for those receiving only minimal colostrum after birth should be given in the first 24-48 hours of life. Treatment for healthy newborns may be repeated at 5 to 14 days of age and then again at 3 to 4 weeks of age. For sick newborns, more frequent transfusions of FFP may be necessary. These transfusions are usually given intraperitoneally (IP) but they can also be given orally (by mouth) in the first 24-36 hours of life [as FFP is salty, it should be followed with a little drop of honey or syrup on the tongue]. When puppies are two days of age or older, the route of administration must be IP (or IV or subcutaneously) and not oral, as the antibodies in plasma will no longer be absorbed through the gastrointestinal tract. For kittens, the same protocol is followed using feline FFP.

The recommended dose is 3-5 mL per pound of body weight (0.25 x weight of puppy in ounces = the amount of plasma given in mL or cc) and is given to each puppy orally, IP or subcutaneously. Do not give more than 10 mL at one time. Do not mix FFP with any solution, including formula, Lactated Ringers, water, etc. The plasma by itself is very stable, but addition of any foreign solution may adversely affect the chemical composition of the plasma.

FFP can be refrozen after thawing without loss of viability. Check the screw top of the tube while thawing as it can loosen and drip contents. After thawing, a tube can be re-frozen as long as it has not been left out at room temperature for more than 1 hour. Similarly, if only part of a tube is used or needed, the remainder of the tube can be placed in the refrigerator for 24 hours and then should be re-frozen. There will not be any loss of albumin and globulin activities for up to 5 years, however, coagulation factors, which are typically used for bleeding disorders not found in newborns, diminish after 1 year.

At Hemopet, FFP comes in 12 mL plastic tubes at a cost of $14 per tube. This product is sent frozen by Fed-Ex Priority Overnight courier.

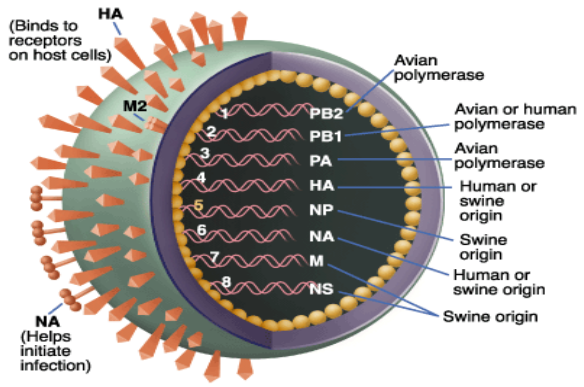
References:

Dodds, WJ 1993. Known medical indications for using fresh-frozen plasma. DVM Newsmagazine 24(4); 42-43.

Poffenberger EM, Olson, PN, Chandler, ML, et al. 1991 Use of adult dog serum as a substitute for colostrum in the neonatal dog. Am J Vet Res 52: 1221

Swine Flu ? Canine Flu? Swine Flu Vaccine?

By now we have all been told that we can't catch swine flu from pigs , we can't catch swine flu from eating pork nor can we catch swine flue from the pig itself. But….can our dogs catch swine flu?



Currently there is no evidence that dogs can get the swine flu. Assuming that the virus fails to mutate in such a manner that canines can catch it.

Swine flu vaccinations are expected to be ready by late summer which will be earmarked for people in key positions in healthcare, national security and emergency services according to Federal Health Officials. (reference: www.upi.com)

Photo courtesy of Swine Flu Science image manger module.

NLRC Membership -- Open Enrollment

Membership in the National Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is open to all Labrador enthusiasts; however, to join you must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club, Inc. and should consider the guidelines set forth in the NLRC Code of Ethics when engaged in any activities involving the breeding, exhibiting and selling of Labrador Retrievers.

Two types of annual individual memberships are offered:

Full (voting member)	$30
Associate (non-voting)	$20

Click the below links for NLRC Membership forms:

NLRC Membership Application Form (that can be printed and mailed in with your membership fee)

Or to both apply and pay online

NLRC Membership Application

Are you listed in our NLRC Breeders Directory?

NLRC Members with full membership rights can apply to participate on the NLRC website Breeder Directory by completing the applicable section on the PDF membership application and submitting a $10 fee.

Any questions? Contact our Membership Chair:

Deb Arnold 262-849-0962
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Please feel free to forward our newsletter to interested family and friends

National Labrador Retriever Club

BELQUEST GENTLEMAN'S QUARTERLY – "GQ"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest) Belquest Gentleman's Quarterly

2/7/09 Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy from 6-9 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Ms. Virginia Lynn

2/7/09 1st from 6-9 mo. Sweeps AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Vonnie Russell (Hyspire labradors)

2/8/09 Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy from 6-9 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Judy Drewett Heim (Hyspire Labradors)

2/8/09 1st 6-9 mo. AOC sweeps The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Lori Bentine (Tremont Labradors)

2/28/09 Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Sweepstakes from 6-9 mo. Sweep Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Tina Barks (Bellwether Labradors)

4/8/08 1st 6-9 mo. yellow sweeps The Labrador Retriever Club of The Potomac Judge Becky Jack Nipntuck Labradors

4/9/08 1st 6-9 mo. yellow The Labrador Retriever Club of The Potomac Judge David Richard Craig Davricard & Foulby Labradors

HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW SUPER NOVA AT BELQUEST – "SUPER"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest) Hunt Club Clayview Super Nova at Belquest—"SUPER"

2/7/09 WD & JAM from 12-18 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Ms. Virginia Lynn 5 points!

2/8/09 1st 12-18 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Judy Drewett Heim (Hyspire Labradors)

2/8/09 Best In Sweepstakes from 15-18 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Lori Bentine (Tremont Labradors)

2/28/09 1st 12-18 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Elizabeth Muthard

2/28/09 1st 15-18 mo. Sweep Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Tina Barks (Labradors)

3/1/09 WD from 12-18 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge David Flanagan 4 points!

AM CH GATEWAY'S NOTHING BUT TROUBLE — "TROUBLE"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest) AM CH GATEWAY's NOTHING BUT TROUBLE—"TROUBLE'

2/10/09 Westminster Kennel Club- Award of Merit! Judge Nancy Arbuckle (Hunt Club Labradors)

BELQUEST ULTIMATE LATTE — “LATTE”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) BELQUEST ULTIMATE LATTE—”Latte”

2/7/09 1st 12-18 mo. AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Judy Drewett Heim (Hyspire Labradors)

2/28/09 1st 12-15 mo. Sweep Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Tina Barks (Bellwether Labradors)

3/1/09 1st 12-18 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge David Flanagan

BELQUEST COSMOPOLITAN— “COSMO”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) BELQUEST COSMOPOLITAN—”COSMO”

2/8/09 1st 6-9 mo. AOC sweeps The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Lori Bentine (Tremont Labradors)

2/28/09 1st 6-9 mo. Sweep Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Tina Barks (Bellwether Labradors)

2/28/09 1st 6-9 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Elizabeth Muthard

HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW LASTING CRUSH AT BELQUEST— “CRUSH”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW LASTING CRUSH AT BELQUEST—”CRUSH”

2/8/09 1st 12-15 mo. black sweeps The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Lori Bentine (Tremont Labradors)

3/1/09 1st 12-18 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Dorothy Black (Hi View Labradors)

WATERBERRY DOUBLE STUF BELQUEST— “COOKIE”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) WATERBERRY DOUBLE STUF BELQUEST— “COOKIE”

2/7/09 1st Bred-By AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Judy Drewett Heim (Hyspire Labradors)

2/8/09 1st Bred-By AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Ms. Virginia Lynn

4/9/08 1st Bred-By Choc. The Labrador Retriever Club of The Potomac Judge Lynne Minchella Abbeystead Labradors

BELQUEST PEEK-A-BOO I SEE YOU— “BOO”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) BELQUEST PEEK-A-BOO I SEE YOU, “BOO”

3/1/09 Best in Sweepstakes from 6-9 mo sweeps Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge Dorothy Black (Hi View Labradors)

3/1/09 1st 6-9 mo. Maryland Sporting Dog Association Judge David Flanagan

4/8/08 1st 6-9 mo. yellow sweeps The Labrador Retriever Club of The Potomac Judge Linda Schiele Linray Labradors

BELQUEST MARIE CLAIRE AT WATERBERRY— “CLAIRE”

Vicky Creamer’s (Belquest) BELQUEST MARIE CLAIRE AT WATERBERRY, “Claire”

3/14/09 WB & Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed Evansville Kennel Club Inc. Judge Marion Lyons Chocorua Labradors 3 points!

2/7/09 1st from 6-9 mo. Sweeps AOC The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Vonnie Russell (Hyspire Labradors)

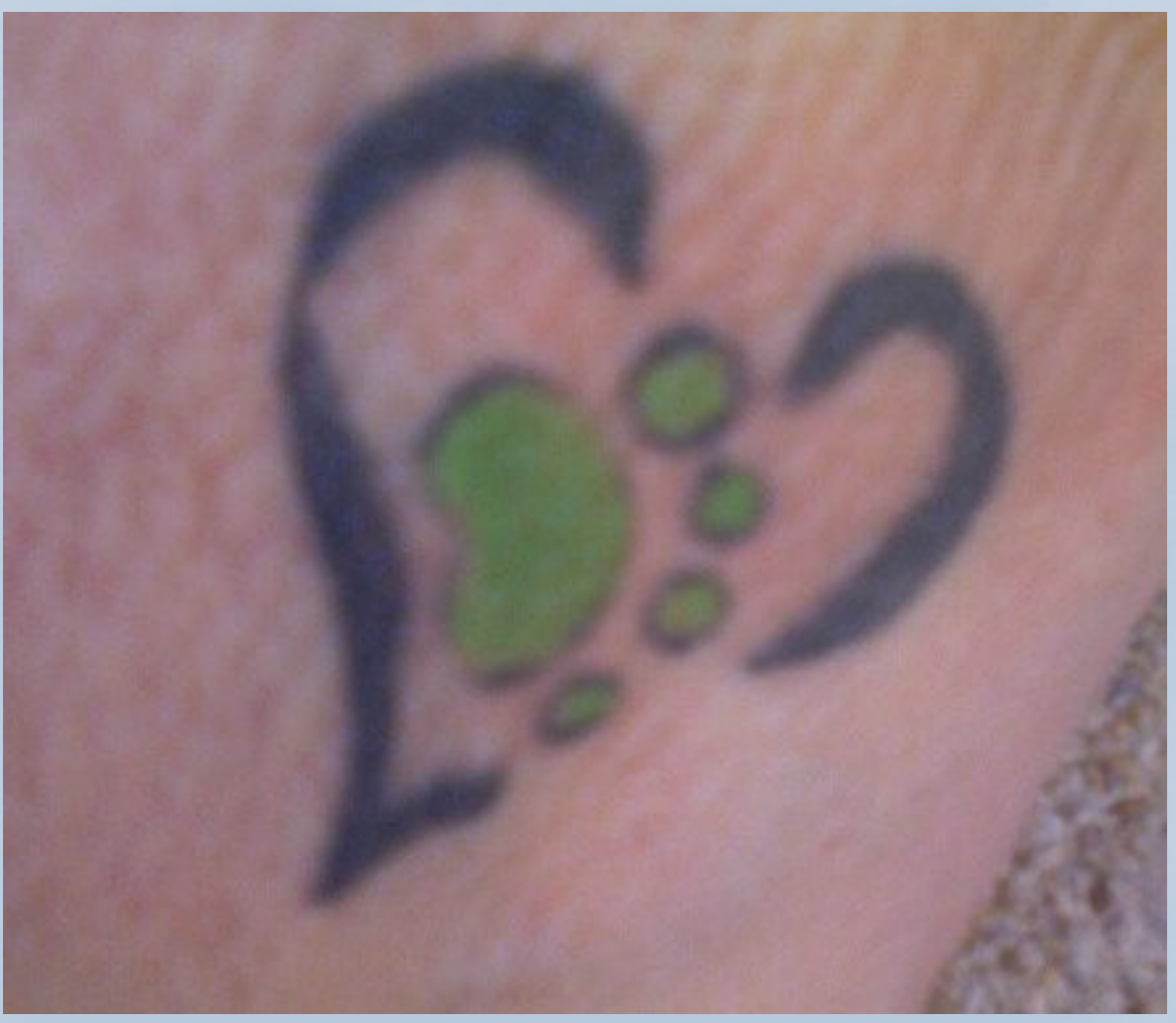
4/9/09 1st 6-9 mo. yellow The Labrador Retriever Club of The Potomac Judge Lynne Minchella Abbeystead Labradors

CH BORADOR'S BY GEORGE

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest) CH BORADOR'S BY GEORGE

2/8/09 JAM The Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont Judge Judy Drewett Heim (Hyspire Labradors)

04/10/09 Best Veteran and Best Veteran's in Sweeps and JAM



“I LOVE PUPPIES” tattoo

“I LOVE PUPPIES” Tattoo photo submitted by Arlene Renninger

Start your Newborn Pups off the Right Way - Fresh Frozen Plasma

"FFP" Fresh Frozen Plasma is also used in human infants and human adults.

"Fading Puppy Syndrome" failure to thrive

Fresh Frozen Plasma: this is platelet poor plasma that is separated from red cells and and frozen for later use.

—Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Carol Scott Bardwick at the Canine Cryobank in San Marcos, California is also an authorized distributor for Dr. Dodd's Fresh Frozen Plasma.

Carol Scott Bardwick says, "For too long FFP has been a secret, known only to the few breeders who use it with remarkable results. Let everyone know [about fresh frozen plasma for newborn puppies.]"

Canine Cryobank has found frozen plasma to be the only natural immune booster for newborn pups. Breeders have reported that pups fed plasma in the first 48 hours show consistent weight gain and are more vigorous than previous litters.

"Fading pups" are never a concern with pups boosted with plasma. Because the newborn's digestive system is not completely operational for the first hours after birth, the molecular immune boosting components of the frozen plasma pass unobstructed into the pup's circulation.

If the bitch has a caesarian section, providing frozen plasma for the pups becomes even more important as the quality of the bitch's first colostrum may be compromised due to post-surgical antibiotic therapy.

Helpful hints for using frozen plasma for newborn puppies:

- Keep fresh frozen plasma frozen until bitch starts to whelp
- Warm plasma to body temperature before administering
- Give plasma to each pup orally, several drops at a time, every two hours up to three cc per one pound of body weight over the first 24 hours following whelping. Using a new eye dropper for administering has been recommended by owners
- Dose after puppy is warm, dry and suckling
- Refrigerate plasma between use. Use any remaining plasma, the second 24 hours in the manner described above.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

— Archie Griffen

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."

— Michael Jordan

"Do not let what you canont do interfere with what you can do."

— John Wooden

Letter from our Vice President, continued from page 1

The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.

The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.

The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.

Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.

Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.

Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.

Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.

Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.

Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

Look at this document from 4-H where they are taught about sportsmanship:
You Are a Role Model **Others see you as someone who cares about their dog and as an example to follow. Do you pick up after you dog? Are you kind to your dog? Are you gracious to other exhibitors? Are you polite?** http://www.hchltd.com/4H/DogShow.PDF

How precious to be taught what is one of the first things a good Mother teaches her children, YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE to others. WE are examples to others. Since there are those in our fancy who are not good examples there must be many MORE of us who are!

This is another partial quote that is interesting from cyberpet.com (http://www.cyberpet.com/dogs/articles/general/sportman.htm)

"To be a good winner takes a very thick skin. When the nasty remarks and innuendos begin to filter through, it's almost humanly impossible to resist them. Most breeders fight back in one form or another for awhile. The ways in which this can be done are many - it can be done vocally, in the show-ring, through the printed word, etc. Perhaps there is a measure of satisfaction to be gained in attempted retaliation, but little or nothing is usually accomplished other than furthering an already painful situation. It should not be implied that the only solution would be to fold one's tent and quietly sneak away - as stated previously, it takes only a thick skin! Ask any breeder!

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"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success."

— Babe Ruth

"The country is full of good coaches. What it takes to win is a bunch of interested players."

— Don Coryell, ex-San Diego Chargers Coach

"You have no control over what the other guy does. You only have control over what you do."

— A.J. Kitt

Letter from our Vice President, continued from page 17

If one will but note - the point makers, the losers, are always NICE people and their dogs are really not too bad. Perhaps they are shown improperly or groomed improperly but other than that receive little or no criticism."

In searching for words for this editorial I found many wonderful quotes, but these are the ones chosen to end this message to you, the members of the NLRC. Thank you for your membership, your money for research, and for being some of the BEST and most sportsmanlike Breeders in the world. From the sidelines I have watched many of you, and you are true examples of HOW TO ACT at a dog show. You make me proud.

"It is not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts." - Addison Walker

"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way." -Jim Courier

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it." - Knute Rockne

1 goal, 10 assists."
-Adidas commercial on USA Women's World Cup Soccer Team

Best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Rebecca Montgomery Bailey

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Our Newsletter, The Labrador Connection, is published by the club periodically when sufficient material is received. The Labrador Connection's newest electronic issue is emailed to members when it is published and all issues may be viewed online at any time.

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