



The National Labrador Retriever Club 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.

Hello from Orlando, Florida. Welcome to our first online, electronic edition of the NLRC Newsletter!

This past year we have used your dues to help the Rabies Challenge Fund spearheaded by Dr. Jean Dodds with \$2,000. You have helped fund research for Tricuspid valve dysplasia (TVD) with a [donation of more than \\$2,700](#). You sent \$500 to the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance to help support the activities of the SAOVA. Together, we have made a difference in three services important to our beloved Labrador Retrievers. Thank you.

We want to thank Chris Anderson for doing our first newsletter after the reorganization of the Club and Sandy Underhill for this, our first online, electronic edition of the newsletter. Chris has resigned her Newsletter position and we are now actively searching for a replacement. The NLRC is a service organization in need of help. Volunteer and you will be greatly rewarded, you will get a big "Thank You" in our next newsletter!

What do you "get" for your membership? What do you want? What do you want our Club to be, to represent? At this moment, we have an online Breeder's Directory, a mission to help fund research important to us as Labrador owners, and a community of people who desire to work together to protect our precious breed. If you have a new goal for our Club, a different goal, please make it known.

Thank you for this past year, may you all be healthy and as sweet as the Labradors at your feet.

Sincerely,
[Rebecca Bailey](#)
Vice President, NLRC

[Membership Renewals](#)

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can still do so online, securely via PayPal, at the [National Labrador Retriever Club website](#). If you prefer to mail in your membership renewal with check or money order please print and use our membership form page [here](#).

[SUPPORT TVD \(Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia\) RESEARCH](#)

The National Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is supporting TVD research being compiled at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania through Drs. Meg M. Sleeper, VMD, DACVIM-Cardiology, Petra Werner, DVM and Paula Henthorn PhD. Tricuspid valve dysplasia (TVD) in dogs is similar to Ebstein's anomaly in humans. Both disorders involve congenital malformations of the tricuspid valve, which result in variable degrees of tricuspid-valve regurgitation (TR). Dogs with the most severe TR or tricuspid stenosis will typically develop right-sided congestive heart failure within the first few years of life. The pathogenesis of tricuspid valve malformation is largely unknown. Many dogs are only mild to moderately affected, and are not identified until after they have become breeding animals. Labrador Retrievers, in particular, seem to be predisposed to TVD. Genetic study has linked TVD to specific chromosomes, accurate identification and thorough mapping of the canine chromosome (CFA9) will help not only the Labrador Retriever, but humans as well. You can help in other ways, too! To further the research at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital you can send information about affected dogs and of unaffected related dogs addressed directly to:

[Dr. Meg Sleeper, VMD, DACVIM-Cardiology](#) (Section of Cardiology)

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All submissions to Dr. Meg Sleeper are confidential. Blood (5mls in a purple top tube) sent in a cool pack within a zip lock bag in case of breakage is appreciated. Pedigree information and cardiology report(s) from affected dog(s) is wanted.

Veterinarian Online Consultation Services Available

How many times have we found ourselves sitting at the computer, searching for information? Maybe you need a full explanation of the steps involved in the planning of a frozen insemination for your girl or perhaps you have a complicated reproductive issue and need assistance?

When it comes to questions in regards to canine reproduction, dog breeding and genetics or for questions about perinatal care of puppies and your dam, just bookmark the website of [Dr. Sharon L. Vanderlip, DVM.](#)

Dr. Vanderlip, DVM offers private consultations by phone or email from her website, www.SharonVanderlip.com

For Southern California residents in need of reproductive assistance, Dr. Vanderlip provides highly specialized, personalized and customized veterinary and surgical services and health care at her gorgeous veterinary facilities located in San Diego County, California.

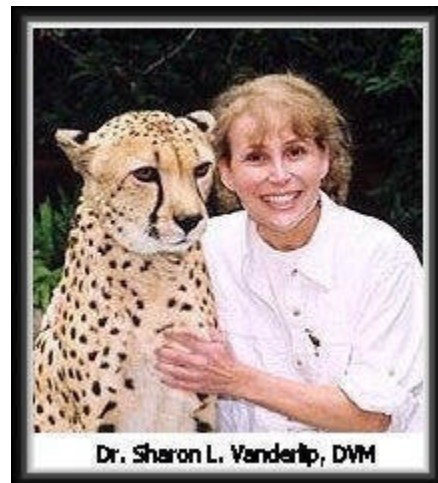
Dr. Vanderlip is San Diego California's Director for the ICSB (International Canine Semen Bank).

Although Dr. Vanderlip's practice is limited exclusively to providing services in veterinary reproductive medicine and surgery for domestic and exotic mammals, Dr. Vanderlip's resume is extensive.

Dr. Vanderlip, DVM sets herself apart with her willingness to help Others succeed - - which is exactly what one needs sometimes!

Dr. Vanderlip can be contacted by email

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Cathy Montgomery's (EarthSealLabs) girl: Keepsake's Id Rather Been Blue



Keepsake's Id Rather Been Blue, pictured above went

- 1st in Novice/BOB/and Group 4 at her first "practice" show at the GFKC Match in Glens Falls New York. She did beautifully for a first timer! Thanks are due to her breeder, Judy McCormick (Keepsake).

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Carrie Dilling's ([Steele Labradors](#)) girl: Gateway's Steele Thunderstruck



pictured above at 6 months went:

- Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex at the Maryland Sporting Dog Show on March 2, 2008 under judge Andy Anderson at only 6 months and 2 days of age. (3 point major)
- 2nd place in the 6-9 month puppy class at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac on April 9th, 2008 under judge Jon Roger Sauge.
- Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex at the Old Dominion Kennel Club Of Northern Virginia on April 19th, 2008 under judge Sally Sasser at 7 months of age. (3 point major)

Barbara Meeks' (Barshell Labradors) girl: Lobuff's Tigerlily



Lobuff's Tigerlily, pictured above went:

- winners bitch and best opposite of sex at the Heartland Dog Club show in Zolfo Springs, Florida on April 19th, 2008
- and got her first championship points from the 9-12 month old puppy class under Judge Patricia Mowbray-Morgan.

Lobuff's Tigerlily is owned and shown by Barbara Meeks and bred by Lisa Weiss Nolechek and Jim Nolechek.

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Colette & Ed Sparks' ([Cribstone Labradors](#)) girl: Sparks' Onyx of Bailey Island, CGC, CD, WC, JH



Sparks' Onyx of Bailey Island, CGC, CD, WC, JH, pictured above

- competed in veteran's obedience at the LRCPV May 9th, 2008 and scored a 182.

Onyx hasn't been in the obedience ring since 2000 when she titled for her CD. Onyx participated happily wagging her tail and all the while keeping an eye on Colette.

Colette is very proud of Onyx. Onyx was rewarded with a hot dog and a swim.

Theresa Tuttle's ([SundancerLabs](#)) boy, Maxamillian of Junction Cr CD, RN CGC



Maxamillian of Junction Cr CD, RN CGC, pictured above

- at 10 1/2 yrs young, Max was entered beginning on March 22nd in Rally Novice B for a 2 day show in Tucson (Canada del Oro). Max qualified both days with a score of 76 and 77.
- two weeks later on April 11th, Max entered Rally Novice B at the Lost Dutchman Kennel Club show. Max got his 3rd leg with a score of 88 for a RN to add to his CD.

Theresa Tuttle's ([SundancerLabs](#)) girl, RSK Sundancer's Cinder-Ella Mae CD, RN, CGC



RSK Sundancer's Cinder-Ella Mae CD, RN, CGC, pictured above

- Ellie entered on April 11th in Rally Novice B at the Lost Dutchman Kennel Club show. Ellie qualified with 2 Rally legs (scoring 94 and 96).
- On April 12th, at the German Shepherd Dog Specialty, Ellie qualified with her 3rd leg (scoring 98 for a 3rd place finish) for her RN to add to her CD.

"not bad for Ellie being 4 weeks pregnant!"

Theresa Tuttle's ([SundancerLabs](#)) girl, Sundancer's Tabsamanian Girl CD, CGC



Sundancer's Tabsamanian Girl CD, CGC, pictured above

- on April 11th Sam entered Novice Obedience B at the Lost Dutchman Kennel Club show, qualifying with 2 Novice obedience legs with scores of 176 1/2 and 187.
- on April 12th at the German Shepherd Dog Specialty Sam qualified with her 3rd leg in Novice B obedience with a 185 for a 2nd place finish for her CD.

Sam is just shy of 18 months old.

Steven Kirschner's ([BigSkyLabs](#)) boy, Big Sky's Heaven Scent From Trinity (Joshua)



Big Sky's Heaven Scent From Trinity (Joshua), pictured above

- BOSSW - 2008 LRCP
- RWD - 2008 HLRC
- BISW - 2008 MLVRC (1)
- RWD - 2008 MLVRC (2)

Steven Kirschner's ([BigSkyLabs](#)) boy, BISS CH. Big Skys Stone Kutter (Mason)



BISS CH. Big Skys Stone Kutter (Mason), pictured above

- JAM -- 2008 LRCP
- 3rd Place 2008 LRCP Stud Dog
- BOB - 2008 MVLRC (1)
- JAM - 2008
- MVLRC (2)

"... and always remember to have fun!"

We invite you to enjoy these Fun photos submitted by Laurie ([KentFieldKennels](#))



Having some fun in the back yard with all the girls!



3 month old Missy

(fun photos are continued on next page)



Yellow and Chocolate puppies meeting the 4-H cow!



"Hi" from Laurie!

Do you have emails that mysteriously turn to unreadable .dat files?

Have you ever gone back to a folder of saved emails on your computer system and noticed that some emails have surprisingly changed to .dat files and are no longer readable? No matter what you do, those emails are lost forever. That can be disconcerting....but don't worry, you don't have a virus on your system, it is most likely that the sender of those changed emails is probably using an email security system that causes any emails that the sender sent to you to "expire" after a certain period of time.

Microsoft's Outlook 2003 offers a feature rich email security system called IRM Email Security. Users of the full versions of Outlook 2003 can enable the IRM feature and even password-protect attachments sent out using 128-bit encryption. Hushmail (www.hushmail.com) and PGP Enterprise (www.pgp.com) are two excellent alternatives available online for sending mail that you want to control in new and unusual ways if that's something you are interested in doing!

If you find you have a problem with emails expiring on your system from certain senders, try saving the emailed contents to a word document or in html format to put a stop to those pesky expiration dates!

Is Your Computer Sluggish?

Seems like today all of us are relying upon our computers to do more and more -- but when your computer slows down it is never a happy moment for anyone!

Going back to the basics can sometimes salvage even the slowest computer system!

If you go to Start>Programs>Accessories>System Tools>Disk Defragmenter>select the drive you want to organize and click DEFRAGMENT you can organize the data stored on your hard drive.

What happens is that every time you use your computer -- is that bits of data are dumped -- not sequentially in one position on your hard drive -- but data bits are dumped here and there all over your hard drive!

Imagine an old style record player and the needle needs to hit 10 or 20 different grooves across the surface of the vinyl album in order to play a single song. There would be an understandable delay as the needle lifts and searches for that next word in the song! This example illustrates essentially what your computer has to do when you continue to use a hard drive that's in sore need of some defragmenting. Your system has to search across your entire hard drive to run even the simplest of programs which causes serious slowdown!

A little housekeeping can work wonders for speeding up your system.

If you've defragmented regularly, all your data is packed tightly in the front of your drive which causes any new data to be deposited neatly, and altogether and ready to be read easily by your system in a single position on your hard drive.

When all your data is in one spot, your computer will run faster...your programs run faster and you are a happier camper!

Defragmenting can take time if not done regularly. Plan to perform these tasks in the evening so that your system will be ready to use in the morning.



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Note to all our NLRC Club Members: The "Members" link at the top of our website's home page is now active.



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Dear Ms. Renninger,

On behalf of the students and faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, I thank you for your recent gift to the Margaret Sleeper Research Fund to support the Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia Research Project.

Next year will be the School's 125th anniversary, and I am more aware than ever that the future of our School and the profession lies in the hands of those of us who share a passion for animal health, science and spirit.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan C. Hendricks".

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C: Dr. Margaret Sleeper
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