



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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DNA TESTS – Exercise Induced Collapse

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You are undoubtedly aware that the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals updated their minimal testing requirements for the Labrador Retriever Breed to include DNA testing for Exercise Induced Collapse two years ago in 2013. What you might not be aware of, is the recommendation by the experts in regards to continuing to breed EIC carrier individuals.

EIC, as described by the University of Minnesota is, “an increasingly significant disorder in Labrador Retrievers, especially those Labrador Retrievers that are used for hunting and field trials, where an affected Labrador develops muscle weakness, incoordination and has a life-threatening collapse after just five to fifteen minutes of exercise; the affected individual is unable to participate in assorted strenuous activities.” Labrador Retriever individuals can have exercise-induced collapse and also live with EIC, undetected... if those affected individuals are not participating in such strenuous activities that would cause collapse.

The EIC DNA testing done by the University of Minnesota determines if the Labrador Retriever tested carries two normal genes (normal/normal) or, is a carrier (normal/cARRIER) or is affected (carrier/carrier).

The University of Minnesota Veterinarian and Sciences division does not recommend the complete elimination of any carrier affected individuals from breeding. Instead, the University of Minnesota, fearing the loss of too many of the “outstanding performance traits that are expected from Labrador Retriever lineages” states that the better approach to breeding, would be the continued use of the many excellent EIC carrier dogs with EIC normal/normal dogs. The goal is to progressively decrease the frequency of the E form of the DNM1 gene by the continued breeding of EIC carrier individuals who are paired with EIC normal/normal Labrador Retrievers.

Reference: www.cvm.umn.edu/vbs/faculty/Mickelson/lab/EIC/retrievereic/breeding/home.html

DNA Testing for Genetic Diversity

A new test measuring the genetic diversity of Standard Poodles from UC Davis' Veterinary Genetics Laboratory is hoping to make this new test available in the future to other dog breeds after the completion of the necessary validation studies.

This new test looks at 33 markers of the canine genome (of which there are about 1800 markers total)* to evaluate genetic diversity, how closely related a dog's sire and dam are to each other and to gauge the health of the dog's immune system.

There is undeniable evidence that closely bred individuals result in a plethora of negative traits in the offspring including: reduced fertility, reduced litter size, increased puppy mortality, decreased lifespan, decreased vigor, increased risk of hereditary disorders; including the increased risk that the immune system can not protect the body from outside pathogens.

The goal of this new test is to enable breeders of all dog breeds, to select dogs for a breeding program with the highest variety of gene combinations which would ideally improve the genetic health of the breed by "better distributing the genetic diversity existing in the breed and by preventing loss of genetic diversity through selection or genetic drift."**

The cost for this new test, which currently is only applicable to Standard Poodles, is presently \$100 per dog.

In order to validate this test for other dog breeds, a pool of approximately 150 to 200 dogs is required to produce the data required for validation.

Interested individuals willing to assist UC Davis with the validation of dog breeds other than the Standard Poodle are welcomed to contact the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at 530-752-2211. ***

References:

* GenomeNewsNetwork.org

** InstituteOfCanineBiology.org

*** VGL.UCDavis.edu



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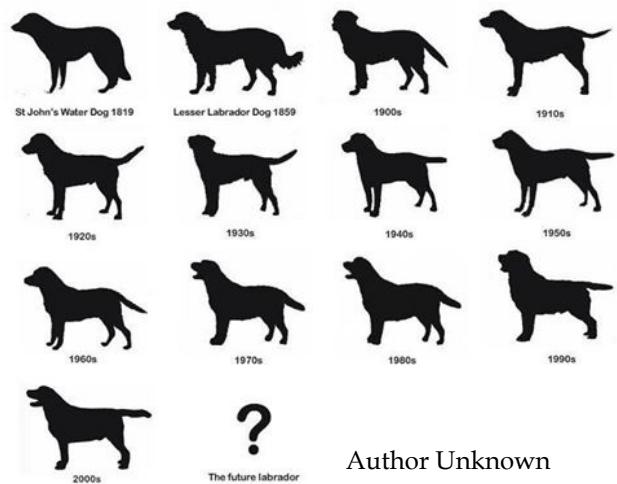
Do you like Labrador Retriever history?

You are invited to check out the Influential Labradors Of The Past (ILP) page at Facebook.

The Influential Labradors of the Past at Facebook offers archives of vintage Labradors and their breeders to browse.

Come and interact with educational and fun conversation - see the chart (shared to the left) that purportedly depicts how our beloved Labrador Retriever's conformation has changed throughout the years.

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NLRC Membership -- 2015 Dues are DUE!

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 Interim Membership Chair:

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SALES of DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES BANNED in

An alert goes out today for dog breeders in Virginia. Senate Bill 1001 has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on February 9, 2015.

Senate Bill 1001 amends the Code of Virginia to ban the sale, exchange, or lease of dogs in any public place or parking lot as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to sell, trade, barter, lease, or display for a commercial purpose any dog on or in any roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median, park, or recreation area; flea market or other outdoor market; or commercial parking lot, regardless of whether such act is authorized by the landowner.

Completing a dog sale in a public location is a very common practice, particularly in situations where the two parties may be separated by long distances and agree to meet at a convenient location.

With this bill's broad language, it would actually be illegal to meet at a rest stop, restaurant parking lot, and other public places to make a sale, lease a bitch, or even exchange dogs with your trainer or handler.

SB1001 is even more problematic for pet sellers since USDA/APHIS finalized their revision to the pet seller rule in 2013. For the majority of dog breeders, shipping is prohibited and sales must be conducted in person or the breeder can be subjected to onerous USDA regulations and inspections.

SB1001 places unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on accomplishing these in-person sales transactions by eliminating the possibility of meeting at prearranged convenient locations.

It has become common practice among anti-breeding activists to introduce legislation that not only places restrictions on breeding practices and ownership, but on methods of sales.

Virginia was just the first state to pass legislation banning dog sales in public places. Which of the 49 remaining states are next to pass similar legislation. ?



AM MBISS BRONZE GCH & UKC CH BELQUEST NOTHIN' BUT THE FACTS – "UNO"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennels) AM MBISS BRONZE GCH & UKC CH Belquest Nothin' But The Facts – "Uno"
12/13/14, AWARD OF EXCELLENCE won at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show,
under Judge Houston Clark.

12/12/14, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX win at the LRC Regional Specialty in Orlando, FL ,
under Breeder/Judge Carl Leipman



BELQUEST CONCLUSIONS'S BANANA HAMMOCK – "HAMMY"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) Belquest Conclusions's Banana Hammock – "Hammy" 1/7/15 & 1/9/15, WD & BOW for a 3 point major at both the Northern Neck KC and Greater Fredericksburg KC from the 9-12 month puppy class, under Judges Robert Whitney and Charles Olvis 12/12/14, BEST PUPPY at the LRC Regional Specialty on in Orlando, FL under Breeder/Judge Carl Leipman RWD at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show, under Judge Houston Clark. BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES at the LRCP, supported entry at Chesapeake KC, under Breeder/Handler Kaki Fisher WD & BOW at Rock Creek KC, from the 9-12 class. Hammy won his SWEEPSTAKES class both days at Greater Atlanta LRC, under Judges Nancy Charge and Dawn Nacey Hammy won his 9-12 regular class, both days, at Greater Atlanta LRC, under Judges Nancy Arbuckle and Clare Senfield



AM CAN CH HARLEQUIN LIKE A ROCK – “SEGER”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) AM CAN CH Harlequin Like A Rock - "Seger" Segar finished his American Championship at the Middle Peninsula KC of VA shows in Richmond, Virginia.

1/24/15, WD won under Judge Michael Faulkner.

Seger finishes his championship with a total of three majors, two of which are 4-point majors. Nearly all of his championship points, including all three majors, were awarded by Breeder/Judges.

Bred by Dianne Sullenberger & June Eldred.

Owned and Loved by Vicky & Mike Creamer, Kristen Creamer-Allison and Krista Beal.



AM GCH HUNT CLUB CLAYVIEW STRATS – “STRATS”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) AM GCH Hunt Club Clayview Strats - "Strats"

Strats finished his Grand Champion on 11/30/14 at Northern Maryland KC.

Strats is bred by Nancy Arbuckle and David Vollette.

Owned and loved by Vicky Creamer & Krista Beal



BELQUEST CONCLUSION'S MONKEY DO – “DEWY”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) Belquest Conclusion's Monkey Do - "Dewy"
2/8/15 BEST PUPPY won the first time out at the Labrador Retriever Club of Piedmont Specialty Show
under Breeder/Judge Linda Vaughn
Dewy won all four of his 6-9 month puppy classes at the Labrador Retriever Club of Potomac.
Dewy is bred and owned by Krista Beal & Vicky Creamer



AM GCH BELQUEST NOTHIN BUT A BLONDE – “BLONDIE”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) AM CH Belquest Nothin But A Blonde - "Blondie"

2/7/15 GRAND CHAMPION awarded with ALL majors by winning SELECT Bitch
at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont under Breeder/Judge Cheri Conway

11/16/14, SELECT Bitch at the Greater Atlanta LRC, under Breeder/Judge Clare Senfield

11/15/14, AWARD OF MERIT win at the Greater Atlanta LRC, under Breeder/Judge Nancy Arbuckle.

Blondie was SELECT Bitch and BOBOH at Space Coast KC of Palm Bay in Orlando, FL under Judge Bud DiDonto.

BOBOH at Brevard KC in Orlando, FL under Judge Robert Slay.

Blondie, bred by Vicky Creamer & Kristen Creamer-Allison is owned and loved by Vicky & Mike Creamer, Kristen Creamer-Allison and Krista Beal.



LOBUFF LORETTA THE STORY OF US AT BELQUEST CONCLUSION – “TAYLOR”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) Lobuff Loretta The Story of Us at Belquest Conclusion - "Taylor"

11/2/14, BEST OF OPPOSITE in Sweeps at the LRC of the Chesapeake Match
under Breeder/Judge Christine Reynolds.

11/2/14, BEST IN MATCH at the LRC of the Chesapeake Match under Breeder/Judge Sue Lhotka.

12/1/14, BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES at the LRC Regional Specialty in Orlando, FL
under Breeder/Judge Sheree Paskert.

Taylor was bred by Lisa Weiss and is owned and loved by Vicky Creamer & Krista Beal.



BELQUEST CONCLUSION IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME – “CHER”

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) Belquest Conclusion If I could Turn Back Time - "Cher"

11/29/14, BEST OF OPPOSITE IN SWEEPS at the LRCP supported entry Chesapeak KC
under Breeder/Handler Judge Kaki Fisher.

12/11/14, Cher won WB and BOW for a 4-point major from the 12-18 month class in Orlando, FL
under Judge Gloria Geringer.



AM MULTI BISS BRONZE GCH & MULTI BISS CAN CH GATEWAY'S NOTHIN BUT TROUBLE - "TROUBLE"

Vicky Creamer's (Belquest Kennel) AM Multi Biss Bronze GCH & Multi BISS CAN CH Gateway's Nothin But Trouble Wins this group placement under Judge Edd Bivin by the

12/13/14 BEST OF BREED win from the Veterans Class at Eukanaba under judge Houston Clark, also winning BEST VETERAN.

12/10/14, BEST OF BREED from the Veterans class under Judge Robert Slay

BEST VETERAN at the LRC Regional Specialty in Orlando, FL under Breeder/Judge Carl Leipman

11/16/14, BEST OF BEED at the Greater Atlanta LRC, from Veteran class under Breeder/Judge Clare Senfield
BEST VETERAN & 1st STUD under Breeder/Judge Nancy Arbuckle

BEST VETERAN in Sweeps under Breeder/Judge Dawn Nacey

Trouble was bred by Patty Streufert.
Owned and loved by Vicky & Mike Creamer, Kristen Creamer-Allison and Krista Beal



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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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