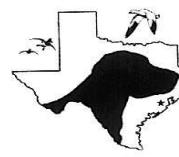


# The Retriever Review



*The newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club*

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February 2011

**NEXT MEETING \* MARCH 9, 2011 \* BASS PRO SHOP \* PEARLAND, TEXAS**

## Minutes

CRRC's *February* meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

### **Old Business:**

**History** of HRC book for sale by Robert Hines. We are collecting orders for the book, Please contact Maria if you are interested.

**Kyle** Grant reported that the deposit has been paid for our club to host an Evan Graham Seminar in the spring of 2011. "Thanks" to Jim Witt for setting this up. It is scheduled for April 29 & 30 (Friday and Saturday). It will be \$125 per person to attend.

**Kyle** Grant asked if we wanted to consider changing the date for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hunt Test. We want to get away from the Memorial Day weekend in consideration of the WMA employees and High School Graduations. The weekend we are looking at would be May 21-22. Don Koster made a motion, a second followed by Rob Somers and all were in favor. Kyle will take the steps and report back to the club.

**Discussion** to consider looking for a new motel to serve as our hunt headquarters, preferably before our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**January** 30, 2011 will be a work day to restring wingers and get the trailers ready for our February Hunt Test. An email will be sent at a later date to announce the time.

**Bass** Pro will host their Spring Classic starting February 28 – March and have asked if we will do a one day or weekend demonstration. Don Koster will set it up and report back to the club.

**Southeast** Texas Hunting Retriever Club will have their preliminary Hunt on March 19 & 20, 2011. The wingers that CRRC donated to the club were picked up by Mike Nutter during the Christmas Party.

### **New Business:**



*Quote:* "Every dog must have his day"  
- Jonathan Swift

# Dog Topics

## **Keep Your lab Smiling**

Dental health is one of the most important things you can do to prevent illnesses in your Labrador. Dental disease in Labs is easily preventable. Regular home care (brushing), regular examinations by a Vet and regular cleanings by a Vet will keep your Lab's teeth healthy.

Without this proper dental care your Lab may suffer from inflamed and swollen gums, broken or loose teeth, disgusting breath, and pain that comes with these problems. Labradors, just like humans, can have a toothache.

Labradors do not get cavities but periodontal disease (gum disease) occurs in Labradors just as it does in humans. It can cause infections, tooth loss, and pain. Infections from the teeth can enter the blood stream and do damage to the organs. Over 75% of Labs will develop periodontal disease without preventative treatment.

Gum disease can be halted and somewhat reversed with regular cleanings and antibiotics. It is best to stop the disease before it starts with:

**Brushing** – Daily brushing of your Labrador's teeth is the best way to prevent plaque buildup. This needs to be done with a soft toothbrush and special toothpaste that you can purchase at your Vet's or a specialty pet store.

**Dental Diets** – The dry foods are better for preventing dental problems than wet foods are. Some foods are specially made to reduce plaque build up. Read the labels on your foods.

**Annual Cleanings by your Veterinarian** – These cleanings need to be done starting when your Lab is one year old. Your Lab has to be anesthetized during this procedure so that the veterinarian can reach the entire mouth. Make sure that you allow your vet to do the preanesthesia testing to make sure your Lab has no hidden problems that would cause problems with having anesthesia.

**Chew Bones** – Your Lab will love this option. Chew bones can play a large part in keeping your Lab's teeth clean and preventing tartar build up. Remember never to feed your Lab cooked bones as they can splinter and cause digestive problems.

There are many symptoms of gum disease. If you notice any of the below listed symptoms you should take your Lab to your vet for an examination.

- Red or bleeding gums
- Staining of the teeth
- Visible tartar on the teeth
- Bad breath
- Drooling or discharge from the nose
- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite or difficulty in eating
- Pawing at the mouth
- Loss of normal energy

Dental cleanings are not inexpensive. They are an investment in your Lab's health. Problems which are corrected in their early stages are easy to treat. Good dental health is important to prevent diseases and extend the life of your Lab.



## February Birthdays

### **Tiderunner II**

"Tide" 2-26-09

Junior & Joni Boykin

### **Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake**

"Drake" 2-20-05

David Brannon

### **Oakwood's Don't Be A Stranger**

"Kubo" 2-22-05

Ron Friudenberg

### **JT's Tanker Belle**

"Belle" 2-7-00

Jason & Jeanne Luker

### **Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut**

"Peanut" 1-26-05

Michael & Lisa Nutter

### **R & D's South Texas Black Diamond**

"Jewel" 2-14-09

Rex & Donna Westbrook



## *Messages from the Secretary*

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a “new” canine family member, please let me know. I am going to recognize our four legged friend’s birthdays, but cannot do so unless I have your info. My email address is [mljefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com) .

### *LET US KNOW!!*

Passes Earned   Titles Earned   Judging Assignments

Remember, we cannot acknowledge your accomplishments, if you don’t let us know. We need this information for the newsletter and for the awards dinner at the end of the year.

Email us at:

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## welcome new members

I’d like to introduce you to the newest  
Members of CRRC

- ✿ Kevin & Amanda Kosik from East Bernard, Texas. They are the owners of “Bear” and “Cork”, two chocolate male Labs.
- ✿ Barbara & Jo Ed Newsome from Littleton, Colorado. They are the owners of Pride & Joy Shotgun Annie “PJ” a female black Lab and Rocky Mountain Sunshine “Sunny” a yellow Lab.

## Did you Know?

*When a dog pants, its tongue can swell to two or three times its normal size, which helps release body heat.*





## Upcoming Hunt Test

### Tejas HRC

February 5 & 6, 2011  
El Campo, Texas

### Colorado River Retriever Club

February 12 & 13, 2011  
Jones Creek, Texas

### Cowtown HRC

February 19 & 20, 2011  
Fairfield, Texas

### Lake Charles Retriever Club

February 26 & 27, 2011  
Sweetwater, Texas

### Central Louisiana HRC

March 3 & 5, 2011  
Pineville, La

### Northeast Texas HRC

March 5 & 6, 2011  
Point, Texas

### Ponchartrain HRC

March 12 & 13, 2011  
Norco, La

### Ravens Way HRC

March 12 & 13, 2011  
Madisonville, Texas

### Southeast Texas HRC

March 19 & 20, 2011  
Dayton, Texas

### Amite River HRC

March 19 & 20, 2011  
Jackson, La

### Lone Star HRC

March 19 & 20, 2011  
Point, Texas

### Bryan-College Station HRC

March 26 & 27, 2011  
Iola, Texas



i t ' s a FACT

The Labrador Retriever is the most popular dog breed in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.



## Reminders

### **The History of HRC**

Written by Robert Hines

\$20.00

Please contact Maria Jefferies to be put on a purchase list

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## ***March Meeting***

*The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

*Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.*

*Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.*



**Happy Valentines Day**