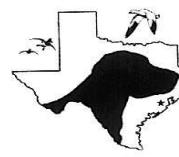


# The Retriever Review



*The newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club*

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October 2011

**NEXT MEETING \* NOVEMBER 9, 2011 \* BASS PRO SHOP \* PEARLAND**

## Minutes

CRRC's *October* meeting was held Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Kyle Grant, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Kyle, Brandy and Hunter Grant, Don Koster, Randy Crable, Janet Kimbrough, Les Gourley, Nikki Brennon, Don Straitwell, Roy Barnes and Ken Burge.

### **Officers Report:**

**President:**

**Vice President:**

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Brandy Grant reported a balance of \$3192.57.

**Historian:**

### **Old Business:**

**Don** Koster reported the progress on replacing the radios. We will have to replace 11 radios. Roy Barnes is donating 2 radios to the club.

**Don** Koster volunteered to be the chairman of the Christmas Party Committee. Randy Crable and Janet Kimbrough will serve on the committee. The Christmas Party and Awards Dinner will be on Saturday, December 3, 2011. More details to come soon.

**Janet** Kimbrough reported that the Ladies Handler Seminar in College Station went very well. There were 28 ladies in attendance.

**Janet** visited John Wallace and said he is in good spirits and has had some chemo. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**It** is time to start thinking about Officer Elections. The executive board will choose 3 to 4 club members to run this committee. There will be a few positions open, so please help us to nominate new officers for 2012. The committee will contact you by email...please respond to them.

**Brandy** Grant asked if the club would be interested in purchasing new T-shirts for the upcoming hunt test. The shirts will cost around \$8.65 for 144 and we had a couple of different logos and colors to choose from. Rob Somers made a motion to order the shirts and a second was made by Mike Akeroyd, all were in favor.

**Don** Koster has been training on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (unless there is a hunt test) mornings at 7:00am at Jack Brooks Park. Anyone interested may come train.

**Don** Koster would like to get hunting reports from all to put into the region report. His email address is [kosterdon@aol.com](mailto:kosterdon@aol.com).

**New Business:**

**The** new Hunt Test site for the February Hunt in Texas City was looked at.

**Don** Koster suggested we go down on Hunt Test Fees for the February Hunt, nothing was voted on this.

**The** purchase of t-shirts was re-visited and it was decided that Brandy Grant will talk to Bob Brundrett about a Hunt Test event shirt and report back to the club.

**Discussion** as to whether Texas City would be using our bird boys or if they had some group in mind to use was questioned. We will discuss further with Hunt Chairman, Bob Brundrett.

**Clint** Zentic of Tejas HRC has invited CRRC to join in a co-hosted Upland Hunt/ Fun Training Day on December 3, 2011 in El Campo. Those in attendance liked the idea.

**Don** Koster is no longer training at Jack Brooks Park.

A motion was made by Don Koster and a second by Les Gourley to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.



**Quote:** “What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

*General Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**Did you know?**

*Anxiety can make a dog miserable. Living in a world with scary vaporous monsters and suspected retriever-eaters roaming the streets has to be pretty nerve-wracking for your Lab. The good news is that the timid dogs are not doomed to be forever ruled by fear. Owners who understand a timid Lab’s needs can help him build self-confidence and a more optimistic view of life.*

# Dog Topics

## **Fearfulness**

The world can be a scary place to a dog, but it needn't be. Here are some common fears and things you can do and things you shouldn't do.

### **What to Do**

Act the way you want your dog to act. So if you want him to be happy and calm, act happy and calm. No matter what the source of the fear, do not try to comfort your dog through snuggling, petting, or saying its ok. It may seem like the most natural thing in the world, but your tone of voice and body language are actually telling your dog that there is something to fear. Instead, find fun distractions, like fetch or other games. Create positive experiences and reasons for your dog to feel good. Some pointers about common fears:

### **Fear of Storms**

**The Cause:** Most often, it is the strange sounds that accompany storms: howling wind, lashing rain, and booming thunder, made worse by the bright flashes of lightning.

**The Solution:** a small, secure "den-like" crate can be comforting. Try turning on a radio or TV; the noise may take the shock out of the boom of thunder. You can also try playing with your dog, or try a training session - it will distract your dog and give you plenty of chances to reward him, creating a positive experience. If these suggestions don't help calm your dog, please speak to your veterinarian.

### **Fear of other Dogs**

**The Cause:** Your dog may see other dogs as a threat.

**The Solution:** The best solution is experience. Bring your dog into contact with other friendly, dog-savvy dogs early and often; a training class is a great way to do this, since it is neutral territory and the dogs are under control. Trips to the dog park should be done with caution, as often there are adolescent, excitable dogs there. Some dogs will thrive in the environment of a dog park; others will be overwhelmed and frightened. Meeting plenty of friendly dogs should also help make your pet more comfortable. If your dog is barking, lunging or growling at other dogs, seek the guidance of a qualified dog trainer or behavior professional.

### **Fear of People**

**The Cause:** Your dog may see people as treats, either because your dog has not had enough socialization with different people, had frightening experiences with some people or possibly, has a genetic predisposition to shyness.

**The Solution:** Experience will help. Always allow your dog to approach the person; do not allow the person to reach for your frightened dog. Do not ever drag your dog up to anyone. Instead, give your dog rewards, preferably kibbles of dog food when new people are around. As he gets braver, let people toss your dog a piece of dog food so that meeting new people becomes a good experience. Never, ever, attempt to force a frightened dog to meet a new person or take a treat or kibble of food from a stranger. By going slowly, allowing your dog to set the pace and using plenty of food rewards, your dog should learn to enjoy the company of people. If you're not seeing progress, have any concerns, have an aggressive dog or experience growling, lunging, cowering or hiding, please seek the guidance of a qualified dog trainer or behavior professional.

## **Fear of Veterinarians**

**The Cause:** First, establish that the fear is of the veterinarian and not people in general. If you do see behaviors at the veterinarian's office that you don't see otherwise, it could be sensory overload at the smell of so many other animals or perhaps your dog has bad associations due to shots or other treatment.

**The Solution:** Try to make the experience good in general. Bring a favorite toy for entertainment and include a trip to the park or other positive experiences. Bring food kibbles and ask your veterinarian and the staff to give pieces to your dog before, during and after the visit is complete so your dog has a positive association. Remember, you set the tone. If you're nervous and worried, your dog will be too. Making sure your dog is comfortable with other animals can help too.



## **October Birthdays**

### **Britton's Texas Duck Angel**

"Angel" 10-23-03

Owned by Paul & Jama Britton

### **Mac's Rough Ridin Dixie Chick**

"Dixie" 10-5-01

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook

### **Manney's Suzie Go Get Her**

"Suzie" 10-3-06

Owned by David & Becky Manny

### **Deacon's Yellow Shadow**

"Deacon" 10-16-10

Dwayne & Misty Ryder



**Happy Birthday!**

## *Messages from the Secretary*

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012...are due by January 1, 2012.**

Please enclose a membership application and make any necessary changes and/or corrections and send it with your dues. Even if you don't have any changes to the form please return it with your dues. Due to some confusion last year, I can not accept any dues without an application.

The membership applications are available at [www.crrcinc.org](http://www.crrcinc.org) (application tab). For more information, please contact me at 979-345-6993 or [mljefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com).

### **OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2012... ARE NOW OPEN**

Every member of CRRC should have received an email from the nomination committee consisting of Steve Jefferies, Jason Luker and Jim Witt. If you would like to run for office or nominate someone to run for office, the **nominations are now open**. Please respond to your committee member with your nominations. The annual meeting will be held in the month of December at which officers for 2012 will be elected.



## **Colorado River Retriever Club Christmas Party Awards Banquet**

**Friday, December 2, 2011**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Cabos Grill**

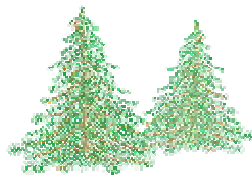
**3474 Palmer Hwy**

**Texas City, Texas**

**409-941-9441**

**Please RSVP to Don Koster**

**Email: [kosterdon@aol.com](mailto:kosterdon@aol.com) or 713-206-1903**



**An American Hero**

As we did last year; this year for Christmas, [Colorado River Retriever Club](#) would like to “Adopt a Soldier” or two! We have teamed up with the Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County, and they have given me a list of items that soldiers need!

*We would sincerely appreciate anyone donating any of the items below. If we get a lot of items, we will be able to adopt more than one soldier!*

- The Comics section out of your newspaper
- Letters from you and your children in support of our troops (they will put these in the care packages).
- Christmas Cards ([I will have these available at the Christmas Party](#))
- Prayers for their safe return

**Miscellaneous Items:**

Hot Pot (Target or Walgreen’s)  
NOT a crock-pot  
Batteries (AA) – (AAA)  
Disposable cameras  
Playing cards  
Black sharpies (only)  
Crossword puzzles (books)  
Magazines (sports, auto, hunting, fishing)  
Towels (bath) only these colors – brown, beige, green  
Face towels (same colors)  
Disposable razors – twin blades  
Gel shaving cream (non-aerosol)  
Tooth brushes  
Dental floss  
Baby wipes (small containers)  
Gold bond foot powder  
Fabreeze (non-aerosol)  
Nail clippers  
Nail scrub brushes  
Toilet paper  
Eye drops  
White ankle socks  
White mid calf socks  
Chap Stick

**Trial Size**

Toothpaste  
Mouthwash  
Hand sanitizer  
Shampoo/ Baby shampoo  
Bath wash  
Lotion  
Q-tips

**Food List:**

Peanut Butter (small sizes)  
Beef jerky  
Slim Jim’s  
Bubble gum  
Peanuts  
Sunflower seeds  
Chips/ Fritos (in canisters)  
Bean dip  
Picante sauce (small container)  
Crackers (single pk. saltines)  
Cheese crackers, etc.  
Ramen soups  
Cereal (sm. kid sized boxes)  
Canned or dried fruit  
Pop tarts  
Cookies-sm. snack sizes (no chocolate)  
Rice krispie treats  
Kool-aid sugar free (single packs)  
Crystal light or other brands (individual packets)  
Packed tuna or chicken (foil packs only - no cans)  
Granola bars  
Lollipops/suckers  
Chili-can  
Beefaroni, etc.  
Coffee & creamer (single packs)  
Zip lock baggies – quart & gallon  
Sun block  
Feminine hygiene products  
Kleenex (travel-size packets)

## Reminders

### *The Date has Been Changed*

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### **The Hunting Retriever Club**

A History 1983-1990

By Robert Hines

\$20.00

If you would like to purchase a book, contact:

Maria Jefferies at: [mljefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com) or 979-345-6993

### **Duck Season**

November 5 – 27, 2011

Split

December 10, 2011 – January 29, 2012

### **Goose Season**

November 5, 2011 – January 29, 2012

### **Deer Season**

November 5, 2011 – January 15, 2011

## **November Meeting**

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

*Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.*

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

