

The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a great night and stayed safe. Karen and I were watching the National Finals Rodeo at the Jefferies.

The Carol Cassity Seminar was a huge success! I think everyone learned a thing or two and the weather was perfect. If you do not have a Carol Cassity book, please let me know so I can get you one. I usually have them at the meetings.

The February Hunt Test is right around the corner and Randy Crable has it all lined out. We are full in Finished and Seasoned but have a ways to go on Started. Please do not wait till last minute to sign up and remember **NO WALK-UPS**. Spread the word.

We will be having a training day on February 13th, at Steve & Maria's for a last ditch chance to get the dogs tuned in. Lunch will be provided, so let us know if you can attend.

Good Luck this year on the hunt test circuit and send me pics of all your ribbons.

Sam Roll



Quote: "It is amazing how much love and laughter they bring into our lives and even how much closer we become with each other because of them."

--- John Grogan



The Club's Best News

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 10, 2021**
7:00 pm

Las Flores Restaurant

306 E House Street
Alvin, Texas 77511



JANUARY MEETING

Minutes

CRRC's *January* meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Sam Roll, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Member's Present: Sam & Karen Roll, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Patrick Cumiskey, Randy Crable, Kyle Wilson, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Olanah & Mchaji Celestaine, David DalMolin, Bob Hanson, Rudy Moreno & Don Koster.

Welcome: Sam Roll welcomed all & wished everyone a Happy New Year! He also wished Karen Roll & Mchaji Celestaine a very Happy Birthday!

Sam Roll asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting. Randy Crable made a motion to approve and a second was made by Rex Westbrook, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Officers Report:

President: Please keep Ken, Michele and Minnie Burge in your thoughts and prayers. Minnie was diagnosed with cancer, please pray for this sweet girl. Sam has been working on the CRRC website, check it out. Thank you to all who have sent pictures, please let us know who, what, when, where, about your pictures. It's looking really good.

Vice President:

Secretary: Please continue to send in your 2021 membership applications and dues, which are due in *January 2021*.

Treasure: Sam Roll reported a balance of 10,700.23 in the bank all bills paid. Upcoming hunt test expenses include ducks, judge's gifts, fuel, lunches and other miscellaneous items.

Historian:

Region 11: Sam reported that Robert Hines, the Running Rules Rep. has informed him that the deadline for submitting rule changes is on February 28, 2021.

Old Business:

2021 Officers: The CRRC 2021 Officers were accepted and will remain the same. Please feel free to reach out to any of us at any time.

Carol Cassity: Sam reported that the *Carol Cassity Seminar was a great success!* We had a great time, great food, trained a lot of dogs, and learned a lot of dog training techniques. It was a fun weekend and we all learned a lot. Thank you Patrick Cumiskey for organizing and making the arrangements.

CRRC February Hunt Test: CRRC's Spring Hunt will be on February 20-21, 2021 in Texas City, Texas. Randy Crable, hunt chairman, reported that this test will be a 1-1-2 and very much like the test we held in October, due to Covid-19. Randy reported that the judges and marshals are all set up and ready to go, hotels are booked and birds are a go. We will have 1 finished test at Jack Brooks Park, which is 11 miles from the rock pile. Kyle Wilson is working on maps for us. Please don't forget, we will have **mobile check-in**. If you are working this hunt test, Maria will have a signup sheet at headquarters, please sign in. Set-up will be on Friday, February 19, 2021 @ 2:00 PM.

New Business:

Potential Upland Test: A discussion was had on the possibility of having an upland hunt. Things to think about and consider would be a location, time and workers. The expenses would consist of birds, shells, ribbons and other usual hunt test expenses. It's a different kind of test, it was suggested we take a club survey to see if there was an interest.

Save The Date!

Training Day

Saturday, February 13, 2021
8:00 AM

Flying V Ranch
1148 Valdez Trail
Angleton, Texas 77515

Colorado River Retriever Club 2020 Hunt Test

UKC Licensed Regular Hunt
February 20 – 21, 2021



Gulf Coast Water Authority
7750 Humble Camp Road
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Colorado River Retriever Club Website

www.crrcinc.org

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GHSC: Sam mentioned looking into the *Greater Houston Sporting Club*. Maybe we could do a dog demonstration, he will get information to discuss at a later date.

Training Topic: The topic for this month was on drills we learned at the Carol Cassity Seminar. Don Koster demonstrated the Double Drill. The purpose of this drill is to show all the possible double pictures in a very short time. Short bird/long bird, set up stations, giving your dog different concepts. Good drill for all levels. Steve Jefferies demonstrated interrupted triples. The purpose of this drill is to teach memory. Shoot three marks, pick up one mark, stop and pick up the blind, then finish with the other two marks.

Door Prize: Mchaji Celestaine was the winner of the Bag of Poppers and the Camo Gator w/CRRC Logo.
Congratulations Mchaji!

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Gulf Coast Water Authority

7750 Humble Camp Road
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Randy Crable – Hunt Chairman
racrable@gmail.com * 409-789-7328

Maria Jefferies – Hunt Secretary
mjefferies@hotmail.com * 979-299-2111

Set Up

Friday, February 19, 2021
2:00 PM



It's a Fact:

*My dogs are the reason I wake up every morning.
Really freakin early.
Every. Single. Morning.*



Message from the Secretary

It is time once again to renew our **2021 Membership Applications** and pay the club dues.
Our club dues are due **January 2021**.

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have moved and have a new address, if your phone number or email has changed or if you have a “new” canine family member, please update this for me. I also love to recognize our four legged family’s birthdays, so please make sure to include this information too.



Pawing to Remind You ...

If you would like to see you and/or your dog’s hunting/hunt test pictures in the newsletter, Please email: mljefferies@hotmail.com or text: 979-299-2111 them to me.

Welcome new Members

I’d like to introduce you to the newest
Members of Colorado River Retriever Club

- 🐾 **JC & Carrie Braswell** from Magnolia, Texas. They are the owners of Summer Branch’s Oysters Boshaup “Boshaup”, a chocolate male Lab, Summer Branch’s Gemma in the Ruff “Gemma”, a yellow female Lab and Summer Branch’s Jolie Femme “Jolie”, a chocolate female Lab.
- 🐾 **Rudy Moreno** from Pearland, Texas. He is the owner of Moreno’s Bella 11 “Bella”, a female Golden Retriever.

January Doggie Birthdays

Doctor Dave's Budd Wiser

"Budd" 1-30-2009

Owned by David Brannon

Summer Branch's Gemma in the Ruff

"Gemma" 1-28-2017

Owned by JC & Carrie Braswell

Summer Branch's Jolie Femme

"Jolie" 1-15-2019

Owned by JC & Carrie Braswell

Cannon's Remembering Kobe

"Mamba" 1-15-2020

Owned by Vince & Sabrina Cannon

Chupp's Avian X Marks the Spot

"Avi" 1-7-2020

Owned by Dakota Chupp

Raven Wicked Ways

"Raven" 1-24-2019

Owned by Randy Crable

General Sam's Matagorda Bay Bum

"Sam" 1-25-2014

Owned by Patrick & Tammy Cumiskey

BigBayDogs Sally Saltgrass Assassin

"Sally" 1-15-2015

Owned by Patrick & Tammy Cumiskey

Flying V's High Power Case

"Case" 1-7-2020

Owned by Tyler Goodwin & Sara Villarreal

Flying V's Brother Bear

"Koda" 1-18-2011

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Flying V's Bailey Prairie Kid

"Bailey" 1-22-2013

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Flying V's Reigning Queen

"Reyna" 1-22-2013

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Flying V's Supreme Diva

"Rossi" 1-22-2013

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

JK'S Kiss My Bunns

"Mooney" 1-19-2014

Owned by Janet Kimbrough

Lugo's I'd Rather Be a Benelli

"Remington" 1-22-2016

Owned by Jennifer Lugo

RNG Texan Rebel

"Rebel" 1-5-2018

Owned by Nick & Katinka Stillwell

Vaugh's Hell on Wheels

"Gunner" 1-11-2014

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook

Flying V's Dax

"Dax" 1-7-2020

Owned by Kory Woodling



*Happy Birthday
January Fur-Babies!*

Dog Topic

Labradors and Broken Tail Syndrome

Broken Tail Syndrome goes by a variety of other names: *cold water tail*, *limber tail syndrome*, *dead tail* and more. With all these names, you get the idea that something is wrong with the dog's tail. Quite common in Labs, especially sporting dogs, it looks worse than it is. Since sporting Labs might retrieve ducks from frigid lakes or rivers, exposure to cold water is often the culprit in the breed. Fortunately, limber tail syndrome generally clears up within a few days. Your Labs tail may be sore during that time, but rest is the best medicine.

Appearance

Your Lab's tail will indeed appear broken. However, the damage is not to the tail bone, but the tail muscles. It's equivalent of a sprain. Your dog's tail might be just a little droopy or it can hang straight down without looking like there's any muscle tone at all. The condition may be painful and your lab might not want you to touch it.

Causes

One of the reasons the syndrome is also called "cold tail" is because it often appears in Labrador Retrievers and other hunting dogs after they have been swimming in cold water. However, your dog doesn't even have to get damp to suffer from broken tail syndrome. Overexertion is often the culprit. Weekend warrior dogs pay for their pleasures in strains and sprains just like their owners.

Prevention

Get your dog in shape before going out hunting or any other strenuous activity. If your dog already had an episode of broken tail syndrome, try to recall exactly what may have brought it on. Was your Lab swimming in icy water? You'd hate to keep a water-loving Lab out of a pond or lake, but perhaps it's not a good idea to let him swim in cold weather. Of course, that's not practical if you use your dog for hunting. Since it could be a one-time problem, think twice before retiring your sporting Lab unless broken tail syndrome recurs because of hunting conditions. Traveling in a crate for several hours, as often occurs with hunting or competition dogs may also trigger broken tail syndrome.

Diagnosis

One problem with limber tail is that vets who aren't familiar with sporting dogs might mistake it for something far more serious. Of course, a limp tail can indicate an actual broken bone, spinal injury, or other problem. Broken tail syndrome occurs suddenly. It's not a case of the tail getting progressively weaker over time. Your dog's tail was fine and then it wasn't. This information might help the vet in making a diagnoses.

Treatment

Generally, broken tail syndrome resolves itself within a week or so. Keep your Lab quiet and don't take him out for any more sport until his tail returns to normal. Your vet may prescribe some mild painkillers to ease the soreness. You can also put warm compresses on your dog's tail. It might not help him that much, but he'll know how much you love him. The condition may or may not occur again.





\UPCOMING HUNT TEST

FEBRUARY

Colorado River Retriever Club - open

February 20 & 21, 2021

Dickenson, Texas

Central Louisiana Spring Hunt - approved

February 27 & 28, 2021

Moreauville, Louisiana

CODES: January 27, 2021 7:00 PM CT - PUBLIC February 4, 2021 7:00 PM CT

Alamo Spring Hunt - pending

February 27 & 28, 2021

Kyle, Texas

MARCH

Ravensway Spring Hunt - pending

March 6 & 7, 2021

Scurry, Texas

Cowtown Spring Hunt - open

March 13 & 14, 2021

Ravenna, Texas

Southeast Texas Spring Hunt - approved

March 20 & 21, 2021

Anahuac, Texas

CODES: February 1, 2021 9:00 AM CT - PUBLIC: February 7, 2021 9:00 AM CT

Lonestar HRC Spring Hunt - open

March 27 & 28, 2021

Bonham, Texas

PUBLIC: February 1, 2021 7:00 PM CT

APRIL

Northeast, Texas HRC Spring Hunt - pending

April 10 & 11, 2021

Laneville, Texas

The **Officers** and **Members** of Colorado River Retriever Club would like to recognize the following club members who give their time to judge.
Thank you all for the weekends you give to make each and every hunt test a success.
The support is greatly appreciated!

Colorado River Retriever Club

February 20 & 21, 2021

Don Koster, Jason Luker, Mike Nutter, Carrie Shaw

Alamo Hunting Retriever Club

February 27 & 28, 2021

Ken Burge, Carrie Shaw

Southeast Texas Retriever Club

March 20 & 21, 2021

Rebecca Bass, David Brannon, Bob Brundrett, Robert Hines

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