

The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Half the year is already gone and so is COVID 19 (I hope).

The fall hunt test is just around the corner and plans are already being executed to make it a good one. We are still in need of a couple of judges, so if you have any in mind you would like to see, let me know please. The test will be at Justin Hurst Wildlife Management Area in Jones Creek, Tx. On October 23-24. I will have a signup sheet available at the meeting for helpers.

The May training day was a ton of fun even with sloppy fields from all the rain. I would like to thank John Laviolette for letting us use his land and all the work he has done.

I would also like to thank Don Koster, Randy Crable and Ken Burge for working with the new handlers in the club. Without your knowledge we would all be spinning our wheels.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Wed. night

Remember to watch your dogs close when running in the summer heat.

Sam Roll



Quote: "When an eighty-five pound mammal licks your tears away, then tries to sit on your lap, it's hard to feel sad."

----- Kristan Higgins



The Club's Best News

JUNE MEETING

The next CRRC meeting will be
Wednesday, **June 9, 2021**
7:00 pm

Las Flores Restaurant
306 E House Street
Alvin, Texas 77511



APRIL MEETING

Minutes

CRRC's *May* meeting was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Sam Roll, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Member's Present: Sam & Karen Roll, Ken & Michele Burge, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Lori Allyn, Carrie & Logan Shaw, Patrick Cumiskey, Randy Crable, Don Koster, Bob & Lauri Hanson, David DalMolin, John Laviolette, and Matt Naylor.

Welcome: Sam Roll welcomed all.

Sam Roll asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting. Don Koster made a motion to approve and a second was made by Carrie Shaw, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Officers Report:

President: Sam Roll thanked everyone who came out to Flying V Ranch and helped clean the club trailers, they are ready for the October hunt test. We are in need of new tires, if someone would like to volunteer to take on this job, please contact Sam. Sam recognized the club members that attended the 2021 Spring Grand. *Congratulations to all!*

Vice President: Ken discussed that the Grand was getting really big and that it would be really hard to find clubs to host one, due to not having enough land. He also shared that he & Don Koster were invited to judge poodles for the Poodles Club of America.

Secretary: Maria is in the process of updating the membership list for 2021. If you would like to renew or join CRRC, please send me your information.

Treasure: Lori Allyn reported a balance of 12, 945 in the bank with 3 checks out. Sam would like to work on a monthly treasures report with Lori, to post in the "member's only" section of the website.

Historian: Carrie Shaw informed the club that the date for the National Board of Directors meeting is on June 12, 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Region 11: We are currently waiting on Jason Luker to provide us with the date and location of the Judge's Seminar for Region 11. We will pass this information along as soon as we get the updates. All members are invited and welcomed to attend.

Running Rules Rep:

Old Business:

CRRC's Fall Hunt Test: CRRC's Fall Hunt will be on October 23 & 24, 2021, in Jones Creek at the Justin Hurst WMA. Sam Roll, hunt chairman, reported that this test will be a 1-2-2 test and will include a tailgate dinner and a raffle.

CRRC Banner: The CRRC banner needs to be replaced. We are looking for an 8x4 to hang on front entrance gate and a smaller one, possibly a 4x6 or a 4x4. Maria will gather some design ideas to pass around to club members at the next meeting.

New Business:

Training day: CRRC will have a training day May 22, 2021. It will be at John Laviolette's lease land next to Jack Brooks Park in Hitchcock. John, Sam, Karen and Misty helped John mow and get ready for training with the possibility that club members can use for training. Maria will send out an email with more details.

Save The Date!

CRRC Summer Party

**Saturday, June 19, 2021
2:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Sam & Karen Roll's
7026 Avenue O
Santa Fe, Texas 77510**

**RSVP: Karen Roll
832-797-1148**



October 23 & 24, 2021

**Colorado River Retriever Club
Fall Hunt Test**

**Justin Hurst WMA
Jones Creek, Texas**



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Website**

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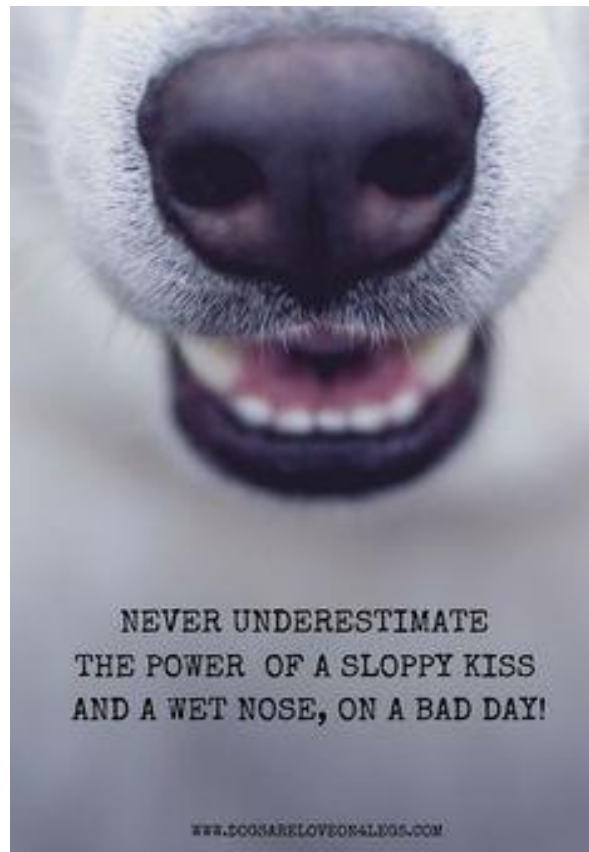
Summer Party: CRRC's annual summer party will be on June 19, 2021 at Sam & Karen Roll's home. Save the date...Maria will send out more details.

Events: Sam Roll informed club member of a couple of events coming up – Ori Mathews & Steve Riggins will host a Basic and Transition Seminar on May 29 & 30,2021 in Caddo Mills, Texas. Central Texas HRC will host a Snake Avoidance Clinic on June 19, 2021 in Lexington, Texas.

Training Topic: Don Koster discussed and illustrated *Blind Retrieves*. **Started** – no double, triple marks or blind retrieves are to be used in the Started Hunting Test. **Seasoned** – the land and water blind retrieve maximum test distance will not exceed forty yards. **Finished** – the land and water blind retrieve maximum test distance will not exceed one hundred yards. Well planned blind placement should encourage the retriever to take a good initial line. The retriever should respond to whistles and directional control and for the handler to participate in the retrieve. The retriever who exhibits no ability to take an initial line, and no willingness to directional commands but stumbles on the bird has not met the objectives of the test. If you don't understand or have any questions on this or any other training issues, please don't hesitate to ask. We have many judges that are members of CRRC.

A motion was made by Patrick Cumiskey and a second by Lori Allyn to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

Door Prize: David DalMolin was the winner of the Dokken Duck and Swivel seat. *Congratulations David!*





Message from the Secretary

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.

- I've got **O.D.D** ✨
(Obsessive DOG
Disorder) 🐾
- ✓ YOU HAVE MORE THAN 1 DOG.
 - ✓ YOUR DOG'S COMFORT COMES BEFORE YOURS!
 - ✓ YOUR HOME IS LITTERED WITH DOG TOYS. 🐾
 - ✓ YOU'D RATHER STAY HOME AND HANG OUT WITH YOUR DOGS THAN GO OUT. 🐾
 - ✓ YOU GREET YOUR DOGS BEFORE YOUR SPOUSE. 🐾

May Doggie Birthdays

Skip A Roo

“Roo” 5-26-2020

Owned by Ashley Anderson

Howdy’s Slick Harley

“Harley” 5-29-2015

Owned by Randy & Peggy Crable

Marsh Dogs Mad Max

“Max” 5-27-2017

Owned by Denise Ferguson

Iron Sky’s High Flyin Drake

“Drake” 5-12-2019

Owned by Bob & Lauri Hansen

Maxxedout Miss Sadie

“Sadie” 5-7-2016

Owned by David & Jan Hanson

Flying V’s Rio Blue Steel

“Ammo” 5-20-2015

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Flying V’s Little River

“Lilly” 5-29-2015

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Leroy Southern Retriever

“Leroy” 5-3-2017

Owned by John Laviolette

Millies Blue River Watermarks

“Millie” 5-29-2015

Owned by Tommy Pavlovsky

RNG Southern Bella

“Bella” 5-10-2018

Owned by Nick & Katinka Stillwell

Westbrooks Drivin A Crazy Train

“Ozzy” 5-11-2013

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook

Westbrooks South TX Whirlwind

“Windy” 5-5-2018

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook



Dog Topic

How Hot Is Too Hot? Heatstroke in Dogs

Dogs are notoriously bad at dissipating body heat. Watch for early signs of heatstroke (also known as hyperthermia) in your dog to avoid serious outcomes.

What is Heatstroke?

When a dog's internal body temperature goes above a normal temperature of 101.5 Fahrenheit, this is a fever and is called hyperthermia. When the body temperature is above 105F, the dog may be suffering from heatstroke.

Dogs have only a couple of ways to cool off: blood vessel expansion and panting. When dogs pant, they evaporate moisture from their tongues, nasal passages and the lining of their lungs and this cools them down as air passes over the moist tissue. They also cool off via vasodilation. Blood vessels, especially in the ears and face, expand, bringing overheated blood closer to the surface to cool down.

The bottom surfaces of paws can sweat, but not enough to make a difference. Heatstroke usually occurs when high ambient temperature overcomes the dog's ability to dissipate heat. The degree of damage is determined by how high a body temperature is reached and how long the animal is exposed.

Signs to Watch Out For

Heatstroke in dogs is life threatening and can also result in very serious complications. There are early signs of heatstroke that you can be alert to that may help you remedy the condition before things get too serious.

Early signs of heatstroke include: heavy panting and rapid breathing, excessive drooling, dry mucous membranes, bright red gums and tongue, skin hot to the touch and a higher heart rate. Affected dogs become hyperactive and may have difficulty maintaining balance.

As exposure to excessive heat goes on, the dog's condition worsens and includes signs of shock: pale mucous membranes with white or blue gums, very rapid heart rate and a drop in blood pressure. The dog hyperventilates and dehydration becomes more severe. Pupils dilate, the pulse becomes more irregular and the dog has muscle tremors, he may become lethargic and unwilling to move, urinate or defecate uncontrollably; collapse and become comatose

Why Does Heatstroke Occur?

Heatstroke generally occurs during the hottest part of the year, especially when it is humid. Contributing factors include:

- **Breed:** Heatstroke can be seen in all breeds, but may be more likely in longhaired and brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds
- **Age:** Very young dogs, as well as older dogs are more susceptible.
- **Physical fitness:** Dogs that are out of shape are vulnerable when they exert a great deal of energy in excessively hot surroundings.
- **Weight:** Overweight and obese dogs are more likely to suffer.
- **Medical disorders:** Hypothyroidism, cardiac disease and laryngeal paralysis also contribute to heatstroke.

- **Environment:** The most common cause of heatstroke in dogs is confinement in a closed automobile. The ambient temperature inside a closed car can become dangerously high in a matter of minutes and the results can be fatal. Other causes of heatstroke can include being confined in an exercise pen without fresh water in direct sunlight and dogs left in cages for an extended period of time, unchecked.
- **Water:** Restricted access and not drinking enough water causes overheating.
- **Acclimation:** Sudden change to a warmer climate can cause heat stress.

How to Treat Heatstroke

Heatstroke therapy involves immediately trying to lower the dog's body temperature. If you notice signs of heatstroke in your dog, it's critical to stop any activity and help your dog cool down by:

- Walking or carrying the dog to a well ventilated, cool area
- Spraying or sponging the dog with cool (not cold) or tepid water especially on the underside. Do not immerse the animal in cold water.
- Using a fan to blow cool air on him.

If you have a rectal thermometer, you should take your dog's temperature. If the temperature is less than 105F, you should still consider this an emergency and immediately take your dog to your veterinarian. If the temperature is higher than 105F, try to cool the dog down and after a few minutes retake the temperature. Don't reduce the temperature below 103F, because the temperature may descend to critical levels.

Immediately take your dog to your veterinarian as soon as the temperature reaches 103F or if you are unable to reduce the temperature significantly. Severely affected dogs require fluids, medication, support and oxygen. Complications may not occur immediately, so it's important to let your veterinarian determine the type of follow up treatment required.

Prevention Is the Best Medicine

Immediate action and correct treatment is so important because it can mean the difference between a swift and complete recovery and long term complications. Some veterinarians also advise that once a dog has experienced heatstroke, it is most likely to reoccur.

Our dogs live to please us, and if we ask them to jog or hike or play catch, they will do it with enthusiasm, even on the hottest days. So it's up to you to keep the weather in mind and limit the time your dog exercises when the temperature soars. Choose cooler times of day for play or training sessions. Always provide plenty of cool fresh water, shade and frequent rest periods when it's hot. And never leave your dog in the car, he may miss you, but he will be better off waiting for you at home.

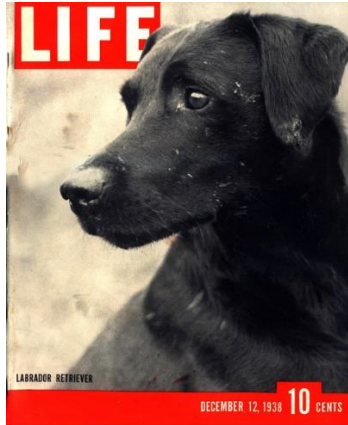




it'S a Fact:

A Lab was the First Dog to Appear on the Cover of “Life” Magazine

One of the prouder Labrador Retriever moments is that this breed was one of the first in many areas. For example, even though Americans have loved their dogs for hundreds of years, it wasn't until 1938 that a dog made the cover of a major news publication. In 1938, for their December 12th issue, “Life” magazine put a Black Lab on the cover.



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