

# THE WAG



Newsletter of the National Labrador Retriever Association

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### Dear Labrador Fancier,

Welcome to the WAG. We provide education and news about UKC Labradors. We invite your questions, your comments, your input. We need input for :ALL AREAS  
Please submit to : [nlraukc@gmail.com](mailto:nlraukc@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY  
FRIDAY October 18  
Loves Park IL  
Gun Dog + National Specialty  
2 Conformation Events  
SEE ACCOMPANYING FLIER  
for more info**

### FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Labrador Lovers, Fanciers and NLRA members,

This is our breed and our club. We need your full participation in week to week events.

The club officers/Board are already active in very many ways and welcome more input and participation from you.

If you want to offer criticism, that's fine. But please offer ways to fix whatever problem you identify. AND please be willing to offer your time to make the fix work.

As the President has pointed out in the past, we need members to pay their dues, and do it on time. We need you to recruit new members.

There are so many costs involved in running the Events, the website, etc and the funds from those have often come from donations of money. Not to mention all the donations of time given by the Officers and Board members.

We want and need your participation.

**Thank you SHANNON DAVIS for your contributions!**

Thank you, *Marti*

### HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU

**Congratulations on a well trained versatile Labrador**



### Labrador Retriever Quiz

1. The 3 hallmarks of the breed are:
2. The recognized colors of the breed are;
3. The recommended height for females is:
4. The recommended height for males is;
5. Disqualifications of the breed are:
6. Is this a correct breed outline? If yes, why? If no, why ?



## DOCK JUMPING in UKC by Shannon Davis

Dock jumping is an awesome way to spend time with your dog. It is truly a team sport between you and your dog. Getting started in dock jumping may not always be a quick process. It may take time and training. There are three components that your dog will need for dock jumping, 1) toy drive, 2) the ability to swim and 3) confidence. Some dogs pick all three up rather quickly and some may pick up on one and need help with the others.

Pool (clear) water is very different than pond/lake (not clear) water. Just because they love the pond/lake and will go in every time, does not mean they will go right into the pool. There are many places you can rent pool time to get your dog familiar with the clear pool water. It doesn't have to be a dock jumping facility right off the bat. It could be an indoor or outdoor pool for dogs. I would suggest going somewhere that has a trainer or some type of assistance to help you get them comfortable before trying a dock jumping event.

There are three disciplines in UKC dock jumping: distance, fetch it and vertical.

Distance is just that, how far can your dog jump. The distance is measured where the base of the tail meets the water. It is manually judge but certified judges.

Fetch it, the toy is hung from a piece of equipment we call a rig. The toy, usually a white dokken bumper, is hung two foot above the dock. It starts ten foot from the dock and is move out a foot every time there is a successful grab. They don't have to grab it, it just has to be knocked down.

Vertical, same concept as fetch it, however the bumper is eight foot out from the dock and starts at 4'8" high and is moved up in 2" increments.

You are able to receive titles for dock jumping through United Kennel Club (UKC). In order to receive a title, you will need to have five qualifying legs (jump) in the same division. After your initial title, there is a point system to work on Champion and Grand Champion titles. There are titles for distance, fetch it and vertical.

Hope to see you on the dock!



**Barefoot Peppermint Patty**  
shows off her DOCK jump style

Thanks Fred Simmons for letting us use your pic

## In Labrador History

We live in a fast paced, modern world. Heck, we can even get catalog show results same day on the internet. So it's somewhat hard for us to imagine the world as it was for Labrador Retrievers in the time frame 100 years ago in Great Britain after World War I and until the end of World War II. However, this time period had a huge influence on the development of our breed.

The time frame of 1919-1940 saw the popularization of Labradors as Field Trial winners, thanks to new-whistle-method training so brilliantly demonstrated by FTCH Peter of Faskally. Labradors were slowly acquired by more members of the Upper Middle Class, as post-World-War I saw significant social changes in Britain. However, what we today consider the 'middle class' as we know it in America, well those folks like you and I, they did not acquire Labradors.

This time frame also saw more Labradors participating in Bench Conformation shows, and more Champions. Again, there were the owners of nobility and owners of middle class. Labradors were firmly ensconced in Field Trials and Bench Shows by the start of WWII.

Few of us today can imagine everyday life in Great Britain during WWII. It's an island. There was severe rationing of all food. Gasoline was rationed. Cars were expropriated for war use. Travel was restricted. The Kennel Club suspended all Bench Shows and Field Trials. People prepared for invasion and occupation. Cities were bombed. Children were sent to rural areas to live with family and often strangers. Keeping your family alive and fed was a full time job. The keeping of pure-bred dogs for hunting or pleasure was a luxury beyond the means of almost all. If you had a dog and wanted to keep it you had to share your food with your dog. Regardless of your social status or income level. Dedicated breeders who maintained even a small cadre of Labradors during these years were the ones to whom we owe so much. Some with foresight had sold dogs to Americans who luckily transported them by ship prior to the beginning of hostilities. But even here in America, things during the War years were no picnic, and dedicated breeders carefully shepherded their breeding pools, too.

## CLUB MATTERS

### Membership

membership application consists of the application itself +  
the code of ethics + the membership dues

The application and Code of Ethics can be found  
in pdf format on the website

See the Membership Application section

All applications must be mailed to:  
National Labrador Retriever Association  
603 S Main St McVille ND 58254

### Treasury

2019 Dues become due on January 1.

Please remit to the Treasurer

### Data

Keeping our dogs' data correctly reported  
to UKC is critical.

### Events

Make sure your events are forwarded  
to the Web Master AND the Newsletter Editor.

### Web

fB members group link is provided to members by the President  
when your membership is finalized.

Club website is located:

<http://www.theukclabradorclub.org>

**The MEMBERS ONLY page password is  
provided by the President to you**

### Volunteer

We need the following:

Newsletter Editor

Dog Data Manager

Events Manager