



UNLEASHED

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Next Meeting

April 3, 2008

Location: Bruno's Pizza

1774 E. Dublin Granville Rd (NW corner of Rt. 161 & Sharon Woods Blvd)

Columbus, OH 43229

Time: 6:30 until we are done

They have a great Italian menu with all of your favorites and maybe some things that you have never had before, plus plenty of cold beverages.

Speaker: Dr. Christine Kofron
Topic: What's New in Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Kofron will speak to the club about some of the latest advancements in veterinary medicine as well as topics of interest to attendees. There will be a chance to ask questions after the lecture.

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Prez Notes

Hi Everyone,

IT'S SPRING!!, and with that comes rain (and mud!) and upcoming shows, so lets get out there and show off those new puppies !

Our club has just completed another very successful health clinic, thanks to Jennifer and her crew of volunteers. It was a huge success and was a great source of income for the club to use towards our specialty and other club expenses. Many thanks to Jennifer for her efforts towards organizing the event, she made it easy for the rest of us and we appreciate all of the club members that stepped up to help out with eye drops, blood collection and greeting our guests.

In other club news, I have just received approval from the AKC for our request to change our meeting frequency to six times per year. This will help everyone to relieve some of the time commitment and still will allow us plenty of chances to conduct club business. The schedule is open for discussion at the next meeting. If we maintain the current schedule; we would meet on the even numbered months of the year, that will allow us a meeting in October just prior to the specialty. We will have to make some minor changes in the wording on voting dates for new officers, basically nomination information can be circulated prior to the October meeting, and nominations from floor will be in

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Prez Notes Continued

October and we can move voting to the December meeting. The AKC has asked that we rewrite the by-laws to include the changes so the board will start working on that and submit that upon completion.

Our puppy match is scheduled for May 4 and we have received AKC approval for this event. Our annual picnic will be held after judging so plan to show your support for the club and take advantage of a chance to train your puppies for conformation shows.

Match chairperson Chris Kofron will be circulating a picnic food sign up at the next meeting and she will also be looking for some volunteers to ring steward, work at registration and of course cook the lunch!

Specialty planning is progressing; we are waiting for the final approval from AKC. Jan has been working on filling any open class sponsorships so be prepared to submit to her your payment for classes sponsored or your listing of what prizes you will be donating.

With less meetings available, we need to collect this information as early as possible so it can be submitted for printing in the catalog so please honor your commitment to classes and forward the information to Jan. I received a unanimous vote from the board when they were presented with a request for the COLRC to sponsor the Best of Opposite Sex trophy in memory of former member Mary Young so that trophy will be donated from the treasury to honor her.

Dr. Kofron has graciously volunteered to speak at our next meeting, she will have some exciting new advancements in veterinary medicine to report to us.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Linda

Down 'N Backs

Shannon's Absolut White Russian

1st 6-9 aoc puppy dogs & Best of Opposite sex in sweeps (Piedmont LRC 2/9/08)

2nd 6-9 aoc puppy dogs (Piedmont LRC 2/9/08)

2nd 6-9 aoc puppy dogs sweeps (Piedmont LRC 2/10/08)

1st 6-9 aoc puppy dogs (Piedmont LRC 2/10/08)

owner: Jennifer Stotts

Shannon's Absolut White Chocolate

4th 6-9 aoc puppy bitches sweeps (Piedmont LRC 2/9/08)

1st 6-9 aoc puppy bitches sweeps (Piedmont LRC 2/10/08)

owner: Jennifer Stotts

Ch. Shalane Fly By Knight

NEW CHAMPION

Alliance KC 3/20- MAJOR

LITTERBOX LISTING

Ch. Surry's Uma Gumma at Fortune & Tremont's Little Black Dress

All black litter due 3/25/08

Contact: Lori & John Bentine

614/488-9461 or labwriter@aol.com

CH Tabatha's Borador Dance With The Devil & Shannon's Finn-Chester O'Sundel.

Blacks and Chocolates due whelped 2/23/08

Contact Steve or Christian, 740-524-5227 or

sundellabs@sundel-labradors.com

CH Talimars Trendsetter x CH Tullamores Topaz

Yellows whelped 3/7/08

Contact Linda Bednarski

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www.tullamorelabs.com

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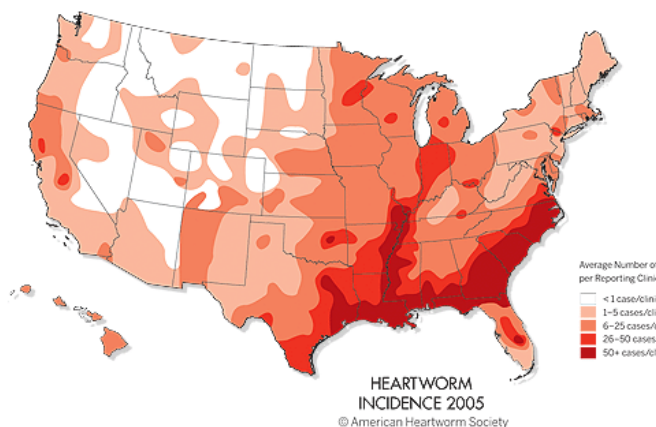
It's Spring! Arriving with the warmer weather are those pesky mosquitoes & heartworm.

What Is Heartworm Disease?

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart of dogs, cats and other species of mammals, including wolves, foxes, ferrets, sea lions and (in rare instances) humans. Heartworms are classified as [nematodes](#) (roundworms) and are filarids, one of many species of roundworms. Dogs and cats of any age or breed are susceptible to infection.

Where is Heartworm Disease?

Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. The map below shows particularly endemic areas based on the number of cases reported by clinics.



History

The first published description of heartworm in dogs in the United States appeared more than 100 years ago in an issue of "The Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery."¹ Heartworm in cats was first described in the early 1920's.^{2,3}

Since then, naturally acquired heartworm infection in cats and dogs is identified as a worldwide clinical problem. Despite improved diagnostic methods, effective preventives and increasing awareness among veterinary professionals and pet owners, cases of heartworm

infection continue to appear in pets around the world.

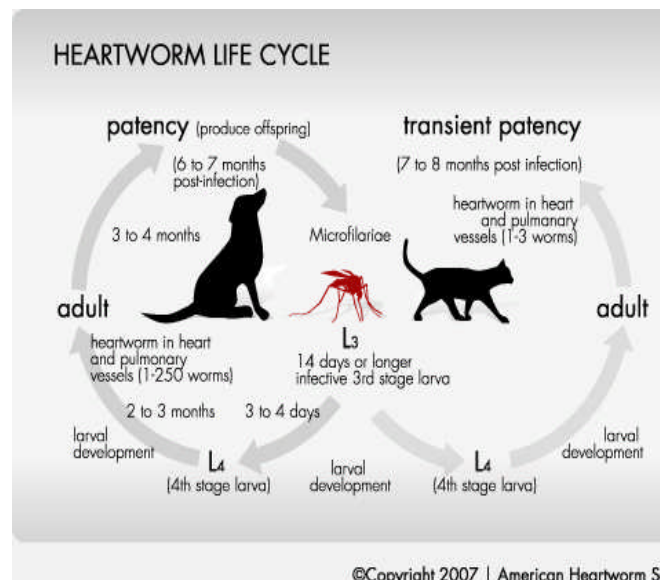
¹ Osborne, TC. Worms found in the Heart and Bloodvessels of a Dog; Symptoms of Hydrophobia. The Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery, 1847.

² Riley, WA. *Dirofilaria immitis* in the heart of a cat. J Parasitol 1922;9:48

³ Travassos, LP. *Notas Helminthologicas*. Brazil-Med. An. 1921;35 2(6):67

How Heartworm Happens: The Life Cycle

First, adult female heartworms release their young, called [microfilariae](#), into an animal's bloodstream. Then, mosquitoes become infected with microfilariae while taking blood meal from the infected animal. During the next 10 to 14 days, the microfilariae mature to the infective larval stage within the mosquito. After that, the mosquito bites another dog, cat or other susceptible animal, and the infective larvae enter through the bite wound. It then takes a little over 6 months for the infective larvae to mature into adult worms. In dogs, the worms may live for up to 7 years. Microfilariae cannot mature into adult heartworms without first passing through a mosquito.



What Are the Signs of Heartworm Disease?

For both dogs and cats, clinical signs of heartworm disease may not be recognized in the early stages, as the number of heartworms in an animal tends to

accumulate gradually over a period of months and sometimes years and after repeated mosquito bites.

Recently infected dogs may exhibit no signs of the disease, while heavily infected dogs may eventually show clinical signs, including a mild, persistent cough, reluctance to move or exercise, fatigue after only moderate exercise, reduced appetite and weight loss.

Cats may exhibit clinical signs that are very non-specific, mimicking many other feline diseases. Chronic clinical signs include vomiting, gagging, difficulty or rapid breathing, lethargy and weight loss. Signs associated with the first stage of heartworm disease, when the heartworms enter a blood vessel and are carried to the pulmonary arteries, are often mistaken for feline asthma or allergic bronchitis, when in fact they are actually due to a syndrome newly defined as **Heartworm Associated Respiratory Disease (HARD)**.

How Do You Detect Heartworm Disease?

Heartworm infection in apparently healthy animals is usually detected with blood tests for a heartworm substance called an "[antigen](#)" or [microfilariae](#), although neither test is consistently positive until about seven months after infection has occurred.

Heartworm infection may also occasionally be detected through ultrasound and/or x-ray images of the heart and lungs, although these tests are usually used in animals already known to be infected.

Prevention

Because heartworm disease is preventable, the AHS recommends that pet owners take steps now to talk to their veterinarian about how to best protect their pets from this dangerous disease. Heartworm prevention is safe, easy and inexpensive. While treatment for heartworm disease in dogs is possible, it is a complicated and expensive process, taking weeks for infected animals to recover. There is no effective treatment for heartworm disease in cats, so it is imperative that disease prevention measures be taken for cats.

There are a variety of options for preventing

heartworm infection in both dogs and cats, including daily and monthly tablets and chewables and monthly topicals. All of these methods are extremely effective, and when administered properly on a timely schedule, heartworm infection can be completely prevented. These medications interrupt heartworm development before adult worms reach the lungs and cause disease.

It is your responsibility to faithfully maintain the prevention program you have selected in consultation with your veterinarian.

Treatment

Usually, all but the most advanced cases of heartworm disease can be successfully treated in dogs. Currently, there are no products in the United States approved for the treatment of heartworm infection in cats. Cats have proven to be more resistant hosts to heartworm than dogs, and often appear to be able to rid themselves of infection spontaneously. Unfortunately, many cats tend to react severely to the dead worms as they are being cleared by the body, and this can result in a shock reaction, a life-threatening situation. Veterinarians will often attempt to treat an infected cat with supportive therapy measures to minimize this reaction; however it is always best to prevent the disease.

Adult heartworms in dogs are killed using a drug called an adulticide that is injected into the muscle through a series of treatments. Treatment may be administered on an outpatient basis, but hospitalization is usually recommended. When the dog is sent home, exercise should be limited to leash walking for the duration of the recovery period, which can last from one to two months. This decreases the risk of partial or complete blockage of blood flow through the lungs by dead worms.

Re-infection during treatment is prevented by administration of a heartworm preventive. These preventives may also eliminate microfilariae if they are present. Dogs in heart failure and those with caval syndrome require special attention.

Cats versus Dogs

	Cats	Dogs
Parasite	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>
Transmission	Mosquito	Mosquito
Susceptibility to infection	Lower than dogs - 61% to 90% of cats exposed to infective larvae become infected	Very high - virtually 100% of dogs exposed to infective larvae become infected
Longevity of worms	2-3 years	5-7 years
Ectopic infections	Not uncommon	Occasionally
Number of worms	Usually less than 6, 1-2 worms most common	Not uncommon to find more than 30
Single-sex infections in meso- to high-endemic areas	Common	Unusual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transient (Lasts about 1 month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persistent
Microfilaremia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seen in less than 20% of naturally infected cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very common (80%-90%)• Can last years, even after death of adult worms
Organ with greatest pathology	Lungs	Heart and lungs
Clinical importance of small worm burdens	Potentially fatal	Clinical importance depends on the size of the dog, the size of the worm burden, and exercise level
Diagnosis	Complex	Relatively simple
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 compound approved
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High risk of complications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complications manageable
Compounds for prevention	4 approved in US	Several approved in US

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Coming COLRC Events Labrador Retriever B-OB Match

Date: Sunday, May 4th, 2008
Blendon Woods Park at Sycamore Shelter House
Westerville, OH (For Directions go to:
<http://www.metroparks.net/MapBlendonWoods.aspx>)

Judge: Allison Bates, I-Spy Labradors
9-11am Registration
Conformation judging begins at 11:30am

Conformation classes divided by sex. NO MAJOR POINTED DOGS.
Handlers welcome to show own labs. Pre-entry is encouraged.

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DEADLINES & FEES

Pre-entry deadline: May 1st, 2008
\$6 per dog
Day of show entry fee is \$8 per dog
Make check payable to COLRC

CLASSES

Junior Puppy: 2 - 4 month and 4 - 6 month
Senior Puppy: 6 -9 mont and 9 - 12 month
Adults: 12 - 18 month
Open - all colors together

QUESTIONS?

Call Chris Kofron, Match Chair @614-895-1923
or visit

http://www.colrc.com/attachments/bobmat_ch2008.pdf

for the Match Flyer and Entry Form

Dates & Deadlines

April 2	Closing for the Cardinal Cluster April 19 through 21, Columbus, OH All Breed 4/19 – 4/21, Obed/Rally 4/19 & 4/20
April 7	Closing for Clermont County Kennel Club
April 9	Closing for Progressive Dog Club Of Wayne County, April 26 & 27 Birch Run, MI, All Breed/Obed/JSHW
April 16	Closing for Crawford County Kennel Club, May 3 & 4, Bucyrus, OH All Breed/JSHW
April 23	Closing for Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, May 9 & 10, Hamilton, OH S/SWPC/Obed and Rally(5/10 only) http://www.mvlrc.org/for more info
April 23	Closing for Ravenna Kennel Club, May 10 & 11, Tallmadge, OH All Breed/JSHW
May1	COLRC Puppy Match Deadline & Match Date, Labrador Retrievers

General COLRC Information

The **UNLEASHED!** is a publication by and for the members of the **Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club** and others interested in the betterment of the sport and advancement of cooperative communication within the fancy.

The articles and information contained in this publication have been deemed by the editor to be of interest to our readers but do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or the opinions of the editor or COLRC members. Reader input is actively solicited.

Please address or email all articles, announcements, comments and suggestions to Christine Nickerson at Christine@CaptainNicksLabs.com. Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20th day of the month prior to publication.

Dues are \$30 annually for a single membership and \$50 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50 for members and non-members.

Meetings: General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

OFFICERS:

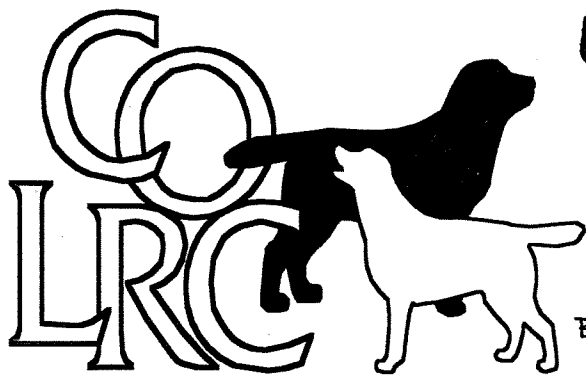
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Puppy Match Christine Kofron
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Eye Clinic Jennifer Stotts & Linda Bednarski

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Labrador Retriever

B-OB Match

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Blendon Woods Park @ Sycamore Shelter House
Westerville, Ohio

DIRECTIONS: From I-270 exit Dublin-Granville/New Albany East (161). Follow to Little Turtle Way exit or Old S.R. 161 (Cherry Bottom Rd.) Go right. Follow signs to Blendon Woods Park. Once inside park, follow signs to Nature Center then Sycamore Shelter House. Ample parking.

Judge: Allison Bates, I Spy Labradors
9 to 11 a.m. - Registration
Conformation judging begins at 11:30 a.m.

Food!

Refreshments!

Raffle!

CONFORMATION ENTRY FORM

for Labrador Retrievers ONLY

Conformation classes divided by sex. NO MAJOR POINTED DOGS.

Handlers welcome to show own Labs. Pre-Entry is encouraged.

Entries taken day of Show (9 -11 a.m.)

Entry Fees:

Pre-Entry DEADLINE: May 1, 2008. \$6./dog.

Day of show entry fee is \$8. *Make check payable to COLRC.

Classes:

Junior Puppy

2-4 month

4-6 month

Senior Puppy

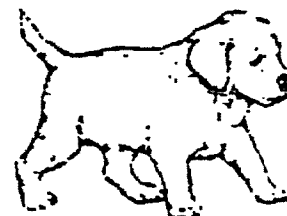
6-9 month

9-12 month

Adults

12-18 month

Open - all colors together



Circle class (above)

Fee Paid _____

Armband Number _____

Dog's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Sex _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

* MAIL ENTRIES with Check to: Chris Bell, COLRC Match Secretary
5585 Wilcox Rd., Dublin, OH 43016

Questions? Call Chris Kofron, Match Chair @ 614/895-1923



Clermont
County
Kennel
Club Inc.

**CLERMONT COUNTY
KENNEL CLUB
AKC SANCTIONED ALL-BREED
"B" MATCH
April 13, 2008**



Clermont
County
Kennel
Club Inc.

Location: Clermont County Dog Training Club

Schedule: 7 a.m. Doors Open

8-9:30 Entries for Herding, Hound, Terrier & Sporting

9:30-12 noon Judging (Herding, Hound, Terrier & Sporting)

11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Entries for Working, Non-Sporting & Toy

12-12:30 Lunch Break

12:30-3 p.m. Judging (Working, Non-Sporting and Toy)

3 p.m. Junior Handler, BIS Puppy, BIS Adult

**INDOOR CRATING AND GROOMING AVAILABLE!
TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED BUILDING!**

◆ 50/50 Raffle ◆ Photographer ◆ Food

FEES:	CONFORMATION (\$8 Pre-Entry)	\$10.00
	LITTER RATE	\$20.00
	(3 or more puppies from same litter)	
	JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP	\$5.00

CLASSES:	PUPPY (3-6 months)	Jr. Showmanship
	JUNIOR PUPPY (6-9 months)	Junior: up to 11 years
	SENIOR PUPPY (9-12 months)	Intermed.: 12 to 15 yrs.
	ADULT (over 1 year of age)	Senior – 16 to 18 years
		Novice – up to 3 wins
		Open – 3 or more wins

Puppies will not compete with adults. There will be a Best in Match Puppy and a Best in Match Adult following Puppy Groups and Adult Groups.

Dogs must be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC. Dogs must be in proper show trim. No taped or weighted ears. Professional handlers are welcome to show dogs owned by themselves or their immediate families. Dogs with major points may be entered for practice only.

Wins at sanctioned matches carry no AKC points.