



UNLEASHED

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Next Meetings **Jan 9, 2008**

Time: 6:30 PM – Till we're done

Location: Bruno's Pizza

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

Columbus, OH 43229

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.

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PREZ NOTES

Greetings COLRC members,

I hope this newsletter finds you all prepared for the upcoming holidays and ready to take on a new year of club activities!

With our fall specialty behind us, at the January meeting we will be discussing plans for the 2008 event. This will include discussion regarding continuation of the three day event format, pottery prizes, class prizes and general financial planning for the upcoming year. Soon we will be requesting once again your participation in class sponsorships as well as filling the various positions associated with the specialty. A big change for 2008 that has been discussed only briefly so far will be the elimination of the hospitality lunch.

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PREZ NOTES (Cont'd)

Unfortunately, due to a fairgrounds contract with food vendors, we will not be able to serve lunch as we have in the past. Further discussion of the details will be held at some upcoming meetings so we can hopefully find another way to support our exhibitors, likely with some morning refreshments as this seems to be our only option at this location. The support we receive from the Delaware Club is incredibly helpful to a club like ours that is working on a small budget, the addition of the tent, support from MB-F etc is something that we need to maintain.

For 2008 I will continue to be the specialty show chairperson, we need a volunteer to fill the vacant co-chairperson position for 2008, that person will then move into the chairperson position for 2009/2010. Members need to think about where they are willing to volunteer their time and efforts in various areas this coming year.

Jennifer is moving forward with scheduling of the health clinic in April and will have more details about that at the January meeting. Once again we will have available options for CERF exams, OFA heart exams and Optigen testing so plan to get all your testing done at once!

I am including in the newsletter an article written and sent to me by a friend in California. I hope you will find this a fun bit of correspondence that attests to the power of dog ownership and also to remind us that our dogs can help regenerate our "natural enthusiasm". Lets plan to do that for 2008 and apply our best efforts to make the upcoming year a success for our club.

Linda

ENTHUSIASM

This is the time of year when our energy, our enthusiasm, is supposed to be in high gear. Most of us who are lucky enough to live in this country are running around buying things, decorating our houses, and delivering gifts to those people who help us throughout the year. Add to those activities, the societal expectation that we be enthusiastic. Many of us love to be around enthusiastic people. Some of us enjoy surrounding ourselves with creatures that, by their very nature, are enthusiastic. Babies, children, puppies, kittens, and comedians - I find these groups to be over the top in the enthusiasm category. As we age, sometimes our natural enthusiasm is clouded by the life experience. Disappointments, deaths of loved ones, financial reversals, and our own health problems-these challenges can dim that once "natural enthusiasm" we had as young children. I am reading a very interesting book entitled *Everyday Holiness*. Although the subject matter focuses on the Orthodox Jewish practice of Mussar, which translated from the Hebrew means "ethics," the messages in the book are universal. One of the chapters discusses enthusiasm. According to Rabbi Luzzato, (*The Path of the Just*), and paraphrased by the author of *Everyday Holiness*, Alan Morinis, "Laziness, excessive deliberation, rationalization, and the pursuit of material pleasures ALL deplete enthusiasm." (p.133) in subsequent paragraphs, the author also discusses how "worry" strips us of our enthusiasm. So, in order to pump up my natural zest for life, and stop worrying about everything (as my Dad would say) "from soup to nuts," I bought a Labrador retriever puppy in September. I am not sure what the Rabbi would say about my momentary psychotic break that led to this decision, but the purchase of Dinah has reminded me that even a 57-year-old like me (and maybe you!) has a great deal to learn about enthusiasm. Dinah is not lazy. From the moment her eyes open, and this is usually at 5:30 a.m., she is up with her own self-appointed job to do. These jobs include checking out all 400 square feet of kitchen and family room floor for maybe, one millimeter of a crumb of food, carrying every conceivable ball, toy, remote control gadget, slipper, or tissue around for all to see, and diligently watching TV. Dinah is spontaneous. Excessive deliberation is not one of her vocabulary words, and speaking of SAT vocabulary, she knows the following words: NO, NO, NO, dinner, NO, treat, NO, NO BITE, good dog. She spontaneously chews gloves, hoses, acorns, worms, wild turkey poop, and

anything else that moves. She is rational but doesn't rationalize. Of course, on occasion, she too, experiences psychotic moments. These episodes of complete lunacy have occurred in the middle of Mill Creek Road (where she took off at full Labrador speed forgetting that she and I were on the end of a flexi-lead), at Fremont Dog Training class (when she pulled a Harry Houdini escape trick and ran around the room like a whirling dervish) and right before any possible meal. Dinah is not interested in material pleasures unless food is defined as a material pleasure. As for worry, she could improve in the category. I have seen worry in her big brown eyes when she is convinced that I am going to leave her in her kennel to go to work at Mill Creek Academy. Since Dinah has been a part of the Sara family, I have lost 5 pounds chasing her around, have purchased a new vacuum cleaner and a Costco-sized ton of lint removers, and have a renewed sense of my mortality. All kidding aside, at this time of year, I want to wish all of you the very best that life has to offer. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, or just enjoy the sheer enthusiasm of the season, I encourage you to plan some activities that will jump-start your innate enthusiasm... **and if any of you are even remotely considering buying a puppy, please call me before you make that decision!**
Happy Holidays

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LITTERBOX LISTING

Tabatha's Boradors Dance With the Devil & Lakcrofts Happy Trails
Blacks & Chocolates due 1/12/08
Contact Barb Scott, 614-562-8941 or lakecroft@embarqmail.com

BISS Ch Windfall Banner Major Attarction & Shalane Evening Star
Yellow females born 10/28/07
Contact Deb Lewis 419-294-2729 or shalanelabs@yahoo.com

Ch Windfall New England Patriot & BISS Ch Shalane Cora Belle
Blacks & Yellows due 1/3/08
Contact Deb Lewis, 419-294-2729 or shalanelabs@yahoo.com

At this time, COLRC Unleashed! Does not require listing of CERF or OFA information for Litter Box Listings. All breeders are encouraged to have hips and eyes certified on all breeding stock and to provide this information in litter listings. COLRC Unleashed! does not represent any litter listing as meeting any type of breeder's code or standard. Ask the breeder when inquiring about dogs listed.

DUES

COLRC 2008 Membership Renewal Time

Once again, it is the time of year when we need to support our club in the form of renewing our COLRC membership in the form of dues and business card sponsors. The dues are currently set at \$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. These are due by the 29th of February. (After this date they need to be accompanied by a new membership application, and the process will start from the beginning.)

All dues are to be either mailed to:
COLRC Membership Chair
c/o Tracey Rithaler
3377 Sciotalong Drive
Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221

or

They can be given in person during the January or February meeting.

Personal contact information (Name, address, phone, website URL address and email address) will be updated at this time as well. This will be collected in any of three ways:

- 1) In person, at both the January and February meeting there will be a sheet that you can write your information on.
- 2) Via email to: RiverMystLabs@gmail.com
- 3) Sent on a piece of paper with your dues check via snail mail.

After compilation, this info will be available to our paid members only, and will not be made public.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me to ask, at 614-439-5227.

Thank you!
Tracey
COLRC Membership Chair

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 (**currently vacant**). Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20th day of the month prior to publication.

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

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Puppy Match	(Vacant)
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Dear Santa

Here's a Christmas wish to make my Christmas glow,
All I'd like for Christmas is simply Best in Show.
If that's too much, dear Santa, then my heart would loop-de-loop,
If you'd see fit to give me a placing in the Group.
In fact I'd be quite satisfied, and not show too much greed,
If you'd be kind and generous, and give me Best of Breed.
Dear Santa, I'd be merry, and really feel quite rich
If you'd arrange a gift for me of Winners Dog or Bitch.
But I'd be joyful, Santa, and I'd dance the Highland Fling
If I would just have a puppy BEHAVE right in the ring!!!