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Retriever Club, Inc.

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President's Report, by Pauline Mortier

Thank you to all the members who turned out for our April 16th General Membership Meeting and Elections. Results of the elections can be found in this newsletter. Thank you to all those who returned to this meeting that also came to an earlier date thinking there was a meeting when we had to cancel due to unavailability of our meeting site.

We have updated our Board Meetings to begin before each of the General Membership meetings. The Board Meetings will begin promptly at 7 pm and if, at 7:30 pm when we begin the General Membership Meeting, there is further Board business, the Board will continue to meet & settle any unfinished business AFTER the General Membership meeting concludes. Having the Board meeting precede the General Membership meeting does make it more feasible for those officers & Board members who travel considerable distance, as well as make it easier on those who have very busy schedules and find having to set aside one night for both the Board & General Membership meetings more advantageous.

Our Fall Specialty 2004 on Friday September 24th is right on track and the paperwork has been submitted to AKC so we should be hearing shortly about approval and then may proceed with formal advertising, as well as the best advertising, which is word of mouth by our members to other clubs. Our panel of judges: Winnie Limbourne of Wingmaster Labradors for Dogs & Intersex & Non-Regular, Lori Isenhath of Dovetail Labradors for Bitches, Betty Buelteman of Kayo Labradors for Sweepstakes, and Sue Sellers Rose for Obedience, should bring us an excellent entry. Monroe KC has also received permission to have their obedience on Friday AFTER ours with Michael Carlucci judging. On the following day, Saturday September 25th we have a supported entry at Monroe KC with June Sasaki of Davaron Labradors doing all classes & Trudy Rose of Talimar Labradors doing Sweepstakes. Sunday September 26th Monroe has hired Donald Booxbaum to do Labradors, and someone happened to look up online what he has done in the past and besides yellows he has put up chocolates. Sounds like a great weekend for everyone!

Please read our minutes of both meetings carefully as further information regarding the club's donation to the fund to help defray the cost of funeral expenses for Gene Czerwinski was discussed at length. Gene was our Spring Specialty judge a few years back and was an excellent judge and great mentor for the Labrador breed.

If you have an interesting anecdote, Labrador wise or otherwise, that you would like to share, please submit to our newsletter editor Michelle VeuCasovic. Nancy Chargo, we are still waiting for your "pearls of wisdom" on whelping puppies----what to do & what to have on hand. Nancy, you promised us this article over a year ago!

Happy Spring! It has finally arrived and surely there will be NO May snowflakes!

Next Meeting . . May 14th
At the Hartland Community Education Building

May Membership Meeting — May 14th at Hartland Community Education Building

The April Membership Meeting will be held on **Friday, May 14th, at 7:30 pm**, at the Hartland Community Education building in Hartland

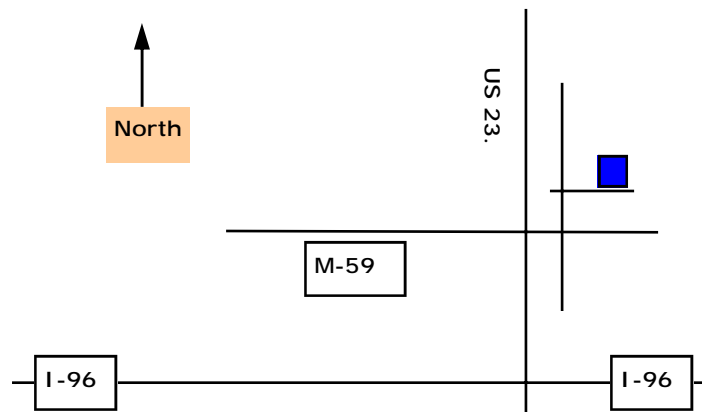
**School Ave.
Hartland, MI**

Directions:

From North/South: US-23 to M59. M59 east to Hartland Rd. To School Rd and turn right.

From East: I-96 west US-23 to M59. M59 east to Hartland Rd. To School Rd and turn right.

From West: I-96 east US-23 to M59. M59 east to Hartland Rd. To School Rd and turn right.



Club Meeting Schedule . . . Meeting Changes . . . Mark Your Calendars

**Membership Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.,
Board Meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.**

May 14—General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

May 20—Board Meeting
Held at Cindy Skiba's Home

June 18—Board & General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

July 10—Picnic, Fun Match, and Meetings
Held at Sheila Norgren's Home

August 13—Board & General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

September 10—Board & General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

October 1—Board & General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

November 5—Board & General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

December —Holiday Party & Meetings
TBD

Membership Dues Due !

Membership Dues were due on May 15th, 2004. Memberships which lapse must be paid no later than August 30th. Once a membership has lapsed, you must re-apply for HRLRC membership. Yearly Membership Dues are as follows :

- Family \$40
- Single \$30
- Newsletter only \$25
- Website Breeders Directory \$25

Membership Dues **must** be submitted to the Treasurer at:

HRLRC Treasurer,
c/o Al Reich
5558 Sunkist
Oxford, MI 48371

The following members have paid their dues for 2004-2005. Names printed in *italics* indicates that the member has also paid the Breeder Directory Dues.

Mark & Cindy Adler, *Jeanine Asch, Ruth Achterhoff-Aust,*

*Cassandra & Kenny Barrett, Stella Blair, Helen Bronson, Kim Bryson, Terry Bryson-Standen, Nancy Chargo, Gary Cooper, Cathy Culpert, Jeff & Theresa DePorter, Mary Evans, Angela Ewald, Mark Foster, William Gardner, Carrie Gati, Carol Lynn Johnson, Nancy Manning, Steve & Mary MacLean, Mike & Judy Merians, Laura Michaels, Pauline & Maurice Mortier, Pam Nichols, Freida Paison, Stacy Quake, Laura & Al Reich, Dolores Richards, Michael Sapienz, George & Beverly Schnell, Cindy Skiba, Marsha Sandler, Janet Stolarevsky, Judy Trevino, Michelle Veucaso-
vic, Patty Wayne, Cheryl Wellnitz, Madge Ziessow*



For those of you who are new, or have updated information for the Breeders Directory, please email that information to Laura Reich at laura@lor-allabs.com, or regular mail to 5558 Sunkist Dr., Oxford, MI 48371. She will be making corrections/deletions to the directory in the next week.

Whelping Waggin', submitted by Laura Reich

Disclaimer Clause: This list is for litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club and has been made available for your assistance in finding a new puppy. But: The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., makes no warranties, expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc., newsletter listing, or within the HRLRC, Inc., website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc., does not endorse, recommend, or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed.

Reminder: Send \$5 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Al Reich, 5558 Sunkist, Oxford, MI 48371. Please indicated in memo section of check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards the HRLRC Rescue Account. Please call (248)969-6998 or email laura@lor-allabs.com to renew or update your ad. Deadline is the 15th of the month. NEW POLICY: No litter ad will be published without receipt of the fee. Also beginning July 1, 2001, for ACTIVE MEMBERS fee remains the same (\$5 per month/per ad). NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS fee will be \$100 per month/per ad. Refer to the Minutes in the March 2001 newsletter for detailed explanation of ACTIVE and NON-ACTIVE EMEMBERS.

Ch. Hunt Club Clayview Brown Derby
Lubberline Pumpernickle
Lubberline Chocolate Factory

X

Int Ch. Bubbling Bedouin
Banners Bell of The Ball
Banners Plain Brown Wrapper

Born: April 10 3 chocolates males
Nancy Chargo (810) 686-0967

Ch. Windfall's Pipe Major
Windfall's Cookie Cutter
Ch. Hyspire Show Me The Cookie

X

Ch Raintree Slippery When Wet
Banners Sea Pearl
Ch. Banners Sea Breeze

Born: February 27 2 black females
Nancy Chargo (810) 686-0967

Ch. Hunt Club Clayview Brown Derby
Lubberline Pumpernickle
Lubberline Chocolate Factory

X

Bonaventure Lubberline Viscount
Lubberline Lakeview On An Even Keel
Lubberline Nautica

Born: February 27 4 chocolates
Pauline & Maurice Mortier (517) 548-5429
Email: pauline@aol.com
Web: www.lubberline.com



Ch. Hyspire's Darktown Strutter
Windfall's Pipe Major
Ch. Windfall's Black Piper

X

Mar-Jo's On The Bank

Born: 3/12/04 blacks & yellow males
Mike & Judy Merians (517) 546-0357
Email: Mikemerians@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor Wanted!

If you are interested in taking over the publication and distribution of the HRLRC Newsletter, please contact Michelle VeuCasovic at (734)728-8889, or via email at michelle@infinitylabradors.com



*All Newsletter Submissions
Are Due on The 15th.*

General Membership Meeting Minutes—April 16, 2004

Members in attendance were: Annie Cogo, Pauline Mortier, Frieda Paison, Stella Blair, Delores Richard, Judy & Mike Merians, Laura & Al Reich, Carol Lynn Johnson, Michelle VeuCasovic, Stacy Quake, Cassandra Barrett, Sheila Norgren, Bill Gardner, Gary Cooper, Cathy Culpert, Mary McLean, Pam Nichols, Jeanine Asch, Cindy Skiba, Angela Ewald, Nancy Chargo. **Guests:** Bob Lee, Maureen Watson, Tom quake, Kenny Barrett, Dan & Judy Matice.

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by president Pauline Mortier.

Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

President's Report: Pauline proposed some newsletter suggestions at the preceding board meeting. In the future, the newsletter will go out every month even if it is only a page or two. Required newsletter components are detailed in the board meeting minutes.

The scheduled April 20 board meeting has been cancelled since the meeting was held April 16. Board/General Membership meetings will be scheduled as outlined in board meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—AKC informed us they hadn't received our fall spe-

cialty paperwork. The paths probably crossed in the mail. There was a legislative seminar sponsored by AKC held the day before the DKC shows. Mary attended this, inquire with her if you have any questions.

Treasurer's Report—Report approved at the board meeting .

Membership—Membership dues are due May 15th. New membership applications were received for Tom Quake and Kenny Barrett. Tom and Kenny were accepted for membership. Welcome to Tom and Kenny!

Fall Specialty—Paperwork was sent in April 1 with payment. Show chairs were not present at the meeting to detail planning progress. The Sunday judge is Donald Booxbaum. Marti Couch will be our show secretary. Nancy reported we are totally out of the pewter trophies. Prizes for BOB, BOS, WD, WB will be stained glass pieces by Cheryl Wellnitz. Mike Merians motioned Jeanine's slip leads be used for 1st-4th for the regular conformation and obedience classes and Cheryl Wellnitz's stained glass pieces be used for BOB, BOS, WD, WB and HIT. Seconded by Judy Merians. Motion passed. Refreshments will be coffee and doughnuts in the morning. Annie and Angela will organize the Tim Horton's breakfast.

Field Report—No news to report.

Old Business—Michelle VeuCasovic reported she never received the sample contracts from our past presenter Cindy Cooke.

Cassandra made a motion the club donate an additional \$400 to Maryanne Czerwinski to help with Gene's funeral expenses. Motion passed.

Elections—Elections were held with the following results:

President: Pauline Mortier

Vice President: Cathy Culpert

Treasurer: Al Reich

Recording Secretary: Jeanine Asch

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Reich

Board: Kim Bryson, Annie Cogo, Mike Merians, Cindy Skiba, Sheila Norgren

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes—April 16, 2004

Members in attendance were: Pauline Mortier, Cathy Culpert, Mary MacLean, Annie Cogo, Mike Merians, Al Reich, Jeanine Asch. **Guests:** Sheila Norgren, Judy Merians, Laura Reich

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Pauline Mortier.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary—Mary received a notice from AKC regarding arbitration opt-out language for show premiums. This will be sent to Marti Couch since she is our fall specialty show secretary. AKC has sent a notice dated March 24 that they had not received the application to hold our fall specialty. She also received notification regarding an insurance policy. Al stated he has looked into using that company and it is very expensive

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer's report was approved as read. The taxes have been done. What we owed has been paid.

Other Business—Combined board and general membership meetings will be as scheduled:

May 14	June 18	July 10 (at fun match)
August 13	September 10	October 1
November 5	December meetings TBD	

There were several members who showed up 2 weeks ago for a meeting that had the date changed. Proper notification was not sent out to the membership to inform club members of this. We need to make sure this does not occur again.

It was brought up whether phone numbers/emails for board members should be listed in each newsletter like had been done in the past. The consensus was that it would be a good idea to include this information. For the monthly newsletter, the following should be included: officer contact information, president's report, paid breeder listings, calendar of events, whelpin' wagon, wins n' grins, meeting dates/locations.

We need to work with Kim Bryson to see what help she needs for her field demonstration at the July fun match. We also would like for Tom Shearer to detail how he will be judging the parts match. There will also be an agility set up for kids/puppies.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary

Wins - n - Grins

**Forsythe's Black Magic at Huntmor
Stacy Quake**

LRC of the Potomac— 2nd 12-15 Sweeps- black

**Forsythe's Tiramisu
Carol Lynn Johnson**

LRC of the Potomac— 1st 12-18— chocolate

**Forsythe's Painting With Bubbles
Carol Lynn Johnson**

*LRC of the Potomac— 3rd 12-18— chocolate dog
LRC of the Potomac— 4th 12-15 Sweeps— chocolate dog*

**Infinity's Mustang Sally
Michelle VeuCasovic**

LRC of the Potomac— 4th Bred By Exhibitor - yellow

**Infinity's Matinee
Michelle VeuCasovic**

Saginaw Valley KC— Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite

**Infinity's Desi Lu
Michelle VeuCasovic**

LRC of the Potomac— 4th Open—yellow

**Ch. Lubberline Martingale
Maurice & Pauline Mortier**

LRC of the Potomac — Judge's Award of Merit

**Lubberline Endeavor Binnacle
Jeanine Asch & Pauline Mortier**

LRC of the Potomac — 2nd Am. Bred Yellow



2004 Eye Clinic 2004 Eye Clinic



It's that time of year again . . .

To think about our 2004 Annual Eye Clinic. In order for the club to hold it's annual eye clinic we need to find a good central location, a convenient date and time, and identify volunteers who are willing to help out. Bring any and all suggestions to the next general membership meeting for discussion.



Trophy Donations Needed

Trophy donations are needed for our upcoming spring specialty. At the last general membership meeting, Nancy Chargo passed around a sign-up sheet for donations. A cash donation, in any cash amount, will help defray the cost of prizes. If you haven't already signed up to make your donation pledge, please give Nancy Chargo a call at 810-686-0967. You can also snail mail your donation to her at 5171 Field Rd., Clio, Michigan 48420.

When Best Friend Bites . . . By Mara Raven Spence

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A sportsman's dog is not only an important family member, but also a valued hunting buddy. However, this special relationship can bring liability if the dog bites someone.

When a dog bites, under common law and statutory law, the injured person may sue you for his or her injuries.

Under common law, in order for the victim to win, he or she must prove the dog was dangerous and that the owner knew the dog was dangerous. If the victim cannot prove this, he can pursue a lawsuit under Michigan statutory law.

Michigan has a specific dog-bite law which provides "if a

dog bites a person, without provocation while the person is on public property, including the property of the owner of the dog, the owner of the dog shall be liable for any damages suffered by the person bitten."

Unlike the common law, under this law it does not matter if the dog tends to be vicious or if the owner knows that.

Many people think if the dog bite occurs on the owner's private property, the owner is not liable for any injuries caused by the dog. That is not necessarily true. If someone is on your property, you may still be liable for the dog's actions. The main exceptions are if the person is trespassing or on your property for purposes of committing a crimi-

New AKC Kennel Name Policy. . . Effective July 1st, 2004

At the February 2004 AKC Board Meeting, there was a discussion on policies governing the granting of **Registered Kennel Names**. It was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following policies governing Registered Kennel Names, effective July 1, 2004:

1. The applicant(s) must be a breeder in good standing with The American Kennel Club, with a record of breeding and registering dogs and a background of involvement in the sport of purebred dogs, whose past registration practices have been satisfactory to The American Kennel Club and in conformity with its rules and regulations.
2. The applicant(s) must not have an interest in a pet store. Kennel owners with an interest in dog dealerships or pet stores will not be granted a Registered Kennel Name.
3. The applicant(s) must have bred at least 5 registered litters in the past 5 years or have owned stud dogs that produced at least 40 registered litters in the past 10 years.
4. The kennel name is limited to 15 letters and may be a maximum of two words. The only permitted punctuation is a hyphen.
5. The Kennel name may not have been used more than incidentally and rarely by other breeders or owners in naming dogs in the past 5 years.
6. Unacceptable words in the kennel name would include, but are not limited to, conflicts either phonetically or in spelling with: the name of a breed, AKC titles, names of cities, family names, corporations or trade names, as well as the names of very famous and universally recognized persons, living or dead, words commonly used in the naming of dogs. The name may be a unique word created by the applicant. The kennel name may not contain any derogatory or discriminatory words.
7. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to reject an application.
8. An individual applicant, who does not meet the requirements in item #3 above, but who is the breeder of at least one AKC registered litter, may be granted a name on a five-year provisional basis. If at the end of the five years the requirements have still not been met, the registration of the name would not be renewed.
9. Registered Kennel Names granted on or after July 1, 2004 are granted on a breed-specific basis. An applicant may request the name to cover multiple breeds, but the applicable fee would be required for each breed requested. All of the above criteria will apply to each breed requested.

The fee for each breed per five-year period is \$25.

When Best Friend Bites Continued. . . By Mara Raven Spence

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nal act.

So, if someone is on your property legally, what defense do you have when the victim sues you for his injuries? Provocation. If someone is provoking your dog (teasing or antagonizing it), you may have a defense under common law.

A dog bite victim might not be compensated if he or she was grossly negligent in going near the dog with knowledge of the dog's vicious habits. This has made the "Beware of Dog" sign very popular.

However, the victim's contributory negligence (careless actions) cannot be used by the owner as a defense under statutory law. If the victim was not trespassing and did not provoke the dog, then the owner is almost always liable. The owner or his insurance company would likely have to pay for damages, such as the victim's medical bills.

You also should be aware that if your dog bites someone,

the dog may be destroyed. A victim might submit a document to a court claiming your animal is dangerous and that it has caused serious injury or death to a person or another animal. Then, you would be ordered to appear in court. You would have to explain to the judge why the animal should not be destroyed.

Before this hearing takes place, the animal control authorities would kennel the dog at your expense. After the hearing, if the judge finds your animal is dangerous and guilty of causing serious injury or death, he or she would order the destruction of your animal, at your expense.

The judge may also order the destruction of your pet even though the animal did not cause serious injury or death. This would occur if the judge rules that the animal is dangerous and is likely to cause serious injury in the future or if the dog was previously found to be a dangerous animal.

AKC Coming Events - *submitted by Jeanine Asch*

Date	Name of Show	Judge(s)	Entries close:	Location	Comments
5/1	Crawford Co. KC	Lawrence J. Sinclair	4/14	Bucyrus, OH	
5/2	Crawford Co. KC	Rita A. Bell	4/14	Bucyrus, OH	
5/7-8	Miami Valley LRC	Barbara Gomez (Dogs & Intersex) Linda Vaughn(Bitches), Clare Senfield (Sweeps)	4/14	Hamilton, OH	Specialty Show
5/8	Ravenna KC	Patricia Trotter	4/21	Tallmadge, OH	
5/9	Cincinnati KC	Anne Katona	4/14	Hamilton, OH	
5/9	Ravenna KC	Charles Trotter	4/14	Tallmadge, OH	
5/8	Midland KC	Lawrence Stanbridge	4/21	Midland, MI	
5/9	Midland KC	Kathleen Steen	4/21	Midland, MI	
5/15	Genesee KC	Maudie Burke	4/28	Flint, MI	
5/16	Genesee KC	Ned Burke	4/28	Flint, MI	
5/21	Holland MI KC	Margretta Patterson-Kauffman	5/5	Kalamazoo, MI	
5/22	Grand Rapids KC	Mark Threlfall	5/5	Kalamazoo, MI	
5/23	Kalamazoo KC	Barbara Dempsey-Alderman	5/5	Kalamazoo, MI	
5/24	Battle Creek KC	George Heitzman	5/5	Kalamazoo, MI	
5/29	Toledo KC	Douglas Windsor	5/12	Maumee, OH	
5/30	Toledo KC	Edna Gonzalez	5/12	Maumee, OH	
6/3-4	Agathon KC	Barbara Innes, Sandra Goose Allen	5/19	Canton, OH	
6/5-6	McKinley KC	Susan St. John Brown, Clinton Harris	5/19	Canton, OH	
6/5	Mt. Pleasant KC	Sidney Remmele	5/19	Mt. Pleasant, MI	
6/6	Mt. Pleasant KC	Jon Cole	5/19	Mt. Pleasant, MI	
6/12	Winnebago LRC	Dogs/Intersex: Lynda Heron, Bitches: Sally Sasser; Sweeps: Laura Reich	5/26	Beloit, WI	
6/12-13	Grand Traverse KC	Kathleen Patterson, Robert Stein	5/26	Traverse City, MI	
6/12-13	Echo Hills KC	Charles Olvis, Patricia Trotter	5/26	Troy, OH	
6/20	Berrien KC	Bernard Schwartz	6/2	Berrien Springs, MI	
6/24-25	Warren Co KC	Ann Yuhasz, Doug Johnson	6/9	Lebanon, OH	
6/26	Dayton KC	Linda More	6/9	Lima, OH	
6/27	Lima KC	Jon Cole	6/9	Lima, OH	
6/28	Sandusky KC	Loraine Boutwell	6/9	Lima	
7/3-4	Ann Arbor KC	Klaus Anselm, William Russell	6/16	Monroe, MI	
7/10	Ashtabula KC	Bud DiDonato	6/23	Madison, OH	
7/11	Grand River KC	Desmond Murphy	6/23	Madison, OH	
7/17	Greater Muskegon KC	Judith Goodin	6/30	Hudsonville, MI	

CKC Coming Events - *submitted by Jeanine Asch*

Date	Name of Show	Judge(s)	Entries close:	Location
5/22	K-W Kennel Club	Bud Haverstock	5/4	Kitchener, ON
5/23		John (Fred) Peddie		
5/24		Ronald Krohne		
6/5	LOC	Janet Farmillette, Sweeps: Joyce Love Obedience: Paul Oslach	5/19	Cambridge, ON
6/18-20	Monarch KC	Thora Brown, Council Parker Kathryn Grant	6/1	Dorchester, ON
6/27	SW Ontario Sporting Club	Dennis Kniola	6/9	Dorchester, ON

Other Coming Events - *submitted by Jeanine Asch*

June 5th

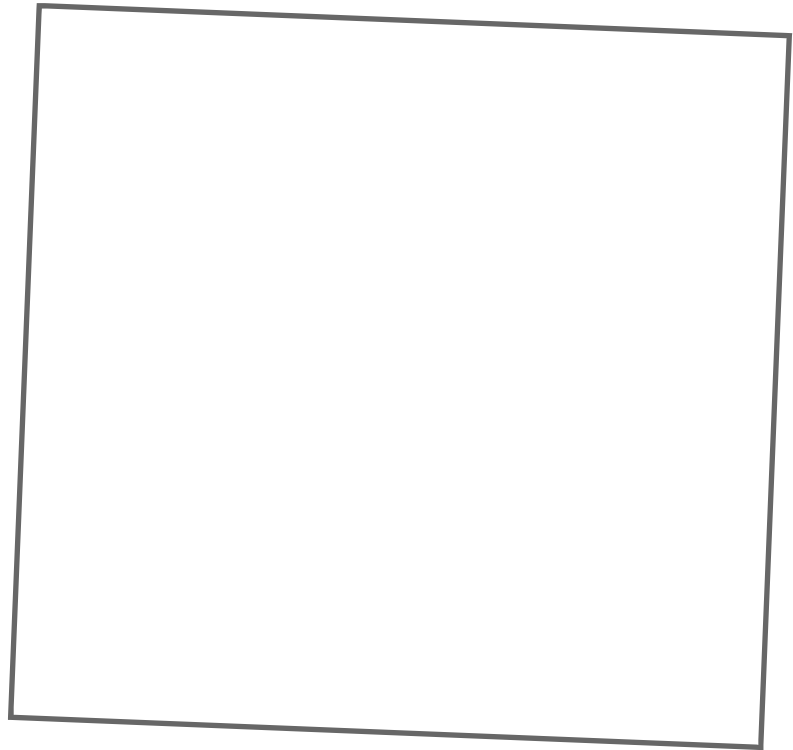
Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club B/OB/JSHW Match. Conformation 4-6, 6-9, 9-12. Obedience by pre-entry only-Novice, Open, Utility. Junior showmanship-Pre-junior, Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior. Pre entry \$10 closes May 19. Entry day of match \$12. Junior showmanship \$5 Send to Deb Marmareli, 212 Cedar Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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When Best Friend Bites Continued. . . By Mara Raven Spence

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If the judge does not require a dangerous animal to be destroyed, an owner must take several precautions in order to keep it. These include placing the animal in an escape-proof enclosure, sterilizing the animal, and having ample liability insurance.

Dog ownership requires a lot of responsibility. Owners must take precautions with respect to dog bites, just as they feed, exercise, and groom their dogs. Man's Best Friend deserves no less.

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