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Upcoming Events

September 19, 2014
General Meeting
Meridian Park Hospital
7:30pm



President's Message

Once again I have been the culprit on holding up the newsletter. Summer is always so busy and traveling is exhausting. September is upon us and I can feel fall in the air. The leaves on the ground and the cooler mornings are the reminder of the upcoming change in seasons. I personally love fall and the beauty of the leaves changing color. My dogs love the change in weather and become more active and playful.

I want to encourage everyone again to attend this month's meeting on September 19 at the Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin. It will begin at 7:30. We have many changes in the club that need to be discussed and all members are welcome. I hope to see you there. Please be thinking of where you can volunteer for the next series of events. The Sportsman Show is in February, the B Match in May and of course the WC, Hunt Test and Specialty. See you all soon!

Your President, Cindy Freeman 🐾

Dogs Prefer Petting Way More Than You Thought

"Good dog" just doesn't cut it with pooches. Surprising new research shows that dogs prefer petting over verbal praise.

For one part of the study--published online in the journal Behavioural Processes--researchers observed 42 shelter and pet dogs as they interacted one at a time with two people in a room. One person petted the dog, while the other praised the dog verbally. The researchers measured how much time the dog chose to spend interacting with each person.

For the next part of the study, 72 shelter and pet dogs were individually placed in a room with just one person--a stranger for the shelter dogs and the pets' dogs owners. Interactions between the person and the dog were recorded over eight three-minute sessions. Each session varied between the person either petting or praising the dog or both, or having no interaction with the dog.

What did the researchers find? The dogs showed more interest in people who were petting them. Even more surprising, the dogs showed no more interest in spoken praise than in having no interaction with the human at all.

When only one alternative was available, dogs still did not engage with the human for vocal praise. Why would dogs prefer petting over vocal praise? It was noted that previous studies showed that dogs' heart rate and blood pressure were lowered by human petting--similar to the way in which human contact can help human health as well.

This study doesn't say that you can't train your dog to recognize vocal praise. If vocal praise is paired with rewards that dogs do care about (petting, food, etc), then they can learn to value it."

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Litters

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BRAG

Rainbo Crusha's Mighty Goode Quinn, "Quinn" received her Senior Hunt Title this summer at 1.9 years old. She previously received her Junior Hunt title on her first birthday, as well as her UKC Started title.

Known as "Stubs" in her training group, she is currently training for a Master Title, and keeping up well with the "Big Dogs". She loves the game, and can't wait to train and test. Owners Dan and Stephanie Klepel, (handled by Stephanie



Klepel) are very proud of their Chocolate Dog!



Club Chat List

Rose City Labrador Retriever Club now has a chat list. It is a closed list for members only and if you want to subscribe to it, send me the request at
RCLRCmembersubscribe@yahoogroups.com

This list is only for communication with regards to club business such as upcoming events, meetings, etc. There will be no advertising of any kind which also includes no mentioning of upcoming litters, etc.

If you have any questions, contact me at QRLabs@yahoo.com

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