

# TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB – SPRING 2014

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB SUPPORTED ENTRY AT BUCKS COUNTY KC

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**  
Tinicum Park, Erwinna, PA

Entries close April 13th

**Judges: Kendall Herr (Dickendall)** regular classes  
**Kate Perry (Hawksmoor)** sweepstakes

Please join us for lunch and another terrific raffle!

**Make it a 3-day event**  
**at the nearby Trenton, NJ shows!**

Sunday, May 4th: (entry supported by Mid-Jersey LRC)  
Judge - Jill DiGesare

Monday, May 5th: Judge Elaine Lessig

**Questions:** Georgann Syphard at [jsyphard@comcast.net](mailto:jsyphard@comcast.net)

### GENERAL MEETING

July 19, 2014 (after obedience match)  
Location TBA



## KLRC Match

January 11, 2014

Judges: Shirley Spinelli—regular classes  
Faith Hyndman—sweeps classes

### Our thanks to Shirley & Faith for judging!

#### Best Puppy

Stormy C's Hot Mess

Bred and Owned by Steve & Christina Trojak



#### Best of Opposite

Caryhill's Blue Steel

Owned by Jennifer & Alexis Carroll & Katie Clemmer

Bred by: Katie Clemmer and Carol Heidl



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## Working Our Labrador Retrievers

The Sporting Group is comprised of workers. So, why don't more of us work our show dogs? We spend many weekends during the year attending dog shows but never seem to find enough time to field train our Labrador Retrievers. Our excuses range from; It's too hot, it's too cold, it's too windy, or I don't like carrying a shot gun, I don't like handling dead birds, You want me to walk way out there?! Once you start field training, no matter what level of expertise you strive for, it's such fun that you won't even notice the weather and the walk will be therapeutic.

Our dogs love to retrieve, but as breeders it's not enough that they catch a tennis ball or retrieve a stick, as far as fulfilling their accountability to be efficient gun dogs. It may transfer over, but there is no real proof until we are able to place a basic performance title at the end of their names.

If you've never tried it, you're missing out on an exciting day that will find you thrilled at discovering your dog's natural abilities of scent, marking and courage. His exposure to field training will give him confidence, stamina and the physical development that may enhance his movement in the ring. It will not negatively alter his behavior as a show dog other than when you stand for your win photo and the photographer throws a toy. Be prepared for your Labrador to take off after it and possibly retrieve to hand!

There are many levels of field training and many clubs to join that will start you on your way. Try training for a Working Certificate award first. The test requires a single 50-yard retrieve on land in light cover and two single retrieves in water of about the same length.

WC's are non-competitive, casual events that give the newcomer a chance to experience some basic skills that are required of them at the hunting retriever tests and field trials they may eventually attend. Tests are designed to show a dog's basic retrieving instincts on land and water with opportunities to retrieve fresh killed flyers. It can be a great day for puppy socializing, family picnics and an opportunity to learn. One or two days a week of training for a few months should be enough to attain this level and by then you'll know if you want to go further.

If you haven't already, your next step should be to join a retriever training group. There you'll find not only Labradors but Golden Retrievers, Chessies, Flaties and possibly even a Poodle or Toller. Most importantly, you'll have the opportunity to meet experienced amateur trainers who will help you teach your dog while you learn the nuances of field training.

Take advantage of your dog's natural retrieving abilities. Let him show you what a day outside with birds, holding blinds and duck calls can do for you. Keep our show dogs' retrieving instincts in the forefront of your breeding program. You'll find it's a great adventure for both of you

For a list of requirements and future events for a Working Certificate test go to <http://www.thelabradorclub.com>. For a list of retriever clubs involved in hunting retriever tests and field trials go to Working Retriever Central at: <http://working-retriever.com>.



# Easy Recipes

to make your dog smile

## Ice Cream For Your Dog

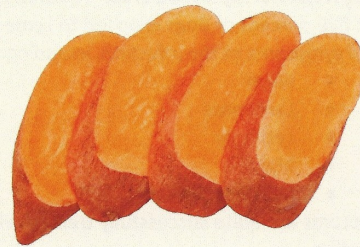
- 3 Ripe Bananas
- 32 Ounces of Plain Yogurt
- 1 Cup Peanut Butter



### Directions

Blend ingredients, pour the mixture into ice trays, freeze. Once frozen, you'll have perfect sized ice cream treats for your special dog!

## Sweet Potato Chews

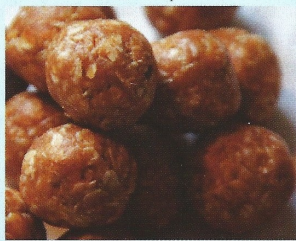


### Directions

Cut sweet potato in slices, place slices flat on parchment lined baking sheet. Cook at 250 degrees Fahrenheit for 1.5 hours, turn potatoes over and cook another 1.5 hours. Let cool completely.

## No Bake Dog Treats

- 3/4 Cup Peanut Butter
- 1/4 Teaspoon Cinnamon
  - 1/4 Cup Water
  - 1-1/4 Cup Oats



### Directions

Stir together the peanut butter, cinnamon, and water until combined. Slowly add the oats until completely mixed in. Scoop by the spoonful onto cookie sheet that is lined with parchment paper or plastic wrap. Chill for 1-3 hours in fridge. These store easily in Ziplock bags in the freezer.

## Easy Dog Biscuits

- 1 Cup Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/2 Tablespoon Baking Powder
- 6 Tablespoons Peanut Butter
  - 1 Tablespoon Honey
  - 1/2 Cup Milk
  - 1/4 Cup Oatmeal



### Directions

Mix flour, oats, and baking powder. Add in peanut butter, milk and honey. Knead until even dough is formed. Roll out 1/4 inch thick, use cookie cutters to cut out treats. Place on lightly greased or parchment lined baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 minutes. Allow to cool. Store in airtight container, fridge or freezer.