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2023 MAI in

Giddings,

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April 23-30,

2023

Our dogs training in the winter



Us training our dogs in the winter



From the Secretary:

Not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to head to a warmer climate to train and let's face it, training in the north can be challenging, but our dogs are up to the challenge! When it comes spring time, our dogs will be just as ready to run tests as the dogs down south. It won't take anytime at all for them to remember just how much they love the water.





Surveys

The results from the survey sent out asking the membership to tell us their thoughts on either keeping the passes required for the Master Amateur Invitational at 4 or raise them back to 6. Your resounding reply:

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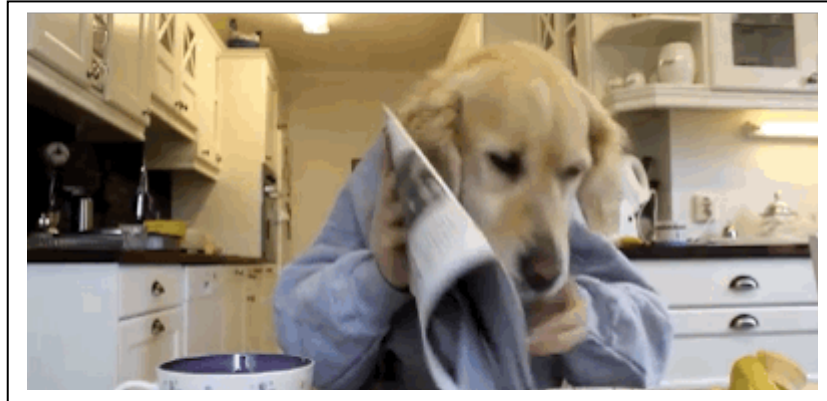
First of all thank you to all who responded. We know how much you dislike surveys, but this one proved the Board of Directors wasn't just asking, but ready to follow the wishes of our members. Now no excuses, join the MARC before you run another test and then meet us in **Giddings** for a great time!

Just a little teaser – Giddings will be run on the beautiful grounds of Roger and Kay Fuller. This particular piece is known as the 145. Now get training!





-In the News



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The Comparative Genetics and Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medicine is working to better understand laryngeal paralysis, a degenerative neurologic disease which decays the fibers of motor nerves, which control muscle movement. This decay leads to impaired muscle function around the larynx and restricted breathing. The lab's analyses will help improve veterinary care and help breeders reduce its prevalence in offspring. Ultimately, the lab aims to create a genetic test for the laryngeal paralysis in the Labrador Retriever and the Golden Retriever.

The team is also studying other genetic conditions, including cruciate ligament rupture in Labradors. These researchers rely on public donations. To learn more, visit

www.vetmed.wisc.edu/lab/corl.



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Cruciate ligament tears are one of the biggest health problems in the veterinary medical field of canine orthopedics. However, there is now a way to help prevent this disabling disease through genetic testing. Scientists in the Comparative Genetics and Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine have found a way to determine whether a dog is susceptible to the condition. The screening test, the first of its kind in companion animals, requires only a saliva swab that can be collected at home or a small blood sample. The researchers made the screening test available for Labrador Retrievers in September. Pinpointing whether a dog is more likely to rupture a cruciate ligament allows the dog's owner and veterinarian to take preventative measures, such as keeping the dog physically healthy and monitoring for signs of emerging injury. Researchers used a method called array genotyping to determine genetic markers for each dog. These findings allowed scientists to determine the genetic risk of developing cruciate ligament rupture. From this research, the lab can now test individual Labradors for genetic risk with 98 percent accuracy.



Is everyone listening? Good because you all have an assignment! Log onto your lap top or PC and pull up the Master Amateur Retriever Club site- here's the link: <https://www.masteramateur.com> Paste that into your browser. Open it.

Click on membership

Click on membership options in the drop down.

Click on your membership option (for instance: Annual Associate Member)

Type in your email address in the box

Click on update and update your information

That's it!!

Next log onto Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net, click on My Profile and not only update your information, but make absolutely sure that your information in Entry Express is exactly the same as your information on the Master Amateur Retriever Club site.

Most of the phone calls we receive from members not receiving mailings or Blasts is due to missing or inaccurate information.

And let's not forget when you go to a hunt test, you must tell your Marshal you are an **Amateur** and then use the exact same name when you sign in, as the one you have listed in your personal information in both Entry Express and the MARC. If your name is Clarence, but your friends affectionately call you Lumpy, you must still sign up to run as Clarence!



And please don't anyone tell me you don't remember Lumpy!



The Master Amateur Retriever Club is still really in its infancy stages. Having been established in 2017, the Club is still learning, changing and improving.

We now have a Long Range Planning Committee looking into ways to grow our ranks and they would love to have input and ideas from you!

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Remember, there are no bad ideas!!



The future is built on
the flow of new ideas.

Thank you!

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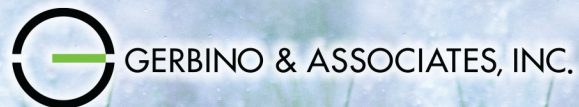


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MARC sincerely thanks you for all your **contributions** and **support!**

*Have a fetching
Christmas!*



“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you’re not going to stay where you are.”



—J.P. Morgan

*Respectfully submitted
Nancy Bauer*