



# The Retriever

Labrador Education and Rescue Network's Newsletter

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*L.E.A.R.N.'s mission is to assist in the rescue of unwanted Labrador Retrievers by placing them in homes through fostering, adoption and referral. In addition, we strive to provide public education regarding Labrador Retrievers and to promote responsible ownership and the humane treatment of all dogs.*

## Mitzi's Senior Pack

Confessions but absolutely no advice of a two-legged mother with six four-legged progeny; and I might add—an ecumenically, politically correct mix—chocolate/ black/ yellow. First, let's dispel some myths—lots of work. No! No! No! The only extra work is constantly changing the drool challenged water for those of four legs who are furry.

Noisy—the only one who barks is the deaf one definitely causing barking consternations among the rest who don't want to be left out in case the noise is worthwhile.

Walking—the invisible fence collar leaves them to their own timetable.

And thus ends the myths.

But the payback for me is boundless and endless joy, love, and fun and a deep sense of commitment among all of us.

Now, who says you can't teach an old dog (two-legged) new tricks? Just ask me!



*Left to right: Sam, Buddy, Mitzi (mom), Ms. Bessy, Remi, Ryley, Maggie (LEARN volunteer), and Raider*

### **Mitzi, Patron Saint of Senior Labs**

*"She's one in a billion. How could we clone her?"*

*Anyone who's had the pleasure and privilege of Mitzi is struck by her generous heart and refreshing outlook towards life. Mitzi adopts senior labs and gives them love and safe harbor. Not seniors = well-earned, elevated status, but old seniors = viewed disposable by our society (and difficult placements for LEARN as a result).*

*Mitzi adopted most of her labs from LEARN. They all enjoy a country setting with pond and in-ground pool just for them. Where Mitzi goes, her pack follows.*

*Mitzi's past has parallels to the pasts of many rescued dogs. Thus, each time Mitzi adopts another lab, she says, "I'm saving Mitzi." While debating whether to adopt a 6<sup>th</sup> lab, a friend asked her, "Would you rather adopt another or have a beautiful house?" That decided it, and another grateful soul joined the happy pack.*

*Mitzi wishes more people would adopt a senior (or two, or six!)*

*... Or, at least help LEARN clone Mitzi!*

# Everyone Can Do Something

By Beth Bouffleur

Whenever I talk to people about my involvement in LEARN, the common response is “Wow, that’s not something I could do. It would just be too hard.” Since becoming LEARN volunteers almost two years ago, my husband and I have helped transport numerous Labs in need from a shelter to their “shelter from the storm,” a foster home.

The most memorable would have to be our first transport, a senior Lab who had been left under her owners trailer-home because the owner went into a nursing home. This sweetheart Ruby had to fend for herself and was eventually brought in to a tiny, rural animal shelter. We traveled to the shelter on a frigid March day during a blizzard. Traveling on the interstate at 30-40 mph was quite the knuckle-clenching experience, but I knew we needed to get this girl out of the already overburdened shelter or her chances of survival were slim to none.

Ruby stayed with us for the weekend until her foster home was available. It amazed me how easily this graying gal stole a piece of my heart. When we met another LEARN volunteer who’d take Ruby further on her journey to foster care, I was in tears handing over the leash. That experience hooked me on volunteering with LEARN. Such little effort on our part made a world of difference to this girl. A terrific family eventually adopted her, and she’s enjoying her “retirement” years in a loving home. I like to think that a little bit of me went with her, even though we were together only a brief time.

Ruby was even gracious enough to send a letter in to LEARN for posting on the Success Stories section of the LEARN web site. She writes:

“I just wanted to let you all know that I am doing fine; I have my new family trained really well! Please let anyone out there that might be looking to adopt an older dog, that we’re really great. We are already housebroken and trained, and we really do have lots to give to a new family. We can teach new families some new tricks too!”



Ruby enjoying a comfy bed

We’ve also been blessed with fostering a few Labs that were in need. We’ll be the first to tell you, fostering is not easy. But, it is one of the most rewarding things you can do. The first few days with a new dog are always a bit disorganized. You don’t really know what this dog needs or knows, but the most important thing the dog needs to know is that he is safe and loved.

We picked up our favorite foster from a farm in the country. He was chained up to a silo and was living on a diet of leftover French fries. The woman who had “rescued” him from euthanasia at a shelter was convinced by a neighbor that those were far from the proper living conditions for any animal. This handsome, yellow Lab had no name, so we got to choose a name for him – Sammy. A big boy at 90 lbs, we weren’t quite sure what we might be getting ourselves into by fostering this guy, but it turned out he was one of the sweetest dogs we’ve ever met. Not only did he win us over with his outgoing, loving personality, he won over our dog, AJ, like no other animal has.

It was a difficult decision to not keep Sammy for ourselves, but we knew there was someone out there who would love him as much as we did. He deserved nothing less. We found a young couple that adores him and has put effort and time into making Sammy a fantastic companion. Sammy, now known as Bo (short for Lambeau), has won his new family



Sammy with foster sister, AJ

over and enjoys life while snoring in his favorite recliner during Packer games.

## Another Success Story

I was the recipient of one of your dogs in May of 2003—Harley, the guy who had an eye problem and had been tied up in someone's backyard, who always barked, broke his chain, and ran away.

I am very pleased to report that Harley is 90 pounds—on a diet—likes to jump in my lap during thunderstorms, has learned all the basic commands, does very well off leash, and sticks to me like my shadow. He is with me for at least 18 hours per day, actually more like 24 hours if you count sleeping. I couldn't get him to run away if I tried. He rarely barks and when he does it is usually when someone comes to the door, and not even all the time. He is very sociable, likes small dogs (my daughter has a 8 lb. rescue something or another), cats (we have two of them and they can walk over him and he just rolls his eyeballs).

In summary, what I have for a dog is not the same dog that the previous owner said that he had. He

So many dogs like Ruby and Sammy need help. It can seem overwhelming at times to the LEARN Board of Directors and volunteers. Whenever I feel disheartened that there isn't more I can do, I have a favorite quote I like to read:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can."

You are one and you, too, can make a difference! Volunteering your heart, your home or your time will truly make a difference, one Lab at a time. If you've thought about volunteering with LEARN, check the web site, e-mail, or call to learn more. Without volunteers, LEARN would not have saved over 500 Labs in the last 5 years. Any little bit that you can do to help would be appreciated. And your efforts will be rewarded with Labbie kisses and the satisfaction in knowing you've made a difference.

*In addition to transporting labs, fostering labs, Beth and her husband manage the LEARN website.*

**“. . . what I have for a dog is not the same dog that the previous owner said that he had . . . Thank you for the runaway, barking dog that doesn't."**

was easy to train and all he wanted was some "lovin". He has gone with me to Texas, Arkansas and Colorado. As I did with my previous Lab, I have fixed up the back seat of my pickup into a bed with a foam mattress, blankets, quilts and pillows. I recently bought a new pickup and the window in the back seat are power operated so that I don't have to share my window with him.

Thank you for the runaway, barking dog that doesn't. Sorry I got so carried away telling you about him but he is a great find.

Warren S.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Laps for Labs—Huge Success

by Daisy

Just wanted to share the good news that Laps for Labs raised over \$3,800, all to help Labs! Held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kettle Moraine State Park, the event brought lots of dogs, people, food, and fun. Imagine humans having so much fun with labs that they forgot to use their cameras on us! Many thanks to humans who sponsored dogs like me.

We dogs loved the attention, playing, and TREATS. The sun brought great sniffs on a chilly morning.

I was especially grateful to participate because the day prior my Addison's disease flared up; I was at the vet's for 2 ½ hours. The morning of, I was back to myself, feeling pretty good. But the car ride from Madison reminded me of my last longish drive—when I got dumped, so I was sad. Scamper and I got there early

and by the time it started, I was tuckered out. I opted for the shorter route and hung out at the merchandise table to hear people say how pretty and nice I am. Unfortunately, I failed to secure even one bite of a brat, but there's always next time! I had a delightful snooze on the way home and was happy to be the top fundraising lab—close to \$1,000 (= almost a truck load of brats!)

A special thanks to the humans who helped, especially: Stephanie Lipke, Carmen Conant, Tammy Rasey, Donna Spangler, Chris Wallen, Kathy & Eric Butcher, Kristi & Shawn Carnahan, Mary Beck, Jovita Miller, Chris Parrish, Diane & Steve Streck, Beth Bouffleur, and Robin & Dan Kassees.

We labs are looking forward to next year! Please contact Daisy for the Strategic Planning Session on Brat Procurement (Labs only please). With luck, I'll have a permanent home soon and we can hold the meeting there!

# Congrats to Labbies who found their new families!

## Pre- August

*Razzle* - Jay & Pam Dederich/Hanson

*Coco* - June Anderson & family

## August

*Oz* - Sue & David Travis

*Copper* - Rachel & Jon Kabance

*Olive* - Lori & Peter Lemme

*Cashew* - Jackie James

*Brandy* - Pam & Tom McManus

*Cody* - Curt & Danielle Holding

*Zoey* - Pam & Steve Sandine

*Yogi* - Carrie & Brian Kinney & family

*Sabin* - Martha & Greg Blus

*Dudley* - Dan & Robin Kassees

*Cheyenne* - Michael Girens & Susan Plate

*Buddy* - Mitzi Heytow

## September

*Boz* - Cindy Barr

*Otis* - Scott & Jill Mungers

*Lady* - Mark & Petra Sobczak

*Cinder* - Hal & Sharon Ditzig

*Cole/Benny* - Jane Liess

*Hunter* - Jesse Matuszewski & Megan Macro

*Bobbi* - Cheryl Claar

## 1<sup>st</sup> part of October

*Bella* - Michael Scribner

*Bailey* - Michelle & David Ursin

*Lucky* - Audrey Lyons

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## Enormous Thanks!

The following people generously donated money, supplies, time, or services to help our rescued Labs. Without your help, these Labs wouldn't be alive today and enriching the lives of many humans. Thanks!!

Thomas & Susan Burek

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## Our Labs Need Your Help!

Many dogs desperately need our help, including expensive medical care and that drains on our finances. All donations are tax-deductible. All dogs thank you!

I want to support the efforts of L.E.A.R.N. as they rescue homeless Labrador Retrievers and Lab mixes and place them in permanent adoptive homes.

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# Supplement Maze or Craze?

Do you feed your dog supplements in addition to his or her meals? We recently asked LEARN's volunteers this question with some interesting findings.

- Most respondents use some kind of a joint supplement for hindquarter ailments or stiffness:
  - E.g., Fosters and Smith Gluco-C or Joint Care with MSN, Missing Link, a human formulated chondroitin and glucosamine product, Glycoflex III, or K9 Liquid Health. Some dogs respond better to one product than another, so it may take trying a few.
  - Some vets and industry experts claim that glucosamine should be formulated specifically for dogs for optimal benefit; others claim notable benefits from using a human formulation for their dog.
  - Others have had good results with acupuncture, pet physical therapy and/or chiropractic adjustment.
- A few use supplements for benefits such as a healthy coat.
- Some feed a raw diet and feel that necessary nutrients are provided through the ingredients.
- Overall, apart from joint supplements, there was little consistency on what's nutritionally necessary for a healthy dog (in part because every dog is different in certain needs).

Does your dog need supplements? The answer is not black and white—it depends. Here, we hope to provide a framework so that you can determine whether or not you're providing your dog with what he or she needs for a long and healthy life.

First, look at your dog's diet—the food or ingredients that you regularly feed—and ask yourself whether your dog gets what's nutritionally necessary. A simple raw diet properly done (home prepared or commercial) will provide the most nutrition; a cooked diet (home prepared or

commercial) will provide less nutrition and benefit from adding a few ingredients.

The spectrum of (cooked) processed foods on the market ranges from garbage (literally) to high-end foods—often, you get what you pay for. Fortunately, many new processed dry foods now offer high quality ingredients, and some manufacturers, recognizing the market demand and growing consumer awareness, are experimenting with different ways of processing their foods to retain nutrition that can be utilized by the dog. These foods are readily found in health-oriented pet stores. In addition, food storage and shelf life must be considered—food that's been on the shelf too long or stored improperly will be deficient, often dangerous.

Please refer to the chart on the next page that attempts (1) to break down the elements of a dog's diet and (2) to provide options and reasons for healthy additions.

After researching this topic, it was easy to conclude that good quality natural foods provide the best nutrition. While many supplements claim to offer the benefits of natural foods, the supplement industry is unregulated and leaves room for lapses in integrity; it's hard to know what's for real unless an independent laboratory has tested a given product.

Sources:

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## What Nutrition Does My Dog Need and How Can He or She Get It?

Necessary Nutrients	Raw Diet <sup>1</sup>	Cooked/Processed Pet Food Product	Options for Adding to Diet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undamaged amino acids/ proteins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through raw meat/ bones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooking meat alters amino acids/ proteins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add raw meat from reliable source as often as possible</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through raw meat/ bones; avoid fatty meats (chicken wing =perfect balance)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many products have trans-fats. Avoid this!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few dogs will need this added to diet</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grains and Carbohydrates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetables, kelp and alfalfa do provide needed carbohydrates; can include fruits</li> <li>The need for grains is controversial—oats considered best choice if grains are fed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refined carbohydrates have altered nutrients and may contain mold, fungus, aflatoxins, and phytic acid which can inhibit absorption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few if any dogs will need this added to diet as most commercial foods contain approx. 60% grain to hold kibble together.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antioxidants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through raw meat, raw veggies, and raw bones; some fruits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If included in the food, benefits/utility likely lost through processing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add raw meat/ bones/ vegetables</li> <li>Products with antioxidant benefits are available but research first</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enzymes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through raw meat, raw vegetables, and raw bones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If included in the food, benefits/utility likely lost through processing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add raw meat/ bones/ vegetables</li> <li>Enzyme supplements are available but research first</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Fatty Acids (Omega 3 and 6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be added regardless of food fed. These unstable EFA's CANNOT survive in a processed food. If you purchase bottled oils, select a product in a black glass container: the oils go rancid when exposed to light.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cod-liver oil; fish body oil (e.g., salmon); flaxseed oil, or hemp seed oil; (1 tsp Cod liver oil + 2 tsp EFAs per 50 lbs)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vitamins and Minerals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the exception of Vitamin C, most vitamins are contained in meat, bones, and veggies in the diet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heat processed vitamins and minerals may lose part/all of their nutrient value. Nutritive values listed on pet food packages are “pre-processed” values (i.e., final product not tested for nutritional value)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vitamin C-- Calcium or sodium ascorbate format only (500-3,000 mg/50/lbs, amount varies by expert)</li> <li>Kelp powder (1 tsp/50 lbs)</li> <li>Alfalfa powder (1 tsp/50 lbs)</li> <li>(For kelp and alfalfa, try the bulk section of your natural foods market; a real bargain!)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic apple cider vinegar; digestive enzymes; non-dairy probiotics; citrus seed extract</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sugar, chocolate (toxic), onions (toxic), grain; raw salmon; some say avoid all dairy and all yeast—other say plain yogurt, kefir, and cottage cheese are fine and encourage Brewer's yeast for B-complex</li> </ul>		

<sup>1</sup> Before feeding your dog a home-prepared raw diet, please research the topic thoroughly. Start with Schultze's *Natural Nutrition for Dogs and Cats*, listed under sources.

# LOG-ON NOW! LABMED's Online Auction Nov 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>!

Log on to LABMED's online auction, now in progress! Shop for lots of dog or Lab-related items, handmade items, gift certificates, and more. Visit [www.labmed.org/auction](http://www.labmed.org/auction)! LABMED helps labs and lab mixes with emergency medical needs when funds are

lacking, and they are an organization where LEARN has turned for help. The online auction is LABMED's biggest fund-raiser, and LEARN encourages everyone to support LABMED and have some fun bidding on-line. Good luck LABMED

## Ain't Misbehavin'



*"Ain't Misbehavin'" is written by a 5 year old lab, Cousteau, who has used positive reinforcement methods to train some very difficult humans and has successfully lead them to earn his CGC and FM titles. He will be taking them through competition obedience classes this fall. You can send questions to Cousteau at [learnnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:learnnewsletter@yahoo.com).*

Dear Cousteau,

My humans told me to make a "Christmas List" for Santa. It's hard enough learning house manners – I don't even know what a Christmas list is!!!

~Panicked Pup in Pewaukee

Dear Panicked,

Don't worry about it – Christmas lists are fun! That's when you get to ask for all of the treats and toys you've ever wanted. My mom and I were just at in the midst of tons of toys and treats. She called it a "conference" – I called it fun. Here are my tested recommendations:

- Busy Buddy Toys—especially, the Chuckle and the Twist & Treat. Both toys are very durable and you can put food in them for added fun. Don't waste money on the Groove Thing as a lab can rip it up in less than 2 hours and cut gums on it. [www.busbuddytoys.com](http://www.busbuddytoys.com)
- Air Kong Toys: I use the donut and the stick in flyball a lot. Air Kongs lack the abrasiveness of traditional tennis balls, so we can chew all we want without mom worrying about our teeth getting worn down! Until the cats come home

without teeth wearing down.

[www.kongcompany.com/airkong.html](http://www.kongcompany.com/airkong.html)

- Kong Dental Stick (at most pet stores): It's more durable than the Groove Thing, but you can still stuff treats and peanut butter into the grooves.
- Molecule Ball (at most pet stores): This toy can keep us occupied for 30-45 minutes at least! We haven't destroyed it yet! It's perfect for feeding one or more meals a ay.
- Kong Stuff N Tots (at most pet stores): a tasty treat that's made of beef liver and milo grain. Very low in calories.
- Benny Bullys Pellets: Teeny, tiny little treats made of only beef liver. Nice for little dogs and puppies and they don't get crumbs everywhere. [www.bennybullys.com](http://www.bennybullys.com)
- Liver Biscotti: so good you'll forget to chase a squirrel! [www.liverbiscotti.com](http://www.liverbiscotti.com)
- Zukes Mini Naturals: I LOVE these treats!!! They really stink, so it's easy to pay attention when mom has them. [www.zukes.com](http://www.zukes.com)
- EasyWay Collar <http://www.newtrix.ca> and Snoot Loop [www.snootloop.com/page1.html](http://www.snootloop.com/page1.html): These presents for humans work as well as the Gentle Leader. Mom prefers both of them, even though they're a bit harder to adjust/fit. I prefer the Sensation Harness discussed in the last newsletter. [www.softouchconcepts.com](http://www.softouchconcepts.com)

Most of the toys that I reviewed are durable and great for reducing boredom, but humans must still make sure that their dogs aren't able to get small pieces off the toys before leaving them alone together. The treats are salt, sugar, and preservative free, although I didn't know they were healthy until I read the bag. They're all THAT good!

## L.E.A.R.N. Holiday Cards Are Here Again!

Greet friends and family with a custom designed Labrador holiday card! This year we have four varieties, and the cards are in beautiful color (please see our website for the color versions).

### CARD 1- YELLOW LAB



*Wishing you a holiday season filled with warmth and happiness now and throughout the Year.*

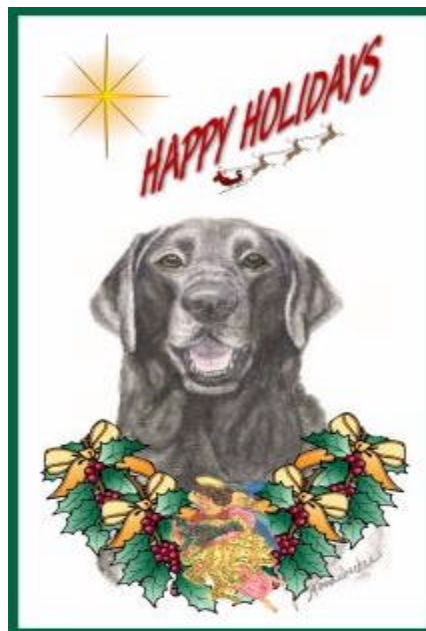
### CARD 3 – THREE LABS



*(Above) It's that time of the year to "PAWS" for a moment to wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season.*

*(Right) Do You Hear What I hear?  
May the sounds of Christmas  
surround you with  
all the happiness and  
joys of the season.*

### CARD 2 – BLACK LAB



*(Above) May your holidays be merry and bright!*

### CARD 4 – CHOCOLATE LAB



Cards come with envelopes in packages of 10 and the cost is \$12.00/box plus shipping. On the back of the cards, we will show who L.E.A.R.N. is along with our name, address, website, and e-mail address. Please see the back of this page for the order form or download a form from the web. Please allow 1 week for Priority mail and 2-3 weeks Parcel Post. All **Priority orders must be received by December 10, 2003**, and **Parcel Post orders, by November 27, 2003**. Cards will also be available at the Badger Kennel Club Dog Fair. Happy Holidays!

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Holiday Cards:

### Holiday Card Shipping (circle choice):

<u>Number of Boxes</u> (10 cards/box)	<u>Total Boxes</u>	<u>Parcel Post</u>	<u>Priority</u>
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_____ Card 2 (Black)	2	\$3.00	\$4.00
_____ Card 3 (Three Labs)	3-4	\$4.00	\$6.00
_____ Card 4 (Chocolate)			

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## LEARN & Lab Events!

### When?

### What?

### Where?

- ❖ November 20<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Community Day Event** Purchase \$5 coupon book and save much more; coupon book sales benefit LEARN 100%. Call or email LEARN to purchase or for more info. Great way to holiday shop!
- ❖ All Boston Stores, Younkers, Carson's, Herberger's and Bergner's
- ❖ February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- ❖ **The Great Lakes Family Pet Exposition.** Showcasing 100's of adoptable companions, products/apparel, demos, entertainment, seminars, a breed parade. Meet Jim Willis, author of "How could You?" Watch LEARN website for info or call if you're not online
- ❖ Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee Airport Hotel Milwaukee, WI
- 10 am to 4 pm

**Important Note to our Readers:** To reduce our costs, *The Retriever* will be now mailed 2x year instead of 4x year. We'll have Spring and Fall issues. Please look for us in the Spring!