

Lab Talk

A Busy Summer

We thought that retirement would be boring, guess again, it has been a busy summer! The kennel expansion has been completed. Four new runs and the addition of two new outside exercise areas. During the course of all this, it was decided that we needed a Labrador swim area. Our pond gets heavily infested with algae during the summer, so we don't let the dogs use it, and they dearly love to swim. Probably won't get to it this year, but plan to make a 30x15 swim pool for the dogs, complete with filters and "Big Air" dock. Will keep you advised. The old chicken house has been cleaned and disinfected and is being remodeled into a "Maternity House" complete with a camera so we can watch what is going on, who knows, might be able to rig it up to let you also see from the website.

Upcoming Litters at Alderwood

Amber has been bred to Doc and we are expecting that litter about the first week in September. What beautiful pups she makes! All 10 reservations have already be filled, but she does have big litters (17, 15, 13) look for new pics on the website. Maggie will be bred to Hooch within the next few weeks, now that is going to be interesting! Molly and Wiley will also be bred in next few weeks. Molly's first litter has been a big success, but we are going to use Wiley in an attempt to create a little bigger Lab and tone back Molly's enthusiasm a little bit.

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Two times the Trouble!

Newsletter Spotlight

Two new additions at Alderwood

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Your Labrador's Health



DOG FOOD

Last newsletter we told you we were feeding Costco's Kirkland Lamb & Rice, that was before the ongoing contaminated dog food issue. Being unable to get satisfactory answers from Costco, we embarked on yet another food search, [see more details here](#)

Lots of first hand health experience to talk about this summer. We imported Jasmine, a white female pup, from Indiana, she arrived at the airport not feeling very well. A quick trip to the vet confirmed a case of giardia and coccidiosis, even though she was separated from the other dogs, it soon spread throughout the kennel. These parasites can be treated, however, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Labs love water and stagnant water (beaver ponds, marshes) are prime hiding places for these parasites. Also for the romps in the woods, deer poop is a delicacy for most Labs, a brand new vaccine is available from your vet.

We had a customer call us about their pup who had stopped eating and had diarrhea. When a Lab stops eating with diarrhea, it's time to go to the vet. The diagnosis came back as parvo, a deadly infection which is very prevalent in the Portland area. Even though they had administered the proper vaccinations the time between the vaccination and a trip through a dog park was too close together for the vaccine to take effect. Thankfully the pup pulled through. The reason parvo is predominant in Portland is the large number of dog parks, so make sure your vaccinations are up to date.

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