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President's Message

Happy Summer Everyone!

There is so much for our members to brag about lately. I have seen a few new titles for scent work, obedience, agility, rally, Fast CAT, hunting, WCX, and man trailing. In addition, I know of a litter or two since the last edition. Congratulations to everyone and continue to submit your brags.

I was fortunate enough to attend Westminster this year and it really was great to see some of our members and their dogs. It was a terrific venue and a fine turn out for our breed. Be sure to read the article about Westminster. In addition, I hope that everyone saw the news coverage of Mary Jane Koren and Plum doing therapy work that aired during Westminster. If you missed Plum's television appearance, you'll find a link to the segment in this newsletter. Unfortunately, Plum, a very special FCR, passed away a couple of weeks after Westminster.

Dock Diving is officially scheduled for August 7th from 8-12. Be sure to register as soon as possible because registration is limited. We have an obedience match scheduled at Puppy Wuppy on September 26th. In order to focus our planning of field events please fill out a survey that will be sent in the near future.

The fall should be busy with the 2 supported entries, Morris and Essex and Ramapo. The plans for the 2022 specialty in Indiana are well underway and the committee for 2023 in PA is starting to gear up again.

I hope to see you in August at Dock Diving. Enjoy your summer with your dogs!

Janet Herrington, President

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FCRSA Health Committee

Janet Herrington is now the FCRSA Health Committee Chairperson. Thank you Janet for stepping up to fill this important position.

Sewallis Evelyn Shirley and Some Flat-Coated Retriever History

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Mr. Shirley was responsible for founding both the Kennel Club and the flat-coated retriever.

In favor of explaining the development of the golden retriever as a distinct form, I have left out a little history that Flat-coat people know well but golden people seem to ignore. I am a golden owner, so my perspective is that of a golden owner trying to understand its history. However, I have always pointed out that we must know the history of both breeds. Remember, the history of both breeds is very close, simply because the golden was a color variety of flat-coat or wavy-coat through most of its development.

In this case, I am talking about the role of Sewallis Evelyn Shirley and his founding of both the Kennel Club and the flat-coated retriever. Mr. Shirley was a member of parliament who had always hunted with wavy-coated retrievers. At the time the wavy-coat was the most common type of retriever, and it differed from the flat-coat and golden in that it was generally a heavier dog with a coat that was almost always long and wavy. It was recognized as separate variety in the early retriever club in 1864 (four years before Nous was born), and the wavy-coated dogs began to dominate the early trial circuit. They were also shown in what were loose and informal dog shows for gundogs. Dogs were shown in arbitrary classes, and the main role for the retriever was to be a working animal that was to be trialed.

Two early wavy-coat champions were Old Bounce and Young Bounce, which belong to a gamekeeper named Mr. Hull, and their descendants were the cornerstone of most wavy-coated strains. His breeding program used dogs that were descended from the two Bounces. He began to breed out the wave in his dogs' coats. The early standard for the allowed for black and liver. Liver dogs included those dogs from the Tweedmouth strain, even though today we wouldn't technically consider those dogs to be liver. His main interest was to standardize the wavy-coated variety into the flat-coated breed.

He was also the founding president of the Kennel Club, the world's oldest all breed registry, and the early flat-coats were among the first breeds to be shown in all breed shows. This organization was founded in 1873, merely nine years after the wavy-coated retriever was recognized as a separate variety of retriever.

Mr. Shirley was also the owner of Zelstone, a dog that was probably a purebred St. John's water dog but was registered as a flat-coat or a wavy-coat. Zelstone also appears as an outcross stud in Guisachan kennel records. He actually looks like a black golden retriever of the show type, and George Teasdale Teasdale-Buckell, another early fancier of the breed, considered his contribution to retrievers to be negative. His offspring developed coarseness and lumber that Mr. Teasdale-Buckell thought actually destroyed the flat-coat as a working dog. (It is currently what is destroying the golden as a working dog).

The wavy-coated/flat-coated breed began to standardize around this evolving fancy that was trying to match working abilities with clear conformation standards based on working ability. By 1890's, the wavy-coat became the flat-coat as we know it today. One of Teasdale-Buckell's bitches, Jenny, had a narrower head than normally seen in the wavy-coat, and her progeny had a great deal of influence on the breed. (She probably had an influence on the goldens as well, because I had wonderfully biddable golden with a narrow head. She would've been a perfect flat-coat except she was tawny with a white tail tip.)

By beginning of the twentieth century, the more lithe dogs were perfect workers, and they totally dominated the working trials of this period. These changes in the breed began to affect the Tweedmouth strain, too, although heavy dogs could still be found, largely because of Zelstone's influence in the strain.

In 1908, the yellow flat-coat or wavy coat was separated from the liver coloration. The early goldens of this time period look almost identical to flat-coats, except for color. After all, they were varieties of the same breed.

Again, we see how interwoven the history of golden and flat-coated retrievers really is.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

StormWatch Jet Stream has been busy

On April 16 she earned her first CDX Q at the Williamsport Obedience Trial with a score of 181.5 and First Place. Next came her second Junior Hunter leg at the Navesink River Hunting Retriever Test held at Colliers Mills, NJ on April 25th.

At the Krusin' K-9 agility trial on May 1, handled by Caroline Le Bel, Jetta earned her second Excellent Jumpers leg and 2nd place. Caroline had not seen or practiced with her, for three years. The following day at the CDSP obedience trial, held at C&S County K9, she earned two scores of 196.5 in Novice. Both were 2nd places.

On June 10th, Carol Wyatt handled her in the breed class at Taconic Hills Kennel Club where Jetta earned BOS. It was her first time in the breed ring since Westminster 2020. The next day she was BOS again and pending AKC Confirmation, she has completed her Silver Grand Championship.

Then over the weekend at the Taconic Hills Kennel Club's Obedience Trial Jetta obtained her second CDX leg with a 192 and 2nd place. On Sunday with a 191.5 and 3rd place she finished her CDX. (Pending AKC confirmation).

It has been great to be showing again, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Dog friends are the very best.

A special thanks goes to Carol Wyatt who talked me into doing the breed and obedience trials. And for driving us there for 4 days making the last two titles possible.

Peg Forte

Junior Hunter leg # 2
(below)



Taconic Hills KC BOS
Carol Wyatt, Handler
(above)

Taconic Hills KC
CDX title
(below)



Cont. ACHIEVEMENTS

BLAZIN SUCCESS



*2021 National Obedience Championship
Wilmington, OH, on July 10-11,
2021
at the Roberts Centre*



*AKC Rally National
Championship
Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH
on July 9, 2021*

Juvi, GCH CH Blazin's License To Drive CDX PCDX BN GN RAE JH MX MXB MXJ MJB OF T2B BCAT VFCR1 HOF, earned her Master Agility Jumpers Bronze title!

Swizzle, CH Blazin's Night Cap CD BN MX MXJ MJB OF FCAT2, earned her FCAT2 title and in agility earned her Master Standard and Master Agility Jumpers Bronze titles! She has earned 7 QQs since returning to agility post covid!

Piston, GCH Blazin's Off Road Drive'N CD BN RA MX MXJ OF FCAT3, earned his FCAT3 title! He has earned 5 QQs since returning to agility post covid!

Seville, Blazin's Pink Cadillac NAJ ACT2 ACT2J FCAT3, earned her FCAT3 title and in agility earned her ACT1 and ACT2 Jumpers and Novice Jumpers titles!

Benji, Blazin's Push The Button NA NAJ ACT2 ACT2J FCAT, earned his FCAT title and in agility earned his ACT1 and ACT2 Jumpers, Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers titles!

Cabbie, CH Blazin's Questionable Drive'R NA NAJ NF ACT2 ACT2J DCAT DS TKN, earned her Dock Senior title and in agility earned her ACT1 and ACT2 Jumpers, Novice Standard, Novice Jumpers and Novice Fast titles!

Dawn Button & Martin Archambeault
Blazin Kennels

OBEDIENCE TITLES

Teddy, Meadowrue VIP BN,JH,TKN C-CD,WC finished his AKC CD with a 2nd place and then went on to get a bumper leg and first place with a score of 197.

Valerie Bernhardt

**AKC Obedience &
Rally 2022
Qualifying Events
at Mountain Laurel
Show Cluster
July 27-August 1,
2021
Entries Open
June 30th**

ACHIEVEMENTS

OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Corky, Char-Will's Fetching Timber Maiden, UD, BN, RM, RAE, CGCA, TKP, Therapy Dog

Corky earned her Rally Master title on June 6th at The Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club's double Rally trial. She had earned her RAE at the SICDTC Rally trial on March 20th. She also just earned UDX legs number 5 and 6 at the Taconic Hills Kennel Club show on Saturday, June 12, including the High Combined at the first trial that day. She is doing very well in Obedience and we have our fingers crossed that she might finish her UDX title this year.

Janet Mines Krings



Corky's ribbons above

Plum, now 3 (he and Topsy share a birthday), has been doing well as he's gotten back into the show ring. He went BOB at the Wilmington KC show on 5/1/21, finished his Grand Championship at the Taconic Hills KC on 6/11,

Mary Jane Koren

AGILITY NEWS

On March 20, 2021 at a double Excellent/Master Agility Trial, **Slider** attained his Agility Excellent and Agility Excellent Jumpers titles as well as his first Master Standard and Master Jumpers legs and first MACH points. He went 4 for 4! He's having a blast! He is now known as Ch Blazin's Payoff Pitch RN *AX* *AXJ* CGC.

Margaret Uminsky



"Slider" Agility fun below

SCENTWORK

Tasia and I had two great days at AKC scent work She went high in trial. Two of her searches were only 3 seconds. The one judge said you have lots more time if you want to search longer. 12 searches 4 titles novice containers, novice buried, novice interior and novice exterior. She loves it as much as birds and that is saying a lot

Lauren Weidner



"Tasia" & Lauren below

ACHIEVEMENTS

SCENTWORK TITLE

Griffin spent his time during the pandemic practicing his nosework skills and began trialing in May. In 2 short months Griffin was able to qualify in all of the required elements to complete his overall novice level title. He is now **Argon Legend of the Griffin SWN CGC**

Amanda Sypniewski



HELP WANTED!

We are in the midst of planning our second obedience fun match. Our first match was a huge success, but we need your help to make this one just as successful! We are looking for volunteer stewards and judges. We will train you to be a steward if you are unfamiliar but our judges will need to be familiar with the obedience exercises for the class judging. We will be offering the following obedience classes: Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, and Utility. Our match is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th. Please reach out to Amanda (sypniewski12@gmail.com) or Janet (irishome@embarqmail.com) to volunteer!

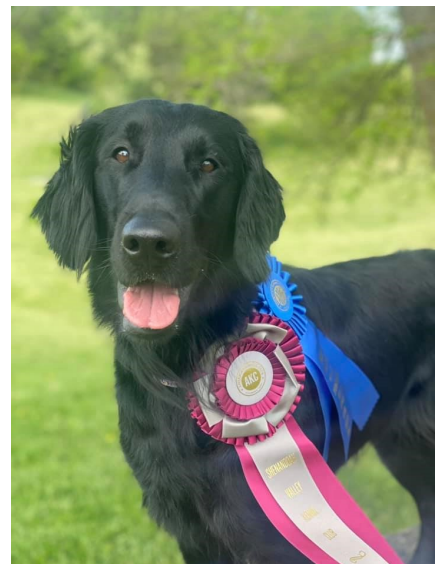
Trophy Committee Volunteers Needed

We are looking for member willing to serve on the trophy committee. If you are interested please contact Janet Herrington at irishome@embarqmail.com

AGILITY TITLE & DOCK DIVING FUN

Lucy and I traveled to the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club Agility Trial & Dock Diving Show. What a day - dock diving and agility and lots of pretty ribbons. Lucy jumped off the dock with encouragement from her sister Cheeky. Lucy has a new title: Open Standard. Tomorrow we move on to Excellent!

Vicki Taylor



WESTMINSTER 2021

By Laurie Marsters

Westminster 2021 was truly an amazing experience. It was like no other and felt like it was out of a fairy tale. The Lyndhurst Estate was stunning and the grounds were just as impressive. It was not the regular Westminster venue or even the time but boy did they do it up right.

We woke up early on Sunday June 13th to attend the ring time of 9am. With butterflies in my stomach feeling more like a game of volleyball being played. I sat under the grooming tent as not to be seen, heard or smelled by Baxter. Judging the Flat-Coat Retrievers was Ms. Bonnie P. Threlfall of Cary, NC, this was her fourth Westminster judging assignment. There were 21 total entries of Champions in the breed ring. The lineup was spectacular and many worthy dogs/bitches for the Best of Breed win. As I sat under the grooming tent to watch it all play out. Ms. Threlfall went over all the entrants and made her cut. Baxter was still in it. She then made her pick and I couldn't believe it she had picked my boy, GCHG Argon's Percival Proctor Baxter CGC as Best of Breed. I was shaking and crying and tried to call my husband to tell him but couldn't even talk. My phone was blowing up. People across our Nation and across the "pond" were cheering him on. I was so overwhelmed and touched by the outpouring of support. This meant that he was now going to be in the Sporting group on the iconic green carpet, under the lights of the purple and gold. When he walked out with his handler, Rachel Kulp I couldn't breathe. It was so surreal to see him announced. He made the cut in the Sporting group and I couldn't have been more thrilled.

All this could not have happened without the help and support of so many. Where does one even begin to start to thank everyone? First and foremost, I have to thank my husband for putting up with all my crazy. I have to graciously thank my incredible handler Rachel Kulp for her devotion, time and hard work she has done with Baxter and always expertly handling him. Thank you, James "Jake" Cassaday, for this amazing dog and your preservation breeding program. You have been a wonderful mentor to me while teaching me the ropes. Your breeding of CH Blacfriar Lady Liberty Belle "Momma Belle" who was bred by Rachel Hill and owned by James "Jake" Cassaday to GCH Windsor's Chairman of The Board "Heff", who was owned by Carrie Vernon, I owe a huge gratitude of thanks. Without all of this falling into place none of this would have ever happened. So, I thank you all so very much. I am truly humbled by all of your knowledge of this amazing breed we all love and call the Peter Pan of the dog world but we all know as the Flat-Coat Retriever, The Gentleman's Retriever. **BEST OF BREED**

RBIS GCHG Argon's Percival Proctor Baxter CGC

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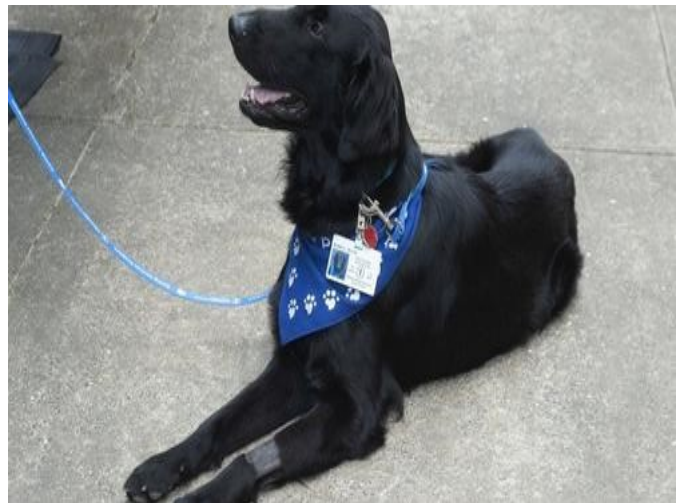
Prince shown by Howie Huber received an Award of Merit at Westminster.
GCHG CH Argons Purple Rain BN RI CGC TKI

Janet and Bob Herrington

Plum, GCH Argon's Black Diamond made an appearance at the Westminster KC show in the conformation ring on 6/13. His work as a therapy dog as well as a show dog was spotlighted on WABC7 in New York on 6/11. He was also the subject of a segment of the broadcast of Westminster. Here is the link to the segment.

<https://www.igmediacorp.com/ClipPlayer/?ClipID=e02b5119-de2d-4d6d-ad28-a42dc4f7b2b2&ps=2>

Mary Jane Koren



Also attending the Westminster show were :

"Quigley" CH Blazin's Quigley Down Under DCAT ACT1 owned by

Paula & Jerry Ambrose & Dawn Buttion

"Gander" GCHS CH Timberblacs Wild Heart Soaring RA JH CGC owned by **Jennifer Martin**

"Andrew" GCHB CH Windy Hill Love Changes Everything owned by

Dr. Robert & Sonja Rickert, Leanne Selof, Angela Lloyd

Veteran Birthdays

We are happy to celebrate the 13th birthday of our **Splash. -- MeadowQuest Oaklane With a Splash.** From challenging pup to stately gentleman, Splash continues to be a delight, loving to run, still patrolling the outside perimeter of our house. A grandson our, Quillquest Quill Seeker would be proud of. Thanks to Lori and Ray Baycar for sharing him with us.

**Kathy and Ed McQuaid
Covington PA**



June 12th - A Very Happy 9th Birthday to **sisters Juvi, GCH CH Blazin's License To Drive CDX PCDX BN GN RAE JH MX MXB MXJ MJB OF T2B BCAT VFCR1 HOF, and Solar, CH Blazin's Lightning Bug CDX BN GN RE MX MXJ OF!!**

Blazin Kennels

July 11th - Soon we will be welcoming **Swizzle, CH Blazin's Night Cap CD BN MX MXJ MJB OF FCAT2**, to the Flat-Coat Veterans club!!

Blazin Kennels



A Happy Birthday to **Topsy** who turned 9 on 5/14/21. She hasn't at all realized how old she is, and continues to run and play like a dog half her age. She also maintains her place as top dog, periodically reminding Sally and Plum of the deference due her. Although not able to visit patients in person in the hospital, Topsy has made regular appearances on Zoom calls for pediatric cancer patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Mary Jane Koren

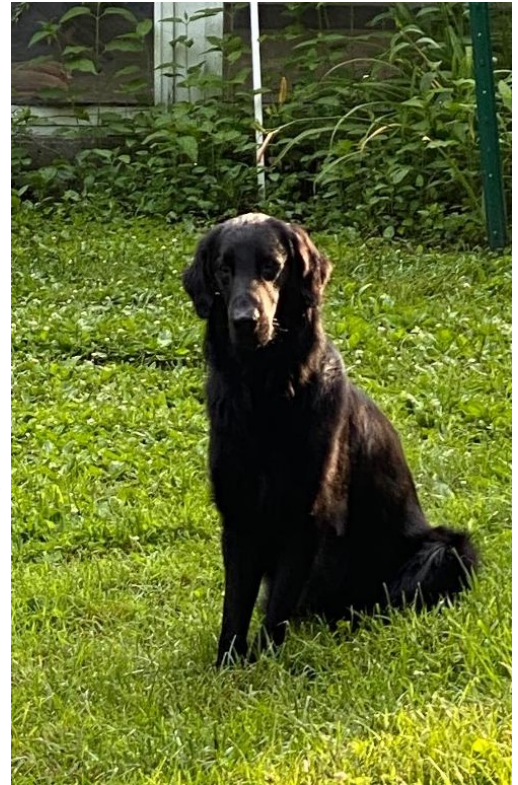
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

“PLUM”

GCH Argon’s Black Diamond
May 14, 2018—June 30, 2021

Plum’s all too short life came to a peaceful close this morning. He was only three but he lived those brief years to the fullest and accomplished much despite suffering from chronic renal disease brought about by a devastating bout of Leptospirosis when he was only 6 months old. The pandemic sidelined him for 15 months as training classes were suspended, shows were cancelled and his work as a therapy dog was put on hold. Nevertheless, he earned his Grand Championship and had already won a place in the hearts of patients and staff alike at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital. Plum loved life and was a happy, affectionate flat-coat boy, leaning against people for ear rubs and butt scratches. Plum made people smile. He had several dog friends and adored playing with “his girls”, Topsy and Sally, alternating in his role as instigator or victim with equal relish. He was always ready for a trip in the car and was never happier than heading out on an adventure. A light went out for those he left behind when he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Run free sweet Plum – my beautiful boy, forever young.

Mary Jane Koren



“Stella”

GCH CH Indulgent Stellar Spirit CD BN RE NA NJP NF
October 23, 2011 – April 12, 2021

Stella was our red collar pick girl from our first flat-coat litter. Our first Bred by Champion. Stella enjoyed agility but did it with flat-coat style. Stella could back jump a triple and jump across a teeter but refused to hit yellow contact zones. My constant shadow, foot warmer and heart dog is deeply missed but lives in her 4 daughters.

Jeff and Viv Koontz

Meet a Member (Interview)

Margaret Uminsky



Margaret Uminsky with Slider
(Pictured above)

Hello fellow members of the MAFCRC! My name is Margaret Uminsky and my husband, Terry, and I live on Long Island in Nassau County, NY. We have lived here since 1990 and have been married since 1987. We were both born in and have lived in lower NY State our whole lives. I am currently re tired....(not by choice, initially, LOL). I used to work as a VP of Operations at a computer recycling company here on Long Island. Most of you do not know this, but I used to be a teacher! Many years ago! I left that after several years for corporate America. I spent quite a few years working for a medical book publisher in NYC, which allowed me to travel all over the country. Since leaving that, I have been mostly working part time, on Long Island, for various types of companies mostly working in an administrative assistant capacity.

Now about our dog history....Terry and I got our first mix, Ginger, back in 1988. After she passed in 2000, Terry immediately went out and got a book on pure bred dogs. The flat-coated retriever caught our eye. We contacted the national club, got the breeders list and started making some phone calls. We were very fortunate to come across Kurt Anderson's name. He was the last person we were going to call in the area (a phone call, imaging that! we didn't have a home computer yet!). We had no idea that getting a flat coat was so difficult. We said, "after this, we go adopt and put our name on some lists.. so we have two dogs...big deal!" Kurt encouraged us to go meet a few FCs and we found owners not far from us who let us into their home to meet them and their dogs. A few days later, Kurt confirmed puppies were on board and the rest is history. We are currently on flat-coat #6.

I think the most important thing, outside of having had amazing dogs, that has come out of our time with these precious dogs, are the amazing mentors and the friends that we have met and still keep in contact with since our first days as flat-coated retriever owners. I wouldn't trade that for the world. Now onto answering some questions!

What made you choose FCRs? *After doing some research and meeting a few FCR's, their fun-loving nature and elegance made them the right choice.*

When did you get started with FCRs? *We got our first flat-coat, Bailey, back in 2000. We are currently on FC #6.*

Your most memorable FCR? *Each one of our flat-coats gave us some fantastic memories! Each one was special in a different way.*

Terry Uminsky with Dazzle
(Pictured Right)



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Cont. Meet a Member Margaret Uminsky

Your most accomplished FCR? *Our most accomplished FCR was Crystal (2002-2016), who also lived to be 14 ½, our longest lived FCR as well. She was our 2nd flat-coat, the first dog we ever put an AKC title on and she finished her career as TLC Starlight's First Gleaming CD RE MX MXJ NAP NJP TN-N NAC RL-1 CGC.*

Favorite Memory? *Although I have some great memories from a few specialties and supported entries, my all time favorite memory wasn't about winning anything....it was at a supported entry in Trenton, New Jersey, not sure of the year.*



Slider (above)

There was a huge storm the night before and all the tents and ring gates came down. The wind was wicked that day and the tents never made it back up.

Logan showed his heart out that day—the best he had every shown and made it to the final lineup for BOB. It's always an adventure showing in Trenton! Also had the best tailgate party that year!

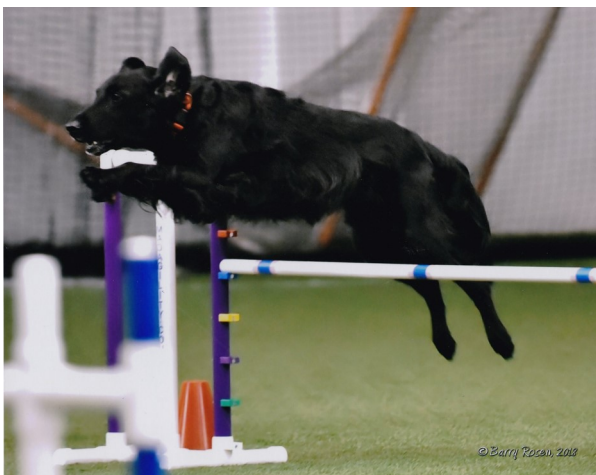
Favorite FCR Activity? *Agility is my passion! But mostly any time I can spend with my pups is grand.*

Your mentors? *I have many mentors! Each breeder (and some stud dog owners) that I attained my pups from have provided ongoing support and guidance. There are others who have provided advice as well.*

Favorite judge? *I really do not have one. Surprise! But I do appreciate those judges who give each dog and handler an even shake!*

What advice do have for first time FCR owners? *Do your homework, meet a few FCRs and their humans (don't wear white!) ask questions and be prepared to get your heart stolen. You might just get another! They adapt pretty easily to your life style, but training and exercise are very important.*

Do you have any other breeds/dogs or pets? *After Logan's untimely death in 2014, we took a break from flat-coats and added a field spaniel to the mix. Many of you have met Tripper. We had been*



Dazzle (left)

looking at them for a while. We spoke to a few folks at their National at the Big E in 2014 (including someone who has both breeds) and decided they would be a good fit. They are just as hard to come by as flat-coats! We were fortunate to add Tripper to the pack in May of 2015. It took us 4 years before we added another FCR to the house. We have no other pets.

FAST CAT

The Fast CAT test is a timed 100 yard dash for dogs. It is a fun and healthy activity for dogs and their owners which will answer the intriguing question – How fast can my dog run? The event is open to all dogs that are at least twelve months of age and are individually registered or listed with the AKC (registered pure-bred, FSS, PAL or AKC Canine Partner).

How Does Fast CAT Work?

1. Fast CAT is a timed straight race of 100 yards.
2. Dogs run singularly.
3. The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPHs.
4. A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers: • 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0 • 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5 • Below 12" = handicap is 2.0
5. Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
6. Fast CAT suffix titles are earned at designated milestones: • BCAT = 150 points
• DCAT = 500 points • FCAT = 1,000 points • FCAT# = every additional 500 points
7. Top 20 by Breed by Year: The AKC Fast CAT website will feature the Top 20 Fastest Dogs by Breed by Year national standings. The standings will be updated as event results are processed.

Eligibility to Participate

8. Open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered/listing with the AKC. This includes dogs recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number.)
9. An inspection committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete and females in season. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

Additional information is posted on the AKC's Fast CAT website - www.akc.org/events/fast-cat.

**MAFCRC will be holding a
two day, two trials per day
FAST CAT Trial
November 13 & 14th
More details coming soon.**



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**Culham Brass
(1904). Breeding
for more lightly-
built dogs in flat-
coats affected the
Tweedmouth
strain, too.**

Dogs in Magazines

Every now and then, articles about dogs show up in non-dog magazines. Here are some recent ones. You do not have to go to your local library to find them. They are available online.

At www.rd.com (Reader's Digest) put "Dogs of War" in the search to read about the very first War Dog Platoon. It appeared in Reader's Digest November 2020. Put "Meet the Dogs That Can Sniff Out Cancer" from the March 2021 issue. While you are there, putting "Dog Articles" in the search, will bring up a variety of other dog topics.

At www.smithsonianmag.com, use the search for another article about "The Dogs of War." This appeared in the December 2000 issue. The December 2020 magazine has an article entitled "The New Science of Our Ancient Bond with Dogs," which includes information about canine cognition and studies being done at Yale University. Typing "Dogs" in the search at this website you will find more articles that might interest you.

Happy reading!

Peg Forte

BRIEF NOTICE - 2023 FCRSA National Specialty

We are now a bit less than two years out!

As you know, the specialty originally scheduled in York, PA for 2021 was pushed to 2023. The time-frame is still the same, although the schedule is still being tweaked. The dates (give or take a day on either side) are May 19 to May 26, 2023. The Host Hotel and the Show Site are the same as they were in 2018.

For those of you who have already volunteered to chair a committee, Jill Kuchinos and I thank you! I will be sending out a *check in* reminder soon!

Due to the push back, however, we are now looking for replacement chairpersons for Obedience & Rally (a co-chair) and for Agility. Keep in mind, all the initial legwork for both of these positions had already been done for what was to be 2021, so it would just be a matter of re-establishing contact. I will provide all past information. *If you have any interest in either of these, **please** contact me at margaret@islandflats.com ASAP. I will also provide any guidance that you might need as chairperson.*

That being said, we couldn't do this without your help so thank you! And think about how you can help as our specialty draws closer! We can't do it without you!

Margaret Uminsky, Co-Chair, 2023 FCRSA National Specialty

Introduction to Dock Diving/Diving Dogs

What is Diving Dogs? Diving dogs is a canine sport in which dogs are enticed to run the length of a dock and leap as far out into the water as possible to compete for height or distance. They're motivated to fly with a prized toy, which is thrown just out of reach in order to help them keep their momentum and get the best launch angle possible.

Here is a brief summary of the NADD rules. The complete rules are at:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-uploader.nadd/2021Rules/2021NADDRules1614018432282.pdf>

- To enter a North America Diving Dogs event, you MUST have [NADD Registration Number](#). There is a one time fee of \$35. There is a NO REFUND policy once you are issued a NADD#.
- To receive AKC Titles, your dog must be registered with AKC. AKC Registration is not required to participate in a North America Diving Dogs event. Anyone may enroll their dog in the [AKC's Canine Partners](#) program. There is a one time fee of \$25.
- AKC pedigreed dogs with an AKC Registration Number already qualify

Dog Eligibility

- A dog must be at least 6 months of age to compete.
- All breeds and mixes are invited to participate.
- Females in season are not permitted to compete.

Limits

- Each dog can do a maximum of 12 splashes per event
- A dog can only be entered in 1 event per day

Check In

- Facility events: Check in is requested at **least** 30 minutes before your Splash time begins.
- Mobile events: Check in is requested at **least** 2 hours before the end of the posted times for the day..

Jumping Rules

- Your 2 jumps (back to back) will be scored. The longest of the two will be your Qualifying score for that Splash.
- You must finish each splash within 4 minutes. Time begins when both team members are on the dock.
- You may use one extra handler on the dock to release your dog.

**MAFCRC is hosting an Fun Day of
Dock Diving August 8th**
Please see the flyer page for more details
or contact Andy Abramowitz @
andyabramowitz@gmail.com



Cont. Intro to Dock Diving

- Distance jumping is determined visually by the judge, at the point where the base of the dog's tail enters the water. A dog must jump on its own accord. You can not physically assist your dog off the dock in any way.
- Any e-collars, pinch, prong or other corrective collars or harnesses are allowed, **but** you must remove it once you are on the dock.
- Dogs are allowed to wear a life vest.
- No aggressive dogs.
- All dogs must be up to date on their vaccinations.
- There will be NO sandbagging. Anyone that sandbags, your jumps will be an NQ. This is all about the best performance of your dog.
- Air Retrieve is determined by the distance of the bumper from the front edge of the dock. The bumper is suspended 2ft above the dock. Each round, the bumper is moved out in 1ft increments. The longest successful grab (or knocking the bumper into the water) distance determines the Qualifying score.
- In Air Retrieve, each dog gets up to two attempts at a distance to grab the bumper, after a successful grab the dog moves on to the next Round. A handler must determine their choice of starting distance before the Air Retrieve begins at a distance no more than 2 feet below their Recent Average, or if no recent average they may begin no less that at 6ft for Open (4ft for Lap). A dog with 3 misses overall or 2 misses at the same distance is eliminated for the competition.

Divisions and Classes

There are six distance [Divisions](#): Novice, Junior, Senior, Master, Elite and Primer.

- There are two placement Classes: Open (16" tall and over) and Lap (under 16" tall)
- Veterans is for dogs over 8 years old (Veterans is only enforced at Nationals).

Titles

- There are four Open Title levels: Dock (5 Qs), Advanced (+25 Qs), Excellent (+25 Qs), and Excellent numerical multipliers (+25 Qs)

One Qualifying score jump per Splash or Air Retrieve/Hydrodash entry counts toward NADD Titles, and AKC Titles if the dog is registered with AKC. See the [Titles](#) page for details.



MAFCRC Dock Diving

August 7, 2021 from 8 am to 12 pm

SPLASHTOWN K9 115 Sanfordville Rd
Warwick, NY

\$40

All Levels

Limited entry MAFCRC members only

Register by August 1st



Come join us at Splashtown K9 on August 7th from 8am to 12pm for a MAFCRC private event!

Dogs of any age are allowed- no experience necessary!

There is a limit of **20 dogs** therefore; you can only enter one of your FCRs. Please request a second or third dog at the time of registration in case there are any additional spaces.

Appropriate instruction will be provided for all levels, including swimming and/or groundwork only for dogs not ready to jump. Life jackets and motivational toys will be available as needed.

Dogs must be leashed and under control when not working. Please no females in heat.
No sick or injured dogs will be allowed to participate.

This event will be held rain or shine. Thunder and lightning might necessitate a delay or rescheduling. Additional information will be provided prior to the event.

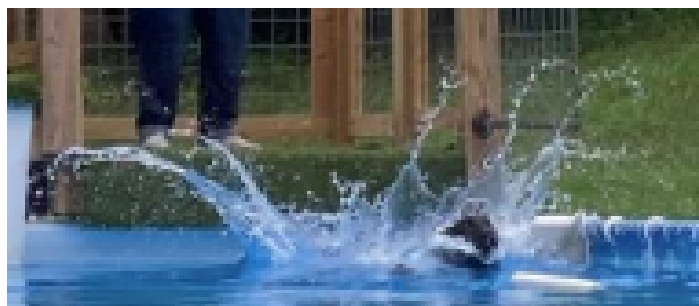
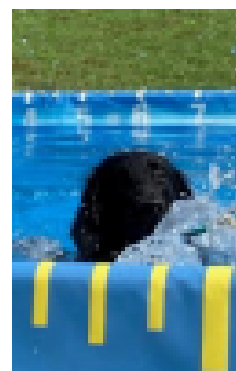
Please make check payable to **MAFCRC** and mail with completed registration by August 1st to:

Bob Herrington
7 Haldiman Lane
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Call name of dog: _____ Do you want to enter a 2nd dog? _____



MAFCRC EVENTS CALENDER

August 7 — Dock Diving at Splastown K9 in Warwick, NY

**September 26 - Obedience Fun Match
Puppy Wuppy, Hackettstown, NJ**

**October 6—Morris & Essex Show in Somerset, NJ
*co-sponsored Supported with NEFCRC
Jennifer Andrews is Judging Sweepstakes
Ann Yuhasz is breed Judge**

October 16— Flat-Coat Walk, Augusta, NJ (more details soon)

**October 17—Fall Supported Entry with Sweepstakes
Ramapo KC in Augusta, NJ
Lori Baycar is judging Sweepstakes**

**November 13 & 14 — FAST CAT in Barto, PA *
*pending AKC approval
Two Days with Two Trials each day**

TBD - Fun Day at C & S Country Canine Club Kunkletown, PA

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MAFCRC Newsletter Deadlines

Spring Newsletter

Deadline—March 15th
Publication - April

Summer Newsletter

Deadline—June 15th
Publication— July

Fall Newsletter

Deadline—September 15th
Publication—October

Winter Newsletter

Deadline— December 15th
Publication—January

***Please submit your news to:
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MAFCRC Newsletter in Subject***

MAFCRC—Mission Statement

To encourage and promote the responsible breeding of healthy purebred Flat-Coated Retrievers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Flat-Coated Retrievers shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dogs shows, obedience trials and field trials; and, to have fun with our dogs.

To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, and field trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

To educate MAFCRC members and other interested parties as to health, natural qualities and training of the breed; and to conduct training sessions for MAFCRC members.