



Established April 4, 1983

Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

President's Message

Welcome everyone to 2021. MAFCRC started the year with a bang! We had a very successful, socially-distanced, obedience match. Thank you to the workers and our judges, Carol and Amanda. Be sure to check out some photos on our website (mafcrc.org).

We are very excited that Neal Goodwin, a MAFCRC member and AKC judge, has graciously agreed to give a virtual talk on judging FCRs in February. We will be emailing invitations in the near future.

The board is working on revising the ByLaws and will be emailing the revisions for membership approval in March. We hope that the supported entry planned for May 8th in Erwinna, PA (Bucks Country Kennel Club) will be held; we will communicate any changes.

We have been planning other events for the year. Please check your email, Facebook and our website for updates

Please remember to renew your membership. Your membership dues goes towards holding supported entries and supporting other

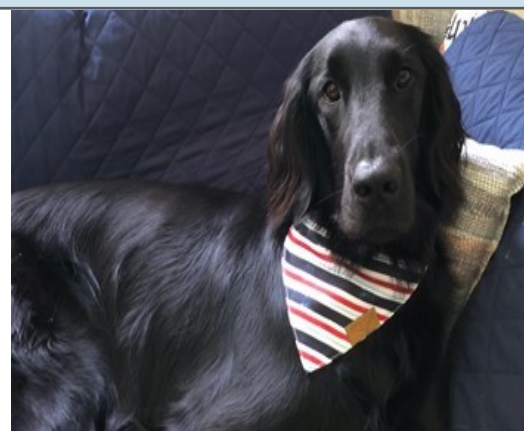
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DELLA...a year later — by Linda Barnes

Hi Everyone! My name is Della and I'm a 3 year old FCR. On July 4, 2019, I was surrendered to the FCRSA Rescue and went to live with my foster Mom and family in Wisconsin. It was a very scary time for me and I had severe separation anxiety. My foster Mom helped me to learn new behaviors and my doctor started me on medication to help me keep my composure. I was finally ready to find a permanent home and on December 6, 2019, I traveled with my foster sister and Mom to meet my new adoptive family. On Saturday, December 7, 2019, I started the first day of the rest of my life. Cont. page 2



Cont. DELLA



As I approach the anniversary of my adoption, I need to reflect back on the last 12 months which have been filled with new and exciting times for me! I am settled in my home with my mom, dad, and brother, a golden retriever about my age. He is a pesty little brother and teases me to play, but he is also my best friend and he lets me boss him around. He has been a big help in reassuring me when I get anxious and has been a role model for my expected behavior.

Some new things that I have done this last year include: swimming and retrieving in the pool (my Mom says I swim like an Olympian), taking road trips in the car (I've been to 6 new states), going out to eat (Panera's patio is my favorite), going to the beach and putting my toes in the ocean, riding in an elevator, shopping at Tractor Supply, and recently, visiting with Santa!!!



The pandemic has forced me to be home schooled but I am smart and learn quickly. Things I am most proud of this year are: staying home alone with my brother while my parents go out, catching and retrieving a frisbee, and starting Nose-work training. My biggest accomplishment is I don't need anti-anxiety medication anymore! My goals for 2021 are: to attend school for Trick class, to bark less at everything, to stop jumping on people, and to not get caught counter surfing!



What I love most about my new life is running around outside all day with my brother and then cuddling on a human's lap in the evening. I am grateful to Linda, Janet and Heather for helping me to find a forever family and realize my potential.

(Della pictured left & above living her BEST life)

WC/WCX/ Test October 25th

FCRSA Working Certificate

On October 24, 2020 at the Curly-coated Retriever Club of America's WC/WCX/WCQ field test held at the Sordoni family's DeCcoverly Kennels in Falls, PA, StormWatch Jet Stream, "Jetta", earned her Working Certificate. This would not have happened without the suppers of many people and trainer Bridget Bodine. Valerie Bernhardt had two dogs qualify. Several of Jennifer Martin's dogs were successful as well. Of the 35 entries, 9 were Flat coated Retrievers, 6 of those qualified. It was a great day watching Flat-coats, Goldens, Labradors and Curly-coats doing what they were breed to do.

Jetta, waiting in the blind, for her turn at the WC test.

Photo by Janet Herrington



Jetta with her WC ribbon

Cont. President's Message

activities and events. Memberships are the foundation of our club and the MAFCRC depends on your continued support.

Finally, I hope that all our members, families and dogs remain safe and healthy and that in 2021 we can see family, friends and each other.

Janet Herrington, President

Virtual Rally Novice
Tests available by Appointment
at
C&S Country K9 Club LTD

Message our FB page or me
directly
Carol Wyatt

ACHIEVEMENTS



"SLIDER" enjoying agility



Agility Ribbons for "BEAU"



"Beau" and Carol for his Rally Excellent title

NEW TITLES

"Slider" Ch. Blazin's Payoff Pitch OA OAJ

We found some semi-outdoor & outdoor agility trials in the area to attend. We certainly did miss all of that! On Halloween, in muddy conditions but a nice, sunny day, Slider got both his Open Standard and Open Jumpers titles and is now known as Ch. Blazin's Payoff Pitch OA OAJ. We look forward to some good times with this youngster as his *sister*, Dazzle, retires from the game. We would also hope you all had a happy holiday season. Stay safe and well.

The Islandflats Crew:

**Terry & Margaret Uminsky Dazzle,
Tripper the Field Spaniel (FC wannabe), and Slider**

"Beau" GCH Stormwatch Beaufort Record Winds CDX OA AXJ, RE TKI CGC

Beau earned his Rally Excellent title at the Somerset Hills KC Trials on Sept 4th.

Beau also earned his AXJ at the York Agility Club Trial at Bella Vista on Nov 12th with 2 first Places! Just 7 weeks after his Splenectomy! After his fractured toe heals we will be back to show!

Carol Wyatt

"Zuri" Wingmaster Vale of Azure

Zuri got her Fast Cat tittle on Sunday, Nov 11th at B & D Creekside in Latrobe. Zuri also recently got her AXJ.

Linda Arble

"Prince" GCHG Argons Purple Rain BN RI CGC TKI

We entered 3 Beginner Novice trails & Prince qualified in each earning his BN title Nov. 12th. We also entered 3 CDSP trials & Prince earned his Starter Novice (SN-C) title Nov. 7th.

Janet & Bob Herrington

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

“Acorn”

Meadowquest Black Oak NA NAJ NF CGC

July 18, 2010 - October 9, 2020

The Baycar bunch is sad to note the passing of the senior member Acorn. Acorn was our big dog in a small package. Born as the last puppy in our Kayla's second litter, Acorn was the smallest of the litter. In hopes he would become a typical sized flattie, Ray named him Black Oak. Acorn had other plans and stayed an Acorn. He never realized his small size earning him the nickname "Little Napoleon." His favorite things were annoying his littermate sisters and Mandy, chasing Quill for whichever ball was Quill's "ball of the day," and meeting everyone working the agility ring. Ray amazingly managed to finish his novice agility titles despite several meet and greets or Acorn just deciding the run was to end before the finish line. I miss Acorn's famous "nut runs" around the yard and simply informing me every day that the sun was rising and it was breakfast time. Rest well you sweet, silly character. I know you are enjoying annoying Sage and Copa plus being reunited with big brother Bow (your idol) across the Bridge.

Lori Baycar along with the flattie bunch



“Acorn” enjoying a “nut run”
(above)

“Haze”

GCH Indulgent Purple Haze

July 27, 2015 – October 23, 2020

Haze was the only male in his litter and became the pup our son took along to his first home. Haze was a working retriever, not in the field but at our office. Haze encouraged all co-workers to play ball with him daily. Haze also instinctively knew when someone needed a visit and would appear to be petted &/or hugged. Haze was NOT a bird dog, fishing was the sport he loved. Fishing from a boat, bank or on the ice was his true passion and he loved living with our son at “his” lake. Our most accomplished conformation dog. Haze finished 2019 as the #10 Owner Handled FCR. At his last show Haze won Best of Breed at the 2020 Maryland Sporting Dog show. Haze only showed twice in 2020 and finished as #19 All Breed FCR and #14 Breed FCR. We only wish we had more time.

Terribly missed by, Michael, Jeff & Vivian Koontz

Haze enjoying the lake
(below)



INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER



Hardy pictured above

And

Lucy pictured below



Vicki Taylor

What made you choose FCRs?

My husband “discovered” the breed on the AKC site. We contacted a breeder, Tina Mohr, and she suggested we go to a dog show and meet some FCRs in person and speak with some breeders and owners before we decide. So, we followed her advice. All the flatcoats we met were so friendly and affectionate. They were a bundle of tail-wagging love and more beautiful in person than any picture. We also felt a strong sense of community with the owners who told us about the challenges and joys of living with a flatcoat - we were hooked!

When did you get started with FCRs?

Our first FCR was Burke. We got him in 2013

Why FCRs?

Beautiful sporting dog with a loving and playful personality

Your most memorable FCR?

Each is truly special. Burke was our first and we lost him at the age of 2 to lymphoma. We got Hardy before Burke died and he helped to heal my broken heart. Lucy was the little girl I always wanted, and she is very sweet, athletic and biddable.

Your most accomplished FCR?

Lucy is the most accomplished. She’s only 2 but she takes well to every sport. I love her drive, enthusiasm, and sweet, loving spirit.

Favorite Memory?

Going to my first field training event and watching Lucy swim out into the pond and bring back a real (dead) duck to me.

Favorite FCR Activity?

Agility! I love working with my dogs in the agility ring.

Favorite judge?

Judy Kovla, agility judge

Cont. INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

Your mentors?

Karen Beaver Wiley – she introduced me to multiple dog sports and dog people and continues to help me with ongoing training challenges. She also helped me to find Lucy. And I am forever thankful for the advice and support of the breeders that entrusted me with their puppies -- Tina Mohr, Hope Meaker, and Adele Yunck.

What attracted you to FCR verses other breeds? Their beauty, size, and Peter pan personality

What advice do have for first time FCR owners? Invest in positive training – group or private lessons. Join your local FCR club, join your local dog club, and expose yourself and your dog to as many different types of activities as you can afford.

Do you have any other breeds/dogs or pets? Not currently. My husband wants a cat but...

Other thoughts or Advice? A day without a flat-coated retriever is like a day without sunshine.

Bio....Little About yourself....Day job, other hobbies, Family etc?

I'm an associate professor of management at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. In addition to playing and training with my pups, I enjoy cooking, reading historical fiction (with a strong female lead), bike riding, puzzling, wine tasting, entertaining, traveling, and spending time with my husband, Paul and two adult children, Stephanie and Lukas.



Vicki Taylor

*Lucy & Hardy
pictured left*

*The Board is
working diligently
to plan many
exciting events.*

*As many of you
know due to
Government health
restrictions many
past events were
cancelled.*

*Our website and
Facebook page are
good sources for the
latest information
regarding all our
events. You may
also to contact any
board member or
event chair with any
questions during
these
unprecedented
times.*

UNITED KENNEL CLUB (UKC) Hunting Retriever CLUB

SUBMITTED BY PEG FORTE

The Hunting Retriever Club primary purpose to be: "...the betterment of Hunting Retrievers as a whole and to influence the breeding and training of a better and finer Hunting Retriever; to provide hunters and Hunting Retrievers a series of actual Hunting tests in a controlled system and furnish an ongoing educational program for the Hunters, for their training, experience, and sporting competition. Further, it is the purpose of this Association to support and protect the inherent rights of its members to own, hunt, bear arms, to promote the breed and type of dog of their choice and promote complimentary conservation and management of game birds and wildlife species commonly pursued by the members of the Hunting Retriever Club."

The HRC is a family-oriented organization offering outdoor fun and fellowship to its participants. Participation by women and children is strongly encouraged and a wholesome atmosphere is maintained at all times. While most HRC members own retrieving breeds, participation in events is open to other versatile hunting dog breeds that can do the work. HRC is affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Kalamazoo, MI, who carries the registry for the HRC. UKC offers 5 coveted titles to the HRC program: Started Hunting Retriever (SHR); Hunting Retriever (HR); Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH); Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH); and Upland Hunter (UH). In keeping with the philosophy of HRC, titles earned are awarded as a prefix to the dogs name on its pedigree as opposed to a suffix to the name.

HRC maintains its common sense, hunting realism in testing Hunting retrievers. There are five ability-based (not age) categories that the dogs may enter in the HRC Tests: Started, Seasoned, Finished, Grand and Upland. Unlike field trials, these are not competitive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place events, but tests where all dogs are judged pass/fail against a "Hunting Standard". These are events that are great fun where everyone can root for the other persons dog and help each other with their training. The tests are directly related to hunting the retriever in the field for waterfowl and upland game. Unlike field trials, the bird throwers and guns in the field are not exposed and dressed in white, but are hidden as in real hunting situations and dressed in appropriate hunting clothing. The Handler must wear camouflaged or other hunting attire.

At least three current MAFCRC members have participated in IUKC Hunting Retriever Tests, Valerie Bernhardt, April Senseney and myself. There are several HR clubs in the PA and NJ area. The Started Hunting Retriever test have relatively short marks, two single marks on land and two single marks in the water, like the AKC Junior tests (whose marks are longer).

The Hunting Retriever Started test is a good place to start. To earn the Started Hunting Retriever title the dog must pass 4 tests. Many of the clubs hold two tests on a weekend so it is possible to earn this title in two weekends. Both the clubs tests that I participated in with Jetta in 2019 were very welcoming. To earn the titles, your dog must be registered with UKC.

You can find information about Hunting Retriever tests on their website at

<http://huntingretrieverclub.org/>

ALL ABOUT CANINE TOE (DIGIT) TUMORS

From Canine Cancer Academy Dr. Lori dec 3/2020

Digital tumors (tumors of the toe or canine digit) tend to be diagnosed only after months of mistreatment with antibiotics when an infection is wrongly suspected. My hope is that after learning the most common signs of digital tumors it will allow you to receive a more timely diagnosis (and better prognosis) if your dog (or a friend's dog) is ever to experience a digital tumor.

The most common signs of digital (toe) tumors

The most common signs in dogs with digital tumors are the presence of a wound, mass +/- lameness (limping/favoring the affected limb). Affected dogs are typically older, with a median (half older and half younger) age of 10 years.

If your dog has a digital mass or an ulcerated toe or nail bed wound that isn't healing, get a biopsy. Many cases of digital cancer go undiagnosed for months while round after round of antibiotics are tried to no avail. *Seventy-three percent of digital tumors are malignant; we want to get an accurate diagnosis as soon as possible.*

Most common types of digital (toe) tumors & affected breeds

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) is the most common digital tumor in dogs followed by malignant melanoma. Other digital tumors include: soft tissue sarcoma, mast cell tumor, osteosarcoma, adenocarcinoma, plasma cell tumors, lymphoma, chondrosarcoma, synovial cell sarcoma. *Basically any type of cancer can affect the digit; benign tumors are also possible. Remember that 73% of digital tumors are malignant (only 27% are benign). A small number of dogs with squamous cell carcinoma (3%) will experience multiple digits affected at the same time. Patients are typically large breed dogs with black skin and haircoat such as standard poodles, black Labradors, giant schnauzers, Gordon setters, and Rottweilers. Dachshunds and flat coat retrievers may also be predisposed to digital SCC. Scottish terriers appear more likely to develop malignant melanoma of the digit than other breeds.

Recommended work-up

Digital tumors can metastasize, so appropriate work-up (staging) is important at the time of diagnosis (before surgery or other treatment). Staging should include: 3-view thoracic radiographs read by a board certified radiologist (chest x-rays), full blood work (CBC, chemistry), urinalysis, aspiration and cytology of the draining lymph node, +/- abdominal ultrasound. In dogs with digital SCC, 8.8% had evidence of metastasis (spread to other organs) at the time of diagnosis and an additional 23.2% developed metastasis at a later time. In dogs with digital malignant melanoma, 28% had metastasis at the time of diagnosis with an additional 38.5% developing metastasis at a later time.

Recommended treatment

If cancer is confined to the toe, surgery is recommended. Surgery typically consists of removing the affected digit ("digit amputation"); sometimes it consists of removing more than one digit in order to remove all cancer cells. And of course, sometimes it's a bit more complicated than this, so it's always a good idea to have an oncologist weigh in on the best treatment for your dog's tumor. Digit amputation (versus just removing skin) is required for malignant digital tumors because in the vast majority of cases of SCC and melanoma, the tumor has invaded the bone of the digit. X-rays (radiographs) are not a sensitive method of ruling out bone involvement; if x-rays don't show bone destruction it doesn't mean that there aren't tumor cells invading bone. Dogs do fine with removal of a digit. In many cases two digits can be removed, and in many cases, this is needed to remove all cancer cells. This is a good scenario to have a board certified oncologist +/- surgeon to weigh in on the best treatment strategy.

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OBEDIENCE MATCH



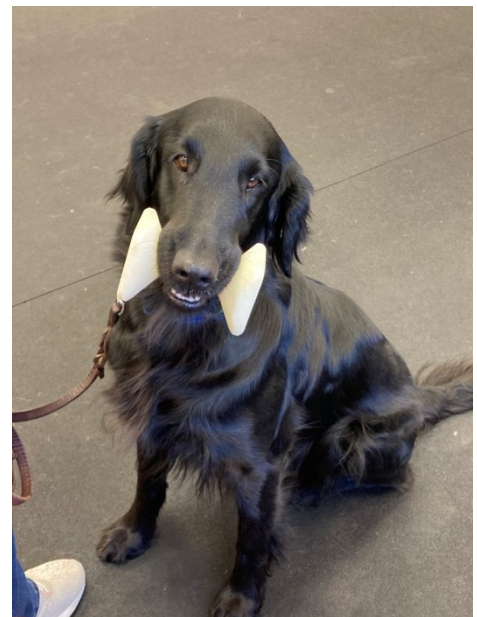
The club held its first All-Breed Obedience Match on Sunday, January 10th at Puppy-Wuppy Dog Training Facility in Hackettstown, NJ. It was a wonderfully socially-distanced event with many wonderful working dogs. We held classes for Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, and Utility. Carol Wyatt judged then Open and Utility classes in the afternoon and I judged novice and beginner novice in the morning. We were able to fill 36 of our 37 spots with many lovely breeds, including 7 flat-coats! All of our exhibitors were wonderful to work with and have many nice things to say about our match. We look forward to holding more matches in the future and we cannot thank our judges, exhibitors, and stewards enough for a great day!

Amanda Sypniewski

A Big Thank You to Our Donors!

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General donations can be made with your membership renewal.
Specific trophy sponsorships are available to honor
the memory of a dog or person.



NOSE WORK ANYONE?

Nose work makes a game out of your dog's favorite activity - sniffing. Nose work asks a dog to locate a hidden cotton swab scented with certain essential oils. Besides being incredibly Fun, the sport has many benefits, and any dog, purebred or mixed breed, is welcome to compete. The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) as well as the AKC hold trials in this sport and you can check out their websites.

We would like to schedule a full day Nose Work Seminar with a Nose work judge. The seminar can accommodate 8 working teams and 10 auditors.

If you would be interested in learning more about this please email carol@wyattmail.com . We hope to hold a seminar in this year.

Carol Wyatt



PUP & PUB WALK



A Pup & Pub Walk was held Oct 11th. Dogs and owners enjoyed the fall foliage & a beautiful day . Attendees gathered for refreshments after the 2 mile hike/walk at the nearby pup friendly pub. We hope to enjoy many more walks like this in 2021. Watch the website and Facebook page for details. We hope you will join us.



TARA—AKC ACE Award for Exemplary Companion

“Tara”

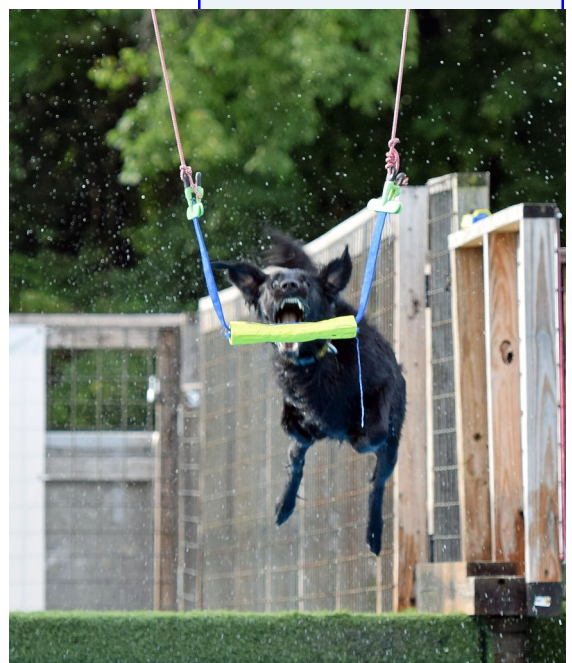
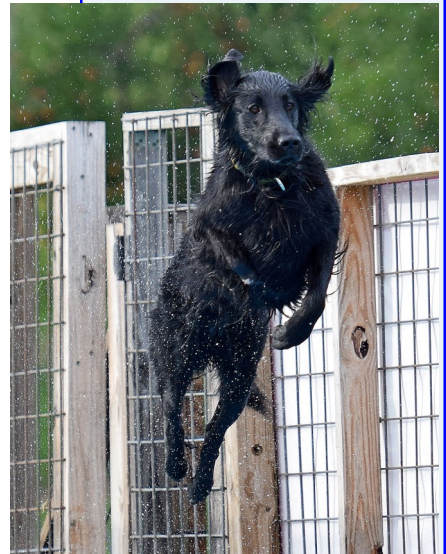
Windy Hill Just the Way You Are
Is the first FCR to
receive an
AKC ACE Award

Big Congratulations to Owner: Mary Pat Corrigan
Breeders: Dr. Robert & Sonja Rickert, Angela Lloyd,
and Leanne Selof

The link to the AKC article is here:

<https://akc.tv/.../ace-episode-1.../autoplay/true/mute/true>

Jeff & I met Tara when she was about 7 weeks old.
A beautiful and spunky pup. Tara and owner Mary Pat are a perfect
match and such an inspirational team. We also watched them compete
in dock diving in the fall of 2019. Team Tara qualified & competed at
the 2019 NADACC National in Orlando.



Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Award Certificate Application for Titles Earned in 2020

Eligibility: MAFCRC Member in good standing

Flat-Coats only

AKC, UKC, CPE, NADAC, NAHRA, CKC, USDAA, Fly Ball, APDT Titles

Application should be made IN WRITING no later than February 1st, 2021 to:

Patty Johnstone
20 August Lane
Wantage, N.J. 07461
Pattyj416@gmail.com

If emailing title information, I will respond within 48 hours.

If you do not hear from me, please resubmit information.

APPLICATION FOR **CERTIFICATE** or **ROSETTE** (please circle one)

ONE SHEET PER DOG, please feel free make photocopies:

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title Earned: _____ Date Finished: _____

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Dog's Registered Name as you would like it to appear; (please print legibly)



MID-ATLANTIC FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB (MAFCRC)
Membership Renewal Form

Please complete and sign this membership form and submit dues by January 31st 2021. Additional donations to support club activities are always appreciated.

Contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Activities that you are currently doing with your flat-coat

Conformation	Agility	Field trials/Hunt tests
NOHS	Dock diving	Fast Cat
Obedience	Nose work	Therapy Dog
Rally	Tracking	Trick Dog
Other		

Activities that you are interested in trying with your flat-coat

Conformation	Agility	Field trials/Hunt tests
Handling	Dock diving	Fast Cat
Obedience	Nose work	Therapy Dog
Rally	Tracking	Trick Dog
Other		

Would you be willing to volunteer to help with club events?	Yes	No
Would you be interested in participating on a committee?	Yes	No
Additional Comments:		

Membership/ Donation	Amount
Individual	25
Family (same address, one vote per household)	35
Junior (under 18)	10
Donation (to support club activities, facility rentals, tent rentals, trainers, equipment rentals, food, etc.)	
Total	
Payment Method	Check Venmo*

Please make check payable to MAFCRC and mail with form by January 31st to:

Bob Herrington
7 Haldiman Lane
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____

*For Venmo, please email form to irishome@embarqmail.com and submit payment to @Janet-Herrington-5

Cont. ALL ABOUT CANINE TOE (DIGIT) TUMORS

If cancer is confined to the toe and a neighboring lymph node, surgery to remove the affected digit and affected lymph node is recommended. In these cases, since cancer has metastasized (spread), systemic treatment is needed after surgery to help slow the spread of cancer (to other lymph nodes and organs). In the case of SCC systemic treatment consists of chemotherapy (ex. carboplatin). In the case of melanoma systemic treatment normally consists of the melanoma vaccine, but some oncologists prefer chemotherapy.

Prognosis

Prognosis (how long a dog will live) depends on the (1) type of tumor (2) treatment pursued (3) success of treatment pursued (4) characteristics of the specific type of tumor (when the pathologist evaluates the tumor, do they see evidence of tumor cells in blood vessels or lymphatics, do they see many "mitotic figures", etc., (5) if metastasis occurred.

It seems that dogs with SCC arising from the nail bed (this is called "subungual") will live significantly longer than SCC arising from other parts of the digit. Studies have shown that 95% of dogs with subungual SCC will be alive 1-year after diagnosis and 74% will be alive 2-years after diagnosis (if treated with surgery, provided no metastasis at diagnosis).

If the SCC arises from a different part of the digit, 60% will be alive 1-year after diagnosis and 40% will be alive 2 years after diagnosis (if treated with surgery, provided no metastasis at diagnosis). One-year survival rates for dogs with malignant melanoma range from 42-57%, and 2-year survival rates range from 13-36%. Again, these are for patients that are treated with surgery that do not have any evidence of metastasis at diagnosis.

In my experience, dogs with malignant melanoma of the digit that have lymph node metastasis will only live a few months, even if treated with surgery and the melanoma vaccine. A study showed that dogs with malignant melanoma treated with the melanoma vaccine and surgery did have a longer survival than dogs without the vaccine.

The melanoma vaccine can be a good option for dogs with digital melanoma (and melanoma in other locations). It is given only by oncologists. One vaccine is given every other week for four treatments, then every six months thereafter. We typically administer the vaccine in the inner thigh. The vaccine is very well tolerated. We typically have clients monitor the injection site for redness for the first few days after injection. I've never had a patient feel "unwell" after the vaccine, as is typical for traditional vaccines.

****It's important to know that the vaccine is only meant to work in a "microscopic disease" setting. This means that the vaccine is meant to be used after surgery to help kill microscopic cancer cells that are expected to exist in blood vessels and lymphatics. The vaccine should not be used in place of surgery.**

Summary

If your dog develops lameness, check his feet and toenails for abnormalities. If he develops a wound on any of his digits, you can try a short course of antibiotics, but if there isn't improvement after 7 days of antibiotics (plus an e-collar to prevent licking), get a biopsy. There are always more treatment options and a better prognosis if a tumor is detected early.

Have questions about this article? Reach out!

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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.