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Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

President's Message

I hope that you and your FCRs are enjoying the cooler weather. Summer is over and I am thrilled to say our club had a couple of very successful events. We had our first Dock Diving event in August and all the dogs and owners had a fantastic time. I am convinced that everyone would have come back the next day to do it all over again. In September, we held a Rally Fun Match and Club Meeting at Carol Wyatt's gorgeous facility. Congratulations to Linda Arble who won the basket with a lot of goodies and Mary Jane Koren for winning a free grooming donated by Lauren Lang. Please be sure to read the articles about these two events. Go to our website, MAFCRC.org, to see some great pictures. For those in conformation, there haven't been many shows in our region, but it was nice to see some of the members and their FCRs at the Bloomsburg shows.

Thank you to everyone that filled out the questionnaire, you can find a few of the fun tidbits about our MAFCRs and learn just how spoiled they are in this newsletter.

We hope that you can attend some of our fall events, a FCR walk, an Obedience Fun Match and some field drill days. We are already in the planning stages for MAFCRC events for 2021. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

Best wishes for happy and safe holidays for you and your flat-coats.

Janet Herrington, President

DOCK DIVING—Submitted by Andy Abramowitz

Dock Diving on a beautiful summer day with lots of Flat-Coats and friends, that was the plan for August 8, 2020 and OMG guess what??? It actually happened!!!

Seventeen Flat-Coats and 22 MAFCRC members all met at Splash-town K9 in Warwick, New York, bright and early in the morning. The remnants of a tropical storm had passed through the area and we were still in the midst of COVID-19 but we were determined to pull off our first Dock Diving Event.



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Cont. DOCK DIVING



The dogs were broken down into groups based on dock diving and swimming experience, ranging from dogs that had done dock diving, to dogs that had never been in a pool and everything in between. Ginny the owner of Splashtown K9, provided a brief but very informative overview of her facility, how dock diving works and provided some interesting information about competing in the sport. Dogs that had dock diving experience were first.



It was thrilling to see Patty and Joe Johnstone's Tonka, act like Superdog as he flew into the air and hit the water.

(Tonka & Patty pictured top left & Tonka photo to right)



Peg Forte's Jetta was equally skilled at diving and on several different jumps reached the intermediate distance level.

(Jetta & Peg pictured in photo to left in center)



Pat Wolkin's Marty who is an avid swimmer took to the air after a bit a bit of coaxing and really started to get the hang of diving.

(Marty & Pat pictured to right)

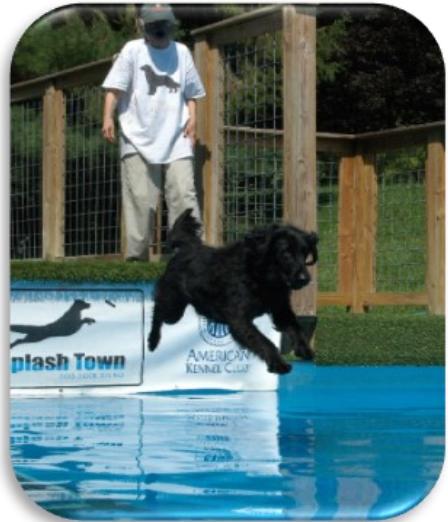


Several dogs had swimming experience but had no diving experience. Ginny got into the pool and worked with the dogs owner and used a bumper or toy to try and get the dog to jump or simply swim around for the first time.

(Nikki Biernat learning to swim to left)

Cont. DOCK DIVING

My dog Peeve had never been in a pool before and Ginny patiently worked with him to get him in the water and swim. Ginny's comment was, "He can swim but he just doesn't know he can, yet." *(Peeve & Andy pictured right)*



Michele Lang who owns Willow told me " Willow is afraid of the water, I think it will be a waste for us to go to the event." I am pleased to share that not only does Willow love the water but she is now taking private lessons at Splashtown K9 and is signed up for her first dock diving competition.

GO WILLOW!!!!



It was really great to see so many of our dogs and owners having fun! Based on the wonderful success and all the fun we had, we definitely will go back next year!!



For more dock diving pictures, including pictures from Stacie Rakowsky please go to the the club's website MAFCRC.org.



ACHIEVEMENTS



"Reba" at the Rally Fun Match



Grand Champion "Luna"



"Timber" Rally Advanced

NEW TITLES

"Tonka" Heirborn Cloud Chaser DN, TKN,

my son's FCR and I earned his Tricks

Novice Title virtually in August!

Patty Johnstone

"Reba" " Valley Crest One Day At A Time CGC,

TKN, RN, TDI, ACT1, and I earned her

ACT1 agility title on Sept 12th at Golden

Rule School for Dogs **Patty Johnstone**

"Luna" GCH Char-Will's Lovegood of Ravenclaw

BN RN finished her Grand Championship

at Lackawanna KC in Bloomsburg.

Ida Rakowsky

"Timber" CH Char-Will's I'm Yelling Timber CD

BN RA CGC TKN earned 2 qualifying legs
and a Rally Advanced title for at Dauphin
Dog training. **Ida Rakowsky**

"Spirit" Indulgent Spirit of the Dance, OA, NJ, NF

Finished her Novice Jumpers in and Open
Standard agility titles

Jeff & Viv Koontz

"Willow" got her DN this weekend. She hated
water until we went to the club dock diving event
in July. She wound up loving it and competed this
weekend for the first time and voila- she has Add
ed two more letters to her resume.

Michele & Lauren Lang

2020 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin
Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL
December 12 & 13, 2020

The 2020 event will showcase the top national and
international canine athletes and will also include
popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-
Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-
Handled Series Finals, the AKC Royal Canin Nation-
al All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes and the

NADD/AKC Dock Diving National Championship.
The show will once again take place alongside the
AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Obedience Classic,
with junior events in each sport.



VETERAN BIRTHDAYS

"Quill" Indulgent India Ink RA CGC turns 9 on October 23rd

Quill is a happy go lucky boy who lives to play ball. There can never be too many balls around to meet his desire for just one more toss before we head back inside. His body wiggles with happiness all the time and he enjoys spending his days running amok with Acorn and Mandy. He and Ray tried agility trials, but they were just too boring for Quill. Now if they had allowed him to carry a ball during a run-Quill might have approved of the trial idea.

Special thanks to Vivian and Jeff Koontz for entrusting this character to Ray and I. We also wish a Happy Birthday to all of his littermates who are still with their owners. Special greetings to sister Stella(the Koontz's) and brother Coal (Christine Haarvig-Taylor).

Lori and the Baycar bunch

Indulgent Litter turns 9!

Our first litter turns 9 yrs old October 23rd & all 9 pups are doing well. We would like to wish the Cooper x Indie Pups: Quill (Baycar), Coal (Taylor), Layla (Luderer), Savannah (Pasternack), Macy (Moyer), Cocoa (Gex), Imeh (Simbeck) Lyra (Gensamer—living in Australia) and our Stella a very Happy Birthday! Many thanks to their wonderful homes and families. Fingers crossed for many more years!



Jeff & Viv Koontz

Jeff with Momma Indie, Viv with Stella, Ray, & Quill, Christine Taylor with Coal (pictured right Trenton 2012)

Stella table dancing after a swim this summer (pictured right)



"Quill" with Ray on his 7th birthday!
(above)



"Quill" pictured above with Ray & Viv on his gotcha day. (above)



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



"TRITON"
MACH Rainbow Spring Reigns
VCD2 UD RA JH MXB MJB
MXF NAP SCN SIN SEN CGC
WCX HOF

On July 9, 2020 a piece of my heart died. I lost my beloved Triton. He chose me 13 years ago at 3 weeks of age and I will never regret it. I will always miss his happy demeanor and the smile on his face when he greeted me or thought he was naughty. Forever in my heart and all my love.

Lauren Weidner



Triton above—Baby Triton to Right



In loving memory of "Bow"
Meadowquest Teakwood Bow RE MX MXJ AXP MJP XF
XFP CGC
April 26, 2008 - July 13, 2020



Sadly the flattie bunch and I announce the passing of Bow. Bow did not pass from cancer, but had lived with geriatric onset laryngeal paralysis polyneuropathy for the past 6 months. Despite legs not working quite properly, Bow lived and enjoyed each day with gusto. He did weave poles in the backyard. His last "agility run" at school was in January-complete with jumping" 8" bars, weave poles and tunnels. Bow was thrilled with himself. He loved cooling off in his pools on the hot summer days.

Bow was a great pack leader and did a great job preparing half brother Acorn to take over as pack leader. I know that Bow and Ray are happy to be back together as a team across the Rainbow Bridge. Rest well "jump, jump Bowie." But I have no doubt there are nonstop weave poles going on across the Bridge.



*Bow enjoying agility with his family
three photos above left*

**Sadly missed by Lori Baycar
along with Acorn, Quill, Chance,
Clutch, Mandy & Timon**

INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

Lori Baycar

What made you choose FCRs? I chose FCR's because I wanted a dog who liked to be active and enjoyed really being connected with its owner. I first saw an FCR while watching an obedience match. The dog was Benjamin, owned and handled by Elizabeth Montgomery. Elizabeth took the time to talk with me and told me that Valerie Bernhardt was a breeder in Milford, PA. At the time, I had a mixed lab/husky, who had some features like a feathered coat that showed some similarities to an FCR. I had just done my first obedience class with the mixed breed and had enjoyed the class.

When did you get started with FCRs? I have been in the breed for 32 years. My first FCR, Koel (CH Meadowrue's Midnight Koel CD) was born Memorial Day, May 30, 1988. Little did I know how much that Memorial Day boy was going to change my life.

Why FCRs? Why FCR's-their versatility, silly side, loyalty(unless someone else has food), appearance. To me, they are everything I want in a dog.

Your most memorable FCR - This is tough to answer. I find each one I have owned has something special that is my favorite part of them. Some of those things are silly traits. For example, Copa (Meadowquest Copacabana CGC) -was Tapper's pet. She stayed with us because Tapper, at 4 months old, adopted her as his puppy while she was in the whelping box and greeted her daily with a hug from his long growing legs. Copa did a perfect recall any time I said the words "At the Copa" for the Barry Manilow song she was named for-and she really just needed to hear "at" to start the recall. It's so many great memories thinking about each of my fury souls that I have had as part of my life.

But when I really think of it- most memorable- I have to give to Breeze (CH Quillquest Harbor Haze RE CD CGC) and Sam (Quillquest Hobbiton Hill RE CD CGC) for bringing Ray and I together.

*Ray with Sam
& Lori with Breeze at
Westminster 2005.
pictured below*



*Wedding attendees:
Valerie Bernhardt with
Anne (littermate to
Sam & Breeze), Mollie
Heide with new Baycar
puppy Kayla, Gillian
Impey with Ubi
(Breeze & Sam's Dam),
Jane Brumley with Bo-
gey, and Christel Crain
with "original" Chance*

Cont. INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER



Tapper with son Clutch Spice (Clutch's Dam)

Your most accomplished FCR -I am giving that a two way tie. Tapper (Am GCH Am/Can CH Butterblac Time Step Am/ Can RN NA OAJ NAP NJP NF NFP CGC Can CGN- April 9, 2010-November 11, 2019)-his titles give it away. I had the pleasure of owner handling him to his titles, including WD/BOW at the 2015 Canadian National Specialty to finish his Can CH. But he also introduced me to new friends across the border, traveling to Canada and just allowing me to grow more as a person just like Koel did.



Bow's Master Standard Title above
Tyler & niece Hallie's wedding below

The other is Bow (Meadowquest Teakwood Bow RE MX MXJ AXP MJP CGC- April 26, 2008- July 13, 2020). Bow was bred by Ray and I in our

Kayla's first litter in 2008. I am naming Bow to honor Ray really and the work he did with Bow. Ray put the RE on Bow before age 2 and also did all of the agility titles below Master's level. I did the majority of the Master's Q's due to the need for speed that Ray struggled with. Being Ray's "legs" for those titles are very memorable and I really wanted those titles for Bow so Ray's hard work could be recognized. Bow ran the Westminster Champions Agility Trial in 2017.

I lost all three -Tapper, then Ray and Bow since November 2019. It's been some bunch of months!

Favorite FCR Activity: Agility. I love the teamwork it creates and the confidence it builds in the dog. Just seeing them "smile" as they compete is the absolute best thing to see.

Favorite Memory: Hands down Ray and my wedding at the 2003 Specialty with a bunch of flatties as wedding attendants and the FCR human family present.

Your Mentors: Valerie Bernhardt, Gillian Impey, Doug Windsor. I love to listen to them talk about the breed. The history of the breed, famous dogs, etc-it is awe inspiring.

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Results from Members that Responded to the Questionnaire

- Approximately 85% of the respondents own black FCRs, 6 % Liver and 9 % both.
- 32% are breeders.
- 84% allow their FCR on the couch.
- 75% sleep in bed with their owners.
- 83% buy birthday presents for their FCRs.
- 96% of our FCRs like to swim.
- 68% watch TV.
- 82% get to go on vacation with their owners.
- Most dog beds? Eight.
- 53% of you leave the radio or TV on when not home.
- Eight responding members have owned flat coats for more than 30 years, one member for 55 years!
- Favorite toy? Tennis balls, bumpers and anything that squeaks.
- Favorite food? Hot dogs, cheese and the number one response was **anything!**
- Quite a few members have owned double digit FCRs, over 30 dogs! Quite a few responses had FCRs over 13 years of age and the eldest was 15 years of age!
- 35% of our FCRs have more than 5 collars. The most collars was 30!
- 72% have pet insurance.
- What was the favorite activity of MAFCRs? Retrieving! Our FCs like to chase critters (squirrels, bunnies and chipmunks), swim, go for walks, and just enjoy being with their owners.

Thank you again for participating in our questionnaire!

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to order while supplies last!



Match/Meeting Photos



Pat Wolkin & Marty (left)
Patty Johnstone, Peg Forte with Jetta
and Bob Herrington (above)
Jim, Linda Arble & Carol Wyatt (right)

Cont. INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

Favorite Judge: I really don't have a favorite judge. I think what I really like is seeing foreign judges to get the sense of what they think about dogs here in the USA.

What attracted you to FCR verses other breeds?

I like the bond FCBS have with their owners and their versatility.

Advice to First Time Owners: Have fun and enjoy each day. Learn to laugh-because one day they will do something to show the FCR silly side.

Do you have any other breeds/dogs or pets? No other pets at this time. I always had a dog in my life since being born. My family did have a few cats in my high school years.

Little About yourself: Retired Oncology RN after 35 years of experience. I enjoyed my career. I met so many special people during that time. It was great to see strides made in cancer care. I don't miss the daily grind of nursing at this point. But I was really grateful for my experience during Ray's illness. Hobbies-reading, going to the movies when Covid 19 doesn't stop it, my dog training classes, tap dancing (have been doing it since age 7) and currently re-evaluating possible new things in life. Family-I have a brother and sister-in-law close by. My brother is only 18 months younger than I am so we were almost twin like growing up. The closeness remains especially since our older sister passed away in 2016. I have an adult nephew and his family, including a 3 yr old boy. Plus I have two young adult nieces. One is in the work world and the youngest a 2020 high school graduate getting ready to start college. **Lori Baycar**

Thank you!

The Rally Fun Match and Club Meeting required a lot of members to make it successful - just to name a few:

Carol Wyatt for the use of her facility, the decorations, and refreshments.

Patty Johnstone and Mary Jane Koren did a great job putting the beautiful baskets together. Thank you Gail Young, Mary Jane and Patty for donations that made for a very heavy basket full of wonderful goodies.

Lauren Lang, thank you for donating your time to groom a FCR.

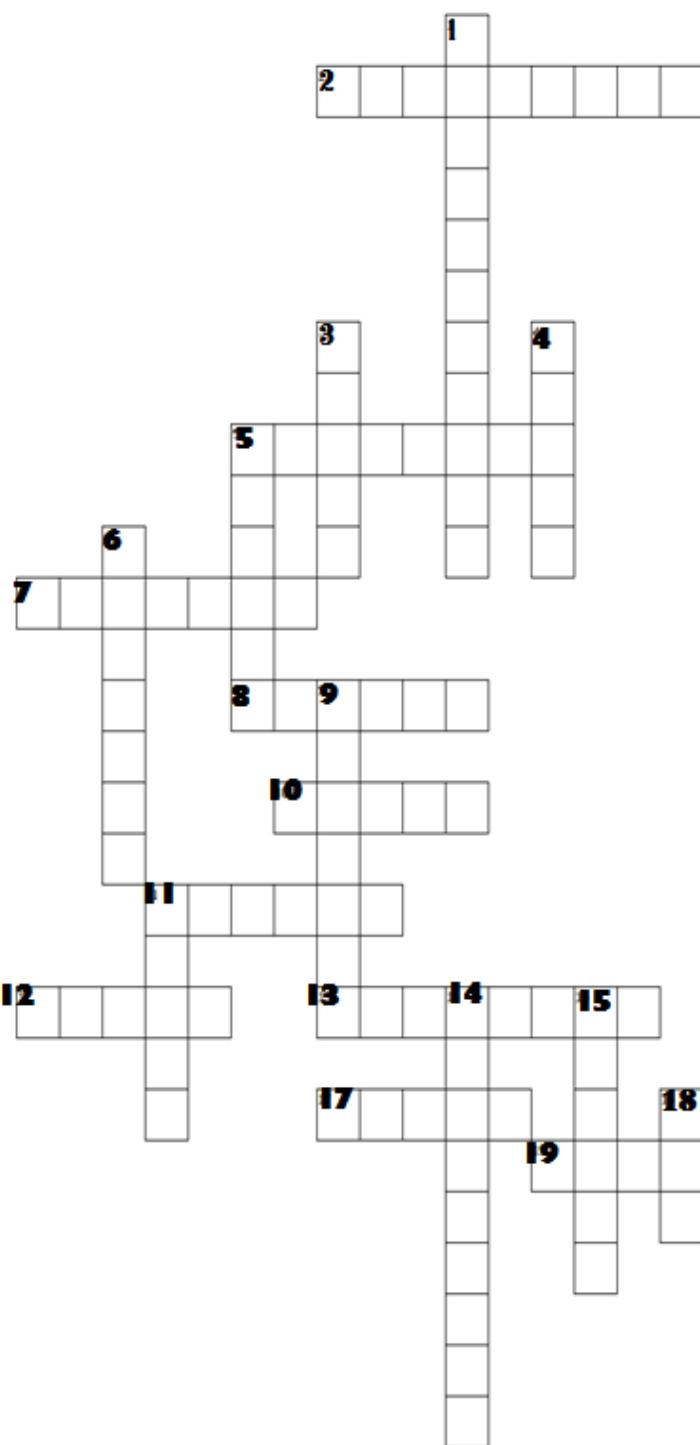
Amanda Sypniewksi, her mother and grandmother for making FCR masks.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that came.

The shopping and sale season is rapidly approaching; please remember that MAFCRC is always looking for new items for our raffle baskets. Contact Patty Johnstone or Mary Jane Koren if you have some items to donate for future baskets.

CROSSWORD

Rally and Obedience



Across

2. Term for when points are taken away
5. A dog is so close to handler that he interferes with freedom of motion
7. The dog must select and retrieve an _____ that has been handled by its handler
8. To come when called
10. Finishes must be prompt and _____
11. Non-verbal direction
12. Dog moving ahead of handler
13. Object thrown over high jump
17. A turn in place
19. The dog goes from a position in front to the heel position
20. To fetch

Down

1. A type of penalty
3. Location close enough that the handler can touch the dog's head
4. Side the signs are placed
5. This item cannot have tags hanging off it
6. _____ B Class is for dogs that have won the CDX or UD title
9. Verbal order from handler to dog
11. The course consists of 10 to 20 _____ that instruct the team what to do
14. _____ consists of four white telescoping hurdles
15. The appearance of having a reward to tempt the dog
16. The highest point of the dog's shoulder
18. The dog has its rear and/or hocks on the ground

MAFCRC FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER PUP and PUB WALK



Sunday October 11th
Paulinskill Trail and Angry Erik Brewing
Meet in the parking lot of Angry Erik Brewing at Noon



Meet other Flat-Coated Retrievers and their owners from our region. Enjoy a self-paced social walk; an easy out and back walk along the Paulinskill Trail. The walk will begin and end at Angry Erik Brewing located at 2 Camre Driver, Hampton Twp., NJ 07860.

All walks are free. If you own another dog or a dog other than a flat coat, they are welcome to join.

After the walk stay and enjoy a beer. If you don't go on the walk, you can still meet us with your FCR around 1:00. MAFCRC reserved a few picnic tables under the canopy. Bring your own lunch, snacks, and water. You can order chips, beer or take out from area restaurants that deliver.

RSVP to Janet Herrington at irishome@embargmail.com or text 908-878-6349

RALLY FUN MATCH & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, September 13TH was a beautiful day for a rally match and meeting. Sara Jacobs was our rally match judge. While she was judging the excellent through intermediate in the building, Carol Wyatt instructed the newbies in the outside field on a novice course. We then had an AKC virtual rally course set up for intermediate and novice and several of our club members were videoed. They can send it into the AKC for certification of their first leg.

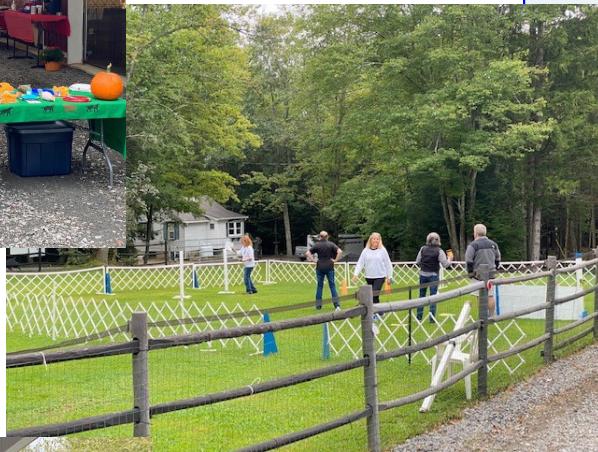
We had delicious snack food, two beautiful raffle baskets donated items from our club members, and a general fun day for all. Some of the dogs played on the agility field, some went for a walk to the stream. It was just a lovely fun day!
Thanks to all who contributed and attended.

Carol Wyatt



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

**Message
our FB page
or me
directly
Carol Wyatt**



To see more
Rally Fun Match
and Meeting
photos go to
MAFCRC.org



MAFCRC EVENTS

Oct
11

FLAT COAT WALK- PUP and PUB

Meet at Angry Erik Brewing Hampton Twp, NJ

Trailhead is behind brewery

Bring your lunch and stop with your pup after the walk
for a beer

Oct 24

WC/WCX TEST

DeCoverly Kennels Falls, PA

Judges: Tom Lehr / Megan Baker

Register at www.entryexpress.net

Oct
25

OBEDIENCE FUN MATCH Details coming soon

Puppy-Wuppy

Hackettstown, New Jersey

Nov 28

FIELD DRILL TRAINING DAY Details coming soon

Trainer: Valerie Bernhardt

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Spring Newsletter

Deadline—March 15th
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Summer Newsletter

Deadline—June 15th
Publication—July

Fall Newsletter

Deadline—September 15th
Publication—October

Winter Newsletter

Deadline— December 15th
Publication—January

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.

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