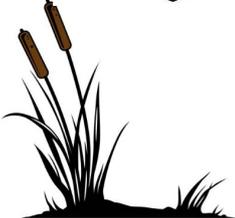




# NSLRC RETRIEVER REVIEW

NSLRC of MN Newsletter, Spring, 2023

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS	IN THIS ISSUE	OUR MISSION STATEMENT
<p><b>President:</b> Denise Babcock</p> <p><b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Ruth Lubahn</p> <p><b>Board of Directors</b> Kathy Benson-Storarr Deb Leimbek Deb Wolden</p> <p><b>Contact Us:</b></p> <p>Please visit our website for current contact information. Thank you!</p> <p><a href="#">Visit our website here.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Visit our Facebook page</a></p> <p><b>Meeting Info:</b> The <a href="#">NSLRC of MN</a> board meets the second Wednesday of each month. Members are welcome to join online and observe meetings via Zoom. Please email to request a meeting link.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Quick Window into Rally Obedience</b> <i>By Kathy Benson</i></li> <li>• <b>Summer Safety Tips</b></li> <li>• <b>Upcoming Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <b>2023 NSLRC Summer Specialty Shows (New Venue!)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> <b>NSLRC 2-Day Specialty</b></li> <li>• Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> <b>Anoka/Cambridge All-Breed Shows</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>◇ Our 2-day specialty is being held in conjunction with the <b>Anoka Cambridge Dog Shows</b></li> <li>◇ Entries close Closing 06/07/2023 @ 12:00 pm Eastern Time. <a href="#">Visit onofrio.com to enter.</a></li> <li>◇ <b>2023 NSLRC November Specialty Show (New Venue! More info coming soon!)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Member News:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <b>It's Renewal Time! Dues are due!</b> Please "due" (do!) continue to support our club!</li> <li><b>Not a member?</b> Please complete an <a href="#">application</a>. We'd love to get to know you!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>FYI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <b>Greater MN Hunt Test Association 2023 Season Schedule:</b> <a href="https://www.gmhta.org/events">https://www.gmhta.org/events</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> 	<p><b>The North Star Labrador Retriever Club of Minnesota</b> was established to support Labrador Retrievers, those who love and respect the breed, and breeders who practice and promote quality breeding and performance of the purebred Labrador Retriever. Additionally, the Club strives to support Labrador Retriever Fanciers that wish to pursue a life with these amazing, multi-purpose working retrievers.</p> <p>We are a non-profit organization that gives support to those who wish to show in breed, obedience, rally obedience, agility, field work, and many other activities which the Labrador Retriever and their owners will enjoy.</p> <p>We support those breeders and owners of Labrador Retrievers, most importantly providing them with health and wellness information and opportunities to participate in our specialties, health clinic, and social activities.</p>

## A Quick Window into Rally Obedience

*Written by Kathy Benson*

If you are interested in doing something new and valuable with your dog AKC Rally (one of the newer American Kennel Club Sports) might be what you're looking for! It is open to ALL dogs of any age and they do not need to be a purebred or registered with AKC. Whether you want to compete or just learn and train your puppy or dog it is a great way to develop teamwork between the two of you! It will also help with your dog's obedience skills at home and in public. One word people use to describe Rally is FUN!

Rally is about navigating a course with your dog side-by-side, at your own brisk pace and it emphasizes the positive interaction and close bond between your dog and you. The course consists of signs where you and your dog perform different exercises. These courses are designed by the Rally judge and there are 10 -20 signs per course depending on the course level.

Rally levels are Novice or Beginner, Advanced or Open, and Excellent or Masters level. As dogs move up the levels jumps may be required and they will be required to work off-leash. To earn a title in each of the levels it takes three qualifying scores. There are Stationary and Moving Exercises and there are Cone Exercises.

As it is difficult to describe Rally without pictures or videos this short video below will give you a better idea of what Rally "looks like". If you are interested in learning more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VfrhZilksY>



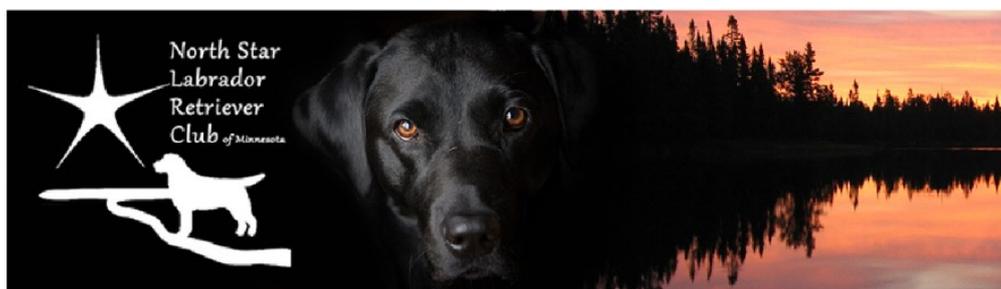
You may also wish to go to AKC to learn more about Rally and how to get started in AKC Rally Events:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/>

## IT'S SHOW TIME!

The Summer 2023 NSLRC 2-Day Specialty will be held  
Thursday, June 22nd and Friday, June 23rd  
along with the 4-day Anoka Cambridge Summer Solstice All-Breed Shows

### **NEW DATE AND NEW LOCATION FOR 2023**



Two Labrador Specialties, Thursday June 22 and Friday June 23  
with Anoka/Cambridge Summer Solstice All Breed Show

Concurrent Specialty #1 and 4-6 Month Puppy. Judge: Dr. Michael Woods  
Concurrent Specialty #2. Judge: Katie Somers (Somersun),  
Sweepstakes: Ms Stacey Svatora Sellers (Briarwood)

6 shows in 4 days - Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge MN



## Anoka Cambridge Four-Day June Summer Solstice Cluster

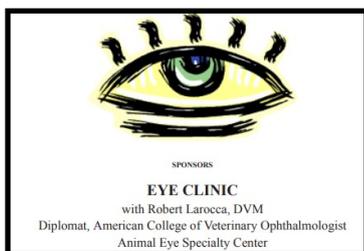
[Show Website](#)

### Four Great Days at One Location

- AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES • ALL FOUR
  - DAYS BEST PUPPY COMPETITION - THURSDAY
    - PEE WEE COMPETITION - FRIDAY

ISANTI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 3101 NE Highway 95, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008

### ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS and EVENTS



#### Health Clinics:

- ⇒ OFA Eye
- ⇒ OFA Patella
- ⇒ OFA Thyroid

#### Additional Onsite Veterinary Services:

- ⇒ Semen Collection & Freeze
- ⇒ DNA Testing (please fast)

#### Fun Events:

- Pee Wee Special Attraction
- Junior Handler Clinic with Professionals
- Dock Diving
- UpDog
- AKC FastCAT
- Rally Obedience Trial
- Barn hunt seminars, fun test, and trials during the entire 4 day cluster
- Raffle and Dinner to Benefit The Modiano Lab at the University of MN Animal Cancer Care and Research Program
- Food, fun, and friends!

#### Additional Breed Specialties

- ⇒ DACHSHUNDS
- ⇒ BOXERS
- ⇒ GORDON SETTERS
- ⇒ GERMAN WIRE HAired POINTERS
- ⇒ BRITTANY SPANIELS
- ⇒ CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIELS
- ⇒ DOBERMAN PINSCHERS
- ⇒ POODLES
- ⇒ MINIATURE PINSCHERS

**SPECIAL ATTRACTION**

## NADD Summer Solstice

*North & Central*  
NORTH AMERICA  
DIVING DOGS



Dock diving is a fast-growing sport that is fun for dogs of all breeds and sizes. Titles are eligible for the AKC Title Recognition Program. Join the fun and excitement at this event and compete with your dogs for your titles or take the opportunity to try out the sport assisted by our experienced trainers.

**NADD Summer Solstice**  
**Qualifier for Regional Championships**  
Isanti County Fairgrounds, 3101 MN-95, Cambridge, MN

**June 22-25, 2023**  
For schedule and preregistration visit  
[northamericadivingdogs.com](http://northamericadivingdogs.com)

**Splashes** (\$30) include up to 3 minutes on the dock for 1 optional practice jump and 2 judged jumps. The jump order is first-come/first-serve. When you are ready to jump during the day, turn in your card at the jump order board (any time up to 2 hours before splash end time) to hold your place in line.

**Try-its** will be allowed as space and time permit. Try-its cost \$10 for two tickets and each dog will be given 3 minutes on the dock.

[LINK TO SHOW PREMIUM](#)

## Canine Summer Safety Tips

### Health Tips

We may know our canine companions better than anyone else, but it is important to remember most of us are not medical professionals. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. It is important to keep the following information in mind with the arrival of summer:



Have your dog's vaccinations updated if necessary. Diseases such as rabies, distemper and parvo are ever-present dangers and necessary precautions should be taken.

Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.

Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.

Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.

Most lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.

The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.

No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.

### General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.

Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.

Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water.

All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.

Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.

Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

## Beach Tips

Taking your dog to the beach can be a great way to spend a beautiful summer day. However, as a responsible dog owner there are certain precautions you should take:

Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.

Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.

Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions — dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.

If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.

Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water.

Not all beaches permit dogs. Check local ordinances before you begin your excursion to the beach.

## Does Your Doggy Paddle?

The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But dogs entering the water for the first time should be tested. Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim:

Never throw your dog into the water.

Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy — but always keep your dog within reach.

Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.

If your dog begins to doggy-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.

Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly.

Be careful of strong tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.

Never leave your dog unattended! You should always be in a position to help him get out of the water.



## NORTH STAR LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

List on web page

Member's (& Co-member's) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Mbr Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the club email list:      **Email1**      **Email 2**  
 Labrador Retriever Club, Inc Member?      **Yes**      **No**  
 Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association Member?      **Yes**      **No**

**Please indicate committees or activities with which you would be willing to assist:**

<p>member/co-member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Show</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Stewarding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Field (WC/WCX)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Trophies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CGC</p>	<p>member/co-member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fun days</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Match Show</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Tests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Historian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Library</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Programs/Education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality</p>	<p>member/co-member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Judging (fun match/sweeps)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Clinic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Awards</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Judges' selection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Banquet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
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Additional Information You Care to Share? Anything that has changed In the last year? Occupation? Kennel name? Judging license? Memberships? Areas of competition? Etc?

By signing this application, I hereby agree to abide by the by-laws of North Star Labrador Retriever Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club and to receiving notifications of club meetings, board meetings, minutes, newsletters, etc via email. This authorization releases the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Member Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Co-Member Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

*New Member's Please Have Your Sponsors (can be found at meetings or events) Sign Below*

\_\_\_\_\_ (Sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_ (Sponsor)

Please submit with Membership Dues (**Family \$25; Individual \$20, Supporting(non-voting) \$10, Junior(non-voting) \$5**) to: **Ruth Lubahn, PO Box 427, Pine Island, MN 55963-1427**