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Deadline for next issue:

September 30, 2014

Greetings from the Editors of the Bollettino. We hope you like the new look of our newsletter. With the vote to approve the new name of our club, a new logo was created to represent our name.

The club was started in early 2005 with a small group of dedicated Lagotto lovers. We began with a Founding Board of Directors that included Judith Martin as President, Bob Zimmel as Vice President, Scott Carver as Treasurer, Mel Sykes as Secretary and Lisa Erdekian (who donated her website for our online presence), Ken Weiss and Therese Williams as Directors. We opened up to new members and you can find the names of our Charter Members on our website at [www.lagottous.com](http://www.lagottous.com). In the following years, the newer Officers and Board, along with hard working Committee Members have brought us up to where we are now. In the following pages you will see how that journey has resulted in the realization of how the dream of 2005 is now coming true.

There is so much news to share with you and you will find a lot of good information in our pages. You will find summer photos. Look for our contest at the back of the issue where there will be a "test" with a prize for the winner.  Judith Martin - Editor

## ***President's Letter - Adrienne Perry***

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer with lots of water sports for their water dogs! The big news that we have to share with you all is that at the June 2014 AKC board meeting, our breed was advanced to full recognition beginning in one year! (July 2015). So everyone that enjoys watching dog shows on television will soon be able to cheer for the Lagotto in the Sporting Group—Westminster 2016! So many club members were involved in this project over the last several years, from that first exciting time when we were asked to apply to be recognized as the AKC Parent Club, formatting the Italian Standard, presenting breed seminars and EVERYONE of you who has participated in dog shows, obedience trials, tracking events and

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## **Considering Breeding... ?**

***If you are thinking of breeding your Lagotto, you need to consider the following:***

***1. Does your Lagotto have a good temperament?***

***2. Is he/she a good representative of the breed type and conformation?***

***3. Have you reviewed the agreement (if any) with your breeder to determine if your puppy was sold with a “restricted from breeding” clause?***


***4. Have you checked your AKC FSS papers to see if your dog has a limited (from breeding) registration?***

***5. Have you reviewed the LCA Code Ethics to be sure that you are in compliance with the rules pertaining to breeding a litter and placing puppies?***

***Note: be sure to read the new mandatory requirements on LSD testing to make sure you are in compliance with future breedings.***

agility trials or recorded therapy dog hours. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!! So what's next? A busy year of readying our materials for judge's education, presenting seminars hosting another Open Show—at Eukanuba this year!—and of course our ongoing efforts with Meet the Breed activities to give potential owners the treat of meeting the adorable little truffle dogs in person. Starting out with our dues reminder notices after the first of the years and continuing through our recent July “Campaigner” announcement about Lysosomal Storage Disease breeding requirements, it seems that some of you are not receiving email from the club. We will continue to look into the problem at our end, but in the meantime if you can take a look and make sure that neither the club email (anything that ends with lagottous.com) or notices from Campaigner are blocked that would be helpful. We are setting up both a new webpage and a new Club yahoogroups, and as those come online we will also use these as means to communicate important news to the membership as well. There has been a wonderful support from breeders and pet owners getting their dog's or dogs' DNA blood samples sent to Finland to be checked for LSD (Lysosomal Storage Disease). If you are sponsoring an event, like a raduno, and want to set up a group blood draw drop me a line and I'll talk you through the process that we used at the Scottsdale shows in March. The biggest obstacle is the mailing itself---so fewer mailings with more samples in a box, is easier on everyone.

Please, please, please if you are going to breed make sure that you get your dog tested for this deadly disease AND hold off on breeding until after you know that at least one of the dogs to be bred is tested and confirmed CLEAR.

As always future events need volunteers! If you are interested in helping out with the Open Show at Eukanuba (December in Orlando, FL) please let me or Show Chair Jacki Barbieri know. We're looking for members to help in a variety of tasks (some old, some new or expanding) so if you have an interest in membership, rescue, newsletter, or website design, please contact me. We can always use good writers and graphic designers to help with brochures and literature as well. With the club growing by leaps and bounds, it's clear to us that we can't continue on some of the same familiar timelines as we have in years past. Members will continue to receive notification of new member applicants via Campaigner. We are going to allow at least 30 days for the membership to make comments on new applicants. After that time has elapsed the names (and any comments received) will be forwarded onto the board for membership approval at the next board meeting. So this won't be as fast as it has been in the past, but will be much more thorough and will give our members a better chance to respond. Finally, there will be an updated set of Club by-laws arriving at your house for each voting member soon. The bylaws are updated to reflect both AKC standards and our own changing needs. Please fill out your ballot and return as soon as possible. Have a great Lagotto filled Summer! 

## Nominating Committee

June 30, 2014

### *Easy Jerky Treats from deli-sliced meats - in a Dehydrator*

- 2 pounds of ¼ inch thick deli-sliced meat: chicken, turkey or beef. I find it far easier than using uncooked fresh meat, although it is more expensive.
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- Cut into whatever size pieces you want (remember pieces will shrink some in the dehydrator). I usually cut into bite-sized pieces and use for training.
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- Place into the dehydrator on 160 degrees and dehydrate for 3-4 hours. The meat should be tough/leathery when you remove it from the dehydrator, an even color throughout, and there should not be any moisture beads when you tear a piece in half.
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- Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator, although you might not need to, be on the safe side. Grab a handful when heading out on a walk or hiking with the dogs. These are healthy treats and it is good to know they are free from preservatives and any unknowns from some other country.

### **The LRCA Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate for the ensuing year:**

President: Adrienne Perry (AZ)

Vice President: Lisa Sobon (CA)

Secretary: Leslie Arner (CA)

Treasurer: Kathleen Correll (TX) Director:

Sandy Mignogna (PA) Director:

Andrea Szigeti (FL)

Director: Theresa Nehemiah (IN)

### **All nominees are declared members in good standing as of the date of this notice.**

The bylaws of the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America provide that additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary of the club and received at the Secretary's address on or before August 1st, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee

The following have been nominated for a new position on the Board:

### **Lisa Sobon is the nominee for Vice President**

I have been involved with dogs..showing and breeding for aprox 14 years. My involvement with the Flat Coated Retriever qualified me to earn the AKC Breeder Of Merit title. The last 5 years have been getting to know the Lagotto. I joined the Lagotto Club just over 4 years ago hoping to get more involved with helping the club move the breed forward to full AKC recognition. As with any new club there is always a need for volunteers and thus my time with the marketing committee began. I have been the marketing chair for the last 3 years heading up the first ever Lagotto club calendar, club merchandise, logo wear and the newly approved club logo. Last year I was nominated to serve as a Director on the board. While on the board I headed up the committee to revamp the Litter and Breeder Pages for the club website for the purpose of strengthening our member breeders adherence to the code of ethics and breeding health requirements and to tighten the requirements to participate in advertising on the website. I have been involved in breed education putting on two Meet The Breed events at my local club's dog shows and have hosted a couple of large get togethers for lagotto owners



## New Faces

*Please send us photos of your new puppy under the age of a year so we can introduce them to our club. Include full name, DOB, your location and name.*



*"Tula" Larcan's Jazz It Up At Tula's. Owned by Brian and Deanna Powell of North Carolina at 10 weeks*



*Luka (Mystic Swirl's White Shadow) is owned by Gail Keyes of New Jersey. Born October 9, 2013*

and those interested in getting to know the breed. I was assistant to our show chair this last February as our club had the opportunity to host its first Open Show which was the last hurdle to full recognition. Along with the club involvement I have a wonderful family (4 kids and my fantastic husband Rob) that are all supportive of their crazy dog mom. The boys were all raised around the dogs, shows and pups through the house making for some great stories and fun memories! I have owned my own business and been part of a family run business both of which have helped me in learning to manage time, money resources and of course the most important, communication skills. We enjoy the conformation ring and have several dogs that have earned their CM (certificate of merit title) As important as the conformation ring is to us, keeping the natural instinct and ability to work using their nose intact as part of the breed is also important so we were very excited to be informed a few months ago that we had and bred the first Lagotto to obtain the Tracking Dog Excellent title. At this point we are just starting to show our second generation of home bred Lagotti. We are enjoying the large new group of Lagotto family and friends we have made over the last several years and hope to continue to make more connections as the club grows over the coming years. I would really like to see the club offer something to its members. I would like to take next year and introduce webinar opportunities accessible to anyone that is a member of our club. Topics that could be included might be grooming, health, basic training.... we have plenty of members ready willing and able to do this... and I am excited about helping the club make this move to providing more for the membership!

### Theresa Nehemiah is nominee for Director

I was born and raised in NW Indiana in a family of seven children, in a time where we didn't sit in front of a computer, but instead we were outside enjoying any game we could think of to play. We were raised in a family of strong values & morals, where we learned to love and respect others and to work hard in anything you do. We always had pets .... dogs, cats, birds, squirrels, and anything I found that needed care. At eighteen I married young and found work in the social work field, managing a residential home for troubled teens. I met so many great families who were able to put their lives back in the right direction. In this time we had two children and ended our marriage of fourteen years. I found myself with the sole responsibility of supporting and providing a home for myself, my nine year old son and my newborn daughter. I was able to find a great job in the medical insurance field in south Chicago, commuting an hour each way. I purchased my first house for the three of us... oops I mean five, did I mention we also had adopted two dogs. Shortly after buying a house, my company sold their medical insurance division and again I found myself looking for work.

I luckily I found a job just a few blocks from home, an inter-



*Surfer Rosa, (Destiny del Tiglio) owned by Derek Dechert of Indianapolis, Indiana, spends warm summer days dock diving with the family.*



national manufacturing company where I progressed very quickly performing administrative duties, inventory control and just about everything else they needed. This is where I met my husband Mark who has worked in the computer dept. for the past twenty years. We live in La Porte Indiana about ten miles from Lake Michigan, where we have spent the last 15 years raising Joe and Kayla. We enjoyed spending a lot of time outside camping, boating, and traveling. When we decided to add a dog to our family we researched breeds and found a Portuguese Water Dog to add to our family. We had such a wonderful open relationship with our breeder, and with her mentorship we bred one beautiful litter of eight. We added two of the pups to our clan and had many enjoyable years with them. In 2012, we decided to get our first lagotto and found them to be delightful, entertaining, adorable intelligent pets. We now have three (two girls and a boy) and have been preparing for a possible future litter of our own. I am presently taking some basic genetic breeding courses which I believe anyone breeding could benefit. I guess when I was asked to write a short bio, I thought about my life and at first I thought about the things that have come my way and how I've handled them. What I know is, I have been very hard working, persistent in accomplishing my goals, and have raised two wonderful children into responsible adults. Right now in my life I would like the opportunity to help the Lagotto club reach its goals and the opportunity to meet my fellow Lagotto lovers and enjoy this new opportunity.

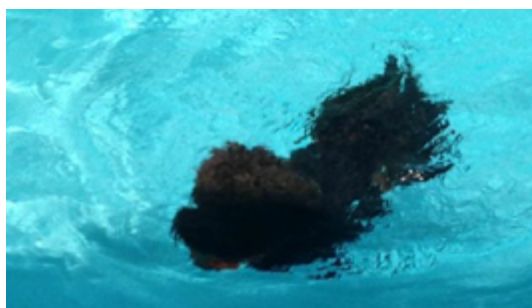
### **Leslie Arner is nominee for Secretary**

I started with purebred dogs in the early 1990's after acquiring a very exuberant Portuguese Water Dog puppy. In order to maintain sanity- both human and canine- I became actively involved in training and competing in a number of canine events. Over the years I have titled dogs in obedience, agility, rally, water work, carting, tracking and conformation. I have selectively bred five PWD litters over the years, and am a strong advocate of health testing and only breeding the best dogs. I have served on a variety of committees for the national PWDCA (Awards, Agility, Membership) and the Board of Directors (Recording Secretary) and the local SCPWDC (Recording Secretary and President) Even though I am a terrible typist I always seem to end up taking notes. Several years ago I decided I wanted to find a smaller breed with some of the same traits as my PWDs.

After doing some research I chose the Lagotto- although I find the temperaments and personalities of the two breeds very different. I am the proud owner of two Lagotti- Reggie (3 yrs) and Fly (almost 2 yrs) and one really pushy PWD, Ravin' (7 yrs). I live in Southern California just north of San Diego with a few goats, chickens and a cat- who is a favorite playmate/tug toy for Reggie and Fly. By serving on the board of the LRCA I hope to learn more about the breed and it's challenges, meet more of the club members, and do what I can to help the club move forward with the AKC recognition process.







*Lucca from St. Germaine's Kennels. Anne Fuller of Little Rock AR born Nov. 2013. Lucca likes to swim laps with Anne during her water aerobics and play by the lake.*

*vThis issue of the Bollettino features the new name and logo for Lagotto Romagnolo of America. There are two formats of the approved logo.*



## ***Lysosomal Storage Disease***

The Canine Genetics Research Group in Finland working in concert with researchers at the University of Bern have determined that a metabolic disorder, known as Lysosomal Storage Disease is a hereditary disease in the Lagotto. Fortunately, this is a relatively uncommon disease in the breed that can, as far as is known at this time, show up between the age of 4 months and 4 years. It is progressive and at this time there is no cure. In analyzing 1300 DNA samples, researchers determined that 11% of the dogs were “carriers” (had one gene for the disorder) and 1% of the dogs had two copies of the gene – referred to as “affected”. It appears that just as with BFJE, if one parent is clear (no copies of the LSD gene) affected puppies will not be produced.

***Should you be concerned about whether your Lagotto has Lysosomal Storage Disease?*** As with any illness, owners should be aware of possibilities. Breeders must be proactive and test all Lagotto used in their breeding program.

***My Lagotto will never be used for breeding, he's my pet. Do I need to get him tested?*** DNA testing is not yet commercially available for this disease, however, the Canine Genetics Group in Finland is currently offering free testing as part of their ongoing research into the disease as well as research into Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) and the activity, impulsivity and inattention of dogs. All Lagotto owners are strongly urged to submit blood samples to the researchers in Finland to support their ongoing research into the health issues in our breed. Information on the research, as well as links to instructions for preparing and shipping samples, required information and the questionnaires which must be completed is available in English at [www.koirangeenit.fi/?x103997=272870](http://www.koirangeenit.fi/?x103997=272870) It is vital that we as owners and breeders support this ongoing research.

***Will the Post Office and FedEx accept samples for shipping?*** Some people have had problems in getting FedEx and/or the US Post Office to accept samples for shipment. According to the FedEx International Regulatory Office, non-infectious samples of canine blood are acceptable for shipping to Finland. If you are told they will not accept it, ask that they check the regulations as to what Finnish law permits to be imported. The US Post Office will also accept samples for shipping – if denied, request that they check the International Mail Manual, Country Conditions for Mailing, Finland. Or you can go to this link and print out the information: [http://pe.usps.gov/text/imm/fh\\_004.htm](http://pe.usps.gov/text/imm/fh_004.htm) and take it with you. Be sure to follow the instructions for shipping at <http://www.koirangeenit.fi/english/participate/> Label your contents as “Canine samples for research”. If you need help or have questions, please contact the Health Committee at [HealthEducation@LagottoUS.com](mailto:HealthEducation@LagottoUS.com)



# Fun Foundations for Scent Work

Alana McGee



Summer is puppy season and there are many new faces in the club, and as existing members we wish you all a happy welcome to the Lagotto Romagnolo community! Adding a puppy to the family can be a fun and rewarding experience, but as we all know, it can also be a lot of work! Lagotti are smart inquisitive creatures and puppies even more so, that is why it is great to provide your new pup with mental stimulation and 'brain games'. One great way to mentally stimulate your new family member's grey matter is to play scent related games. We all know a dog's sense of smell is fantastic, and far superior to our own, but did you know you can make finding things (anything you can think up!) downright fun? Dogs are used to find lost people, narcotics, forbidden fruit, cell phones, detect cancer...you name it, a dog can find it. You can teach your dog to find just about anything.

Because of our breed's historical use in truffle hunting in native Italy, many people become interested in training their dogs to hunt for truffles. One of the questions we get asked most frequently is: "is my dog too young (or too old) to start training for truffle hunting or scent work?" The short answer is no, there is no set age requirement or limit: Anywhere from 3 months old to 13 years old and beyond! That being said, we encourage new puppy owners to focus on making your pup the happiest most well adjusted member of society they can be during those first few months. From socialization, to crate training and beyond there is a lot going on for young pups! But as your pup develops olfactory capabilities and learns about the great wide world there are some very fun scent games you can play to enrich your pup's life, build confidence and just have fun!

One of the first games we teach not only builds confidence and increases coordination, but is a great building block for later more complicated games. I always tell folks that puppies are food missiles, and most pups will excel at this game, because they love food! To start make sure your puppy is watching you and just drop food on the floor (and allow them to come clean it up)! Make sure you use something yummy or you can use your puppy's normal meal time food, but if you do that just make sure it is before feeding time so they are hungry. You can set out the treats (or normal kibble) in a line, each piece several inches apart. Make the line of treats maybe 5 ft long. Watch in awe as your pup hoovers them all up going from one to the next to the next! Over time increase the distance between treats, put a "L" shaped turn in the line, and even create a curved pattern. Eventually you can start hiding the treats a bit more and much further apart and you'd be surprised by what your pup can do!

A book we recommend for new puppy owners looking to explore the world of scent is *The Canine Kingdom of Scent: Fun Activities Using Your Dog's Natural Instincts* by Anne Lill Kvam. It has some great basic scentwork and tracking games you can try at home with your new pup. It is definitely worth a read. 🐾







## *In search of . . . Truffles*

### *Mike Madrid*

I read an article about how the Lagotto should act while in the field truffle hunting and it is exactly how Massimo works the truffle patch. I don't always let him dig the truffle because the dog can tear the truffle or break it into pieces.

The first picture is from the two-day Truffle Dog Training seminar at the Oregon Truffle Festival on Jan. 24-25 in Eugene, OR. Deb Walker who was the organizer of the Truffle Dog training part of the festival said because Massimo found the most truffles of all the 20 new truffle dog trainees, they would use the picture of Massimo and me in the training literature for next years' event.

The photo is a bowl of Oregon White truffles he found in the first hour of hunting.



The next pictures are from my home when Massimo is cleaned up. His total that day was over 13 oz. in 2 hours. We could have hunted longer but I didn't want to over-do it with him. Actually I didn't want to over-do it with me. They had a couple of trainers there for the 2 day event, Deb Walker is a Search and Rescue trainer out of the Eugene, Oregon area and Jim Sanford of Blackberry Farms in Eastern Tennessee was there with Tom, a Lagotto and very seasoned truffle dog. Jim got involved with training truffle dogs 9 years ago when BlackBerry Farms started their truffle dog program. Massimo and I got to work directly with Jim and Tom during the field training segment of the training. Jim said that Massimo had a natural instinct for truffles and would do very well, which he has.

Submitted by Mike Madrid of Portland, OR with Massimo (Shivaree mio Massimo) 🐾





# *Oregon Meet-up/Dog Sports*

## *Liz Williams*

June 28th Oregon Dog Sports sponsored a fun gathering of Lagotto to share breed education and give everyone a chance to visit and network a bit with the curly dogs. Cindy & Mark Oliveto with Jake and Mia Victoria & Ted Baker with Ella Dave & Gwen Twyer and Sophie, Jeannine May and Isis & Berto Liz Williams and Orli, Charles Lefevre and Mocha and Dante. It was a lot of fun getting to meet the dogs and their people. After a short introduction we let all of the dogs run around together and visit – everyone did great. During the event the dogs got to try out an agility tunnel and wobble board along with running around the back yard area using their noses.



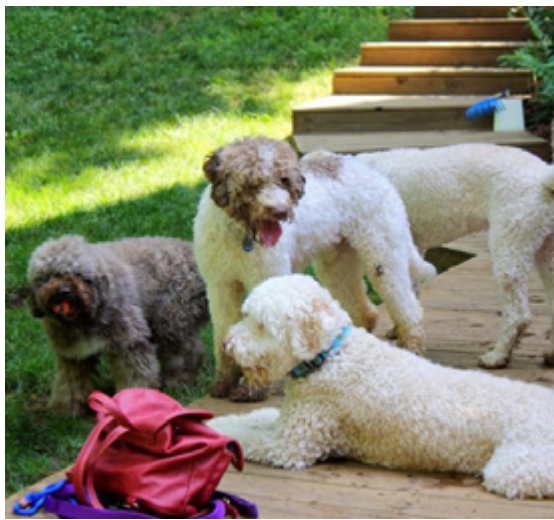
Jeannine and I gave an introduction to scent skills and let each of the dogs try sniffing out some cookies and other scents. Of course they all did well and enjoyed the sniffy games. Dave Twyer and Sophie were evaluated for their AKC Canine Good Citizen test and passed with flying colors. She's such a sweetie and they worked well together during the test.

Jeannine and Isis gave a great introduction to click-

er training and shaping behaviors. Isis is such a character and it was fun watching her offer behaviors during the free-shaping demo. The dogs and handlers had a chance to try a little clicker work that they all enjoyed. We had a good time and THANK YOU to all who attended. Having a chance to meet and interact with other Lagotto was fun and having a chance to meet others that love and enjoy these dogs was wonderful. 🐶







*Playing with other Lagotti is so much fun!  
Now we can relax and learn about CGC.*



*Robin Morehouse won Best in Miscellaneous with her dog CousCous*



*Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes (right) gave a grooming demonstration on Trenta*

## *SE Raduno* *Darlene Colmar*

After welcoming the group and doing some introductions, the first of the planned activities began. Darlene Colmar, our hostess, was going to talk about how to get dogs recorded with AKC, but everyone present had already done that, so we moved on to our next activity. We were fortunate to have Jaimie Mulvey speak to us. She is an AKC judge, who was judging for the Asheville Kennel Club show on Saturday and Sunday. She talked about the process of competing in an AKC Conformation Show. While several of those present had shown their dogs, the majority had not, so it was a great introduction to all the steps involved in that process. She also brought several brochures published by AKC for anyone interested. Liz Mulvey, former professional AKC handler, whose English Springer Spaniel took Best of Breed at Westminster a few years ago, conducted a handler class for anyone who wanted to participate.

Robin Morehouse, who was competing at the Asheville Show, showed us what she does in the ring with her dog, CousCous. In the small world department, Robin and Liz knew each other from a "few years ago" when both were junior handlers in AKC competitions! The evening ended with everyone looking forward to getting together in the morning.

By 9:15 Saturday, most everyone was back for another action packed day. After a brief playtime, the tired out dogs were willing to hear a couple of presentations by Darlene Colmar. The first was on the AKC Canine Good Citizen test and title. Darlene described each of the 10 skills that are tested. Lee Knight and her Lagotto, Gioco successfully passed all ten skills and earned their CGC! Hopefully, others who watched the process will be encouraged to have their dogs at a level to pass their CGC test in the near future. Dogs were put on leashes and went into Darlene's training room, where she gave an introduction to Rally, which is one of AKC's Performance or Companion Events. Several of the Rally exercises were demonstrated and then practiced by all, followed by a mini course so the human/dog teams could take turns "running" the course.

We took a 3-hour, mid-day break so that those who wanted to attend the Best of Miscellaneous Event at the Asheville Show could do that. Others wanted to take advantage of being in Asheville and do a bit of exploring in the tourist friendly town. We reconvened at about 3:00. Those present at the trial were happy to share the news that Robin and Couscous took Best of Miscellaneous Class! Yea! Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes arrived with all manner of grooming equipment to do a demonstration on how to groom a Lagotto, both as a pet and how a "show" coat differs. The VanDoren's dog, Trenta was the guinea pig! His coat was so long and so thick, that it was difficult to groom. Hilarie stuck with it and performed a miracle. 🐶



## Awards and Honors



Tracking with Reggie (Larcan's Reggio A Finesterra TDX) from California. some of the requirements that Reggie had to face to earn his TDX were: an 800-1000 yard long track that included several obstacles such as going through a 3 rail fence, crossing paved and unpaved roads, a horse trail, a bike path, and a ravine, as well as a cross track which was laid an hour after the "real" track. He also had to find 4 articles along the way- a scarf, eyeglass case, potholder and the final glove.



Leslie Arner and Fly Girl earning her AKC Tracking Dog title.



Leslie Arner and Reggie TDX Reggie is the first Lagotto to earn the title of TDX.



(left photo)

Primo (Anthony Galzarano) lived a long life being what was likely the longest in the US. This photo was taken of his 14th birthday. He lived to celebrate his 15th birthday.

Our next issue of the Bollettino will be a celebration of long life and we will feature a story about Primo and also a European Lagotto who was still hunting truffles well into her teens. We welcome any stories of your Lagotti that have reached the age of 10 or more..

Send to [Bollettino@LagottoUS.com](mailto:Bollettino@LagottoUS.com) 



## Conformation Shows



*Tony and his handler. Tony (Panettone di Terra Incognita) has earned his Certificate of Merit - CM5. Owned by Rob & Lisa Sobon and Jacki Barbieri*



*Pesca (Shivaree mia Piccola Pesca) winning Best in Miscellaneous out of the Bred by Exhibitor Class in Flagstaff, AZ. Owner handled by Judith Martin*



*Luka (Mystic Swirl's White Shadow) Winning UKC Reserve Best in Show - in northern New Jersey at 8 months of age. Owner handled by Gail Keyes*

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**the next issue!**

**Contact**

**advertising@lagottous for**

**more information.**

**Ads for next issue must be**

**submitted by**

**September 30, 2014**



## NEW MEMBERS

### April members:

Marylynn Novak - NY  
Dora van Dyk - Auckland, New Zealand  
Jane Wrenn - DE  
Joan Havens - Washington, D.C.  
Kendall and David Walters - SC  
Jean Davis-Barger - MD  
Phyllis Rosenthal - NJ  
Christina and Lindsay Schieffelin - NY  
Mark Baughn & Janet Hatfield-Baughn - OR  
Phyllis Rosenthal - NJ

### May members:

Yelena Bozo - New York  
Michelle Cross - AZ  
Jim Zilisch - NC  
Patricia and Leonard Fischer - WA  
Holland and Catherine Walsh - TX  
Nicole Peck - CT  
Arlene Litowitz - NJ  
Lisa Eckstein - NJ  
Ivy Herman - NJ  
Karina Mertzman - CO  
Peggy Palmer - CA  
Renee Glick - CA  
Janet Cole - TX  
Seth R Schneible Sr - PA

### June members:

Peggy Anderson - CA  
Joan Baur - PA  
Lyne Liboiron-Bouie - TX  
Wolley and Art Dutton - RI  
Kathleen Lesbirel - NJ  
Marianne Cordora - GA  
Iveta Liptakova - Slovakia  
William Keyes - NY  
Norman and Sylvia Kellershon - NY

### July members:



Eileen Winter - CA  
Paula and James Wilson - CA  
Jane and Vincent Purpura - MA  
Christina West - GA

*We hope your membership in the LRCA brings you many learning opportunities and happy Lagotto experiences!*

## Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 14, 2014**
- LRCA Board of Directors' Meeting
- **Oct. 12, 2014**
- LRCA Board of Directors' Meeting
- **Dec. 12, 2014**
- LRCA Open Show at Eukanuba to be held in Orlando, Florida
- **July 2015**
- The Lagotto Romagnolo enters the Sporting Group with the AKC.

## CALENDARS

- American Rare Breed Association Calendar: [http://www.arba.org/show\\_calendar](http://www.arba.org/show_calendar)
- Canadian Kennel Club: <http://www.ckc.ca/e/default.aspx?tabid+87>
- International Canine Kennel Club: <http://www.internationalcaninekennelclub.com>
- United Kennel Club Calendar: <http://www.ukc-dogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M>
- International All Breed Canine Association: <http://iabca.com/calendar.html>
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- Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI): <http://www.fci.be/expositions.aspx>
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## *AKC approval letters*

July 17, 2014

Mel Sykes, Secretary  
Lagotto Club of America  
2565 Bird Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771

VIA EMAIL  
lagottotn@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Sykes, The information regarding the Lagotto Club of America's request for accreditation has been reviewed.

We are pleased to inform you that the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America has been approved for Accreditation. Please be advised that your club can hold events under the auspices of only those organizations which have been approved by the American Kennel Club's Board of Directors ([www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual](http://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual)).

In granting this approval, our records have been noted to reflect that your club is the official parent club for the Lagotto Romagnolo and it is expected that your club will continue to develop and serve the fancy with interests in this breed. Please be certain to address all inquiries to the attention of the Club Relations Department at  
The American Kennel Club, 260 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

The LRCA is required to hold two (2) Open Shows, at least six (6) months apart prior to submitting its request to hold license point shows. After its scheduled December 2014 Open Show results are deemed acceptable, the club can submit a license presentation anytime on or after June 1, 2015.

During the course of your club's program and before a presentation is submitted requesting license, revisions to the bylaws must be implemented. Please refer to our April 1, 2014 letter with the articles needing revisions cited. Please note that the club must include the full breed name in its name, bylaws and official AKC documents. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your review.

Amendments must be processed in accordance with the Amendment Article. When the revised document is printed, please submit a copy to our office along with the date of the vote, the percentage of total membership that voted and the breakdown of the vote.

It is our recommendation that the club continue its growth and activities until such time in the future as the membership feels that it is ready to pursue the matter of holding license point shows, you first submit an updated presentation, making the club's intentions known, before submitting an applications or making any preparations or arrangements for the holding of such events.

The Guide for... Dealing With Misconduct..., Dog Show Rules and Regulations for Junior Showmanship can be viewed on our website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). A copy of our Show/Trial Manual will be sent to your attention under separate cover.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,  
Aneke McPhail  
Club Relations

cc: Adrienne Perry, President, LCA, via email      Mari-Beth O'Neill, Assistant Vice President - Special Services, via email      Event Plans Department, via email





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Assistant Vice President  
Special Services

June 19, 2014

Adrienne Perry, President  
2006 S Holly Stravenue  
Tucson, AZ 85713

Dear Adrienne,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that at the June, 2014 Board meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved the Lagotto Romagnolo to be eligible to compete in the Sporting Group effective July 1, 2015.

The club will need to provide the educational information and photographs to the Judging Operations Department for use in a Judges Guide that will be added to the AKC Web site. This is the link to where this will be posted for you to review what other clubs have developed.

<http://www.akc.org/judges/guides/index.cfm>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions. I look forward to working with you as the breed becomes eligible to compete in Conformation Events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mari-Beth O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mari-Beth O'Neill

cc Timothy Thomas  
Alan Slay

**Our next issue will focus on celebrating long life.**

**We will feature information on our senior Lagotti**

**ages 10 and over. If you have any stories or**

**photos please send them to**

**Bollettino@LagottoUS.com. Also new faces;**

**photos of new puppies born after September 2013**

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#### **LCA Board Members for 2013**

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**Treasurer:** Kathleen Correll  
**Director:** Lisa Sobon  
**Director:** Jacki Barbieri  
**Director:** Sandy Mignogna

**LCA Website:** [www.lagottous.com](http://www.lagottous.com)

**AKC:** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

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Judith Martin, Alana McGee, Toni  
Kay-Wolff, Dee Gregory, Robin Simi  
and Kerin Schwartz-Jacobs:

## **Contest**

Here are the answers for the contest in our last issue. Congratulations to our winner Zoila Einem who received a window cling with our new club logo!

Dogs by WordSearchADay.com

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Airedale	Dachshund	Irish Wolfhound	Shar Pei
Alaskan Husky	Dalmatian	Jonangi	Shih Tzu
Basset	Dingo	Kooli	Siberian Husky
Beagle	Doberman	Lhasa Apso	Vorsteh
Bloodhound	Elkhound	Mutt	Weimaraner
Boston Terrier	Foxhound	Otterhound	Weiner
Boxer	French Poodle	Pekingese	Whippet
Bulldog	German Shepherd	Pit Bull	Zuchon
Chihuahua	Golden Retriever	Pug	
Chinook	Great Dane	Rat Terrier	
Chow	Greyhound	Rottweiler	

**Answer these questions and send to:  
Bollettino@LagottoUs.com.**

*We have included hints and where to find the answers. (All members of LRCA attest they have read and abide by the By-Laws and Code of Ethics.)*

**The first person to submit the correct answers will receive a free LRCA logo window cling.**

*Code of Ethics. Proposed on the web: <http://www.lagottous.com/files/documents/lca-code-of-ethics-revised-february-13-2011.pdf>*

**1. Consider the welfare of the Lagotto above \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Federal law prohibits the importation of puppies less than \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of resale.**

**3. Will compete with dogs that \_\_\_\_\_**

*By-Laws on the web. <http://www.lagottous.com/files/LagottoClubofAmericaBylaws2007.pdf>*

**4. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before August 1st, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be \_\_\_\_\_**



*Vinnie on the beach in Brigantine, NJ., Registered name is Aramis (d'Amelj) and owner is Sandy Mignogna.*

## Tail Wags (last page)

It is CALENDAR time again! Our 4th year putting out the calendar! Submit your pictures for the Lagotto Club Of America Calendar by emailing them to [thesobons@yahoo.com](mailto:thesobons@yahoo.com). They need to be in a high resolution. All rights to the picture owned by you (only the call name is used on the picture, no photographer credit) No compensation will be given if we use your picture (it is a fund raiser for our club) In the subject line of your email include your dogs call name and your name. We will only be accepting pictures until the end of August so get yours in as soon as possible.



Due to the resignation of Founding Club Secretary, Mel Sykes, the Secretary's Report will not appear in the Bollettino. The minutes of the Board of Director's meetings will be posted on our club website: [www.LagottoUS.com](http://www.LagottoUS.com). Mel's shoes will be very hard to fill but Secretary nominee, Leslie Arner, has stepped in to fill in as Interim Secretary, and continue as Board Secretary after our Annual Meeting.

Due to ongoing growth, there are several positions where our Club needs assistance on the following committees:

**Membership** - needs committee members.

**Marketing** - needs committee members

**Rescue and Rehoming** - needs a new chair to oversee dogs in need and to keep the regional contacts updated

**Judge's Education** - needs people knowledgeable in the breed standard to present our judge's education seminars, help prepare materials, and to contact members for dogs to use in the hands on presentations.

**Social Media** - chair and committee in charge of our presence in social media forums who would be in charge of posting club news as well as serving as a moderator (this position/committee does not currently exist)

**Health Clearances Coordinator:** We are moving toward having the health clearances verified on both parents for any litter listed on our website, as well as requiring breeders to provide health testing records on at least one of their dogs to be listed on the breeder list. This person should be familiar with using the OFA database, as well as being familiar with PennHip and other testing laboratories' paperwork. Ideally, if a database could be set up so that dogs only needed to be verified once (with some updating--for example on CERF or OFA eyes) that would be even better.

**Health Committee** - needs committee members

Parliamentarian and AKC Liaison are Board Appointments.

If you would like to help the club or learn more of these committees, please contact the Board: [President@LagottoUS.com](mailto:President@LagottoUS.com) or [Bollettino@LagottoUS.com](mailto:Bollettino@LagottoUS.com) Submitted by Judith Martin, Editor 