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Note from the President

The 2021 National Specialty had something for everyone with a Brass Quartet, AKC 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy, AKC National Owner-Handler Series, AKC Temperament Testing, Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Advanced, Conformation, FAST CAT, Homemade Cannoli, Judges Education, Junior Showmanship, LRCA NS Dog Bandanas, Obedience, Pizza, Rally, Silent Auction, Trick Dog Advance, Trick Dog Novice, fun and laughter.

Our performance and conformation Lagotti were beautifully presented in this massive outdoor venue with our own National Specialty Tent that was decorated with Italian and American flags and colors to represent our breed's origins and to remember the twentieth year since 9/11.

I cannot express adequate gratitude to the countless people that worked to produce a professional, fun, and memorable 5th National Specialty. Our host kennel clubs, Tuxedo Park, Somerset Hills, and Westchester, all have invited us back to this cluster. While I am flattered by their offer, we need volunteers to work on the National Specialty Committee to evaluate other venues to the West for next year.

The show started Friday with a Tuxedo Park Kennel Club Supported Entry and Mr. Paul Campanella judging 28 entries. The week prior there was 12-14 feet of water over the park and the soil was still saturated and soggy. Because trucks could not drive on the field, the nearest toilet was 300 yards away. A strong breeze and sun helped dry things up for the Saturday Supported Entry Judging performed by MS. Adrienne Perry, our AKC Judges Education Coordinator, at the Somerset Hills Kennel Club with 34 entries. The following day of the National Specialty, Ms. Lisa Sobon, LRCA Breed Mentor from California, judged our Sweepstakes, Puppy 6-9, 9-12, 12-18 & Veterans, and was followed by prominent Sporting Judge Ms. Marjorie Martorella. After judging and lunch homemade cannoli were served to all the spectators to finish off a beautiful day and specialty

Grazie a tutti per il vostro aiuto. (Thank you to all for your help.)

Jim



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Letter from Marjorie Martorella, Judge for LRCA's National Specialty

Dear Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America,

I want to thank the members of the Lagotto Club for inviting me to judge your National Specialty in conjunction with the Westchester Kennel Club show. It was an honor and a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

I want to thank Adrienne Perry for sending me articles from Judges Education. It was most helpful. Also, a special thank you to Jim Talbert who kept in touch with me. The generosity and thoughtfulness of the club was much appreciated.

It was a lovely entry and the dogs all exhibited good temperament. I felt the quality of the dogs was quite high. The Winners Dog was a good representative of the breed. He had a proper head and coat and was an efficient mover.

When the bitch class winners entered the ring, I was so impressed as there was such consistency! That is a tribute to the breeders. Your breed is relatively new in this country. To have achieved this level of quality is most impressive. The Winners Bitch who won Best of Winners was exceptional. She had a beautiful head and coat and had presence. Her movement was exceptional. I was also very impressed with the puppy bitch who won Reserve Winners Bitch. Lovely type and such a good mover. She was also Best Puppy.

There was a lot of quality in the BOB competition. My winner was a bitch that was well put together and an excellent mover. She was also the winner of the Conformation & Gait category. The BOS winner was a beautifully headed dog with an outstanding coat. He also won both the Coat and Head categories.

Again, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to judge your lovely breed. It is one I will remember fondly for many years.

—Marjorie Martorella

Marjorie is currently licensed to judge the Sporting, Hound, Working Groups and 3 Non-Sporting breeds. She has judged numerous National Specialties and also Pointers at the AKC Centennial Show. Judging has taken her to many foreign countries as well, including Canada, England, Ireland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, China, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Italy, South Africa and Australia. She is President of the American Pointer Club, President and Show Chairman for the New Brunswick Kennel Club and Corresponding Secretary and Show Chair for the Staten Island Kennel Club.



Please visit the **Lagotto Romagnolo Dog Rescue** at www.lagottodogrescue.org for information on how to donate time or resources to this organization that employs professionals and veterinarians to work with Lagotto owners and dogs who need help.

Here are some photos sent to the editor for inclusion in this newsletter. Thanks to those who sent them in. I cannot wait to see you next year! -Susan

Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America Photos of Winners at Bridgewater, NJ Show



BOB/BISS - LRCA National Specialty
Best Construction and Movement - LRCA National Specialty
GCHS MultCH KAN TRACE VERY CHEEKY CHIC "**ORCA**"
Owner: Victor Mal-zoni JR, Sabina Zdunic Sinkovic, Ante Lucin
Breeder: Sabina Zdunic Sinkovic - Kan Trace
Handled by: Phil Booth



Best Puppy -
LRCA National
Specialty
Reserve Winners
Bitch - LRCA Na-
tional Specialty
Lilyfield Dancing
In The Moonlight
CGC TKN
"Lupa"
Owner/Breeder:
Catherine Elder
& Lisa DiStefano
Handled by:
Catherine Elder

Best in Sweepstakes -
LRCA Specialty
Winners Dog - Sup-
ported entry, Tuxedo
Park KC
CH (AKC pending)
Boardwalk Here
Comes The Sun
Owners: Andrew Ross
and Amy Killeen
Breeder: Kendal Wal-
ters
Handled by: Katie Ber-
nardin





Award of Merit - LRCA Specialty
 Select Bitch – Supported Entry Somerset Hills KC
 GCH Wilhaven's Heavenly Hash Hand-Dipped SWA SWN CGC TKN
 Owner: Carolyn Talbert and Jim Talbert
 Breeder: Elizabeth Williams
 Handled by Heather Buehner Helmer





Select Bitch –
LRCA Specialty
Select Bitch -
Supported Entry,
Tuxedo Park KC
GCH Boardwalk
Million Dreams
Breeder/owner:
Kendal Walters
Handled by: Katie
Bernardin



Select Dog – Tuxedo
Park KC
Krakslottets Beryl
Hill.
Owner: Christine
Mullen & Noelene
Shoemaker
Breeder: Gun
Knutsson.
Handled by: Michelle
Wolcott



Brass quartet playing in the shade outside of our tent



Lagotti playing in the field. They always play well with other Lagotto Romagnolo



Toni Kay Wolff and Michelle Calvosa with their Lagotti

Show Results

For more results visit lagottous.com

	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Best of Breed Competition
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
B/G1 (5-GC Points) 282 dogs defeated	<u>GCHS CH KAN TRACE VERY CHEEKY CHIC</u> Owner: Victor Malzoni Jr & Sabina Sinkovic Zdunic & Ante Lucin Breeder: Sabina Zdunic Sinkovic & Kalecak. (Phillip Booth, Agent).
OS/BC (5-GC Points)	<u>CH DOLCE VITA STAR OF WONDER</u> Owner: Sandy Mignogna Breeder: Sandy Mignogna.
SEL (5-GC Points)	<u>GCH BOARDWALK MILLION DREAMS</u> Owner: Kendal L Walters Breeder: Kendal L Walters. (Katie Bernardin, Agent).
AOM	<u>GCHS IL GRANAIO DEI MALATESTA NEGRONI SBAGLIATO</u> Owner: Blair Aguillard Monica Benelli Michelle Aguillard Elizabeth Powell Breeder: Monica Benelli.
AOM	<u>CH LUSIMDRAGON MATTIA</u> Owner: Blair Aguillard Justin Smithey Breeder: Luca Bocchini.
AOM	<u>CH VILLEOKUS ELIOT DI LUCKY</u> Owner: Christine Mullen Breeder: Cathrine Sangvik.
AOM	<u>GCH WILHAVEN'S HEAVENLY HASH HAND-DIPPED</u> Owner: Carolyn Talbert & James Talbert Breeder: Elizabeth Williams. (Heather Buehner Helmer, Agent).
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Stud Dog.
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1	<u>GCH CH PINON MASSAGGERO DI PINON CM</u> Owner: Robin Morehouse Breeder: Shirley Lisbeth Ransjo.

	Lagotti Romagnoli Best Competition
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
	<i>LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Best Head Competition</i>
	CH DOLCE VITA STAR OF WONDER Owner: Sandy Mignogna Breeder: Sandy Mignogna.
	<i>LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Best Coat Competition</i>
	CH DOLCE VITA STAR OF WONDER Owner: Sandy Mignogna Breeder: Sandy Mignogna.
	<i>LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Best Structure & Movement Competition</i>
	<u>GCHS CH KAN TRACE VERY CHEEKY CHIC</u> Owner: Victor Malzoni Jr & Sabina Sinkovic Zdunic & Ante Lucin Breeder: Sabina Zdunic Sinkovic & Kalecak. (Phillip Booth, Agent).
	JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION. Open Junior.
1st Place	<u>CH FRISE DELUXE LUIGINA LOLLOBRIGIDA</u>
	Owner: Olga Ledyan & Sofiya Blankenship Breeder: Zinaida Ternavska.
	Jr. Handler: Sofiya Blankenship
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Sweepstakes Judge: Ms Lisa Sobon
Award	Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs.
1/BSW	<u>BOARDWALK HERE COMES THE SUN</u> Owner: Andrew Ross & Amy Killeen Breeder: Kendal Walters. (Katie Bernardin, Agent).
	Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches.
1	<u>LILYFIELD DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT</u> Owner: Catherine Elder & Lisa DiStefano Breeder: Catherine Elder, Lisa DiStefano, Sandra Mignogna.
	Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches.
1	<u>YARE'S RADIO SWEETHEART</u> Owner: Robin Morehouse & Julie Bailey Breeder: Julie Bailey.
	Puppy, 12 & Under 18 Months Bitches.
1/BOSSW	<u>HORIZON CANTATA AL CIELO</u> Owner: Laurin Howard & Bryon Miracle Breeder: Laurin Howard & Bryon Miracle.

	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI Sweepstakes Judge: Ms Lisa Sobon
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Mos Dogs
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1/R	ZERMATT'S UOMO D'ONORE DI DELLA FINO Owner: Erin O'Malley Breeder: Robin Morehouse.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1/W (4 Points)	<u>HORIZON ALL AMERICAN</u> Owner: Ethan Gallehr-Miracle & Bryon Miracle & Laurin Howard Breeder: Andrea Shaffer & Bryon Miracle & Laurin Howard.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 mos Bitches
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1/R/BP □ (3 Points)	<u>LILYFIELD DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT</u> Owner: Catherine Elder & Lisa DiStefano Breeder: Catherine Elder Lisa DiStefano Sandra Mignogna.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Mos Bitches
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1	<u>YARE'S RADIO SWEETHEART</u> Owner: Robin Morehouse & Julie Bailey Breeder: Julie Bailey.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. 12 & Under 18 Mos Bitches
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1	<u>LAMBSCREEK COMPASS ROSE SUNRISE</u> Owner: Carolyn Talbert & James Talbert Breeder: Carolyn Talbert & James Talbert. (Heather Buehner Helmer, Agent).
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1/W/BW/ BBE (5 Points)	<u>DOLCE VITA THE ONE AND ONLY</u> Owner: Sandra Mignogna Breeder: Sandra Mignogna.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Open Bitches.
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1	<u>DOLCE VITA ROSA DEI VENTI</u> Owner: Sandra Mignogna Breeder: Sandra Mignogna.
	LAGOTTI ROMAGNOLI. Veteran, 7 Years & Over Dogs
	JUDGE: <u>Ms. Marjorie Martorella</u>
1/SEL (5-GC Points)	<u>GCH CH PINON MASSAGGERO DI PINON CM</u> Owner: Robin Morehouse Breeder: Shirley Lisbeth Ransjo.

Board Business 3Q 2021

AKC Gazette Columnist: Robin Morehouse has accepted the Editor position, and several Associate members will provide content.

Archival Committee: The LRCA volunteer committee will provide a candidate list. This committee will be formed to organize club documents and memorabilia and to interface with the AKC archivist.

By-Law Revision, Pending membership vote and on hold for mailing after COE & health P&P approved.

Code of Ethics, COE, Tabled.

Nominating Committee: Faith Robb, Mel Sykes, Elizabeth Reese, and Paula Stoops have been appointed to serve on the committee. Committee members must be voting members.

Illustrated Breed Standard, Committee will send update when the illustrator is off medical leave.

National Specialty 2021, Committee and volunteers are very busy making this event safe and successful.

National Specialty Chair: Jim Talbert is the chair for 2021.

New board Member, Kimberly McBee has been appointed to fill the vacant director's position on the LRCA Board.

National Specialty 2022: Current venue suggestions are Purina Farms cluster or standalone at Purina Farms outside of St Louis, Steel Valley Cluster in Canfield (Eastern) Ohio, and Woofstock 4 day cluster at Solano Cty Fairgrounds in N California.

AKC Meet the Breeds: Most events have been cancelled.

Health Committee will be seeking Board approval October meeting for a chart of testing for Lagotti breeders and buyers. The committee is continuing to refine the breed health questionnaire for final approval as well.

Committee Highlights

Nominating Committee 2022: The report of the Nominating Committee will be sent to the membership via email as soon as finalized.

Now is a good time to point to a common problem with most volunteer organizations; ours is no exception. We have a large number of members (almost 500) yet it seems the club always has a hard time getting enough volunteers to readily complete a project. Just think how much easier your job is or could be if you had people helping you! If you have the time and desire to serve the club in any capacity, speak up! Any member can serve on committees or special projects. If you have been an associate member for more than 12 months you may apply for a voting membership. Only voting members are eligible to serve on the board.

-Mel Sykes

Commercial Training: 60 Second Sessions

Hi I am Toni Kay-Wolff, and I have spent most of my life working with people to make their lives with their dogs easier. One of the complaints I hear often from dog owners is: "I don't have time to train." What I think when I hear that is: You don't have time not to train, and I also think of my favorite horse training guru, Pat Parelli, who says "People don't have time to do it right but they have time to do it wrong over and over again."

I find that most people think that dog training should be 15 minutes a couple of times a day. The good news? Please don't do that. What that tends to get you is a dog who is good for those 15 minutes and what I want for you is a dog who is easier to live with all the time.

To get that, you need to make training a normal part of your day - like good manners with children. Instead of 15 minute sessions, make your sessions 1 minute long and your dog will not get tired and forget what you are training. Since most of us watch at least some TV every day, try training during the commercial breaks. Here are a few ideas (and please send me yours):

- Place/Go to Bed
 - Stay
 - Mine!
 - Head Turns to Leash Pressure
 - Head Turns to Hand Blocking
 - Wait at doorway
 - Go - leave the room and wait at the threshold
 - Throw Away Recalls - toss a treat away then call your dog back, sit and treat.
 - Two Fisted Fun - treats in both hands, reward eye contact with you
 - Kennel Up - run into your crate and lie down.
 - Sit - Simple Sit, Placement Sits
 - What is Up? - a more advanced game where you hold a treat or toy over your dog's head and then have them sit or down. Be ready to help them get it right!
 - Back - back up - have a coffee table and a couch? Use them to make an alley to back through.
 - Down - Lured - move to guided as quickly as you can
 - Push Ups - Sit/Down/Sit/Down - play it like a game
 - No Eye Can - give commands without looking at your dog, be ready to help!
- For one week try 60 second training. You will wonder why you haven't done it this way all along! Have fun. Treat it like a game. And stop the MOMENT the ad is over. You'll be amazed at the improvement!

Article written by Toni Kay-Wolff, International Assoc of Canine Professionals #3665, Assoc of Professional Dog Trainers #71724, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator #92249



Committee Chairs

committee chair contact information is available at www.lagottous.com

Awards & Recognition: Adrienne Perry

Bolletino: Susan Couch

Breed Health: Judith Martin

Education: Barry Wagner

Judges Education: Adrienne Perry

Judge Breed Mentors: Lisa Sobon(CA), Sandy Mignona(PA), Adrienne Perry(AZ), Christine Mullen(TN), Richard Mullen(TN), Judith Martin(VA), Carolyn Talbert(VA)

Calendars: Judith Martin

Legislative Liaison: Roberta York

Membership: Carolyn Talbert

National Specialty: Jim Talbert

Policy & Procedures: Mel Sykes

Trophies: Adrienne Perry

Website: Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes

Meet the breed: New York: Alvina Estes, Orlando: Gwen Hubbs, Barry Wagner

Volunteer Coordinator: Mel Sykes

AKC Delegate: Jim Talbert

Marketing: Denise Peters

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm EDT. You can find call in information in the members only section of the website -> Club Documents -> Board Meeting Access Information

Welcome New 2021 Members

Associate Members: Dana Roman, Jodi Goff, Isabelle Andre, Jonnae Benzel, Laura Rehn, Tori Smith, Craig Fuller, Annabel Channell-Johnson, Kurt Ring, June Smith, Robert Sobotkiewicz, Helen Korbut, Howard Schwartz, Karen Hammons, Nicole Narea, Kevin Baskin, Peter Giese, Jacqueline Bunker, Katherine Green, Kyle Snyder, Kevin Tabakin, Dawn Amone, Elaine Beck, Frank Luba, Karen Keller, Kim McGuirk, Nancy Pederson, Dave Petit, Kevin Tabakin, Katherine Green, Kyle Snider

Junior: Anisa Kim

International: Lise Cere, Linda Belleau