

Lagotto Bollettino

LAGOTTO Club



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News and Events

San Francisco Bay Area Lagotto Lovers Meet at Fort Funston
Submitted by Scott Carver

Saturday, March 5th dawned bright and clear. It was the perfect beach day; blue sky, sunshine, no wind, 65 degrees and hundreds of feet of open sandy beach for the dogs to run on and splash in the waves. Cheryl, Kevin, Gloria, Kevin, Lynn and Scott met with their lagotti Gus, Molly, Niciola, Kodi and Augi. The dogs got on famously, chasing sticks, retrieving balls, splashing in the waves, Gus chasing the girls, the girls trying to get away from Gus, and everyone getting wet and sandy! Many other dog owners approached and asked if we were a doodle club. We had to point to the Lagotto sign and explain that these were purebred lagotti, not a mixed breed. :) (We did see a lot of golden-doodles, labradoodles, and lots of mixes in between.) We had a couple of people from the Yahoo list that drove more than an hour to meet us at the beach and get their hands on these dogs. They fell in love, of course!



We plan to meet again in a month or two at another famous Bay Area location. We hope more lagotto owners and their lagotti will join us!



"Piccolo Raduno" in Washington D.C.
Submitted by Ellen Noghes



On January 9, 2011 Washington D.C. Lagotto owners met up with their dogs at LCA member Ellen Noghes' home. From left to right: Scott Cataline with Riva (1 yr old female) In back with video camera, Dr. Frank Neisenfeld (who hopes to adopt a lagotto puppy), Ellen Noghes with Maestro (6 yr old male) Cassie Cataline, in back Cate Edwards with Luca (1 and 1/2 yr old male)

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News and Events

SW Raduno

Text and photos submitted by Judith Martin

The sky was clear and the weather was warm as one would expect in Phoenix on a March weekend. We had a great group of folks at our 4th SW LCA Raduno. Our theme for this event was to encourage and teach the art of participating in Conformation showing of our Lagotti. We had 4 novice handlers out for the first time to show their dogs and each of them collected points towards an UKC Championship. It was great for all of us as we all garnered points towards our UKC Championships. Our handsome boy Terzo, owned by Adrienne Perry, took several top honors and we are all very proud of him.



Our set up, getting items ready for the raffle.

We were so busy, and having such a good time we didn't do some of the events we had planned, but those we did with great success were: Tracking seminar on Friday led by Adrienne Perry who has a lot of experience in tracking her Rottweilers. We learned how to lay out a practice course and how to get started in training with our dogs. We were also treated to a handling seminar by Shawn Swanson and learned lots of good tips on how to show our dogs to their best advantage in the ring. We had grooming sessions and a killer raffle with some amazing gifts to bid on.

People attending came from Texas, Utah, Colorado, California and Arizona. We all had fun, the dogs loved meeting each other and we look forward to the next event and encourage you to attend any Raduno that is being planned in the future. It is a great way to meet other dog lovers and see so many wonderful examples of our breed.



Adrienne Perry and Terzo talking to our handling class teacher, Shawn Swanson.



Getting ready to show!



Canine Awards

Terzo Kleo of Golden Comfort RN CGC, "Terzo" the Lagotto Romagnolo
Text and photos submitted by owner Adrienne Perry

Raduno (Bagnara Italy): Breed entry of 130
Intermediate class rating: Excellent

**Lausanne International Dog Show (Switzerland):
Breed entry of 9**

Saturday: Intermediate Class V-1 (Excellent and first place)
CAC (the rating necessary for a Swiss championship), and
RCACIB (essentially Reserve Best male)

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CAC (the rating necessary for a Swiss championship),
and RCACIB (Reserve Best male). The beautiful multi
champion male that he was Reserve (RCACIB) to didn't
need the wins so they became Terzo's too!

Stuttgart Germany: International show on Saturday/
national show (no CACIB available at a national show) on
Sunday Breed entry of 19

Saturday: Intermediate Class V-1 and VDH (the award for
German champion) and CACIB (Best Male) and Best of Opposite Sex.
Sunday: Intermediate Class V-1 and VDH

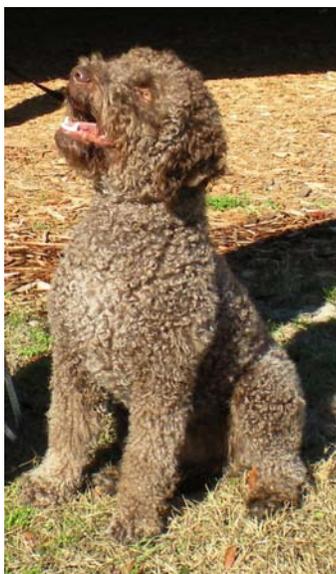
Terzo is now 2/4 of the way to his Swiss championship, 2/5 of the way to his German championship and 3/4 of the way to his International championship!! All the titles require a year between the first and the last win so he won't be able to complete them until our next trip. He needs to go to a third country to get a CACIB as well. Read more about Terzo's adventures in Europe in the following pages.



Regun Bono (Giovanni)

Text and photos submitted by owner Christine Anne Minardi

Giovanni won Best of Show in
Ocala the weekend of
January 22 at the Orange Blossom
Classic hosted by the American
Rare Breed Association.



Giovanni with his medals!

Awards to LCA People

2010 Awards and Certificates of Recognition

Text submitted by Mel Sykes

“Spark Plug” Award: (given to the club member(s) who has made great strides in advancement of the LCA)

•*Roberta York*: For her work with on the Membership Review committee. She is also the AKC Legislative Liaison presenting information on the various legislative bills that come her way, and advises how passage or action can affect us as dog owners and breeders.

•*Christine Minardi*: Her tireless work in working with the membership committee, the website committee, Chairing the Rescue/Rehoming committee, holding a position on the LCA Board as a Director, and the many hours she spends with Dog Therapy.

“Tail Wagger” Award: (given to the member(s) who have made strides in the advancement of the Lagotto Romagnolo breed)

•*Darlene Colmar*, US Recipient: Trained to administer the Canine Good Citizen Test, while attending the Southeast Raduno, conducted the test on 4 Lagotto, where all 4 passed. She continues to work to advance her certification levels and hopes to have the ability to conduct temperament testing in the next year.

•*Brandon Bayer*, Foreign Member: Brandon is one of our most active foreign members. He has been a tremendous asset to the breed in North America as a teacher on topics such as, grooming, crate training, temperament (what to look for and how to deal with it), clicker training, obedience and agility. And he has attended both Southeast Raduno's, taken hundreds of photos, and always shares everything freely with the club.

Special Recognition

Longevity Service Certificate of Appreciation:

•*Dr. Kenneth Weiss* – an original Board and charter member of the LCA, Ken has given many hours to the club, the website and membership committees. Ken began as one of our Director's and has served in the Vice President position over the past year. Ken's analytical background has given the Board a unique perspective on various topics such as hip dysplasia, eye health, BFJE, and so much more. Ken will continue to Chair the Membership Committee and will assist in the Website Committee. I will miss having Ken on the Board, but he will undoubtedly remain a consistent voice in club matters on the LCA Group List.

•*Scott Carver* – Scott is another charter member and original Board Member. Scott has held the office of Treasurer, and has been a delight to work with. His fair and consistent nature has made him a voice of reason on the Board. He has also been active in organizing Lagotto Club activities and recently, the “play date” in California.

•*Judith Martin* – In the formation of the LCA, Judith was the heart and soul that held the concept together and who's tireless work and research helped make the LCA a reality. Judith was our first President and has remained in the Immediate Past President for the past 2 years. Her artistic background has given us the official LCA Logo as well as many other creative ideas where the membership has benefited, such as the very successful Southwest Radunos. Her love of the Lagotto breed and her desire to do what is right for the breed cannot go unnoticed. Judith will always be an integral part of the LCA and she will still be active in our Marketing Committee.

Certificates of Appreciation:

•*Gil Liran* – Gil filled the 3rd Director's shoes this past year when we had to restructure the LCA Board after Bob Zimmel resigned his President position. His work with training added some invaluable input, and his willingness to step-in during the transition was greatly appreciated.

•*Cody Hilton* – Cody has joined the Website Committee and his expertise is helping with the application process is making it more user friendly. We look forward to seeing what else he can help us with.

•*Marianne Cejic* – Marianne has been dubbed “Ms Clicker Training” and her posts in order to assist members with the training issues have been well thought out and have been received well by our members. She, along with her husband Sonny, assisted with the AKC “Meet the Breed “ event, held in Detroit in March 2010.

Thank you to all the recipients this year and to a job well done!

Terzo Goes to Europe!

Text and photos submitted by Adrienne Perry

Terzo goes to Europe. Don't you want to go too?

Ever since we began reading about Lagotto, we'd heard about the big show in Italy called the Raduno. Every time I've been to Europe in the past two years I'd been to dog shows, looking at dogs and well...itching to show my own. It probably comes as no surprise to anyone that I really love to show dogs, I've been showing since I was a kid. We decided that this year was the year, and with the help of our Swiss friends we decided that we'd go back to the Raduno with Terzo and enter dog shows in Switzerland and Germany on the following weekends.

Veterinary planning

Anyone contemplating such a trip should start out by visiting the CDC website and finding out the requirements for bringing your dog back over to Europe. I was able to print all of the health certificates that my vet needed to fill out and sign right from the internet (your vet will not have these and will have no idea what you need). Make sure you leave enough time to get all the vaccines and treatments done before you go. Certain vaccines are also required for entering the EU and the vaccine schedule may be different than what you would do here. Terzo's second rabies vaccine pretty well coincided with the requirements for Italy (where we would land). Though I don't normally vaccinate for Leptospirosis-- because our climate is so dry--I tracked down 2 doses of it for Terzo and gave them at 2 months and 1 month out from our departure. He also had a dose of Promeris tick treatment (required to land in Italy) in his "just before leaving" vet visit when all the health certificates were signed. The last thing I wanted was for him to contract something that I didn't recognize symptoms for or was unused to dealing with—like ticks!

Do you know where your imported dog's passport is? Terzo still has his Swiss passport from when I picked him up as a baby, and I've kept all his vaccine stickers in it ever since. This was all he needed to pass from one EU country to another. You also need the passport to get in to the international shows too, there are long lines every morning to check your dog's passport and your entry papers ! If you don't have it or if your dog is from the USA or Canada you can get a passport online through the CDC. Basically, "Googling" things like "requirements for taking dog to Italy" will get you a mass of information. Also you'll pick up other valuable pieces of information, such as dogs in public in Italy must be muzzled! We took a muzzle and hung it from Terzo's collar. He never wore it, was never asked to, but letter of the law—he might have had to. Oh, yeah after all the veterinary preparation? Not one agent even looked at Terzo's health certificate, we were waived straight through customs!

Travel Agents or planes, trains and automobiles

We have a terrific travel agent. Dana Huckstein of Lewis Travel in CA. has been flying people and their dogs around the world for quite some time. She knows exactly what size crate can fit on what size plane, and that with a dog you need to have a little bit more layover time after clearing customs before making your second flight. Even if you have a travel agent that you use for vacation or business travel, I'd recommend using someone like Dana who understands the "dog side" of things. This time out we learned that if we pay the dog's ticket (round trip) we could save a little chunk of money. They always tell you at the ticket counter that you can only pay one way---not true—they can issue the ticket for the return trip as well (you just have to hold onto it!). Terzo's one way trip ticket was \$200 (for each way). Had we paid for the return trip ticket from Germany it would have been 200 Euros (about 25% more). Also, you might not know that you can fly into one airport and out of another one. We flew into Milan and flew out of Stuttgart, Germany (where the final show on our trip was held).



Adrienne Perry with Terzo and 'The Alien'

Terzo Goes to Europe...continued!

This was our first time renting a car in Europe—we LOOOOVE the trains! Dana also helped us out there. What size car can you get a 400 size kennel into—and still have room for 2 people and their stuff? Because we were picking up the car in one country and dropping it off in another, this was a little more difficult than normal. In the end, we got an upgraded sedan (we were supposed to get a station wagon) and thank goodness the crate fit on the back seat. Whenever we were settled in the crate either came out or was broken down and put in the trunk. Initially, the car's GPS was programmed in German---(and the car's manual was printed in every language BUT English!) so it took until the next day when we met up with our Swiss friends to get it reprogrammed into English. We bought a GPS system here with the European maps loaded in it that we took along. We don't normally use them, and it took some practice for us to use them. We had some interesting times when the car's GPS and our Tom-tom didn't agree on how to get to where we were going. The freeway signs also needed some getting used to, but after a day or two they did make sense. We took regular "hard copy" maps too, sometimes it took both GPS systems, a map and 2 sets of eyes to get us to our destination.



Terzo's head shot

If you're renting a car, make sure to get your International Driver's license BEFORE you go. When I was in Holland last spring, I wanted to rent a car for one day of my trip to visit breeders. Though everyone told me I didn't need it for the Netherlands, the rental company disagreed! They also didn't have any cars left! So that really messed up a day when I was supposed to meet lots of folks. So we didn't make that mistake this time, we got our licenses and rented the car before we went. There is a lot of info on renting/leasing cars in Rick Steves' travel guides, which will really help you understand your options. I think with a dog and crate along, renting a car is pretty much the best way to go--though grabbing a train is certainly still our favorite. And had we been flying in and out of the same airport, we might have chosen to "ditch" the kennel in a locker at the train station and picked it up before leaving.

Other planning: Food, crates, dishes

We talked with our Swiss friends about the brands of dog food available there, as you can't bring dog food (anything with meat in it) into the EU. About 2 months before leaving we switched Terzo over to Royal Canin and arranged to have our friends pick up a bag and bring it to the hotel at the Raduno. This way he was total-accustomed to the new food before we got there, which was good because initially it gave him gas! One less stressful thing for him. It did mean that he had a dinner and a breakfast of "people food" before we met up with them....but he survived eating Calzones and cheese--poor guy! And how's this for sticker shock, the dog food was 3 times more expensive than here!

I did carry one serving of his RC kibble with me in my bag and fed it to him in his crate while we were waiting to clear customs (and did the same thing on the way back). Boy, was he hungry after his trip. I don't use the tiny plastic travel dishes. My rottweilers have stainless steel buckets that they use, Terzo has a 1 qt size bucket. The night before we left I filled it and froze it in the freezer. This way the dog can lick the ice, but the water doesn't spill if the kennel tips or the plane flies through turbulence.



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Terzo Goes to Europe...continued!

Upon landing, I thought he would really need to pee- not so much. He was a little muzzy headed, and he enjoyed walking around in the brisk air, but was in no hurry to make his “mark” on Milan. I’m guessing since he had water, that dogs must dehydrate as we do when flying. He didn’t act overly thirsty, just didn’t have to go as I’d expected. The other thing we did was to put removable wheels on Terzo’s kennel. The bottom of the kennel can’t have any holes in it (per the airlines), so we flipped it over and drilled holes on the top for wheels we got at the hardware store. The dog can’t fly with them on, so Cubby carried the wheels in her suitcase. Once we landed we put the wheels on, tightening the screws to finger tight. Using the kennel upside down, we could wheel it along to the dog shows or to our hotel room, then flip it back over (without Terzo being in it!) If you’re used to having a crate dolly at a dog show (I am) this is a great help. Most of the dog shows I’ve been at in Europe are in huge convention centers and we usually walk to them—sometimes several blocks--, which is great unless you’ve got a lot of stuff to lug. Terzo really enjoyed having his own quiet space at the shows, it is sooo much louder there than we are used to here, I think Cubby wanted to crawl in with him at times. Since the airlines always want you to have some sort of matting down for spills, I took Terzo’s bed and a towel and stuffed them in there. When we arrived he had his bed from home and a towel for baths or to drape over his kennel for privacy without taking up space in my suitcase.



European dog shows

I would have been totally lost without my Swiss friends on entering shows. Now I still get emails from the VDH (German kennel club) about upcoming shows. You can find a certain amount of information on the FCI website the Fédération Cynologique Internationale. But you need to have an idea of what to look for and where some of the locations are. I entered Terzo using his Swiss FCI registration number. In Switzerland we were able to enter online and pay with a credit card. In Germany, my friends advised me not to do this. In Germany they do not take credit cards for online entries—they do bank transfers. By the time you figure in the cost of the transfer and the conversion into Euros, the total amount isn’t ever figured right and you end up having to go to the secretary’s desk and pay the difference anyway, so it’s easier to pay at the show, though you pay a late fee. And be prepared, entry fees are much higher at an FCI show than an AKC show. I think Terzo’s entry fees for Switzerland (2 shows) were \$170 (after the exchange rate) while his German entries (2 shows) were 80 Euros. For both the German and the Swiss shows I got confirmations in the mail before we left (much earlier than you do here). For the Raduno, I never got ANY written confirmation, I emailed them a couple times and finally got an email confirmation that we were entered---but not information about where the show was or how to get there.

For the FCI International shows, plan to be there all day. For Raduno: of course you’re there all day, it’s the whole point! You are required to come in by 9 am (no matter when you are scheduled to show) and stay until 3pm. Your entry fee confirmation provides you with a ticket to enter, a catalogue for each day AND a prize for staying the day. After 2 pm you can go and collect your “prix”. One day in Switzerland I got a beautiful brass medallion with the show’s insignia and the next day got a huge golf umbrella. Don’t expect much in the way of trophies or ribbons (but not true of Raduno!). Sometimes there’s a trophy for Best of Breed and a ribbon, but usually nothing for the other winners. You do however, come away with a written critique (another reason that you spend the day waiting around) Much to my surprise both the judges in Switzerland critiqued in English (one of the FCI’s approved languages) so those were in English. However, they were transcribed by the ring steward, who often was writing phonetically so sometimes they needed some “dog translation.”

I brought bottled water from the grocery store for Terzo and us. We also brought leftovers from breakfast or from the store with us for our lunch. Bring a fist full (each) of ziploc bags, and you will save yourself a lot of money on meals and snacks. The vendors at all the shows were incredible as was the food selection. The show in Stuttgart even had a food vendor selling cheese and meats! . And there is always, always cappuccino available! Sometimes gelato too!

Terzo’s adventures continue...Stay tuned for the next issue of the Lagotto Bollettino to read the rest of the story!

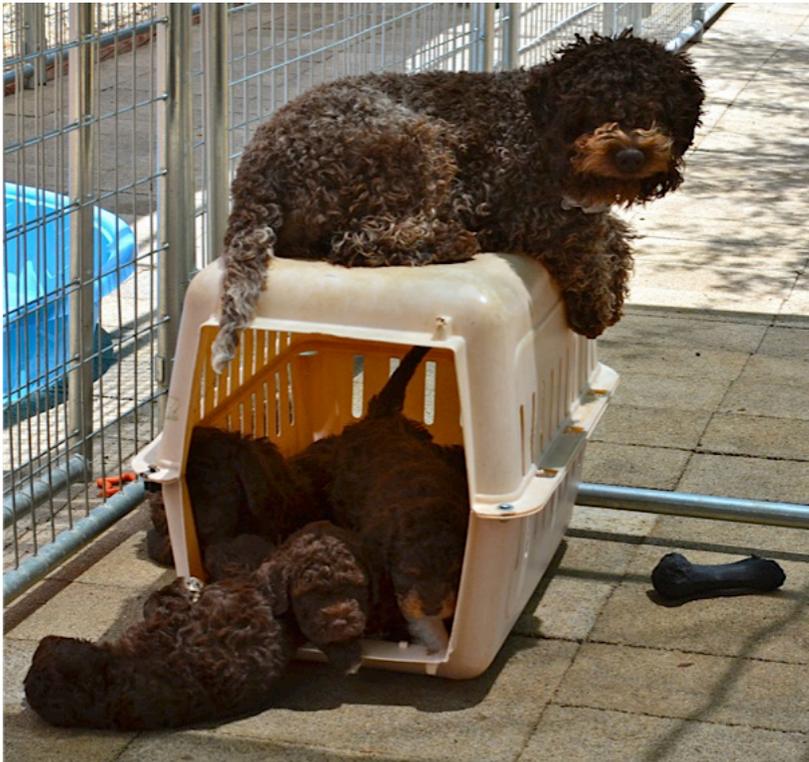
Fun Photos!

Adrina's recent litter.

Text and photos submitted by Judith Martin

Judith Martin's lagotto Adrina whelped a lovely, healthy litter on April 4. These photos are of our 18 month old Ginevra who takes it upon herself to babysit for Adrina's litter. At 6 weeks of age, Adrina is quite happy to have help with the litter.

Below 6 of the 7 puppies are piled into a 100 crate. They still love to sleep in a "puppy pile". Ginevra is a great "auntie" and loves the puppies. She plays with them and as seen in these photos, keeps a protective watch over them.



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