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Ah, Spring!



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Deadline for next issue:
June 15

From the Editor - Judith Martin

Hello Lagotto friends. This is our first issue of 2014. For those of you living in the Central and Eastern States, it has been quite a winter. Record cold and record snow for many of you, and it doesn't appear to be fully over yet! The only ones who don't seem to mind the cold snowy days are our wooly, curly Lagotti. They love to run and play in the snow, and we are featuring photos throughout this issue of our guys enjoying winter fun.

Those of us in the SouthWest have had a very mild winter and almost no snow due to higher temperatures and lack of precipitation. My dogs in Arizona haven't had any snow to play in this year, and although we often get a few good short-lived snowstorms, the only flakes we have had this year were the day after April Fool's day. We in Arizona always invite folks to come enjoy the warm Phoenix area winters where it is sunny and pleasant almost every day. Not so this year. The Lagotto Club of America planned its first official AKC Open Show to be in Scottsdale along with the Fiesta Cluster. It managed to be cold and sopping wet that Saturday and our visitors from around the country only got to see our very worst weather. Our cover dogs are already surrounded by flowers, so if you are still waiting for spring, you can enjoy a bit of it with those of us in the warmer climate. Also in this issue is information about Lysosomal Storage Disease and how to draw samples to have our dogs tested.

We have a new contest in this issue that is a word search. Whomever finds the MOST dog breed names by the end of May, will win a beautiful window cling with our new club name and logo. Start looking & send to: Bollettino@LagottoUS.com 

President's Letter - Adrienne Perry

As we go to press with this latest edition of the Bollettino, the club is moving ever closer to our goal of full AKC recognition. We've had a very busy past few months on the board! You should have been mailed a ballot to vote on the club's new name. (AKC requires the club name to include the entire name of the breed....so we will soon be the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America!) Please make sure to vote before the deadline, which is coming up soon!

New updates to the club's Bylaws will soon be up on the website for you to study and give feedback on. (AKC also requires as part of the full recognition process.) These have also been sent to AKC Club Relations department for review. In the near future you will receive

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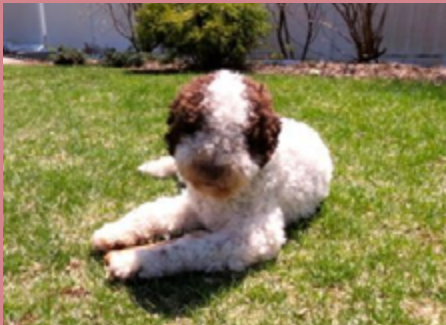
New Faces



Owner: Lisa Sobon
Location: California
Date of birth: December 19, 2013
Registered Name: "Brie"
Invidia de la Foret des Hauts de Galgals



Owner: Marc Imberman
Location: Millwood, NY
Date of birth: December 13, 2013
Registered Name: Cody Dei Terra Incognita



Owner: Toni Kay-Wolff
Location: Southbury, CT
Date of birth: August 26, 2013
Registered Name: LK Peter Pan "Volo"

materials to vote on these new Bylaw updates, and individually opt in (or out of) electronic voting on Club motions and business. One of the things we are working on, is to revise and improve the system for listing breeders and litters of puppies. Also, the board has approved an updated version of the Health Screening and Breeding Practices which will soon appear on our website.

If you're planning on breeding a litter in the next year, you will want to make sure that you review these Breeding Practices so that your dogs are in compliance with the health committee recommended practices. Also we are working on an update to the website to reflect all the changes.

If you are an IT person and interested in working with the website committee please contact Cody Hilton (cody@bayrain.com) I am also interested in expanding the work of the Awards Committee to look at devising a Hall of Fame system to recognize the achievements of Lagotto in this country. If you are interested in working on this project please email me (president@lagottous.com)

Our most exciting recent news is that we held our Open Show in Scottsdale on March 1! This was our last requirement to met before applying for full AKC recognition status. Despite unseasonal pouring rain, our show went off without a hitch, and Best in Show was a lagotto to boot!

Other club activities in Scottsdale including a judges' education seminar given by Jacki Barbieri, assisted by both Sandy Mignogna and myself. We had a great presentation, question and answer session, and the judges did a good job on their tests too!

We also held a blood draw in conjunction with the onsite vet, and sent DNA blood samples to Finland where they will be tested for Lysosomal Storage Disease and future research in our breed.

On Friday night David and Gwen Twyver and "Sophie" hosted a wonderful Yappy Hour. If you weren't there you missed a fabulous spread of YUMMY treats! It was so nice to enjoy a couple of leisure hours before the frantic activity of the rest of the weekend. We can't thank you both enough for your hospitality, it was a perfectly lovely evening. 🐾



AKC Open Show



Our Open Show was held as part of the Fiesta Cluster at West-World in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Fiesta Cluster is held every year at the end of February or first of March. This year the dates were Feb. 27 to March 3. Several All-Breed and Specialty Clubs have banded together to provide 5 days of dog shows.

Lagotto Club of America chose Saturday, March 1 as the date. An Open Show is required by American Kennel Club on the path to full recognition of our breed. Our Lagotti may show in the Miscellaneous Class in any AKC All-Breed show but we do not move up toward Best of Breed. Prior to being in the Miscellaneous Class, the Lagotto was part of Foundation Stock Service (FSS) of the AKC. The Open Show is a venue where FSS breeds may also compete with all the Miscellaneous Class breeds.

Our show drew participants from several breeds and Lagotto exhibitors from Arizona, as well as New Mexico, California and Pennsylvania. The weather was wet, cold and muddy; quite out of the norm for sunny Arizona, but those of us in attendance had fun. We had a raffle with some great prizes, we had fun at the “Yappy Hour” at Twyver’s home on Friday evening, and we enjoyed sharing news and views about our fabulous Lagotti. The club hosted a Judge’s Education event to demonstrate the breed standard to judges.

We also participated in a blood draw that was sent to the University of Helsinki for use in DNA studies in our breed. You will note the item in this issue: Lysosomal Storage Disease. 



Robin Morehouse with Johan, Best of Breed at the Friday Show.



Jacki Barbieri and Bob Einem are discussing grooming Jarci

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Lagotto Club of America, Inc.
Saturday, March 1, 2014 - Held at West World
Scottsdale, AZ

All results reflect the dogs' current owners.

Dogo Argtn Mrs. C K Steidel (1 Ent - 0d - 1b)
Lag Rom Mrs. C K Steidel (10 Ent - 5d - 5b)

Breed Winners

Open Show Conf. Best of Breed or Variety
Della Luna's Allegro Con Brio (B), A Perry/J Lash/M Heacox
Open Show Conf. Best of Opposite Sex
Panettone Di Terra Incognita CM4 (D), L Sobon/J Barbieri

Dogs Mrs. C K Steidel (5d 4 pts)
Open Conf Open 1 Panettone Di Terra Incognita CM4 L Sobon/J Barbieri **OCBOS**
2 Pinon Massaggero Di Pinon R Morehouse
3 Angelus Mei Apollon F Marino-Robb
4 Angelus Mei Barbelo F Marino-Robb

Bitches Mrs. C K Steidel (5b 4 pts)
Open Conf Puppy 9-12 Mos.
1 Dig'N Second Time Around R Morehouse
Open Conf Open
1 Della Luna's Allegro Con Brio A Perry/J Lash/M Heacox **OCBOB**
2 Nostryffels Ottima Opera RN A Perry/J Lash
3 Shivaree Mia Piccola Pesca J Martin
4 Jarcella De Terra Incognita S Schmidt
Open Conf Best of Breed/Var
Della Luna's Allegro Con Brio A Perry/J Lash/M Heacox
Panettone Di Terra Incognita CM4 L Sobon/J Barbieri **OCBOS**

Min Amer Shep Mrs. C K Steidel (4 Ent - 2d - 2b)
Brac Ital Mrs. C K Steidel (2 Ent - 1d - 1b)



Notes from our judge Mrs. C K (Kitty) Steidel:

"I had great fun both studying for and judging the Lagotto at Scottsdale. Actually thanks to the rain I was able to talk in detail after the competition to several members about the club and the dogs. I find your dogs lovely and I had choices. I based my decision for placements on the whole and how the parts fit that whole dog. My winners were both correct in breed detail and very sound moving, using all their parts in a balance fashion It was great to go over so many dogs after reading all the educational materials and putting the information to practice. The plusses I saw were coats though varied, heads ,tails, topline. Some of the minuses were deviations from the ideal for fronts and rears which threw some of the dogs a bit out of balance compared to the winners. I had many positive remarks on the seminar and hands on that day too. The slides in your "welcome to the Lagotto" video are spectacular showing all the activities the breed is able to do. Those that prepared the video are to be congratulated! Thank you again for taking part in our Judges Workshops 2014. Every good wish for your advancement to full recognition. If I can assist in any way, please ask."



"Wait" and "Back Up"... Good Save!

I don't usually train my dogs to 'Stay'. I like the 'Wait' command better.

Stay means "freeze"... don't move a muscle until I return to you and release you. The reason I don't teach it often is that most people use it incorrectly and indiscriminately, and I see more dogs breaking a stay than understand it. They inevitably get corrected for breaking the stay, unfair and not needed. Not to say I don't teach it, but it requires some very specific parts, broken down so that the dogs understand it well and the handlers are using it clearly and with their own understanding of what we want the dogs to do.

"Wait" means don't move forward. When I tell my dogs to wait at the front door, it means you can move about the house, just don't move forward... don't follow me out the door, the gate, up or down the stairs. But it doesn't mean "freeze".

A while ago, I was working with a mini GoldenDoodle, Tillie, our Lagotto, and Glory my English Shepherd were out with us in the back yard. Tossing the frisbee, Glory has a lovely retrieve. Not perfect, but she'll find it, take it, and bring it to hand 90% of the time.

I had just tossed the frisbee, and as Glory was bringing it back to me I noticed that the Doodle had just pooped. Right between Glory and me, and Glory was about to step in it, dancing around with the frisbee she so proudly brought back to me!

"WAIT"! "BACK UP"! Good girl!

Stepping in poop and ick averted, I was so proud of my girl, and so happy I had taught her those two commands.

There are so many reasons I love these two commands, and I'd never had to use them for that reason before, but let me tell you... short of "come" and "down", they are the ones I use most often, and probably always will!

Toni is a professional dog trainer and owner of The Well Mannered Dog in Southbury, Connecticut.



Tillie sees something outside. She's holding her "Wait" command even though she'd rather step outside and see what is going on. This is what we are looking for . . . Self control, even when our dogs would rather be doing something else.



Radunos and Gatherings



Eleven starring Lagotto made a big impression at the Seattle Dog Show, March 8 and 9.

11,500 people attended the show, and most who came by the Seattle Area Metro Lagotto Romagnolo education booth stared at the sign, tried sounding out the name and said, "I've never heard of this breed." The sentence started conversations about the breed history, characteristics, and wonderful attributes of our dogs.

Audrey Freudenberg created a beautiful tryptic using windows and moldings. The windows had Italian flag colors, red, white, and green, background and contained photos of the dogs. They also held two iPads that had looping video/slide shows, made by Alana McGee, of truffle hunting and many other activities of our dogs including showing, agility, detection, therapy and service work.

On the display table were dog found native Oregon White and Oregon Black truffles, a clay model of tree roots showing where truffles might be found made by Zelia Egan, our 2014 calendar, brochures and notebooks containing the articles "Living with the Lagotto Romagnolo" by Therese Williams and Adrienne Perry, and "Judging the Lagotto Romagnolo" by Jacki Barbieri, Adrienne Perry and Therese Williams.

The dogs who won hearts with their calm demeanor and siding up for pets are: Kate, Fia, Jake, Contessa, Pancetta, Tank, Lily, Biscotti, Lolo, Lidia

(granddaughter of Contessa), and Chambord (littermate of Biscotti). Volunteers who manned the booth sharing the Lagotto story for twenty hours are: Audrey Freudenberg, Zelia Egan, Giorgio Turella, Cindy and Mark Oliveto, Therese and Dan Williams, Sheri and Marissa Wages, Anne McGee, and Dawn Meiklejohn. 🐾

SE Lagotto Raduno - June 6-8

Pack your bags; load up on dog food and plan to join us for a Raduno in Asheville, North Carolina starting on Friday, June 6th at 6:30 pm, with continuing events through Sunday morning, June 8. This Raduno is scheduled to coincide with the Asheville Kennel Club's Conformation Dog Show, held at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, across from the Asheville Regional Airport.


The Raduno will be at Darlene Colmar's home, located 9 miles from that event. She has about ¾ of an acre that is fenced, half of which is forest and the other half is a gently sloped grassy yard. There is a training room accessible from the yard as well. Friday evening will start at 6:30 pm with some playtime for the dogs and get acquainted mixers for the humans. There will be a brief presentation about how and why to register with

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AKC. We have a former AKC judge who will explain and demonstrate what happens at a Conformation Show.

A practice “Handling Class” followed by a “Fun-Match” will be offered for anyone who is interested. Saturday will begin at 9:00 am with a playtime and a presentation with demonstration of the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Participants may have their dog tested Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. AKC’s Companion Events will be explained with a focus on Rally and Agility.

There will be a sample Novice Rally course for participants to try. At 11:30, those who are attending the dog show can leave with a pre-ordered box lunch to attend the Show. Miscellaneous Class Dogs will be judged just after lunch and the “Best of Miscellaneous” will be judged in the ring just preceding “Best in Show.” There will be a CERF (eye) and Cardiology Clinic available at the show.

Only dogs registered for miscellaneous competition or testing at the Clinic are allowed to attend. Raduno participants not competing may choose to attend the show or explore Asheville, leaving their dog (crated or free in the yard) in the care of two Vet Techs. Participants are also welcome to remain at the Raduno site. At 3:00, the Raduno will continue with a talk on “Grooming Your Lagotto,” showing both a “show” and “pet” cut. This will be followed by a demonstration on the use of various types of Agility Equipment and participants can try it out with their dog. The AKC CGC will also be offered during this time. Sunday will offer playtime from 9:00-10:00 as well as another opportunity to take the AKC CGC test. At 10:00, participants are encouraged to participate in a “Variety Show” where they can show off any tricks their dog can perform. The cost for the Raduno is just \$5.00 per human. The only other cost is for an optional \$10.00 box lunch. Participants are encouraged to fill out a registration form and send it, along with a check, as soon as possible. Hopefully, the sun will be shining on us for the entire weekend. 

Help Wanted!

Our club depends on the talents of the membership to function. Many of you have talents that would help the club very much. Here are a few opportunities to help us out:

The **Marketing Committee** has had a wonderful last 4 years! We have had 3 great calendars, a new logo, new club logo wear... lots of work and lots of fun! At this point I have decided to step down as chair to help with other club endeavors as we move forward to full recognition. The other two committee members have decided not to take over the position so I come to you the membership to see if there is anyone that would like to step into this position... We will walk the new person through calendar development and help transfer logo wear info etc to the new person...we need new ideas and new energy to help move things forward this next year! Please contact me if you have questions! Lisa Sobon
Marketing Chair: thesobons@yahoo.com

The **Newsletter Committee** would love another contributing editor. If you like graphics, writing or editing, join us.
Judith Martin, Bollettino Editor
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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 to make sure you are in compliance with future breedings.



Lysosomal Storage Disease - Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes

Our Unique Opportunity – Ongoing Health Research

As many are aware, researchers at the University of Finland, under the leadership of Prof. Hannes Lohi, are leading the ongoing research into the cluster of neurological issues that exist in the Lagotto. So far, they have unraveled 2 of these diseases, which fortunately affect relatively few Lagotto. However, they need more blood samples from both affected and unaffected dogs. If you provide a blood sample along with completing the questionnaires they have provided, your dog will be tested at no charge for Lysosomal Storage Disease (see below). Researchers will retain the DNA sample for future researcher that will benefit our wonderful breed. This is a unique opportunity for the breed as this type of research often costs breed clubs tens of thousands of dollars.

History In the late 1990's it became apparent that there was some type of neurological problem in the breed. It was difficult to determine what the problem might be for several reasons. Firstly, relatively few dogs were affected. Similar symptoms could show up in young puppies, and while some improved to the point of becoming symptomless, in a few, the disorder would progress to the point where euthanasia was the only option. Then there were the problems that showed up in older puppies or even older dogs and did not resolve but progressed and ultimately led to death. All of these issues included neurological symptoms. Fortunately for breeders and owners, there were few dogs affected with the progressive disorder. Unfortunately these low numbers made it much more difficult for researchers to discover the nature of the problem as they had so few samples to work with.

First breakthrough – Benign Familial Juvenile Epilepsy (BFJE) The first break through came in 2008 when Prof. Lohi's research team announced that the breed had a genetic disorder called Benign Familial Juvenile Epilepsy – BFJE – which is a transient epilepsy that can show up at approximately 5 weeks of age and resolves by the age of 12 to 13 weeks. In order for puppies to be affected they must inherit a gene for BFJE from both their sire and dam. Prof. Lohi's team developed a DNA test for BFJE which became available in the spring of 2008. In order for a puppy to be affected, they must have two copies of the gene, so if one parent does not carry a gene for the disorder – often referred to as being “clear” – no affected puppies will be born.



DOGDNA

The next step However this discovery did not explain puppies with symptoms that progressed, nor did it shed any light on dogs that developed symptoms as older puppies or adults. Again, there were relatively few dogs that were affected and the researchers were begging for samples. They knew that at least some of the affected dogs had a problem called cerebellar abiotrophy – CA - a condition where cells in the brain die off prematurely resulting in progressively worsening symptoms. However, when examining the brain cell slides, there was no evidence of CA.

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Researchers called for more samples and the world-wide Lagotto community responded.

Second Breakthrough – Lysosomal Storage Disease (LSD) In 2014 Working in concert with researchers at the University of Bern under Prof. Leeb, the two groups of researchers discovered that a metabolic disorder, known as Lysosomal Storage disease was affecting some Lagotto. 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, incurable.

Lysosomal storage disease is actually a group of disorders caused by enzymatic deficiencies that prevent certain metabolic functions from occurring. Waste materials that would normally be processed by these functions build up in the cell preventing the cell from doing its job, resulting in observable symptoms in the affected dog. The symptoms are progressive and progression is faster in those individuals whose symptoms arise at a younger age. The most typical symptoms are from ataxia, where the dog has a “drunken” gait. Some dogs have been nystagmus - the eyes moving back and forth. As the disease progresses, some dogs show signs of behavioral changes such as anxiety or aggression. The two research teams analyzed DNA samples from 1300 Lagotto, leading to the development of a DNA test for LSD, announced this past February. As with BFJE, puppies must receive a gene for the disorder from each parent, so as long as one parent does not carry a gene, no affected puppies will be born. In analyzing the 1300 DNA samples, researchers determined that only 11% of the dogs were “carriers” (had one gene for the disorder) and only 1% of the dogs had two copies of the gene – referred to as “affected”. Just as with BFJE, if one parent is clear (no copies of the LSD gene) affected puppies will not be produced.



What is next – Cerebellar Abiotrophy – CA, and...? Researchers at the University of Helsinki are continuing their research into this disorder. Your blood samples will help advance this research into what is hopefully the final piece of the puzzle of neurological symptoms that can affect the breed. The researchers are also looking into possible genetic linkages for fear which is one of the reasons for the extensive questionnaires that are required to be submitted, along with a pedigree, when submitting blood samples. Information and links to forms will be provided on the club website at www.LagottoUS.com



If you need help or have questions, you can contact Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes at HealthEducation@LagottoUS.com



Truffle Training - Alana McGee

When Two Worlds Collide

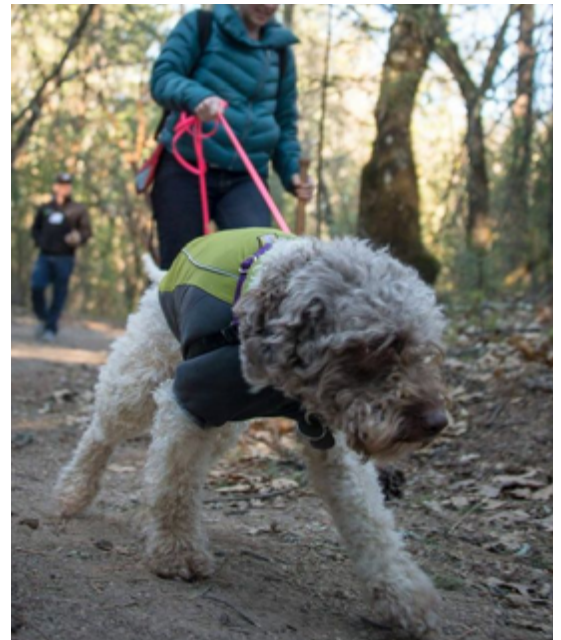
Ten years ago, Alana McGee had her very first experience with truffles and truffle hunting when she met her first Lagotto Romagnolo, Toby, in a tiny village outside of Cartoceto, Italy. With the support and help of many people, she founded Toil & Truffle with her own Lagotto Romagnolo, Lolo and Lab/Retriever Mix, Duff.

Meanwhile, although on a completely different path, Kristin Rosenbach was learning to hunt truffles with three herding breeds. She also fell in love with truffles in Italy and decided to teach her dogs because she needed work for an injured Border Collie, a confidence building game for a shy Sheltie and a fun activity for a Belgian Tervuren puppy with a spectacular nose. She founded Wagnificent K9 Truffle Dogs and started sharing their passion for truffle hunting with friends and family.

Alana and Kristin crossed paths in December 2012 and never looked back. They co-founded Truffle Dog Company in the fall of 2013, bringing their talents together to serve the global community of truffle enthusiasts.

In January truffle dog teams from all over the west coast of the United States came together to support the love of truffles and the domestic truffle industry. Alana, with Lolo in tow, presented at the 4th annual Napa Truffle Festival discussing practical implementation of truffle dogs on planted orchards & truffle scent location, as well as teaching training techniques and demonstrating truffle location on an existing orchard. Today, you will find them busily teaching new truffle dog teams, including many Lagotti from across the globe, through online instruction, in-person lessons, and seminars as well as guiding forays, collecting data for research, harvesting truffles for local orchards and training future contractors for Truffle Dog Company. Between them, Alana and Kristin have seven truffle hunting dogs which includes two Lagotto Romagnolo, a Border Collie, an Australian Shepherd, a Shetland Sheepdog, a Lab/Retriever Mix, and a Belgian Tervuren.

Alana McGee is a professional truffle dog trainer and handler. owner of Toil and Truffle, and a co-founder of the Truffle Dog Company based out of Seattle, WA. 🐶



Report from the Secretary - Mel Sykes

Full minutes of all Board Meetings are published on the LCA website: www.lagottous.com Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm EST or EDT. Contact the Secretary if you would like to sit in.

Briefs from the meeting of the Board on February 9, 2014:

The Health and Education Committee presented information on Lysosomal Storage Disease in the breed. The Board approved a club-sponsored blood draw at the Scottsdale, AZ Open Show for all Lagotto present. Samples will be sent to Finland and DNA testing will be completed at no charge. The club will pay for the collection and shipment of the samples.

Website Breeder and Litter listings: The board discussed the committee suggestions for policy and procedure. On motion by Mel Sykes, seconded by Lisa Sobon, the Board approved the suggestion of the committee regarding fees for this privilege. Breeder listing will be \$50.00 per year, Litter listing will be \$25.00 for 6 months. Other requirements regarding testing must be met. These will be announced when the changes are completed and ready to go up on the website.

The LCA Facebook page will have a new policy on membership when voting on the new name is completed.

Excerpts from the Board meeting on March 9, 2014:

Website committee is making progress in the redesign. Cody Hilton will have more info and pricing ideas soon.

The Board will be discussing the Mentoring committee at the next meeting, April 13, 2014. Ideas will be presented and discussed and an effort made to decide on committee members.

Adrienne Perry gave a report on the Open show, Blood Draw, Raffle, and Judges Education seminar. The details are elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. Everyone that participated deserves a huge Thank You!

Jacki Barbieri gave a detailed report on the Judges Education seminar and made a number of suggestions on changing content based on questions and suggestions by the judges.

On motion by Sandy Mignogna, seconded by Jacki Barbieri, the Board approved an extension of the time to pay dues for 2014. The new deadline is April 15, 2014.

Membership – by the numbers: Associate members – 61 Dual Members – 184 Individual members – 110 International – 21 Total members – 376 As dual members are a single membership this total represents 284 households.

Another Lagotto at home! I received a call from one of our members last week. She and her family have been “fostering” another Lagotto in their home and have just fallen in love with her. The former owner has decided to re-home this girl so now two families are happy! One family has another Lagotto and the original owner is confident that their dog is in a home where she will be surrounded with love. I love happy endings!



If you are a voting member and have not done so already, please don't delay in getting your ballot marked and mailed. Have you moved? Does the club know about it? A reminder to let the club know if you have a new address. Seems like when we do a mailing we always get a LOT of letters returned marked “Unable to forward”. If you aren't sure whether we have your correct address or not, please send your current address to Membership@LagottoUS.com. If you are a voting member but did not receive a ballot, send an email to Secretary@LagottoUS.com We want to keep our members informed, but we need your help. 🐶



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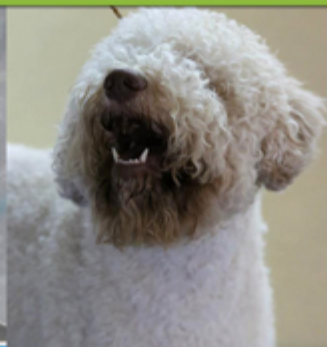
**Ads for next issue must be
submitted by May 30**

APOLLO x TILLIE



Shivaree Allegre Toroncini "Tillie" (CM 1), awarded all 17 points from AKC BIMISC wins in limited showing!
We would like to thank all the judges who recognized a sound dog with excellent movement, great conformation, and winning attitude in the ring. Watch for her next "win" in the whelping box:

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE EXPECTING A LITTER IN EARLY MAY 2014
with IGDM Ivano "Apollo" (numerous wins showing in AKC, UKC and IABCA)



Shivaree Allegre Toroncini CM • UKC GRCH IABCA Nat/Int Ch Il Granaio dei Malatesta Ivano CM CGC

For more info: dogtrnr@mac.com

Calendar and Upcoming Events

June 6th – 8th – Asheville, NC – Southeast Raduno – Contact Darlene Colmar <http://lagottous.com/files/documents/registration-form-se-raduno-june-6-8-2014.pdf>

July 16 – 20, 2014 – Meet the Breeds at Houston's Reliant Center – Houston, Texas – more details when available on the website.

Late Summer/Early Fall – Northeast Raduno – Southeast PA – Date and details to be announced.

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Find the most breed names. Note: There are a few names that are a bit "unknown", but find as many as you can. Winner gets a club logo window cling. Send to Bollettino@LagottoUS.com

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The Board has in the past few months received several anonymous complaints aimed at members and non-members alike.

To lodge a complaint, you need to be a member of the club (as does the person you are lodging the complaint against) and you must be willing to come forward with evidence not gossip or innuendo. The board can take no action to help someone resolve an issue who is not willing to identify themselves.