



## National Specialty Volume 15 Issue 1A Note from the National Specialty Chairwoman



Another LRCA National Specialty is in the books. I'd like to extend a round of applause to all the volunteers who gave their time and at times sweat to make the 2022 National Specialty a success. For those of you that missed the fun, here is a recap of the "week":

**Thursday** started the week off with the Yosemite Kennel Club LRCA Supported Entry followed by a luncheon hosted by the California contingency and Sobon Estates Winery.

**Friday** was extremely hot for the Yosemite Kennel Club LRCA Supported Entry followed by a Truffle training seminar by Staci O'Toole/Truffle Huntress. In the early evening we hosted a social gathering at the host hotel where new and old friends gathered for a few hours. The Memorial Luminaries were on display to honor those Lagotti whom we have gone before us.

**LRCA National Specialty – Saturday**- The day began early with setting up the groovy trophy table. Our judge and steward commented on how wonderful the trophy table looked. The Specialty started with Ms. Sandy Mignogna judging our Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes. This was the first year we did not permit professional handlers in Sweepstakes and we had a very nice size entry.

Our regular judging followed with Ms. Gloria Kerr as our judge. The Best in Breed (Best in Specialty Show) winner this year was the first owner handled LRCA BISS. Sadly, due to superintendent scheduling conflicts Jim and myself were not available to present the trophies in the photo sessions with all the winners.

**Saturday night** was the Awards/Judges Dinner which was held at the host hotel. Attendees first passed another display of the Memorial Luminaries on the way into the banquet room. We needed to improvise a bit with combining the Special General Meeting and the Dinner. The meeting portion presented by Jim Talbert highlighted LRCA accomplishments this past year and what the future plans are for the club. Jim also presented awards to 4 LRCA members. Adrienne Perry then presented Versatility Awards to the well-deserved dogs and their handlers. This was followed by a buffet dinner, some fun and games, best dressed hippies and our silent and live auctions.

**Sunday** wrapped up the week with beautiful weather for the Contra Costa County Kennel Club LRCA Supported Entry. After the show we all bid farewell to new and old friends until next year.

**My gratitude to the following:** Debbie Carey, the CA LR contingency, Lisa & Rob Sobon/Sobon Estates Winery, Grace & Ricky Helton, Jean Davis-Barger, Staci O'Toole, Carolyn & Jim Talbert, Robin Morehouse, Susan Couch, Denise Peters, Adrienne Perry and the Trophy Committee, Barry & Stephanie Silbiger, Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes, Mel Sykes, our Trophy & General Fund donors, Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Yosemite Kennel Club, Woofstock22 and lastly all those who entered and presented their beautiful Lagotti during the week – you are ALL winners.

A special thanks to our judges Ms. Sandy Mignogna and Ms. Gloria Kerr.

Keep checking the LRCA Website for more information on the 2023 National Specialty which will be held in Doswell, VA from 3/23/23 to 3/26/23.

Peace, Love, Lagotti,  
Catherine Elder, 2022 Specialty Chair

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On behalf of the LRCA we want to thank the following for their Trophy Sponsorship & General Fund donations for this year's National Specialty. These donations are paramount in the LRCA's ability to hold National Specialties each year. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Catherine Elder, 2022 LRCA National Specialty Show Chair  
 Jim Talbert, President LRCA

### Regular & Non Regular Classes

Best of Breed	Debra Ann, Isabella & Luna Hooper	Best of Opposite Sex	Barry Wagner
Best of Winners	Paula & Kevin Miller	Select Bitch	Jim & Carolyn Talbert – Lambs Creek
Select Dog	Barry Wagner	Winners Dog	Drenda Montgomery
Award of Merit	Jim & Kimberly Beach, Diamante Lisa Sobon, Lori Engel & Drenda Montgomery, Susan and Keith Couch	Winners Bitch	True Blue Kennel, Elaine Randall
Reserve Winners Dog	True Blue Kennel, Elaine Randall	Reserve Winners Bitch	True Blue Kennel, Elaine Randall
Dog Classes	Cynthia Drumbor Jean Davis-Barger Jim & Amy Dickey Elizabeth Reese Kim McGuirk - Newbliss	Bitch Classes	Susan and Keith Couch
Stud Dog	Debra Ann, Isabella & Luna Hooper	Brood Bitch	Puppy Culture
Best Bred By Exhibitor	Mel & Hilarie Sykes - Lagotto del Tiglio	Best Puppy in Classes	Drenda Montgomery
Best Junior Handler	Amy Lane – Allegiance		
Best Head	Mel & Hilarie Sykes - Lagotto del Tiglio	Best Coat	Mel & Hilarie Sykes - Lagotto del Tiglio
Best Construction & Movement	Mel & Hilarie Sykes - Lagotto del Tiglio		

### Sweepstakes

Best Puppy	Catherine Elder & Lisa DiStefano - Lilyfield	Best Veteran	Barbara & Richey Johnston
Best Opposite Sex - Puppy	Barbara & Richey Johnston	Best of Opposite Sex - Veteran	Barbara & Richey Johnston
Puppy Dog Classes	Amore Lagotto	Veteran Dog Classes	Linda Belleau
Puppy Bitch Classes	Amore Lagotto	Veteran Bitch Classes	Linda Belleau

### General Trophy Fund

Platinum	Gold	Gold
Robin Skiles	Drenda Montgomery	Karen Olesen
Barbara & Richey Johnston	John DiGiorgio	

**Hideaways Party Artist “Picasso” won Best of Breed, Best Structure and Movement, Best Coat. He was owner handled by Erin K Fogg. Congratulations, Erin!**



**2022 Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America National Specialty  
Contra Costa County Kennel Club Saturday June 11, 2022**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Registered Dog Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Breeder</b>
<b>Best of Breed, Best Coat Best Structure and Movement</b>	<b>Hideaways Party Artist</b>	<b>Pamela Jo Fogg, Erin K Fogg</b>	<b>Lynn Looper</b>
<b>Best of Opposite</b>	<b>Larcan’s I Love A Rainey Night</b>	<b>Betty Richmeier</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon</b>
<b>Select Dog Best Head</b>	<b>Boardwalk Here Comes the Sun</b>	<b>Andrew Ross &amp; Amy Killeen</b>	<b>Kendal Walters &amp; Lynn Amis &amp; Mack Amis</b>
<b>Select Bitch</b>	<b>Larcan’s Bailey’s On Ice</b>	<b>Grace Helton &amp; Justice Helton</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon.</b>
<b>Best Bred by Exhibitor Winner’s Bitch, Best of Winners</b>	<b>Mount Bethel Splish Splash</b>	<b>Darcy Kallus</b>	<b>Darcy Kallus</b>
<b>Reserve Winners Dog</b>	<b>Dolce Vita Levante</b>	<b>Barbara Johnston &amp; Sandra Mignogna</b>	<b>Sandra Mignona</b>
<b>Best Puppy</b>	<b>De Lombardie’s Celestial La Vespa</b>	<b>Tammy &amp; Roger Vann &amp; Kendra Huber</b>	<b>Lise Cere</b>
<b>Reserve Winners Bitch</b>	<b>LK’s Hello Summer Laodicea</b>	<b>Geoffery Vandea Kyut</b>	<b>Bridget Flynn</b>
<b>AOM and Stud Dog</b>	<b>Larcan’s Meyer Made Lemonade</b>	<b>Cindy Pitta &amp; Mary Erickson</b>	<b>Lisa &amp; Robert Sobon</b>
<b>AOM</b>	<b>Yare’s Take It Easy</b>	<b>Glennis Parker &amp; Julie Bailey</b>	<b>Julie Bailey</b>
<b>AOM Winner’s Dog</b>	<b>Flying Curls Jackson</b>	<b>Jamie Rosenthal</b>	<b>Jamie Rosenthal</b>
<b>AOM Best Veteran</b>	<b>Allegro’s New Era Cre- scendo</b>	<b>Amy Dickey Jim Dickey</b>	<b>Adrienne Perry Jane Lash</b>
<b>Junior Handler—McKenna Lane</b>	<b>Infinity Pretty Please With a Cherry on Top</b>	<b>Amy &amp; McKenna Lane &amp; Elizabeth Powell</b>	<b>Elizabeth Powell</b>

**2022 Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America Supported Entry  
Yosemite Kennel Club Thursday June 9, 2022**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Registered Dog Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Breeder</b>
<b>Best of Breed</b>	<b>Il Granaio Dei Malatesta Flocky</b>	<b>Traci Chan, Monica Benelli Blair Aguillard Commisso</b>	<b>Monica Benelli</b>
<b>Best of Breed OH Best of Winners</b>	<b>Hideaways Party Artist</b>	<b>Pamela Jo Fogg, Erin K Fogg</b>	<b>Lynn Looper</b>
<b>Opposite Sex</b>	<b>Larcan's I Love a Rainey Night</b>	<b>Betty Richmeier</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon.</b>
<b>Winners Bitch</b>	<b>LK's Hello Summer Laodicea</b>	<b>Geoffrey Vandea Kyut</b>	<b>Bridget Flynn</b>
<b>Reserve Winners Dog</b>	<b>Larcan's Infiniti and Beyond</b>	<b>Deborah S Kaufman</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon</b>
<b>Reserve Bitch</b>	<b>Pine Valley's Siren of the Sea by Murrmaid</b>	<b>Denise Peters</b>	<b>Joy Nachmias</b>
<b>Select Bitch</b>	<b>Larcan's Meritage Mele</b>	<b>Grace Helton</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon</b>
<b>Select Dog</b>	<b>Larcan's Jumpin Jive</b>	<b>Deborah S Kaufman</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon</b>



**Larcan Winners!!**



**Il Granaio Dei Malatesta Flocky BOB G1**

**2022 Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America Supported Entry  
Yosemite Kennel Club Friday June 10, 2022**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Registered Dog Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Breeder</b>
<b>Best of Breed Group 1 362 Dogs Defeated</b>	<b>Il Granaio Dei Malatesta Flocky</b>	<b>Traci Chan, Monica Benelli Blair Aguillard Commisso</b>	<b>Monica Benelli</b>
<b>Best of Breed OH Select Dog</b>	<b>Hideaways Party Artist</b>	<b>Pamela Jo Fogg, Erin K Fogg</b>	<b>Lynn Looper</b>
<b>Opposite Sex</b>	<b>Larcan's I love a Rainey Night</b>	<b>Betty Richmeier</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon.</b>
<b>Select Bitch</b>	<b>Larcan's Meritage Mele</b>	<b>Grace Helton</b>	<b>Lisa Sobon &amp; Robert Sobon.</b>
<b>Winners Bitch</b>	<b>Mount Bethel Mon Cjeri</b>	<b>Darcy Kallus &amp; Craig Kallus</b>	<b>Darcy Kallus</b>
<b>Reserve Winners Bitch</b>	<b>Balsam Root Alta Lego</b>	<b>Geoffrey Vandea Kyut</b>	<b>Jonathon &amp; Jennifer Koehle</b>
<b>Winners Dog Best of Winners</b>	<b>Flying Curls Jackson</b>	<b>Jamie Rosenthal</b>	<b>Jamie Rosenthal</b>

**2022 Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America Supported Entry  
Contra Costa County Kennel Club Sunday June 12, 2022**

Award	Registered Dog Name	Owner	Breeder
Best of Breed	Hideaways Party Artist	Pamela Jo Fogg, Erin K Fogg	Lynn Looper
Winners Bitch Best of Opposite Best of Winners	LK's Hello Summer Laodicea	Geoffery Vandea Kyut	Bridget Flynn
Select Dog	Larcan's Head In the Clouds	Debbie Redondo	Lisa Sobon & Robert Sobon
Select Bitch	Larcan's I love a Rainey Night	Betty Richmeier	Lisa Sobon & Robert Sobon.
Winners Dog	Dolce Vita Levante	Barbara Johnston & Sandra Mignogna	Sandra Mignona
Reserve Winners Dog	De Lombardie's Celestial La Vespa	Tammy & Roger Vann & Kendra Huber	
Reserve Bitch	Pine Valley's Siren of the Sea by Murrmaid	Denise Peters	Joy Nachmias



**Boardwalk Here Comes the Sun  
Select Dog and Best Head on Saturday**



**Left—CH Larcan's Head In the Clouds  
Sunday Select Dog**

**Right—GCH CH Larcan's I Love a Rainey Night  
Sunday Select Bitch**



**McKenna Lane Junior Handler winner  
on Saturday**



# Thank You—LRCA Education Seminar

## HOW THE NOSE KNOWS! Introduction to Scent for training Truffle Dogs



We were pleased to have Staci O'Toole of "Truffle Huntress" and Truffiere "Tesoro Mio" present our 2022 National Specialty Education Seminar. In addition to learning about the science of scent training there was a demonstration for those in attendance.

### A little bit about Staci:

Staci's love for foraging began over 25 years ago while studying to become a Biological Sciences Major at The Ohio State University. After a successful career as an Insurance Executive she was looking to return to her roots and passions of Animals, Nature, Food & Wine. Unbeknownst to her at the time, her journey to become a Truffle Farmer began for the love of a dog.

She began training Mila Fiore, her Lagotto Romagnolo, to hunt the elusive truffles of the Pacific Northwest. The Truffle Huntress, Mila was a natural, finding her first truffle at the Oregon Truffle Festival in Eugene at 12 weeks old. A year later the team was professionally surveying truffle orchards across California. At one property Mila uncovered a Perigord Truffle in a hazel orchard and their fate was sealed. Staci began an intensive study of Truffle hunting and farming throughout Europe and the States. She began rehabilitating the neglected farm, where they found that first Truffle and shortly after they purchased the property.

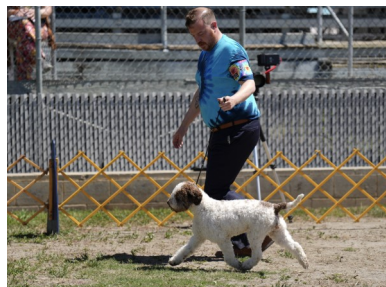
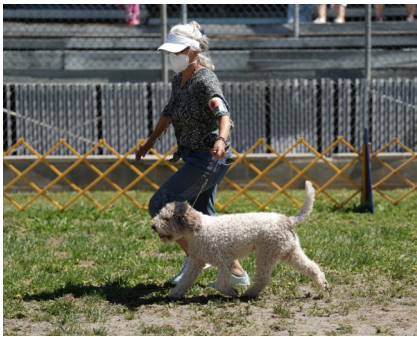
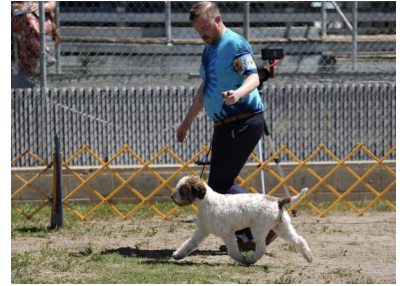
Tesoro Mio Truffle Ranch, produces the black Perigord truffle in their truffiere located in the beautiful Sierra Foothills. Here there is an abundance of award winning wines and agricultural products. In addition to harvesting truffles for local chefs and clients, the ranch welcomes guests for truffle hunts, gastro-tourism, culinary experiences as well as training owners and their dogs how to become Truffle hunters/huntress. Tesoro Mio Truffle Ranch has provided Staci the opportunity to share her love of dogs, food, wine and the great outdoors.



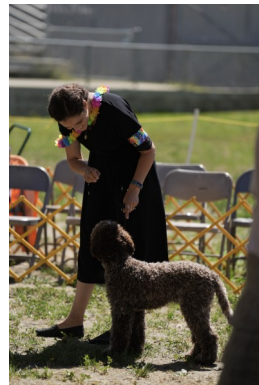
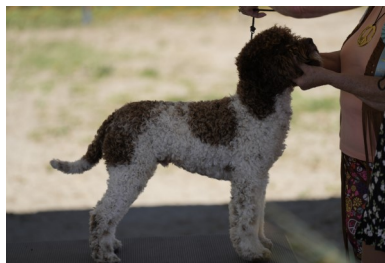
**Staci O'Toole**

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# Lagotti Remembered

## In Memory of the Lagotto Romagnolo that have gone before us

The LRCA was honored to present the first annual **Lagotti Remembered** luminaire display at the 2022 National Specialty in Vallejo, California. Eight elegant lanterns were lit during the Welcome Gathering and Judges & Awards Banquet at the host hotel. On each of the dinner tables, guests were invited to read and learn about each of the gone, but never forgotten, Lagotti with photos and individual writeups. A special tribute was also included during the Club President's PowerPoint presentation. Many favorable comments were received, and a special shout out was given to celebrate Clara Bell, who lived to fifteen and a half years of age! All luminaires and accompanying photos were subsequently, packaged and shipped directly to the owners.

To learn more about the **Lagotti Remembered** or to perhaps sponsor a departed lagotto, please visit the LRCA's website where a special page will be devoted to Lagotti Angels. All proceeds from this new program will be set aside in a special health research fund. When words are not enough, **Lagotti Remembered** offers a lovely way to memorialize a friend or family member's departed Lagotto.

Blessings be,

Carolyn Talbert  
**Lagotti Remembered** Chairperson

### Lagotti

### Remembered

in loving memory of  
the Lagotto Romagnolo  
that have gone before us

- Adrina, IABCA IntCH IntJR Kan Trace Adrina at Shivaree
- Bella, Ca'Dei Corsi Alexis CGC THDX
- Clara, Ester dei Silvanbull CGC THDX
- Jemma, LK Flovanna Jocita
- Luke, LK Lucca Brasi
- Sanu, Morara Sanu
- Terzo, German, Swiss FCI Int'l Ch Gch Terzo of Golden Comfort UD TD RE NA TKN TT
- Trixie, Ch Dolce Vita CGCA CGCU



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WIN!

### GUIDANCE NOTES FOR ENTERING CRUFTS

1. Before you may enter your dog at Crufts Dog Show you will need to ensure that your dog complies with the UK government's requirements for dogs entering the UK without passing through quarantine. Full details of these requirements are available on the Kennel Club web site at [www.the-kennel-club.org.uk](http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk). Be sure to start the testing procedures at least seven (7) months prior to the show.
2. Your dog will also need an Authority to Compete (ATC) in the UK. This may be obtained from the Kennel Club and, once again, details are available on the Kennel Club website (address above).
3. On acceptance you will receive an ATC number for your dog and this must be quoted on all entry forms and in all correspondence.
4. Your dog's qualification for Crufts is valid for the 2022 and 2023 shows.
5. Full details of Crufts show — including entry details — are available via the KC web site or from the Kennel Club at 1-5 Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, UK.
6. No dogs with cropped ears are eligible to compete at any Kennel Club licensed event — including Crufts. Nor are dogs docked on or after April 6, 2007, eligible to compete.
7. Prior to exhibition, permission must be sought from the Kennel Club to exhibit any dog that has undergone an operation to alter its natural conformation.
8. Entries for Crufts are accepted subject to UK law and Kennel Club Rules and Regulations at the time of the Show.
9. Only dogs of breeds recognized by the Kennel Club and which have classes scheduled at Crufts are entitled to enter the Show. A full list of these breeds is available from the Kennel Club.

**National Specialty winners be aware of requirements for entering your dogs in the 2023 Crufts Dog Show**  
**March 9-12, 2023**  
**[www.crufts.org.uk](http://www.crufts.org.uk)**

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March 2023  
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## QUALIFYING AWARD CERTIFICATE

(Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor,  
Award of Merit, and Selects)

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The Kennel Club  
1 Clarges Street  
London W1J 8AB  
England



### Committee Chairs

**Information on Committees is available at [www.lagottous.com](http://www.lagottous.com)**

**Awards & Recognition:** Catherine Elder

**Bolletino:** Susan Couch

**Breed Health:** Judith Martin

**Education:** Open

**Judges Education:** Adrienne Perry

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

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Mel Sykes

**Calendars:** Judith Martin

**Legislative Liaison:** Open

**AKC Junior Coordinator:** Amy Dickey

**Radunos:** Michelle Calvosa

**AKC Gazette:** Open

**Nominating Committee:** Liz Reese

**Membership:** Carolyn Talbert

**2023 National Specialty:** Jim Talbert

**Policy & Procedures:** Mel Sykes

**Trophies:** Alison Baker

**Website:** Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes

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

**Illustrated Breed Standard:** Sandy Mignogna

**LRDR(Rescue) Delegate:** Bradley Burks

**AKC Delegate:** Jim Talbert

**Marketing:** Denise Peters

**2022 National Specialty:** Catherine Elder

**Judges Selection Committee:** Catherine Elder

**Archival Committee:** Open

**Information Technology:** Jim Talbert

### *Upcoming Events*

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm EDT. After signing in to the website, you can find call in information in the members only section of the website under Board Meeting Access Information

2023 Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America National Specialty Saturday March 25, 2023 with supported entries March 23, 24 and 26th at

**The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA**  
**[meadoweventpark.com](http://meadoweventpark.com)**

