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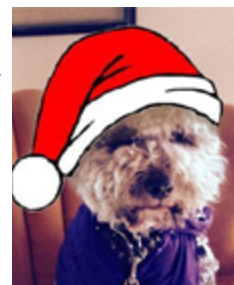
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#### Adrina's letter

Ho,ho, ho! Tis the season to be jolly, and nothing is jollier than a warm curly dog. If your place is like ours, things have gotten moved around, and people seem to go out more and do extra stuff.



I want to send Holiday Greetings to all my Lagotto friends hoping you have a Merry Christmas and enjoy all that the holidays hold.

My human mom, Judith assumed the position of President of LRCA last November due to the health issues of our Past President, Theresa Nehemiah. With Theresa's leadership, the Board made major advances in health: CHIC participation, AKC CHF, and future DNA studies, to preserve and protect our wonderful breed.

As we look forward to 2017, we have lots of exciting things going on. The biggest for Spring is our National Specialty in March. This is the best social event of the year for Lagotti! Fort Worth, Texas is a great location for the biggest "Raduno" in the US. Plan your spring break, bring your dogs, and come meet all your Lagotto friends.

We are in the season for winter truffles, so more on that will be covered in our next issue. I hope you enjoy this issue!

*Submitted by Judith Martin, LRCA President & Editor who is owned by Adrina.*

Would you like to submit an article for the next issue?

Please email submissions for the following topics: News and Events, Health, Breeding, Tips on Training, Nutrition, activities or just for fun Photos. Please include photos with your submission, along with your dog's name, age, and a photo caption. Email your submissions to:

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March 1, 2017



# *All Eyes Are On Fort Worth*

## *National Specialty 2017*

### **NATIONAL SPECIALITY FOR LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO** **March 24 to March 26, 2017**



As the calendar turns and the New Year begins the LRCA starts the countdown to the second annual National Specialty Show. The anticipation is building and no one is more excited about the schedule of events than the LRCA National Specialty Committee. The group has worked long and hard to bring an educational, entertaining, rewarding experience to all those attending.

This year the three days of competition will be held at the Will Rogers Complex in Ft. Worth, Texas during the Ft. Worth Kennel Club weekend. The Lagotto Romagnolo group is scheduled to show in the Amon G. Carter Exhibits Hall-Round Up Inn Ballroom. It is a huge Texas-sized arena, Jeff Fischer, LRCA National Specialty Chair confirms. We will be sharing it with the Sussex Spaniels, also holding their National Specialty on March 24.



In addition to the competition majors, planned events include; puppy sweepstakes, regular class judging, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, grooming demonstrations, and there is even a dog dancing spectacular. Fischer promises something for everyone, "We knew we had to up the game after last year's successful premier Specialty in Perry, GA".

The welcome reception and opening ceremonies on Thursday evening will be held at the Fort Worth Stockyards. Dinner features an authentic Texas-style barbeque at the historic Pearls Dance Hall and Saloon. In addition to a lovely, spacious, dining room Pearls boasts a dance floor and performance stage. Live music by Faster Horses Band, a popular, local, cover band will entertain LRCA members and guests throughout the evening performing Country, Rock n'Roll, Blues, Jazz and dance favorites.



Fischer is especially pleased with the collection of items donated for Friday night's Silent Auction Fundraiser. He describes a few of the coveted prizes, We have a magnificent Chris Christensen brush to offer for the auction. It is something very special, the craftsmanship is amazing and not something just anyone can order from the Christensen Catalog. He drops a few hints about other high end surprises like an insider's tour of a New York City truffle lab experience; gift baskets; and much more!

Dr. Dayna Dreger, PhD is another noteworthy addition to the Specialty weekend agenda. Dr. Dreger has accomplished significant work in the area of DNA studies involving Italian Breeds. Her field of concentra-






tion involves the Developmental Path of Common Stock Refined. The National Human Genome Research Institute recognizes Dr. Dreger as a contributor to the Ostrander Team's research in the breed specific difference in canine morphology. She will share some of her important study observations at a seminar on Thursday afternoon.

The 2017 Specialty judging panel includes; Judge Doug Johnson (Indiana), Judge Lynn Looper (North Carolina), Judge Bob Vandiver (South Carolina), and Judge Gloria Geringer (Louisiana). The Judges Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening following the Specialty at the Garden's Restaurant located in the center of the spectacular Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens (weather permitting).

"It has been wonderful to work with the Ft. Worth Cluster", Fischer remarks. The Club prides itself on a tradition of Texan hospitality dating back nearly 100 years. It is certain that Southern charm, outstanding facilities, and the 50+ Lagotto Romagnolo represented, will impress and delight everyone attending the 2017 National Specialty. In the spirit of the event –Y'ALL COME!

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows is the show superintendent. Entries registration is available on the Onofrio website.

To learn more about the 2017 National Specialty Show, accommodations, plan your events, and make reservations, visit the Specialty Page on the LRCA website. 

## Late Breaking News! Confirmed by Show Chair Fischer!

We have arranged with a custom jeweler, and a custom artisan to create two unique items that will be added to the fabulous items that will be available for those participating in our Specialty Auction. Bring your checkbooks!

### Preliminary Weekend Schedule

**Thursday:** Welcome Reception BBQ at the Stockyard (\$\$) Wild West Welcome, Live music, dancing, line dancing, country dancing, Auction.

**Friday:** Rally, Sweeps, Specialty Day, Obedience

**Friday Night:** Dinner, Recognition and Awards

**Saturday:** DNA Seminar, DNA Collection, and Pet Grooming Seminar

**Sunday and each day** - lots of surprises, fun events and time to visit fabulous Ft. Worth, for everyone during the times when Lagotti are not showing.

### Help is needed for 2017 Specialty!

Volunteers needed for assistance with ongoing planning & details that include:

- Hospitality trophy donations and challenges trophies
- Airport and other transportation for judges
- Helpers to register attendees, give out name tags etc.
- Onsite catalog sales help Auction set-up and execution
- Ticket takers for dinner
- Overseers for dinner set-ups
- Help at the Genome Project table
- Ring stewards for Obedience and Rally



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wines from Robert Sinskey Vineyards as Rob Sinskey shares insights into how dogs play a central role in the harvest and management of the first scientific truffle orchard planted on his estate in the world renowned Napa Valley area. Plus, become your local truffle expert through an in-depth overview of the science and methodology involved in truffle cultivation, presented by American Truffle Company's Chief Scientist Dr. Paul Thomas and Chief Truffle Officer Robert Chang. If you are also a foodie, the festival has winery truffle lunches and a truffle dinner prepared by Michelin star chefs that you won't want to miss!



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# *Peppe the Sea Dog*

## *Eddie and Glenn Tuttle*

### **Safety Travel Tips From the Sea Dog Peppino**

Happy Holidays from the Florida Keys from Peppe, your sea dog friend. This will be a short reminder to all my friends to tell their human parents to be an “advocate” for their Lagotto during the Holidays. What does this mean? Well, my human mother and I have passed all of our training and tests to be a Therapy dog team with Pet Partners. In the classes they teach the human owners to always be their dog’s “best advocate”. This idea really applies to all pet owners who take their buddy with them on trips whether by boat, plane or car. Let me explain.

When I leave my safe home environment and surroundings, my nose is on the ground like every Lagotto looking for trouble (no truffles in Florida). Your parents must “prevent situations” by being aware in new environments of all the dangers that you could get your big brown nose into. During the holidays, there will be many new people and new surroundings. Some of the hazards my parents worry about include rat poison, dark chocolate and nasty dead critters on beaches. Not all people, children or places are dog friendly. The things you are free to do in your safe home surroundings may not be safe for you in new places. In a new location, you may have to be on a leash more and watched closer by your parents.

Although I swim like a fish, I wear a life jacket at all times in the dinghy and I am not allowed to jump out of any boat on my own. On the big boat I wear the life jacket at key times, like leaving the dock, when I get on and off, bad weather or other danger times. The handle on my Ruffwear jacket is a big help to my parents in guiding me on and off boats. So please wear your life jacket in the dinghy especially, as you can hit your head or get caught in the prop. Also, brown dogs are hard to find in the water!

When your parents travel, they should ask questions that will prevent bad situations for you. Has grandma put out rat poison or other bug poison around the house or yard? Have your parents made everyone aware of the dangers of dark chocolate and other dangers, like purses or food packages on the floor? The best is to set the rules for your fur ball when you arrive at a new location, as to your treat and food wishes.

Pet Partners also teaches us to be in tune with our needs for bathroom breaks, food and water. I seems to do better when I stay on my eating and walking schedule. Look for signs of stress from all the new stimulus. Sometimes a short break outside will give me a rest from all the new people, noises and activity. Even though I like all of the attention, I sometimes get tired from being smothered.

So to all my Lagotto brothers and sisters, have a happy holiday season, enjoy new surroundings, but have your parents keep you safe! 🐾





# *Holiday Pet Safety*

## *Cat Dronen*

### **KEEP YOUR PET'S HOLIDAYS MERRY AND BRIGHT**

During Thanksgiving weekend my friend took her beautiful boxer Salee to visit relatives. Salee is one of the most well-mannered dogs I have ever met. The hosts were considerate and swept the house for potentially dangerous items and safeguarded the place for their guests-not that Salee would bother anything!

Sometime during the visit Salee became very sick. She asked to go out and once outside experienced severe diarrhea. Salee vomited on the sidewalk and then collapsed. My friend was scared and with help she loaded Salee into the car and rushed to the closest emergency animal clinic.

Among the series of questions the medical staff asked, Was she exposed to chocolate? It turns out chocolate is one of the most common, natural poisonous substances for dogs. Vets treat many cases of canine chocolate ingestion during the holidays so it was an appropriate first guess given Salee's symptoms.

My friend remembered a tray of chocolate rum balls on the shelf in the family room. She thought they were out of reach but someone may have dropped one. Worse, someone may have treated Salee with the yummy snacks not realizing how potentially dangerous feeding a dog chocolate could be. Never mind the deadly mixture of chocolate and alcohol!

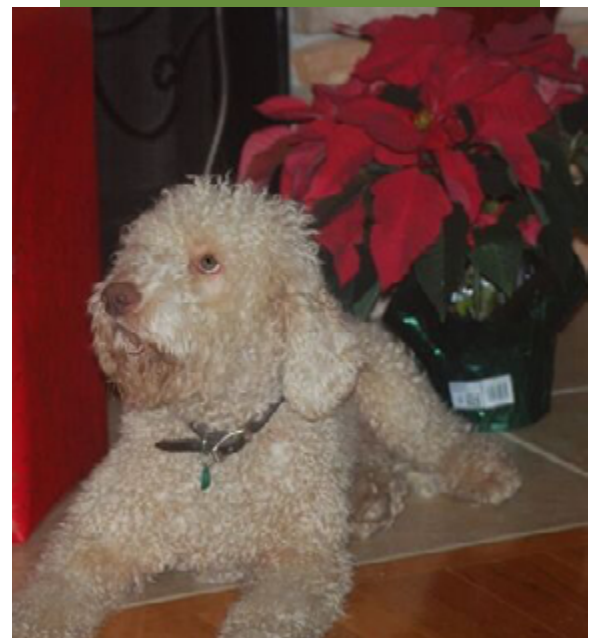
During the holidays our pets are exposed to many new environments. They are such important members of the family it is only normal they be included in the holiday festivities. Equally important to dog-proofing your house for your fur-child's safety you must monitor for potential dangers away from home.

### **YUMMY DECORATIONS**

Certain plants like poinsettias and holly are toxic if ingested. If your pet is visiting someone whose holiday cheer includes live plants watch your dog. Prevent poisoning by keeping him away from the plants including leaves that may fall to the floor.

Tinsel and gift ribbons pose a choking hazard for dogs. If the bright, shiny, tasty looking bits go down they may cause serious intestinal obstructions. Clean up every bit of wrapping debris and sweep up the fallen pine needles-they can cause similar problems if swallowed.

Candles are a curiosity for dogs and cats alike. It is an object they love to explore. The aroma of a candle is interesting, flickering flames are a lure and fragranced candles smell good enough to eat. Serious burns from flames and hot wax, and stomach issues aside an animal can easily knock a burning candle over creating



a fire hazard. Make sure candles are well out of reach and checked frequently.

## PET PARTY FAVORS

What could possibly be more inviting than a room full of people with loaded plates of food? Tasty morsels falling to the floor and the occasional hand out treat- it is a dog's holiday dream! Be proactive and request that your guests refrain from sharing food with all four-legged partiers.

Human food is not great for dogs in most cases. Pets can choke on bones. Swallowing small, whole bones may create digestive problems and obstructions. Bone fragments can result in perforations of the throat, stomach and intestines. Included on the toxic list with chocolate and alcohol are onions, grapes and macadamia nuts. All are unsafe for dogs to eat.

Feed your pets before a party. If they are full they are much less likely to beg for the scraps from your guests. Do your pet a favor and post please do not feed the pets notices in apparent places to ensure everyone is aware of the house rules.

## TREASURES AND TRASH

Few things a dog loves more than digging for delicious treasures in the trash. One year my Luke ate an entire turkey roasting bag. It's a miracle it didn't kill him! The lure is simply irresistible. Make sure your trash out of reach of pets immediately. Put it in a container with a secure lid. You may be best friends with your vet but you do not want the holiday tradition to include an emergency hospital visit.

## WARNING SIGNS

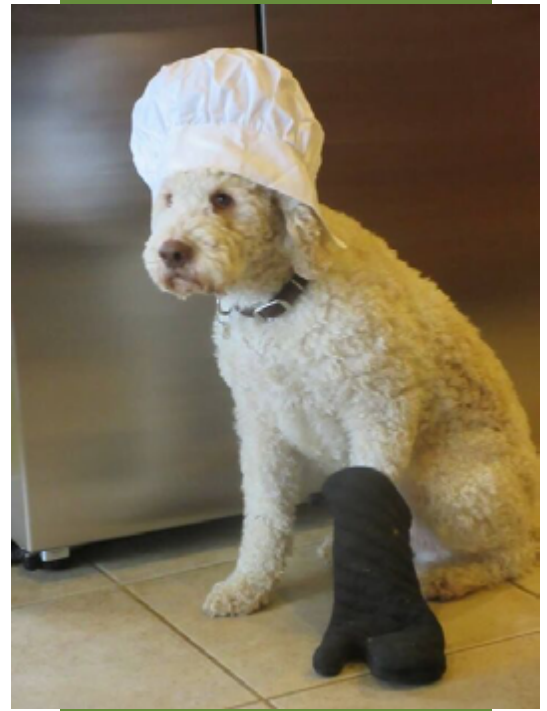
You can't be everywhere all the time especially at a party. If there is a danger of your dog wandering in to a hazardous situation, keep him home in a safe place. Crate or close him off in a room that is off limits to guests. Make sure you leave fresh food and water. Turn on a television or radio for company and give him special toy to play with. Don't forget he will need the occasional potty break.

Watch for key signs of poisoning: • *Weak-slow movements* • *Loss of consciousness* • *Vomiting (often blood tinged)* • *Excessive panting* • *Lethargy* • *Pain* • *Dehydration* • *Diarrhea* • *Seizures* • *Foaming around mouth* • *Sudden collapse* • *Coma*

Keep the emergency animal clinic's numbers and your vet's emergency call list handy!

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Salee spent 24 hours in the animal hospital but thankfully she recovered. No more rum balls for that girl! 🐾





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*Adrina rocking her Western side, is ready to celebrate LRCA's 10th year. at our National Specialty*



# Membership Renewals

It is time for the annual membership renewal process. If you have questions or difficulty during the renewal process, please email [membership@lagottous.com](mailto:membership@lagottous.com) and the Membership team will help you out.

If you have not been receiving other information from the club via email be sure to check your online member profile and update your email address if needed. Also check any spam filters for '@lagottous.com' emails. Important reminders about renewal: • Dues are payable on or before January 31, 2017.

In order to renew your membership you MUST log onto the LRCA web site. Once on the site, please click on your name at the top of the page. That will take you to your account page.

About a 1/3 the way down the page you will see a button that allows you to "renew".

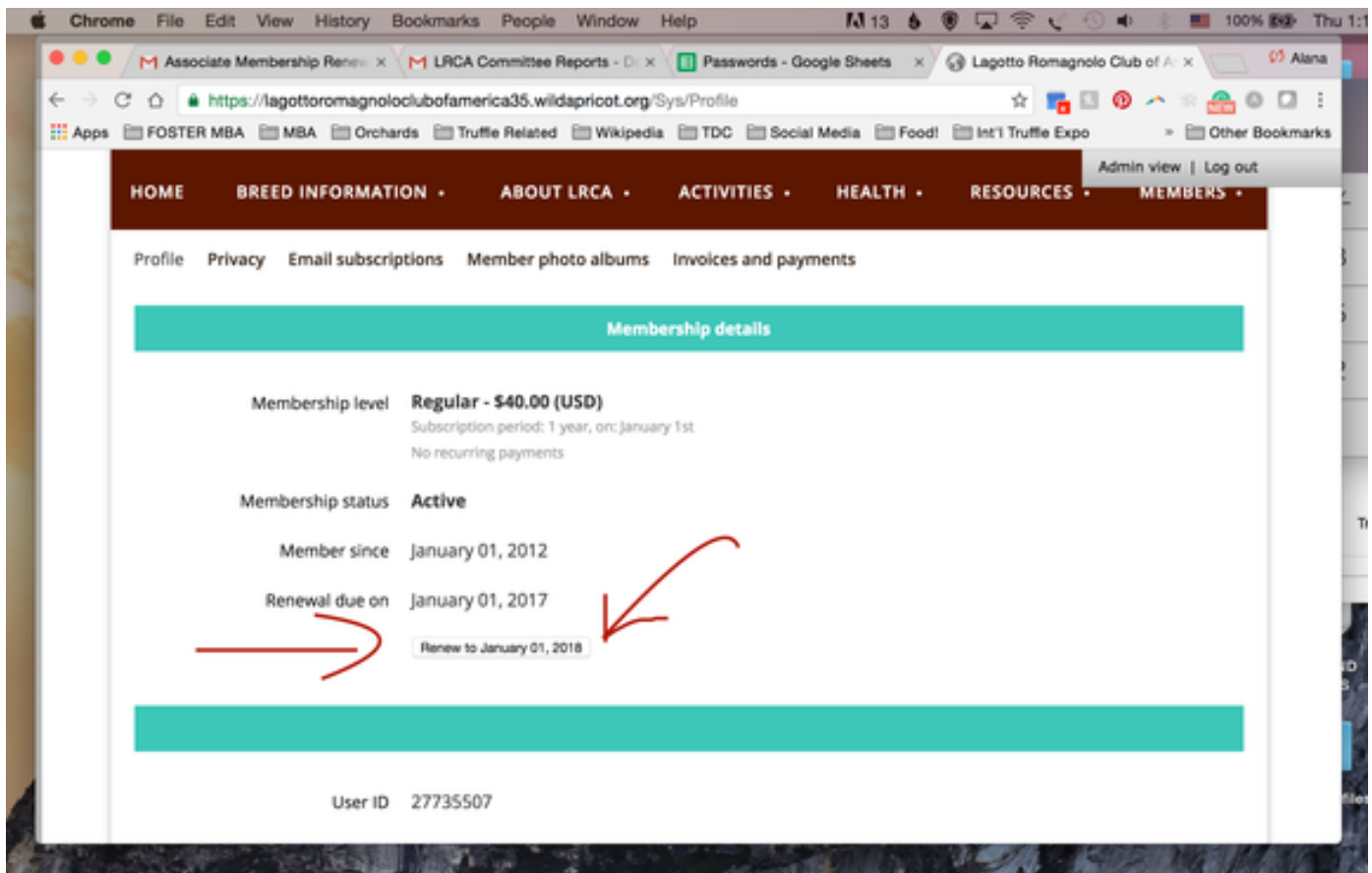
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If you did not receive a notice to renew, we strongly encourage you to log in and check your membership profile for accuracy and update any relevant information if necessary.

A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after March 1, 2017.

**Dues for 2017:**  
**Associate and Junior \$20**  
**International \$30**  
**Regular \$40**  
**Household \$50**

If you have met the requirements to upgrade from Associate Member, to a Regular Member with full voting rights, please submit your Upgrade Application per the instructions via this link.





## 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 papers to see if your dog has a limited (from breeding) registration?
5. Have you reviewed the LRCA Code of Ethics to be sure that you are in compliance with the rules pertaining to breeding a litter and placing puppies?

**Note:** Understand the importance of health testing for hips, eyes, and patella. Be sure to complete DNA tests on Juvenile Epilepsy, Lagotto Storage Disease and Incorrect Coat.

## Notice

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## Upcoming Events

Board Meetings are held on 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30 EST. You can find call in information in the member only section -> Club Documents, or contact our club Secretary if you would like to attend. [CorrespondingSecretary@LagottoUS.com](mailto:CorrespondingSecretary@LagottoUS.com)

### 2017

Jan. 13 NAPA Truffle Festival (See ad)

Jan. 26. Oregon Truffle Festival Joriad (See ad)

Mar. 24 2nd Annual National Specialty

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