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As we approach the end of the year, celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas and the New Year, the Board of Directors of LRCA wishes each and all of you the very best of season.

We thank outgoing Board Members, Adrienne Perry, our past Corresponding Secretary and Kendal Walters, our outgoing Recording Secretary for the wonderful jobs they did, and their dedication to our breed.

Our new Board of Directors were elected per our bylaws, and consist of the following:

Judith Martin of AZ - President

Gwen Hubbs of FL - Vice President

Lynn Looper of NC - Corresponding Secretary

Faith Robb of AZ - Recording Secretary (*appointed by vote of the Board to fill the open position.*)

Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes of TN - Treasurer

Debi Fischer of OK - Director

Jamie Rosenthal of CA - Director

Joy Nachmias of PA - Director

Roberta York of CA - Director

This past year we completed a revision of our bylaws and are awaiting the final legal details before we present it to the membership for a vote. Currently our Breed Standard and Code of Ethics are being revised to reflect the current needs of our club to preserve and protect our breed.

We are proud of our series of Webinars. Thanks to Jim Talbert for setting up these opportunities to learn more about the Genome of our beloved breed from Dr. Dayna Dreger, and to learn about vaccines and health from Dr. Jean Dodds. These webinars are free to our membership and a small fee to non-members. Please let us know if there are topics of interest to you; grooming, training, tips from breeders, or the like.

Submitted by Judith Martin, LRCA President

LRCA needs you!

We are in extreme need for an Editor of our newsletter.

We have a group of contributors, we have a publisher. What we don't have is someone to organize and help compile photos and information to send to our membership 4 times a year.

Please consider this position and email your interest or questions to:
President@LagottoUS

Sunshine, Beaches and Lagotti!

National Specialty 2018

NATIONAL SPECIALTY FOR LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO

Friday, February 23, 2018

in conjunction with Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego, California


As the calendar turns and the New Year begins the LRCA starts the countdown to the Third 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 works long and hard to bring an educational, entertaining, rewarding experience to all those attending.

In addition to the competition majors, planned events include; puppy sweepstakes, regular class judging, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, grooming demonstrations

Fischer is especially pleased with the collection of items donated for Friday night's Silent Auction Fund-raiser. One finds unique and special items available for some exciting bidding.

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 concentration 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 presented at our Ft. Worth Show and presented more information at the LRCA Webinar last fall.

Look for the Premium list on our website. If you donate a trophy now, it will be written into the judging list, but it is too late to be included on the Premium list. Get your room reservations in right away while you can still take advantage of our special rates!

To learn more about the 2018 National Specialty Show, accommodations, plan your events, and make reservations, visit the Specialty Page on the LRCA website.  We will publish a special issue in the New Year with more details about the Specialty.

Help is needed for 2018 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



ALL ABOUT CHIC # AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU!

LRCA embraces Health Screening for all breeding Lagotti. Our Breeder Listing page on our website will soon include only those dogs/breeders who have sent in the test results as listed below and obtained a CHIC #.

The OFA, working with Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America, lists the following basic health screening tests for all breeding stock. Dogs meeting these basic health screening requirements will be issued Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) numbers.

NOTE! For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be good, but they must all be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions. Also note if eye test results are current.

FOR PUPPY BUYERS: CHIC certification is a good indicator the breeder responsibly factors good health into their selection criteria. A puppy buyer must be forewarned that a CHIC # does not mean a good test result.

FOR BREEDERS:

Obtaining a CHIC # on OFA is simple. Specific health tests have to be completed and submitted to OFA to have a CHIC# generated from OFA. .

Orthopedic Foundation of Animals, www.OFA.org Once a breeder has those tests completed, contact OFA and they will send you the appropriate 'form(s)' to submit to OFA (or find them on the OFA website yourself). Mail it in with the appropriate fees. What to look out for: WHO you take your dog to do the specific tests is most important. The OFA website has "Clinic" sites that perform the below specific health tests. Results: After you've gone to a certified OFA examiner, a person (breeder) would contact OFA for the appropriate forms. You submit to OFA with the appropriate fees. When they have all of the below tests with approved results that dog will be generated an OFA CHIC#. LRCA breeders are already expected to CERF test eyes each year on their breeding LR, submit DNA for testing JE and LSD, and OFA or PennHip test hips. We have added the OFA patella exam which can be tested by your local vet and sent on appropriate form to OFA.

LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO Health Testing

The breed specific list below represents the basic health screening for the Lagotto Romagnolo. It is not all encompassing. There may be other health screening tests appropriate for this breed. And, there may be other health concerns for which there is no commonly accepted screening protocol available.

Hip Dysplasia (One of the following) OFA Evaluation or PennHIP Evaluation
CERF - Eye examination by a board Certified ACVO Ophthalmologist each year, results registered with the OFA.

Patellar Luxation OFA Evaluation; a digital exam by your vet. Take form from OFA website

Benign Familial Juvenile Epilepsy DNA based test results from an approved lab registered with the OFA

Lagotto Storage Disease DNA based test results from an approved lab registered with the OFA

DNA Repository (Optional) Participation in the OFA/Chic DNA Repository

Note - In addition to the breed specific requirements above, a CHIC requirement across all participating breeds is that the dog must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo in order to qualify for a CHIC number.



Submitted by Paula Wilson, CHIC coordinator



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 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, 2018.

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".

Please see the screen shot below

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.

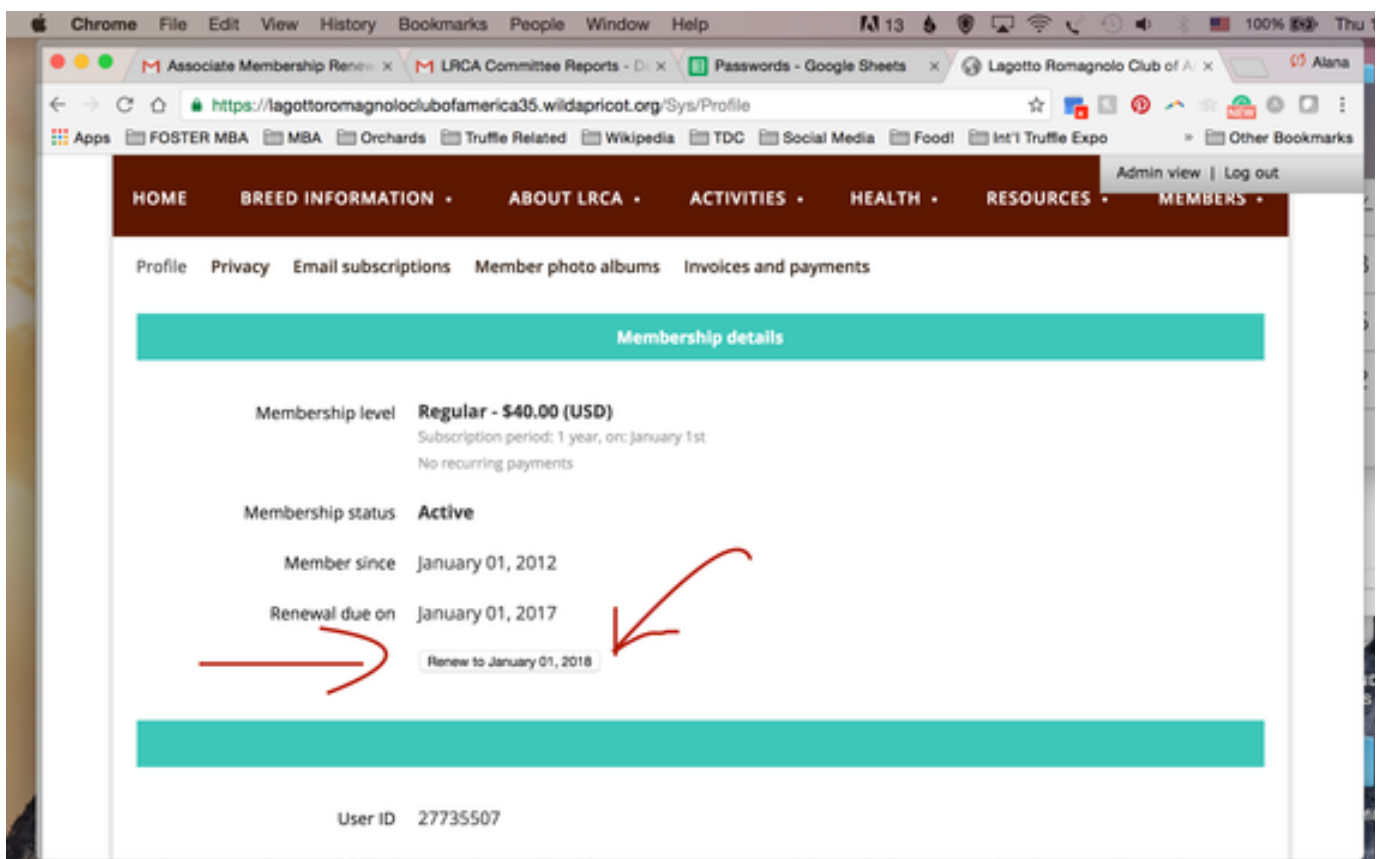
A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after March 1, 2018.

Dues for 2018:
Associate and Junior \$20
International \$30
Regular \$40
Household \$50 c

If you prefer to pay by check, follow this link:

<https://lagottoromagnolocclubofamerica35.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/To%20pay%20by%20check.pdf>

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..



Considering Breeding....?

If you are thinking of breeding your Lagotto, you need to consider the following:

1. Does your Lagotto have a solid confident temperament?
2. Is he/she a good representative of our breed type and conformation, according to our Breed Standard?
3. Have you reviewed the agreements with your breeder to determine if your puppy is registered with AKC and you can register your litter?
4. 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?
5. Have you completed DNA tests for Juvenile Epilepsy, Lagotto Storage Disease and Incorrect Coat, in addition to Hip testing, Patella, and CERF testing for eyes. You need to submit these results to OFA to get a CHIC number. After January 1, breeders must submit a CHIC number to have a listing on the club website.

Notice

The items in the Bollettino are submitted by club members, or other persons with special information to share with the membership. These are strictly the opinions of the writers and do not reflect an official stance of LRCA. Items submitted are edited by the Bollettino team. Official club information from the Board of Directors and Committees will be signed with their name and Board Title.



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

2018

Jan. 14 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Feb. 11 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Feb. 23 2nd Annual National Specialty in conjunction with Silver Bay Kennel Club in San Diego
Feb. 23 LRCA Annual Meeting
Mar. 11 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

LRCA Board Members

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