



2019 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Sunday, February 17, 2019: Directed training session for all levels, focusing on problem solving. Sherie Catledge will direct. . 12:30 for setup, 1:00 seminar begins. 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Weather dependent. RSVP to Karen, see p. 3
2. Saturday, February 23, 2019 — Annual Awards Banquet & election, 6:00 p.m., Calhoun's Bearden Hill, Knoxville — more details on p.2.
3. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27, Master-only Hunt Test, 60 dogs, Lucky 7, Sweetwater, TN. Opens Tuesday, 2/23 for workers, Wednesday 2/24 for all others. Judges pending.
4. Saturday, 3/30/19: Youth Handler's seminar with Sherie Catledge, location to be determined. Sunday, 3/31/19: Adult Handler Seminar. More details next month!
5. Saturday, April 13, 2019, 9 a.m. — club trial, Darryl Miller Farm, Sweetwater.

Photo of the Month

Sherie Catledge & Friend, ETRC Organized Training, 1/6/19



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Awards Banquet 2/23/19; RSVPs Due Now

The annual Awards Banquet will be Saturday, February 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at Calhoun's on the Bearden Hill, 6515 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. This is the same location where we have been for several years.

Folks will order off the menu when they arrive, and the meeting will begin around 7:00-ish. New members are particularly urged to come - don't be shy, come and meet folks! This is also our election meeting and general membership meeting, presentation of end-of-the-year and various other trophies; and a close-out of fiscal 2018 for the club. Come celebrate a successful year... and help us look ahead to our many activities for 2019.



We need to have RSVPs from anyone who is planning to eat NO LATER THAN 11:59 p.m. on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (edwardskc@gmail.com or 865-300-7607, leave message), so that the restaurant manager can arrange for enough people to be on shift to handle our orders expeditiously.

Final Slate for Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee slate for ETRC officer and director positions for fiscal year 2019, is listed below. Voting at the Awards Banquet, terms effective at the end of the banquet :

- ◆ President: Luke McCoy
- ◆ Vice President: Alan Bruhin
- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- ◆ Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
- ◆ Two Director positions (Feb 2019 - Feb 2022): Mike Smith, Jeff McNutt
- ◆ AKC Delegate: Michele Fletcher

Remaining on the board are: Jim Pearce and Luke McCoy (through Feb 2020), and Tom Gibson & Cory Smith (through Feb 2021). Lois Luthenauer will serve as Past President through 2019 and in addition has agreed to serve as Chief Marshal for the spring and fall AKC hunt tests for a second year. These last two positions are not on the ballot but are important to the workings of the club! Leaving the Board are John Broucek and Donna Smith. Many thanks to both for their expertise and hard work this past 3 years.

In accordance with the Bylaws, and as announced in December's newsletter, additional nominations could have been made by any member prior to December 31, 2018, in writing to the Secretary, using the process outlined in the newsletter. No one has made any additional nominations, so the nominations are now closed.

Training Day: Solving Problems, Part II — 02/17/19

Come join us on a Sunday afternoon (1:00 –4:00) for another directed training day at Roane Regional training grounds behind the Pegasus Technologies building at 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. ETRC member and pro Sherie Catledge will be leading the session and will be helping members problem solve specific problems using setups that will match the level of your dog. Setup will start at 12:30 p.m.

Bring your dog, a chair, appropriate clothing for the weather, water for your dog, your personal training equipment for your dog, and bumpers if you would prefer using them instead of club-owned Dokkens. The club will provide all other equipment needed. Indoor toilets are available inside the building.

Please RSVP if you plan to come. If we don't get enough people, we will cancel. RSVP to Karen Edwards, edwardskc@gmail.com before Saturday noon, 2/16/19.

If the weather doesn't cooperate (rain, snow, or temperatures that are truly dreadful), we will cancel. If the forecast is iffy, or we don't get enough people, I will send out an email on Saturday night with a go/no go decision. The first three of these winter training sessions have been extremely useful — come take advantage of some of our members' expertise that they are kindly willing to share with us!

Hope to see you there!

Youth Program; Handler's Seminar

The Luthenauer Young Handler program will soon enter its fourth year. Kids who are interested in working with dogs in field work are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm.

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family membership, their membership fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees, and ETRC Club Trials are free for enrollees.

A perpetual trophy has been ordered and will be awarded annually along with a plaque to keep, plus participation awards for everyone in the program. The awards will be retroactive to 2016.

A FREE young handler's seminar is also in the works. It will be held on Saturday, March 30. Further details will be announced when plans are finalized, including time and location. THIS WILL BE OPEN TO ANY YOUTH WHO WANTS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RETRIEVER SPORTS: you do not have to be a member of ETRC or of the Youth Program to participate. If you don't have a dog, we are hoping to have several well-trained retrievers that you can use to see how it works. Members, if you have a dog you would be willing to loan for this event, come on out and bring your dog!

Youth Program; Handler's Seminar

A FREE Adult Handler seminar will be offered for ETRC members on Sunday, March 31, location and time to be determined. Sherie Catledge will conduct. This is a good opportunity to get some coaching on your handling skills at the start of the hunt test season, so come on out! More details will be forthcoming in the March Newsletter.

Training Corner

Problem Solving — Notes from an ETRC Mini-Seminar With Lisa Styles & Sherie Catledge, January 6, 2019

The East Tennessee Retriever Club held a working seminar on January 6, 2019 at the training grounds on Pawnook Farm Road in Lenoir City, TN. The focus was on problem solving, and dogs at all levels were well-represented.

Lisa began with a description of how she organizes her training sessions. She rarely trains blinds and marks together; she begins with drills and obedience, then moves on to blinds, and then finishes with marks which are more exciting for the dog and helps end the training session on a high note. Also, you must consider the level of training of the dog, the recency of their training, and their overall physical condition when you plan your session. All of this can have an impact on how long you work, and how intensively.

In line with this philosophy, Lisa first set up a blind drill. This was a more detailed recap from our first session back in November, on how to move from basic casting drills, to introduce diversions and poison birds into pile work. She uses the following steps, and uses white bumpers for several weeks:

1. Teach Back to the Pile: You can start with showing the dog where the pile is, yelling Hey-Hey! As you place the bumpers to make sure he is looking. Stay close to the pile at first, flip bumpers towards the pile and send the dog for the mark. Repeat this until the dog gets the idea that there will be bumpers back there in that spot and he should go get them without an actual mark being thrown. Gradually back up and make the distance longer. Be sure the dog is looking out towards the pile before sending them. If he is not, he may be doing



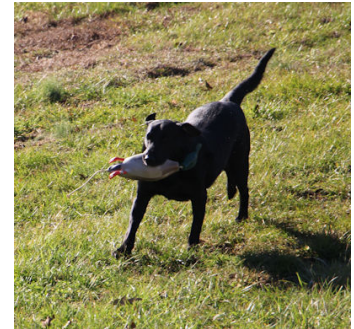
an avoidance technique; you might want to simplify and go back to flipping the bumpers again towards the pile or shortening the distance. Take your time, and don't rush this step. This may take a number of sessions doing the same steps, and it is better to keep the sessions short at first, no more than 5 or 10 minutes. A collar tab and a pinch collar may help with ensuring line manners at this stage.

2. Add a diversion: Once your dog is reliably heading back to the pile, add a diversion bumper. Line your dog up to the pile, but before sending, throw a bumper off to the side and tell the dog to "Leave it" before sending him to the pile. Let him go pick up the other bumper once he has returned with one from the pile.

3. Practice with a holding blind. The dog should be able to sit 8' behind the blind quietly; then 3' behind, then right up at the blind itself. Keep working on this, because this sort of drill will help eliminate some terrible problems with line manners once you get to a hunt test. Be sure to not let the dog arrive at the line before you. A pinch collar and a tab are very important for this exercise.

Marks were next. Lisa set up three marks which could be run as singles, a double / single combination, or all singles. One of the marks was very long, one was short, one was medium. She stressed that when a dog is returning with a mark, be sure to change your position to be facing the next mark. When the dog heels and gives up the mark, he will already be lined up for the next mark. Stand up straight for a mark, but bend over and line the dog more on a blind. Avoid giving duplicate commands or the dog will learn to ignore you until you yell. Don't use hand directions (lining) on marks unless there is something special like slot blinds, or especially long marks. This way the dog will learn that hand signals means something unusual is coming up.

Honoring: one of the problems discussed was a dog that honors fine during training, but breaks on the honor at tests. This particular dog had to honor for every single handler during the marks, coming up to the honoring position fresh for each new dog. He did fine for a number of dogs but then broke, which gave an opportunity for correction through e-collar stimulation. With help from the gallery, after all dogs had done the marks, Sherie set up a drill for the breaking dog. This involved multiple bumpers being thrown all at once, with shrieking excitement while the dog was held on a long line. The point is to make it so stimulating during training, that the dog will break and you will have the opportunity to correct the behavior.



*Honoring practice, left;
part of the peanut gal-
lery, below.*

Thanks again to Lisa, who was the one who originally had the idea last summer for this series of working sessions, and to Sherie and John Broucek for their help in leading or assisting in one or more sessions. Everyone who has come has gotten lots of tips and help in how to move forward with their training. There is one more session planned for February, with Sherie conducting. This one will also focus on addressing problems and working with handlers to find solutions.



Member News and Brags

Litter Announcement : Labrador Retrievers

FC AFC Tucked Away at River's Edge X Coal's Amazing Grace (Grady Granddaughter) Location: New Jersey but will be delivered to the Knoxville area March 15

Owner: David Knott, Phone 423-650-1089, Email: daknott.2000@gmail.com

Color: All Black *Price: Please call for Prices

Tucker X Grace. FC-AFC Tucker is the #1 High Point All Age dog, the #2 Amateur dog, and the #3 Open dog for 2018. Grace is a daughter of sire Luther's High Grade Black Coal (MN MNH4) and a Grady granddaughter. Grace is very athletic and a great marker. She's really fun to watch run. She's very fast and smart.

Litter born January 20 (6 girls and 3 boys) and ready to go home March 10. Two girls and 3 boys will available. Litter will be raised in my house with my kids and other dogs. Should be an excellent breeding.



New Genetic Disease Identified in Goldens

NCL — Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis — is a disease that has recently been identified in Golden Retrievers. It is a simple recessive, which means carriers are totally normal, but dogs with two copies of the defective gene will start showing neurological symptoms by about 13 months and will be dead before 3, after becoming blind, losing mental capability, coordination, and having major behavioral issues. There is no treatment and no cure, so if you are breeding it is important to determine if your dog is a carrier or not. The test is available through the University of Missouri, through OFA only at this time.

So far, testing has revealed that many of the carrier dogs are in well-known field lines. Partial Info on carriers tested so far is posted on K9data.com. Contact me if you have any further questions; we are in the process of getting our breeding stock tested and will be posting our results on K9data.com. There is a great technical article about this disease that I can send you on request.

As required by our Bylaws, the rules for ETRC's awards programs are printed below and on the next two pages. These rules are also available on the ETRC website.

ETRC GUN DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES

(Approved November 1, 2017, effective January 1, 2018)

1. The dog which accumulates the most points in AKC-Licensed Retriever Hunting Tests and ETRC club trials throughout the calendar year will be the winner of the annual Holcomb Gun Dog award and trophy. The annual award and trophy will be presented at the February ETRC annual awards banquet. The recipient of the Holcomb Gun Dog of the Year award will keep the trophy for one year and is responsible for its care. An engraved personal plaque is awarded to the retriever and the owner.
2. Points may be earned only in AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Tests and ETRC Club Trials.
3. Points earned for "Puppy" Stakes at AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials, plus points earned by puppies under 12 months of age at the time of the AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials will not be included in computation of Gun Dog of the Year point totals.
4. Dogs are eligible to earn points at their current AKC title level and higher stakes at ETRC Club Trials. For example, a dog who has already earned his Senior Hunter title may continue to earn points at either the Senior level or the Master level. However, once a dog has passed two consecutive club trial stakes at a higher level than their current AKC title, or has a single pass at the higher level at an AKC test, he or she may no longer run lower level stakes for points at ETRC Club Trials.
5. Dogs are eligible to earn points at their current title level or above in AKC Hunt Tests. Once a dog earns a pass in a higher stake than its current AKC title level at an AKC hunt test, that dog cannot run a lesser hunt test stake for points. For example, a dog with an AKC Master pass cannot run in an AKC Senior Hunt Test stake for points, but may earn points for a run in an AKC Master stake.
6. All hunt tests stakes will be run for completion points only (points are only awarded per test successfully passed).
7. Calculation of Points:
 - A. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Test passed. Points earned at a Specialty where only one breed is allowed to compete may be included in the points calculations, but only up to a maximum of two completions (i.e. up to 2 points for Junior, 4 points for Senior, or 6 points for Master tests passed).
 - B. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each Club Trial stake passed. However, only the highest level passed for which the dog is eligible to receive points will count towards the Gun Dog awards. Singles Classic and Advanced Junior Hunter stakes will not count towards the Gun Dog Awards.
 - C. Points for Master National or Master Amateur Hunt Tests:
 - (1) A dog will receive 1 point for qualifying for the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
 - (2) A dog will receive 6 points for passing at the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
8. Only dogs owned by ETRC members in good standing are eligible to compete for the Gun Dog of the Year award. However, points gained while the dog is being handled by someone other than the owner will count towards the award, whether or not the handler is an ETRC member.
9. In the event of a tie, the tied dog who competed in the most ETRC Club Trials during the awards year will be declared the winner. If this tie breaker still results in a tie, all tied dogs will receive recognition.
10. The eligibility year for the Gun Dog of the Year Award begins January 1 and runs through December 31 of the award year.

It will be the responsibility of the owner to provide information on ETRC club and AKC passes to the ETRC club member who is responsible for tabulating points, by the date specified in the December newsletter. If there is a discrepancy in the points submitted for ETRC events and ETRC's records, the records of the ETRC are final. Any discrepancies in AKC points submitted will be compared to AKC's Performance records with AKC tabulations being final. These rules and regulations are to be published in the club newsletter preceding the club's annual February meeting. A copy will be posted on the ETRC website. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website. Winners will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website.

ETRC PUPPY OF THE YEAR RULES

(Approved November 1, 2017, effective January 1, 2018)

1. The puppy which accumulates the most points per the rules below in ETRC club trials, puppy stakes at ETRC's AKC Hunt Tests, or AKC licensed Hunt tests throughout the year will be the winner of the annual Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year award and trophy. Puppies between 10 weeks and one year of age are eligible to compete. The annual award and trophy will be presented at the February ETRC annual awards banquet. The recipient of the Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year award will keep the trophy for one year and is responsible for its care. An engraved personal plaque is awarded to the puppy and the owner.
2. Age Classifications: Junior Puppy: ten weeks through six months (27 weeks of age); Senior Puppy - seven months to one year (28 weeks to first birthday).
3. Points.
 - A. Points will be earned only in ETRC Club Trials, puppy stakes at ETRC's AKC Hunt Tests, or regular hunt test stakes at any AKC licensed hunt tests. Points for any level hunt test stakes at AKC hunt tests or any stakes at ETRC Club Trials will only count if the puppy was less than 1 year of age at the time the points were earned.
 - B. Puppies are eligible to run in their current age classification. A Senior puppy may not compete in the Junior Puppy class. Junior puppies may compete in the higher stake Senior Puppy class for a JAM ribbon only, no placement or points will be awarded.
4. Calculation of Points:
 - A. Points will be awarded for placements in ETRC club Trial and ETRC Hunt Test puppy stakes as follows:
 - (1) If 5 or more puppies are entered, 3 points will be awarded for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, and 1 point for puppies placing 3rd or 4th or receiving JAM ribbons.
 - (2) If 4 puppies are entered, 2 points will be awarded for 1st place, 1 point for puppies placing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or receiving JAM ribbons.
 - (3) If 3 or fewer puppies are entered, all placements and JAMS will receive 1 point each.
 - B. Additional Points: A puppy will receive 1 point for any Junior Hunter stake, 2 points for a Senior Hunter stake, or 3 points for a Master Hunter stake passed at an ETRC Club Trial before the puppy's first birthday. No points will be awarded for Singles Classic or Advanced Junior stakes.
 - C. A puppy will receive 1 point for any AKC-licensed Hunt Test Junior Hunter Stake (2 points for Senior, 3 points for Master) passed before the puppy's first birthday. Points earned at a Specialty AKC Hunt Test where only one breed is allowed to compete may be included in the points calculations, but only up to a maximum of two completions.
5. Only puppies owned by ETRC members in good standing are eligible to compete for the Puppy of the Year award. However, points gained while the puppy is handled by someone other than the owner will count towards the award.
6. In the event of a tie, the tied dog who competed in the most ETRC Club Trials during the awards year will be declared the winner. If this tie breaker still results in a tie, all tied dogs will receive recognition.
7. The eligibility year for the Puppy of the Year Award begins January 1 and runs through December 31 of the award year.
8. It will be the responsibility of the owner to provide information on ETRC club and AKC passes to the ETRC club member who is responsible for tabulating points, by the date specified in the December newsletter. If in the event there is a discrepancy in the points submitted for ETRC events and ETRC records, the records of the ETRC are final. Any discrepancies in AKC points submitted will be compared to AKC's Performance records with AKC tabulations being final.
9. These rules and regulations are to be published in the club newsletter preceding the club's annual February meeting. A copy will be posted on the ETRC website. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website. Winners will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website.
10. Judges are strongly encouraged to set up different marking tests for the Junior and Senior puppy tests. A water mark should be included in the Senior puppy stake. Lack of suitable grounds, cold weather, and time may prohibit this suggestion but all efforts should be made to adhere to it.

High Point Junior/Senior/Master Awards

(Approved November 1, 2017, effective January 1, 2018)

1. ETRC will offer an engraved plaque for the dog at each level (Junior, Senior, and Master) at any age who accumulates the most points at each level during the calendar year. Points towards this award are counted differently than points towards the Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year Awards; however, points may be counted towards both awards. The award will be presented at the February ETRC Annual Awards banquet.
2. Points may be earned only in AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Tests and ETRC Club Trials.
3. Points earned for “Puppy” Stakes at AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials will not count towards level awards. However, any points earned by puppies at Junior, Senior or Master level stakes will count towards level awards regardless of the age of the dog at the time the points were earned.
4. Dogs are eligible to earn points at multiple levels regardless of age or title level, at either AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials. Points will only be applied towards the level earned. For example, a dog who has 3 passes at the Senior Level and another 3 passes at the Master level will have 3 passes counted towards each level for the high point award.
5. All stakes will be run for completion points only (points are only awarded per test successfully passed).
6. Calculation of Points:
 - A. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Test passed. Points earned at a Specialty where only one breed is allowed to compete may be included in the points calculations, but only up to a maximum of two completions (i.e. up to 2 points for Junior, 4 points for Senior, or 6 points for Master tests passed).
 - B. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each Club Trial stake passed. Singles Classic and Advanced Junior Hunter stakes will not count towards the Gun Dog Awards.
 - C. Points for Master National or Master Amateur Hunt Tests:
 - (1) A dog will receive 1 point for qualifying for the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
 - (2) A dog will receive 6 points for passing at the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
7. Only dogs owned by ETRC members in good standing are eligible to compete for the Gun Dog of the Year award. However, points gained while the dog is being handled by someone other than the owner will count towards the level award, whether or not the handler is an ETRC member.
8. In the event of a tie, the tied dog who competed in the most ETRC Club Trials during the awards year will be declared the winner. If this tie breaker still results in a tie, all tied dogs will receive recognition.
9. The eligibility year for the High Point level Awards begins January 1 and runs through December 31 of the award year.
10. It will be the responsibility of the owner to provide information on ETRC club and AKC passes to the ETRC club member who is responsible for tabulating points, by the date specified in the December newsletter. If there is a discrepancy in the points submitted for ETRC events and ETRC’s records, the records of the ETRC are final. Any discrepancies in AKC points submitted will be compared to AKC’s Performance records with AKC tabulations being final. These rules and regulations are to be published in the club newsletter preceding the club’s annual February meeting. A copy will be posted on the ETRC website. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website. Winners will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website.

Around the Region — Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Farmer/Lardy Symposium Rematch – March 14-17, 2019, Boston, GA. Observer slots available, \$465. <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/shop/>. Learn from two of the best trainers in the field!

Pat Burns Seminar, Bristol, TN, April 29-May 3. <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/training/> f or more info.

Around the Region — Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Wiregrass HRC of Georgia (120)	Meigs, GA	03/02/19
N.Alabama RC	Greensboro, AL	03/02/19
Palmetto RC	Patrick, SC	03/09/19
Carolina Retriever Assoc.	Cheraw, SC	03/16/19
Tallahassee HRC (120)	Thomasville, GA	03/16/19
Mid-Atlantic HRC	Emporia, VA	03/22/19
Fall Line RC	Lincolnton, GA	03/23/19
ETRC March Midweek Master (60)	Sweetwater, TN	03/26/19
Central KY RC (120)	Kevil, KY	03/30/19
Tidewater RC	Emporia, VA	04/03/19
Rappahannock River RC	Remington, VA	04/12/19
Yadkin River RC	Mebane, NC	04/13/19
Poodle Club National Specialty	St. Charles, MO	04/13/19
Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	04/13/19
Cooper River Double Master	Cheraw, SC	04/26/19

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Tall Pines RC D/Q	Leesburg, GA	02/08/19
Palmetto RC	Cheraw, SC	02/22/19
Labrador RC	Americus, GA	02/22/19
SW Georgia RC	Americus, GA	03/01/19
Tar Heel RC	Snow Hill, NC	03/08/19
Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, AL	03/15/19
Mid Atlantic HRC, O/H Qual	Emporia, VA	03/22/19
Carolina Piedmont RC	Cheraw, SC	03/22/19
Bluegrass RC	Grahamville, KY	03/22/10

Membership 2019

The membership year runs from March 1—February 28. Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Renewal and new member forms are available online at <http://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — click the link, print it off, and send it to Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Cost is \$25 which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events including those classified as members-only, and consideration for end of the year awards. Best of all, membership provides the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain! Members joining in November and December are covered for the following year, so start sending in your renewals now!

Newsletter Info

The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, as close to the 1st of the month as we can get it together. Send us your test results, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs and services, death notices, interesting articles, and any brags you care to share, along with pictures! Deadline is the 26th of the month but we can sometimes sneak something in a little late.... Send items to: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).