



Sporting Dogs in Demand as Need for Detection Dogs Increases

The words "Police Dog" conjure up the image of a regal German Shepherd staring down the bad guy.

German Shepherds and other "prick-eared" dogs, including Belgian Malinois and Dutch Shepherds, still prevail as the top patrol dogs in the country.

But these days, there's some new deputies in town, and these canine officers are valued for their good natures and amazing noses.

Sporting breeds are the most sought-after dogs for public detection work. They are less intimidating and reactive when in crowded public settings and their hunting and scenting ability can be transferred to finding explosives and other illegal substances.

As acts of homegrown terrorism and mass shootings become everyday news in the United States, government agencies, schools, malls and theaters are seeking the services of detection dogs with one major problem: there are not enough dogs to serve the growing need.

The United States imports about 80 to 90 percent of their working dogs from Europe, which has a rich heritage for

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.com

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breeding and training dogs for police/military style competitions and certifications.

The American Kennel Club formed the AKC Detection Dog Task Force two years ago after being contacted by the government and other parties to assist with the domestic shortage of detection dogs. The task force is researching the issue to see if AKC and its breeders can help.

The 2018 AKC US Detection Dog Conference will be held Aug. 28-30 in Durham, NC. Experts in the field will join with breeders, trainers and others to discuss the issue. The conference is currently full, but registrants are being accepted to a wait list.

For more information on the task force and conference:
<https://www.akc.org/akc-detection-dog-task-force/>
or Contact Jim Talbert, LRCA AKC Delegate
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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 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

LRCA is in need of volunteers!
Please let us know if you can serve

1. **Nominating Committee**
2. **Education Committee**
3. **Bollettino Editor**
4. **Website assistance**

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings are held on 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 EDT. You can find call in information in the member only section -> Club Documents -> Call in number

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Mar. 15 National Specialty Weekend - York, PA

Club Website: www.LagottoUS.com