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## **Benchmark and Trailmark:**



***Seven Generations  
of Working Ability!***

***Justin Scoffield***  
***Top AMCA Junior Handler 2016 & 2017***



***Justin showed Watson, GCHS Ch Windswepts the Games Afoot At Stormrunner, to the Top Twenty in 2017. He was invited as a Junior to Westminster twice, and took Select with Watson at Westminster in 2018. He and Watson have won numerous BLISS and many Group Placements. As a team they have been spectacular. Thanks to everyone that has supported me on this journey***

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## **Benchmark and Trailmark:**

***Working Together for Seven Generations. Breaking the Trail into the Future.***



**Phyllis Hamilton**

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It takes hard work and skill to ensure that the working ability of a bloodline stays strong and is proven, day by day and year by year. And so, 25 years ago, Brian and Carolyn Heft brought their ability and determination to the Benchmark bloodline, creating a unique partnership they named Trailmark, to test and prove the working ability of my dogs: the single most important genetic breed trait in our standard.

The last generation of Pat and Paul Kostock's Champaign dogs gave this team an incredible lead dog, Natane, and a fine swing dog, Mac.\* And then the Benchmark dogs, with Juneau's foundation and Savvy's great working instinct, continued to build the Trailmark team with each breeding decision and each generation.

Today, we see the team as strong as ever, thanks to the deep working heritage that Elvis, Ch. Wild Wind's Hunka Burnin' Love, gave the 2012 litter out of Sable, Ch. Benchmark Silver Birch, herself a key Trailmark team dog. Three are solid team dogs today, cheered on by their two Champion littermates.

This photo captures my deep appreciation for the Heft Family: they are ensuring that the working ability of the bloodline lives on, with drive, soundness and endurance, and is breaking the trail into the future.

*\*Natane and Mac were sired by Ch. Champaign's Katahdin Tahosa, who was by Banner, Ch. Benchmark Stand And Deliver (Juneau x Kodi), and out of Katahdin, Ch. Champaign's Katahdin, the full sister of Savvy (Ch. Champaign Benchmark Big Shot ROM and littermate of Joe Cool, Ch. Champaign's California Cooler ROM). Their dam was Dreamer, Ch. Benchmark Over The Rainbow (Ch. Cold Creek's True Blue x Ch. Benchmark Champaign's Lakota (Juneau x Kodi). Dreamer's litter sister was Haven, Ch. Benchmark Winter Solstice ROM. Champaign and Benchmark bloodlines worked together during these years, and created the type and soundness of the Benchmark dogs today, and into the future.*

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# OFFICERS REPORTS

## President's Report

Terry Toussaint  
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AMCA's Legislative Committee, co-chaired by **Sue Maranto-Carnall** and **Margaret Cleek**, working with members of the Kennel Club of Palm Springs, and AKC Government Relations, was instrumental in delaying a vote on a Palm Springs California city ordinance that would have prohibited dog and cat breeding at private residences. Thanks to e-mails and phone calls from around the country expressing opposition, Palm Springs now intends to consult with purebred dog breeders and others and re-write the ordinance.

Invitations for the first round of balloting for the 2021 National and Regional Conformation and 2020 Sweepstakes judges were e-mailed on July 7. Voting closed at 11:59 PM on July 31. This round will select the conformation and sweepstakes finalists for the second round of voting held concurrently with the annual election. Invitations for the annual election will be sent on September 1.

We have a tentative show committee and site for the 2020 Regional and National specialties to be held on the West Coast, specifically the Pacific Northwest. The show committee is hard at work on the final agreements at the site and expects to present a final proposal to the Board within the next few weeks.

It is time to start planning for a show committee and site for the 2021 Regional and National specialties which will be held in the Northeast area, if you are interested, please send your name and any ideas regarding the show and show site to Vice President Jan Croft: (jan.croft@delta.com).

## Recording Secretary

JoAnne Krause  
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MOTION 14: 2017-18: The Agility Committee be authorized to donate \$1,500 to the 2018 National/Regional Specialties. The money will be used to AMCA Newsletter

help fund Obedience, Rally, and Weight Pull events. (Toussaint)  
For: All

MOTION 15: 2017-18: If an Area does not wish to host the National and Regional Specialties in its turn, it shall be allowed to pass no later than 30 months prior to their projected show date. The Specialties will then automatically be given to the next Area in the rotation. The Area that has passed will be scheduled to host the following year. An Area may choose to pass only one time. If they choose not to host the following year, they will be placed at the bottom of the rotation. (Levesque)

Rationale: Prior to 2011 this Standing Rule was part of our procedure and was removed as the probability of the occurrence of an area passing on their assigned year was remote. The BOD has recently found the need to re-implement this Standing Rule and have sufficient documentation of the procedure.

For: All

MOTION 16: 2017-18: CHANGE OF SR H-5 AS FOLLOWS:

The AMCA VP will contact and hire all regular conformation and sweepstakes judges, in descending order from the most popular, until all assignments are filled. The VP will contact all regular judges within three weeks after (1) the judge selection results are released AND (2) the venue/event dates have been finalized. The VP will provide each judge with a letter/contract confirming all terms of his/her assignment within ten days of confirming acceptance of the assignment. If due to an emergency, a judge is unable to fulfil his/her assignment, the VP will make every effort to contract with the next judge in order on the original polled list. The VP will ensure that all National Week judges, including those for non-regular events, sign an AMCA judging contract. (Jan12/Jun18)

Rationale: The current wording of SR H-5 requires the VP to provide contracts confirming assignments within three weeks of the judge polling re-

sults. In some cases, this task is not feasible when the date(s) and location of the proposed assignment have not been finalized. By changing the timing requirement, the VP will be able to fulfil the requirement without being in violation of the Standing Rule.

(Levesque)

For: All

Jo Ann Krause, Recording Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report - May-June 2018

	M-A 2018	M-J 2018	Change
Bank Accounts	83,552.48	83550.29	2.19
Reserve Funds	53,744.97	54021.03	276.06
Committee Total	<u>29,510.66</u>	29510.66	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>\$166,808.11</b>	<b>\$167,081.98</b>	<b>\$278.25</b>

Revenue			
	2017 YTD	M-J 2018	2018 YTD

### Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	1,645.00	745.00	1,395.00
Newsletter/Directory	10,875.00	1,180.00	10,585.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	80.00	44.00	134.00
Mail/Delivery	1,881.00	160.00	1,650.00
Breeders List	2,750.00	220.00	1,960.00
<b>Newsletter/Directory Total</b>	<b>17,231.00</b>	<b>2,349.00</b>	<b>15,724.00</b>

### Membership

Application	368.00	50.00	280.00
Membership Fees	5,807.00	515.00	5,985.00
Late Fees	420.00	220.00	980.00
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>6,595.00</b>	<b>785.00</b>	<b>7,245.00</b>

### Pass-Through

National Specialty	764.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,982.00	540.00	5,017.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	2,400.00	160.00	2,135.00
Legislative/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>8,146.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>7,152.00</b>

<b>Committees' Total</b>	<b>3,618.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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### Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	460.50	0.00	664.00
National Specialty	5,341.62	0.00	13,634.20
Purina Partnership	893.72	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	844.71	53.35	166.07
<b>Other Revenues Total</b>	<b>7,540.55</b>	<b>53.35</b>	<b>14,464.27</b>

<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>\$43,131.41</b>	<b>\$3,887.35</b>	<b>\$44,585.27</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$4,206.48</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>	<b>-\$139.83</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$47,337.89</b>	<b>\$4,163.35</b>	<b>\$44,445.44</b>

Expenses			
	2017 YTD	M-J 2018	2018 YTD

### Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	6,532.14	659.61	3,103.02
NL/MD coordinator fee	2,475.00	375.00	1,150.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	3,313.38	400.00	1,200.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	1,750.74	150.90	561.90
Bulk Postage	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Newsletter artist fees	70.00	20.00	50.00
<b>Newsletter/Membership Total</b>	<b>15,141.26</b>	<b>1,605.51</b>	<b>7,064.92</b>

<b>Officer/Board/Delegate</b>	<b>2,807.88</b>	<b>644.64</b>	<b>1,334.96</b>
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### Pass-Throughs

National Specialty	649.00	0	0.00
AMAL Donation/CHF	5,728.00	0.00	0.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	2,480.00	0.00	2,065.00
Legislative/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>2,480.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,065.00</b>

National Specialty	1,000.00	170.00	170.00
Affiliate Clubs	762.00	587.00	920.00
Donations	3,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	821.97	84.23	826.90
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	347.87	44.58	324.58
Elections Costs	1,394.72	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,690.00	0.00	0.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet Services	475.00	310.00	571.70
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	421.99	125.56	665.84
AMCA Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Committee's	2,355.58	313.58	699.73
<b>Other Expense Total</b>	<b>12,269.13</b>	<b>1,634.95</b>	<b>5,178.75</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,698.27</b>	<b>\$3,885.10</b>	<b>\$15,643.63</b>
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 6/30/2018

2) The "Pass-Through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others and temporarily held in the General Fund.

## AMCA Calendar of Events

(Prepared by Jan Croft, Vice President & Specialty Events Coordinator)

### AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	Competition
RM Columbine Country AMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	8/17  Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO  Closes 8/1	Robert Miller, Event Secretary <a href="mailto:Millerdogshows@mac.com">Millerdogshows@mac.com</a> 303-278-2779 ext 2779  Jerry White, Show Chair <a href="mailto:pwhite4383@aol.com">pwhite4383@aol.com</a> 303-798-1934	Christine C Mann Robin Hug Cynthia Knox  Patricia Healy Jean Pero Jan Cherne	C JR PS/VS  C JR PS/VS
GL GLAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm) & WEIGHT PULL	9/7  Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI  Closes 8/22	Onofrio Dog Shows <a href="http://www.onofrio.com">www.onofrio.com</a> <a href="mailto:mail@onofrio.com">mail@onofrio.com</a>  Patty Peel, Show Chair <a href="mailto:ssnoklassic@aol.com">ssnoklassic@aol.com</a> 810-348-2989	Sheri L Wright Lori Conley  James M Fankhauser Mike Pickard	C/JR PS/VS  C/JR PS/VS
NY/NJ AMCA Area Specialty in conjunction with Somerset Hills KC	9/8  No. Branch Park Bridgewater, NJ  Closes 8/22	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420  Karyn Colman, Show Chair <a href="mailto:nvrakym@comcast.net">nvrakym@comcast.net</a>	Roger Gifford Jennifer Remazki	C PS/VS
PNW Snow King Alaskan Malamute Fanciers TWO EVENTS (am & pm)  Specialty Event with the Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Assoc	9/15  Southwest Washington Fairgrounds 2225 North National Ave Chehalis, WA  Closes 8/30	BaRay Event Services <a href="http://www.barayevents.com">www.barayevents.com</a> 360-755-7086  Shirley Matthews, Show Chair <a href="mailto:tugidaksam@hotmail.com">tugidaksam@hotmail.com</a>	Mrs Terry B Carter Stacy Slade  Lynette Blue Marissa Clark	C PS/VS  C PS/VS
SO AMCA Regional Specialty	10/29 & 30  DoubleTree by Hilton 10100 International Dr Orlando, FL  Closes 10/3	Foy Trent Dog Shows PO Box C Sturgeon, MO 65284 <a href="mailto:mail@foytrentdogshows.com">mail@foytrentdogshows.com</a>  Barb Salvadore, Show Chair <a href="mailto:palemoonkennels@gmail.com">palemoonkennels@gmail.com</a>	Roseanne Deutsch Pam Fusco Penny DiSiena Deborah Nevfield Aimee Kincaid Penny DiSiena	C PS/VS Jr Show OB RA 4-6 puppy
SO AMCA National Specialty	11/1 thru 11/3  DoubleTree by Hilton 10100 International Dr Orlando, FL  Closes 10/3	Foy Trent Dog Shows PO Box C Sturgeon, MO 65284 <a href="mailto:mail@foytrentdogshows.com">mail@foytrentdogshows.com</a>  Barb Salvadore, Show Chair <a href="mailto:palemoonkennels@gmail.com">palemoonkennels@gmail.com</a>	Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake Jennifer Corr Barbara Burns Aimee Kincaid Deborah Nevfield Barbara Burns	C PS/VS Jr Show OB RA 4-6 puppy

### SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	Competition
NY/NJ Empire AMA Supported Entry with Westchester Kennel Club	9/9	No. Branch Park Bridgewater, NJ  Closes 8/22	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420  Cindy Skyler, Show Chair 973-584-6598	Terri Hundt Christopher Jackson	C PS/VS
GL GLAMC Supported Entry with Genesee County Kennel Club	9/8	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI  Closes 8/22	Onofrio Dog Shows <a href="http://www.onofrio.com">www.onofrio.com</a> <a href="mailto:mail@onofrio.com">mail@onofrio.com</a>  Patty Peel, Show Chair <a href="mailto:ssnoklassic@aol.com">ssnoklassic@aol.com</a> 810-348-2989	Donna Conod Alexis Kunkel	C/JR PS/VS

## AGILITY TRIALS

Area/Host	Dates	Location / Closing	Trial Secy/ Event Contact	Judging Panel	Classes
AMCA All-Breed Agility Trials	8/31 9/1 9/2	Syracuse Obedience Training Club 6392 Deere Rd Syracuse, NY  Opens 6/29 Closes 8/17	Karen Vanderburgh 315-453-2799 kjvander@aol.com  Pam Renock, Trial Chair <a href="mailto:sledmals@gmail.com">sledmals@gmail.com</a>	Tom Slattery  (all three days)	9/1: T2B Exc/Master only: STD, JWW and Novice/Open/Exc/Master FAST 9/2: All levels: STD, JWW, FAST 9/3: All levels: STD, JWW Prem Std

## Committee Reports & Special Reports

### Legislative Committee

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On June 1, the AKC announced the decision by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that it will not establish new criteria for recognizing third party inspection and certification when determining APHIS' own inspection frequency under the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). Earlier this year, APHIS requested comments from stakeholders, state partners, and the public regarding the recognition of and use of information from third party groups' inspection and certification programs as means of determining the frequency of its own inspections. APHIS reports the vast majority of over 35,000 comments received and that stakeholders on all sides of the issue including the AKC were not in support of the idea. As a

result, APHIS will continue to use its current risk-based inspection system to determine the frequency of inspections.

Many animal rights groups called in during the APHIS conference call. During the call, Dr. Frances Chang, Science Advisor in PETA's Laboratory Investigation Department, requested that PETA provide third party accreditation and inspection services. Members representing the HSUS and the ASPCA were concerned that the government would allow AKC to do third party inspections which they opposed.

The AKC recently released an article via Fox News reporting the United States has become a dumping ground for foreign rescues. As a nation, Americans own approximately 80 million dogs and acquire another 1 million each year. What many people don't realize is a new danger associated with pets that are misleadingly labeled

as "rescues". Unscrupulous distributors take advantage of Americans' well-known love for dogs and their empathy for an underdog. As a result, the United States has become a dumping ground for foreign "puppy mill" and "rescue" dogs. America imports an estimated 1 million dogs annually from Turkey, several countries in the Middle East, and as far away as China and Korea according to the National Animal Interest Alliance. Historically, rescue groups were run by committed breeders or kennel clubs that carefully vetted a small number of dogs and matched them with appropriate homes. With the popularity of the "adopt don't shop movement", the sale of large numbers of random-source dogs deceptively labeled as "rescue pets" has become a big business.

Not mentioned in the above article is the smuggling of 10,000 dogs/puppies a year from Mexico just at the San Diego border.

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## RUTH LEVESQUE, CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

My husband Paul and I have been involved in malamutes and are lifetime AMCA members. I have **dedicated many years serving AMCA** in one capacity or another. Throughout the years I have worked with a variety of Boards and Committees and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to learn from the success and failures within the club.



As a member of your BOD, **my personal philosophy has remained unchanged. I believe that the mission of the BOD should be to serve its membership and promote the objectives set forth by our governing documents to protect our Breed.** AMCA's uses established Standing Rules and various other documented operating procedure policies to guide the BOD in the routine operation of the club. I pledge to **ensure that a yearly review of our Standing Rules is conducted** by the BOD to ensure they are current and relate to the effective functioning of the organization. When change is deemed necessary, I feel that practical solutions must be applied fairly and consistently for the overall benefit of all members.

Of primary interests is to work toward the improvement of **AMCA as a member-driven organization.** Communication is what will make or break our club. **Open communication to and from your Board is essential.** The Board needs to listen to you, the general membership, and you need to communicate with the Board so your concerns can effectively be addressed. I believe AMCA's website should be used as a primary communication tool. **Our current website needs a total revamping to efficiently become the "place" where each member can easily find what they need and an avenue to attract and command the attention of visitors to learn about our wonderful breed.**

**I feel that every member who loves our breed has a place in this organization.** The interests of our members vary and have changed throughout the years. Our breed has proven to be quite versatile as seen by the increasing interest of members participating in the different avenues of competition offered by AKC. Currently, AMCA has several programs to acknowledge your accomplishments in conformation, companion, performance, and working events. **One of my personal goals is to work toward expansion of our award programs to include additional fields of competition to acknowledge the hard-working efforts of our members.**

New issues will continually present challenges and new goals. There is a lot of work ahead of us to keep with the fast-paced growing need for **genetic health issues; anti-dog legislation; judges, breeder and public education; support of rescue; financial soundness and improved communication.** My personal life experience has provided me with the background to help guide our organization to meet the challenges before us.

**The stronghold of my philosophy is personal ethical standards, professionalism, integrity and treating all parties fairly. I believe in speaking the truth, whether it's pleasant to hear or not.** I have always frankly expressed my opinions to fellow Board members, and my voting methodology is always to consider what is in the best interest of AMCA overall.

I will continue to bring these ethics to the Board and the membership and ask for your continued support in this election.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Levesque

*We apologize that we overlooked this article and it should have been in the June Performance Issue.*

## **The Story of one relatively new performance competitor.**

By Sue Maranto-Carnall

Sue Maranto-Carnall writes that she was hesitant to try performance events with her malamutes because.....well.....they're malamutes. When one gets older, one doesn't care about embarrassing yourself so why not give it a whirl? Much to Sue's surprise, her dogs have risen to the occasion most of the time. Obviously, a few setbacks occur, but for the most part success.

Last year, the AKC introduced the Trick Dog Program. Sue figured her two malamutes, AURORA, **URO1 Aluk's Northern Lights, CGC, RN TKP**, and TUNDRA, **Onak's Arctic Tundra, CGC TKN**, could at least get the novice trick dog title. Much to Sue's surprise, Aurora flew through all four categories and earned the Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate, Advance, and Performer titles. The Performer Title had to be videotaped and sent to the AKC for approval (now competitors have the choice of either sending in a video to the AKC or having a CGC evaluator conduct the test).

Then Rally Intermediate was added to the mix. So far AURORA has competed in one Rally Intermediate Trial and received a group placement with fourth place. She did great, and it is too bad about handler errors. TUNDRA is Sue's youngest mal, and she has been taking her time entering him into the Rally ring.

Sue has been focusing on motivational training and relationship building with both her dogs which was a new concept to Sue, and her dogs seem to like it. Of course, they're Malamutes. In class, the instructor gives one set up directions for the normal dogs and a different set of directions for the malamutes.

Sue entered TUNDRA in a large show in February 2018 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego. This was his first time in a noisy, congested building and she didn't expect much, because all his training has been outside and not in a building. Yikes! TUNDRA was the first dog to go through the course and was by far the happiest according to the competitors who congratulated me. The judge commented several times, including during the awards ceremony, what a nice performance he gave. The first place dog achieved a score of 98 and was a seasoned obedience dog.

With summer approaching and San Diego already hot, they will have to wait for cooler weather to compete. Sue is so proud of her dogs that she is looking forward to fall.



**Aurora mmmm anything for me on this table?**



**Tundra I'm so pretty and clever**

# Pam Fusco for AMCA President



AMCA member since 1997  
Previous AMCA Director  
Previous founding member and officer for local affiliate club

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## BACKGROUND

Showing dogs is in my blood. My grandmother showed miniature dachshunds and as a child I could often be found grooming and gaiting them. As a teenager I studied English setters and formed the opinion that dogs that have a purpose, according to their standard, should be able to win in the show ring and participate in whatever their purpose. This belief is what led me to the Alaskan Malamute years later.

## PERSONAL

- I am originally from Maryland and moved to Michigan via a few other places in 1995. Joe and I were married that year. I have a step-daughter, and two beautiful grandchildren.
- Joe and I purchased our first malamute in 1995. We have participated in multiple events with our dogs. Illusion malamutes are often seen competing in different venues, but most often and most important on the couch being loved by their families.
- Shortly after purchasing that first malamute I started working as an office manager at a local veterinarian clinic. I learned and soaked up all the knowledge I could. It was while working here that I was introduced to several breeder/vets and enhanced my understanding of research.
- Our malamutes have been awarded multiple group wins and placements, as puppies, bred-by, owner-handled and regular. We have competed in agility, rally and a little obedience. Our dogs also enjoy an occasional hike, weight pull and coursing. In the past we have done some sledding. Malamutes are so incredibly versatile it is a joy to see a dog and its owner enjoy whatever activity they do together.

## GOALS

I have four goals that I would like to accomplish in the next two years:

1. Increase membership numbers
2. Improve communication between the membership, board and committees
3. Revitalize breed health research and information available to breeders and veterinarians
4. Improve public social media presence

# AREA REPORTS

## GREAT LAKES

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On Saturday May 19, the Motown Working Alaskan Malamute Club held a weight pull at the home of Heather and Ross Pellegrino. There were 15 dogs entered in the event. The most weight pulled was 2,130 pounds by VIOLET, owned and handled by Cheryl Gelbert. The highest percentage pulled was 30.63 times her weight by VEDA, owned and handled by Barbara Taylor. The competition was followed by a pot luck dinner. MWAM's next event will be a two day weight pull on June 23 and 24th for the Detroit Kennel Club in Novi, MI.

On Saturday June 23, the Motown Working Alaskan Malamute Club held a weight pull at the Detroit Kennel Club Show. There were 29 dogs entered in the event. The most weight pulled was 3,233 pounds by GATOR, owned and handled by Diane Krieger. The highest percentage pulled was 89.95 times his weight by STEVIE, owned and handled by Kelli Harmon.

On Sunday June 24, the Motown Working Alaskan Malamute Club held a weight pull at the Detroit Kennel Club Show. There were 29 dogs entered in the event. The most weight pulled was 2,865 pounds by GATOR, owned and handled by Diane Krieger. The highest percentage pulled was 89.95 times his weight by STEVIE, owned and handled by Kelli Harmon.

MWAM's next event will be a two day weight pull on September 29th and 30th for the Monroe Kennel Club in Monroe MI.

Colleen and Dave Belanger report that **Spiritrun's Perfect Gift RN RATN CGCA CGCU TKP** was honored for her therapy dog work at a volunteer recognition luncheon for the many hours that she has put in at the seven facilities she visits a month.

Barbara Taylor reports that **GHOST, Arctic Dawn's Native Spirit** and **VEDA, Arctic Dawn's Starry Starry**

**Night**, both earned their Trick Dog Performer Certificates at MWAM's May weight pull and VEDA also pulled the first leg of her Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent title. We enjoyed the company of a wonderful group of MWAM club members and their amazing dogs as well as a pretty fabulous pot luck after the pull.

Then we attended the MWAM all-breed weight pull at the Detroit Kennel Club where little VEDA pulled another Excellent leg. Again, there was another group of amazing dogs, including a Pharaoh hound, Siberian huskies and basenjis. While we were there, VEDA passed her Canine Good Citizen Advanced Test and earned her first Rally Intermediate leg.

## ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

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This edition is a good news / bad news report. First the bad news:

On May 19, 2018, the Pfeiffer family, with The Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin and AMCA, suffered a terrible loss with the passing of Rick Pfeiffer. Rick was first a family man who loved to spend time with the grandkids, ice fishing, hitting the swap meets and puttering around the Awanuna kennel and property. He loved his family and his dogs and was an all-around good guy. Rick passed away unexpectedly at home of an apparent heart attack. His memorial service was so well attended that it was virtually impossible to find a parking space in the Village of Palmyra that evening. Rick will be sorely missed. Bev wanted me to tell all the AMCA members who sent flowers, plants, food, cards, notes, emails and phone calls that she is deeply touched and says "thank you" from the bottom of her heart.

In the good news department, Bev Pfeiffer reports that her handsome **WILSON, CH Awanuna & SnoQuest Let The Wind Blow**, earned his Canadian Championship at the Thunder Bay weekend of shows

May 4-5-6, 2018. Congratulations to **WILSON** and Bev.

Also with good news, Linda Goba is proud to introduce **KENZIE, CH Sno Quest's I Am The Fair One WPD**. Linda says: "I want to thank Andrea and Matt Sautbine for letting me own this beautiful girl!! Andrea and Matt took her back packing and got her title on August 11, 2017. Then on April 22, 2018 at the Fond du Lac Shows **KENZIE** finished her championship. Thank you to her handlers: Andrea Sautbine, Donelle Burrill, Bev Pfeiffer and Tammy Szabo. They all worked hard to put points on **KENZIE** and make her my last Alaskan Malamute **CH**. Thank you ladies.

Helen and John Schultz have been busy in the performance rings. Here are their recent results:

The Istari malamutes started their agility season with back to back weekends in early June with the following results: "IMRIEL scored 68 and 54 points in his two first runs in F.A.S.T. class. He thinks he has found his niche, as you get to make up your own course and there are no penalties for knocking bar. Whoo hoo! He also Qd for his third time in Novice Standard and can add NAP after his name which is now **CH Istari's Imriel: Illustrated by Hobbit CD BN RN NAP WWPDX**.

"SPREN finished both his Open Standard and Open Jumpers titles and can change his titles to OJP, OAP. Now I only have to learn one course for both of my dogs, running in excellent. Of course now we aren't allowed to make mistakes.

"**TANIST, CH Istari's Winterchilled Snow Spren OAP OJP WWPDX** brought his Masters efforts up to 6 Standard and 3 Jumpers Qs. You need to get 10 in each category to gain the Masters titles. **CH Istari's Th ' Ta'Veeren Tanist AXP AJP WWPDX**."

John Schultz handles **IMRIEL** and **TANIST**. Helen handles **SPREN** and the "Mal-Scout", papillon who finished

both his Open Jumpers and Novice Fast titles and told me he didn't want to be left out of the glory. He likes to pretend that he is a malamute - unless it is cold out or raining.

And lastly, I would like to share that I have a new puppy. Way back in January, Bev Pfeiffer asked if my ROWDY would like to have a girlfriend. Well, I asked ROWDY and his response was "Hell yes!" So ROWDY was bred to the lovely GUCCI who is now the proud mom of three lovely girls and one handsome boy born on March 23, 2018. Although I really should have my head examined, I decided that I needed a companion since Tom passed away. So, I now have a puppy girl that I have named SAUCY who lives in the house with me. She is **Awanuna & ThunderKloud's Secret Sauce** and she is so much fun. She has the sweet temperament of both parents and loves everybody. I can't wait to introduce her to the big malamute world. Bev is also keeping a girl from this litter. She is named RICKI, **Awanuna's Knocking On Heaven's Door** as a tribute to Rick. We're gonna have some fun showing sisters.

Please, please, please send me reports. I know there are new champions and other great new titles out there. I see news and achievements posted on Facebook but I CANNOT REPORT IT IN THE NEWSLETTER WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. It ain't mine to share. Stay cool and I hope to see you at the National.

I note my phone number in the NL is incorrect. Please change your records to 608-436-3411.

### **MID-EAST**

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No Report

### **NEW ENGLAND**

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No Report

### **NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY**

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AMCA Newsletter

Summer is here in the NY/NJ area and the mals are on fire. May was a very good month for Cathy Reinhard and Kathy Hausner. Cathie Reinhard writes that MICKEY is now **PACH 4 IXA's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey UD BN AX AXJ MXP17 MXPS2 MJP15 MJPS2 PAX4 NF MFPB2 TQXP T2BP TKP**. MICKEY accomplished this at the Princeton Dog Training Club agility trial under Judge Dan Faulkner. MICKEY also appears to be quite the "trickster" she has accomplished Trick Dog Advance and Trick Dog Performer. What's next on MICKEY's agenda we wonder? Card tricks, slight of paw, guess the card

Kathy Hausner has some exciting news about TYSON and KATIE. They didn't do too many shows but at the ones they did attend, they had a good time and some nice wins. Kathy writes that KATIE, **Tugar's American Idol**, is now **CH Tugar's American Idol** going for WB for majors at the Bucks and Trenton KC shows, once again totally out of coat. TYSON, **MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH Taking On Tyson**, did quite well at the Magic Valley and Blennerhasset KC shows where he took Groups 1, 2 and 4 for more see the HOWLS section.

Hope everyone stays cool. Good luck in your shows and trials and don't forget to send in those brags.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

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This will be brief because I have received minimal reports from Rocky Mountain members. I suppose we are all busy avoiding the heat and enjoying the summer with our dogs, and planning for our upcoming inaugural August specialty in Greeley, CO.

I have been taking a bit of a break from the show ring until my girl decides she is done running around in her underwear. We are keeping ourselves busy with a new pup, and lots of canicross and bike riding in the cooler weather of the Rocky Mountains.

WOO HOO for New Champion MILES, **Adair'n'Hug MTS Mark of f**

**Excellence**, finished his Championship on July 8 at the Eagle, Colorado shows with two points on Saturday and a 4 point Major on Sunday. See something to howl about for more details.

So please send me some exciting info to share in the next newsletter. I know you all are busy doing more interesting things than me!

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No Report

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No Report

### **MIDWEST**

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I sit here on the 4th of July awaiting the barrage of fireworks to drive poor ROCKY crazy. I hope everyone is having a very Happy 4th of July. This year is extremely, miserably hot and I hope we can all make it through this heat. I will get to my report now.

John and Michelle Podolak continue to go to all the weight pulling events and they always do well with their furry kids. Their report is below and as always, John, thank you for your report.

"On May 5 and 6, the IWPA Championship weight pulls were held in Grand Rapids, MI. May 5 was the wheel weight pull and May 6 the snow weight pull. Seventy-five (75) dogs participated, including ten (10) Alaskan malamutes. Our NAVI, ZIGGY and Val Thawley's and Brenda Lemon's HAN SOLO were the only AMCA dogs in the competition. It was a tough track.

"May 5 was a hot day, 81 degrees, sunny - no shade, 260# weight increments and new carpet.

NAVI finished in a five way tie for Third Place, in the 100# Class. He had the second fastest time and

finished in Fourth Place out of eleven dogs. ZIGGY was recuperating from a shoulder sprain and finished 13th in the 125# class. He was the smallest dog at 101.5#s. However, on the bright side, the following AMCA members came and cheered us on: Lucy Sanders, Cindy and Paul Zehner and Dave Gallagher. We appreciate their support and encouragement.”

June 23 and 24, the Missouri contingent of the Motown Working Alaskan Malamutes (Podolak's and Tully's) traveled to Novi, Michigan for a weight pull, hosted by MWAM, at the Detroit Kennel Club dog show. We always have a great time at MWAM weight pulls.”

“On June 23, the Podolak boys NAVI, **Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior WWPDX WWPDA IWPA Working Dog Excellent & Superior**, and ZIGGY, **Edgemere's Second to None CGC WWPDA IWPA Working Dog Excellent**, did great. NAVI pulled 3032#s and finished First Place in the 100# Class and ZIGGY pulled 2030#s finished in Second Place in the 120# Class. The TULLY boys DENALI, **DENALI CGC WWPDX IWPA Working Dog Excellent & Superior**, and DARWIN, **Try-North's Charles Darwin Survival of the Fittest WWPDA / WWPDA**, did great. DENALI pulled 2030#s and finished in Third Place in the 120# Class and DARWIN pulled 2231#s and finished in Fourth Place in the 100# Class. DENALI was the oldest dog in the competition at 11+ years old.

“ON June 24, NAVI pulled 2732#s and finished in First Place in the 100# Class and ZIGGY pulled 1930#s and finished in Third Place in the 120# Class. DARWIN pulled 2197#s for Second Place in the 100# Class and DENALI pulled 2331#s and finished in Second Place in the 120# Class. ZIGGY earned his fifth and final WWPDA leg over the weekend.”

Linda Frank has taken a break from the shows as her WALKER lost his coat and Linda had knee surgery. She is in the process of healing she says she is doing fine. I am looking forward to seeing you at the next shows we all go to.

I just received a report from Alexis Smith, thank you for writing in Alexis. She writes below.

“It's been a hectic late spring and early summer, and full of rain here in Minnesota. We've gone to a few shows, both AKC and UKC. **SHERLOCK, Winterstarz Tayles of Holmes at Crickhollow**, has been getting practice in with UKC Novice Puppy classes and the B Match at the Key City Kennel Club show in St Peter, MN. SHERLOCK also got to do two puppy weight pulls (empty cart) and showed off what a natural puller he is.

VARDA, **Winterstarz Lady of Crickhollow**, completed her Beginner Novice Obedience title in one weekend at the KCKC trial, despite its being extraordinarily hot. A couple weekends later in Jordan, MN, we were disappointed to have the first day of the show canceled due to stormy weather just before we were to go in the ring. The second day, VARDA took Reserve Winners Bitch, so not a total loss!

At the end of June/beginning of July, VARDA finished her UKC Championship at the Red Pine Kennel Club show in Le Center, MN. We moved up for the remainder of the shows that weekend, building a Grand Champion leg with Julia Berquist's NERO, and VESTA received three Reserve Champion placements (to the lovely Miss VESTA's Champion wins).”

I guess I will share my news also. I have slowed down a bit due to SASSY going completely bald and the weather just being so miserable. We did go to a local show in May right after Sassy lost her coat and ROCKY won the Owner Handler Group 2 under Andrea Bradford. The very next day under Andrea Bradford she pulled ROCKY out for the cut in the regular group. I am so very proud of ROCKY. Then we went to Fargo North Dakota for some more shows the first of June and ROCKY took an Owner handler Group 4 at one of the shows. I have to say the shows were quite comfortable weather wise. Our boy GRANT did receive third out of four in juniors three of those days with a very bratty and naked SASSY, Grant is also very proud of himself.

Those were the last shows we went to until the first local International shows came to us. So we went to our first International shows in about 20 years, last ones were when we lived in Seattle. I am proud to say that ROCKY now has two new Championship titles and SASSY has her first title. ROCKY is now known as **RBIS UKC URO1 CH/RBIS VET/VETCH INTCH/ GCH Northern Exposure Rocket Man of Sno-Cub RN CGC**. These shows were held at Mahoney State Park in Omaha, and ROCKY received an international Veteran championship. A dog only has to be six at international shows to be considered a veteran. He also received an international championship. Then on Saturday ROCKY received a group 3 and a Reserve Best In Show Veteran. On Sunday he received a Group 2. SASSY received her first title and she is now known as **INT CH Storm Sky's Oh What Did I Say to Sno-Cub**. Needless to say I am very proud of ROCKY, SASSY and our boy Grant does a nice job of showing SASSY.

## WEST COAST

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Huge congrats and thanks go out to Terry and Gloria Toussaint on sharing the following news:

“ **BOGIE , B GR CH Terraglos Heres Look N At YOU Kid-** June 2 and 3 won Best of Breed at the Pasadena KC shows under Judges Mr. Jerry Watson and Mrs. Debra Thornton respectively. BOGIE then went on to get a Group 2 from Mr. Watson which was simply thrilling for us with this dog is, as we say, “our work in progress” He certainly had the crowd support as he “cheered himself on” going around the ring! “BOGIE was the” Select King” at the Utah Specialty 6 show weekend. That was “OK” as at times he was too happy to be there!”

In May I had four month old private training student, OSHALA, here for a few days of Board and Train while her humans were away. OSHA is a malamute and in addition to basic training, recalls and “puppy stuff,” I did some work positively accustoming

her to things she may encounter and require someday in her life -...like a muzzle, elizabethan collar, bootie, dremel. It makes a huge difference if a dog is already comfortable with these 'tools' should the need arise for their use, especially during an otherwise stressful time. I made a bunch of short, casual 'training videos' and shared them on my youtube channel.

COMET, **ARCH UWP UCH Modar's Yule Pied Comet PCDX BN RE MX MXJ MJB CGC TKP WPD WTD WWPD AAAM NW2 RL3-AOE RL1X ATD**, met the requirements for AKC's Trick Dog Performer title via video submission. The tricks she performed are: backup, side pass both directions, leg weave, circles, kicks, hold, catch, shake, retrieve, go to place, and bonus tricks: balance treat and speak.

On June 8 ARWAH, **ARCH Tanu's Kindred Spirit at Modar CD RAE AX AXJ CGC TKN WTD WPD NW1 RL3-AOE RLV**, turned 14! We celebrated with home baked peanut butter pumpkin muffins with cream cheese pumpkin frosting and a trip to the beach. His gift to me was that I was able to spend an hour walking on the beach with this awesome dog!

COMET and I attended three Fast CAT events on the weekend of June 30/July 1. It's a 100 yard dash. In the first test she ran 22.07 mph, in the second test she ran 23.95 mph and in the third test she ran 24.45 mph! This should give her enough points for a BCAT title!

The last weekend in July I will be attending Daniel Mills' seminar on The Emotional World Of Dogs: New Insights Into Behavior And Training.

If your dogs drink a lot of water or love to swim, do a quick search for: Water Toxicity. I know a couple dogs that have died from it.

Lastly, I want to give thanks to a couple of you who felt compelled to send me an email even though you didn't have anything to share in the newsletter. I enjoy hearing from you.

I hope everyone has a fun summer!

## **AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE**

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Hello from Europe.

News from Polish member, Gizela Anna Makarewicz; "I took my home-bred boy THOR, **CH PL JCH PL Junior Club Winner Club Winner DARE TO DREAM Illa Kuvianartok**, along to the CACIB DOGSHOW Leszno, Poland. THOR won the champion class, was awarded the CAC, BEST DOG, the CACIB, BOB and BOG IV. THOR is the first Alaskan malamute in Poland to finish his Polish GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP! We are very, very proud of him!" (see howl about)

UK member, Joan Sheehan has sent news; "We had a most successful trip to Scotland in May where TYLER, **Cedarcreek Frozen River WWP**, took his third Challenge Certificate to make him up to a UK Champion and then go on to Best Of Breed and Group 3. This was so exciting for us, being our first owned Champion but for his co-owners Marina & Paddy Page, this was their first home bred Champion, so even more special!" (see howl about)

News from UK member Anna Darlow; Anna is very proud of the two keepers from her first litter, sired by MACKENZIE, **RBPIS RBPIS Sledog Forest Mist WPD, WWP, WTD, WTDA, WLD, WPD'B**, and out of ALPINE, **Sledog Indian Ocean (A.I) WTD, WTDA, WPD, WPD'B**. GLACIER **Iceclimb On Point, and KEBNE, Iceclimb Ascent**. They attended their first championship show in May, under breed specialist judge, Liz Bruns. They were both awarded second place in their respective puppy classes, both qualifying for Crufts 2019. The following week at only their second championship show, under breed specialist judge, Jim Broadberry, both won their puppy class with GLACIER taking best puppy in breed. Two weeks later both pups took their Kennel Club obedience exams and passed them. KEBNE passed his Bronze level and GLACIER passed her Silver level. Not bad for under 9 and a half months old and all in one month!

Our own news this month;

With a 5 a.m. wakeup call on a cool morning in May, we managed to squeeze in a 10 mile hike before the weather turned warm. STAX, **BJISS Mountain Home Sledog Staxtacluar (imp USA)**, earned his first WPD leg and RAIN, **Sledog Indian Monsoon WTD, WLD, WWP**, notched up her third WPD leg.

Please remember to send me your news. If any member is not receiving my bi-monthly reminder, please let me know.

## **AT LARGE – S HEMISPHERE**

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No Report



# SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

### NEW TRICK DOG PERFORMER

#### AANBUAQ'S LITTLE DEUCE COUPE CGC TKP (D)

Sire: Spiritrun's Uppin' The Ante  
Dam: Quamaniq Kannuyaq AAnbuaq  
Breeder: Karen, John Skalecki  
Owner: Colleen, Dave Belanger  
Date: May 16, 2018  
Evaluator: Kellie Smith

#### CH SPIRITRUN'S UTTER MADDNESS CD BN RE NJP RATO CGCA CGCU TKP (B)

Sire: Spiritrun's Take A Stand  
Dam: Spiritrun's Picture Perfect  
Breeder: Jennifer Remazki  
Owner: Colleen, Dave Belanger Jennifer Remazki  
Date: May 3, 2018  
Evaluator: Tammy Bartz

### NEW URBAN CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

#### CH SPIRITRUN'S UTTER MADDNESS CD BN RE NJP RATO CGCA CGCU TKP (B)

Sire: Spiritrun's Take A Stand  
Dam: Spiritrun's Picture Perfect  
Breeder: Jennifer Remazki  
Owner: Colleen, Dave Belanger Jennifer Remazki  
Date: May 23, 2018  
Evaluator: Kellie Smith

### NEW NOVICE STANDARD PREFERRED AGILITY

#### CH ISTARI'S IMRIEL: ILLUSTRATED BY HOBBIT CD BN RN NAP CGC WWPDX

Sire: CH Istari's Hobbit Forming WWPDX  
Dam: Istari's Tayles From Th' Tamuli WWPDX  
Breeder: Helen & John Schultz  
Owner: Helen & John Schultz  
Show: Central WI Visla Club Agility Trial  
Date: June 2, 2018  
Judge: Rick Fyfe

### NEW OPEN STANDARD PREFERRED AGILITY

#### CH. ISTARI'S WINTERCHILLED SNOW SPREN NAP OJP

Sire: GCH CH Winterchill's Cruz'n Spirit BN  
Dam: GCH CH Istari's Epic Trilogee RA  
WTD WWPDX  
Breeder: Helen & John Schultz  
Owner: Helen & John Schultz  
Show: Tree Town Boxer Club  
Date: June 10, 2018  
Judge: Ginger Robertson

### GROUP 2 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

#### VETCH/INTCH/ GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (D)

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: Nebraska Kennel Club  
Date: 5-19-18  
Breed: Mr. Thomas P Stanfield Jr.  
Group: Andrea Bradford MD

### GROUP 4 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

#### VETCH/INTCH/ GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (D)

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club  
Date: 6-2-18  
Breed: Mr. Jon R. Cole  
Group: Mr. Randy E. Garren

### NEW TRICK DOG PERFORMER

#### YELLOWSNOW MALAMUTES STARDUST FAIRY RN TKA, TPK (B)

Sire: Trap Line Daredevil Diablo  
Dam: Tsheyka Kanani of Wolf Pak  
Breeder: Connie Hammenshol & Eric Jensen  
Owner: Jackie Wyandt  
Date: June 14, 2018  
Evaluator: Via Video sent to AKC

#### PACH 3 IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY UD BN AX AXJ MXP16 MXPS2 MJP14 MJPB2 PAX3 NF MFPCTQXP T2BP TKN ( B)

Sire: CH Kalamals Spirit of the Buffalo  
Dam: CH NFOAKIXA Over the Rainbow  
Breeder: Ann Mayberry- Welch, Robert J. Roffey, Cindy Uraynar  
Owner: Cathie Reinhard  
Date: May 5, 2018  
Evaluator: Lynn Godshall

#### SHADOW CREST DASH AWAY ALL BN RE CGCA, TKP

Sire: CH Wolfsongs Tigara O'The North RN  
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop  
Breeder: Robin Graham & Lural J Berg  
Owner: Jackie Wyandt  
Show:  
Date: June 14, 2018  
Judge: Via Video to AKC

#### MODAR'S YULE PIED COMET PCDX BN RE MX MXJ MJB CGC TKP WPD WTD WWPDX AAAM (B)

Sire: CH Wolfson's Tigarag O'The North RN  
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop  
Breeder: Robin Graham & Lural J. Berg  
Owner: Mary Swinyer  
Video Submission  
Title Certificate Date: June 6, 2018

### ADVANCED TRICK DOG

#### PACH 3 IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY UD BN AX AXJ MXP16 MXPS2 MJP14 MJPB2 PAX3 NF MFPCTQXP T2BP TKN (B)

Sire: CH Kalamals Spirit of the Buffalo  
Dam: CH NFOAKIXA Over the Rainbow  
Breeder: Ann Mayberry-Welch, Robert J. Roffey, Cindy Uraynar  
Owner: Cathie Reinhard  
Date: May 5, 2018  
Evaluator: Lynn Godshall

### GROUP 1

#### MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Magic Valley Kennel Club  
Date: May 18, 2018

Breed Judge: Houston Clark  
Group Judge: James Frederiksen

**MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)**

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Magic Valley Kennel Club  
Date: May 20, 2018  
Breed Judge: James Noe  
Group Judge: James Noe

**MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)**

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Mid Hudson Kennel Club  
Date: June 24, 2018  
Breed Judge: Elizabeth Muthard  
Group Judge: Elizabeth Muthard

**GROUP 2**

**MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)**

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Blennerhasset Kennel Club  
Date: May 19, 2018  
Breed Judge: James Frederiksen  
Group Judge: Toddie Clark

**MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)**

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Magic Valley Kennel Club  
Date: May 18, 2018  
Breed Judge: Toddie Clark  
Group Judge: Houston Clark

**VET CH/ INT CH GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (D)**

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: 2018 Cornhusker Sieger  
Date: 7-1-18  
Breed: Jean Pero  
Group: Jean Pero

**B GR CH TERRAGLOS HERES LOOK N AT YOU KID (B)**

Sire: CH Terraglos Mover "N" Shaker  
Dam: B GR CH Koolrunnings N Terraglo Que Syrah  
Breeder: Gloria & Terry Toussaint  
Owner: Gloria & Terry Toussaint  
Show: Pasadena KC # 1  
Date: June 2, 2018  
Judge: Mr Jerry Watson

**GROUP 3**

**VET CH/ INT CH GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (D)**

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: 2018 Cornhusker Sieger  
Date: 6-30-18  
Breed: Bruce McLean  
Group: Bruce McLean

**GROUP 4**

**MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)**

Sire: GCH WinterChill's Cruz'n Spirit  
Dam: AspenMyst Less Flower More Power  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Mid Hudson Kennel Club  
Date: June 23, 2018  
Breed Judge: Charles Olvis  
Group Judge: Charles Olvis

**NEW CHAMPION**

**CH TUGAR'S AMERICAN IDOL (B)**

Sire: CH MBIS MRBIS MBISS GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson  
Dam: CH Bad Axe Expect Great Things From Kai  
Breeder: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Owner: Kathy Hausner & Junior Das  
Show: Trenton Kennel Club  
Date: May 6, 2018  
Judge: Kathy Ronald

**PACH4**

**PACH4 IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY UD BN AX AXJ MXP17 MXPS2 MJPS2 PAX4 NF MFPB2 TQXP T2BP TKP (B)**

Sire: CH Kalamals Spirit of the Buffalo  
Dam: CH NFOAKIXA Over the Rainbow  
Breeder: Ann Mayberry-Welch, Robert J.

Roffey, Cindy Uraynar  
Owner: Cathie Reinhard  
Show: Princeton Dog Training Club  
Date: May 18, 2018  
Judge: Dan Faulkner

**NEW RALLY INTERMEDIATE**

**ADAIR'N'HUG K'EYUSH**

Sire: CH Adair'N'Hug Who Knew  
Dam: GCH Adair'N'Hug Always On Your Mind  
Breeder: Robin Hug & Dr. Joseph Hug & Katie Jo Hug  
Owner: Jo Ann Evans  
Date: May 6, 2018  
Evaluator: Marrin Sampson

**ACHIEVER DOG**

**URO1 ALUK'S NORTHERN LIGHTS RN CGC TKP (B)**

Sire: Aluk's Black Bear  
Dam: Alexis of Aluk  
Breeder: Mike Chilinski  
Owner: Sue Maranto-Carnall  
Date: February 18, 2018

**ONAK'S ARCTIC TUNDRA, CGC, TN (D)**

Sire: GCH CH Ice Crystal's Top Gun  
Dam: Ch. Tsawake Onak Don't Stop Believn, MACH, MXS, MXJ, RN, CD, CGC, WPD  
Breeders: Wendy Corr, Jennifer Radford, Michele White  
Owner: Sue Maranto-Carnall  
Date: February 23, 2018

**GCHS CH ALCAN DISCO DANCER AT RANMAR RN, CGC, TKN**

Sire: GCHG Alcan Come Snodanc with Me  
Dam: GCHB Ch Alcan "N" Snodanc Party Of One  
Breeder: Dian McComb & Dorothea K. Ragsdale  
Owners: Howard and Arlene Rubenstein  
Titles include CGC, TKN, and CH!

**SHADOW CREST DASH AWAY ALL BN RE CGCA, TKP**

Sire: CH Wolfsongs Tigara O'The North RN  
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop  
Breeder: Robin Graham & Laural J Berg  
Owner: Jackie Wyandt  
Show:  
Date: June 14, 2018  
Judge: Via Video to AKC

**MODAR'S YULE PIED COMET PCDX BN RE  
MX MXJ MJB CGC TKP WPD WTD WWPD  
AAAM (B)**

Sire: CH Wolfson's Tigarag O'The North RN  
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop  
Breeder: Robin Graham & Loral J. Berg  
Owner: Mary Swinyer  
Video Submission  
Title Certificate Date: June 6, 2018

**NEW INTERNATIONAL  
CHAMPIONS**

**VETCH/INTCH AM GCH NORTHERN  
EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB  
CGC RN (D)**

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow  
Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel  
RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: 2018 Cornhusker Sieger  
Date: 6-30-18  
Breed: Mr. Bruce McLean

**INT CH STORM SKY'S OH WHAT DID I SAY  
TO SNO-CUB**

Sire: CH Storm Sky's Defending The Turf  
Dam: Stormsky A North Runner Quake  
Breeder: Sabrina Czarapata  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: 2018 Cornhusker Sieger  
Date: 6-30-18  
Breed: Mr. Bruce McLean

**INTERNATIONAL GROUP  
PLACEMENTS**

**RESERVE BIS VET**

**VET CH/ INT CH GCH NORTHERN  
EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB  
CGC RN (D)**

Sire: GCH Mach Halatsuu Indiana Snow  
Raider VCD1 RN MXC MJB XF CGC  
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel  
RN OAJ  
Breeder: Tammy Doukas  
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster  
Show: 2018 Cornhusker Sieger  
Date: 6-30-18  
Breed: Mr. Stanley Matumoto  
BIS: Bruce McLean & Stanley F Aspey

**NEW CHAMPION - UK &  
GROUP 3**

**CEDARCREEK FROZEN RIVER WWPD (D)**

Sire: Waytogo Austin Sausimayok for  
Cedarcreek (Imp POL)  
Dam: Cedarcreek Exquisite  
Breeder: Mr P & Mrs M Page  
Owner: Paddy & Marina Page and Jeff &  
Joan Sheehan  
Show: Scottish Kennel Club Championship  
Show  
Date: May 18, 2018  
Breed: Mrs Helen Burke  
Group: Mrs Meg Purnell-Carpenter

**NEW GRAND CHAMPION -  
POLISH & GROUP 4**

**CH PL JCH PL JCWCW DARE TO DREAM  
ILLA KUVIANARTOK (D)**

Sire: BISS CH UK Shomont Rasin Cain  
Dam: CH PL Chilam Snowbird Illa  
Kuvianartok  
Breeder: Gizela Anna Makarewicz  
Owner: Gizela Anna Makarewicz  
Show: CACIB Prestige Leszno, PL  
Date: June 2, 2018  
Breed: Miroslaw Redlicki

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# Major Show Reports

This section includes Area Show Reports for shows where 3 points or more are awarded (This section includes AKC & Canadian KC shows). It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to submit information to the appropriate Area Reporter. Area Reporters will submit reports only for shows held in their "home AMCA area." Area Reporters will NOT accept reports that are more than 3 MONTHS old. INCOMPLETE REPORTS WILL NOT BE PRINTED.

## IL / WI (submitted by Pat McGovern)

### Oshkosh KC 5-19-18

Judge: Mrs. Patricia Hess

Total Entry: 10 (5d -5b)

D= 3 (2 pt) B=5 (3 pts)

BOB: CH Snokist N Staghorn's U Da Bomb (D) (D Roberts-Burrill)

WB/BOW/BOS: Winterstarz Stella Mira (B) P & M Hrzfeld)

Select Dog: CH GCH CH Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud (S Czarapata & J El Dissi)

Select Bitch: None

WD: Sno Quest's Gold 'N' Genes (A & M Sautbine)

RWD: Sno Ridge's Ty On Another Wild Won (C Kinnas-Hocking & E Kinnas)

RWB: Artic Thunder's Nymeria (D & V Boshoff)

### Fox River Valley KC 6-2-18

Judge: Mr. Alberto Berrios

Total Entry: 9 (4d -5b)

D= 2 (1 pt) B=5 (3 pts)

BOB: GCH Onans House of the Rising Sun (D) (A Kanzelberger & E Meyers & L Wirth-Poirier & P Hazelwood)

WB/BOS: Akiak's A League Of Her Own (B) (S & P Reed)

Select Dog: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D Roberts-Burrill)

Select Bitch: None

WD/BOW: Sno Ridge's Wanted 'N' Wild (D Roberts & C Kinnas-Hocking)

RWD: Catoico's New Found Adventure (S Moore)

RWB: Sno Ridge's Can't Tame A Wild Thing (J Wild & C Kinnas-Hocking)

### Oshkosh KC 5-20-18

Judge: Mr. Garry K. Newton

Total Entry: 7 (3d -4b)

D= 2 (1 pt) B=4 (3 pts)

BOB: CH GCH CH Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud (D) (S Czarapata & J El Dissi)

WB/BOS: Storm Sky's Money Is On Storm Kloud (B) (S Czarapata & N Russell)

Select Dog: None

Select Bitch: None

WD/BOW: Sno Ridge's Ty On Another Wild Won (C Kinnas-Hocking & E Kinnas)

RWD: Sno Quest's Gold 'N' Genes (A & M Sautbine)

RWB: Artic Thunder's Nymeria (D & V Boshoff)

### Fox River Valley KC 6-3-18

Judge: Mr. Douglas R. Holloway Jr.

Total Entry: 9 (4d -5b)

D= 3 (2 pt) B=5 (3 pts)

BOB: GCH Onans House of the Rising Sun (D) (A Kanzelberger & E Meyers & L Wirth-Poirier & P Hazelwood)

WB/BOS: Akiak's A League Of Her Own (B) (S & P Reed)

Select Dog: None

Select Bitch: None

WD/BOW: Sno Ridge's Wanted 'N' Wild (D Roberts & C Kinnas-Hocking)

RWD: Catoico's New Found Adventure (S Moore)

RWB: Anua's Riptide (K Fischer)



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# TOP TWENTY

Standings through June 30, 2018



Hey everyone!

We have, once again, started a new qualifying year. The Standings below are now for the 2019 Top Twenty Event, to be held in conjunction with the October 2019 National Specialty in Topeka, KS. The qualifying year for this event began with the AKC shows held May 1, 2018, and will end with the shows on April 30, 2019.

As a reminder, Top 20 points are awarded only to the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. One point is earned for each Malamute defeated through the Best of Breed competition. Below you'll see the Top 20 Standings through June 30, 2018. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to the winners!

Stacey Moore  
Top 20 Statistician  
stacey.culaw@yahoo.com

Rank	The Top 20	Points	Owner
1	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal (D)	83	G Box-Young
2	GCH Windswepts The Games Afoot At Stormrunner (D)	80	C Rogowski/L Rogowski/M Wild/J Scoffield
3	GCH Wolfmountain's Stormin' Norman (D)	53	P Jenkins/E Jenkins
4	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe (D)	45	J Weston/S Weston
5	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous (B)	43	B Erickson/C Erickson
6	GCH Onan House Of The Rising Sun (D)	40	E Myers/A Kanzelberger/L Wirth-Poirier/P Hazelwood
7	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud (D)	31	A Syar/L Newburn/R Pohl/M Stone
8	GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining (D)	28	M Mustich/B Martin/M Mustich
9	GCH Snodanc Snoangel At Stormrunner (B)	27	C Rogowski/L Rogowski
10	GCH Snokist N Staghorn's U Da Bomb (D)***	25	D Roberts-Burrill
11	GCH Kumata's Elevate Your Game (B)	24	J Dewing/R Dysart
12	CH Tru North's Phyllis Jean (B)	21	L Cathey
13	GCH Adair'N'Hugs Spirit Of Chandalar (D)	16	B Goodman/M Goodman
14	Aria De Kabluna (B)	14	J Iglesias Rodriguez/E Kelley
14	GCH Pale Moon's Arctic Chaos (D)	14	K McCallum/J McCallum/P Scheid
14	GCH Tru North's Pink Sapphire (B)	14	L Cathey
17	CH Tru North's Shogun (D)	13	L Cathey
17	GCH Alcan Disco Dancer At Ranmar (D)	13	A Rubenstein/H Rubenstein
19	Winterstarz Stella Mira (B)	12	P Herzfeld/M Herzfeld
20	CH Polaron's Don'T Stop Believe N (D)	11	R Applegate/P Fusco/L Kellar
20	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (B)	11	G Kuehnel-Hisatake
<b>The Contenders</b>			
22	Anua's Meteoric Rise To Flame (B)	10	J Berquist
22	CH Winterstarz Western Star (D)	10	T O'Brien/K Burger
22	GCH Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid (D)	10	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
22	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	10	K Hausner

**NOTE: Any Malamute who does not have at least one owner that is an AMCA member is marked with a \*\*\* next to their name.**



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SPECIALTY SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

“2 Show Morning and Afternoon”

SOUTHWEST WA FAIRGROUNDS-CHEHALIS, WA

Conformation Judge

Lynette Blue –OR - Morning  
Terry Carter-CAN – Afternoon

Puppy and Veteran Sweeps Judge

Stacy Slade-WA – Morning  
Marissa Clack-WA – Afternoon

Show Chair – Shirley Matthews  
[tugidak@hotmail.com](mailto:tugidak@hotmail.com)

Trophy Chair – Dorrit Evensen  
[akaila@msn.com](mailto:akaila@msn.com)

Show Secretary – Baray Event  
WebSite BaRay Events.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone again this year. We will be again hosting a BBQ/potluck after the Afternoon show. Plan on staying for Saturday and Sunday show Timberland Valley dog Fanciers, Baray is also the show secretary. Hope to see you all in September.

All trophy donations can be sent to Dorrit Evensen at : 8225 156<sup>th</sup> St SE; Snohomish, WA 98296.

# Alaskan Malamute Club of America

## Calendar Photo Contest!

Winners will appear in the  
2019 AMCA Calendar.

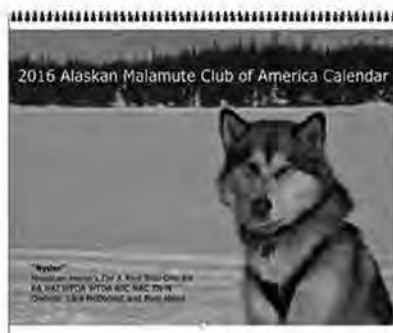
- 🐾 \$5 per photo entered
- 🐾 Candid photos only (no professional photos)
- 🐾 Email photos to Julie Edwards: [ghostdance@bigbend.net](mailto:ghostdance@bigbend.net)
- 🐾 Send entry fee to Julie Edwards via PayPal at [julie@bigbend.net](mailto:julie@bigbend.net) or a check to her PO Box.
- 🐾 Accepting entries now through September 30, 2018.

### Image Requirements

Resolution: minimum of 300dpi

Formats: JPG or PNG

Minimum image requirements must be met for ALL photos submitted, or photo cannot be considered for the contest to ensure a high quality product.



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# AKC Program Entry Form

## CGC, CGCA, TKN & Star Puppy

**AKC Approved Evaluator: Colleen Belanger**





[hauntedhowlkennel@charter.net](mailto:hauntedhowlkennel@charter.net)

**See Colleen at National for sign up sheet**

**Pre-Entry Deadline ( to be included in catalog) Weds, 9/19**

**Is your dog a good citizen? Is your puppy a Star? Is your dog clever?**

**There will be TWO opportunities for you and your dog to participate in these AKC Programs.**

	<u><a href="#">AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC)</a></u> test is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The CGC Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from AKC.
	<u><a href="#">AKC's Advanced CGC (CGCA)</a></u> is the advanced level of the CGC program. This program is a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn this title which appears on the dog's title record at AKC. Dogs must already have a CGC title and be AKC registered in order to take this test.
	<u><a href="#">AKC's Trick Dog (TKN, TKI, TKA)</a></u> is AKC's newest program which includes four levels allowing dogs with any amount of experience the ability to participate. For a Novice title the dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. Dogs that already have a CGC certificate at AKC only needs to complete 5 ticks to earn a Novice Title. Advanced titles may be earned by performing more advanced tricks. (Note: Additional AKC processing fee required (\$20.00) per title
	<u><a href="#">AKC's Star Puppy</a></u> test is for puppies (up to 1 yr) that have completed at least a 6 week class. The test consists of 20 test items which focus on responsible ownership, puppy behaviors and pre CGC test behaviors

**PRE-ENTRY FEE for EACH TEST: \$10 – SELECT TEST BELOW FOR EACH DOG**

**For more information regarding each of these AKC programs use the links above.**

Name of person submitting entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Dog #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC/ILP#: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Test:  **CGC**  **CGCA**  **Star Puppy**  **Trick Dog**

Registered Name of Dog #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC/ILP#: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Test:  **CGC**  **CGCA**  **Star Puppy**  **Trick Dog**

**This entry form is required. Do not send entry to Show Secretary.**

**Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below. If paying by check, send form with check. If paying by credit card, send form to address below or scan and email.**

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 Otisville, MI 48463  
[hauntedhowlkennel@charter.net](mailto:hauntedhowlkennel@charter.net)

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**SUBMIT**



Thursday, November 1, 2018  
 Special Attraction  
**“BREEDER EXTRAVAGANZA”**  
Honoring our Breeders!

Closing date: October 3, 2018



This competition will not be for points and the dog or bitch does not have to be entered in any other event. The handler in this event must be the breeder of record of the dog or bitch they are entering at the time entries close, however, they do not need to own the entry. Champions of Record when the entries close must be shown in the Champion class. Are you disabled or unable to run? You can have a runner! Runners must be approved by the Show Chair and breeder must be able to show dog for exam. If a breeder has won multiple classes, they may choose another breeder to help them.

The first-place winner of all classes will compete together for:

- Best Breeder in Breeder Extravaganza**
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best Breeder in Breeder Extravaganza**
- Best Puppy in Breeder Extravaganza**
- Best Veteran in Breeder Extravaganza**
- Breeders of Honor (Five) in Breeder Extravaganza**

**Entry Fee: \$30.00 First Entry \$25.00 each additional dog entered**

**All entrants will receive a Breeder Medallion**

Dog's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS ENTRY:  6-9 month  9-12 month  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ (yrs) \_\_\_\_ (mo)  12-18 month  Open  
 Sex:  M  F  Vet 8-10 yrs  Vet 10-12 yrs  
 Sire: \_\_\_\_\_  Vet 12+ yrs  Champion  
 Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  Grand  
 Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Working Dog Showcase

Friday, November 2, 2018

Event Chair: Leesa Thomas Entry Fee: \$24

**Entries Close: Wednesday, 9/19/2018 or when numeric limit is met**

Event Judges:

## Qualifications and Procedures to Participate

1. Limited to 24 entries, on a first come, first served basis.
2. To be eligible for this exhibition, the dog must have a minimum of two (2) AMCA working titles, or a working title and two (2) legs toward an Advanced title, or a working title and one (1) leg toward an Excellent title. Entrants must provide proof of eligibility. Any entrant found to be ineligible will not be allowed to compete, and the entry fee will be forfeited. Spayed bitches and neutered males ARE ELIGIBLE to compete.

Registered Name of Dog (AKC & AMCA Titles ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

AMCA Working Titles: Title 1 Type & Title #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title 2 Type & Title #: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced or Excellent Leg(s): # of Legs & Title Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply 50 words or less to be included in Catalog:

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Weight Pull

Event Chair, Lucy Sanders

**Pre Entry Deadline  
Wednesday, 9/19**

**For Inclusion in the Show Catalog**

Club Use:

Sunday Max Pulled: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Max Pulled: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M  F  Age (Yrs only) \_\_\_\_\_ Weight Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 10/28 <input type="checkbox"/> Novice Pull See Note* Below Day of Pull \$5	Sunday 10/28 <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Pull Pre-Entry: \$14 Day of Pull \$20	Thursday 11/1 <input type="checkbox"/> National Pull Pre-Entry: \$14 Day of Pull \$20
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Indicate Class

<input type="checkbox"/> Novice		<input type="checkbox"/> Open		
60# or Less <input type="checkbox"/>	61-80# <input type="checkbox"/>	81-100# <input type="checkbox"/>	101-120# <input type="checkbox"/>	>121# <input type="checkbox"/>

**NOTE \*:** A Weight Pull seminar will be conducted immediately prior to this event. A Novice Weight Pull will be held, either separately or in conjunction with regular weight pull. Novice dogs (at least 1 year of age) and novice handlers are encouraged to participate in this event with weights up to 1050#. Leashes may be used.

**Handler Agreement:** I acknowledge and agree to be responsible for my conduct, and the conduct of my dogs. Further, I shall not hold the sponsors of the pull or the receiving club liable for any injury and/or damage to my dogs, my equipment or myself. I also state that this dog is not on any kind of performance altering drugs and is up-to-date on all vaccinations.

**Note:** Electronic submission of this form is allowed and by doing so, the above named owner certifies agreement of the Handler Agreement without adherence of actual signature. Name & Date MUST be TYPED IN.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submit**

**If paying by Credit Card only**



Commemorative Logo Wear Order Form

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Lucy.sanders@chartermi.net 517-552-7863

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Includes Kennel Name Personalization:  Yes  No If Yes, State Kennel/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SATURDAY, 9/15 FOR AVAILABILITY OF PICK UP AT EVENT. Payment due when order is placed. Make checks (US Funds Only) payable to AMCA 2018. If you would like to pay using a credit card, please send in your order and you will be issued an electronic invoice for the total amount due.**

**Prices reflect pre-orders which will be picked up at the show. S/H charges apply to all shipped orders within the US. All orders outside the US will be shipped at the cost with pre-payment required.**

**Sizes above 2XL are pre-order only. None will be available at show.**

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<b>Total Amount Due</b>						

The following items are Front Screen Print (except for zipped hoody which has large design on back and smaller design on front). A limited number of colors will be available at the show. To ensure availability of your favorite color pre-order and pick up at show. **Anything over 2XL needs to be pre-ordered.**

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SS2		Gildan Adult Hammer Tee	Chalky Mint, Island Reef, Coral Silt, Lagoon Blue, White, Terra Cotta, Orchid, Sport Grey, Bright Salmon, Black	S-XL 2XL 3XL 4-5XL	21.99 23.99 25.99 27.99
LS		Bella and Canvas Long Sleeve Tee 60 cotton/40poly	White, Storm, Dark Grey Heather	S-XL 2XL	24.99 26.99
LSS		Ladies Relaxed Fit 100% cotton Tee	Berry, Peach Slub, Team Purple, Heather Stone, Black Mineral Wash, White, Leaf, Asphalt	S-XL 2XL	21.99 23.99
CN		Bella and Canvas Sponge Fleece Crew Neck 50% Poly, 37.5% cotton, 12.5% rayon	Grey Acid Fleece, Navy Triblend, Athletic Heather	S-XL 2XL	39.99 41.99
CN2		Gildan Heavy Blend Sweatshirt	Heliconia, Graphite Heather, Sapphire, White, Sand, Violet, Charcoal	S-XL 2XL 3XL 4-5XL	29.99 31.99 33.99 35.99
PH2		Fruit of the Loom, 7.2 oz Softspun hoodie pullover sweatshirt	Scuba Blue, Orange Sherbet, Purple, Cyber Pink, White	S-XL 2XL 3XL	49.99 51.99 53.99
ZH1		Bella and Canvas Unisex poly-cotton fleece Full Zip Hoodie	Digital Black, Neon Pink, White, Neon Blue, Heather True Royal, Light Grey Marble, Teal	S-XL 2XL	49.99 51.99
PH		Bella and Canvas Unisex pullover hoodie	Light Grey Marble, Deep Heather, Heather True Royal, Peach, White, Dark Grey Heather	S-XL 2XL	49.99 51.99
ZH2		Gildan Heavy Blend Zipper Sweatshirt 50% cotton, 50% polyester	White, Sport Grey, Dark Heather	2XL 3XL 4-5XL	51.99 53.99 55.99
YT 3322		Rabit Skins Toddler Tee Shirt 100% cotton	Caribbean, Turquoise, Pink, Hot Pink, Key Lime, Butter, Orange, Purple, White, Charcoal	6-24 mo Toddler 2T-5/6	9.99 11.99
YT2		LAT Sportswear Youth Tee Shirt	Caribbean, Turquoise, Pink, Hot Pink, Key Lime, Butter, Orange, Purple, White, Charcoal	S-XL	



The following items are Left Chest Embroidery. A very limited number will be available at the show. To ensure availability of your favorite color pre-order and pick up at show.

LFJ		Ladies Micro Fleece Jacket	Sport Light Blue, Sport Charity Pink, Sport Purple, Black, White	XS-XL 2XL 3XL	59.99 61.99 63.99
MFJ		Mens Micro Fleece Jacket	Charcoal, Black, Dill, Navy, Hunter, True Royal	XS-XL 2XL 3XL 4-6XL	59.99 61.99 63.99 66.99
LSSJ		Ladies Soft Shell Jacket	Sport Light Blue, Sport Charity Pink, Sport Purple, Sport Silver, Black, White	XS-XL 2XL 3XL	69.99 71.99 73.99
MSSJ		Mens Soft Shell Jacket	Sport Light Blue, Sport Silver, Sport Graphite, Sport Royal, Maroon, Sport Dark Navy, Sport Forest, Black	S-XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	69.99 71.99 73.99 75.99
LFV		North End Ladies' Fleece Voyage Fleece Vest	Black, Navy, Crystal Quartz, Heather, Charcoal, Mulberry, Purple, True Royal	S-XL 2XL 3XL	59.99 61.99 63.99
MFV		North End Mens Fleece Voyage Fleece Vest	Black, Navy, Heather, Charcoal, True Royal	S-XL 2XL 3XL 4-5XL	59.99 61.99 63.99 65.99
LDV		Ladies Ash City Core Packable Puffer Vest	Black, Carbon, True Royal, Classic Navy	S-XL 2XL 3XL	59.99 61.99 63.99 65.99
MDV		Mens Ash City Core Packable Puffer Vest	Black, Carbon, True Royal, Classic Navy	S-XL 2XL 3XL 4-5XL	59.99 61.99 63.99 66.99
CJ		Adult Conquest Jacket with Fleece Lining	White, Black	XS-XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	79.99 81.99 83.99 85.99



### Regional & National Specialty 2018 Tentative Schedule of Events

Day and Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, 10/27		Setup, Rings & Weight Pull Area, Lay Plastic	Majestic Ballroom
Sunday, 10/28	4:00 PM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  6:00 PM	Hotel Check In, Grooming Area Open, Regional Weigh In, Weight Pull, Novice Pull Welcome Wine & Beer Social	Majestic Ballroom    TBD
Monday, 10/29	8:30 AM, Followed By	Regional Sweeps, Regional Dog Classes, Regional Bitch Classes, Health Seminar	Majestic Ballroom  TBD
Tuesday, 10/30	8:30 AM, Followed By	Regional Obedience, Rally,CGC, 4-6 MO Beginner Puppy, Jr Showmanshio, Regional BOB,Breeder Ed Seminar	Majestic Ballroom  TBD
Wednesday, 10/31	8:30 AM, Followed By	AMCA Breakfast & Annual Meeting, Top 20 Meeting, National Obedience, Rally, Seminar	TBD  Majestic Ballroom TBD
Thursday, 11/01	8:00 AM, Followed By  JEC 3:PM 5:30 PM Cash Bar, 6:00 PM Judging	National Weight Pull, National Sweeps, Futurity, Maturity, Breeder Extravaganza, JEC/ Workshop,Top 20 Judging,Top 20 Banquet	Majestic Ballroom    TBD
Friday, 11/2	8:30 AM, Followed By  JEC 11:AM-3:00PM  6:30 PM	National Dog Classes, National Bitch Classes, JEC Mentoring, Working Dog Showcase, Rescue Practice & Parade, Auction and Pizza Party	Majestic Ballroom    TBD
Saturday, 11/3	8:30 AM, Followed By JEC 11:00AM-3:00PM  5:30 PM Cocktail Hour  6:30 PM Banquet	4-6 Mo Beginner Puppy, Jr Showmanship, JEC Mentoring, Bitch Conclusion, BOB,Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Cocktail Hour, Cash Bar, AMCA Banquet	Majestic Ballroom    TBD
Sunday, 11/4		Breakdown, Checkout	

# 2018 Order Form

An electronic version of most of these forms can be found on [www.amcanational.com](http://www.amcanational.com)

## Catalog Advertising-Bonnie Howen

Showcase your kennel or just that special dog in the Specialty Catalog. Your ad must be camera ready and must be at least 300 dpi.

**Early Bird Special—received by 8/1/18 \$10.00 off per ad**

- Inside front cover—\$100
- Full page color inside page—\$75
- Full page black & white—\$50
- Half page black & white—\$25
- 3 lines of type or well wisher ads—\$5

Ads can be designed by Betsy Morphey, please contact her at [BCPublications1203@gmail.com](mailto:BCPublications1203@gmail.com)

**Ads will not be processed until payment is received.**

**All Ads must be received by Wednesday, September 19th**

## Reserved Seating

# of Seats (max 4) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

## Reserved Grooming-Suzanne Bedell

You must have reserved grooming if you wish to leave your dogs overnight in the grooming room. We have hired a security guard for overnight protection

# of Spaces (max 2) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Next to: \_\_\_\_\_

### IF PAYING BY CHECK

Make checks payable to "AMCA 2018"

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Mail check and order form to:

Lucy Sanders, 767 W. Davis Road  
Howell, MI 48843

### IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

To pay by credit card, please go to the website: [www.amcanational.com](http://www.amcanational.com) and use forms and payments from website.

## Pre-Order Catalogs

**A limited number of catalogs will be ordered for this event. To ensure availability it is suggest that you pre-order.**

# of Catalogs \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

If requesting your catalog be marked and mailed after the event, an additional fee will apply to cover postage which will be determined by location. You will be sent an electronic invoice for the additional fee, when postage is paid a catalog will be sent to you.

# of Marked Catalogs \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00

Enter mailing address ONLY IF YOU WILL NOT be picking up at the event.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## RV Parking

\*5 Spots available at the convention center \* ALL RV'S MUST RESERVE A ROOM AT THE HOTEL. To Reserve an RV Parking Spot you must provide your room confirmation number \* \$25 per night parking fee payable to hotel \* Does not include Electric or water \* No pump outs \* NO E-Z ups or X-pens \* Requests to be parked next to someone will be honored on first come first serve basis (Indicate name below) \*Free Parking available for RVs with room rental in oversized vehicles. This is for Parking ONLY \* DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO HOTEL

# of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of vehicle/rig: \_\_\_\_\_

Total length: \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Lot:  Yes  No      Oversize Lot:  Yes  No

## Trophy Donations—Barbara White

Your support is needed to make these events special

Kennel Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

1st Preference to where donation should be applied:

- Regional     National  
 Conformation     Obedience/Rally     Weight Pull

1st Preferred Class to Sponsor	2nd Preferred Class to Sponsor

**Note:** There is no guarantee that your preferred class can be honored due to donations already received. If class has already been taken your donation will be used as part of the general fund. Excess funds for above listed designations will be applied to the General Fund.

In Memory of (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** No trophy can be donated in "Memory of" or "In Honor" of any living dog or person.

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Level (will be listed in Catalog):

- Diamond \$300 & up     Platinum \$200-\$299     Gold \$100-\$199  
 Silver \$50-\$99     Bronze \$25-\$49

Other Amount (will be designated to General Trophy Fund)

### Order Summary

Pre-Order Catalog ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Trophy Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospitality Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Advertising \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Catered Events ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Reserved Seating \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reserved Grooming ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Total Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hospitality Donations-Laurie Wells

Our goal is to have a hospitality room available each morning during the show week. We are looking for individuals, groups or clubs to help sponsor each day. Grab breakfast on the go or enjoy a moment of relaxation before you start your day. Please help us with this tradition to spend some time with old friends, and the opportunity to meet some new friends. It is estimated that it costs over \$300 per day to fulfill the needs of our members in attendance. We ask for your help in sponsoring this endeavor, sponsor a day, or a portion of a day!

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Pledges MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 10TH. All donors will be acknowledged in the Hospitality Room

### Catered Events—Please see website for full description of meals

Welcome Reception \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Breakfast Meeting \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pizza & Auction Night \$18.95 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand Finale:  
 Chicken \$44.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salmon \$44.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Strip Steak \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total for food \_\_\_\_\_

# 2018 AMCA Top 20 Event

## *"Where Dreams Come True"*



The 2018 AMCA Top 20 will be held Thursday evening, November 1st beginning at 5:30 with a cash bar. The competition will start at 6:00 followed by our banquet. We invite you to attend a celebration to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Top 20 participants and join us for a Magical Evening *"WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE"*. Don't forget our winner will be announced Thursday evening at our banquet!

**Pre-Order Catalogs** – RECOMMENDED (includes 1 People's Choice Award Ballot Ticket per catalog) Note: Catalogs at Event price = \$15

Top Twenty Banquet Dinner - \$35.00 pp

All entrees served with mixed green salad, Chef's choice of dessert, & coffee. **ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

- **Chicken Marsala** served with garlic mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetable
- **Pork Loin** in a light sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetable
- **Pasta Primavera** (Vegetarian selection)

Each entrée choice includes 3 People's Choice Awards Ballot Tickets

**Reserve a Table** - \$25.00 per table seating 8-10 guests – assure all parties in your group are seated together (includes 3 People's Choice Award Ballot Ticket per table reserved).

Note: PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD BALLOTS WILL NOT BE SOLD DURING THE EVENT. Ballots must be picked up the evening of the event, completed and submitted by the end of the First Impression Round. ONLY OFFICIAL BALLOTS WHICH ARE SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE WILL BE COUNTED.

Please support the Top 20 Fundraisers by purchasing your raffle tickets. We have two great raffles this year!

- 1) K9 III Dryer Raffle (valued over \$400)  
Ticket prices: 1=\$5; 3=\$10; and best value 20=\$20
- 2) Working/Herding Dog Digest FULL PAGE DELUXE AD (valued at \$425)  
Ticket price: \$25 each Limited to 50 ticket sales – don't miss out  
Contact Suzanne Bedell at [malamutetop20@gmail.com](mailto:malamutetop20@gmail.com) for more information.

# Canine Influenza Virus: What it is, Where it Came From, and Where It's Heading

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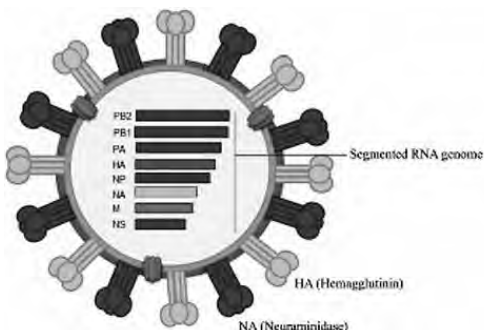
## What is influenza?

Influenza viruses belong to the family Orthomyxoviridae. The family name originates in part from "myxa", a Greek word for mucus. There are 4 types of influenza: A, B, C, and D, characterized by different structural components. Influenza viruses have relatively small genetic codes. For example, Influenza A and B contain only 8 RNA segments which encode only about 11 proteins. Influenza C and D contain only 7 RNA segments. In contrast, humans have approximately 20,000 genes that encode thousands of proteins.

Influenza A viruses are further characterized by the multiple different compositions of two proteins that project from the outer surface of the virus, hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA). HA and NA control most of the infectivity of influenza virus. HA binds to the host cell surface, enabling injection of the virus into the host cell. After the virus replicates in the host cell, the viral particles need to leave the cell. NA ensures that the exiting viral particles don't get stuck to the cell, thus enabling the virus to move freely to infect other cells.

Different variations of HA and NA determine the different subtypes of influenza, for example, the well known and virulent H1N1. There are at least 18 known variations of HA and at least 11 known variations of NA. The different variations determine parameters including how infectious the virus is, and which species it can infect.

Below is a simplified diagram of influenza A virus illustrating the location of HA, NA, and the RNA genome (adapted from Lofano et al, 2015).



## Which animals are susceptible to influenza infection?

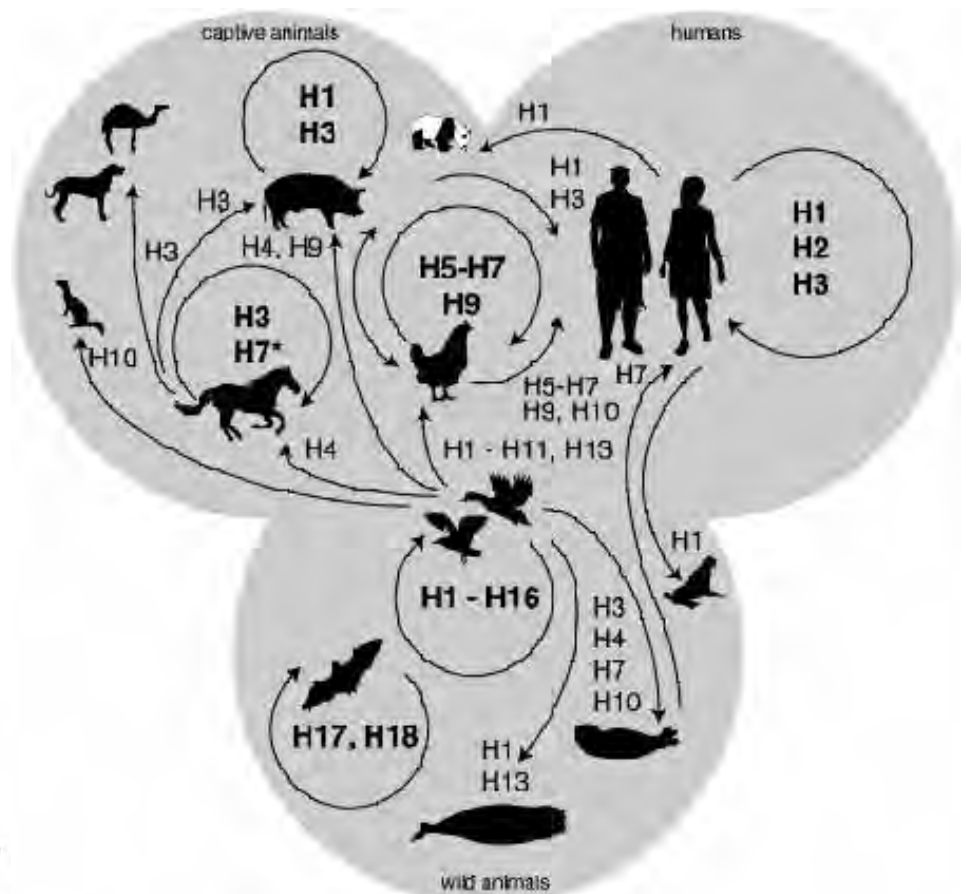
Current knowledge is that influenza A viruses originated in wild birds. Influenza A can also infect humans, pigs, bats, horses, cats, whales, seals, ferrets, dogs, and others.

At this time, influenza B is believed to circulate only in humans. A recent study has shown that influenza A and B infections can cause equally severe symptoms in humans, contrary to the previously held belief that one strain was more harmful than the other (Su et al, 2014).

Influenza C infects humans and pigs, causing only mild respiratory illness at this time.

Influenza D primarily infects cattle.

Below is an image illustrating some of the reservoirs and inter-species transmission of influenza (Short et al, 2015). [Side note: Cats are missing from this diagram. Influenza that jumped from wild birds, poultry, and dogs to cats in Asia is a relatively recent discovery (Song et al, 2010). Feline influenza is now recognized in the US and can now be transmitted from cats to humans (Belser et al, 2017; Lee et al, 2017).]



This article will focus on influenza A, as Type A has the most known variants, and it has adapted to infect dogs.

## Why are new influenza strains continually emerging?

The 8 segments of RNA that encode the proteins needed for the virus life cycle also copy themselves into 8 new segments of RNA. Each of the 8 copied strands is packaged into a new virus. New strains of influenza are most commonly created by two different methods:

1. New influenza strains can be formed by mutation. Most mutations occur during replication of the virus. In other words, when the genetic code is being copied, mistakes are made. A functional mistake results in a unique new strain of virus.
2. If an animal is infected with two different strains of influenza, then there are two different strands of each of the 8 RNA segments. After each virus duplicates its 8 strands of RNA, it needs to package those 8 strands into a new viral particle. To do so, each developing virus will grab one of each of the 8 strands to “package” into a new virus. However, during the packaging process, a virus may grab some RNA strands that were made by virus 1, but other RNA strands that were made by virus 2. This newly packaged virus will end up with 8 RNA strands, but they will be a unique combination of RNA strands from both virus 1 and virus 2, creating a unique new strain of virus.

Both methods of creating new influenza strains can result in a unique new strain that is either dysfunctional or functional. If the new strain is functional, it can cause an infection that is weaker, moderate, or more virulent than before. The new strain may not be recognized by an existing vaccine or by antibodies developed during prior influenza infections. The new strain may have the ability to infect new species.

## What are the differences between most strains of influenza A?

Many new infectious influenza A virus strains have variations in their HA and/ or NA composition. HA initiates the

initial stages of infection, whereas NA enables the final stage to complete the viral life cycle.

Below is an illustration from the Centers for Disease Control illustrating the different variants of HA and NA, and the species that they are known to infect.

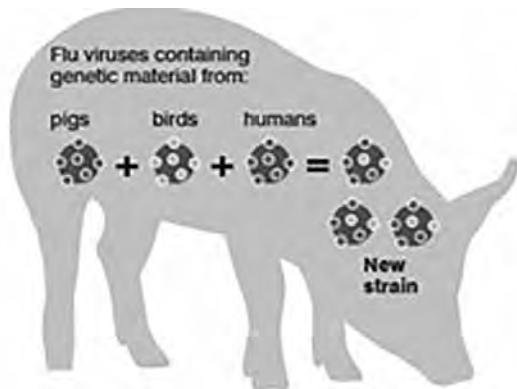
Hemagglutinin					Neuraminidase				
SubType	People	Poultry	Pigs	Bats / Other	SubType	People	Poultry	Pigs	Bats / Other
H1					N1				
H2					N2				
H3				Other Animals	N3				
H4				Other Animals	N4				
H5					N5				
H6					N6				
H7				Other Animals	N7				Other Animals
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(Side note: Influenza was discovered in bats for the first time around 2010. If you’ve seen the 2011 film “Contagion” starring Matt Damon and thought it was science fiction, then you may now understand that the events of this movie are scientifically possible and well within the realm of reality.)

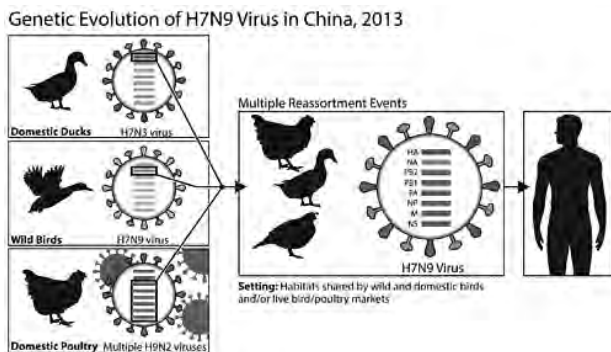
## How do influenza strains jump species?

One of the most common ways that new influenza strains that jump species are created is by mutation, and the other is when an animal is simultaneously infected with two different strains of influenza, resulting in recombination and repackaging of different RNA strands. For example, a pig can be simultaneously infected by human influenza and avian influenza. When this happens, new part-human part-bird viruses are formed in this pig. If one of these new viruses then infects a human or bird, then that human or bird is the first of its species to be infected by a new strain and is likely to spread it to others in the community or flock. Once a human or other animal contracts a new virus, that virus spreads to others in the region, and airline travel enables that virus to spread around the world.

Below is an image from the UK national health service that simply illustrates the birth of H1N1 in 2009. A pig in Mexico infected with influenza strains from pig, bird, and human served as the “mixing bowl” for creating the new strain, H1N1 (Gibbs et al, 2009). This type of evolution occurs most commonly where dense populations of animals and humans live in close proximity to each other.



Below is an illustration from the Centers for Disease Control that show the likely evolution of the new influenza strain H7N9 in China in 2013. Again, this type of evolution occurs most commonly in regions where dense populations of animals live in close proximity to dense populations of humans.



### Why haven't we heard of canine influenza before 2005?

Canine influenza is caused by Type A. At this time, there are two known types of canine influenza, H3N8 and H3N2. (There is also a human H3N2 which is different than the canine H3N2.)

Before 2004, dogs had never been known to be infected by influenza. On the other hand, H3N8 was known to infect horses since at least the 1960s. In 2004, at a racing facility in Florida shared by horses and greyhounds, horse H3N8 jumped species from horse to dog (Enserink, 2005; Crawford et al, 2005). H3N8 ravaged the racing greyhound population at this Florida facility, demonstrating that a canine-specific H3N8 had evolved that could be transmitted from dog to dog.

In 2007, another influenza strain originating in birds, H3N2, jumped to dogs and cats in Asia (Song et al, 2008). In 2015, canine H3N2 spread to the United States, starting with a single case in Chicago. Canine H3N2 in the US is genetically identical to canine H3N2 in Asia, and so was most likely spread via importation of dogs from Asia (Voorhees et al, 2017).

In 2012, a new canine influenza virus H3N1 was discovered

in Asia that evolved by a reassortment of human H1N1 and avian H3N2 (Song et al, 2012). This provides evidence that not only humans, birds, and pigs, but also dogs are now “mixing bowls” for the creation of unique new influenza viruses. It is only a matter of time before new strains of influenza can be transmitted between human and dog, just as many flu strains can currently be passed between human, bird, and pig.

### How does influenza infect so many different animals?

Influenza is a unique virus in that it can infect multiple different animals, and over time, it continues to infect more and more new species. This is because influenza infection starts by the binding of the viral HA protein to a molecule known as sialic acid. Sialic acid is extremely common on the surface of respiratory cells of humans and other animals. Many other viruses infect their hosts through species-specific receptors. But the receptor for influenza is common throughout the animal kingdom.

### If sialic acid is present on the cells of all animals, then why aren't all animals infected by all influenza strains?

There are several steps in the viral life cycle that can halt a productive infection if the sequences and structures of both the virus and host cell are not a precise match.

First of all, in order to infect a cell, each influenza strain's HA protein must first bind to sialic acid. Even though all animals have cells with sialic acid on their surface, the sugars that connect the sialic acid to the cell are different in different species. These different sialic acid – sugar connections create different structures that only some but not all HAs can bind.

Additionally, some HA types have the same numerical designation although they have slight differences that keep them from binding to the same sialic acid – sugar structure. For example, canine H3N2 and human H3N2 have slightly different variations in their HA proteins (Li et al, 2018). The differences between the canine and human HAs are not high enough to classify them as different HA types, so both are classified as H3. However, there is evidence that the differences, although minor, are enough to hinder them from binding to the same type of sialic acid – sugar structure.

Once a strain of influenza binds to sialic acid, it must next enter the cell, replicate, package new viral particles and exit the cell in order for infection to be successful. One animal cell type may have molecules of the correct conformation and composition to enable these steps, whereas another animal cell type may have slightly different molecular makeups that the virus can not use to complete its life cycle. For example, different variants of NA allow for the release of active influenza virus from specifically compatible cells.

However, influenza is continually mutating and reassorting, and it is a very small jump for influenza to infect a cell with a slightly different makeup. The more exposure influenza has to a new species, the more likely a new form of the virus will have exposure to a new species that it can infect. This

is why influenza strains usually emerge in dense populations. This is also why influenza can jump to a new species when the two different species are living in close contact with each other.

Influenza is such an incredibly adaptive virus that multiple studies have shown that just one single mutation in the virus can enable it to infect a new species. For example, in 2013, researchers showed that a single mutation enabled avian H5N1 and avian H7N9 to infect human cells (Tharakaraman et al, 2013). Multiple studies have looked at the mutations that enabled H3N8 to jump from horses to dogs, and although more than one mutation has been found, it is postulated that one mutation could have done the trick.

### Can other species catch canine influenza?

At this time, there is no evidence that canine influenza strain H3N8 is transmissible from dogs to other species.

However, canine H3N2 was first found to infect cats in Asia (Song et al, 2010). Next, canine H3N2 infection was seen in guinea pigs and ferrets in Korea (Kim et al, 2012; Lyoo, 2015). Then, in 2016, the American Veterinary Medical Association and School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison reported that dogs with canine H3N2 infected cats in a shelter in Indiana. This dog-to-cat transmission of H3N2 was followed by the ability of cats to infect other cats with H3N2 (AVMA report, 2016).

### Can human influenza infect dogs, and can canine influenza infect humans?

Although an infected dog will need a lot of care and attention during its illness, humans should try to avoid the field of sneezing and coughing, and try to minimize contact with eyes, nose, and mouth. The virus will enter the mucosal membranes, and it will attempt to bind to the sialic acid receptors and infect the cells. Likewise, a human infected with influenza should try not to cough or sneeze in a dog's face, and should wash hands before petting and feeding.

So far, there have been anecdotal reports of influenza transmission between dog and human in the US, but nothing yet proven. However, one group of researchers provided some evidence of influenza A transmission between dogs and their owners in Mexico (Ramirez-Martinez et al, 2013). Whether or not dog-human transmission has happened yet, one thing is certain... Influenza has already shown us that a single mutation can enable it to jump from one species to the next. There will be more new strains, and there will be more jumps between species in influenza's future.

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## **Canine Influenza Virus: Clinical Information**

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### **Transmission**

Similar to human influenza, canine influenza virus is spread through respiratory droplets produced during sneezing and coughing of dogs. The virus is also spread by contact of the mucous membranes (nose, mouth, eyes) with contaminated surfaces.

### **Symptoms**

The symptoms of canine influenza are similar to that in humans. These symptoms include cough, runny nose, fever, lethargy, eye discharge, and reduced appetite. Some dogs will show no signs of illness, while most will show a range of symptoms from mild to severe. Most dogs recover in 1-3 weeks. However, some dogs may develop bacterial infections such as pneumonia.

### **Diagnosis**

Similar to human influenza, canine influenza virus can be detected by PCR test of nasal or throat swabs within 3-4 days of the onset of illness, but test results can take a couple or few days depending on the day of the week and the proximity of the lab. However, during a canine influenza outbreak, veterinarians will usually diagnose and treat a dog for influenza infection based upon telltale clinical signs in the absence of a PCR test.

Some veterinarians offer rapid in-house testing for canine influenza, but like the rapid in-house test for human influenza, this test is highly unreliable.

### **Treatment**

Treatment consists of supportive care, keeping the infected dog hydrated and rested while the immune system fights the infection. Veterinarians may offer medication to help open a dog's airways, thin the mucus, and ease the cough. A non-steroidal anti-inflammatory may be prescribed to reduce pain, swelling, and fever.

Unlike Tamiflu for humans, there are currently no drugs to help clear canine influenza infection. However, if the viral infection results in bacterial infections such as pneumonia, then antibiotics are given to resolve the bacterial infection.

### **Prevention**

Canine influenza can not be prevented 100%, just as human influenza is sometimes unavoidable. But the risks can be decreased with prevention. Keep dogs away from high density or popular dog regions during flu season or outbreaks. If this is not possible, try to keep dogs at a distance from other dogs, especially away from dogs that are coughing or sneezing. Try to keep dogs from sniffing surfaces commonly frequented by other dogs, since the nose and mouth are key points of viral entry. If a dog walks through areas that may contain the virus, then keep the dog from licking its feet until they are washed. Wash hands in between the handling of dogs that are not members of the same household. If one dog in the household contracts influenza, try to separate it and quarantine it from the other animals until the symptoms resolve. (A lingering cough after one week of infection may not be a symptom of active viral infection, but rather of healing and clearing of the airways, or possibly a secondary bacterial infection.)

### **Vaccination**

A vaccine for canine H3N8 was first approved in 2009. Since then, other H3N8 vaccines have become available. In November 2015, the first commercially available canine H3N2 vaccine was approved. These vaccines are available only for dogs. They are recommended for dogs with a high risk of exposure to influenza. They may not be 100% effective because influenza continually mutates. However, vaccines may effectively cross-react with some new influenza strains, and vaccines may reduce the severity of infection with some new strains.

# Chondrodysplasia

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In the early 1970s it was discovered by some malamute breeders that our breed had an inherited disease which affected the growth of the dog. It was known as dwarfism and later was given the scientific name of Chondrodysplasia. AMCA was able to interest universities in the disease as it was very similar to dwarfism in humans. Research was done and it was determined that the disease was an autosomal recessive. Each parent must be carrying the gene for the disease to produce an affected puppy.

AMCA set up a test breeding program in which dogs with high probability of carrying the gene would be bred to a dwarf or a carrier to determine if the suspect dog was clear or a carrier of the CHD gene. The AMCA program became a model for other breed clubs when they discovered inherited diseases in their breed. AMCA maintained a certification program for CHD until 2012. The Committee owned dwarfs and semen from dwarfs and provided DNA from carriers, dwarfs and clear dogs to research centers in hopes of finding a DNA test for this disease.

The test breeding program was very successful and had almost eliminated the occurrence of dwarfs in the U.S. However, the bad side effect was that many quality dogs that were carriers were eliminated from our gene pool. Also, dogs owned by persons unable or unwilling to test breed were also not used. And some breeders discovered that several of their best dogs were carriers so they just quit breeding. As I look back on the program which I so vehemently supported I can see that our gene pool was drastically reduced by eliminating all the carrier dogs.

However, with today's technology

we will hopefully be able to control or eliminate genetic diseases from our breed without reducing our gene pool. DNA tests are the best answer but it will still take the cooperation and honesty of all malamute breeders. First we have to recognize and admit that no dog exists that is free of genetic diseases. Dr. George Padgett in his book, *Control of Canine Genetic Diseases*, copyright 1958, lists 55 genetic diseases in the Alaskan malamute. So it is pretty evident that no Alaskan Malamute exists free of all genetic diseases. Submitting your dog's DNA into CHIC and keeping his health history up to date is critical to the welfare and research for DNA tests to guide breeders in not producing affected dogs. We do not need to eliminate carriers from the gene pool if we have the use of DNA tests for genetic problems.

My concern is the return of the CHD gene into our gene pool. When we test-bred, clearances (i.e., CHD numbers) were given to dogs test-bred down to 6.25% or lower. That means that likely 6.25% of all dogs cleared by test-breeding still carried the gene. None of us that did the test-breeding knew if it was our cleared dog or not. None of us who did the test breeding knew if our dogs were actually clear or were one of the 6.25% that carried the gene. Only having the DNA test can positively give us that information. This is why I personally feel if we do not do everything possible to find that gene, that all the heartache, expense, euthanized puppies and reduction of gene pool will have been for nothing. Personally, I held 42 perfectly healthy normal four week old puppies from our test litters while they were being euthanized. You don't forget that even after 40 years.

Puppies from the test-breeding

could be sterilized and placed in homes as pets but we did not have that many pet homes available, nor was early sterilization possible so puppies from test-breeding had to be euthanized or kept by the breeder until old enough to be sterilized and placed. That delayed your clearances for six months. Keeping whole litters until six months old, sterilizing and then in most cases giving them away, if you could find good homes, was not feasible for most of us doing test-breeding.

In addition to issuing clearance numbers for CHD to test-bred dogs and pure Kotzebue dogs, the CHD committee published a brochure for veterinarians and owners covering all the information known about CHD. We had booths at the veterinarian conventions with a CHD affected dog and the brochures to hand out so the veterinarians would know what to look for and what research universities to contact. I doubt that many veterinarians today would know a chondrodysplastic dog if it was presented to them, and if so would not be aware that we need that dog's DNA for research purposes.

I think it is important for AMCA to bring the information on CHD up to date and get it distributed to all breeders of malamutes around the world so they know what to do if a suspect puppy appears in their litter. This is no fault of the breeder or the previous breeders. We did the best we could at the time, but we need everyone to come forward if you even suspect a puppy is affected so we can get it confirmed and collect the DNA. Remember your carrier dogs can be used in a breeding program once DNA for dwarfism is available.

The information for veterinarians needs to be updated and distributed world wide.



**Chondro puppy 6 weeks - short in the legs and very wide in the front because of his deformed upper arm and you can see the curving of his forearm.**

**Normal littermate 6 weeks**



**Chondro puppy 1 year**

**Chondro skeleton**

***I urge you to complete the donor form on the next page so that we so we can finally get the DNA samples needed for researchers to find the DNA for this genetic disease and we can revise the CHD information and have it distributed worldwide.***

The Health Committee agrees that updating the literature on CHD is a great idea and we have invited Nancy to work with us on this. Any other interested breeders or fanciers are welcome to help as well. Contact Sandi Shrager at sandis@uw.edu. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Nancy Russell whose information is at the beginning of this article.

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**Thank you for your contribution in support of the health of Alaskan Malamutes!**

Many thanks to out-going Performance Awards/Statistics Chairperson Amy Novak for the final rankings for 2017, and for all her work over the past 5 years. I am delighted to have been approved as the new Chair, and look forward to furthering this important program!

As I'm sure you all know, I compete regularly with my dogs in agility, occasionally in conformation, and dabble in Rally and Obedience. I have also done Trick training, tracking, and dock diving. All the different and varied sports you all do with your dogs are interesting to me and I will be glad to hear from you about them!

-Laura Heft

<b>Final Agility 2017</b>				
<b>Novice Standard - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>				
1	Istari's Winterchilled Snow-Spren (p)	31	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
2	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones	27	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
3	Powderhound's Over and Over Again (p)	17	J Effler - Leveille	IL/WI
4	Sno Quest's Gold N' Girl (p)	5	M Sautbine	IL/WI
	Snodanc Snoangel At Stormrunner	5	C Rogowski / L Rogowski	RM
	Adair'N'Hug Polar Shift (p)	5	G Lawson	NE
	Winterstarz Rocket J Dog (p)	5	P Herzfeld	IL/WI
8	Sno Shire's Shadowfax At Sno Spirit (p)	4	D Carter / R Carter	GL
9	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated by Hobbit (p)	3	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
<b>Open Standard - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>				
1	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher of Wild Ones	9	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist (p)	9	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
3	Powderhound's Over And Over Again (p)	8	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
4	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	6	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Powderhound's Silver Lining (P)	6	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
<b>Excellent Standard - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>				
1	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist (p)	21	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
2	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	18	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
3	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	15	A Novak	NY/NJ
4	Sno Klassic Dancin' On The Pedals	9	G Pickett	GL
5	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night (P)	6	L Heft	NY/NJ
<b>Master Standard - Regular</b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	160	R Hinman	GL
2	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	35	M Swinyer	WC
	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	35	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	35	R Hinman	GL
5	Owyhee's Spirit in the Night	12	A Novak	NY/NJ
6	Arcticdawn's Black Pearl	7	R Hinman	GL
<b>Master Standard - Preferred</b>				
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	289	C Reinhard	NY / NJ
2	Owyhee's Spirit in the Night	54	A Novak	NY / NJ
3	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	13	L Heft	NY / NJ
4	Istari's Magni of Aesir	11	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY / NJ
5	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	8	B Pisch / R Deutsch	ME
6	Istari's Th' Ta 'Varen Tanist	7	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
7	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	4	D Bauman / J Bauman	GL

8	Awanuna's Idun of Aesir	3	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY / NJ
9	Awanuna's Bragi Of Aesir	1	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY / NJ
	<b>Novice Jumpers - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>			
1	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones	23	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
2	Istari's Winterchilled Snow-Spren (p)	22	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
	Powderhound's Over And Over Again (p)	22	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
4	Snowhollow Nez Perce Good Golly Miss Lolly	9	E McKee	RM
5	Kloud Burst's Brown Eyed Girl (p)	6	S Todd	NE
	Sno Shire's Shadowfax At Sno Spirit (p)	6	D Carter / R Carter	GL
7	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou? (p)	3	J Cole	MW
8	Sno Quest's Gold N' Girl (p)	2	A Sautbine / M Sautbine	IL/WI
	<b>Open Jumpers - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>			
1	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher of Wild Ones	21	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
2	Istari's Winterchilled Snow-Spren (p)	15	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
3	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	12	A Novak	NY/NJ
4	Powderhound's Over And Over Again (p)	11	J Effler - Leville	IL/WI
5	Northern Exposure Mt Leidy's Legend Of Snow Hollow (p)	8	E McKee	RM
6	Sno Quest's For The Holy Grail (p)	6	A Sautbine / M Sautbine	IL/WI
	<b>Excellent Jumpers - Regular &amp; Preferred</b>			
1	Istari's Th' Ta'Veren Tanist (p)	24	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
2	Sno Klassic Dancin On The Pedals	15	G Pickett	GL
3	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night (p)	14	L Heft	NY/NJ
4	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	9	A Novak	NY/NJ
	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher of Wild Ones	9	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Istari's Magni of Aesir (p)	9	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY/NJ
7	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	6	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Powderhound's Silver Lining (p)	6	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
	<b>Master Jumpers - Regular</b>			
1	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	121	R Hinman	GL
2	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	37	R Hinman	GL
3	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	23	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
4	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	22	M Swinyer	WC
5	Owyhee's Spirit In The Night	6	A Novak	NY/NJ
	<b>Master Jumpers - Preferred</b>			
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	205	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
2	Owyhee's Spirit in the Night	48	A Novak	NY/NJ
3	Ixa's Mischievous Muggs	8	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
4	Istari's Th' Ta'Veren Tanist	6	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
5	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	4	B Pisch / R Deutsch	ME
5	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	3	D Bauman / J Bauman	GL
6	Awanuna's Bragi Of Aesir	2	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ
	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	2	L Heft	NY/NJ

<b>Rally 2017 Finals</b>				
<b>Novice</b>				
1	Spectre's Childe Roland	31	J Cole	MW
2	Vykon's Justified	18	V Jones	SO
	Winterstarz Rocket J Dog	18	P Herzfeld	IL/WI
	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	18	T O'Brien / K Dewett	MW
	Winterstarz Scorching Tania Borealis	18	T O'Brien / K Dewett	MW
	Vykon's Ixa's Man In The Nets	18	K Manassa	IL/WI
	Anua's Meteoric Rise To Flame	18	J Berquist	MW
8	Powderhound's U Can'T Handle The Truth	17	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
	Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama	17	K Manassa	IL/WI
	Teton&Wintuk's Over The Moon	17	J Berquist	MW
	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	17	A Novak	NY/NJ
<b>Rally Intermediate</b>				
1	Nupak's Wild Ice Racer Takes The Lead	16	P Jahnke	MW
2	Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstatt	13	L Maffei / M Coburn	PNW
3	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	3	L Thomas	GL
4	Icicle Creek's Lookin' For A Boy	1	K Fraser / D Fraser	PNW
<b>Advanced</b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	76	R Hinman	GL
2	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	73	L Maffei / N Snyder	PNW
3	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?	71	J Cole	MW
4	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	35	R Hinman	GL
5	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	27	L. McDonald & M. Mead	PNW
6	Powderhound's Blaze Of Glory	24	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
7	Spectre's Just Keep Talkin'	18	J Cole	MW
8	Vykon's Justified	16	V Jones	SO
	Snocreek's Silver Lining	16	M Mustich / M Mustich / B Martin	NY/NJ
10	Powderhound's Over And Over Again	15	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
<b>Excellent</b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	87	R Hinman	GL
2	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?	70	J Cole	MW
3	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	63	L Maffei / N Snyder	PNW
4	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	32	R Hinman	GL
5	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	25	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
6	Powderhound's Blaze Of Glory	21	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
7	Canusa's R Man Flint	14	J Telling / J Telling	WC
	Arctic Hope's Brave The Snow Storm	14	A Spurrier / T Spurrier	GL
	Vykon's Justified	14	V Jones	SO
10	Powderhound's Silver Lining	12	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI

<b>Final Obedience 2017</b>				
<b><i>Beginner Novice</i></b>				
1	Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly	22	S Kalous	IL/WI
2	Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstatt	14	L Maffei	WC
3	Lakopac's Koda Bear Of The Yukon	13	P Bryce	NY/NJ
	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	13	A Novak	NY/NJ
5	Nupak's Wild Ice Racer Takes The Lead	11	P Jahnke	MW
6	Vykon's Justified	10	V Jones	SO
7	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit	9	H Schultz	IL/WI
8	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	6	L Heft	NY/NJ
<b><i>Preferred Novice</i></b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	24	R Hinman	GL
2	Snocreek American Spirit Of Ken-Dar	18	D Puhatch	ME
3	Peace River's Lucky Omen	3	L Maffei	PNW
<b><i>Novice</i></b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	39	R Hinman	GL
2	Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama	13	K Manassa	IL / WI
3	Snobuc's The Spy Who Loves Me	7	M Dinwoodie	NY/NJ
4	Wintuk's Mighty Sweet Ride	4	S Kalous	IL / WI
5	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit	3	H Schultz	IL / WI
	Teton & Wintuk's On The Home Stretch	3	L Anderson	IL / WI
<b><i>Graduate Novice</i></b>				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	21	R Hinman	GL
<b><i>Open</i></b>				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	68	R Hinman	GL
<b><i>Utility</i></b>				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	118	R Hinman	GL



**Wishful Winter dreaming!**

# House Training

By Mary Swinyer

## Confinement.

Utilizing a small space will help speed house training. I like to use a crate because being comfortable with it is an important skill I want all my dogs to have in life. A crate should be a safe, secure den, not jail. Types of crates and how to make them like a bedroom for a child will be covered in a separate article. One can also use a portable exercise pen or a small room with a baby gate on it. You could close the pup in a bathroom/kitchen/porch by closing the solid door, but it is very isolating. Another possible option is an indoor tie down or tethering the puppy to you. The point is not to allow free run of the house, where the puppy may choose to eliminate, which may or may not be discovered right away. Contrary to popular belief, dogs are not born understanding that they should eliminate outside! It is up to us to shape and condition that behavior by setting them up to be successful with enough structure to \*prevent\* accidents.

## Schedule

Baby puppies have tiny bladders and lack the ability to physically hold their bladder and bowels. Therefore they need to have the opportunity to eliminate after sleeping, eating, drinking, playing, any time they look “antsy,” and about a million times in between! If the puppy urinates outside, then comes in the house and has a 10 minute wild play session, he or she will need to go out again!! If the puppy is due to go out, but does not pee or poop while outside, that is not a time to allow any freedom indoors... s/he should go back in the crate/pen/room or be with you on a leash. Only after urinating and defecating outside should the pup be allowed any “freedom” in the house, and even then, supervision is necessary.

Another part of scheduling is learning when is the best time to feed so that poop doesn't happen at night. Most of us find it helpful to pick up the water a few hours before bed. However, one needs to carefully measure the temperature, puppy's activity level, etc., so s/he doesn't become dehydrated.

## Adults/rescues

Just because you get an adult dog, does not necessarily mean it is reliably house trained. Many dogs need house training “refreshers” when they move to a new environment. House training is basically done the same for an adult as a puppy, except a normal, healthy adult should possess the physical ability to ‘hold it,’ making your job easier.

## Training Pads, potty areas

In general, with medium/large breeds that are ultimately going to be expected to eliminate outdoors, I find it easiest to do that from the start. After all, using wee wee pads or one of those grass boxes in your home is still teaching the pup to eliminate \*indoors!\* For those that will be expected to go outside as adults, pee pad training creates an unnecessary

two-step process and may confuse/delay reliability in house training. Some teacup breeds, especially those in a seventh floor apartment, may eliminate on pads/in boxes for life.

## Substrate or surface

Dogs are very conscious of what is under the pads of their feet and can just as easily develop a preference to eliminate on fabric/carpet if allowed to rehearse that behavior. The first time I took my Golden Retriever to the snow, she held her bladder for 24 hours because there was no sign of the dirt or grass she was accustomed to! After her first pee on the frozen white stuff, she was fine. Because of this, it can be helpful to teach the dog from the start that it is okay to eliminate on a variety of surfaces, including asphalt and gravel, in case the need ever arises.

## Location

If you want your dog to eliminate in one specific area, you need to take him or her there each and every time he needs to pee or poop. Be it a pee pad or a spot in the yard, you must condition and practice this behavior and prevent them from going elsewhere. This can be achieved by using a leash or having a small enclosure where you put the dog until he/she has eliminated.



**Comet eliminating off leash on command**

## Leash

I personally find it extremely helpful to teach my puppies and new dogs to not only be comfortable eliminating on leash but to do so on cue/command. This makes travel and tight schedules much easier. For those ‘shy’ individuals who prefer to eliminate out of sight, the first pee of the morning is often the easiest one to attain on leash/cue. At first, just calmly say your desired word/phrase as the pup is eliminating: “go pee, go potty.” And yes, they can learn a different name for each function. As they get the hang of it, you will start giving the cue before they go.



**Turbo relieving himself on command on leash**

## Rewards

Certainly I would praise the dog or puppy every time they eliminate in the desired area (like outside as opposed to inside), but you may also occasionally give them a small tidbit to reinforce the behavior. With most pups I'm hesitant to feed \*every\* successful potty trip, as it may create a treat obsessed puppy and some offer a squat behavior without urinating, to see if that will earn the reward.

**Punishment.** Many years ago we were told to rub our dog's nose in it when they had an accident, or to swat with a rolled up newspaper. Miraculously they learned despite our shortcomings. How can you punish a creature for something they don't understand? Instead you want to show/teach them what you expect and make it easy and rewarding for them to succeed. Punishing can cause confusion, cause puppies to hide their accidents and ultimately delay house training reliability.

## Responsibility.

House training is \*our\* responsibility. It is up to \*us\* to prevent accidents and help our pups succeed. Accidents mean we didn't do our job. House training is truly about how well trained \*we\* are!

## Supervision

Supervision is not only watching your dog when it is loose in the house, but taking it out for potty trips, or at least watching to see that he or she has actually eliminated while outside. It is very common for puppies to go outside to play and then come back in the house and pee on the floor. The pup is not planning this. It is just that the outside world is very exciting and distracting. Back inside the pup is allowed to relax and realize the bladder is full.

## Dog doors

Personally, I have never had one nor do I have any plans to change that. I'd end up with my slippers buried in the yard and branches in my house. I like more control than that. You may like, want and choose to have a dog door, which is fine, but you not have to teach your dog how to operate the door, but you must still house train him, so he learns to go outside to eliminate.

## Bells and signals

Some people train their dog to ring a bell to ask to go out or to bark or scratch at the door. Some dogs will play with a device like a bell just to go out randomly. I tend to let the dog develop their own signal, whether is simply pacing back and forth from the door to where I'm at in the house, barking or scratching. I will say something like "do you have to go outside?" before each trip out, encouraging the dog to indicate that s/he does indeed need to go out. As the dog is physically able and understands to hold it, I'll gradually hesitate a little longer while waiting for a sign/signal. If I see something I like/want I'll praise and take the dog out. Some dogs will stand silently by the door, which requires you to vigilantly check and be aware of where the dog is.

## Age

Most of my big dogs don't have accidents after three or four months of age because \*I\* am well trained! It's usually six months before I see them actually taking some of the responsibility and making the effort to hold it and communicate their needs. With small breeds, I find this happening closer to eight months and often don't consider them reliably house trained until a year.

## Accidents

When accidents happen, the best thing to do is roll up a newspaper and whack yourself on the head while repeating the words: "I was not watching my puppy. I was not watching my puppy. I was not watching my puppy!" Seriously, I try to figure out what \*I\* did wrong that allowed the accident to happen and how I can prevent it from happening again.

The #1 reason for accidents is incomplete house training. Your pup needs to go a few \*months\* with \*no\* accidents before it is considered house trained. If accidents suddenly start happening in an individual that was otherwise doing well on a house training routine or the need eliminate simply is too plentiful to prevent, it is best to rule out a urinary tract infection with your veterinarian.

## Cleaning

You need to use an enzymatic cleaner that removes the odor when cleaning house training accidents, so the pup isn't drawn back to the same area by smell. If an area is repeatedly used, prevent access to that area by blocking it off with an exercise pen or large object. If you have throw rugs, pick them up until your pup is trained or section off those areas of your house.

If my pup squats right in front of me, I quietly pick him or her up and take him or her outside to finish; usually they are able to stop the flow. Praise for eliminating outside. If I find an accident after-the-fact, I simply clean it up without letting the pup watch me. Only after the pup is really showing signs of understanding the concept of house training, will I add a verbal "not there" when catching the pup, followed by taking him out, telling him to "go pee outside" and praising.

## Trouble-shooting

If the pup is having accidents in the crate, the crate may be too big. You may need to section it off so there is only enough space to be used as a bed. While many pups can hold their bladder and bowels all night, that does not mean they can hold it for six hours during the daytime when they are awake and active. They will naturally have to go more often when the bladder and bowels are being stimulated. Try not to leave the pup crated long enough to have accidents. If the pup regularly urinates on the bedding, remove the bedding until house training is complete. Make sure the crate is a relaxing place, associated with good things by feeding all meals in the crate and giving special edible chews or stuffed frozen treats and toys and having the pup sleep in the crate at night. If the accidents are happening at night, you may need to limit the water intake earlier in the evening and feed the last meal earlier or later.

# Crate Training

By Mary Swinyer

**How?** By making the crate like a safe, secure den or bedroom to your dog. You want the crate associated with positive, pleasant things. Feed all meals in the crate for the first month or so and have some special edible chews or food stuffed toys/frozen treats that they \*only\* get when inside the crate. If they choose not to eat it in the crate, it is removed and put away for later when the pup comes out of the crate.

**Why?** Because crate training speeds house training. Crated is the safest way for dogs to ride in a vehicle. Loose dogs are projectiles in the event of an accident.



They can also escape into traffic after an accident, when rescuers open doors to help human victims. I know show dogs who survived roll-over accidents because they were crated. I know uncrated dogs who suffered serious injury during an accident, others who were hit by cars when they jumped out the open door and one of our own dogs ran off into the woods after an accident when I was a child!

Crating ensures your pup is safe and your home is not being destroyed in your absence.

**When?** Puppies and new dogs can sleep in the crate at night, when you can't supervise them and when you are gone. A crate is also a portable den to take to motels,

**Where?** The size of your dog and the size of your house are probably going to be at least partial determining factors. I've never had large bedrooms with space for crates, so I have a "dog room." I've also had crates in the living area of the home to allow puppies or new dogs to be part of the family while still having structure and a safe space.

**What?** With heavy coated breeds, I usually prefer metal crates that allow air flow and some dogs prefer being able to see out/around. They can always be covered, if desired. Plastic crates are fine for dogs that need to stay warmer and those that don't mind the enclosed style. All dogs should be crate trained to adult-hood in a well-built, sturdy crate. Trying to save money on a flimsy crate with smaller gauge metal or one door latch instead of two, can result in dogs learning to successfully break out of the crate. This tends to teach them to fight harder and can cause physical injury. Once a dog is reliably crate trained, many can use lightweight soft-sided crates and tents.



**At a show, crate is cool and safe**



**We are best buds and quite happy in here**

**Size.** The crate should be big enough for the dog to stand, turn & lie down comfortably. If there is too much space, puppies may eliminate at one end of the crate. Modern metal crates often come with dividers that can be used to section off an area as the puppy grows.

**Bedding.** Often puppies and adolescents will chew bedding, so it must be removed for their safety until they have outgrown this behavior. Some heavy coated breeds enjoy the coolness of the crate pan with no bedding.



**Age.** I usually sleep next to the crate for a few nights when I get a new puppy. In my opinion, puppies are harder to crate train because they are missing their mom and littermates. You may want to give them a stuffed animal and a ticking clock (remember those?!?). Adult dogs that I've boarded or fostered have slept in a crate from the first night. If they will not enter on their own, I calmly put them in butt-first and give them a special edible chew treat. Try not to let dogs out if they are barking, scratching, etc. or they learn the way to get out is to fuss. Try to always let them out after at least several seconds of calm/quiet behavior minimum.

**Do's & Do not's** Do make sure your pooch is comfortable in the crate when you are out of view before leaving him in it when you leave the house, or he may associate the crate with your absence and give the illusion of having Separation Anxiety. Do close the door when you feed your puppy in his crate and at night time. Do not scold your dog and put him angrily in the crate. The crate can be used for a quiet 'time out' much the way a child's bedroom is.

I grew up with multiple dogs and had several as an adult before I was introduced to the concept of crate training. I learned what a valuable skill it is for any and all dogs to have and would never again own a non-crate-trained dog. Even if one chooses not to use a crate once a puppy is house trained and has out-grown destructive chewing, it is a skill that could pay off later if there is ever a need to be able to confine the dog for shipment, travel, illness, injury, etc. My 11 1/2 year old Malamute tore his ACL a couple years ago and had to be confined during recovery from knee surgery. I can't imagine how much more stressful the whole experience would have been on both of us had he not been accustomed to crates, exercise pens and baby gates!!!

When people tell me it's cruel to put a puppy in a "cage," I tell them a few things:

If they are not comfortable with it, it will not work well with their puppy because the pup will pick up on the owner's anxiety! No matter how good something is, it will only be successful if the human is on board with it!

I actually felt guilty that I could not leave my first Malamute's giant crate set up in my small house once he matured... he would stuff himself into my Border Collie's crate!

My dad had dogs his whole life and never used a crate until he was about 80 years old. After my mom passed, dad adopted a sweet rescue dog. I gave him my article on the honeymoon period, but he told me how 'perfect' this dog was. A couple weeks later, dad informed me Holly was barking, peeing in the house, and getting into things. I introduced them to a large plastic varikennel crate. Holly had obviously used a crate before and seemed thankful to have a den to call her own! Dad was sold on crate training from that day on.

Structure builds confidence, while too much freedom and the need for decision-making tend to have the opposite effect. Dogs thrive on structure, rules, boundaries and clear, consistent leadership and guidance. Puppies raised with structure are more likely to be able to earn privileges and have more freedom when they mature.

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