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OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Terry Toussaint
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The Board has approved the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas as the site of the 2019 National and Regional Specialties to be held Sunday October 27 through Saturday November 2. Show Chair Jan Croft has found a site that will comfortably accommodate almost all of our needs and requirements. The judges will be Mr. William Shelton, regional conformation and Mr. Paul Willhauck, national conformation.

Voting for the 2018 and 2019 sweepstakes judges and 2020 conformation judges will take place from July 10 to July 31. For the first time we will be electing the national and regional sweepstakes judges two years in advance in accordance with a 2016 change to our standing rules. Voting will be mostly electronic. We have had excellent success with electronic voting, but you may vote by paper ballot provided you request one from Ruth Levesque. See the ballot instructions later in this Newsletter for details.

Outstanding Service Award: Each year AMCA recognizes a member or members who have made exceptional contributions to our club. If you have a candidate for this award, please contact the Recording Secretary, Cindy Neely (jazzmals@frontier.com) by August 1.

Recording Secretary

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Motion #9: 2016/17: That Standing Rule J-9b be amended to read (addition underlined below):

J-9. Newsletter postage:

b. UK, Canada and Australia [required]--\$20 (Toussaint)

Rationale: This will remedy an inconsistency between the SRs and the renewal form.

FOR: All
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Motion #10:2016/17: That the contract submitted by the Capital Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Topeka, KS be approved for the 2019 Regional & National specialties venue. (Levesque)
FOR: All

Motion #11: 2016/17: That the AMCA Board accept the proposal made by the agility committee to donate \$1500.00 to support the three performance events held with the 2017 Regional & National specialties, specifically Obedience, Rally and Weight Pull. Each of these three events would receive \$500. The individual events' chairs, in cooperation with the National Chair, would determine the expenditure of those funds. (Rogowski)

FOR: All

AMCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee Chair, Tricia Till, submitted the following nominations for the AMCA 2017 Election Ballot:

Stacey Moore--Corresponding Secretary

JoAnn Krause--Recording Secretary

Board of Directors: Joyce DeLay, Sharon Weston, Bonnie McMahon

Nominating Committee Members: Tricia Till, Wendy Willhauck, Mary Jane Holabach, John Dewing & Michelle Podolak

The procedure for self-nomination can be found in the Bylaws, ART IV, Section 4(b), which requires petitions, be received by the Recording Secretary on or before August 1st. Valid petitions must be signed by five regular members. The offices up for election this year are Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and three (3) Directors-at-Large.

In accordance with Standing Rule E-5, AMCA shall offer to publish a concise statement (500 words or less) from each candidate. All statements must be submitted to the Recording Secretary by 1 August.

Interested candidates should submit all petitions and candidate statements by August 1 to: Cindy Neely, 9060 Mountain Home Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826 OR email CNeelyAMCA@gmail.com

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AMCA Calendar of Events

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

IL/WIS AMCW Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	7/28	Waukesha Cty Expo Ctr Waukesha, WI Closes 7/12	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Linda Goba, Show Chair 414-03-3343	Walker Darren (Ireland) Kylie Jo Hirschy-Seivert Victoria Jordan Dale Hafner	C PS/VS/JR C/JR PS/VS
CA SCAMC Concurrent Specialty (with Channel City Kennel Club)	7/7	California State University Channel Islands Camarillo, CA Closes 6/21	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows 323-727-0136 www.jbradshaw.com Patricia Starks, Show Chair kodiackmal@gmail.com	Jon Cole PJ Harrison	C PS/VS
SO Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Houston Specialty Event	7/19	NRG Arena 1 Reliant Center Dr Houston, TX Closes 7/5	Onofrio Dog Shows www.onofrio.com mail@onofrio.com Margie Serage, Show Chair texalmal@gmail.com	Deborah Verdon Karen Brooks Hodges	C/JS PS/VS
NY/NJ AMCA Area Specialty (in conjunction with Sommerset Hills KC)	9/9	No. Branch Park Bridgewater, NJ Closes 8/23	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420 Karyn Colman, Show Chair nyrakym@comcast.net	James A Moses Ed Finnegan	C PS/VS
NY/NJ Empire AMA Affiliate Club Specialty Event	9/10	No. Branch Park Bridgewater, NJ Closes 8/23	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420 Cindy Skyler, Show Chair 973-584-6598	Barbara Burns Eileen Gabriel	C PS/VS
PNW Snow King Alaskan Malamute Fanciers 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 www.barayevents.com 360-755-7086 John Dewing, Show Chair john_dewing@hotmail.com	Ryann Grady Jerry Watson	C PS/VS

SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

CA Supported Entry with Kennel Club of The California Sierra	5/28	EIDorado County Fairgrounds Placerville, CA Closes 5/10	MB-F Patty Peel	Terry B Carter Patricia Sparks	C PS/VS
CA Supported Entry with Kennel Club of The California Sierra	5/29	EIDorado County Fairgrounds Placerville, CA Closes 5/10	MB-F Patty Peel	Pat Hastings Diane Collings	C PS/VS
CA Supported Entry with Channel City Kennel Club	7/7	California State University Channel Islands Camarillo, CA Closes 6/21	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows Patricia Starks	Arley Hussin	C
CA Supported Entry with Santa Maria Kennel Club	7/8	California State University Channel Islands Camarillo, CA Closes 6/21	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows Patricia Starks	Linda Robey	C
CA Supported Entry with Santa Maria Kennel Club (Summerfest Cluster Clubs)	7/9	California State University Channel Islands Camarillo, CA Closes 6/21	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows Patricia Starks	Kenneth Buxton	C

AGILITY TRIALS

AMCA All-Breed Agility Trials	7/7 7/8 7/9	Countryside Agility Training Center 2321 W 38 th St Erie, PA Opens 5/10 Closes 6/21	Denise Thomas 914-315-6668 cstrialentries@aol.com Laura Heft, Trial Chair granitemalamutes@gmail.com	Michele Fletcher (all three days)	7/7: T2B Exc/Master/ Premier only: STD, JWW and Exc/Master FAST 7/8 & 9: All levels: STD, JWW plus T2B
AMCA All-Breed Agility Trials	7/14 7/15 7/16	Bella Vista Training Center 730 Mt Airy Rd Lewisberry, PA Opens 5/1 Closes 6/30	Robert Kripaitis 717-542-0427 trialesec@ptd.net Stephanie Capkovic, Trial Chair bwwestie@ptd.net	Monica Hendrickson (all three days)	7/14: T2B Exc/Master/ Premier only: STD, JWW and Exc/Master FAST 7/15 & 16: All levels: STD, JWW, FAST plus T2B
AMCA All-Breed Agility Trials	9/1 9/2 9/3	Syracuse Obedience Training Club 6392 Deere Rd Syracuse, NY Opens 7/5 Closes 8/18	Karen Vanderburgh 315-453-2799 kjvander@aol.com Pam Renock, Trial Chair sledmals@gmail.com	Paul Mount (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

Updates to this event calendar will be made when the required AKC paperwork has been received from the Show Chairs and submitted to AKC for their approval by the Vice President.

Treasurer's report

There will not be a treasurer's report this month.

Due to an unexpected hospital stay and long recuperation period, I am not able to get the treasurer's report in this issue. I will have two in the next issue.

Lucy sanders

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you have any last minutes ads, contact Betsy to see if we still have time. Cover is sold, but plenty of room inside 765-277-1203 or bcpublications1203@gmail.com

Committee Reports & Special Reports

From the Editor

Holly Levinter

I'm delighted to report that we received six articles from the AMCA Performance group. It goes to show that when members are proud of their dogs and the titles they accomplish, they are happy to share their knowledge and experiences. It didn't take much coaxing for these people to write about the sport they love. Thank you for your wonderful stories to Colleen Belanger (who wrote three articles for this issue and written others in the past), Peggy Anderson (who has also written in this issue and in the past), Raissa Hinman and Jen Effler for all your efforts.

Thank you also to our members who have sent in pictures and articles in the for previous issues: Raissa Hinman, Mary Swinyer, Nicola Singh, Kathi Fraser, Amy Novak, Wendy Corr, Michelle Podolak, Bob and Nancy Russell, April Paonessa, and Karyn Colman. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. I hope all of you would consider another article and that the rest of our AMCA members will consider writing about their sport. It doesn't matter what the subject is as long as it is dog related and should be of interest to our members. It can be about weight pulling, carting, sledding, hiking, training, leashes, swimming, socializing, visiting with your dog, harnesses, treats, supplements, there is no end of interesting topics.

We are also pleased to announce that Tammy Doukas from the Health Committee has agreed to write regularly about medical issues in the NL.

We would like to remind our members this newsletter has a Members Forum where you can ask questions or give your opinion. The only rules we enforce is that your comments be respectful, are not abusively controversial and you do not use the space for free advertising of your dogs or products.

Send your article or story to us at hlev@rogers.com

Announcement by the Health Committee

Tammy Doukas will publish a question and answer section in the Newsletter on behalf of the Health Committee. You are encouraged to send health questions about anything malamute-health related to her and she will try to answer as many of them as possible. Because the Newsletters are bi-monthly, she will answer people directly via email. If the same questions are asked by multiple people, the answer will be published in the following newsletter.

She will do her best to provide factual information, distinguishing between published facts or popular belief in scientific fields and those which are speculation. If there are questions to which she doesn't know the answer, she will ask other researchers or veterinarians and report back from them.

Please send your questions to: tdoukas@alumni.stanford.edu

AKC Performance Awards & Stats

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It's been a while since there has been a column in NL because NOBODY writes to me about their brags anymore! Please – if you're proud of what your dog has accomplished, take 15 seconds and send me a message on what they've done. Not everyone reads your Facebook posts.

Julia Cole wrote to me about her experience at the Rally National Championship last month in Perry, GA. THANK YOU, JULIA! She writes, "DRAMA, **GCH Spectre's Just Keep Talkin' RA**, and I qualified to compete in the 2017 Rally National Championship which was held in Perry, GA at the end of March. It was a long drive, but worth it. DRAMA and I earned a cumulative score of 198 out of 200 and in a six-way tie for 10th place, missing an official placement by time only. Overall we placed 15 out of 73 teams in competition. I am very proud of what she has accomplished.

I began training her in the summer of 2016, with trials in August and October earning her qualification to compete in the 2017 RNC. She is already qualified in Advanced for the 2018 RNC to be held at Purina Farms and is currently training for the Excellent title."

Congratulations Julia and DRAMA!

The year-end stats are also in this newsletter for 2016. If you see a different ranking or point value than you expected for your dog, please let me know. Otherwise I'll be mailing out the certificates in early July (and also mailing out 2015...)

Our malamutes were busy this year. There were 24 **new** Obedience titles, 32 **new** Rally titles, 91 **new** agility titles, 5 Coursing Ability titles, 3 Coursing Ability Advanced titles, 1 Coursing Ability Excellent title, 2 Novice Barn Hunt titles, 1 Open Barn Hunt title, 1 Therapy Dog Novice title, 1 Therapy Dog title, 38 Canine Good Citizens, 7 Community Canines (Canine Good Citizen Advanced), and 4 Canine Good Citizen Urbans.

Congratulations to all of you! I love seeing the variety of names and dogs achieving all these titles. You're all good ambassadors for our breed in the performance world and I appreciate that.

Next up, here are the AMCA obedience awards for 2017. First, we'll review the rules for the AMCA obedience awards. **The Black Hawk Memorial Award** goes to the malamute of either sex whose average of the three qualifying scores is the highest for that year. **The Flaming Flirt Memorial Award** goes to the dog of the opposite sex to the Black Hawk Award winner whose average of the three qualifying scores is the highest for his/her sex. If a dog were to NQ at a trial between the first and second leg or between the second and third qualifying leg, the average of the three qualifying scores would not be affected. If a dog were to achieve extra legs toward a title, only the first three scores are counted. The owner/handler must have been a member of AMCA at the time of earning the third leg.

Traditionally, the Black Hawk and Flaming Flirt awards are reserved for Novice dogs, whereas the **Oonanik Memorial Award** goes to that dog earning any of the advanced titles with the highest average of the three qualifying scores. Should a dog be awarded a UDX, the average of the 10 combined qualifying scores would be considered.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the **Black Hawk Memorial Award** goes to...

Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou? (D)!

Sire: CH Kaviak N Spectre Start A Riot
Dam: Spectre's Killer Queen
Breeder: Julia Cole
Owner: Julia Cole
Score: 187.6

We don't normally mention Black Hawk Memorial Award runners up, but this year it came down literally to decimal points. So a special shout out to **Canusa's R Man Flint** who got an average of 187.2 with John Telling.

All of the malamutes who were eligible for the awards (owners are AMCA members, dogs earned their Companion dog title) were males, so there is no Flaming Flirt award this year.

Lastly the Oonanik Memorial Award winner is...

Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin' (D)!

Sire: Black Ice's High Voltage
Dam: Mtn.Home's Aura Of Arcticdawn
Breeder: Raissa Hinman
Owner: Raissa Hinman

Congratulations to ALL of you! Thank you for all that you do with your dogs and for showing people that Alaskan malamutes CAN do performance events.

Health Committee Update:

Sandi Shrager

A few updates from your health committee, and what they may mean as to how we move forward in our health projects and initiatives/focus.

This month in the Newsletter you will see a summary of ongoing health research initiatives and projects at the Canine Health Foundation. We want to keep you updated on what current projects are out there, and get a sense of what areas the membership is interested in. As I stressed in our annual report, while we will always keep our breed-specific projects active and ongoing (such as the search for the Chd gene at the University of Finland in Helsinki, or the Northern Breeds cataract project in the UK), there is a great deal of research ongoing with regards to other major diseases that affect our dogs. This research tends to not be breed specific, and often doesn't focus solely on "genetic testing" or "genetic defects". However, these projects still have a great deal of potential for having a positive impact on our breed. Most of us have experienced the devastating diagnosis of cancer in our dogs, as well as those of our puppy buyers/owners, or friends. As a breeder, nothing has been more depressing for me than hearing that a seven year old dog has received a death sentence. There are research studies on osteosarcoma (bone cancer) and hemangiosarcoma, both of which we are seeing regularly in our breed, as well as other forms of cancer that are less common. Some of these studies are looking at genetic tendencies, but others focus on treatment options and their success/failure rates.

Similarly, tick-borne diseases are on the rise, and the impact of these upon both human and canine health is only just being more broadly understood. New tick-borne diseases are being identified, as are the methods for diagnosing and treating these effectively. Many of us have owned a dog who has "blown out their knee", and required cruciate ligament surgery—a very costly and time-consuming medical event with a huge impact upon ours and our dogs' lives. This is also an area of active research. Wouldn't it be great to be able to identify alternative forms of treatment—or prevention—that might be even more effective? These are only a few areas of research—there are hundreds of studies

ongoing at CHF. This month's article summarizes the initiatives that CHF is highlighting. I promise that we will NOT abandon our historical and breed-specific studies. The Chd project will continue until a gene is found. As long as the research continues into northern breed eye disease, we will contribute samples and funding as requested. We will continue to seek DNA samples from dogs affected by diagnosed alopecia/coat funk, and develop a study as enough are identified.

However, I do fear our history has had us overly focused on "trying to find a gene" for disease, rather than seeing that health research is a very large and evolving field that we can contribute to in many other ways. We have contributed to the epilepsy initiative, which has had some success in finding genetic markers of the disease in other breeds. This will only help us down the road, as more is understood about the disease and how it is different across dogs and breeds.

The good news is that through the generosity of our membership and some really effective fundraising efforts, our Donor Advised Fund at the CHF has grown. When I started on the health committee, our balance was \$2,177. As of the end of 2016, the balance was over \$23,000. At the beginning of the year, we also received a donation from the Agility Committee for \$1,000—thank you to Wendy Corr and Laura Heft for their hard work and the support this committee has provided. These funds help to put us in a position to support a variety of different projects and areas of research. However, I do feel we need the membership's input on what those should be. Over the next few months, we intend to put together a survey to help identify what your priorities are so that we can identify projects which match these interests.

Finally, a reminder that at the Annual Meeting the membership overwhelmingly voted to make testing for Polyneuropathy a requirement for CHIC certification. We have started that process with the AKC and expect it to take effect soon. As soon as we have an of-

ficial date we will let the membership know, and will have guidelines and instructions posted clearly on the AMCA

website. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate

to contact me. Additionally, please remember that the committee is always looking for help and volunteers!

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Remember that all of the application forms for certification are available on the AMCA web site. There are handy fillable PDF forms and that is the preferred format when you submit your paperwork to me by e-mail.

Big CONGRATULATIONS to our latest recipients of AMCA Working Dog titles!

Working Lead Dog

- #166 Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun BN RE AX AXJ
- #167 Mountain Home's Powder Hound CDX RAE CGC

Owner(s)

Raissa Hinman
Lara McDonald & Matt Mead

Working Team Dog

- #1419 My Alaskan Winter Dream
- #1420 Nordiclight's Zipp
- #1421 Nordiclight's Zach
- #1422 Kimbear's Bothel Chasing The Storm For Blacksummit
- #1423 Kimbear's Bothel Sense Of Snow At Blacksummit
- #1424 Grand Reef Rock Illa Kuvianartok At Whiteout
- #1425 Indian Dreamcatcher Illa Kuvianartok At Whiteout
- #1426 Articrainbow Viva Las Vegas At Flintsky
- #1427 Juneau's California Gold Quest
- #1428 Chic In Time Shamanrock
- #1429 Checkmate Shamanrock
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- #812 Cedarcreek Frozen In Time
- #813 Cedarcreek Frozen Asset
- #814 Nordicwinds All Attitude
- #815 Cinneli Canadian Ace

Owner(s)

Karina Burger & Tim O'Brien
Claudia Hess & Robin Hug
Kathleen & Mike Tully
Jeri El Dissi
Joan & Jeff Sheehan
Paula Pyper & Gary Roach
Mark Reisner
Julie & Ric Edwards
Marina Page
Marina Page & Donna Jarvis
Donna Jarvis & Sharon Troisi
John & Kay Botterill

Working Pack Dog

- #851 Paha Sapa Mals Burt Rutan
- #852 Rivendell Mals Shining Star
- #853 Amarone Del Lago Degli Orsi
- #854 Sassicaia Del Lago Degli Orsi
- #855 Grand Reef Rock Illa Kuvianartok At Whiteout
- #856 Tuvaq
- #857 Electric Rave Storm Inditarod

Owner(s)

Alessandro Avigni
Stefano Ladolfi
Marco Ripamonti
Marco Ripamonti
Corinna Clarke
Rasha & Tim Nijenhuis
Rasha & Tim Nijenhuis

Raising the Bar

By Raissa Hinman

Over the years, we have done a lot of things that Alaskan Malamutes have not done before, or so I've been told. I don't think a lot about that because it is just what we do. Except for BOOTSTRAP's mother, AURA who was the first Malamute to be invited to the National Obedience Invitational (NOI), I have never been deeply moved by being a 'first' until this year's NOI.

BOOTSTRAP and I left for the 2017 National Obedience Championship (NOC) with some trepidation. I tried to keep my expectations low and hoped we might place in the Working Group as we had in previous years, but never, in my wildest dreams did ever imagine we would make the Top 50, all breed. Top 50 does not sound too wild, I know, but believe me, for us it is, especially in the company of the top Obedience competitors in the country, many of whom are our friends and teachers that regularly put us out of the competition at the local shows.

Thursday March 16, just ten days out from the NOC, I woke to find BOOTSTRAP very sick. He would not come in from outside, and when he did, he went and hid. When I got him out of hiding, he stood and trembled, looking at his breakfast. It was

only 5 o'clock am and I rushed him to the local Animal Emergency clinic. The long and short of it was a bladder infection and some fallout from a dreaded tick borne disease. Some powerful antibiotics later and my beloved BOO was good to go.

Whenever I travel to a big event like the NOC, I always try and think of how I will deal with it if we totally bomb. I don't have a lot of money for travel these days and an almost week long adventure to Perry Georgia was a big deal for us. Though I often doubted my wisdom in going to the NOC, I just knew I had to go.

Saturday morning was the beginning of a big day of lots of showing. On that day, you compete in eight obedience rings at the NOC. When you are done with the eight rings, you have completed every one of the Open B and Utility B exercises, twice. That makes a total of twenty exercises, plus the one, dreaded, "Stay" group. Last year at the NOC, BOOTSTRAP NQd his first drop on recall, and went on to qualify in everything else. This year, he did not NQ a single exercise, which for a dog with a normally 50% qualifying rate, is nothing shy of a small miracle!

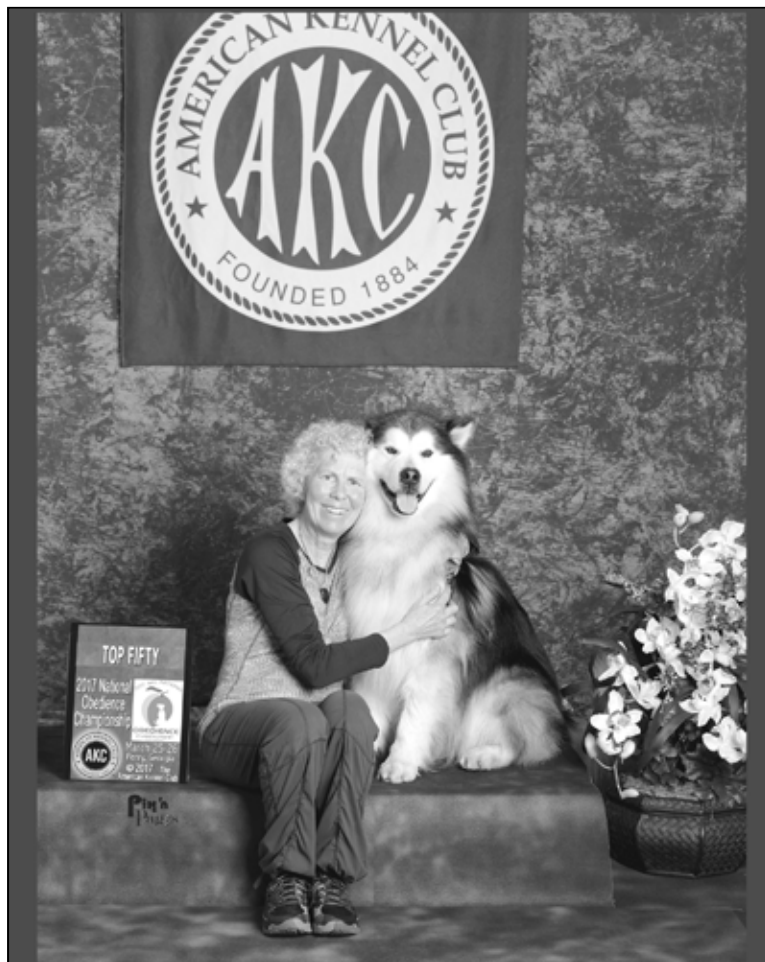




We did make several of what we obedience geeks call, “substantial errors”. He dropped his dumb bell no fewer than three times. Still, he dropped it where I could reach it. We qualified! We showed and we showed! I laughed! The judges laughed, and we showed some more. We were in Agility too as BOOTSTRAP needed relief from all that retrieving. There are three retrieves in Utility and two in Open. BOOTSTRAP was supposed to bring me 10, count them.....10 wooden sticks and pieces of cloth, known as gloves and dumbbells, and he has never quite understood why I would want any of it. He needed a few jumps and tunnels.

At the end of the day, without having looked at the scoreboards, I sat with everyone while they announced the top 50. It went something like this, “Golden, Golden, Golden, Golden, Golden, Border Collie, Golden, Golden, Golden, Border Collie, Border Collie, Golden, Golden, Labrador Retriever, Golden, Sheltie and on for 32 of the like, one Rottie, one Corgi and..... ALASKAN MALAMUTE. It was a first. An Alaskan Malamute had just placed in the Top 50 at the National Obedience Championship. It was my BOO. Go for it. For my first time, I felt very deeply that “we had raised the bar. “

Editor
What a heartwarming story Raissa. You and BOOTSTRAP are an inspiration to all of us.





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.

New England Area report (Submitted by Jane Palinkas)

NY/NJ Area (Submitted by Eileen Rogers)

Name of Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association Saturday March 4, 2017

Judge: Dr. Kenneth A. Doeg

16: D=2 (1 pts) B=7 (5 pt) Sp=7 (5D, 2B)

BOB: CH Pekaboos Red Bull (D) Theriaque

BOS: GCH Echo Myn's A Little Night Music (B) Carey

BOW/WB: Luv Sno's Uptown Girl CGCA BN CD RE (B) Palinkas:

WD: Banshee's Dunked in Black Velvet (D) Santiago, Way

RW: Paha Sapa Mals Heritage of Ziggy Stardust (D) Williams, Avigni

SD: GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining BN,RN (D) Mustich, Martin

SB: CH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney CGCA,CD,RE (B) Palinkas

Name of Show: Onondaga Kennel Association April 1 2017

Ken J. Murray 8: D=0 (0 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 3 (1D, 2B)

BOB: GCH. Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D) (Hausner)

BOS/BOBOH: GCH. Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music (B) Carey

SB: CH Granite's Rise 'N To The Challenge Rn Njp Nfp (B) Heft

WB: Uyak Lloyd Neck Lily Honigman

Name of Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association March 5, 2017

Judge: Mrs. Terrie Breen

15: D=2 (1 pts) B=7 (5 pts) Sp=6 (5D, 1B)

BOB: CH Pekaboo's Red Bull (D) Theriaque

AOM: CH Snocreek's Offer U Can't Refuse (D) Capuano

BOS: CG MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney CGCA,CD,RE (B) Palinkas

BOW/WD: Banshee's Dunked in Black Velvet (D) Santiago, Way

RWD: Paha Sapa Mals Heritage of Ziggy Stardust (D) Williams, Avigni

WB: Luv Sno's Uptown Girl CGCA,BM,CD,RE, (B) Palinkas

RWB: Snocreek's U Know U Want It (B) Martin

SD: GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining BN,RN (D) Mustich, Martin

We apologize for this late report as it was not submitted at the proper time.

AMCA SUPPORTED ENTRY

Springfield Kennel Club, Inc 11/27/16

Judge: Mrs. Linda Clark

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

BOB: Pekaboos Red Bull (D) (Theriaque)

BOS/OH: GCH Snocreek's Oh The Drama (Martin)

BOW/WD: Pekaboos Red Bull (D) (Theriaque)

RWD: Snocreek's Limited Edition (Martin)

WB: Luv Sno's Uptown Girl CGCA BN CD RE (Palinkas)

RWB: Wolfholic's Turbulance over OWYEE (Hisatake/Turrin)

SD: CH Pekaboos Hot Licks (Theriaque)

SB: CH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Rough CD RN CGC DN (Palinkas)

Sweeps

Judge: Mr Kent D. MacFarlane

BSW Veteran: CH Pekaboos Hot Licks (D) (Theriaque)

BOSSW: GCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' The Rough CD RN CGC DN (Palinkas)

SW Puppy: Snocreek's Limited Edition (D) (Martin)

- BOB:** GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow,CD WWPDA (D) (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer) (from the 8-10 Years Veteran Dog Class):
- BOS:** CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Brilliance at Battlefield (B) (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)
- WD:** Banshee's Above All Else (Carlene Way)
- RWD:** Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- WB/BW:** Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood,CGC (Michael & Alicia McGuire)
- RWB:** Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- SD:** CH Amook's Victory Lap (Cheryl O. McFarland)
- SB:** CH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl,BN,CD,RE,CGCA (Jane and Vicki Palinkas)

REGULAR CLASSES

Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior (Valarie Thawle & Brenda Lemon)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 Banshee's Above All Else (Carlene Way)
- 2 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman)

Open Dogs

(no entry)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Queen Of Country (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Owyhee Fireworks At Benchmark (Phyllis Hamilton & Gay Hisatake)
- 3 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 Attaris N Starlight's Atka (Debra L. Rogers)
- 2 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)
- 3 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman)

Open Bitches

- 1 Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood,CGC (Michael & Alicia McGuire)
- 2 Kalamals Snocreek Leap Of Faith (Julie Kalamaja)

Non-Regular Veteran Classes

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow,CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES – Judge Benjamin Ogburn

Entries: 12 D = 5 B = 7

Best In Sweepstakes: Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (D) (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Best Opposite: Uyak Hurricane Hana(B) (Paula Honigman)

Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)
- 3 Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior (Valarie Thawley & Brenda Lemon)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Queen Of Country (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)
- 3 Owyhee Fireworks At Benchmark (Phyllis Hamilton & Gay Hisatake)

Graduate Dogs 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)

Graduate Bitches 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
- 2 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Veteran Sweepstakes
Judge: Benjamin Ogburn
Entries: 3 D = 1 B = 2

Best In Sweepstakes: GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)
Best Opposite: Kloud Burst's Easy To Be Elegant (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 8 Years and Under 10 Years

- 1 Kloud Burst's Easy To Be Elegant (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

AMCA Specialty Show, Hosted by the Alaskan Malamute Association of Eastern Pennsylvania (In Conjunction with the Harrisburg KC) Harrisburg, PA	04/15/2017 (Saturday)	Conformation Judge: Angela J. Porpora	28 Total D-7 (4 pts) B-10 (5 pts) Specials: D = 5 B = 3 Veterans: D = 1 B = 2
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- BOB:** GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining, RN, BN (D) (Mickie & Muncy Mustich)
BOS: GCH Banshee Shining Star (B) (Carlene Way)
WD: Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
RWD: Snocreek's The Force Awakens (Bonnie & James Martin)
WB/BW: Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
RWB: Kalamals Snocreek Leap Of Faith (Julie Kalamaja)
SD: GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (D) (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer) (from the 8-10 Years Veteran Dog Class):
SB: CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Brilliance at Battlefield (B) (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)

REGULAR CLASSES**Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months**

- 1 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)
- 3 Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior (Valarie Thawley)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Queen Of Country (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Owyhee Fireworks At Benchmark (Phyllis Hamilton & Gay Hisatake)
- 3 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 Snocreek's The Force Awakens (Bonnie & James Martin)
- 2 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
- 3 Banshee's Above All Else (Carlene Way)

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)
- 2 Attaris N Starlight's Atka (Debra L. Rogers)
- 3 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)

Open Dogs
(no entry)

Open Bitches

- 1 Kalamals Snocreek Leap Of Faith (Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood, CGC (Michael & Alicia McGuire)

Non-Regular Veteran Classes

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA
- 2 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES – Judge: Michele Coburn

Entries: 12 D = 5 B = 7

Best In Sweepstakes: Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)

Best Opposite: Uyak Hurricane Hana(B) (Paula Honigman)

Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)
- 2 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 3 Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior (Valarie Thawley & Brenda Lemon)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Graduate Dogs 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Queen Of Country (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)
- 3 Owyhee Fireworks At Benchmark (Phyllis Hamilton & Gay Hisatake)

Graduate Bitches 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
- 2 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Veteran Sweepstakes

Judge: Michele Coburn

Entries: 4 D = 1 B = 3

Best In Sweepstakes: CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA

Best Opposite: GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 8 Years and Under 10 Years

- 1 Kloud Burst's Easy To Be Elegant (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA
- 2 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

**AMCA Mid-East Area Specialty Show,
Hosted by the Alaskan Malamute Association
of Eastern Pennsylvania
(In Conjunction with Mason & Dixon KC)
Harrisburg, PA**

**04/16/2017
(Sunday)**

**Conformation
Judge:
Patricia Hastings**

**25 Total
D-6 (4 pts) B-8 (5 pts)
Specials: D = 4 B = 4
Veterans: D = 1 B = 2**

BOB: CH Amook's Victory Lap (Cheryl O. McFarland)
BOS: GCH Banshee Shining Star (B) (Carlene Way)
WD: Banshee's Above All Else (Carlene Way)
RWD: Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
WB/BW: Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood,CGC (Michael & Alicia McGuire)
RWB: Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
CH Kalamals Snocreek All Guns Blazing (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
SD:
SB: CH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl,BN,CD,RE,CGCA (Jane and Vicki Palinkas)

REGULAR CLASSES

Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 Banshee's Above All Else (Carlene Way)
- 2 Snocreek's The Force Awakens (Bonnie & James Martin)
- 3 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)

Open Dogs

(no entry)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
- 2 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)
- 3 Attaris N Starlight's Atka (Debra L. Rogers)

Open Bitches

- 1 Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood,CGC (Michael & Alicia McGuire)
- 2 Kalamals Snocreek Leap Of Faith (Julie Kalamaja)

Non-Regular Veteran Classes

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow,CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA
- 2 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES – Judge: Kathy Schmidt

Entries: 10 D = 4 B = 6

Best In Sweepstakes:

Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (D) (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Best Opposite:

Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (B) (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)

Puppy Dogs 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Should've Been A Cowboy (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)
- 2 Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (Rick & Bev Pfeiffer)

Puppy Bitches 6 Months & Under 9 Months

- 1 Kalamals Enchanted Ella (Eric & Julie Kalamaja)

Puppy Dogs 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Graduate Dogs 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's When I Live My Dreams Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)

Puppy Bitches 9 Months & Under 12 Months

- 1 Uyak Hurricane Hana (Paula Honigman)
- 2 Snocreek Seneca Sue (Richard & Lisa Shanfeld)
- 3 Owyhee 4th Of July Independent Lady At Small (Elmer Snyder & Gay Hisatake)

Graduate Bitches 12-18 Months

- 1 Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan (Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo)
- 2 Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay (Sandra & James Komaromy)

Veteran Sweepstakes

Judge: Kathy Schmidt

Entries: 4 D = 1 B = 3

Best In Sweepstakes: GCH. Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Best Opposite: CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA

Veteran Dogs 8 Years and Under 10 Years

- 1. GCH Awanunas Tornado Of Snow, CD WWPDA (Rick and Bev Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 8 Years and Under 10 Years

- 1 Kloud Burst's Easy To Be Elegant (Richard & Roseann Deutsch)

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 12 Years

- 1 CH Maskaraid N Luvsno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGCA
- 2 CH Banshee Frost Willow (Debra L. Rogers)

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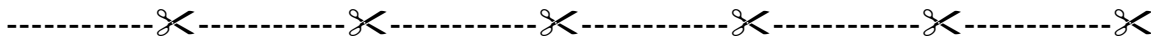
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TOP TWENTY



Standings through April 30, 2017

Hey everyone!

On behalf of the Top Twenty Committee, I would like to congratulate the following Malamutes on qualifying for this year's Top Twenty Event, to be held in conjunction with this year's National Specialty. I encourage everyone to come "Rock the Night Away" and celebrate these wonderful Malamutes on Thursday, October 26 at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH.

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 Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	457	J Dewing/R Dysart
2	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud (D)	410	A Syar/L Newburn/R Pohl/M Stone
3	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal (D)	312	G Box-Young
4	GCH Ice Fall's Locked "N" Loaded (D)	287	D Roberts/L Ryer
5	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	217	H Donovan
6	GCH Nyrakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljkn (B)	212	K Colman/J Nirhamo
7	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	207	D Roberts-Burrill/B McMahon Howen
8	GCH Peace River's Bling It On (B)	206	M Coburn/A Syar
9	GCH Snoklassic Pokerflat Silverice Mr. Freeze (D)	164	A Syar/M Stone
10	GCH Ixa's Dontcha Wish Your Girl Friend Was Hot Likeme (B)	163	A Mayberry-Welch
11	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe (D)	152	J Weston/S Weston
12	GCH Windswepts The Games Afoot At Stormrunner (D)	146	C Rogowski/L Rogowski/M Wild
13	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma (B)	140	B McMahon Howen/S Lindeman
14	CH Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck (D)	138	J Wild
15	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	136	K Hausner
16	GCH Sno Quest's For The Holy Grail (D)	107	A Sautbine/M Sautbine
17	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	90	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
18	GCH Illusion's Straight Polar Fortune (D)	88	D Nusz/T Nusz
19	GCH Alcan Disco Dancer At Ranmar (D)	86	A Rubenstein/H Rubenstein
20	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance (B)	81	J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel

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



ATTENTION ALL REGULAR AMCA MEMBERS!

First Round Judge Selection Poll 2020 Conformation 2018 and 2019 Sweepstakes

Membership polling for the Regional & National Specialty Judges will open on Monday, July 10, 2017 and close at 23:59 EDT on Monday, July 31, 2017. The tallied results of this electronic poll will produce a list of the top 15 names for each category for the SECOND ROUND of balloting which will be conducted with the Annual Election Ballot later this year.

ALL REGULAR MEMBERS with an email registered with AMCA will be sent a poll invitation by e-mail. The goal is to verify that all members who wish to vote electronically can receive the e-mail and connect to the balloting website without issue. The sender e-mail address will be <AMCA@SimplyVoting.com> so please make sure your e-mail program's spam filters will allow emails from this address.

The invitations will be sent on July 10, 2017. Everyone should receive their e-mail within 24 hours. If you DO NOT receive your e-mail notice by July 13, 2017, please check your spam folder. If you still have not seen this e-mail, please contact the **Election Manager (EM), Michael McGuire**, for guidance at <AMCA-MGM@comcast.net>. Please report any problems to the EM so we can iron them out before the annual ballot later this year.

The listings of eligible judges for nomination are included in this Newsletter for your review. It is highly suggested that you review this alphabetical listing of conformation and sweepstakes judges and determine your selections PRIOR TO OPENING THE SURVEY to record your choices. Your survey may time out if you take too long to record and submit your entry.

All members are encouraged to use the electronic polling method which has proven to be very successful the past few years. YOU WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A HARD COPY POLLING BALLOT SINCE THIS FIRST ROUND JUDGE SELECTION POLL IS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY. However, if you are unable to submit your choices electronically a hard copy poll will be AVAILABLE UPON YOUR REQUEST.

If you desire a hard copy for this poll you must submit your request directly to:

Ruth Levesque, P O Box 667, Tolland, CT 06084-0667

(860) 871-9001 (h) or (860) 214-0972 (c) or via e-mail at <amcabod.levesque@gmail.com>

**IF YOU PLAN TO REQUEST A HARD COPY OF THE POLL BALLOT BE SURE TO ALLOW
ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU TO RECEIVE IT AND RETURN IT BY THE JULY 31 DEADLINE.**

Returns received AFTER July 31, 2017 will not be counted.

Each member may ONLY SUBMIT ONE POLL RESPONSE, either electronic or hard copy. All hard copy responses will be verified against the electronic results to ensure only one ballot is submitted per member.

2018 and 2019 National & Regional Specialty Sweepstakes Judge List

2018 National & Regional Specialties - Great Lakes Region (Huron, OH)

2019 National & Regional Specialties – Central Region (Topeka, KS)

Membership Notice: In 2016 Standing Rule H-8 was changed to allow the selection of Sweepstakes Judges TWO years in advance rather than ONE year. Due to this SR change AMCA needs to align the balloting procedures accordingly. The FIRST ROUND polling procedure will remain unchanged. The tally results will be used to produce a list of 15 names for the SECOND ROUND which will be held with the Annual Election Ballot. The results of the SECOND ROUND will produce a list of the top TEN judges in rank order. These results will be used to fulfill the FOUR upcoming sweepstakes assignments; 2018 and 2019 National and Regional Specialties in accordance with SR H-7 and H-13.

The names listed with an asterisk (*) are not eligible for all open assignments due to their appointment as a National Show Chair for events included in this poll. Their names have been included in this listing since they are eligible for an assignment in the year which they are not chairing the events.

The top 15 judges from this poll will be used for the Second Round Ballot.

The following individuals meet the 10 year AMCA membership requirement and have indicated on their 2017 renewal application their desire to have their name placed on this 1st Round Poll.

Each member may select ten (10) judges from this list.

It is highly suggested that you review this alphabetical listing of eligible sweepstakes judges and determine your selections prior to opening the survey to record your choices. Your survey may time out if you take too long to record and submit your entry.

S601	Allen, Linda	S627	Hamilton, Phyllis	S653	Raynes, Kathy
S602	Anton, Sharon	S628	Harrison, PJ	S654	Rehmert, Renee
S603	Avigni, Alessandro	S629	Hood, Dorothy	S655	Roberts, Linda
S604	Baker, Twila	S630	Howarth, Kathleen	S656	Rowe, Carmen
S605	Bedell, Amanda	S631	Hukill, Karen	S657	Salvadore, Barbara (*)
S606	Bedell, Suzanne	S632	Hunyada, Debbie	S658	Sautbine, Andrea
S607	Boughton, John	S633	Jacobs, Jocelynn	S659	Schmidt, Kathy
S608	Bowen, Carol	S634	Lauridsen, Michael	S660	Schwartzapfel, Harold
S609	Bursten, Beatrice	S635	Lind, Jacquita	S661	Ste Jhoure, Lynda
S610	Carriegan, Cynthia	S636	Loades, Sharon	S662	Stice, Mary
S611	Cebula, Bunny	S637	Loucks, Jeffery	S663	Taylor, Karen Ann
S612	Chauvie, Cynthia	S638	Maeda, Sachi	S664	Taylor, Laurie
S613	Cleek, Margaret	S639	Manus, Brenda	S665	Thomas, Alice
S614	Collins, Dennis	S640	Martin, Thea	S666	Thomas, Leesa
S615	Corkum, Kathleen	S641	Martin-Nutzell, Druanne	S667	Till, Tricia
S616	Corr, Jennifer	S642	McCallum, Kate (Salvadore)	S668	Turner, Shelley Anne
S617	Croft, Janice (*)	S643	McMahon-Howen, Bonnie	S669	Unterholzner, Dorothy
S618	Edwards, Diana	S644	Montee, Rebecca	S670	Upmeijer, Erna
S619	Edwards, Kevin	S645	Newburn, Laurie	S671	Van Zandt, Jay
S620	Effler-Leveille, Jennifer	S646	Olmem, Evie	S672	Walker, Michel
S621	Ellis, Sue	S647	Paule, Judy Anne	S673	Way, Carlene
S622	Ford, Pat	S648	Pohl, Ron	S674	Welch, Ann Mayberry-
S623	Foster, Cynthia	S649	Price, Eddie	S675	Wells, Maria
S624	Franck, Dianne	S650	Putman, Ed	S676	Wild, Marcia
S625	Fusco, Pamela	S651	Quercio-Traxler, Bernadette		
S626	Hagan, Gidget	S652	Ramsey, Noel		

The following individuals are INELIGIBLE in accordance with Standing Rule H-1 since they have judged either a Regional or National specialty sweepstakes within the past five (5) years. These individuals will become eligible in the sixth year following their previous assignment.

2013	Beam, Lynda	2014	Colman, Karyn	2015	DeLay, Joyce	2016	Toussaint, Terry	2017	Corr, Wendy
2013	Schultz, Helen	2014	Williams, Carol	2015	Wells, Laurie	2016	Neely, Cynthia	2017	Stone, Mike

2020 National & Regional Specialty Conformation Judges List – FIRST Round

Electronic Polling will be conducted during July 2017. Members will receive an email with a unique link to their specific polling ballot. Each member will ONLY BE ABLE TO SUBMIT ONE POLL RESPONSE.

The preferred method is electronically, however, hardcopy will **ONLY** be available upon request and responses will be verified against the electronic results. A hard copy may be obtained by contacting
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or via email at amcabod.levesque@gmail.com

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2020 National & Regional Conformation Judge List

Compiled from the AKC 2017 Electronic Judges Directory*

Each member may select ten (10) judges from this list.

The 2020 National & Regional Specialties will be held in the West Coast Region.

It is highly suggested that you review this alphabetical listing of eligible judges and determine your selections prior to opening the survey to record your choices. Your survey may time out if you take too long to record and submit your entry.

The top 15 judges from this poll will be used for the SECOND Round Ballot.

C101	Alderman, Barbara	C129	Berrios, Alberto	C157	Bube, Kathy	C185	Conradt, Michael
C102	Alexander, Carolyn	C130	Berrios, Terry	C158	Buoniello, Vincent	C186	Constantine, John
C103	Alexander, Connie	C131	Bianchi, Albert	C159	Busby, Bob	C187	Cook, Ann Mariah
C104	Alhino, Margaret (Maggie)	C132	Biddle, Rita	C160	Buxton, Kenneth	C188	Cook, Margaret
C105	Alston, Mary Ann	C133	Biermann, Hal	C161	Canestrini, Monica	C189	Coombs, Whitney
C106	Ambrosio, Ralph (Sonny)	C134	Billings, Karen	C162	Capodice, O.M.	C190	Cooper, Annella
C107	Amburgey, Nancy	C135	Birdsong, Bobby	C163	Capstick, Beverly	C191	Cooper, Carol
C108	Amidon, Barbara	C136	Bivin, Edd	C164	Carr, Susan	C192	Cooper, Catherine
C109	Amodei, Lloyd	C137	Black, Grace	C165	Carter, Kathleen	C193	Cooper, Gary
C110	Andersen, Gary	C138	Blue, Lynette	C166	Carvajal, Lourdes	C194	Costello, John
C111	Anderson, Christine Salyers	C139	Bock, Fred	C167	Cassidy, Darla Lynn	C195	Cozart, Doris
C112	Anderson, Diane	C140	Bolus, David	C168	Casteel, Kathy Field	C196	Daniels, Judith
C113	Anselm, Joan	C141	Bond, Louis	C169	Caswell, Robert	C197	Daughterty, Cathy
C114	Anselm, Klaus	C142	Boutwell, Loraine	C170	Catlin, Susan	C198	Davidson, Arthur
C115	Balch, Sheila	C143	Box-Young, Gena	C171	Chan, David	C199	Davies, Roberta
C116	Bassett, Gary	C144	Boyce, George	C172	Chianese, Vincent	C200	Davis, Arlene
C117	Beam, Maxine	C145	Bradford, Andrea	C173	Church-Stadler, Janis	C201	Davis, Lowell
C118	Beckman, Donna	C146	Brenner, Patricia Leakey	C174	Clark Toddie	C202	Dawkins, Pete
C119	Beckwith, Richard	C147	Briley, Jim	C175	Clark, Houston	C203	Dean, Denise
C120	Beisel-Mc Ilwaine, Peggy	C148	Briscoe, Helen	C176	Clark, Linda	C204	DeLaGarza, Cathy
C121	Bell, Catherine	C149	Brocius, Mary Anne	C177	Clarke, Bonnie	C205	DeLong, Paullet
C122	Bennett, Alan	C150	Brown, Carol	C178	Cline, Dana	C206	Denman, Gayle
C123	Benson, C Michael	C151	Brown, Frandel	C179	Coady, Clay	C207	DePietro, Terry
C124	Benson, Lia	C152	Brown, Jeremy	C180	Cohen, Lonny	C208	DeRoulet, Lisa
C125	Berberich, Linda	C153	Brown, Judith	C181	Cole, Jon	C209	deVilleneuve, William
C126	Berg, Eva	C154	Brown, Lee	C182	Collier, Dorothy	C210	DiNardo, Anthony
C127	Berger, Sally	C155	Brown, Linn Klingel	C183	Combee, Don	C211	DiNardo, Sheila
C128	Bernhard, May	C156	Brown, Robert	C184	Connolly, John	C212	Dobkin, Marcie

Note: Permit/Provisional Judges with the exception of Alaskan Malamute Breeder Judges are excluded from this listing. Please note there may be judges on the listing received from AKC that are no longer accepting assignments but they are still listed as active judges in the AKC records. The names of AMCA member judges have been included in this listing in accordance with AMCA SR H-10.

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C213	Doeg, Kenneth	C260	Grosso, Vincent	C307	Krause, Larry	C354	Morgan, Dennis
C214	Doran, Lynnmarie	C261	Gschwender, Rick	C308	Krogh, Sharon	C355	Morris, Clyde
C215	Downey, Margaret	C262	Haddock, David	C309	Krukar, Linda	C356	Morstad, Mary
C216	Droel, Joe	C263	Haefner, Jane	C310	Landstrom, Diane	C357	Moses, James
C217	Dunlop, Gary	C264	Hale, Tom	C311	Lashbrook, Richard	C358	Moustakis, Linton
C218	Dunn, Bradford	C265	Hall, Edward	C312	Laurans, Patricia	C359	Mulligan, Vincent
C219	Dvorak, Don	C266	Hall, Robert	C313	Laurin, Edeltraud	C360	Murphy-East, Mary
C220	Eichel, Beverly	C267	Hansen, Dawn	C314	Leininger, Betty	C361	Murray, George
C221	Eisele, Robert	C268	Harrington, Judy	C315	Leist, Rosemany	C362	Murray, Ken
C222	Ellis, James	C269	Harris, Clinton	C316	Lemcke, Ralph	C363	Muthard, Elizabeth
C223	Esposite, Sondra Joy	C270	Hartinger, Paula	C317	Lentz, Robert	C364	Neale, Patti Widick
C224	Esposito, Peggy	C271	Hartinger, Roger	C318	Lewis, Richard	C365	Nelson, Mrs. Lou Richardson
C225	Falconer, Marie Ann	C272	Harvey, Olivia	C319	Liebes, Eric	C366	Newton, Garry
C226	Feld, Marcia	C273	Harvey, Vern	C320	Liebes, Joan Luna	C367	Nichols, Ted
C227	Fell, Clayton	C274	Hastings, Patricia	C321	Liebes, Nancy	C368	Nietsch, Helene
C228	Feneis, Thomas	C275	Haupt, Fay Dorval	C322	Liepmann, Carl	C369	Nikkel, Susan
C229	Ferreira, Alfred	C276	Herbel, Carolyn	C323	Linnehan, John	C370	Noe, James
C230	Ferris, Fred	C277	Hertz, Ruby	C324	Lisker, Miriam	C371	Nonhof, Jeanne
C231	Finch, Barbara	C278	Hess, Patricia	C325	Lockman, Elizabeth Anne	C372	Norman, Peri
C232	Fish, Madeline	C279	Hiltz, Lesley	C326	Loft, Catherine	C373	Nosiglia, Beverly
C233	Fleitas, Daniel	C280	Holava, Joe	C327	Lombardi, Ronald	C374	Nykiel, Paula
C234	Fowler, Linda	C281	Holloway, Douglas	C328	Lucas, John	C375	Ogarek, Hubert (Spike)
C235	Frederiksen, James	C282	Horn, Ronald	C329	Lundt, Theresa	C376	Olmen, Lois
C236	Freilich, Philip	C283	Hossler, William	C330	Lycan, Audrey	C377	Olson, Lew
C237	Frey, Roger	C284	Hubbell, Christina	C331	Lyons, Edward	C378	Olvis, Charles
C238	Fritz, Grace	C285	Hubbell, Stephen	C332	Mackai, Kathy Wiley	C379	Orseno, Betty (B.J.)
C239	Froehlich, Dody	C286	Huber, Nelson	C333	Mackai, Larry	C380	Osborn, David
C240	Frost, Ellen	C287	Hudson, Warren	C334	Mangini, Shirley	C381	Owens, Jim
C241	Furth, Sara	C288	Hussin, Arley	C335	Marquis, George	C382	Parris, Betty Lou
C242	Gaeta, Peter	C289	Hutt, Cynthia	C336	Marsman, P. Levi	C383	Patrizio, Abigail
C243	Geampa, Karen	C290	Indeglia, Robert	C337	Martin, James	C384	Paulk, Joanne (Jan)
C244	Gentry, Ken	C291	Jacobson, May	C338	Martin, John	C385	Pede, Wallace
C245	Geringer, Gloria	C292	Jahnke, Debby	C339	Martinez, Christie	C386	Pelland, Roland
C246	Gibson, Sherry	C293	James, Helen Lee	C340	Martorella, Marjorie	C387	Penta, Gerard
C247	Gilbert, Edward	C294	Jeck, Lynn	C341	Mathis, LaMar	C388	Pero, Jean
C248	Gill, Donald	C295	Jenkins, Pat	C342	McFadden, Billie	C389	Peterson, Lynn
C249	Gladstone, Steven	C296	Johnson-Snyder, Meredith	C343	McFarlane, Karen	C390	Pew, Carl
C250	Glendinning, Honey Anne	C297	Jordan, Victoria	C344	McGowan, Charlotte	C391	Pinsker, Monika
C251	Gloster, Robert (Bo)	C298	Kahn, Keke	C345	McMath, Barrie	C392	Polimeni, Michey
C252	Godek, F. Susan	C299	Kaluzniacki, Sophia	C346	Mears, Judy	C393	Pollock, Betty Nelson
C253	Gomez, Alane	C300	Kanzler, Kathleen	C347	Menaker, Ronald	C394	Porpora, Angela
C254	Gomez, Tomas	C301	Keating, Steve	C348	Meredith-Cavanna, Kimberly	C395	Porterfield, David
C255	Graff, Ralph	C302	Kenney, Norman	C349	Meyer, Brian	C396	Porterfield, Susan
C256	Greendale-Paveza, Sulie	C303	Kilcullen, Thomas	C350	Meyer, Cindy	C397	Powers, David
C257	Gregory, Henry	C304	Kipp, Mareth	C351	Meyer, Ellen	C398	Pritchard, Roger
C258	Gregroy, Joseph	C305	Koltes, Minna-Liisa	C352	Miller, Madeline	C399	Purkhiser, Joe
C259	Grimes, Arlene	C306	Krause, Alvin	C353	More, Elliot	C400	Purkhiser, Murrel

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C401	Putman, Pat	C431	Schwartz, Francine	C461	Stansell, Robin	C491	Vinson, Norma
C402	Rader, Phyllis	C432	Schwartz, M. Ann	C462	Stebbins, William	C492	Vitner, Carl
C403	Ramirez, John	C433	Scott, Joan	C463	Steele, Luella	C493	Vogel, Sally
C404	Rayner, Jacqueline	C434	Shaw, Cheryl	C464	Steen, Kathleen	C494	Voran, Bruce
C405	Rayner, Kenneth	C435	Shaw, Mona	C465	Stein, Robert	C495	Voran, Judith
C406	Reamensnyder, Kay	C436	Sholar, Susan	C466	Stenmark, Betty-Anne	C496	Wade, John
C407	Richards, Donnelle	C437	Shorr, Hal	C467	Strakbein, Kenneth	C497	Walker, Sandra
C408	Richardson, Jay	C438	Shreve, Robert	C468	Strauss, Faye	C498	Wallin, Gerald
C409	Riddle, Karen	C439	Sigler, Jan	C469	Sullivan, Evie	C499	Wallis, Sherry
C410	Riedel, Linda	C440	Sillers, James	C470	Szynskie, Gregory	C500	Ward, Marion Dee
C411	Riggsbee, Nikki	C441	Simmons, Nancy	C471	Taylor, Anne Marie	C501	Watson, Jerry
C412	Riley, Beth	C442	Sinclair, Janet	C472	Taylor, Douglas	C502	Watt, Alice
C413	Ringle, Eric	C443	Sinclair, Lawrence	C473	Taylor, James	C503	Way, Sharol Candace
C414	Ritter, Andrew	C444	Slay, Robert	C474	Temple, Terry	C504	Webster, Sherry
C415	Robey, Linda	C445	Smith, Judith Ann	C475	Thacker, Delbert	C505	Weiss, Jerry
C416	Robinson, Robert	C446	Smith, Patty Long	C476	Thielen, E.A. (Skip)	C506	Wheat, Sandy
C417	Roland, Barry	C447	Smith, Polly	C477	Thompson, Donavon	C507	White, James
C418	Roland, John	C448	Smith, Robert	C478	Thornton, Debra	C508	Whittier, Lee
C419	Ronald, Kathleen	C449	Smith, Sharon	C479	Timbers, Julie	C509	Wilkins, Deborah
C420	Rotkowski, Mary Margaret	C450	Sommerfelt, Walter	C480	Treiber, Jane	C510	Willhauck, Wendy
C421	Rowland, Virginia	C451	Sosa, Luis	C481	Trotter, Charles	C511	Williams, Henry (Hank)
C422	Rubens, Cathleen	C452	Sosa, Patricia	C482	Trotter, Patricia	C512	Williams, Larson
C423	Rubenstein, Arlene	C453	Spediacci, Wanda	C483	Tucker, Marcia	C513	Wilson, Carole
C424	Rush, Georgia	C454	Speich, Beth	C484	Valiunas, Leslie	C514	Woodfork, Adrian
C425	Rydner, Rita	C455	Spieker, Gail	C485	Vanden Avond, Ellen	C515	Young, Barbara
C426	Sahloff, William	C456	Spritzer, Ronald	C486	Vandiver, Robert	C516	Zaker, Sharon
C427	Saltzman, Lynette	C457	Squicciarini, Thomas	C487	Vanek, Joyce	C517	Zielinski, Joan
C428	Saltzman, Stanley	C458	Stacy, Terry	C488	VanTassell, Michael	C518	Zielinski, Stan
C429	Schoeneman, John	C459	Stanfield, Thomson	C489	Vice, Darryl	C519	Zuver, Jeanne
C430	Schulman, Harry (Butch)	C460	Stansell, Cindy	C490	Vics, Beverly		

The following individuals are ineligible in accordance with SR H-1 since they have judged either a National or Regional specialty within the past ten (10) years. These judges will become eligible in the ELEVENTH year following their previous assignment.

2010	Bedford, Shilon	2012	Gifford, Roger	2015	Chu, Illona	2017	Buxton, Donna
2010	Fournier, Jean	2013	Benson, Cindy	2015	Hug, Joseph	2018	Kuehnel-Hisatake, Gay
2011	Russell, Nancy	2013	Battaglia, Carmen	2016	Zimmerman, Ruth	2018	Deutsch, Roseann
2011	Hug, Robin	2014	Weston, Sharon	2016	Paterson, Cheryl	2019	Willhauck, Paul
2012	Yamada, Burton	2014	Walkowicz, Chris	2017	Chu, Larry	2019	Shelton, William

2020 Regional & National Specialty Announcement The 2020 National Specialty rotation moves to the West Coast Region.

This region includes the following states: CA, OR, WA

AMCA is now seeking suggestions for possible venues and a Volunteer to chair the events.

Members within this area are requested to help find a suitable location by submitting suggestions for possible venues. A good place to start is suggesting a venue where another Parent Club (similar in breed size to AMCA) has held their National. The majority of the "legwork" for a suitable venue can be conducted by AMCA's Site Selection Committee using the internet to determine if the location would meet our needs. Any and all suggestions should be submitted to: Ruth Levesque, Committee BOD Liaison @ amcabod.levesque@gmail.com

National Specialty Futurity & Maturity Stakes

Futurity Chair: Kristin Morrison



Upcoming Futurity Event Locations & Eligibility Dates:

- 2017 – Huron, OH Event: Whelped between April 28, 2016 & April 26, 2017 (Event Date 10/26/17)
- 2018 – Orlando, FL Event: Whelped between April 27, 2017 & May 1, 2018 (Event Date 11/1/18)

Futurity Eligibility: Open to all pure-bred Alaskan Malamute litters born between the specified dates listed above that COMPLETE THE FULL NOMINATION PROCESS. All Nomination Forms can be found at AMCA's website.

1. **Maturity Eligibility:** Open to all pure-bred Alaskan Malamutes who were properly nominated for the previous year's Futurity Stakes and who are within the accepted age ranges (approx. 18 to 30 plus months of age). This requirement does not mean that the dog/bitch must have been entered or competed at the previous year's Futurity Stakes, but rather, it was eligible to be shown at the Futurity Stakes.

There are 3 easy steps to follow to complete all requirements needed for eligibility in one of the Futurity events listed above. IF YOU SUBMIT EACH NOMINATION FORM BY THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE you can be fully eligible for a total of \$15.00 (plus \$5.00 for each additional Individual Puppy Nomination).

Step & Required Form	Deadline	Fee
Step #1: Bitch Nomination	Prior to Whelp	\$5.00
Step #2: Litter Nomination	Prior to TWO months of age	\$5.00
Step #3: Individual Puppy Nomination	Prior to SIX months of age	\$5.00

If you have missed STEPS #1 & #2 DEADLINES you MAY STILL be eligible by paying a PENALTY FEE.

Step & Required Form	Deadline	Fees
Step #1: Bitch Nomination	Prior to TWO months of age	\$5.00
Step #2: Litter Nomination		\$5.00
		\$10.00 Penalty
		TOTAL: \$20.00

If you have missed ALL THREE DEADLINES you MAY STILL be eligible by SUBMITTING EACH NOMINATION FORM and paying a PENALTY FEE.

Step #1: Bitch Nomination	Prior to SIX months of age *	\$5.00
Step #2: Litter Nomination		\$5.00
Step #3: Individual Puppy Nomination		\$5.00
		\$50.00 Penalty
		TOTAL: \$65.00
Step #4: Actual Entry on the AKC entry form Submitted to the Supt or Show Secy	Prior to Event Closing Time/Date	Entry fee as stated in Premium List

*** NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WHEN THE PUPPY IS OVER SIX MONTHS OF AGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**FUTURITY & MATURITY RULES AND ALL FUTURITY NOMINATION FORMS ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE AMCA WEBSITE.**

To help facilitate filing nominations, each form can now be filled in electronically.

1. Go to the AMCA website @ <http://alaskanmalamute.org/events/futurity>
2. Select the Nomination Form you need and save it to your computer. You can then fill it out electronically and either mail it or send it to my email.
3. Select and submit your payment method. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION. If you wish to use PAY PAL let me know via email and I will send you an invoice.

Send all Futurity Nominations to:
Kristin Morrison, Futurity Chair
30 Kidder Brook Rd, Ashford, CT 06278 (860) 803-0639 kristinlmorrison@gmail.com

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

Colleen Belanger
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On April 22, the Motown Working Alaskan Malamute Club held a weight pull at the home of Heather and Ross Pellegrino. There were 16 dogs entered in the event. The most weight pulled was 2,798 pounds by GATOR, owned and handled by John Krieger. The highest percentage pulled was 32.81 times his weight by BOOTSTRAP, owned and handled by Raissa Hinman. The competition was followed by a pot luck dinner. MWAM's next event will be a two day weight pull on June 24 and 25 for the Detroit Kennel Club in Novi, MI.

Colleen and Dave Belanger report that CRICKET, **URO1 Spiritrun's Perfect Gift CGCA, CGCU, SPOT, RN** finished her UKC Rally Obedience 1 title on March 31, 2017. CRICKET continues to visit nursing homes and is a Tail Waggin' Tutor with Therapy Dog International. The rest of the pack is busy practicing their skills in barn hunt, nose work and learning new tricks.

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

Pat McGovern, Area Reporter
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Well, I'm glad to see that some folks have remembered me. I was beginning to feel neglected without any news to report, but I see some really great accomplishments here.

From Jen Leveille: In March, we did agility with NELLIE and IVY. On Saturday IVY qualified in Novice FAST and on Sunday, IVY completed her Novice FAST title to become **AG1 RO1 UKC CH Amaqqut On The Pull WWPDX WTD WPD RE NAP OJP NFP VAM AAAM**. She is the first UK bred malamute to earn any agility title and perhaps still the only. On Saturday, NELLIE earned a leg in Novice Jumpers and a leg in Novice Standard. On Sunday, NELLIE earned her first Novice FAST leg, her second Novice Jumpers leg, and completed

her Novice Standard leg to become **RO1 AG1 Powderhound's Over And Over Again WWPDA WPD RN NAP**.

A couple weeks after that, it was BUMPER'S turn. BUMPER ran at the Oshkosh Kennel Club trials. He earned his first Excellent FAST leg and picked up his two final legs to earn his Open Standard title. This title was hard for us because he battled the teeter for so long, but he did it with clean runs and all first placements. The next weekend BUMPER competed in UKC agility completing his Agility 2 title with all first placements to become **RO3 AG2 AKC/UKC CH Powderhound's Silver Lining WWPDX WTD WPD CGCA RAE OAP OJP OFP VAM AAAM**.

And from Helen Schultz: Results from the AMCW Janesville pull from 2/25. This is typically the record setter for the AMCW season, and I believe this will hold true again for the top percentage, First place in the 60-80# class was TUVEE, **CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee WTD WWPDX**, with 2810# (38.49 times her weight). She went four rounds past her competitors. This will make three out of the last four years this honor has been held by a granddaughter of our PFALKOR, **CH Awanuna's Pfalkor Pfur Istari ROM WTD WWPDA ROM-WDA**. The 13/14 season was TUVEE's sister, TRILOGEE, **GCHB CH Istari's Epic Trilogee WTD WWPDX** tied with AZJA, **Istari's Quote Tzee Knot WWPDX**, then owned by Ken Kugler. The 15/16 season holder was NELLY, **AG1 RO1 Powderhound's Over And Over Again WWPDA WPD RN NAP**, owned by Jen and George LeVeille, and now TUVEE.

The most weight pulled at Janesville was 3390#, but it was bested at the Watertown pull with 3490# by TANIST, **CH Istari's Th' Ta'VeRen Tanist WWPDX NAP OJP**. This is the seventh year in a row that this record was won by an Istari dog:

two years by AZJA, two years by our JRR, **Istari's Jen-I 'Sand Rul WTD WWPDX**, one year by CHEDDAR, **CH Awanuna's Aged To Perfection CD WWPDX**, owned by Rick and Bev Pfeiffer, and the last two years by TANIST. JRR, CHEDDAR and TANIST are all sons of our EMRYS, **CH Oartic Winds N Istari's Emrys ROM WTD WWPDX ROM-WDX**, and so are also grandsons of PFALKOR.

John and IMRIEL have been working hard at obedience class and in March entered two days of trials at Badger Kennel Club. Since we had also tried a couple of Rally run throughs, I thought why not enter that too? So, on Saturday 18, he completed his BN title and by Sunday 19 he had qualified for his first two legs toward a CD and RN. Now we were on a roll, so off we went to Paper Cities Kennel Club, where on April 8 he finished both titles- making him **CH Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit WWPDX CD BN RN**.

Last, but certainly not least, from Jackie Wyandt: "SPIRIT **Yellowsnow Malamutes Stardust Fairy** got her rally novice title in three shows. Two of them were at the 2016 National with scores of 81 and 94 and second place) and the final leg April 1 with a score of 95. I am so proud of this high energy little girl !

Thank you all for sending me your accomplishments via email so that I could cut and paste. I'd NEVER get all the titles correct if I had to type them by hand.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone that sent prayers and good wishes for my husband, Tom, who recently underwent surgery to amputate his right leg above the knee. Tom is working hard at recovery and hopes to eventually be fitted with a prosthetic leg so he can get around at the National in October.

MID-EAST

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From Bonnie Ferianc: I have a few more brags about my girl SALARA, **Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond**; she went Winners Bitch for 2 points at the Medina KC at Tallmadge, Ohio on March 5, 2017 under Jim Taylor. Medina KC had a great show and called it Barkeyville, as it was all decorated for Margaritaville. Then, on March 19, 2017, Delaware County KC in York, PA, SAKARA went Winners Bitch for a 3 point Major under Ms. Janet Cohen. That's her third Major in 8 shows.

From Kathie McCormick; We had a great time at the Western PA Kennel Club shows, on April 1 and 2, 2017, visiting with friends and showing BETSY, **Arctic Hope's Brave Betsy of Taiga**, went Best of Opposite Sex on Saturday, April 1 for a 3 point Major and is now a new GRAND CHAMPION (see Howls)! Great fun!

From Carlene Way: My girl HALLE, **GCH Banshee's Shining Star** went Best of Opposite Sex at both the AMAEP Mid-East Area and AMCA Mid-East Area Specialties in Harrisburg on April 15 and 16, 2017.

My boy ROMEO, **Banshee's Above All Else**, went Winners Dog at the AMAEP Mid-East Area Supported Entry on Friday, April 14 for a 4 point major, and Winners Dog on April 16th at the AMCA Mid-East Area Specialty for a second point major at 3 points. With both majors completed he should finish soon.

From Alicia and me: We had a beyond fantastic weekend at the Harrisburg Specialty weekend between April 13-16, 2017. Coming into the show weekend our girl RAVEN, **Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood, CGC**, had four single points with no majors.

Thursday, April 13, at the first Lebanon KC Show, RAVEN showed to a Winners Bitch and received her first major for 3 points. On Friday's AMAEP Affiliated Supported Entry, RAVEN showed to a Best of Winners over a combined entry of 12 class dogs and bitches present, winning her second Major and

five more points for the weekend. On Saturday, April 15 she took a second place in the Open Class at the AMAEP Mid-East Area Specialty, but Sunday would prove to be **"The Big Day"**.

On Sunday April 16 at the AMCA Affiliated Mid-East Area Specialty, and to conclude what was already a ROCKING weekend for us, RAVEN, now **CH Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood, CGC**, finished her CH in style with a five point Best of Winners win, her third Specialty weekend Major, under Judge Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Hastings.

Needless to say we were on Cloud Nine, and successfully wrapped-up a perfectly wonderful Easter weekend spent amongst friends. Alicia's and my biggest thank you go to Cheena Villano, Donelle Burrill, and Lisa Panelli for their parts in providing us with such a wonderful girl. Thank you ladies! Congratulations to all the weekend's winners, and thanks again for coming out and supporting the AMAEP area specialties.

The Alaskan Malamute Assoc. of Eastern PA (AMAEP) would like to thank Ben Ogburn, Michele Coburn, and Kathy Schmidt for their participation and judging of Sweepstakes at the Mid-East Area Supported Entry and AMAEP and AMCA Specialties in Harrisburg, PA April 14-16, 2017. Thank you one and all for each of you wonderful judging. We would also like to thank everyone who came out and supported our efforts, and for making the Harrisburg Specialties a success each year.

Until next time ... Michael G. McGuire

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On the Conformation front some good news comes from Colleen Benton from the Syracuse shows in April. On Thursday, RAIDEN, **CH Adair'N Hug Midnight Marauder**, won BOB – Best Owner Handler and on Friday RAIDEN

won Select. On Saturday NODIN, **CH Spirit's Run Like the Wind**, who is 11 years young, won Best Veteran. Colleen is not sure who had more fun, NODIN or herself. He is still going strong and handles like a pro, loving every minute it. On Sunday, RAIDEN won BOB.

News from Maria Dinwoodie on the Syracuse shows: GENNY, **GCH Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop CD BN RE**, won the Veteran's Bitch class and was opposite for Veteran Sweeps.

We have news also from Paula Honigman from the Onondaga County Kennel Club. This was the first kennel club show for Paula's family back in 1966 when the club hosted the AMCA National. She has a new champion, LILY, **CH Uyak Lloyd Neck Lily**. She finished at the Supported Entry show. LILY is the third homebred champion to finish over the last year. She finished with three majors including 5, 4 and 3 point wins as well as a Best of Breed. LILY is another one of the dogs Paula has finished from the breeding to the Uyak "moderne" breeding plan. It was developed to move the bloodline forward with the goals of conformation and working sled dogs. LILY is not the only one winning for Paula, HANA, **Uyak Hurricane Hana**, has been out three weekends and has won WB and BOW at the AMAEP's Harrisburg Specialty under Angela Porpora. She won BOS in Sweeps under Michele Coburn, handled by Carol Collins, as well as BOS Sweeps under Ben Ogburn and also Kathy Schmidt. HANA won a major the following weekend winning WB and BOW for 3 points along with the win the next day for 2 points, again WB and BW handled by Dennis Collins.

On the weight pulling front, Michele Izzo writes that two of her mals were invited to the IWPA Weight Pulling Championships and she is going out to Spokane, Washington to pull with one of them.

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The Weather is finally becoming nice in the PNW thank goodness.

We start out May with some news from Kathi and Dan Fraser about Barn Hunting; something new and it sounds like a whole lotta fun.

Kathi said one of the things about doing any sport with a Malamute is that you never know what to expect. They started out with just CALI doing Barn Hunt trials. She moved along great, so we decided to try JESSE and GIGI. At practice JESSE was not very enthusiastic, but GIGI was amazing. The first trial with all three yielded a very surprising outcome. CALI was just starting the Senior level, and got tunnel zoomed after her first two.



She did the tunnel six times, and we NQd. GIGI was in Novice, and she was

determined to find more rats than the one they hid. She refused to tunnel and kept hunting, another NQ. Then came JESSE in Novice, and he was all over the rat tube, climbed and tunneled! He got two Qs the first day, then finished Novice the second day, and went on to Q in Open, with a second place finish. CALI kept it up with tunnel zoomies and had everyone laughing, while GIGI was still sure there was more than one rat on the Novice course. Kathi indicated that they have learned patience and how to laugh when the dogs have a different agenda. GIGI has decided that she will tunnel, and has since earned two Q's. Kathi shared that she believes Barn Hunt is a fun sport, and the best part is the time we spend with the dogs.



I have to share that ADELE, **CH BluMoon's Rumour Has It, CGC**, won Select both Saturday and Sunday at ELMA, Washington for two more majors toward her GRH CH. Thank you Judges James Noe, and Roger Prichard for recognizing our lovely girl (who was blowing coat badly and sharing it with everyone). It was truly great to see so many lovely dogs and smiling faces.

Congratulations to everyone.

Next we received some news from Sharon Weston and EZ. Sharon indicated it has been a busy year so far for EZ. They are very excited at his progress at this point having won Best of Breed at seven out of the last eight shows he entered. In addition he has two group 3, two group 2, one

group 1 and Best In Show. He is now multiple **BIS GCHB Peace River's Rogue You Just Gotta Believe**. ES they do believe! She indicated he is getting this and loving all the attention and fuss over him. Sharon and friends are always thankful to team Skinner for making it fun for both EZ and me. (See something to Howl About)

Michele Coburn wrote in and said they had a fun April and so far in May for the Peace River furies. DIVA, **GCH Peace Rivers Bling It On**, took off with Julie for some shows in Indiana. She came home with a total of three Best of Breed wins and a Group 3 under Judge Ron Spritzer and a Group 3 under Judge Luis Sosa. (See Something To Howl About). Then, Michele and the team headed to the Olympia Dog Fanciers shows with DIVA and her two Grandchildren MICA and TAKARA. What a huge weekend, WOW is all Michele could say. Michele showed MICA as his "Mom" could not go. On Saturday under Judge James Noe, MICA, **Hallstatt's Ominous Silence At Svalbard**, won BOB/BOW/WD for a 5 point major from the 12-18 puppy class over three specials, one being GMA DIVA, oops 😊 DIVA in her summer undies went BOS. MICA also made the cut in the Working Group. WOW. Sunday, under Judge Roger Prichard, the baby boy did it again! Another 5 pt. major! GMA DIVA again BOS not to be outdone by sister TAKARA, who won WB for her first major.

Cindy Neely shared that MYA, **Jazzland's Another Little Piece of My Heart**, at the tender age of 17 months, took her second major, just about exactly a year after taking her first as a baby, at the Elma shows. We are proud of our little girl.

The Major Report for ELMA will be published in the next Newsletter as it is not posted at this time.

Thank you all.

MIDWEST

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Spring has sprung and is beautiful out my way. I want to say thanks to area member Pat Ford for coming and talking to me at

the Claremore show in Oklahoma. It was nice to meet you Pat and I hope you are all doing well. I will start out this report with the Performance reports.

John and Michelle Podolak write below on all their activities.

"On March 18 and 19, the Gateway Sled Dog Club hosted its last IWPA sanctioned weight pull of the 2016-2017 weight pull season. Though this is an all-breed club, this event turned out to be an all Alaskan malamute plus one pull. All of the Alaskan Malamutes at the pull were handled by AMCA members. Present were NANUK and NUKKA Barnes with their handlers Mike and Eileen, DENALI and DARWIN Tully with their handlers Mike and Kathleen and, of course NAVI and ZIGGY Podolak were handled by John and Michelle. Our plus one was IWPA member JAX, an American Bull Dog. The Podolak boys did great. NAVI pulled 3120#s on the 18th, finishing the pull with First Place in his weight class, "most weight pulled" and "high percentage." On the 19th, NAVI pulled 3008#s and again First Place in his weight class, "most weight pulled: and "high percentage. Both days he was stopped by his handler. ZIGGY, in the two weight pulls, earned his first AMCA WWPDX leg and his second WWPDA leg. He earned his third and fourth IWPA "X" legs. ZIGGY now qualifies for an IWPA "Working Dog Excellent (wheels)" title. On the 19th, during the round that would qualify him for an "X" leg, he pulled about six feet, stopped and began singing. When he sings, it usually means the end. However, he put his head down, restarted and completed the pull. We are so proud of ZIGGY for making this leap in his training and pulling."

"On March 21, we drove two hours to Jerseyville, IL for an Iditarod demo at the Illinois Middle School. Students from the middle school and Saint Francis/Holy Ghost Catholic School attended the demo as part of their study module on the race. Michelle was standing with NAVI, addressing the students seated in the gym bleachers and John was sitting on the opposite side of the gym with ZIGGY. A teacher, accompanied by

a student, approached and asked if the boy (who had Down's syndrome) could pet ZIGGY. John said yes and asked the boy if he wanted to give the dog a treat. He held his hand open. ZIGGY took the treat gently from his hand. The boy petted ZIGGY and when he stopped, ZIGGY barked. The boy put his hands over his ears and said, "He is loud." ZIGGY put his head in the boy's lap, still trying to get his attention. The boy smiled, but the teacher said, "Time to go. Say thank you." The boy replied, "I like him, but he is loud. Goodbye, ZIGGY." After the presentation, NAVI, ZIGGY, and four Siberian Huskies stood in line for a "meet and greet" to pet the dogs and ask questions."

"On April 10, we received the final results of the 2016-2017 IWPA weight pull season in which NAVI and ZIGGY both qualified for the 2017 IWPA Championship Weight Pull in Spokane, WA. NAVI finished in First Place in the 100# Class (81-100#s) and ZIGGY finished in First Place in the 125# Class (101-125#s). This is the fifth consecutive year NAVI has medaled (four Gold and one Silver) in IWPA - Region #4. ZIGGY has now medaled three times (one Gold and two Silver). NAVI is now eligible for the IWPA Regional Hall-of-Fame, when he retires from weight pulling. "

Thank you for the great report John and Michelle.

Eileen adds this about her dogs:

"A bit of weight pull news: Our NANUK (**Illusions Arctic Wanderer WWPDX BN**) earned second place in his weight class and region for the third year in a row."

NUKKA (**Winwards Chantilly Lace**) had her first competition in weaves. She says, "She is still training and loving it."

Now I have some of my own reports. ROCKY and I have been doing a little bit of traveling.

On March 24 we traveled to Clinton, Iowa and my ROCKY, **UROI RBIS UCH GCH CH Northern Exposure Rocket Man Of Sno-Cub CGC RN R01, took**

BOB/BOBOH and an owner handler Group 4 under Carolyn Herbel. Then, we drove to Claremore, Oklahoma and on 3-31-17 ROCKY took select dog/BOBOH and an owner handler group 3 under Mrs. Janet Turnage Nahikian. Again on 4-1-17, he took BOB/BOBOH and an owner handler Group 3 under Mr. Ralph J (Sonny) Ambrosio. This past weekend we drove to Grand Island, Nebraska. On April 22 and 23 ROCKY was awarded BOB/BOBOH, and an owner handler Group 4 under Mr. Houston Clark and Dr. Steve Keating. ROCKY continues to make me proud and, I must add, he makes me even prouder of his temperament. He is four and half years old and still loves every dog he comes in contact with, whether it is a male or female. I have been told at many shows by other exhibitors that he is a great ambassador for the breed.

Now, I have a bit of disturbing news to me. At the show this last weekend in another breed, I heard a newbie to the show world was standing outside the ring to go in, and his dog lunged and growled at a dog coming out of the ring. The owner had his dog under control where nothing happened, However, one of the people in the breed called the newbie's breeder and told the breeder that if the dog showed the next day she would go to AKC and call a bench hearing. Mind you, this dog went in the ring and took a RWB out of a large class of bitches both days. Anyway, my point here is that I think we need to help our fellow show people no matter what part of the sport they are doing, i.e.: performance or conformation. If you think they are doing something wrong, try to educate them rather than threaten them. This is one of the things that are happening which scare off the new people to the sport.

WEST COAST

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Linda Katlarz shared the following news:

"We are so proud of RIDER, CH Mytuk "N" Keno Let It Ride, he finished his championship at the Sacramento Kennel club show on 4/15/17. He was moved up to BOB on Sunday and went BOS. This is the same show in 2016

where he received a major. Our boy finished with four majors and three singles at age 23 months of age. Out of three show mals, it was the first time for us that we finished a dog before two years of age. We do limited showings and don't travel far but we did go to the AMCA National in CO. Springs this past Oct., where he won his class. I can't thank Annette and Dave Milburn and Alisa Syar/Mike Stone, enough for trusting us with this dog. He now will join the big dogs in BOB class, local showings only. And I'm so proud of my son for showing and finishing my last two malamutes for me."

Huge congrats to Linda, Troy and of course, RIDER!!

Velvet Rogers sent the following:

"I was invited to participate in a "Meet the Breeds, a dog showcase" at the UC Davis' picnic day on April 22. We packed the EZ-up, chairs and of course, the dogs to arrive at about 8:00 am. We barely got set up with the X-pens and EZ-up before we were visited by people curious about our breed. I must have said a thousand times, "No, they're not huskies, they are Alaskan Malamutes". Then I explained the differences. The dogs were troopers, letting everyone from babies to octogenarians pet and hug them. There must have been over 2000 people at our booth alone greeting and loving on the dogs. Both BANDIT and BRENNa were enjoying the attention, but due to other commitments, we left around 12:30 pm. I love the opportunity to explain about our breed and let everyone get to know my dogs."

Huge Thanks to Velvet for sharing this fun activity with club members and thanks to her pups for being great ambassadors for our breed!! I suggested she write an article about this adventure and share photos.

Good Friday (April 14) COMET earned her 9 Double Q at the Mensona Kennel Club Agility Trial in Santa Rosa under Judge Mary Mullen with a total of 16 MACH points and third placements in both. April 29 COMET earned her tenth QQ at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers Agility Trial in Santa

Rosa under new judge Jeff Kogel with 7 MACH points and a fourth place in Standard! While we are half-way there in double-Qs, we are not yet halfway in points needed.

For anyone who may have been curious how COMET and I made out on our first NW3 trial, we had a great time, but did not earn her NW3 title. However, we did pass three out of four elements and five out of six searches. There were three interior searches and we only found one of the two hides on the final search of the day. Unlike levels 1 and 2, you do not know how many hides there are (or if one of the interiors is 'blank.') and they do not let you know if you qualified in each search until the end of the day. At first this was very uncomfortable and bothersome for me, but once I adjusted, it almost had a calming effect because it was out of my control. Out of the 30 dogs competing, seven completed titles, and the final results on the website show COMET placing ninth overall, so I was pretty pleased. Unfortunately, so far I don't see another northern California NW3 trial for the rest of the year, so am not sure when we'll get another opportunity to try.

While I did mention AKC's Scent Work program in the last issue, I neglected to mention that they are now offering titles for Tricks! I think this will be a lot of fun and have applied to become a CGC evaluator primarily because I want to be able to verify tricks for friends, students and clients.

The Thunder Leash has not proven itself to me, but I know of a couple agility friends who seem to like it (one Lab, one Golden). My friend, mentor and prior employer, is having excellent results with the Body Collar on her Toller. It was developed by a dog trainer in the bay area. It is sort of like a figure 8 with one loop around the neck and the other behind the front legs and leash attaching near shoulders. They offer a money back guarantee if not satisfied, so I guess you can't lose. For those interested in taking a look, the website is: trybodycollar.com. I also know a malamute person who seems to be getting satisfactory results

with a Freedom harness. It comes with rings on both the front and back of the harness and there is a double leash available. Here is the website: freedomnopolpullharness.com.

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Hello from Europe.

With thanks to UK member Joan Sheehan, here are the full results for the two weight pull championships held in the UK;

AMCUK Eastleigh Weightpull
Championship 2016/17

61-80 LB WB class – 1st **Cherubini Atene Cinquale**, 2nd **Cherubini Atene Sarzana**, 3rd **Cherubini Atene Winterscall Khaos**.

81-100 LB WC class – 1st **Celticice Sestertius Tomsk**, 2nd **Cinneli Fast'n Furious Phinx To Cherubini**, 3rd **Cherubini Midnight Wolf**.

Over 101 LB WU class – 1st **Chayo Could It Be Magic**, 2nd **Wolfraven Roos Dark River At Bluekaneq**, 3rd **Sockeye Onn Oengus Mac Nog**.

Most Weight Pulled - **Chayo Could It Be Magic**. Highest Body % - **Cinneli Fast'n Furious Phinx To Cherubini**

Allerton Park Weightpull Championship 2017

The Lord and Lady Mowbray Trophy For Highest Percentage - **Waytogo Austin Sausimayok For Cedar creek**. The Arcticdawns Salver For Most Weight Pulled - **Cinneli Fast 'N' Furious Turbo**. The Packice Salver For Most Weight Pulled By Opposite Sex - **Cinneli Fast 'N' Furious Evo 41** to 60 LB class - The Hawkam Trophy - 1st **Windberg Papparazzi To Fenrirkin**, The Kaytoo Trophy - 2nd **Cedar creek Frozen In Time**, The Snowwolf Trophy - 3rd **Arcticdawns Free And Easy At Kaytoo** 61 to 80 LB class - The Kachemak Trophy - 1st **Packice Mora**, The Cedar creek Trophy - 2nd **Kentredesima Vegas Fun**, The Stormwinds Trophy - 3rd **Waytogo Austin Sausimayok For Cedar creek** 81 to 100 LB class - The

Brandelle Trophy - 1st **Cinneli Fast 'N' Furious Evo**, The Icebound Trophy - 2nd **Cedarcreek Enchantress For Nordicwinds**, The Tarkipark Trophy - 3rd **Powderhound's Sealed With A Kizz For Amaqqut**. Over 100 LB class - The Amaqqut Trophy - 1st **Cinneli Fast 'N' Furious Turbo**, The Shomont Trophy - 2nd **Nordicwinds Alterego**, The Oscar Trophy - 3rd **Snowolf Black Ice Striker At Icemoon**. News sent from Dutch member, Erna Upmeijer; "The International dogs how is always lovely and is held in a huge glasshouse in Hazerswoude. This show was a huge success for our kennel. AKIMA, **Kataum Inua's Akimaruk**, won the junior class,

so he gained the last point for his junior championship. To our big surprise, he was also awarded best male and then went on to beat his elder sister to be awarded Best of Breed. His elder sister AHYOKE, **Kataum Inua's Alianaitchuk**, owned by Veronique van Delen, was awarded best bitch and gained the last point for her Dutch Championship. Dazzled with our great success, we celebrated with a quick lunch, while we waited for AKIMA to go to the main ring. Our boy is always happy and he rushed together with his handler into the ring, still wagging his tail and took Group 5. AKIMA has started to grow into the gangling stage at 13 months old, so

it will probably be best to keep him at home for the summer. He has gained two points towards his full championship title, which he only can only receive after the age of 27 months old." (see howl about).

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

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No Report



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

NEW CHAMPION

CH MYTUK "N" KENO LET IT RIDE (D)

Sire: GCH Silverice Jager Bomb
Dam: CH Mytuk Good Golly Miss Molly
Breeder: Annette Milburn
Owner: Linda & Troy Katlarz
Show: Sacramento Kennel Club
Date: April 15th 2017
Judge: Ms. Patricia Healy

CH STAGHORN & ALI-MIC'S MARION RAVENWOOD, CGC

Sire: BISS GCHB Ch Ootek's Game on, ROM
Dam: CH Staghorn's Eye Candy
Breeder: Cheena & Lenny Villano & Donelle Burrill
Owner: Michael & Alicia McGuire
Show: Harrisburg KC – AMCA Mid-East
Specialty
Date: 04/16/2017
Judge: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Hastings

CH LUV SNO'S UPTOWN GIRL CGCA, BN, CD, RE (B)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon
Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney
Breeder: Lisa King/David McClain
Owner: Jane Palinkas/Vicki Palinkas
Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association
Date: Sunday March 5, 2017
Judge: Ms. Terry Breen

NEW GRAND CHAMPION

GCH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl CGCA, BN, CD, RE, (B)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon
Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney CGCA, CD, RE, WWPD, WPD, WTD
Breeder: Jane Palinkas/Vicki Palinkas
Owner: Jane Palinkas/Vicki Palinkas
Show: Lebanon County Kennel Club Inc.
Date: April 14, 2017,
Breed Judge: Ms. Rita S. Walker

GCH. KASAAN'S HEART OF A FIGHTER (B)

Sire: GCH Kasaan's Seize T' Fortune
Dam: Kasaan's The Fortune Is Sweeter
Breeder: Bonnie McMahon-Howen
Owners: Stephanie Lindeman and Bonnie McMahon-Howen
Show: Medina Kennel Club, Inc.
Date: March 5, 2017
Judge: Mr. James E. Taylor

GCH ARCTIC HOPE'S BRAVE BETSY OF TAIGA

Sire: Northpaw's War Games
Dam: Arctic Hope's 1st In My Heart
Breeder: Leesa Thomas
Owner: Katherine K. McCormick & Leesa Thomas
Show: Western Pa Kennel Club
Date: 04/01/2017
Judge: Ms. Charlotte McGowan

NEW BRONZE GRAND CHAMPION

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahon-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahon-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.
Date: April 15, 2017
Judge: Mr. Houston Clark

GROUP 1 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

BISS GCH ILLUSION'S STRAIGHT POLAR FORTUNE (D)

Sire: GCH Kasaan's Rise'N Up To T' Fortune
Dam: Illusion's Straight From The Jacket
Breeders: Pamela & Joseph Fusco
Owners: Deana & Troy Nusz
Show: Fort St Clair Kennel Club
Date: 4/29/17
Breed Judge: Col. Joe B Purkhiser
Group Judge: Mr. Garry K. Newton

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune

Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Kennel Club of Yorkville
Date: April 8, 2017
Breed Judge: Ms. Jane Haefner
Group Judge: Mr. Robert E. Hutton
BIS Judge: Ms. Judy Taylor

GROUP ONE (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Kennel Club of Yorkville
Date: April 8, 2017
Breed Judge: Ms. Jane Haefner
Group Judge: Mr. Robert E. Hutton

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.
Date: April 20, 2017
Breed: Mr. Jay Richardson
Group: Mr. Douglas A. Johnson

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Bloomington Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.
Date: April 21, 2017
Breed Judge: Mr. Rick Gschwender
Group Judge: Mr. Jay Richardson

GROUP TWO (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Kennel Club of Yorkville
Date: April 9, 2017
Breed Judge: Mr. James D. Ellis
Group Judge: Mr. Timothy J. Malueg

GCHB KASAAN N' SEEKA'S T' SUM OF ALL FORTUNE AT SIGMA (B)

Sire: CH DreameKatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune
Dam: CH Seeka N' Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune
Breeders: Tracy Kilburn and Bonnie McMahan-Howen
Owners: Bonnie McMahan-Howen and Stephanie Lindeman
Show: Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.
Date: April 23, 2017
Breed Judge: Mr. Luis F. Sosa
Group Judge: Mr. Luis F. Sosa

CH PEKABOOS RED BULL (D)

Sire: Ch Shofur's Moonlight Voyager
Dam: Ch Pekaboos B-Wootiful Noise
Breeder: Jeannine Theriaque
Owner: Jeannine Theriaque
Show: Trap Falls Kennel Club
Date: April 9, 2017
Breed: Mrs. Dorothy N. Collier
Group: Ms Nikki Riggsbee

BISS GCH ILLUSION'S STRAIGHT POLAR FORTUNE (D)

Sire: GCH Kasaan's Rise'N Up To T'Fortune
Dam: Illusion's Straight From The Jacket
Breeders: Pamela & Joseph Fusco
Owners: Deana & Troy Nusz
Show: Fort St Clair Kennel Club
Date: 4/30/17
Breed Judge: Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser
Group Judge: Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser

GROUP 3 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

BISS GCH ILLUSION'S STRAIGHT POLAR FORTUNE (D)

Sire: GCH Kasaan's Rise'N Up To T'Fortune
Dam: Illusion's Straight From The Jacket

Breeders: Pamela & Joseph Fusco
Owners: Deana & Troy Nusz
Show: Saginaw Valley Kennel Club
Date: 4/8/17
Breed Judge: Mr. Jack H. Ireland
Group Judge: Ms. Wendy Schira

NEW OPEN STANDARD PREFERRED TITLE

CH POWDERHOUND'S SILVER LINING WWPDX WTD WPD CGCA RAE OAP OJP OFF VAM AAAM (D)

Sire: CH Awanuna's Pfalkor Pfurs Istari
WWPD WTD ROM ROMWDA
Dam: BVIS Storm Kloud's As Good As It Gets WWPDX WTD WPD WLD IDWP1 ROMWDX ROM-PERF
Breeder: Jen Effler-Leveille
Owner: Jen Effler-Leveille
Show: Oshkosh Kennel Club
Date: April 8, 2017
Judge: David Nauer

NEW OPEN STANDARD PREFERRED TITLE

CH Powderhound's Silver Lining WWPDX WTD WPD CGCA RAE OAP OJP OFF VAM AAAM (D)

Sire: CH Awanuna's Pfalkor Pfurs Istari
WWPD WTD ROM ROMWDA
Dam: BVIS Storm Kloud's As Good As It Gets WWPDX WTD WPD WLD IDWP1 ROMWDX ROM-PERF
Breeder: Jen Effler-Leveille
Owner: Jen Effler-Leveille
Show: Oshkosh Kennel Club
Date: April 8, 2017
Judge: David Nauer

GROUP 3 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (D)

Sire: CH Mach GCH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider MXJ CD RN
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel RN OAJ
Breeder: Tammy Doukas
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster
Show: Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa
Date: 3-30-17
Breed: Ms. Beverly Capstick
Group: Mrs. Janet Turnage Nahikian

**GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE
ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC
RN (D)**

Sire: CH Mach GCH Halatsuu Indiana
Snow Raider MXJ CD RN
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow
Angel RN OAJ
Breeder: Tammy Doukas
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster
Show: Mid-Continent Kennel Club of
Tulsa
Date: 4-1-17
Breed: Ms. Victoria M. Jordan
Group: Mr. Ralph J (Sonny) Ambrosio

**GROUP 4 (AKC OWNER
HANDLER)**

**GCH NORTHERN EXPOSURE
ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC
RN (D)**

Sire: CH Mach GCH Halatsuu Indiana
Snow Raider MXJ CD RN
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow
Angel RN OAJ
Breeder: Tammy Doukas
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster
Show: Clinton Iowa Kennel Club
Date: 3-25-17
Breed: Mrs. Paula Nykiel
Group: Mrs. Carolyn A Herbel

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

Sire: CH Mach GCH Halatsuu Indiana
Snow Raider MXJ CD RN
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel
RN OAJ
Breeder: Tammy Doukas
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster
Show: Clinton Iowa Kennel Club
Date: 3-25-17
Breed: Dr. Steve Keating
Group: Mr. Houston Clark

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

Sire: CH Mach GCH Halatsuu Indiana
Snow Raider MXJ CD RN
Dam: CH Sno Shire's Sahara Snow
Angel RN OAJ
Breeder: Tammy Doukas
Owner: Cindy and Curt Foster
Show: Clinton Iowa Kennel Club
Date: 3-25-17
Breed: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark
Group: Dr. Steve Keating

NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE

**SPIRITRUN'S PERFECT GIFT
CGCA, CGCU, RN (B)**

Sire: Spiritrun's Perfect Stand
Dam: Spiritrun's Gift of Gab
Breeder: Jennifer and Edmund Remazki
Owners: Colleen and David Belanger, Jennifer
and Edmund Remazki
Trial: Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
Date: March 24, 2017
Judge: Dianne Allen

**YELLOWSNOW MALAMUTES
STARDUST FAIRY (B)**

Sire: Trapline Daredevil Diablo
Dam: Tsheyka Kanani of Kiyara's Wolf Pak
Breeder: Connie Hammenshoj & Erik Jensen
Owner: Jackie Wyandt
Show: Decatur Obedience Training Club,
Inc
Date: April 1, 2017
Judge: Randy Capsel

**NEW NOVICE FAST
PREFERRED TITLE**

**AMAQQUT ON THE PULL WWPDX
WTD WPD RE NAP OJP NFP VAM
AAAM--IMP UK (B)**

Sire: CH Kasaan's Take The Fortune N
Run To Chayo WTD ROMWD
Dam: Hawkam Lucky Break WWPDX WTD
ROMWD
Breeder: Jeff and Joan Sheehan
Owner: Jen Effler-Leveille
Trial: Winnegamie Kennel Club
Date: March 5, 2017
Judge: Katherine Rudolph

**NEW NOVICE STANDARD
PREFERRED TITLE**

**POWDERHOUND'S OVER AND
OVER AGAIN WWPDA WPD RN
NAP (B)**

Sire: CH Powderhound's Silver Lining
WWPDX WTD WPD CGCA RAE OAP OJP
OFP VAM AAAM
Dam: Powderhound's Blaze of Glory
WWPDX WTD WPD CGCA RE IDWP3
ROMWD VAM AAAM
Breeder: Jen Effler-Leveille
Owner: Jen Effler-Leveille
Show: Winnegamie Kennel Club
Date: March 5, 2017
Judge: Katherine Rudolph

BEST IN SHOW

**GCHB PEACE RIVER'S ROGUE
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE (D)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone
ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag
of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Sharon Weston
Paluse Hills KC Lewis-Clark KC
Date: April 23, 2017
Judge: Mr. Lawrence Sinclair

GROUP 1

**GCHB PEACE RIVER'S ROGUE
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE (D)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone
ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag
of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Sharon Weston
Paluse Hills KC Lewis-Clark KC
Date: April 24th, 2017
Judge: Mrs. Janet **Sinclair**

GROUP 2

**GCHB PEACE RIVER'S ROGUE
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE (D)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone
ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag
of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Sharon Weston
Paluse Hills KC Paluse Hills KC
Date: April 22, 2017
Judge: Faye Strauss

GROUP 3

**GCHB PEACE RIVER'S ROGUE
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE (D)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone
ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag
of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Sharon Weston
Show: Peninsula Dog Fanciers
Date: March 25
Judge: Richard Lewis

**GCHB PEACE RIVER'S ROGUE
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE (D)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone
ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag

of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Sharon Weston
Show: Cintimini KC
Date: April 1, 2017
Judge: Kay Reaminsynder

GCH PEACE RIVER'S BLING IT ON (B)

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Michele S. Coburn and Alisa Syar
Show: Steel City Kennel Club
Date: April 15, 2017
Judge: Ronald Spritzer

GROUP 4

GCH PEACE RIVER'S BLING IT ON (B)

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone ROM
Dam: CH Peace River's All That And A Bag of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Michele S. Coburn and Alisa Syar
Show: Terre Haute Kennel Club
Date: April 22, 2017
Judge: Luis Sosa

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB
TITLES & AWARDS**

NEW CHAMPION - DUTCH

KATAUM INUA'S ALIANAITCHUK (B)

Sire: Wihinape Waziya Ouye
Dam: CH Peace River Niviasar
Breeder: C. J. Hartveld & E. Upmeijer

Owner: V. van Delen
Show: CAC/CACIB Kv Rhineland, Hazerswoude
Date: March 18, 2017
Breed: E. Verschoor

**NEW JUNIOR CHAMPION -
DUTCH**

KATAUM INUA'S AKIMARUK (D)

Sire: Wihinape Waziya Ouye
Dam: CH Peace River Niviasar
Breeder: C. J. Hartveld & E. Upmeijer
Owner: C. J. Hartveld & E. Upmeijer
Show: CAC/CACIB Kv Rhineland, Hazerswoude
Date: March 18, 2017
Breed: E. Verschoor



We Salute Storm Kloud Alaskan Malamutes

NAVI

Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior WWPDX, WWPDA, WWP, IWPA WD Excellent, WD Superior

Sire: CH Storm Kloud's Oomiak, ROM, ROM-WDX, WWPDX, WWP, WLD, WTD, CD

Dam: GCH Storm Kloud's Kindred Spirit, WWP, WTD

Bred by Bob and Nancy Russell

Owned and Loved by Michelle and John Podolak



In his five years of weight pulling he has finished in first place 21 times in the 100lb class; he has attained 16 Most Weight Pulled awards and 13 High Percentage awards. In five IWPA seasons, he has earned four Gold, and one Silver medals in Region Four, qualifying him for the IWPA Championship weight pulls on Wheels each year. At AMCA National Specialty Weight Pulls, Navi has pulled well. In 2012, he earned second place in his class at the Regional and fourth place in his class at the National pull. In 2013, Navi earned third place in his class at the Regional, and first place in his class at the National pull. In 2015, Navi earned fourth place in his class at the National pull. In 2016, Navi pulled 2988lbs at both pulls, earning him first place in his class and High Percentage over all at the Regional Pull and first place in his class at the National Pull.



We're so proud to have this great dog. Navi is always a willing worker, in the weight pull chute and on the trail. He exceeds our expectations. He keeps us laughing with his silly antics and is the best at snuggling on the couch.

In our local all-breed Gateway Sled Dog Club, Navi holds the record for the 300 yard dash, and for the One Mile - One Dog races. On the only snow race here in Missouri, Navi finished first in the 300 yd dash and third of six teams with Ziggy in the one mile race.

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We Salute Edgemere Alaskan Malamutes

ZIGGY

Edgemere's Second to None WWPDA, IWPA WD Excellent

Sire: MBIS, BPIS, CH Watersone's Chips Ahoy TT
Dam: Am CH & Can GrCH Edgemere's Appassionata TT

Bred by Kathleen Corkum, and Dennis & Carol Collins Owned and loved by John and Michelle Podolak



What a joy Ziggy has been to our home. His sweet, affectionate personality and his outspoken antics capture the attention of everyone he meets. He was slow to appreciate the joys of weight pull but has always loved to pull a sled. In the only race on snow for the all breed Gateway Sled Dog Club, Ziggy, with his partner Navi, came in third of six teams and fourth of seven in the 300yd dash. On dry land, he has finished third several times out of seven or eight dogs. He has been a willing partner with several of our club members' dogs, as well. Everyone is always happy to see Ziggy.



Ziggy has worked hard to achieve his WWPDA title. But in the 2016-17 season, he really improved. In 2016 at the AMCA National Specialty, he earned his first WWPDA leg, pulling his all time high weight. In March, 2017, he earned his second WWPDA leg and his first WWPDX leg. During this season he also completed the requirements for his IWPA Working Dog Excellent Title. In the four IWPA seasons he has pulled, Ziggy earned two Silver medals in the 100lb class and one Gold medal in the 125lb class. (He breezed in at 101lbs this season.) We're looking forward to more achievements by this good dog.

Paid Advertising OFA/CERF: none provided

2017 FIRST QUARTER CONFORMATION STATISTICS

If you have any questions or corrections contact Karen Berry (committee chair). **Please make sure you notify the committee chair in writing if you are the primary owner of a dog (first name listed on the AKC registration) but the dog is residing with another co-owner.** In that case, the dog will be noted in the area in which the co-owner is residing. All statistics reflect points and titles earned as of March 31, 2017.

Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck through the rest of 2017!

TOP 10 BEST OF BREED/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

DOGS

1	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud	WC	A Syar/ L Newburn/ R Pohl/ M Stone	139
2	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	SO	G Box-Young	88
3	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	IL/WI	D Roberts- Burrill	62
4	GCH Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck	MW	J Wild	59
5	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	GL	H Donovan	56
6	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	NY/NJ	K Hausner	53
7	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	PNW	S Weston/ J Weston	45
8	GCH Pale Moon's Arctic Chaos	GL	K McCallum/ J McCallum/ P Scheid	33
9	CH Pekaboos Red Bull	NE	J Theriaque	29
10	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart	ME	M Park/ J Park/S Park	25

BITCHES

1	GCH Peace River's Bling It On (B)	PNW	M Coburn	51
2	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma (B)	GL	B McMahon Howen/ S Lindeman	43
3	GCH Nyrakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljkn	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	37
4	CH Kasaan's A Glimmer O' Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen	24
5	CH Katalla Sno Klassic Busy Being Fabulous	GL	T Newport/ P Peel/ M Peel	23
	GCH Sno Klassic Hot Lips	GL	T Newport/ P Peel/ M Peel	23
7	GCH Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music	NY/NJ	P Carey	22
8	GCH Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	19
	GCH Northern Lites Fame&Fortune	GL	H Donovan	19
10	CH Dragonmyst Zipp Sparkling Sapphire	SO	A Casterline/ J Casterline/ J Durst	15
	GCH Silverice's Sensational Celebutante	WC	A Syar/ M Stone/ P Harrison	15
	GCH Thundercloud T' Secret's In T' Starz	IL/WI	P Mcgovern/ T Mcgovern	15

TOP 10 CLASS DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	Catera N Chikara's Hershey Kiss	MW	S Pomes- Bohay/ A Kanzelberger	23
2	Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	23
	CH Tundra's On The Rocks	GL	P Kovac	23
4	Windchaser's Right To Bear Arms	MW	L Ste Jhourre/ A Koehlert-Ste Jhourre	21
5	Kasaan's Fight'N For T' Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen	16
	CH Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	16
7	CH Winter Park's Nobiz Like Snobiz	ME	J Park/M Park/ S Park	14

BITCHES

1	CH Staghorn's Little Black Treasure	AL	J Iglesias	36
2	CH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	NE	J Palinkas/ V Palinkas	18
3	Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond	ME	B Ferianc	14
4	CH Kwik-Pak Aurora Borealis	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	13
	Uyak Lloyd Neck Lily	NY/NJ	P Honigman	13
6	Windchaser's Old Fashioned Love Song	SO	M Richards/ G Richards	12
7	CH Malaczar Fallmoon Call Me Gwen-Nevar	GL	J Lind/E Price/ J Price	11

8	Onan House Of The Rising Sun	SO	P Hazelwood/ A Becker	13
9	Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	SO	R Allen/ M Peterson	10
10	Banshee's Dunked In Black Velvet	NY/NJ	X Santiago/ K Santiago	9

	CH Wolfholic's Turbulence Over Owyhee	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel- Hisatake/ B Turrin	11
9	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	GL	L Thomas	10
	CH Kasaan's Step'N Up T' Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen	10

TOP 10 BRED-BY EXHIBITOR DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	CH Tundra's On The Rocks	GL	P Kovac	31
2	CH Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	18
3	Winter Park Silverice Black Tie Affair	ME	M Park/J Park/ S Park	12
4	Storm Sky's Keeper Of The Past At Storm Kloud	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J ElDissi/ J Gonzalez	9
5	Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	7
6	CH Kohoutec Kaboom	ME	D Collins/ C Collins/ K Corkum	6
	CH Kumata's Bottoms Up	SO	S Bedell/ E Thomas	6
8	Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	5
9	Lakopac's Koda Bear Of The Yukon	NY/NJ	P Bryce	4
10	Wildwood's Winkler	GL	A Kunkel/ J Slusher/ B Slusher	3

BITCHES

1	Adair'N'Hug Out Of The Blue	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	14
2	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	GL	L Thomas	11
3	CH Edgemere's Love Over Gold	RM	K Corkum/ D Collins/ C Collins	10
4	Valhallas Restless Hekla	RM	R Pratt/S Pratt	7
5	Anua's Riptide	IL/WI	K Fischer	6
6	Catoico's All Star Adventure	SO	S Moore	4
	Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay	ME	S Komaromy/ J Komaromy/ T Bee	4
	Valhalla's Poetic Autumn Edda	RM	R Pratt/S Pratt	4
9	Snobuc's Watching Over Me	NY/NJ	M Dinwoodie/ R Dinwoodie/ E French/ T Johnston	3
	Tanu's Spirit Of The Bear	PNW	S Shrager	3

TOP 10 PUPPY DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	Kasaan's Fight'N For T' Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen	16
2	Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	SO	R Allen/ M Peterson	10
	Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	RM	P Jenkins/ E Jenkins	10
4	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	IL/WI	C Uraynar/ T Uraynar	4
	Ootek's Braveheart	WC	L Panelli/ C Burke	4
6	Odin God Of War (Martinez)	SO	A & K Schireman/ A Reeves/ J Carbonell/ A Heredia	3
	Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama	IL/WI	K Manassa	3
8	Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top	ME	J Komaromy/ S Komaromy	2
9	NONE			

BITCHES

1	Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	RM	P Harrison/ K Hukill/ D Roberts	11
2	Adair'N'Hug Let's Go Places	SO	G Box-Young	9
3	Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	GL	H Donovan	8
4	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	WC	L Panelli/ C Burke	7
	Winterstanz Stella Mira	IL/WI	P Herzfeld/ M Herzfeld	7
6	Tobruk's Kalamals Southern Enchantress	SO	S James	5
7	Kwik-Pak Full Of Zeal	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	4
8	Uyak Hurricane Hana	NY/NJ	P Honigman	3
	Wildwood's U Call Me A B---H Like It's A Bad Thing	GL	M Rooney/ K Rooney/ N Ramsey/ A Kunkel	3

10	NONE			

10	Owyhee Fireworks At Benchmark	ME	P Hamilton/ G Kuehnel- Histake	1
	Stormchaser Me Myself And I at Pale Moon	GL	K Mccallum/ J McCallum	1

TOP JUNIORS

1	Jayden A Durst	2	BJH	42
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GREAT LAKES

D	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	H Donovan	56
CD	CH Tundra's On The Rocks	P Kovac	23
BBD	CH Tundra's On The Rocks	P Kovac	31
PD	Kasaan's Fight'N For T' Fortune	B McMahon Howen	16

B	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma	B McMahon Howen/ S Lindeman	43
CB	CH Malaczar Fallmoon Call Me Gwen-Nevar	J Lind/E Price/J Price	11
BBB	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	L Thomas	11
PB	Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	H Donovan	8

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

D	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	D Roberts-Burrill	62
CD	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	C Uraynar/T Uraynar	4
BBD	Storm Sky's Keeper Of The Past At Storm Kloud	S Czarapata/J ElDissi/ J Gonzalez	9
PD	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	C Uraynar/T Uraynar	4

B	GCH Thunderkloud T' Secret's In T' Starz	P MCGovern/ T MCGovern	15
CB	Anua's Riptide	K Fischer	5
BBB	Anua's Riptide	K Fischer	6
PB	Winterstarz Stella Mira	P Herzfeld/M Herzfeld	7

MID-EAST

D	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart	M Park/ J Park/ S Park	25
CD	Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	D Childers/T Bussard	23
BBD	Winter Park Silverice Black Tie Affair	M Park/J Park/S Park	12
PD	Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top	J Komaromy/ S Komaromy	2

B	CH Kwik-Pak Aurora Borealis	D Childers/T Bussard	6
CB	Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond	B Ferienc	14
BBB	Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay	S Komaromy/ J Komaromy/T Bee	4
PB	Kwik-Pak Full Of Zeal	D Childers/T Bussard	4

MIDWEST

D	GCH Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck	J Wild	59
CD	Catera N Chikara's Hershey Kiss	S Pomes-Bohay/ A Kanzelberger	23
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	

B	Kaviak's Snow Sprite	J Delay	2
CB	Kaviak's Snow Sprite	J Delay	2
BBB	Kaviak's Snow Sprite	J Delay	2
PB	NONE	NONE	

NEW ENGLAND

D	CH Pekaboos Red Bull	J Theriaque	29
CD	NONE	NONE	
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	

B	CH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	11
CB	CH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	18
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	NONE	NONE	

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

D	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	K Hausner	53
CD	CH Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	K Colman/J Nirhamo	16
BBD	CH Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	K Colman/J Nirhamo	18
PD	NONE	NONE	

B	GCH Nyrakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljkn	K Colman/J Nirhamo	37
CB	Uyak Lloyd Neck Lily	P Honigman	13
BBB	Snobuc's Watching Over Me	M Dinwoodie/ R Dinwoodie/E French/ T Johnston	3
PB	Uyak Hurricane Hana	P Honigman	3

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

D	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	S Weston/J Weston	45
CD	NONE	NONE	
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	

B	GCH Peace River's Bling It On	M Coburn	51
CB	Tanu's Spirit Of The Bear	S Shrager	3
BBB	Tanu's Spirit Of The Bear	S Shrager	3
PB	NONE	NONE	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

D	GCH Alcan Disco Dancer At Ranmar	A Rubenstein/ H Rubenstein	16
CD	Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	P Jenkins/E Jenkins	3
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	P Jenkins/E Jenkins	10

B	Adair'N'Hug Out Of The Blue	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	6
B	Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/ K Hukill/ D Roberts	6
CB	Adair'N'Hug Out Of The Blue	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	6
CB	Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/ K Hukill/ D Roberts	6
BBB	Adair'N'Hug Out Of The Blue	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	14
PB	Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/ K Hukill/ D Roberts	11

SOUTHERN

D	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	G Box-Young	88
CD	Onan House Of The Rising Sun	P Hazelwood/A Becker	13
BBD	CH Kumata's Bottoms Up	S Bedell/E Thomas	6
PD	Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	R Allen/M Peterson	10

B	CH Dragonmyst Zipp Sparkling Sapphire	A Casterline/ J Casterline/ J Durst	15
CB	Windchaser's Old Fashioned Love Song	M Richards/G Richards	12
BBB	Catoico's All Star Adventure	S Moore	4
PB	Adair'N'Hug Let's Go Places	G Box-Young	9

WEST COAST

D	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud	A Syar/ L Newburn/ R Pohl/ M Stone	139
CD	Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	4
BBD	Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	7
PD	Ootek's Braveheart	L Panelli/C Burke	4

B	GCH Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	19
CB	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	L Panelli/C Burke	5
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	L Panelli/C Burke	7

AT LARGE

D	CH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP	Y Nojima	4
CD	NONE	NONE	
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	

B	NONE	NONE	
CB	CH Staghorn's Little Black Treasure	J Iglesias	36
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	NONE	NONE	

Please contact Karen Berry (gotroots @ aol.com) if you are interested in helping out with the statistics for 2017.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation “Top 5 Health Concerns”

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Replies will be emailed, and popular questions may also appear anonymously in the next newsletter.*

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) funds scientific research and helps disseminate health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine diseases. The CHF has contributed to more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, and CHF-funded research has been cited more than 1500 times.

CHF is the largest nonprofit funder of dog-specific health research. CHF receives donations from individuals, dog clubs, foundations and corporations, and then awards these donations to different research programs based upon rigorous review of each research grant.

The results of the most recent CHF poll have identified the top five canine health concerns, and highlighted research in these disciplines with the Bloat Initiative, ongoing Cancer funding, Epilepsy Initiative, Hypothyroidism Focus, and Tick-Borne Disease Initiative. Recent grants provided by CHF to researchers in these areas are outlined in this article.

1. BLOAT INITIATIVE

Bloat or gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) is a painful and rapidly progressing condition that occurs when the stomach dilates, obstructing the passage of food and gas. Volvulus results if the stomach distends enough to rotate. Damage to the stomach, shock, and death will occur without immediate surgical correction. The CHF Bloat Initiative highlights the following grants:

Bloat Initiative grant: *Abnormalities in the Stomach's Ability to Contract Predisposes Large-Breed Dogs to Bloat.* Dr. Laura L. Nelson, D.V.M., Michigan State University

Although risk factors for bloat have been described, the underlying cause is still unknown. A similar condition in cattle, left-sided displacement of the abomasum (LDA), has been associated with motilin gene defects. Motilin is necessary for proper stomach contraction, suggesting that LDA and GDV may be initiated when the stomach fails to properly contract. Dr. Nelson hopes to discover and identify biochemical and genetic stomach contraction defects in relation to GDV, and to develop a test to identify high risk dogs. With such a test, the condition could be eliminated through selective breeding, while existing high risk dogs can benefit from preventative treatment.

Bloat Initiative grant: *Evaluating the Complex Genetic Basis of Bloat.* Dr. Claire Rebecca Sharp, BVMS; Tufts University

The cause of GDV is believed to be due to multiple genetic and environmental factors. Dr. Sharp believes that biochemical, molecular, and genomic assays will identify genetic differences between dogs that have developed GDV and those of similar breed and age that have not developed GDV. Dr. Sharp hopes that the cause of GDV will be understood from collaborating with other researchers to gain a big picture of all of the many molecular and environmental pieces.

2. CANINE CANCER

Approximately one-third of CHF funding supports cancer research. Hemangiosarcoma is currently in the CHF research spotlight. Hemangiosarcoma is a malignant, aggressive tumor commonly affecting blood vessels. Certain breeds are especially susceptible, and heredity is an important risk factor. Hemangiosarcomas occur anywhere there are blood vessels, but most often in the spleen. They metastasize quickly and except for the skin form, prognosis is poor. CHF Hemangiosarcoma grants include the following:

Hemangiosarcoma Grant: *Innovations in Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Cancer - Goldens Lead the Way.* Dr. Jaime F Modiano, VMD PhD, University of Minnesota

Drs. Modiano, Breen, and Lindblad-Toh have identified several tumor-specific gene mutations associated with lymphoma (tumors of the immune system) and hemangiosarcoma in Golden Retrievers. In this study,

the researchers determine risk factors of the specific mutations and develop risk prediction tools and a DNA test for lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma. This grant contributed to a publication that describes a new treatment for hemangiosarcoma:

Borgatti, A., Koopmeiners, J. S., Sarver, A. L., Winter, A. L., Stuebner, K., Todhunter, D., ... Vallera, D. A. (2017). Safe and Effective Sarcoma Therapy through Bispecific Targeting of EGFR and uPAR. *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*.

Hemangiosarcoma Grant: *A Novel Mechanism to Regulate the Growth of Canine*

Hemangiosarcoma. Dr. Erin B. Dickerson, PhD; University of Minnesota

Over the past few decades, the outcome for dogs with hemangiosarcoma has not significantly improved. Recent evidence suggests that the tumor cells require fatty acids for growth and tissue invasion. Dr. Dickerson will verify that tumor cells require fatty acids for metabolism, and determine if they hijack the body's fat cells for their own growth. If so, then disruption of this specific interaction of the tumor cells with the fat cells could lead to improved outcomes for those affected with hemangiosarcoma.

3. EPILEPSY INITIATIVE

Epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder in dogs, and is marked by recurrent seizures. Genetic epilepsy is inherited, symptomatic epilepsy is caused by structural problems in the brain, and epilepsy of unknown origin is termed idiopathic epilepsy. Even with medication, one-third dogs continue to have seizures long term, and another one-third dogs are considered resistant to anti-seizure medication.

Epilepsy Initiative Grant: *Identification of a Novel Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy Gene and Its Underlying Disease Mechanism*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Hannes T Lohi, PhD; University of Helsinki and the Folkhälsan Institute of Genetics

Dr. Lohi recently identified a mutation in a neuronal gene that may be responsible for juvenile myoclonic epilepsy (JME) in Rhodesian Ridgebacks with characteristic JME phenotype, age of onset, and photosensitivity. This grant helps him to: 1. further characterize JME; 2. confirm the candidate epilepsy gene mutation; 3. investigate the prevalence of the mutation; 4. confirm the disease is hereditary, and 5. define the ability of the mutation to cause JME. Once the genetic defect has been confirmed, the goal is to develop a genetic test for screening dogs as well as to study how the seizures develop, leading to improved epilepsy treatments. This grant contributed to the published discovery of a defective gene that causes generalized myoclonic epilepsy in juvenile dogs:

Wielander, F., Sarviaho, R., James, F., Hytönen, M. K., Cortez, M. A., Kluger, G., ... Lohi, H. (2017). Generalized myoclonic epilepsy with photosensitivity in juvenile dogs caused by a defective DIRAS family GTPase 1. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Epilepsy Initiative Grant: *Studying the Role of the Gastrointestinal Tract in Canine Epilepsy*. Dr. Karen R. Munana, DVM; North Carolina State University

Dr. Munana believes that dogs with drug-resistant epilepsy may have a different population of the bacterial species *Lactobacillus* in their intestinal tracts than normal dogs. She will define these different bacterial populations and test the effect of anti-seizure medications on *Lactobacillus* growth rates. The goal is to gain a better understanding of drug resistant epilepsy that will lead to successful treatment of seizures.

Epilepsy Initiative Grant: *Investigating a Ketogenic Medium-Chain Triglyceride (MCT) Supplement for the Treatment of Drug-Resistant Canine Idiopathic Epilepsy and Its Behavioral Comorbidities*.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Holger Andreas Volk, DVM, PhD; Royal Veterinary College, University of London

The ketogenic diet is high in fat and low in carbohydrates, and has been a successful treatment in children with epilepsy for decades, including some children with drug-resistant epilepsy. A component of the ketogenic diet, a medium-chain fatty acid (MCT) called C10, has direct anti-seizure effects on the brain. Dr. Volk will investigate whether dietary supplementation with C10 will reduce the frequency and

severity of seizures in dogs with drug-resistant epilepsy. He will also investigate whether C10 will improve cognition, anxiety, and the side effects of anti-seizure drugs.

Epilepsy Initiative Grant: *Identification of Genetic Risk Factors for Canine Epilepsy.* Principal Investigator: Dr. Gary S. Johnson, DVM PhD; University of Missouri, Columbia
Traditional gene mapping studies have not identified a gene defect for epilepsy, possibly because the disease collectively involves multiple factors. Dr. Johnson hopes to identify DNA variations contributing to epilepsy by utilizing a genome sequencing approach to directly compare the DNA of epileptic and non-epileptic dogs. This grant contributed to the published discovery of a gene mutation in a Cane Corso dog that causes neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (an inherited, neurodegenerative disorder characterized by progressive mental and motor deterioration, seizures and early death):

Kolicheski, A., Heller, H. L. B., Arnold, S., Schnabel, R. D., Taylor, J. F., Knox, C. A., ... Katz, M. L. (2016). Homozygous PPT1 Splice Donor Mutation in a Cane Corso Dog With Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis. *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine.*

4. HYPOTHYROIDISM FOCUS

Hypothyroidism is a common disorder marked by a deficiency in hormones from the thyroid gland. Dogs deficient in thyroid hormones may have a range of symptoms including weight gain, lethargy, cold intolerance, alopecia or hair loss, skin infections, joint pain, mood changes, and multiple organ abnormalities.

Hypothyroidism Grant: *Development of Accurate Diagnostic Tests for Canine Hypothyroidism.*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jan A Mol, PhD; University of Utrecht

About 30% of dogs with hypothyroidism are misdiagnosed. Dr. Mol is investigating three tests to determine whether they can accurately diagnose hypothyroidism. These tests are: 1. a stimulation test measuring plasma growth hormone and thyroid stimulating hormone; 2. a test measuring plasma thyrotropin-releasing hormone or ghrelin concentration; 3. a plasma thyroid hormone bioactivity assay.

5. TICK-BORNE DISEASE INITIATIVE

Tick-borne disease occurs when ticks infected with pathogens bite and transmit the pathogens to a human, dog, or other animal. Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Ehrlichiosis, Hemotropic Mycoplasmosis, Hepatozoonosis, Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are important tick-borne diseases of dogs.

Tick-Borne Initiative Grant: *Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical Illness, and Prognosis.*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jason Stull, VMD, PhD; Ohio State University

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease transmitted by tick bites. Dogs infected with Lyme disease often don't show symptoms such as lethargy and lameness, but sometimes symptoms can be serious, including kidney disease. The investigators hope to define the best management strategies for dogs with Lyme disease, and to determine the most effective tick prevention and control. To do this, they are following a large group of dogs from the U.S. and Canada, determining how often healthy dogs test positive for Lyme disease, and identifying how many of these positive dogs later develop Lyme disease.

Tick-borne Initiative Grant: *Thrombocytopenia and Occult Vector-Borne Disease in Greyhound Dogs: Implications for Clinical Cases and Blood Donors.* Principal Investigator: Dr. Linda Kidd, DVM, PhD; Western University of Health Sciences

Clinically, it is considered normal to find low blood platelets, low white blood cell counts, and protein in the urine of healthy greyhounds. These clinical findings are also a hallmark of infection with tick-borne diseases. Thus, typical blood work of a greyhound may not reveal infection. Racing greyhounds are commonly exposed to the brown dog tick and lone star tick. Dr. Kidd will investigate whether some racing greyhounds that appear healthy are actually carrying tick-borne disease. She will also compare the prevalence of blood and urine abnormalities and tick-borne diseases in racing greyhounds and show-bred greyhounds. The results should help determine courses of testing for tick-borne diseases in greyhounds.

Tick-Borne Initiative Grant: *The Role of Lymphocytes in Canine Monocytic Ehrlichiosis.* Principal Investigator: Dr. Mary Anna Thrall, DVM, MS; Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
Canine monocytic ehrlichiosis (CME) is a disease caused by the bacteria Ehrlichia canis that is

transmitted by a tick bite. There is no vaccine for CME. Some infected dogs become long term silent carriers, and others display debilitating illness hallmarked by changes in lymphocytes (white blood cells including Natural Killer cells, B cells, and T cells). Dr. Thrall will study and compare the types and abundance of lymphocytes in dogs with no disease, mild disease, and severe disease, in order to better understand the physiological processes of ehrlichiosis and lymphocytosis.

Tick-Borne Initiative Grant: *Enhanced Testing for the Diagnosis of Bartonellosis in Dogs.*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Edward B Breitschwerdt, DVM; North Carolina State University
In 1993, Dr. Breitschwerdt's laboratory provided evidence of the first known infection of dogs by Bartonella, a bacterial species that can be transmitted to dogs and humans by ticks, mites, lice, fleas, and sand flies. The bacteria primarily live in the lining of blood vessels, and they can infect cells throughout the body, making it difficult to diagnose and to treat with antibiotics. Bartonella infection can cause mild or life-threatening symptoms. Dr. Breitschwerdt hopes to create a reliable diagnostic test for bartonellosis in dogs.

Tick-Borne Initiative Grant: *Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease and Improved Diagnostics Using Next-Generation Sequencing.* Principal Investigator: Dr. Pedro Paul Diniz, DVM, PhD; Western University of Health Sciences

Current diagnostic panels fail to detect tick-borne diseases in many infected dogs. Dr. Diniz will utilize "next-generation sequencing" to read millions of DNA sequences from each blood sample. This will allow for the identification and characterization of multiple different infectious organisms. The technology will also uncover new infectious organisms and characterize genetic differences between currently known organisms.

Tick-borne Disease Ongoing Grant: *Defining the Mechanism by Which Ticks Locate Dogs in Order to Better Prevent Disease Transmission.* Principal Investigator: Dr. Emma Natalie Ivy Weeks, PhD; University of Florida

The brown dog tick is common across the U.S. and around the world. This tick transmits bacteria that cause ehrlichiosis, and parasites that infect red blood cells and cause babesiosis. This tick can infest homes and is becoming increasingly resistant to pesticides. Dr. Weeks will identify the biochemicals that enable this tick to locate a dog. The goal of this research is to utilize biochemicals to control the brown dog tick without using pesticides.

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Final Agility 2016

Novice Standard - Regular & Preferred				
1	Powderhound's Silver Lining (P)	16	J Effler - Leveille	IL/WI
2	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	14	R Hinman	GL
3	Onak's The Girl On Fire	13	W Corr / J Corr / M White	WC
4	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	10	A Novak	NY/NJ
5	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist (P)	8	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
6	Powderhound's Over and Over Again (P)	6	J Effler - Leveille	IL/WI
	Adair 'N' Hug Polar Shift (p)	6	G Lawson	NE
	Lakopac's Shiloh of the Yukon (p)	6	P Bryce	NY/NJ
Open Standard - Regular & Preferred				
1	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	19	A Novak	NY/NJ
2	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	16	R Hinman	GL
3	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	15	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist (p)	15	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
5	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night (p)	9	L Heft	NY/NJ
6	Powderhound's Silver Lining (P)	8	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
7	Istari's Magni of Aesir (P)	6	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY/NJ
	Awanuna's Idun of Aesir (P)	6	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ
9	Amaqut On The Pull (p)	5	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
Excellent Standard - Regular & Preferred				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	21	R Hinman	GL
2	Awanuna's Idun of Aesir (P)	18	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ
	Istari's Magni of Aesir (P)	18	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY/NJ
4	Sno Klassic Dancin' On The Pedals	12	G Pickett	GL
	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night (P)	12	L Heft	NY/NJ
6	Greenbrier's Sam's The Man (P)	6	G Lawson	NE
	Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged	6	M Swinyer	WC
Master Standard - Regular				
1	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	163	R Hinman	GL
2	Mtn. Home's Aura of Arcticdawn	79	R Hinman	GL
3	Arcticdawn's Black Pearl	76	R Hinman	GL
4	Tsawake Onak Don't' Stop Believn	69	W Corr / J Radford / M White	WC
5	Owyhee's Spirit in the Night	66	A Novak	NY/NJ
6	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	38	M Swinyer	WC
7	Abenaki's Piece of Cyberspace	3	P Renock	NY/NJ
8	Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider	1	T Doukas	WC

		Master Standard - Preferred			
1		Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	262	C Reinhard	NY / NJ
2		Awanuna's Bragi of Aesir	92	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY / NJ
3		Ixa's Mischievous Muggs	71	C Reinhard	NY / NJ
4		Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	42	D Bauman / J Bauman	GL
5		Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	19	B Pisch / R Deutsch	ME
6		Istari's Magni of Aesir	8	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY / NJ
7		Abenaki's Piece of Cyberspace	6	P Renock	NY / NJ
8		Nanuke's Take It To The Bank	4	W Corr / J Radford / S D'Andrea	WC
		Novice Jumpers - Regular & Preferred			
1		Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	20	R Hinman	GL
tie		Arcticdawn's Wild Night	20	A Novak	NY/NJ
3		Adair'N'Hug Polar Shift (P)	15	G Lawson	NE
4		Snodanc Snoangel At Stormrunner	13	C Rogowski / L Rogowski	RM
5		Onak's The Girl On Fire	12	W Corr / J Corr / M White	WC
6		Istari's Th' Ta'Veren Tanist (P)	9	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
7		Granite's Rise 'N To The Challenge (p)	6	L Heft	NY/NJ
		Open Jumpers - Regular & Preferred			
1		Istari's Th' Ta'Veren Tanist (P)	18	H Schultz / J Schultz	IL/WI
2		Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	17	R Hinman	GL
3		Arcticdawn's Wild Night	9	A Novak	NY/NJ
4		Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	6	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
		Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night (p)	6	L Heft	NY/NJ
5		Istari's Magni of Aesir (P)	5	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY/NJ
		Excellent Jumpers - Regular & Preferred			
1		Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	21	R Hinman	GL
2		Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	15	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
3		Istari's Magni of Aesir (P)	12	M Anderson / S Anderson	NY/NJ
4		Adair'N'Hug Suka De Luna Luz (p)	6	J Prevel	RM
		Master Jumpers - Regular			
1		Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	162	R Hinman	GL
2		Arcticdawn's Black Pearl	46	R Hinman	GL
3		Mtn. Home's Aura of Arcticdawn	37	R Hinman	GL
4		Owyhee's Spirit In The Night	28	A Novak	NY/NJ
		Modar's Yule Pied Comet	28	M Swinyer	WC

6	Tsawake Onak Dont' Stop Believn	26	W Corr / J Radford / M White	WC
7	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	5	R Hinman	GL
	Master Jumpers - Preferred			
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	145	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
2	Ixa's Mischievous Muggs	141	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
3	Awanuna's Bragi of Aesir	62	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ
4	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	39	D Bauman / J Bauman	GL
5	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	10	B Pisch / R Deutsch	ME
6	Abenaki's Piece of Cyberspace	6	P Renock	NY/NJ
7	Nanuke's Take It To The Bank	2	W Corr / J Radford / S D'Andrea	WC

			Rally 2016 Finals		
			Novice		
1	Spectre's Just Keep Talkin'	32	J Cole	MW	
2	Illusion's One Man Show	18	P Fusco / J Fusco	GL	
3	Powderhound's Woo The Masses	16	D Smyka-Warner/ J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI	
	Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstatt	16	L Maffei / M Coburn	PNW	
	Powderhound's Over and Over Again	16	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI	
6	Granite's Starfire Of Arctic Mist	14	J Gumtow	NY/NJ	
7	Teton & Wintuk's Obviously A Pin Up Girl	12	L Anderson / S Kalous	IL/WI	
8	Masasyu's Magical Winterfell Sakari	11	R Ellis	NE	
9	Adair'N' Hug Suka De Luna Luz	9	J Prevel	RM	
	Spiritrn's Perfect Gift	9	C & D Belanger/J & E Remazki	GL	
			Advanced		
1	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	153	L Maffei / N Snyder	PNW	
2	Awanuna's Bragi Of Aesir	89	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ	
3	Mountain Home's Powder Hound	87	M Mead / L McDonald	PNW	
4	Powderhound's Silver Lining	43	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI	

5	Canusa's R Man Flint	37	J Telling / J Telling	WC
6	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	18	M Swinyer	WC
7	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	17	R Hinman	GL
	Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged	17	M Swinyer	WC
9	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	12	D Bauman / J Bauman	GL
10	Spectre's Just Keep Talkin'	11	J Cole	MW
	Excellent			
1	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	136	L Maffei / N Snyder	PNW
2	Mountain Home's Powder Hound	82	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW
3	Awanuna's Bragi of Aesir	80	S Anderson / M Anderson	NY/NJ
4	Powderhound's Silver Lining	37	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
5	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	22	L McDonald / M Mead	PNW

Final Obedience 2016				
	Beginner Novice			
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	24	R Hinman	GL
2	Illusion's One Man Show	17	P Fusco / J Fusco	GL
3	Snobuc's Shaken, Not Stirred	15	M Dinwoodie/R Dinwoodie/S Capp/J French	NY/NJ
	Kloud Burst's Peaceful Easy Feeling	15	D Lopes	NE
5	Teton & Wintuk's On The Home Stretch	14	L Anderson / S Kalous	IL/WI
6	Lakopac's Shiloh Of The Yukon	12	P Bryce	NY/NJ
	Snocreek American Spirit of Ken-Dar	12	D Puhatch / B Martin	ME
8	Snocreek's Silver Lining	5	M Mustich/B Martin/M Mustich	NY/NJ
	Gryphon's Miracle Of The Moonlight	5	T Carranza/S Carranza	WC
	Granite's Starfire Of Arctic Mist	5	J Gumtow	NY/NJ
	Pre-Novice			
1	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	13	L McDonald/M Mead	PNW

6	Lakopac's Shiloh Of The Yukon		12	P Bryce	NY/NJ
	Snocreek American Spirit of Ken-Dar		12	D Puhatch / B Martin	ME
8	Snocreek's Silver Lining		5	M Mustich/B Martin/M Mustich	NY/NJ
	Gryphon's Miracle Of The Moonlight		5	T Carranza/S Carranza	WC
	Granite's Starfire Of Arctic Mist		5	J Gumtow	NY/NJ
	Pre-Novice				
1	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One		13	L McDonald/M Mead	PNW
2	Canusa's R Man Flint		11	J Telling/J Telling	WC
3	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen		10	L Maffei / N Snyder	PNW
4	Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged		8	M Swinyer	WC
5	Peace River's Lucky Omen		7	L Maffei	PNW
6	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun		6	R Hinman	GL
	Novice				
1	Canusa's R Man Flint		17	J Telling / J Telling	WC
2	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen		12	L Maffei/N Snyder	PNW
3	Wintuk's Mighty Sweet Ride		11	S Kalous	IL / WI
4	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?		8	J Cole	MW
5	Snocreek's Lightning Strikes @Ken-Dar		5	D Puhatch / B Martin	ME
	Pre-Open				
1	Modar's Yule Pied Comet		12	M Swinyer	WC
	Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'		140	R Hinman	GL
2	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey		5	C Reinhard	NY / NJ
	Utility				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'		191	R Hinman	GL

NEW AKC SCENT WORK TITLES

By Colleen Belanger

AKC has joined NACSW, C-Wags, and UKC offering trials in scent work starting October 1, 2017. AKC Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. AKC Scent Work takes this amazing working relationship and turns it into a fun game that any dog can play.

To be eligible to compete in AKC Scent Work, a dog must be: Registered with the AKC, or Listed with the AKC Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP), or Listed with the Canine Partners program, and be six months of age or older.

The Scent Work trials, as with any AKC sport, will be organized and held by AKC-Licensed or Member Clubs. The club event will be announced on a

Premium List, containing all relevant information regarding the trial, including date, location, classes offered, judges and an entry form.

AKC Scent Work is broken down into two divisions. 1. The Odor Search Division is that in which the dog is searching for the odor of one or more specific essential oils. 2. The Handler Discrimination Division, in which the dog is searching for the scent of its handler.

Searches in **Odor Search Division** are completed in a variety of environments, known as "Elements." The Elements in AKC Scent Work are:

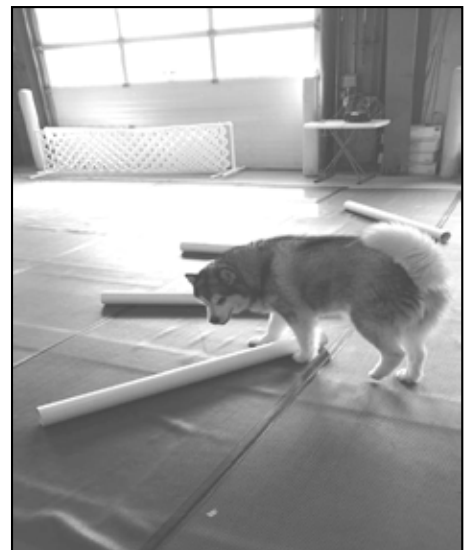
Container: The target odor is concealed within a container, and the dog must indicate in which container the scent is hidden.



Maddie doing her search

Interior: The target odor is concealed on or in an object in an indoor search area.

Maddie sniffing pipes in interior search



Exterior: The target odor is concealed on or in an object in an outdoor search area. This requires the dog to locate the scent despite changing airflow patterns, weather conditions, and natural distractions.



Deuce sniffing bench





Buried: The target odor is concealed within a small container and then buried underneath the ground.

Deuce sniffing ground for buried scent

The elements in the Odor Search Division, and the Handler Discrimination Division, have four difficulty levels: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master. Dogs. It begins with the Novice level classes and move up as they earn titles; a title is earned in each element and each level. Dogs could have a Novice exterior title and move up to Advanced without finishing the other Novice elements. Factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the

maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level.

The Odor Search Division of AKC Scent Work uses four odors: Birch (*Betula lenta*), Anise (*Pimpinella anisum*), Clove (*Eugenia caryophyllata*), and Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*). Novice searches are for Birch, Advanced searches are for Birch and/or Anise, Excellent searches are for Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove, and Master searches are for Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress.

The Handler Discrimination Division: Classes in which the target scent is the handler's scent, rather than the odor of an essential oil, classes are offered in four difficulty levels Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master.

Handler Discrimination Novice: Container Search. Ten identical cardboard box containers are laid out on the floor of the search area in two rows of five. No items other than the containers may be present in the search area. One of the containers holds the article scented by the handler, one holds an article scented by the judge, and eight of the containers are empty.

Handler Discrimination Advanced: Interior Search. The handler-scented article which must be a cotton ball or cotton swab is hidden in a room or part of a room. There is one hide at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 12 inches off the floor.

Handler Discrimination Excellent: Outdoor search. The handler-scented article which must be a cotton ball or cotton swab is hidden in outdoor area. There is one hide at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 24 inches above the ground.

Handler Discrimination Master: Combined search. At this level the search area presents the team with two or more elements (container, interior, exterior, and buried) within one search. The search area may span indoors and outdoors, may be an indoor search that includes containers, may be an outdoor search that includes a planting bed where the handler scent may be buried.

The Detective Class is the highest level competition in AKC Scent Work--it offers an integrated search environment with an unknown number of hides in a variety of elements. The intent of the Detective Class is to emulate as closely as possible the work of a true detection dog. In the Detective Class, the dog is searching for one or more essential oil odors and handler scent.

In AKC Scent Work, handler-dog teams are judged on a qualify/non-qualify basis. The dog must use its nose to search out the hidden odors, and then alert the handler when the odors are detected. Dogs may paw, bark, point with their nose or body, sit, lie down or use any other behavior to communicate the location of the odor. The dog is the star of the Scent Work trial the handler remains mostly passive, guiding the dog's search only when necessary and letting the judge know when the dog has found the scent.

In order to earn a qualifying leg, the handler-dog team must find and call all hides in a search area within the time allowed for the class without committing any non-qualifying faults.

For more information and rules visit the AKC website.

Teaching the Dumbbell – the Malamute Way

by Peggy Anderson

As coordinator of the obedience statistics for the AMCA I get to see what club members are accomplishing with their mals in the obedience rings. One of the most striking things I've seen, is that while quite a few members work their dogs at the lower levels, most do not continue to the higher levels. In the past 10 years 82 dogs have received their CDs, 18 their CDXs and only eight their UD's. With the introduction of the optional titling classes we have also had 59 BNs in the past five years. The PCD and PCDX are relatively new titles so I do not have any meaningful data on those titles.



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Speaking for myself, I know that one of the things that holds me back from the higher levels of obedience are the dumbbell exercises. At the AMCA National in Colorado Springs last year I had the opportunity to talk with several handlers who have dogs that are successful with the dumbbell, and I was interested to learn how they taught that exercise. I found that most successful malamute trainers use a variety of teaching methods. I sent a set of questions to malamute owners who have competed at the Open and Utility levels, asking how they trained their dogs. The remainder of this article consists of extracts from responses to those questions.

Training the dumbbell exercises can begin with a young pup or at any time during the dog's career. While it might be easier to train young dogs to do certain things, older dogs can grasp some aspects of training more easily and are frequently more willing to please. There may also be a difference in the training methods discussed below that you would choose to use based on the age of your dog.

Lara McDonald pointed out that the dumbbell exercises have multiple components: the hold, retrieve, retrieve over the jump, the stay while throwing, and finally, the front and finish. She feels that each component needs to be taught in isolation so that if some part starts going awry during training or competition you can fix that one part. I also believe that by breaking the exercise down into various parts you can work on multiple parts in different training sessions. This keeps the dog, and you, interested, and perhaps, reduces frustration. As you will see, trainers frequently teach different parts of this exercise in varying orders. For example, you might teach the hold first, or you might consider teaching the retrieve (and give) first. Both approaches are discussed below.

Regardless of how you choose to train this exercise, three words are frequently used by all trainers and cannot be overemphasized: a Positive approach, Praise, and Patience. In the past trainers used the ear pinch or collar correction methods, but the individuals who contributed to this article were not in favor of using any sort of aversive approach with their dogs. They all preferred some sort of positive training approach.

If you choose to teach the "hold" first (as many people do), there are a couple of different ways you can go about it. The first thing you might want to consider is clicker training to help with this approach. If you do decide to use a clicker, remember that the actual clicker training needs to be done before you try to apply it to any actual training, such as the dumbbell. For the clicker to become meaningful it needs to be paired with something the dog innately likes, such as food. You can use the clicker or any other marker you choose as a conditioned reinforcer. I use the word "yes" said in a very exuberant tone. I don't want to have one more thing (the clicker) to have to handle and I also figure I always have my word with me and can use it anywhere anytime. All this marker does is reward the dog for the behavior you want him to offer.



RYDER

Lara McDonald teaches the “hold” first, but she does not use a conditioned reinforcer like a clicker; she uses food as the primary reinforcer. The method she learned was to sit in a chair, “have your dog come and sit between your legs facing you, gently open their mouth, gently place the dumbbell in their mouth, gently hold their mouth closed for half a second while you verbally praise them, then release the mouth while you say ‘give’ and give them a cookie. Repeat this few more times adding the word ‘hold’ into the exercise like saying ‘good hold’ in your happy voice. Do this every day, maybe a few times a day, SLOWLY adding time to the hold. If they fuss to get away, just be persistent and non-emotional. You want to teach them dumbbell equals treat.” One of Lara’s dogs (RYDER) does not really like to be handled, so she created her own approach to teaching the “hold”. She says “I sat on the ground with my legs open in a giant triangle. I had Ryder sit right in front of me. I would toss the dumbbell right behind her, super close. She would turn around, grab it and as she swings around to look at me, I would have my hand meet her mouth with the dumbbell and grab it. I would treat her. I would do this over and over again. My goal was for her to equate her mouth with her dumbbell in it and my hand. I did this forever, slowly adding the time she had to hold it in her mouth. I mean I SLOWLY added this. The correction if she dropped it was to pick it up and toss it back out right behind her once again delaying the treat. When I say tossing it behind her I mean that she didn’t even take one step. It would pretty much land on her tail.”

Raissa Hinmann credits Adele Yunck with the techniques she uses to apply clicker training to teaching the “hold”. She breaks the training down into really basic steps before teaching the actual take for the dumbbell. Raissa says she wants to train the dog to the touch of the dumbbell. In doing this she holds the dumbbell and clicks the dog for even looking at it. She will do this three to five times then she will “up the ante” by requiring the dog to touch the dumbbell before rewarding him. Once the dog is looking at and touching the dumbbell you need to move it down so that if it was at your waist level, you move it to knee level. Once the dog is proficient at that level, move it down lower – to the floor. Eventually remove your hand from the dumbbell as it rests on the floor.

When Mary Swinyer was first teaching the “hold” she began by putting the dumbbell in Radar’s mouth and asking him to hold it. In her words “he SCREAMED, and people thought I was using an ear pinch”. She quickly switched to a shaping method. What she does now is stare at the dumbbell on

the ground and uses a secondary reinforce (like a clicker or the word “yes”) to shape the behavior. First, all she requires is that the dog looks at the dumbbell, then he must move towards it, then touch it, pick it up, and finally, carry it.

Laura Maffei had a similarly negative response from her dogs when she put a dumbbell in their mouth and held it closed. She tried placing the dumbbell on the ground and staring it to try to get them to pick it up. In her words, “I also think that I was using body language that they just didn’t get: standing over the dumbbell, staring at it, confused the heck out of them. They treated it like it was a bomb or something - scary item, do not pick up - it stresses mom out! So I started acting much more casually with it: tossing, leaning back, not looking directly at it. I also started by sitting on the floor and throwing it so it was easier to bring it back and put it in my lap. We’ve been gradually working up to retrieving when I’m standing. Like I said, still a work in progress, but having the boys actually pick it up and walk with it has been a huge improvement from where we were a few months ago.”

Once your dog is holding the dumbbell you need to work on the “take it” part. For this Raissa holds the dumbbell between her fingers and just holds it at the front of the dogs mouth, if he takes it.....JACKPOT and YIPEE..... If not, she takes a small piece of food and holds the dumbbell to the dog’s mouth with the food on the other side of the dumbbell from the dog. The dog might try a few different ways to get the food, but jackpot when he opens his mouth over the dumbbell. As he does this, she starts moving the food farther away from the dumbbell. Be careful how you use the food in conjunction with the dumbbell. Laura Maffei found that using a treat on the arm of the dumbbell to get the dog to put it in his mouth was a “no-go” as they focused on the treat and ignored the dumbbell.



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What Lara does to teach the “take it” after the dog is holding the dumbbell is “Anytime they move their mouth towards the dumbbell you praise, even if they just reach out and kind push at it with their mouth. During all this, I act like the dumbbell is my most prized possession. When I get it out to start

training, I will hide it behind my shoulder and say "what's this?" and pretend it's like a little kitten or something that would blow their minds. They will try to get behind me and see what it is and I will keep turning away. I use the same face and body movements when I'm setting up in competition so they are just dying to get to do the retrieve exercises. Once they hold it without me holding their mouths shut, I will use their leash under their chin to kind of hold their head up to use gravity to keep it in their mouth. If they spit it out, I use a soft correction word at this point like "uh oh", I will pick it up and put it back in their mouth and give them praise."

At this point Sarah Todd doesn't go right to picking it up off the ground. First she had her dog pick the dumbbell up from a chair (so the dumbbell was basically right in her face and she didn't have to look for it). Then she lowered it to a box, then a lower box, and gradually down to the floor. The next step would be to have her pick it up and hand it to me. Throughout the whole process she used clicker and positive, motivational reinforcement.

Once your dog is taking and holding the dumbbell you need to work in the retrieve portion of the exercises. Raissa points out that the prey drive is the foundation of all working drive, including retrieving. Some dogs love to retrieve, Pam Renock says that this is Koda's favorite part of the exercise and was no problem to teach as he loves retrieving. If your dog is not a natural retriever you may need to continue with the basic shaping described above, just varying the distance they need to go to pick up the dumbbell.



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Alternatively, you can teach the retrieve separately. Laura Maffei and I are working to get our pups to pick up the dumbbell and carry it around as a game; just as they would any other items we use for retrieving during play time. It will remain to be seen if this will become a

challenge for us later on when we need to convince them it is NOT a game. However, for now I agree with Laura, it is nice to see them pick up the dumbbell, run around with it, come to us and give it up when we ask. Sarah Todd reminds us that if we are going to take this approach it is important that the pup not be allowed to chew on or mouth the dumbbell, especially while teething. Even if you are not teaching this part to your pup with the actual dumbbell Lara highlights the importance of playing retrieve games with all sorts of objects from the time they are young dogs. Remember to celebrate every time they go towards anything, pick it up and carry it around, especially when you get them to bring it back to you.

When teaching the full exercise don't forget the importance of teaching the dog to sit while holding the dumbbell. A final piece in the training is to get the dog to release the dumbbell. Frequently this is not too difficult as many dogs are happy to spit the dumbbell out as soon as given the opportunity.



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Once your dog is proficient with the dumbbell exercises don't forget to proof the exercise so it does not always look the same to the dog. Mary Swinyer doesn't always start with the dog sitting at heel or have them do a front. She might hold the collar while she throws the dumbbell, then send the dog before the dumbbell stops moving completely. She might run backwards while the dog is bringing it to her and take it instead of making him sit. She tries to mix it up to keep it fun and exciting, but will periodically throw in the whole exercise done formally. Laura Heft has a very creative instructor who routinely dreams up novel challenges for the dogs such as having handlers throw the dumbbell into scattered distractions such as boxes, chairs, toys, cones or perches. Sometimes the dumbbell lands under, or top

of or even inside something, but the dog must retrieve it. However, no amount of proofing will mean that your dog will never mess up this exercise at trial. Raissa points out that even Bootstrap will still occasionally spit out his dumbbell during the Open retrieve exercises.

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We have all heard that malamutes can't learn this or that. Clearly the ladies who contributed to this article would disagree with this assertion. Some will tell you that you need to train malamutes differently than you would other breeds. While this might be true for some dogs, there is also a lot of variability within the malamute breed itself and what might work for one dog will not necessarily work for another. It is up to you as the handler to be creative. You need to figure out what works for your dog and be willing to try different things. However you decide to go about training your malamute to perform the dumbbell exercises, there are certain things to keep in mind:

- We are lucky, most malamutes love food; use this to your advantage. Maybe even pair your training with meals to give it a pleasant association.
- Have your dog fitted for a dumbbell, length and height are very important in getting them to pick it up and hold it. You might also find that your dog prefers a wooden or plastic dumbbell.
- Many malamutes are pretty independent and like a challenge that they have to think about.
- If possible, let the mal you are training watch you train another one, they do learn by watching and want to get in on the game.
- Try to find creative trainers or training partners to work with.
- Keep your training sessions short and end on a positive note.
- Most importantly don't forget to take a Positive approach, use Praise liberally and have lots of Patience.

I hope this article helps to motivate you to teach your mal the dumbbell exercises and gives you some tips on how to do it. Try it, what do you have to lose? Maybe I will be entering your name into the Obedience statistics in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter!

INTERNATIONAL DOG PARKOUR ASSOCIATION

By Colleen Belanger

So what is Dog Parkour? Dog parkour, sometimes known as urban agility, is an activity based on the principles of moving through the environment and conquering obstacles in their path. It includes climbing, balancing, jumping, running, vaulting, creativity and working past fear. It is a challenging, but fun, physical activity in which the dogs learn to interact with their environment. Dog Parkour is a non competitive event, but it is a titling event.

Dog parkour is intended to be an accessible sport to both dogs and humans. Dog of all ages are welcome as are dogs with disabilities of any kind are able to participate as long as they can do so safely.

Safety rules: Dogs must be wearing a harness with a leash clipped to the back. The leash has to be on a harness and handled in a safe manner at all time. If the dog is off leash, it has to both be in a safe area and performing a behavior that doesn't require spotting due to being at low height or a simple maneuver with low risk. When on a leash the leash should be 4-6 ft in length, no flexi leashes. Long lines are highly discouraged as they easily get caught and harshly stop a dog in the midst of a movement. No prong collars, choke collars, shock collars, slip leads or head-halters.



The shoulder height rule is in effect, no dog should jump down to hard surfaces (concrete, rock, asphalt) from anything higher than their shoulder height for any

reason. If jumping down to soft surfaces (dirt, grass, rubber) this may be increased to twice shoulder height or no more than 42 inches.

Dogs must perform all obstacles independently and with confidence. All behaviors must be intentionally cued. Handlers may touch their dog at any time in order to ensure safety, but they may not lift or pick up a dog and put them on an obstacle. The only time picking up a dog is allowed is to safely remove a dog from an obstacle.

Playgrounds may be used if playground rules permit, but remember they are the kids' playgrounds first. At no

time should a dog be doing parkour on a playground with kids present. This is for the safety of both the kids and the dogs and to show respect for the environments that gives us the ability to train for this sport. Respect for the environment must be demonstrated at all times.

Agility equipment may be used sparingly, we highly encourage you to use and find other obstacles.

Treats may be used in any level, but cannot be used as a lure. Corrections may not be used at any time. Multiple cues may be given, but if a handler has to give more than 2 cues, more training is needed and a non passing score will be given.

Levels of Dog Parkour include: Training, Novice, Intermediate, Expert, Champion and four Specialty titles. All dogs must be 18 months of age or older unless participating in Training Level.

The Training Level is an optional level designed for dogs new to the sport, young dogs, old dogs, and dogs with physical limitations.



All dogs must complete their Novice title before moving on to Intermediate.

All levels need videos; each requirement should have a separate video. Videos should only include one unedited repetition of the behavior and should be 30 seconds or less in length unless otherwise noted and needs to show how a dog gets onto and off of an obstacle. Requirements do not need to be met on the same day or at the same location.

If you have a senior dog or a disabled dog they may be eligible for obstacle modification and exception. Senior dogs (defined as dogs in the last 1/3 of expected lifespan for breed or size of dog), dogs with medical disability may request exemption from one obstacle and modification of one obstacle. International Dog Parkour Association must approve all accommodations before titles are submitted.

If you would like more information about titles and what is involved visit the International Dog Parkour Association's website

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Reserved Grooming

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DEADLINE - CLOSING DATE OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, 10/11/17 WILL BE REFUNDED.

INDOOR GROOMING will be provided in the Wilderness Hall and adjacent room with bathing area.

SPECIAL PRICING OPTION

Stay at the host hotel and have dogs entered -
receive **ONE FREE GROOMING SPACE**;
ONE additional space available for \$60.
Room reservations will be verified.

REGULAR OPTION

NOT staying at the Sawmill Creek Resort
\$85 per space

6 ft. Wide X 8 ft. Deep

Accommodates
TWO 28 X 42" crates
One power outlet
Exhibitors will need to provide
extension cords.

**Maximum of
TWO spaces per exhibitor.**

**NO SPACE WILL BE
RESERVED UNTIL PAYMENT
IS RECEIVED**

Day of Event Grooming Space will
be available at no charge on a first
come first serve basis.

**All dogs and equipment will need to
be removed from this location at
the end of each day per AKC Rules.
NO POWER OUTLETS PROVIDED.**

We will do our best to honor requests to be to be set up next to another exhibitor if indicated on the reservation form.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Set up next to (NAME): _____

Send Reservation Form to: Patty Ann Peel @ ssnoklassic@aol.com

10600 Cronk Road, Lennon, MI 48449 (810) 348-5853

Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below. If paying by check send form with check. If paying with credit card, send form to Patty Ann and use PayPal.

Acknowledge of payment will be promptly sent by email and committee notified.

Mail Reservation Form &
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PAYPAL TRANSACTION #:

Alaskan Malamute Club of America 2017 Regional/National

Proposed Regional and National Show Schedule (Times Subject to Change)

October 22-28, 2017

SUNDAY:

- 2 PM – Grooming area ready
- 2 PM – Weight Pull Seminar – Novice pull/weight pull to follow
- 3 PM – Hotel Check-in – Hotel Lobby
- 7 PM – Welcome Gathering

MONDAY:

- 8 AM – Agility Trial
- 9 AM – Regional Puppy Sweepstakes
- 11 AM – Regional Veteran Sweepstakes
- 1 PM – Regional Conformation Puppy Dog thru Veteran Dog classes
- 5 PM – Canine Good Citizen Testing
- 6 PM – Possible - Lake Erie tour - wine/cheese boat excursion

TUESDAY:

- 8 AM – Agility Trial
- 9 AM – Regional conformation Puppy Bitch thru Working Bitch Classes
- Lunch Break at conclusion of Bitch classes (45 minutes)
- 1 PM - Regional Best of Breed
- 3 PM - Regional Junior Showmanship (3 PM or immediately following Best of Breed)
- 4 PM – Regional Obedience and Rally
- 7 PM – Possible Regional Banquet or cookout at the beach

WEDNESDAY:

- 8:30 AM – Annual Meeting Breakfast
- 9:30-11:30 AM – Annual Meeting
- 1 PM – Obedience and Rally
- 1 PM – Possible Excursion to Cleveland Rock n Roll Hall of Fame
- 3 PM – Breeder's Education
- 5 PM – Health Committee Seminar
- 7 PM – Working Dog Showcase



THURSDAY:

- 8 AM – Weight Pull
- 8:30 AM – National Puppy Sweepstakes
- 10:30 AM – National Veteran Sweepstakes
- Noon – Futurity
- Noon – Top 20 Get Together Meeting
- 1:30 PM – Maturity
- 3 PM – Veteran Tournament
- 6 PM – Top 20 Event

FRIDAY:

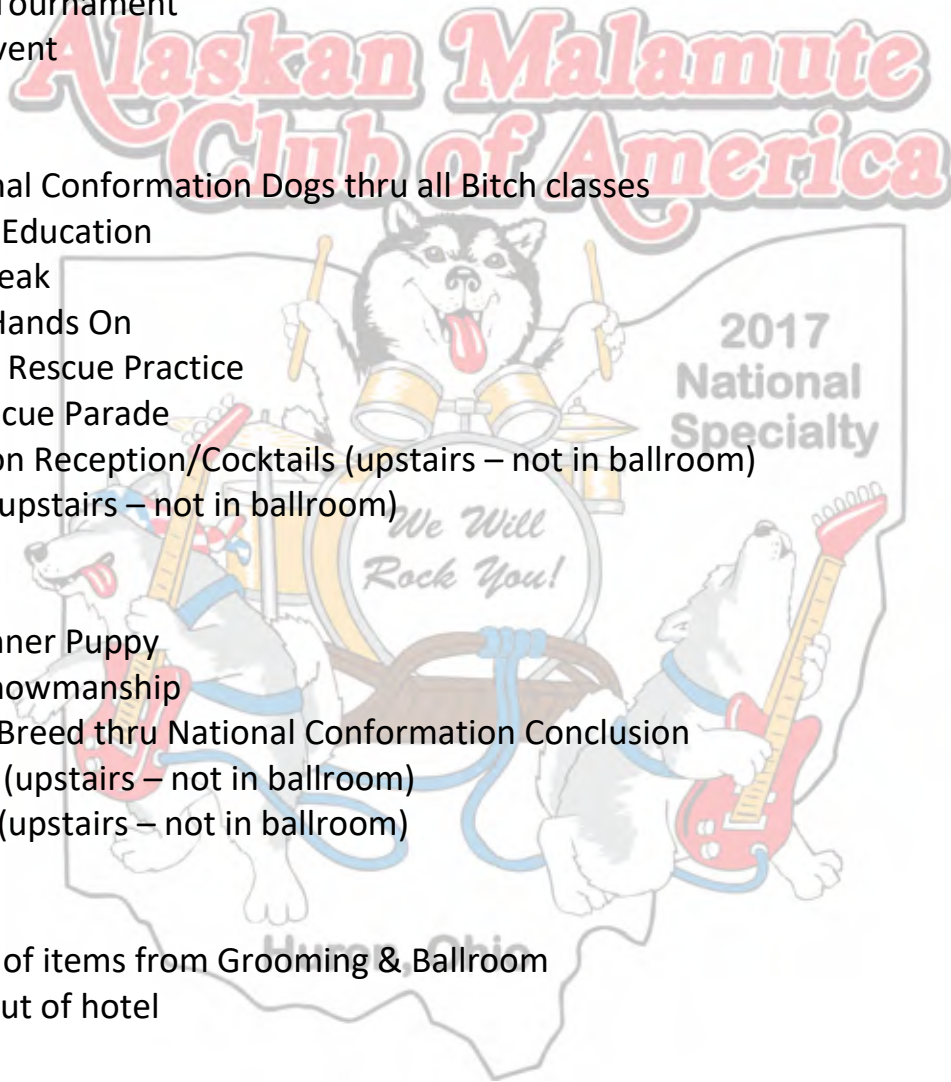
- 8:30 AM - National Conformation Dogs thru all Bitch classes
- 10 AM – Judges’ Education
- Noon – Lunch Break
- Noon – Judges’ Hands On
- 5:30 PM – AMAL Rescue Practice
- 6:30 – AMAL Rescue Parade
- 7:30 – Pre Auction Reception/Cocktails (upstairs – not in ballroom)
- 8 PM – Auction (upstairs – not in ballroom)

SATURDAY:

- 9 AM – 4-6 Beginner Puppy
- 10:30 – Junior Showmanship
- 11 AM – Best of Breed thru National Conformation Conclusion
- 6 PM – Cocktails (upstairs – not in ballroom)
- 7 PM – Banquet (upstairs – not in ballroom)

SUNDAY:

- 9 AM – Removal of items from Grooming & Ballroom
- 11 AM – Check out of hotel



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RV Parking Reservation Form Deadline: Saturday, 9/30

- ❖ RV Parking Fee is \$420 for 7 nights: additional \$60 per night for each night over 7
- ❖ \$70 per night for less than 7 night stay
- ❖ Includes Electric. Water available at no additional charge.
- ❖ Pump out will be an additional fee.
- ❖ 60 RV parking spots with power.
- ❖ Do not anticipate any problems accommodating any size rig.
- ❖ Awnings, E-Z ups and X-pens WILL BE ALLOWED.
- ❖ Requests to be parked next to someone else will be honored on first come first serve basis. (Indicate name(s) below).
- ❖ Free Parking available for RVs with room rental. This will be in a lot for over-sized vehicles and sleeping is prohibited in this lot.
- ❖ - DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO HOTEL.

Name of Person submitting Reservation: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ # of Nights: _____

Type of vehicle/rig: _____ Total length: _____

Grass or Pavement Camping Spot: _____ Set-up next to (NAME): _____

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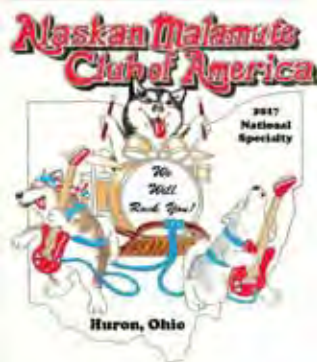
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**Deadline for inclusion in Premium List
MONDAY, JULY 31ST**

Your support is needed to make these events special with your donation.

Name: _____

Kennel Name (optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

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1st Preference to where donation should be applied: National Regional

Conformation Obedience/Rally Tournament of Veterans Weight Pull

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.

1 st Preferred Class to Sponsor (below):	2 nd Preferred Class to Sponsor (below):

In Memory of (optional): _____

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

Donation Amount PLEDGED or INCLUDED: \$ _____ Pledged \$ _____ Included

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

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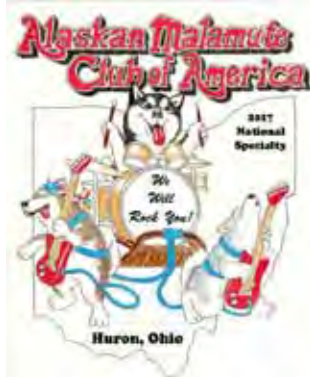
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Ringside Seating Reservations

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miatukknl@aol.com

Ringside Seating Reservations - Deadline Sept. 30, 2017

\$20 per seat

- ❖ Reserved Ringside Seating for all events in the Conformation Ring
- ❖ Available starting Monday morning, 10/23 through Saturday, 10/28
- ❖ Limit 4 chairs per person/per reservation form
- ❖ Name will be affixed to each chair
- ❖ Adjoining Seating – every effort will be made to honor requests; indicate name(s) below.

Name of Person submitting Reservation: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ # of Seats Reserved: _____

Names to be affixed to chairs: #1 _____ #2 _____
#3 _____ #4 _____

Set up next to (NAME): _____

TOTAL DUE: # of Seats X \$20.00 = _____

Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below.

If paying by check send form with check as instructed below.

**If paying with credit card, send form to Lori by email and use PayPal
and input the PayPal Transaction # below.**

Acknowledge of payment will be promptly sent by email and committee notified.

Mail Reservation Form & Payment by
Check to:
Cindy Benson
202 Wrenn Avenue
New Paris, Ohio 45347
937-533-6253
benson@voyager.net

IF PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

NO PROCESSING FEE

To pay by credit card, go to [AMCA NS website](#) on the AMCA website and follow the instructions and links to the PayPal portal, where all major credit cards can be safely and instantly accepted.

Enter your PayPal transaction number below.

PAYPAL TRANSACTION #:

An electronic version of this form is available on AMCA's National Specialty website @ <http://www.alaskan Malamute Nationals.com/reservations-payments>
The electronic version can be filled out using your computer, saved and then submitted.



Hospitality Donations

Cindy Benson

benson@voyager.net

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 friend, good friends and the opportunity to meet some new friends. It is estimated that each day cost 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 part of a day, to help keep this tradition alive.

Individual Name(s): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount PLEDGED or INCLUDED: \$ _____ Pledged \$ _____ Included

All Pledges MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 1ST. All Donors will be acknowledged in the Hospitality Room. 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 Cindy and use PayPal.

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Catalog Advertising

2017 Regional & National

Bonnie Howen @ kasaanknl@msn.com

Showcase your kennel or just that special dog in the National & Regional Specialty catalog. All prices include necessary design work or submit your camera-ready material. All electronic photos submitted must be at least 300 dpi.

- Back Cover (color only) - \$90 (2 photos)
- Inside back or front cover (color only) - \$70 (2 photos)
- Full color inside page with 2 pictures - \$60 (2 photos)
- Full page inside black and white - \$25 (1 photo)
- Full page color – PAST NS WINNERS (BOB, BOW, Select(s), WD & WB) - \$35 (1 photo)
- Half page inside black and white - \$10 (no photo)
- 3 lines of type or well-wishes ads - \$5 (no photo)
- Each additional photo \$5 X Qty _____
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Advertising Prices good through August 1, 2017 – afterword add 25% per ad

Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Logo Included: Yes No

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Advertising Material should be sent directly to: Bonnie McMahan-Howen, Catalog Ad Chair
ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, 9/6

@ kasaanknl@msn.com 317-821-2222

Mailing Address: 4747 Tinchler Road, Indianapolis, IN 46221

Ads will not be processed until payment is received.

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 Bonnie and use PayPal.

Acknowledgement of payment will be promptly sent to advertiser and committee chair by email.

IF PAYING BY CHECK
Make checks payable to "AMCA 2017"
US FUNDS ONLY

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SNOW KING ALASKAN MALAMUTE FANCIERS

SPECIALTY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

“NEW LOCATION”

SOUTHWEST WA FAIRGROUNDS-CHEHALIS, WA

Conformation Judge

Jerry Watson– TN

Puppy and Veteran Sweeps Judge

Ryann Grady – WA

Show Chair – John Dewing
john_dewing@hotmail.com

Trophy Chair – Dorrit Evensen
akaila@msn.com

Show Secretary – Baray Event Service
WebSite [BaRay Events.com](http://BaRayEvents.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone and bring out those puppies. We will be hosting a BBQ /potluck after judging. 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 156th St SE; Snohomish, WA 98296.

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