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President's Report

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Please check your updated e-mail address by logging in to the AMCA web site. Make sure the club secretary has your correct email. It's even more critical this year because of the move to electronic balloting in the fall. We will use the first round of the Judges Selection poll to verify as many emails as possible. As in the last two years, the first round will be primarily electronic, and will run two weeks in July. The full list of eligible judges will be posted on the web site for you to preview, and you will each receive a personal link to the poll portal. If you want a hard-copy judges list and response sheet, call either Ruth or me.

The general impression is that most AMCA members are "show people," so a look at members' activities might surprise you. Last year AMCA members earned 66 conformation titles, 180 working certificates and 225 performance titles. Compare that to five years ago, when we had about the same number of members. That year there were 71 conformation titles, 175 working certificates, but only 75 performance titles. Look at these results and you might get the impression we are becoming a performance club!

Charter Member Alice Spawn, of Newark Valley NY, will celebrate her 92nd birthday on July 3. Alice and her late husband, Bob, were active breeders in the late-40s through mid-70s, producing top-winning dogs under the kennel names Polar Den, Polar Wilderness and Spawn's. Their dogs were the foundation of the Kodara and T'Domar lines, and the bloodline continues down to us today, most notably through the Uyak pedigrees. Send Alice a card, or send me an email greeting for her and I'll pass it along.

Happy Father's Day.



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Recording Secretary

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MOTION 13: 2013/14: The Board approve the revised Top 20 rules submitted by the Top 20 Committee on April 9, 2014. (Toussaint)

For: All

The Board has approved a Membership Committee who will work on attracting new members and retaining members by making AMCA membership more valuable. The Committee's first project will be a Mentor Program for members.

Chairperson: Gina Schimming

Committee Members: Julie Edwards, Chari Erickson, Valerie Thawley, Tricia Till

Online Balloting:

The Board continues to evaluate online balloting services, with the goal of using the hybrid electronic/paper system permitted in the bylaws for the 2014 Annual Election. In order to test the system and verify all member emails, in July we will conduct the Judges first Round selection poll online, as we have the last two years, but using the new service. We ask that all members look for the Judges first Round email in early July, even if you do not plan to vote for judges. If you do not see that email and you wish to vote online in the fall, you must notify Leneia. For Judges first Round only the online system will change. As before, the full judge list will be posted on the web site, and paper lists and forms will be available on request.

Jo Ann Krause, Recording Secretary

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Treasurers Report - April 2014

	<u>Mar-14</u>	<u>Apr-14</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	54,677.26	60,047.24	5,369.98
Reserve Fund	29,580.49	29,267.13	(313.36)
Committees Total	17,186.31	17,186.31	0.00
Sub-total	\$101,444.06	\$106,500.68	5,056.62

Revenue

	<u>2013 Year</u>	<u>Apr-14</u>	<u>2014 Y-T-D</u>
Newsletter/Directory			
Advertisements	2,762.25	754.25	1,024.25
Newsletter	15,720.00	3,365.00	10,900.00
Subscriptions/Add. Newsletter	324.00	0.00	0.00
Mail/Delivery	2,738.00	240.00	1,450.00
Breeders List	2,975.00	650.00	2,075.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	24,519.25	5,009.25	15,449.25

Membership			
Application	683.00	28.00	233.00
Membership Fees	6,511.00	1,570.00	4,675.00
Late fee	720.00	20.00	20.00
Membership Total	7,914.00	1,618.00	4,928.00

Committee's Total	1,338.48	0.00	0.00
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Pass-throughs			
National Specialty	3,914.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	2,946.00	915.00	3,245.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	715.00	199.00	994.00
Legislative / Other	1,085.04	80.00	80.00
Pass-throughs Total	8,660.04	1,194.00	4,319.00

Other			
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
National Specialty	10,100.00	0.00	17,500.00
Purina Partnership	919.27	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	193.50	87.66	519.27
Other Total	11,212.77	87.66	18,019.27

Subtotal Receipts	\$ 53,644.54	\$ 7,908.91	\$ 42,715.52
Reserve Fund	\$ 2,737.08	\$ (313.36)	\$ (220.46)

Total Receipts	\$56,381.62	\$7,595.55	\$ 42,495.06
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Expenses

	<u>2013 Year</u>	<u>Apr-14</u>	<u>2014 Y-T-D</u>
Newsletter/Membership			
Print-Basic	14,437.50	965.00	4,712.25
Print-Inserts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,020.00	400.00	1,825.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	1,941.22	41.40	154.48
International Delivery	3,973.51	229.37	1,056.10
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,575.00	350.00	1,425.00
Newsletter artist fees	220.00	0.00	10.00
Newsletter Total	32,167.23	1,985.77	9,182.83

Officer/Board/Delegate	3,641.20	462.05	1,162.05
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Pass-throughs			
National Specialty	4,134.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	2,735.00	0.00	0.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	715.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative / Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7,584.00	0.00	0.00

National Specialty	500.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliate clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank/ cc processing fees	1,355.60	34.05	282.79
AMCA mem/AKC expense	240.00	42.06	67.06
Election Costs	2,259.70	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,690.00	0.00	0.00
External Financial Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	265.85	15.00	60.00
Miscellaneous/legal/other	95.00	0.00	169.28
Committee's	2,501.62	0.00	430.00
	\$ 8,907.77	\$ 91.11	\$ 1,009.13

Total Expenses	\$ 52,300.20	\$ 2,538.93	\$ 11,354.01
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Change In Funds	\$5,056.62	\$31,141.05
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- 1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 4/30/14
- 2) The "Pass-through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others. They are held temporarily in the General Fund but are not owned by the General Fund.
- 3) 2013 National funds are reflected in this report.
- 4) There is \$275 in the Miscellaneous Receipts from membership payments for renewals that have not been received yet.
- 5) The May report will be published with the June report in the August NL.

AMCA Calendar of Events

(Prepared by Ruth Levesque, Vice President & Specialty Events Coordinator)

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

WC SCAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialty	7/3	Ventura County Fairgrounds Ventura, CA Closes 6/19	Eileen Parr, Event Secretary 18780 Munsee Rd Apple Valley, CA 92307-1426 Patricia Starks, Show Chair 818-352-5828	Steven Gladstone Trista Hidalgo	C PS/VS
SO AMC of Greater Houston Independent Specialty concurrent with Texas Working Dog Assn	7/17	Reliant Center Houston, TX Closes 7/2	Jack Onofrio Dog Shows P O Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125 Linda Allen, Show Chair Wahkeen1@netzero.net	Larry Chu Tom Ferguson Illona Chu	C PS/VS Jr Show
IL/WIS AMCW Affiliate Club Independent Specialty	7/25	Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI Closes 7/9	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Linda Goba, Show Chair 414-03-3343	Lawson Williams Nancy Eilks	C PS/VS/JR
PNW Snow King AM Fanciers Independent Specialty	8/15	Enumclaw Expo Center Enumclaw, WA Closes 7/30	BaRay Events Services P O Box 4090 Sequim, WA 98382 Mike Evensen, Show Chair 360-668-4905 akaila@msn.com	Kathleen Carter Sakura Moses Bruce Fraser Richard Lewis	C PS/VS O R
NY/NJ Empire AM Assn in- conjunction with Newton KC	8/30	Sussex Cty Fairgrounds 37 Plains Rd Augusta, NJ Closes 8/13	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420 Cindy Skyler, Show Chair 973-584-6596	Dr. Ron Spitzer Abigail Patrizio	C PS/VS
GL Great Lakes AMC Independent Specialty	9/26	Monroe Cty Fairgrounds 3775 S Custer Rd Monroe, MI Closes 9/10	Jan Ruggles 10205 O'Connor Rd Kenockee Twp, MI 48006 Beth McClure Bethmccclure1947@gmail.com	Marjorie Datskow Michelle Lavigne Fox	C/JR PS/VS
NY/NJ AMCA Area Specialty in- conjunction with Palisades KC	10/11	Sussex Cty Fairgrounds 37 Plains Rd Augusta, NJ Closes 9/24	Rau Dog Shows, P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Bonnie Martin, Show Chair Snocrk1@aol.com	Sheila DiNardo Ed Finnegan	C PS/VS
WC AMCA Regional Specialty	11/2 thru 11/4	Kona Kai Hotel & Conference Center 1551 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA Closes 10/8	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows P O Box 227303 Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-727-0136 http://www.jbradshaw.com/ Marion Scire, Show Chair Class4kids@aol.com 619-437-4483	Chris Walkowicz Carol Williams Betty Ribble	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally
WC AMCA National Specialty	11/5 thru 11/8	Kona Kai Hotel & Conference Center 1551 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA Closes 10/8	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows P O Box 227303 Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-727-0136 http://www.jbradshaw.com/ Marion Scire, Show Chair Class4kids@aol.com 619-437-4483	Sharon Weston Karyn Colman Ken Miller	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally
NE YAMC Affiliate Specialty in-conjunction with South Windsor KC	11/22	Eastern States Expo Center West Springfield, MA Closes 11/4	MB-F, Inc. 620 Industrial Ave Greensboro, NC 27406 Carol Williams, Show Chair Kotzheritage@myfairpoint.net	Pending Pending	C PS/VS
NE YAMC Affiliate Concurrent Specialty (pm) following South Windsor KC	11/22	Eastern States Expo Center West Springfield, MA Closes 11/4	MB-F, Inc. 620 Industrial Ave Greensboro, NC 27406 Kristin Morrison, Show Chair kristinmorrison@gmail.com	Pending	C No Sweeps
NE AMCA Area Specialty in- conjunction with Springfield KC	11/23	Eastern States Expo Center West Springfield, MA Closes 11/4	MB-F, Inc. 620 Industrial Ave Greensboro, NC 27406 Jeannine Theriaque, Show Chair pekaboamal@gmail.com	Pending Pending	C PS/VS

* Pending AKC approval

SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	
NY/NJ Empire AM Assn Supported Entry with Newton KC	8/29	37 Plains Rd Augusta, NJ Closes 8/13	MBF. Inc. Paige Buono	Paula Nykiel Cheryl Tice	C PS/VS
GL Great Lakes AMC Supported Entry with Monroe KC	9/27	Monroe Cty Fairgrounds Monroe, MI Closes 9/10	MB-F, Inc. Beth McClure	John Reeve Newson Sheri Wright	C PS/VS
NY/NJ AMCA Area Supported Entry with Ramapo KC	10/12	Sussex Cty Fairgrounds Augusta, NJ Closes 9/24	Rau Dog Shows Bonnie Martin	Mary Ann Alston John Penatello *	C PS/VS
ME AMCA Area Supported Entry with Middleburg KC & Weight Pulls (both days)	10/25 10/26	Oatlands Plantation Leesburg, VA Closes 10/8	MB-F, Inc. Sandra Pistolesi	Pending Ben Ogburn * Pending Dianne Franck *	C PS/VS C PS/VS
NE Supported Entry with Windham Cty KC	11/21	Eastern States Expo Center West Springfield, MA	MB-F, Inc. Ruth Levesque	Pending Pending	C PS/VS

AMCA AGILITY TRIALS

Area/Host	Dates	Location / Closing	Trial Secy/ Event Contact	Judging Panel	Classes
NY/NJ All Breed Trials	8/30, 8/31 & 9/1	Syracuse Obedience Training Center 6392 Deere Rd Syracuse, NY Opens: 7/4 Closes: 8/16	Libby Loughnot, Trial Secy 8205 Yukon Dr Cicero, NY 13039-9388 Pamela Renock, Event Chair amcatrialchair@gmail.com	Judith Valloze (all trials)	Standard & JWW Standard & JWW Standard & JWW (Exec/Masters ONLY) & T2B (Novice – Masters)
AMCA Regional & National Specialty Trials	11/3 & 11/4	NTC Venues at Liberty Station, North Promenade 2826 Dewey Rd Point Loma, CA 92106	Lynda Tjarks, Trial Secy P O Box F Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222- 0006 Wendy Corr, Event Chair onakalmal@aol.com	Mark Upshaw (both trials)	Standards, Jumpers with Weaves, Fifteen & Fast Classes
ME All Breed Trials	11/14 11/15 11/16	Countryside Agility Training Center 220 W. Plum St Edinboro, PA 16412 Opens: 9/17 Closes: 10/29	Denise Thomas, Trial Secy 220 W Plum St Suite 750 Edinboro, PA 16412 CSTrialEntries@aol.com Laura Heft, Event Chair granitemals@gmail.com	Lavonda Herring (all trials)	Classes vary with each trial. View premium list at website: http: //www.Countrysideagility. com

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.



Please sir, can I have some more?



My tongue is froze to my ball thingy.

Committee Reports & Special Reports

This section contains Committee Reports as received: AKC Delegate, AKC Gazette, AMAL, Breeder Education, CCC, Hands-On, Historian, History, All-Around Malamute, Conformation & Membership Awards, Illustrated Standard, Judges Education, Forum, Top Twenty, Futurity/Maturity, AKC Performance Awards & Stats, Pedigree Reference, Public Education, Ways & Means, & Working Dog Certification

AKC Companion Awards & Stats

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It's a very exciting time for our performance malamutes! Before I get to the excitement, I have to apologize for some errors in the 2013 rankings that appeared both on the AMCA website and in last month's issue of the newsletter. Some of the mistakes were mine, some were the AKC, but either way I'm sorry for the errors. The updated rankings are in this issue, they'll be on the website shortly (or may even be fixed by the time you read this) and the certificates will be the proper ranking. If you see any other mistakes, please let me know ASAP! One of the errors was the naming of Brigitta Westall's wonderful girl, SKY. Some of her titles earned in 2013 were missing from the AKC report that they sent. Here is her full name, including titles from other years because it's easier for me than separating them. SKY is MACH2/PACH Pale Moon's California Sky MXS MJG MJP6 MJPS PAX T2B T2BP... what an amazing dog!

Now, the fun stuff. In case you haven't seen my post on the AMCA Facebook page or gotten the email bulletin, the Companion Awards Committee (myself, Karina Burger, Wendy Corr & Laura Heft) had proposed an idea to expand the Register of Merit program to incorporate other companion events rather than just obedience. In the past, if a dog had sired five offspring who've gotten their **CD** (Companion Dog) title, or if a bitch had whelped four offspring who've gotten their **CD** title, the sire/dam would be eligible for a **ROM-OB** (Register of Merit – Obedience) title. The Board of Directors have approved our proposal and now there are four ROMs for performance events – the **ROM-OB** which won't be changed, the **ROM-RAL** for rally will require the offspring to have an RA (Rally Advanced) title or greater; the **ROM-AG** for agility will require the offspring to have a minimum of either one Open level title in regular classes (Standard and/or Jumpers with weaves) OR two Novice level titles in regular classes (Standard and Jumpers with weaves). There is no differentiation between regular height and preferred height.

There also is a fourth ROM that will encompass all of these sports, the **ROM-PERF**. The ROM-PERF requires the offspring to have a combination of any of these minimum requirements, but each

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offspring may only count once toward the **ROM-PERF**. For example, if a dog has both his **RA** and his **CD**, he will still only count once toward his parent's **ROM-PERF**. But if a dam has two puppies with **RA** titles, one with a **CD** and one with an **OAJ**, she would be eligible for her **ROM-PERF**.

We're truly excited about these changes. I may have misread the standing rules (as you can see, I've already made several mistakes with the 2013 rankings) but I believe the last change to the **ROM-OB** was in 1980 – several years before I was even born and 34 years ago! WOW! We hope the new Performance ROMs will encourage more participation in companion events and will bring more recognition to deserving sires and dams.

The best news is that we already have two malamutes who've met the requirements for their **ROM-PERF**. The first ever **ROM-PERF** is awarded to Jen Effler-Leveille and BELLA, BVIS Storm Kloud's As Good as It Gets WWPDX WTD WPD WLD IDWP1 ROMWDX and now **ROM-PERF**. Jen says that BELLA is also just one away from both her **ROM-RAL** and her **ROM-AG** – that's awesome!

Our second ever **ROM-PERF** is awarded to Sue & Roy Fuller and CRUISER, Mtn. Home's Choose to Cruise, WTD, ROMWD. One of CRUISER'S offspring that helped her attain this **ROM-PERF** also earned a High in Trial en route to her CD title. Congratulations to both Sue & Roy, and also Jen & George!

We have some brags and new titles from our members, too. First is Barb Pisch (ME) and BEE GEE (Kloud Burst I'll Be Your Everything) who, on May 3rd at the Colonial Rottweiler Agility Trial, finally got his last elusive Excellent Preferred Standard leg for his **AXP** (Excellent Standard Preferred) title. Barb says they've tried for that last leg for about a year and a half. BEE GEE is 10 and a half years old – GOOD boy BEE GEE! It's great to see the older dogs still able to run and have fun. BEE GEE earned that title in style with a 1st place – that's makes it even sweeter!

Barb is also having a lot of success with her other boy, TRACE (Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On). On the same day that his Uncle BEE GEE finished his AXP title, TRACE qualified in Masters Jumpers and earned his **MXJ** (Masters Jumpers with

Weaves) title. The **MXJ** title requires ten qualifying scores in Masters Jumpers. What a day for Barb and her boys! TRACE continued his great weekend by returning Sunday, May 4th, and earning his third QQ toward his MACH. Congratulations Barb! I hope you had some ice cream for yourself as well as the dogs because you've earned those titles too.

Next is Jen Effler-Leveille (GL) with great news about several of her dogs. First is LUCY (Powderhound's Blaze of Glory) who earned her first **RAE** (Rally Advanced Excellent) leg their first time out. For an **RAE** leg you need to qualify in both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent on the same day; it's similar to a QQ in agility. LUCY'S first run wasn't stellar, but it was a Q and that's what counts. She more than made up for it with her second run though – a perfect score of 100! She also got a second place only due to time to, as Jen describes, a wonderfully working Irish Water Spaniel. Congratulations Jen & LUCY!

Next up is Jen's boy BUMPER (Powderhound's Silver Lining). That weekend was his first venture into the Rally Excellent ring. Jen says that anyone who has seen BUMPER work can clearly see how much he LOVES it, and he didn't disappoint – he finished his **RE** (Rally Excellent) title in one single weekend, with two blue ribbons and one yellow ribbon! WOOOO to BUMPER and Jen! BUMPER will be following his half-sister LUCY in the quest for the **RAE** and seeing how he can finish an RE title in three straight shows, I don't think it'll be long at all until I'm writing about his and LUCY'S RAE titles. Congratulations again!

Finally, I have some news of my own to share. I haven't trialed much at all this past year due to health issues but last weekend, my LAYLA (Owyhee's Spirit in the Night) and I went tent camping at our favorite park in Delaware. We had a great weekend camping out, hiking and swimming, enjoying the campfire and running agility. On Sunday, May 11th, LAYLA got another QQ toward our MACH with a 2nd place in Masters Standard! There were 28 dogs entered in our 24" height class, only 5 dogs qualified, and we were less than a second away from 1st place. I'm not greedy though; I'm thrilled to death with our 2nd placement! Then to make the weekend even more fun and memorable, LAYLA earned her **MJB** (Masters Jumpers Bronze) title, which

means we've gotten 25 Qs in Masters Jumpers. Wow those take a long time! We had a great time and I hope to be able to trial more often soon.

I'm so grateful for the warmer weather, although LAYLA doesn't share my enthusiasm. I hope you guys are enjoying the "spring", as bipolar as it seems to be, and I'm looking forward to writing more about our amazing partners!

Legislative Committee Report

Sue Carnall

We've all heard dog is man's best friend. Now it can be your turn to become your dog's best friend. The animal rights groups are alive and well. The HSUS, PETA and the ASPCA have targeted California, as these groups feel the atmosphere is right for passage of extreme animal rights legislation. As California goes, so goes the nation. The Legislative Committee of three cannot keep up with the demands of legislative action in all 50 states. That's where you come in, and the good news is a lot of the work is done for you by the AKC. If you go to the AKC web site, click on Dog Owners and scroll down to Government Relations. AKC lists position statements, has a legislative tracking table, a government relations toolbox and a list of federations of AKC dog clubs and other allied groups. You would be surprised how helpful this information is, and you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

In the first four months of 2014, there were 48 legislative alerts issued. There were over 900 dog bills introduced in 2013. Obviously, some states are more active than others. If we all join together and get involved in contacting legislators, it doesn't overburden the committee. You would be surprised how easy it is. Because volume counts, many times your contact with the legislator simply is asking them to oppose or support a bill. There are enough groups with detailed information why a legislator should vote in support of dog owners' rights, but the most important aspect is the volume of constituents contacting their legislator.

In the future, the Legislative Committee will be providing more information on how you can become involved in this worthwhile and important matter.

AMCA Election Manager Report

Michael G. McGuire

Good morning fellow AMCA Members! As many already know, I have been appointed by the AMCA Board of Directors to act as the Election Manager (EM) for the 2014 AMCA Election Year (2015 Term-Year positions) under the provisions of "Special Pg. 8 June 2014

Committees" in the AMCA Constitution and By-Laws (*Article V, Sections 1-2*). I have been asked to act in this capacity due to an extensive IT background, as well as my willingness to perform the functions as described below.

In my functions as AMCA-EM, my responsibilities are; **1)** Monitor the overall election processes as a whole and recommend changes if and where necessary to perform a fair and unbiased election process, **2)** Assist voters in accessing the chosen website and completing their ballots unassisted, **3)** Answer questions from AMCA Membership "at-large" concerning the e-balloting process, and **4)** Report and recommend, to both the AMCA Membership and Board of Directors, changes required to the E-ballot Election Processes, and/or provide any information necessary to allow future elections to run more smoothly for AMCA and AMCA Membership as a whole.

I have spent the last two weeks learning the e-balloting processes offered by several suppliers, and have tested each supplier for overall performance and security. All of the suppliers comply with the industry standard SSAE 16, SOC 1, Type I certified. The SSAE 16 (formerly known as SAS 70) is a widely recognized auditing standard issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). I have also reviewed each supplier's auditor's report details outlining each service provider's ability to offer adequate controls and safeguards when they host or process data belonging to their customers. The audit focuses heavily in the areas of compliance, security and access. It addresses important topics such as backup and recovery, computer operations, and human resources within each organization. All that said, each of the candidate companies is reputable, certified, and able to perform what the AMCA requires in accordance with industry (IT, Personnel, and CPA) standards. "What is it the AMCA requires?", you might ask. Simply put AMCA requires; 1) Security, 2) Availability, 3) Accessibility, 4) and to provide a "Hybrid Election". I'll explain each in turn.

Security; the ability to provide a secure online election which cannot be bypassed, nor can a single voter vote more than one time. Each AMCA Member will be guaranteed the ability to access the voting website, select their voting options, review their selections before submitting them, submit their choices, and receive a receipt signifying they have voted and their votes were recorded. In other words, the equipment is "Safe and Secure" from tamper.

Availability; insurance that the voting website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, while the election is active. The company possesses the equipment, redundancy

and infrastructure to enable them to provide totally uninterrupted service. In other words, "You can reach the site 24x7."

Accessibility; Each election must be accessible from every AMCA Member, anywhere in the world they may exist, and from whatever device they choose to use in accessing their servers, must be able to get to and access the election pages. In other words, "You can log into the website to vote 24x7."

Hybrid Election; A hybrid Election is one in which both "E-Balloting" (online voting) and Paper Balloting (US Postal Mailed Ballots {as it has always been done in the past}) are provided, and the combined results of each are seamlessly compiled and presented to AMCA at the time and date selected by the club at the end of the election with no entity(s) receiving the results before said time and date. This is important for AMCA as we have roughly 800 members "in good standing", where approximately 220 have selected to receive Paper Ballots for the 2014 Elections. This means slightly over 27% of AMCA Membership has chosen to receive a Paper Ballot for the 2014 election year. Once we perform several elections by Hybrid method, I am sure many will discover that it is much easier to vote e-ballot and change their selection in the future. As the number of paper ballots decreases, and I am most certain that number will decrease over time, the club will pay out less and less money each for future elections. The "ease factor" alone will make it worth most members' time and effort to e-ballot rather than mail.

AMCA will run its first "live" election this June beginning with the "Judges Selection Ballot". This venue is the perfect test for the system chosen, as it will allow us to assess the selected company's performance, as well as gauge the response and any difficulties experienced by the AMCA Membership as a whole. As I stated earlier, it is my belief that once we begin to use E-Balloting as a normal AMCA business process, we as a club will find that we can move issues along much faster and with far less fanfare than ever before in the past.

I will be posting this message to the Facebook AMCA Members Forum soon, and will take all questions there. If you have a question you would like to ask me in private, please email me at AMCA-MGM@comcast.net. I thank you for your time and attention, and I trust that you will all assist me in making this year's election a safe and pleasant experience for everyone. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

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Gosh, I can't believe it's time for column submissions already... this is going to be a short one, but short's better than none at all!

Raissa Hinman wrote in that they have a couple of brags they are REALLY proud of this month: **BOOTSTRAP** placed third in the Working Group at the National Obedience Championship in Harrisburg on March 29 and 30, and their proudest brag is: **BOOTSTRAP** is the Number Eight Working Dog in AKC Obedience 2013, that's ranked with the Rotties, Dobes etc....

Congratulations to Raissa and **BOOTSTRAP!**

Leesa Thomas reports that **BETSY**, on her third birthday (Apr 6), finished her championship at the Western PA Kennel Club shows. Leesa co-owns **BETSY** with Kathie McCormick, who has done a wonderful job with her. **BETSY** is now known as **CH Arctic Hope's Brave Betsy of Taiga, TT**. The day before, her mama **ASIK, Arctic Hope's 1st In My Heart, TT, WTD,**, took Winners for another point. We're busy hunting for majors; **ASIK** needs only one to finish her championship, too!

AMCC News came in from Maureen Andersen: Greetings everyone! Hope you enjoyed a Happy Easter and are in the process of seeing some signs of Spring. Critters are out of hibernation here and scrounging for food. Many deer and wolves did not survive winter in our parts. We still have mega banks of snow, and the poor Canada geese that are back are wondering where to nest as they look to the ponds that are still snow packed. Momma foxes are putting on miles looking for anything they can find to feed those babies back in their dens. It was truly the worst winter in our area for over 100 years. I know we weren't alone, as weather was challenging and in some cases disastrous this year, worldwide. I had a note from Dorothy Hood, which is always welcome, with some nice brags on her lovely girls (Mom and daughter team-Maggie and Mariah). They attended the Tri-Arctic weekend shows and did her proud! Congratulations, Dorothy, and all the other winners who were in attendance. It looks like the second Tri-Arctic was a big success, and is on it's way to becoming an annual MUST. Kudos to Laurie and Ron who were instrumental in getting this venture off the ground. It was an excellent

opportunity to showcase and promote our Breed. Speaking of shows, Nat and I are looking forward to the upcoming shows in Thunder Bay in a few weeks. We so look forward to these, and just hope we don't have another snowstorm to contend with this year. That won't deter us, or the fact that both dogs we entered she their coats either. This is an annual event that is really welcomed after a long winter of sitting at home. I have to close on a sad note with a Black Ribbon to report. Julie Hurd and family lost their boy "T", aka **TYKINGA**, a few days before his 14th birthday. "T" was from Julie's first homebred litter, and raised with her two boys who were toddlers at the time. "T" had a special place in my heart, having brought him here a time or two in his younger years for training. He never forgot and always had the paw out for me, and a big hello, while sitting on his grooming table at the shows! He had a sweet temperament, and was a great pet, a wonderful show dog that was Top Area dog for many years, and a very proponent producer for Julie and myself. He and the love of his life and kennelmate, **SATUIYUK**, produced mega champions, around the world, as well as here at home for us. RIP "T" you live on in our hearts and in your wonderful progeny. Give all your furry friends a big hug. Our time with them can never be long enough!

BLACK RIBBON – "T", aka **TYKINGA**

April 7, 2000 - March 24th, 2014
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Sire: Am.Can.CH Spiritrun's Tyetu Keikewabic
Dam: CH.Keikewabic's Keesha
Breeder/Owner: Julie Hurd
Only six months until San Diego...
Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude!

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From Bonnie Ferniac:

My **SOKO** from Poland, **Sokanon Red Rain Illa Kuvianartok**, went WD and BOW at the Western Pa KC on April 5-6 both days. Yes he is **RED!** Thank you Gizela for such a great dog, and trusting us with him. Now our sad news, we have two Black

Ribbons. It is our brother/ sister team. **Am./ Can. CH Ice Cream's Frosty Paws** 02-02-02 03-27-14, and **Am./Can. CH Ice Cream's Winter Chill** 02-02-02. 04-09-14. They were 12 years old and they were the best friends you could ever have. They loved to go to shows and show. They loved our RV and staying in it. They got to go to Canada in October, and were so excited. **FROSTY** was **CHILLY**'s rock, and I think he just died of a broken heart missing her. They will always be in our hearts and never forgotten, 'Til we meet again. We miss you and will always love you two. I can see them in their children and grandchildren, so a part of them will stay with us.

From Michael Park:

Bonnie - I'm sure I speak for all of us in the AMCA in saying how sad we were to hear of your loss.

Michael Park writes:

"Our young (14 month old) boy **GQ, CH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart**, returned to the ring on April 19 as a special after finishing his AKC Championship back in October at just eight months of age, and was awarded Select Dog under judge Steven Gladstone. The next day, his Uncle Tom (not a joke...Thomas is his Uncle!), returned to the ring after a two and a half year absence, and went Best of Breed under judge Dorothy Collier.

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MID-WEST

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It has been an extremely cold winter here in the Midwest and I'm hoping that Spring can stay. I am saddened that Julia has retired from the Mid-West reporter and I will miss her reports. If any of our area members have any news to report please feel free to send it to me.

SHOW NEWS:

Joyce Delay sent in some great news on some great winning that she and Linda Frank did on a trip they made to Harrisburg. It sounds as if they had so much fun. Congrats on their great wins.

"Linda Frank and I made the long trip

to Harrisburg, Pa. this year for the big specialty week put on by the Alaskan Malamute Club of Eastern Pennsylvania. This was my fourth trip to Harrisburg, and I enjoyed it immensely, as always. We took Linda's spiffy new Nissan dog truck, which has room for umpteen dogs and equipment, but drives like a hatchback. Our results: Linda's POLAR is now **BISS, CH Silver Shadow's Polar Express**, after taking Best of Breed at the AMAEP specialty on Saturday, under breeder-judge Robin Hug! My BETTY, aka **CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty**, was Best of Opposite to POLAR. What a thrill, especially considering BETTY was only entered that one day. However, I was so excited for Linda that I forgot to be excited for myself! POLAR also earned a Group 4, no small feat for an owner-handler at the big Harrisburg cluster, which draws many top dogs. My other entry, BRANDY, aka **Kaviak's Make Mine A Double**, also did well. She was in the ribbons all week in bred-by, and picked up her second major (this one a five-pointer) at the AMCA Mid East Area Specialty on Friday, by winning WB/BOW under breeder-judge Shilon Bedford. She also won Grand Sweeps that day under Laurie McAree. It was her third Grand Sweeps win.

"The dashboard was pretty dazzling with rosette bling as we flew all the way home. I'd like to throw some kudos out to the AMAEP and its members for outstanding hospitality, trophies, and just overall good times. There's a reason I keep returning to this specialty; these folks know how to put one on. Thanks to all."

I must also do my own bragging. ROCKY and I went to our very first UKC shows, which happen to be only 30 miles from home, which is amazing for us. These shows were on April 12 and 13, and we had a total of four shows. We showed in conformation and Rally the R01B class. ROCKY did amazingly well at the shows. He earned three group 1s and a group 2 in Conformation, and earned his UKC Championship in Rally with scores of 94, 95, 96 and 97, and earned his R01 title. He earned his Rally title on his third trial and his name is now **U-CH Northern Exposure Rocket Man of Sno-Cub, CGC, RN, R01**; not bad for a 21 month old mal. April has been a good month for ROCKY. I decided to enter ROCKY at some shows that are about a 90 minute drive, as there were owner handler groups there. No other mals entered, so I went for fun. On 4-27-14 ROCKY took a Group 2 in the AKC Owner Handler Series under Dr. Robert Smith.

ROCKY had a very good month, and I am very proud of him.

I know this is mostly show brags. Please help out by sending in your own news to me

to help give our area some variety.

NEW ENGLAND

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To start off, I need to make a correction from last month. It was brought to my attention that I incorrectly reported sweeps placements. On March 2 at the Connecticut River Working Group show, Best Opposite Puppy in Sweeps should have been reported as **Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music (B)** owned by Paige Buono. My apologies for that mistake.

A busy April for Jane Palinkas and her multi-tasking kids!

"We finely got out to show last week, and we went to Harrisburg PA. On Friday under Judge Shilon Bedford, my boy CAHARTT, **Luv Sno's Liking it Rugged**, won first in Bred by Exhibitor class, then on to Reserve Winner's dog. My girl, **MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney**, was first and only one in the working bitch class, then went on to Best of Opposite sex. She followed that by moving from the conformation ring to the weight pull competition, pulling 23 times her bodyweight, and finishing her working weight pull excellent title, coming in only second to her son, CARHARTT. On Saturday, under Judge Robin Hug, CARHARTT placed first in the bred by class, and on to reserve winners dog. TIFFANY took first as the only working bitch and earned a select bitch placement. Again, after showing, we weight pulled, but I promised them both that they could pull what they wanted. On Sunday, under Judge Whitney Coombs, CARHARTT once again took reserve winners dog from the bred by class.

On April 19 we tried our first attempt in Rally-O at the Pioneer Valley Kennel club dog show. CARHART, **Luv Sno's Liking it Rugged**, earned his first leg under Judge Linda Ferrullo, with a score of 86. Not bad, as we had just finished our Advanced title two weeks ago."

Mal-agility from Gail Lawson and Sammy!

"Taking a malamute into the agility ring is a labor of love and SAMMY, **Greenbrier's Sam's the Man**, and I have been having great fun at this. On April 6, 2014, we were at the American Lhasa Apso Club trial in Amherst, NH, where the boy qualified in Open Standard Preferred. On April 19 we were at the Agility Club of New Hampshire trial, again in Amherst, NH, where he earned his Open Jumper with Weaves Preferred Title, a huge accomplishment, and one that makes me so proud. I think SAMMY has taken to agility because he gets 1) lots of

attention from everyone, 2) everyone wants to give him something tasty and 3) at the end of a run there is applause and lots of treats! He has it figured out. We have had to emphasize however that he cannot run out of the ring at the end of the run to get his treats without his handler!! We've heard the buzzer on that a few times.

To top this month off, SAMMY was at the top of the AMCA list for Novice Jumpers for 2013. Quite a feat for us beginners! So proud of this great dog who is so generous with his willingness and joy!"

Congrats to everyone on their accomplishments!

Summer is almost here and along with it comes the heat and insects. Something I use for my dogs ears to keep black flies away is to spray a mixture of tea tree oil and water. If anyone cares to share any tips or suggestions for keeping cool, deterring ticks or insects, or any great summer activities you enjoy with your dogs, please forward to me to post.

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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Wow! Well, LOTS of news this time around (it's all relative, folks). So without further ado, here is what some folks in the NY/NJ area have been up to the last month (or so). Oh, but before that, I need to post a correction to the Syracuse supported entry sweepstakes results for last month. BOS in Puppy Sweepstakes was Maria Dinwoodie's DOMINO). **Snobuc's Never Say Never Again**. My apologies to all for the incorrect reporting. I am also pleased to report that AKC finally got the results up for the licensed/regular classes, judged by Canadian judge Charles Bett, so the results of the regular show classes are to found in the Major Show reports section this month. Once again, congratulation to all the winners and I'm sorry we missed it this year.

Maria and GENNY also won BOS on the Friday in Syracuse, and finished her Grand Championship title when she won BOS at the supported entry on Saturday (see Howls). Her young boy, co-owned with Kerry Congilosi, SEAN, **Snobuc's The Spy Who Loved Me**, also earned his second Rally Novice leg, placing second with a score of 96. So she had a lovely weekend. I also want to publicly thank her for all she does for the NY/NJ area, for support and very kind words! Maria, you reinforce my faith in human nature every time we talk, meet or correspond!

While in March, and on the performance brags, Paige Buono and Dasher, **GCH Owyhee's Dash N To Echo Mtn CD, RE, AXP, AJP, MFP**, were up in Syracuse, as well, and continued on their winning ways on March 29 by picking up his eighth STD leg with a second place (67 second course in just 45.76 seconds) and earning 21 PACH points all this handled by Paige, as his owner-handler. So huge congrats to Paige and Dasher! Meanwhile, in the conformation ring, Paige's home-bred CRICKET, **Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music**, has been out in the conformation rings, and racking up a number of wins. Highlights include Best Opposite in Puppy Sweeps at CRWG, WB at Monticello Karyn and Saw Mill River Karyn, and WB/BOW/BOS at New Brunswick Karyn in March. Jr is handling CRICKET for Paige in the show ring and Paige sends her thanks to him for these nice wins.

And, (wow, I'm just full of great segues this month), while talking about Jr - Kathy sent me her fantastic news about their young boy, TYSON, **GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson**, who has now added BISS to this young resume, after winning the Harrisburg Specialty under Shilon Bedford, and then went on to win his third Group 1 under James Noe. Kathy writes: "Junior and I are so proud of our boy as he now has three Group One wins in very limited showing. TYSON finished up the weekend winning the breed under Whitney Coombs. A special thank you to the club members whose hard work created a fun weekend for all who attended. The hospitality table really had an array of goodies and great coffee. We have made a special place on the mantel for that lovely Best of Breed trophy. The decoupage trophy that was donated by someone who had won it from a Harrisburg win years back, really added a special touch. Thank You!" See Howls (and Specialty results) for his brags.

There's just no stopping me! Following on, again, I, myself, have an equally exciting brag (see Howls also) for our lovely boy TYCHO, **Bronze GCH Samajankan's I'm The One At Nyrakym**, who won the breed in Harrisburg on the Specialty weekend, under internationally renowned judge James Reynolds, followed by his very own (and also his third) Group 1 win under Alberto Berrios, always "amateur" owner/breeder handled by yours truly. He (TYCHO) also, as (perhaps) a more "minor" win, won Reserve Best in MultiBreed Show and Best In MultiBreed Show at the brand new North Jersey Kennel Club UKC shows in early April; a nice local warm up for Harrisburg. Well, we were excited and are thinking maybe we'll go back to doing

more of those shows. Oh, almost forgot, TRIXIE, **Nyrakym's Excellence in Motion Smljkn**, now only needs a single point to finish her AM CH after winning a major in Harrisburg, and her second just a couple of weekends later in Maryland. She's still a baby (just 18 months) but while she's looking good, I guess we'll try to get that last point! So I suppose that means more AKC and less UKC. It's true - we plan to take a trip up to the Great lakes area again this year (missed last year) to visit those lovely folks and see if we can't "git 'er done"!! Sorry, it must be silly season right now....I won't tell you why.

OK, last but by no means least, and I really tried to find a segue for this/these too, but it wasn't going to happen, so I'm putting it here, at the end (sorry Cheryl, but on the bright side, it's likely the last bit will be remembered by more people), Cheryl McFarland's boy, ROYA, **CH Amook's Crown Prince**, won WD/BOW for a 4 point major at the Syracuse supported entry (see Major Show report), and the following day completed his championship (see Howls) with WD/BOW and BOB for his second 4 point major. This finished him with four majors, all from the Bred By class! Woohoo, ROYAL and Cheryl. Traveling down to Harrisburg two weeks later, her young boy, SMOKE, **Amook's Victory Lap**, won WD at the AMAEP Specialty for a 5 point major under Robin Hug. Cheryl writes: "Big thanks to judge Robin Hug. This makes my third generation, and fourth dog to claim wins at that very competitive specialty, and I couldn't be more thrilled." Cool indeed! Huge congrats to Cheryl, ROYAL and SMOKE.

I think that's it for this time - many, many thanks to those who have supported, and continue to support me with news and info. I look forward to hearing more about your dogs' adventures and brags for next month. In the meanwhile, I'm serious - if there is someone else who wants to do this, or who is even mildly interested, I am very, VERY happy to hand over the reins!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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Pacific Northwest

This report was accidentally left out last month. Our apologies.

I am baby sitting one of the puppies, COSMO, who's family is out of town for a week. It has been like a big family reunion, grandma CASS, Dad SAM, and Mama TESS have all been happy to see him and most of all siblings ADELE and BEAR. They

have been playing hard and (luckily for me), sleeping soundly!

BLACK RIBBON:

I wanted to share some news, Marion McMillan shared with me from **Tuscarora Kennels** in Olympia Washington. She let me know that Bob McMillan passed away on March 13, 2014. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Marion. Bob was a long time member of AMCA.

BLACK RIBBON:

Kathi and Dan Frasier shared that: "On March 12, we had an email from our good friends and owners of SILVER and SHASTA that SHASTA had left to cross the Rainbow Bridge. Ron and Ines were so incredibly sick at losing this amazing 10 year old daughter from our PAIGE and TRAVIS. SHASTA was, as Ron said 'The smartest wheel dog he had ever owned'. Her litter sister, SILVER, was still running on the team, and next year the two newest pups from TRAVIS and CALI will join that team. I know that Shasta passed on lots of her wisdom to the pups before departing."

"Then came our next devastating loss. Sunday March 30, we had to say good bye to the sweetest, most handsome, cuddliest dog in our pack. Through tears and still in shock, I am sad to say that **Can/Int'l CH, SnoRidge Black Ty' N Tails, CGC**, lost his battle to recover from the multiple procedures he endured from bloating and torquing. We only had him back with us for 48 hours. Dan and I were with him every minute of that time. He was being fed by syringe as I needed to get him strong. He went out for a few brief walks in the grass, and got to see his kids and grandkids. Yesterday morning, he started to show signs of more weakness, and when his pack saw him, they were eerily quiet. We rushed him back to the Emergency Vet, and they told us he had a secondary infection, most likely a slow leak from all that was done. The doctor said he would not survive another surgery, so we stayed with him and kissed him, and told him how much we love him, and that now he would join his sweetheart PAIGE, and Daughter SHASTA. I will miss TRAVIS greeting me when I come home from the stores, putting his paws up on the fence and telling me all about his day. I will miss his beautiful smile, his tiny ears, and most of all I will miss my cuddles with him. He has left a legacy and now we will push on without him. God Speed sweet boy, wear your silver Harness with pride, you sure did earn it. We love you and will see you again. TRAVIS was just shy of his 12th birthday. Not to end on a such a sad note, I am happy to say that TRAVIS' 10 year old daughter, LOLA has done me very proud this winter, competing in the Iron Paws Challenge. Due

to lack of snow, we did lots of dry land runs on scooter, and when the snow finally fell, Lola and I competed in the one-dog Classic skijor. We came in fifth out of seven, but I am so proud of her, and we had a blast. Dan competed in the two-dog class with CALI and JESSE, and for the second year in a row, these TRAVIS Grandkids took FIRST! We will now carry on with TRAVIS' almost eight month old pups, and get them to shows and out working as well."

I received an email from Michele Coburn sharing some good news about her kids as follows:

"I must again brag about what a proud Mom I am.....apparently I should stay home and groom the rest of the kids more often. While I was doing so, the lovely PUCK, **GCH Peach River Silverice Summer Solstice** took two Group 3s and a Group 2. Brother MICK aka **GCH Peach River's Gather's No Moss At Sunstra** brought home a Group 1 and a Group 3. On the east coast Miss MIMI aka **CH Peach River's Sexy and I Know It**, co-owned with Joe Pistolessi, took a Group 3....WOW, thanks everyone."

Then, at Chintimini Kennel Club last weekend we had an amazing Peace River Sweep both Days. MICK, won BOB, Sister DIVA, **CH Peace River's Bling It On**, won BOS, her Son HARLEY, **Peace River's Never Say Never**, won BOW and his sister ONNA, **Peace River's Dream Girl At Halastat**, owned and loved by Laura Maffai."

Thank you everyone for your news.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

** NEW REPORTER NEEDED**

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No Report

SOUTHERN

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Another summer is quickly approaching, and I am here trying to figure out what I can move to what day to clean my plate for a day at the beach. I had no news to report until about 10 days ago; then my email was flooded with them.

My first note came from Tina Sanderford:

"I'm always late getting my brags in and can never remember your deadline...here are some brags on our SALLY JANE.

At the Speedway Classic shows on Thursday March 27, our SALLY went WB. On Friday

she was WB/BW/BBE, taking a BBE Group 1. On Saturday, SALLY went WB and on Sunday she was WB/BW with back-to-back majors to finish her Championship! She's now **CH Shosan's Mustang Sally** and all points were won from the BBE classes! A couple of days before Easter weekend, I decided to take SALLY to the 2014 Tar Heel Seiger shows held by the International All Breed Canine Association (IABCA), which is the same as the European style dog shows. IABCA offers four shows in two days with an 'Express show' as well, and the AKC judges (International, CAN and USA) give written critiques on each dog, so you know how your dog compares to the breed standard. You also compete in Groups and BIS, just like an AKC/UKC show. I have never been to one of the IABCA shows before and was not sure what to expect, but I thought it would be something fun to do...was I surprised! Before the show started I had to pick up SALLY'S 'folder' (which I did not know about and thankfully someone asked me if I knew what I was doing...), AND I had to remember to take my folder to each ring before show time. A folder contains the dog's armband number (one armband for the four shows), a Judge's Critique sheet, an orange point card that the judge has to complete and sign, and the Certificates of Performance that the judge signs, one each for each show that SALLY was entered. You guard that folder with your life! I entered her in the Breeder's Class-Open (for dogs over 12 months of age) and the additional Bred By Exhibitor classes. There is a lot of writing and talking involved here...first you are judged in the class your dog is entered in, and more talking and writing.... the judges do a lot of writing and talking to exhibitors. As it was very rainy and windy on Saturday, you can imagine how many folders were blown into the wind with the owners frantically chasing down the critique sheets and point cards! One good thing is that the dog's name, registration #, DOB, etc., is printed on each card and piece of paper, so identifying the flying sheets was easy. Thankfully, the weather cooperated on Sunday, and it turned out to be a great day. SALLY earned the three orange point cards with V-1 ratings that she needed to complete her International title, and also earned two more orange point cards with V-1 ratings towards her National title! Once I've applied for and gotten her title, she will be **INT/AM CH. Shosan's Mustang Sally!** Over the course of the four shows, SALLY won two BIS BBE groups, one Reserve BIS BBE and one Reserve BIS. On the fourth show, all BIS and BIS BBE winners go into the ring to compete for the 'Best of the Best' and SALLY JANE was chosen as the 2014 Grand Sieger winner! Many thanks to the judges: Robin Hug, Honey Glendinning, Gloria Kerr, Barbara Finch and Jean Pero for making this the best experience ever!"

Another note came in from Stacey Moore: "It's been a while since I've written in to you, but I have some awesome brags to share (both human and dog)! I'll start with the human brag first. On April 24, I finally (finally!) bought my house. What started as a simple six to eight month project turned into a two-year ordeal. Many people have asked how the house is coming along, and I'm happy to report I've finally moved in. Woo hoo!

Now on to the dog brags: In all the hullabaloo of my move, I missed some of the deadlines, after three months of going to "area" shows, and having the only class bitch show up. I took KINSEY, **Valhalla's Light Up The Sky**, to the Denver cluster. She wasn't quite 14 months old, and the show draws a really nice entry, so I was going, more so, to see how she stacked up against the other bitches, but not expecting to walk away with anything spectacular. I was absolutely thrilled when she picked up her first major (a 5-pointer!) at the Peak to Peak Working Dog Show. She won her class the rest of the weekend as well, but getting that first major TOTALLY made that trip worth it. Three weeks later, KINSEY followed that win with two more points by going Best of Winners at the Saturday show for the Garden City Kennel Club. Not to be outdone by his housemate, my boy TYLER, **GCH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure**, picked up a nice Breed win that same Saturday in Garden City. We took a few weeks off to move, but the first weekend in May we hit the shows again. In Big Spring, KINSEY picked up two Best of Opposite Sex wins. TYLER won the Breed both days. On Saturday, TYLER picked up a Group 3 and an Owner-Handled Group 1 under Judith A. Brown. Sunday, TYLER finished off the weekend taking a Group 2 under Edd Bivin. So, both dogs have picked up some nice wins, in spite of a rather hectic Spring show schedule, due to the move into the new house. Thanks for letting me brag! Also, my homebred boy, **GCH WindSwept's The Games A'Foot At Stormrunner**, also added a few more wins to his name this past month, adding a few more Bests of Breed, Selects, and Group Placements. WATSON, I do believe, will also qualify in this year's Top Twenty for San Diego. We do not have final statistics as of yet, but I am beyond proud of this boy getting such a late start and pulling through to the end."

Our last note is with great sadness from Edie Thomas:

"**CH WindStar's Moonlight Serenade, ROM**. Feb. 25, 2003- April 18, 2014. Sadly, SIERRA lost her battle with mammary cancer. She was out of Mr. Wookie, BISS, Int. Am CH Malko's Wookie Of Kunek, ROM X Molly, CH WildWind Somthn'

Royal At WindStar. She was a Grand Sweepstakes Winner and looked so much like her Great Aunt Hope. Loved this girl to death! This girl was my house dog and meant the world to me. She produced three very nice litters and was the top producing bitch in AMCA one year."

That is all I have for this month, thank you for the letters.

WEST COAST

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My first brag this month comes from Brigitta Westall, who writes:

"Some happy times are here again with my wonderfully spirited girl, SKY, **MACH2, PACH Palemoon's California Sky**. On April 13, 2014, SKY obtained her second MACH. While we were not able to attend the Eukanuba Invitational last year, SKY was invited as the #1 Malamute in the country. She is bright and exciting to work with. As I have said before, she is the love of my life, and it is a joy and privilege to have her in my life. " All I can say is wow! Those who do agility understand what it takes to accomplish this!

Dorothea Ragsdale shared the following brags on Miss ZIVA, **SnoDanc Save the Last Dance for Me:**

4/18/14 Conejo KC - WB, BOW, BOS

4/19/14 Angeles Canyon Dog Club - WB, BOW

4/20/14 Angeles Canyon Dog Club WB (no class dogs shown)

She is cruising right along 10 points with one major.

Congrats to Dorothea and ZIVA!

Debbie Hunyada's **ELPHIE, CH Majestic's Wonderfully Wicked**, attended the UKC shows up in Lathrop on April 26, where she earned her UKC CH with two Group 1s! Congratulations to Debbie & ELPHIE!

I took my own **TURBO, Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged, RA, OA, NAJ, WTD, WPD, RL3-AOE, RL1X** and **COMET, UWP UCH Modar's Yule Pied Comet, BN, RA, OA, OAJ, CGC, WTD, WPD, RL2-AOE, TT, SAM, TDInc**, to their first AKC Rally Excellent Trial on April 27. Turbo was in Excellent A where he scored 95 and placed First. Comet also scored 95 in the B class.

On May 4 I took my guys to a World Cynosport Rally Trial where Turbo earned the first double-Q towards his ARCH title. He did so with scores of 199 in level 1 and 200 in level 2 and placed Fifth in his

level 1B class! **COMET** also earned her first double-Q and seventh leg towards her level 1 championship. Her scores were 209 in level 1 and 198 in level 2, she placed second in her level 2B class! **COMET** also earned her first level 3 leg with a score of 208 and First place in her A class! This is a very fun and friendly venue!

Thanks to all my contributing area members, please keep the reports coming.

AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE

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Hello from Europe. Congratulations to all of our area brags & news this month.

The main results from the AMCUK specialty, held in May, under breed specialist judges; Kerry Jelfs for dogs and Kimberly Jebson for bitches were; Best In Show and Best Dog: Thompson's **Shomont Rasin Cain**, Reserve Best In Show, BOS, Best Bitch and Best Veteran: Atkinson's **Cinneli Trek De Eleanor for Ekati**, Reserve Best Dog: Burgess' **Jadonspire True Heart**, Reserve Best Bitch: Taylor's **Hyteton Relu Silver Moon for Luponooshka**. Best Junior: Cameron, Pennings and McGrae's **Chayo Eye Candy**, Best Puppy: Nawrocka and Phillips' **Monikoona Most Wanted**, Reserve Best Puppy: Robotham and Reader's **Packice Orsa**, The referee was Ms Marion Sargent. There was an entry of 129 in the main classes and an entry of 51 in the supplementary/stakes classes. The Rescue Stakes had an entry of 23 and were judged by Ms. Stacey Harris. Best Overall Rescue Stakes: John's **Shomont Rasin Suspicious among Cristakell JW ShCM**, Best Junior Rescue Stakes: Dolan's **Siskara The Spy Who Loved Me JW**.

News from UK member Anna Darlow; At the Scunthorpe Canine Assoc. **ALPINE, Sledog Indian Ocean to Iceclimb (A.i)** was awarded Best Puppy In Match at the age of just five months, she also won the stakes class too. At her second open show **ALPINE** was awarded Best AVNSC puppy and then went on to be awarded Puppy Group 3 from an entry of 10. To top it all, **ALPINE** passed her KC BRONZE Good Citizen Award at just seven months old. **DENALI, Sledog Dream Seeker to Iceclimb (A.i) WTD**, has completed his final leg of his WPD title. **DENALI** also passed his KC SILVER Good Citizen Award.

Italian member Giuseppe Biagiotti has sent news this month. At the International Dog Show - Montichiari, held in April under judge Mrs. L Wogan, **STARLIGHT, BISS BIS EW Multi CH Starlight Express Del Biagio**, was awarded the CACIB, BOB and Group 3

(see howl about). **KAYA, Kaya Del Biagio**, was awarded Best Junior and Junior Group 3 (see Howl about).

At the International Dog Show – Rieti, held in April under judge Mr. P. Buratti, **STARLIGHT** was awarded the CACIB, the BOB and GROUP 3 (see Howl about). **HEAVEN, Heaven's Stars Del Biagio**, owned by M. Scatizzi was awarded the CAC and the CACIB. **KAYA** was awarded Best Junior.

At the TOP DOG 2013 event **STARLIGHT** was Top malamute and **HEAVEN** was Top Junior malamute.

The two UK weight pull championships have now concluded, the main results were;

Allerton Park Weight Pull Trophy Awards 2013/14

The Lord and Lady Mowbray Trophy for Highest Percentage- **LILLY Scott** and **Wheatley**, The Arcticdawns Salver for Most Weight Pulled - **NANOOK Benton Browne**, The Packice Salver for Most Weight Pulled by Opposite Sex - **POLAR Botterill**.

The class awards were;

41-60lb Class; The Hawkam Trophy for first Place - **LILLY Scott** and **Wheatley**, The Kaytoo Trophy for second Place - **AVA Butler**, The Snowolf Trophy for third Place No Award.

61-80lb Class ; The Kachemak Trophy for first Place - **CHENA Forster**, The Cedar creek Trophy for second Place - **BEAR Reader** and **Robotham**, The Stormwinds Trophy for third Place - **AUSTIN Page**.

81-100lb Class; The Brandelle Trophy for first Place - **POLAR Botterill**, The Icebound Trophy for second Place - **EVO Botterill**, The Tarkipark Trophy for third Place - **VIENNA Sheehan**.

Over 100lb Class; The Amaqqut Trophy for first Place - **WOMBLE Sheehan**, The Shomont Trophy for second Place - **TURBO Botterill**, The Oscar Trophy for third Place - **NANOOK Benton-Browne**.

Eastleigh Championship	Weight	Pull
Seasons Most Weight Pulled	1644lbs	2013/2014
LUCIEN - Hyteton Tombli For Luponooshka		
Seasons Highest Body percentage	17.45%	
TABOO - Arctictreks Thrill		
41-60lb WA; First INDIA		
Arctictreks Some Like It Hot.		
61-80lb WB; First PEPPER		
Cinelli Fast'n Furious Peppa,		
Second TABOO - Arctictreks Thriller,		
Third TROYA - Cherubini Midnight Wolf.		
81-100lbWC; First VALENTINO - Hyteton		

Doctor, Second PHOENIX - Cinneli Fast'n Furious Phinx to Cherubini Third SULLY - Wolfraven Roo's Dark Matter of Winterscall. Over 101lb WU; First LUCIEN - Hyteton Tombli For Lupooshka, Second ANNIE - Nanook Of The North, Third SIRIUS - Wolfraven Roo's Dark River at BlueKaneq.

Unfortunately Dutch member Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer has sent a black ribbon this month; "We lost our beautiful TOK, **Multi BISS. Dutch. Int CH Chikara's Wayartok JW'01**. Born in 2000, she left us at one month shy from her 14th birthday. I called it "love at first sight, and love until she died in my arms". TOK was our grand lady, who twice won the Dutch Specialty. TOK was the first dog I could show at Crufts, 10 years ago, and we did win third place in her open class. She was an excellent mum for her puppies, she liked the boys, but wasn't very keen on the other girls in our kennel yard. She had been Cees team lead dog for a few years and was on the team until the age of 11 years. Fortunately she left her footprint in our pedigree. Thanks dear TOK, thanks John Dewing for trusting us with her."

News from UK member Joan Sheehan; "We are delighted with the Allerton weight pull championship results, with WOMBLE, **Hawkam Leading The Trail via Amaqqut, WWPDX, WTD** winning the 101lbs plus class and VIENNA, **Amaqqt Leading The Pack WWPDA**, coming Third in the 81-100lbs class in her first working season."

Dutch member Rita Liebrand has sent news; "Our Youth Championship for LEE-LOO, **StormChaser the Fifth Element**, has finally arrived (see Howl about). Also, KING, **CH StormChaser Return of the King** has completed his Dutch Veteran Championship (see Howl about)."

News from Italian member Alessandro Avigni; At the International Dog Show – Padova, held in March under judge Mrs. W. Willhauck, ANJA, **Paha Sapa Mals Octane**, owned by Ciceri Mirko, was awarded the CAC, the CACIB and Best Opposite Sex. VIOLET, **Paha Sapa Mals Hydrogen**, owned by Daniele Tabarrini, was awarded Best Young Female and then Best Young Malamute In Show.

At the Malamute Day Casargo (Lecco) CIRN Club Show, held in January under French member and breed specialist judge Mrs. Pary Dauvet, KIDD, **Biss CH Paha Sapa Captain Kidd** was awarded Best Veteran Male and BABY, **Biss, Bis CH Mrs Nice Baby Paha Sapa**, was awarded Best Veteran Female and Best Veteran in the Show (see Howl about).

News from Belgium member Nicole Herman; "At the International Dog show in Douai (France) our boy RANSOM, **CH Glaciers Extorsion At IceCube** was awarded best male, the CACIB and then went on to be awarded Best Opposite Sex under judge Mrs. Indergaard (Norway)."

Dutch member Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer has sent news. "At the German International show in Lingen, on April 27, our NIVI, **Peace River Niviasar**, was awarded BOS, and gained another International point. NIVI is a happy handfull to show, hardly ever stands still for a second, but that's due to my sometimes poor handling, but we always have fun! At home we have a new addition to the kennel JANNA, **Winterstarz Kunjannamik**. This bright and for us intelligent girl is giving us lots of laughter, and the other dogs much joy to play with. Getting her out of America was a nerv racking ordeal as the weather in the Mid

West toyed with us, it was nearly too cold to fly her over, but we made it in the end, safe and sound. Thanks Tim O'Brien and Karina Burger."

Our own news this month;

At the April Allerton weightpull championship event, SPEK, **Sledog Dream Warrior (A.i)** gained his final WWPD leg. At the AMCUK show, under breed specialist judges Kimberly Jebson and Kerry Jelfs, NERO, **BJISS Mountain Home Sledog Pride (imp) WTD, WPD, ROMWD**, won the import class, won the brace class with his grandson, was placed second in the Working Dog class and third in the Veteran Dog class. DUNK, **Sledog Dream Maker (A.i) WPD**, in addition to winning brace with NERO, was placed fifth in the Working Dog class. We were extremely proud that there were three Sledogs in the line up of five in the Working Dog class. RAIN, **Sledog Indian Monsoon (a.i)**, at this, her first show, was placed third in the Minor Puppy Bitch class and second in the Junior Stakes Dog/Bitch class.

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

AT LARGE – S HEMISPHERE

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No report. Please send news to Michelle.



Is there a real dog in there somewhere?



I think they forgot a very important part of this sculpture don't you?



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

NEW CHAMPION (CH)

CH ARCTIC HOPE'S BRAVE BETSY OF TAIGA, TT (B)

Sire: Northpaw's War Games
Dam: Arctic Hope's 1st In My Heart
Breeder: Leesa Thomas
Owners: Katherine McCormick & Leesa Thomas
Show: Western PA Kennel Club
Date: April 6, 2014
Judge: Mr. John P. Wade

CH AMOOK'S CROWN PRINCE, CGC (D)

Sire: MBISS, GCH Amook's A Day At The Races,
AOM, CGC
Dam: BPIS, CH Wencinja Amook's Arcvtic Lace
Breeder: Cheryl McFarland, Bent & Tina Robbins
Owner: Cheryl McFarland
Show: Central New York Kennel Club
Date: Mar 30, 2014
Breed: Brian Taylor

NEW GRAND CHAMPION

GCH SNOBUC'S GENNY CREAM OF THE CROP, CD, BN, RE (B)

Sire: GCH Adair-N-Hug S'Wonderful Life
Dam: Snobuc's Say Goodnight Grayci, CGC
Breeder: Maria and Rolfe Dinwoodie
Owner: M. and R. Dinwoodie, S. Capp, E. French
Show: North County Kennel Club
Date: Mar 29, 2014
Breed: Charles Bett

GROUP 1

MBISS U-BIS U-RBIS MBIMBS GCH, CAN, CH U-GRCH, SAMALJANKAN'S I'M THE ONE AT NYRAKYM (D)

Sire: CH Alcan Master Of The Hunt
Dam: MBISS, GCH Can CH U-GRCH Nyrakym's
Skywalker Samaljankan, ROM
Breeder: Karyn Colman and Jari Nirhamo
Owner: Karyn Colman and Jari Nirhamo
Show: South Jersey Kennel Club
Date: Apr 10, 2014
Breed: James Renolds
Group: Mr. A. Berrios

GCH TUGAR'S TAKING ON TYSON (D)

Sire: GCH Winterchill's Cruz'n Spirit
Dam: Aspenmyst Less Flower More Power
Breeder: Kathy Hausner and Junior Das
Owner: Kathy Hausner and Junior Das
Show: Lebanon County Kennel Club
Date: Apr 11, 2014
Breed: Shilon Bedford
Group: James Noe

GROUP 1 (OWNER-HANDLED):

GCH KENIA'S ROCK SOLID ADVENTURE, WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Vykon's Chasing The Wind
Dam: CH Windstar's Midnight Hocus Pocus
Breeder: Karen Berry & Doug Berry
Owner: Stacey Moore
Show: Big Spring Kennel Club
Date: May 3, 2014
Breed: Lynn Peterson
Group: Judith A. Brown

U-CH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN R01

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: Seward County Kennel Club
Date: 4-27-14
Breed: Dr. Robert D. Smith
Group: Dr. Robert D. Smith

GROUP 2:

GCH KENIA'S ROCK SOLID ADVENTURE, WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Vykon's Chasing The Wind
Dam: CH Windstar's Midnight Hocus Pocus
Breeder: Karen Berry & Doug Berry
Owner: Stacey Moore
Show: Big Spring Kennel Club
Date: May 4, 2014
Breed: Edd Bivin
Group: Edd Bivin

GROUP 3:

GCH KENIA'S ROCK SOLID ADVENTURE, WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Vykon's Chasing The Wind
Dam: CH Windstar's Midnight Hocus Pocus
Breeder: Karen Berry & Doug Berry
Owner: Stacey Moore
Show: Big Spring Kennel Club
Date: May 3, 2014
Breed: Lynn Peterson
Group: Judith A. Brown

GCH WINDSWEPT'S THE GAMES A'FOOT AT STORMRUNNER (D)

Sire: CH Pokerflat's Wave of The Future, CD, RA
Dam: BISS, BIS, GCH Wild Wind's Best Rose Addition
Breeder: Marcia Wild and Julia Cole
Owner: Cass and Leneia Rogowski and Marcia Wild
Show: Tuscaloosa Kennel Club
Date: April 5, 2014
Breed: Pete Dawkins
Group: Robert Stein

GCH WINDSWEPT'S THE GAMES A'FOOT AT STORMRUNNER (D)

Sire: CH Pokerflat's Wave of The Future, CD, RA
Dam: BISS, BIS, GCH Wild Wind's Best Rose Addition
Breeder: Marcia Wild and Julia Cole
Owner: Cass and Leneia Rogowski and Marcia Wild
Show: Birmingham Kennel Club
Date: April 6, 2014
Breed: Cindy Meyer
Group: Dr. Alvin Krause

GROUP 4

BISS CH SILVER SHADOW 'S POLAR EXPRESS

Sire: CH Prairie Snow's Lieutenant Dan
Dam: Aluk's Desi
Breeder: Chris and Linda Frank
Owner: Chris and Linda Frank
Show: Harrisburg Kennel Club
Date: 4-12-14
Breed: Robin Hug
Group: Walter Sommerfelt

NEW MACH2

PACH, MACH2 PALEMOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (B)

Sire: CH Wind's Fury Jacob Trailblazer
Dam: Palemoon's Naughty But Nice
Breeder: Tina Shirshun/Barbara Salvador
Owner: Briggita C. Westall
Trial: Dog Agility Club of Ventura & West Coast Cocker
Spaniel Club
Date: April 13, 2014
Judges: Mary Mullen and Clyde Closson

INTERNATIONAL KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

GROUP 3

BISS BIS EW MULTI CH STARLIGHT DEL BIAGIO (D)

Sire: BISS It CH Iron Butterfly Del Biagio
Dam: BISS It Lux Hr Ch Lera Del Biagio
Breeder: G Biagiotti
Owner: G Biagiotti
Show: International Dog Show - Montichiari
Date: April 12, 2014
Breed: Mrs L Wogan (IRL)
Group: Mrs L Wogan (IRL)

GROUP 3

Show: International Dog Show - Rieti
Date: April 26, 2014
Breed: Mr P Buratti (IT)
Group: Mr A Brace (UK)



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

GROUP 3 - JUNIOR

KAYA DEL BIAGIO (B)

Sire: Nanurjuk Del Biagio
 Dam: Girl Power Del Biagio
 Breeder: G Biagiotti
 Owner: G Biagiotti
 Show: International Dog Show – Montichiari
 Date: April 12, 2014
 Breed: Mrs L Wogan (IRL)
 Group: Mrs L Wogan (IRL)

Dam: PahaSapa Mystique
 Breeder: Alessandro Avigni
 Owner: Alessandro Avigni
 Show: Malamute Day Casargo (Lecco) CIRN Club Show
 Date: January 26, 2014
 Breed: Mrs Pary Dauvet (Fr)

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP – DANISH VETERAN

CH STORMCHASER RETURN OF THE KING (D)

Sire: CH Windchaser's the Seventh son
 Dam: Windchaser's Rising Phoenix
 Breeder: Rita Liebrand
 Owner: Rita Liebrand
 Show: Int. Dogshow Utrecht
 Date: April 6, 2014
 Breed: Mr Nataletti

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

BISS, BIS CH. MRS NICE BABY PAHA SAPA (B)

Sire: Am. Ch. Mobeat's No More Mr Nice Guy

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP – DANISH YOUTH

STORMCHASER THE FIFTH ELEMENT (B)

Sire: StormChaser Time Bandit
 Dam: CH Stormchaser Gone With the Wind
 Breeder: Rita Liebrand
 Owner: Anthonie van Leest/ Rita Liebrand

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New York/New Jersey (submitted by Karyn Colman)

North County Kennel Club 03-29-14

Charles Bett

- 16: D=8 (4pts) B=5 (2pts) 3 (2D, 1B)
- BOB: GCH Northern Lites Mr Lincoln (Donovan)
- BOW: Amook's Crown Prince (McFarland)
- BOS: CH Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop (Dinwoodie/Capp/French)
- SD: GCH Banshee's Reign Supreme (Way)
- SB: N/A
- WD: Amook's Crown Prince (McFarland)
- RWD: Yukonjak's Hemi (Unknown)
- WB: Banshee's Whispering Wind (Yeomans/Way)
- RWB: Granite's Rise'N To The Challenge RN (Heft)

Central New York Kennel Club 03-30-14

B Taylor

- 12: D=5 (4pts) B=5 (2pts) 2 (2D)
- BOB: Amook's Crown Prince (McFarland)
- BOW: Amook's Crown Prince (McFarland)
- BOS: Greenbrier's N Owyhee's Swanky Lady (Kuenel-Hisatake)
- SD: GCH Banshee's Reign Supreme (Way)
- SB: N/A
- WD: Amook's Crown Prince (McFarland)
- RWD: Greenbrier's Back Tu The High Life (Levesque/Becker/Levesque/Morrison)
- WB: Greenbrier's N Owyhee's Swanky Lady (Kuenel-Hisatake)
- RWB: Adair'N'Hug Darkness Reigns Over Tumoki (Benton)

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AKC PERFORMANCE FINAL STANDINGS

Quarter 2 Obedience

Placement	Dog	Points	Owner/Handler	Area
Beginner Novice				
1	Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop	11	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
2	Aluk's Kootenai Ms Kita	10	Sullivan, K	RM
	Poker Flat's Cold Play	10	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
4	Snobuc's Cold Brewed	9	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
	Shadow Crest Dash Away All	9	Wyandt, J	IL/WI
6	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	5	Swinyer, M	WC
	Arctic Hope's Brave the Snow Storm	5	Spurrier, R & T	GL
8	Lakopac's Kinguyakkii	4	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
	Lakopac's Polar Aurorae	4	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
Novice				
1	Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	10	Palinkas, J & V	NE
2	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	8	Pisch, B	ME
3	Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat	4	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
4	Arctic Hope's Brave the Snow Storm	3	Spurrier, R & T	GL
Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	83	Hinman, R	GL
2	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	21	Hinman, R	GL
Utility				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	83	Hinman, R	GL

Quarter 3 Obedience

Beginner Novice				
1	Aluk's Kootenai Ms Kita	16	Sullivan, K	RM
2	Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop	11	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
3	Tsawake Onak Dont Stop Believn	11	Corr, W & Radford, J	WC
4	Poker Flat Cold Play	10	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
5	Sno Buc Cold Brewed	9	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
	Shadow Crest Dash Away All	9	Wyandt, J	IL/WI
	Lakopac's Kinguyakkii	9	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
	Lakopac's Polar Aurorae	9	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
9	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	8	Swinyer, M	WC
Novice				
1	Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	10	Palinkas, J & V	NE
2	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	8	Bauman, D & J	GL
3	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	8	Pisch, B	ME
4	Arctic Hope's Brave the Snow Storm	5	Spurrier, R & T	GL
5	Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat	4	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?	4	Cole, J	MW

AKC PERFORMANCE FINAL STANDINGS

Graduate Novice				
1	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	3	Pisch, B	Me

Graduate Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	5	Hinman, R	GL

Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	98	Hinman, R	GL
2	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	21	Hinman, R	GL

Utility				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	106	Hinman, R	GL
2	Mtn. Home's Aura of Arcticdawn	3	Hinman, R	GL

Quarter 4 Obedience - Finals!

Beginner Novice				
1	Aluk's Kootenai Ms Kita	16	Sullivan, K	RM
2	Wintuk's I Get Around	15	Kalous, S & L	IL/WI
3	Tsawake Onak Dont Stop Believn	11	Corr, W & Radford, J	WC
4	Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop	11	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
5	Poker Flat's Cold Play	10	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
6	Snobuc's Cold Brewed	9	Dinwoodie, M & R	NY/NJ
	Shadow Crest Dash Away All	9	Wyandt, J	IL/WI
	Lakopac's Kinguyakkii	9	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
	Lakopac's Polar Aurorae	9	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
10	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	8	Swinyer, M	WC
	Wintuk's Just for Kicks	8	Chaban, T & C	IL/WI

Novice				
1	Luv Sno'w Uptown Girl	10	Palinkas, J & V	NE
2	Sno Shire's Winsome Wind	8	Bauman, D & J	GL
	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	8	Pisch, B	ME
4	Arctic Hope's Brave the Snow Storm	5	Spurrier, R & T	GL
	Malaczar's Get The Led Out	5	Jankowski, C & Lind, J	GL
6	Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat	4	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?	4	Cole, J	MW

Graduate Novice				
1	Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On	7	Pisch, B	ME

Graduate Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	5	Hinman, R	GL

Open				
1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	164	Hinman, R	GL
2	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	29	Hinman, R	GL
3	Mtn. Home's Aura of Arcticdawn	8	Hinman, R	GL

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Utility

1	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	165	Hinman, R	GL
2	Mtn. Home's Aura of ArcticDawn	11	Hinman, R	GL
3	ArcticDawn's Black Pearl	8	Hinman, R	GL

Quarter 2 Rally

Placement	Dog	Points	Handler	Area
Novice				
1	Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	21	Palinkas, J & V	NE
2	Northern Exposure Rocket Man of Sno-Cub	10	Foster, C	WC
	Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat	10	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
4	Lakopac's Polar Aurorae	8	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
5	Lakopac's Kinguyakkii	6	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
	Abenaki's Piece of Cyberspace	6	Renock, P	NY/NJ
	Caldwell's RC Kona Girl	6	Caldwell, T	NY/NJ
8	Shadowcrest Dash Away All	5	Wyandt, J	IL/WI
9	Aluk's Northern Lights	2	Carnall, S	WC
	Gryphon's Northern Moonflower	2	Rowe, C	PNW
Advanced				
1	Aluk's Fur Elise	18	Sullivan, K	RM
2	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	6	Swinyer, M	WC
Excellent				
1	Aluk's Fur Elise	46	Sullivan, K	RM
2	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin	6	Hinman, R	GL

Quarter 3 Rally

Novice				
1	Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	21	Palinkas, J & V	NE
2	Winterstarz Pleione of the Pleiades	18	O'Brien, T & Burger, K	MW
	Winterstarz Haley's Comet	18	O'Brien, T & Burger, K	MW
4	Granite's Only on Istari Starri Night	15	Heft, L	NY/NJ
5	Winterstarz Flaming Pegasus	12	O'Brien, T & Burger, K	MW
	Winterstarz Western Star	12	O'Brien, T & Burger, K	MW
7	Northern Exposure Rocket Man of Sno-Cub	10	Foster, C	WC
	Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat	10	Haggard, R and Kuehl, J	IL/WI
9	Lakopac's Polar Aurorae	8	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
10	Lakopac's Kinguyakkii	6	Bryce, P	NY/NJ
	Abenaki's Piece of Cyberspace	6	Renock, P	NY/NJ
	Caldwell's RC Kona Girl	6	Caldwell, T	NY/NJ
Advanced				
1	Aluk's Fur Elise	57	Sullivan, K	RM
2	Northpaw's Arrakis of Winterstar	12	O'Brien, T & Burger, K	MW
3	Modar's Yule Pied Comet	11	Swinyer, M	WC
4	Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?	5	Cole, J	MW
Excellent				
1	Aluk's Fur Elise	86	Sullivan, K	RM
2	ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin	6	Hinman, R	GL

AKC PERFORMANCE FINAL STANDINGS

10 Northern Exposure Rocket Man of Sno-Cub
Wild Wind's I Candy of Poker Flat

Advanced

1 Aluk's Fur Elise
2 Mtn Home's Isabel of the Ball
3 Northpaw's Arrakis of Winterstar
4 Shadow Crest Dash Away All
5 Powderhound's The Ike-Man Cometh
6 Malaczar's Get the Led Out
7 Modar's Yule Pied Comet
8 Arctic Knight's Sunset Blaze
Spiritrun's Utter Madness
10 Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou?
Northpaw's Arrakis of Winterstar

Excellent

1 Aluk's Fur Elise
2 Mtn Home's Isabel of the Ball
3 Arctic Knight's Sunset Blaze
4 Spiritrun's Utter Madness
5 Powderhound's Silver Lining
6 Awanuna's Idun of Aesir
7 ArcticDawn's Boots R' Made for Mushin'

10 Foster, C WC
10 Haggard, R and Kuehl, J IL/WI

57 Sullivan, K RM
19 Ellis, R NE
18 O'Brien, T & Burger, K MW
16 Wyandt, J IL/WI
13 Effler-Leveille, J IL/WI
12 Jankowski, C GL
11 Swinyer, M WC
9 Christiansen, M IL/WI
9 Belanger, C GL
6 Cole, J MW
6 O'Brien, T & Burger, K IL/WI

88 Sullivan, K RM
41 Ellis, R NE
20 Christiansen, M IL/WI
14 Belanger, C GL
8 Effler-Leveille, J IL/WI
7 Anderson, S & M NY/NJ
6 Hinman, R GL

From JOAN SHEEHAN, AMCUK Chairperson:

The Tuvaurat dogs are all coming along nicely. Their weight is improving and wounds healing. The relationship with those around them is improving all the time, some quicker than others but even those who were completely shut down emotionally or terrified are starting to accept human contact and seem to be learning to enjoy life again. The process of fostering/adoption is yet to start as most of the neutering is still to happen, many of the bitches were in season when they arrived or started soon after. There are people showing an interest in taking on the dogs and we will be making contact once the dogs are neutered and considered ready to move on. The dogs were signed over by Kevin Hunter to the various places he left them, so we legally own the dogs and can rehome them when we feel they are ready.

The Dig Deep campaign has given us an amazing level of support both in the UK and across the world. We recently pulled together all the donations, listing them so that we can push them out to the places that need them when that time arises. We have recently been selling Dig Deep T-shirts to keep the campaign going, although I believe the "Rock The Moots" people are planning something in the US to support us which is fantastic.

One of the bitches rehomed unneutered by a kennel in Ireland was returned to them after an incident and she has now been handed over to Benvardin Kennels to care for where she will be neutered and rehomed in time. No further communication has been made to or from the Hunters as far as I am aware and the case against them continues to be brought together.

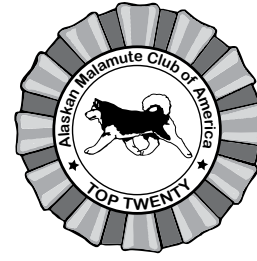
Whilst it seems like things have gone quiet after the initial frenzy much is still happening behind the scenes both in the care and management of the dogs and fund raising ideas. Donations can still be made by PayPal to rescue@malamuterescue.org.uk and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Joan



TOP TWENTY

Standings through March 31, 2014



Hey everyone!

We've got one month remaining before we'll know who has qualified for the "Party at the Pacific". Please support this exciting Event by reserving a seat at the Top 20 dinner, purchasing a set of Top 20 commemorative wine glasses, or participating in our raffle for a GroomRight table and arm. Below are the Top 20 Standings through March 31, 2014. 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	Area	Owner
1	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lives A Dance (B)	379		J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel
2	GCH Peacereiver Silverice Summer Solstice (D)	359	WC	L Byrne/A Syar
3	GCH Sno Quest's For The Holy Grail (D)	350	IL/WI	A Sautbine/M Sautbine
4	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	349	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger
5	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	284	IL/WI	J El Dissi
6	GCH Windrift's Prodigal Son (D)	221	NE	L Wells
7	GCH Ice Crystal's Top Gun (D)	219		N Bennett/J Plourde
8	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses (B)	173	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires
9	GCH Winter Park's By George He's Got It (D)	165	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
10	GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (D)	153	RM	P Jenkins/E Jenkins
11	GCH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire (B)	149	SO	V Jones
12	GCH Jazzland Rain On Quileute (B)	146	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart/C Neely
13	GCH Koolrunnings'N'Terraglos'U'Can'T Touch This (D)	145	WC	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
14	GCH Nyrakym Skywalker Samaljankan (B)	144	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
15	GCH Windswepts The Games Afoot At Stormrunner (D)	142	RM	C Rogowski/L Rogowski/M Wild
16	GCH Alcan Come Snodanc With Me (D)	140	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
17	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	139	GL	H Donovan
18	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D)	138	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K Robinson
19	GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (D)	125	SO	A Welch
19	GCH Oakiok Oh My Oh My (D)	125	NY/NJ	R Harrison/C Uraynar/J Kurtz/T Uraynar
19	GCH Wild Winds I Roc (D)	125	SO	G Box-Young
The Contenders				
22	GCH Bad Axe It's All About Me (B)	119	IL/WI	J Missana/L Missana
23	GCH Silverice's Living The Fabulous Life (B)	116	WC	A Syar/M Stone
23	GCH Weir River's Building Your Dream (D)	116		P Cronk/M Cronk
25	GCH Illusions Beyond Imagination (D)	105	GL	P Fusco/J Fusco

Note: No Area is listed for a dog if the primary owner is not a current AMCA member.



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Saturday, August 30, 2014

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G2400		Gildan 100% Cotton Long Sleeve T Shirt Full Screened Front	Carolina Blue, Natural, Sports Gray	SM, M, L, XL 2XL	\$20.00 \$22.00
18000		Gidan Heavy Blend Crew Sweat Shirt 8 oz 50/50 Cotton/Poly Full Screened Front	Carolina Blue, Forest, Light Blue, Sport Gray	SM, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL 4XL	\$30.00 \$32.00 \$34.00
DM482		District Made 3/4 Sleeve Ladies Raglan T Shirt <i>** Silk Screen Left Chest **</i>	Jade, Warm Gray	SM, M, L, XL 2XL	\$28.00 \$30.00
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Item #		Item Description	Colors	Sizes	Price
J754		Port Authority Men's Challenger Jacket Embroidered Left Chest	Navy/Gray, Khaki/Black	SM, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL 4XL	\$65.00 \$67.00 \$69.00
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F218		Port Authority Value Fleece 13.8 oz, 100% Polyester, 1/4 Zip Embroidered Left Chest	Iron Gray, True Royal	SM, M, L, XL 2XL, 3XL 4XL	\$40.00 \$42.00 \$44.00
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K420		Port Authority Pique Polo Embroidered Left Chest	Stone, Oxford	SM, M, L, XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$34.00 \$35.00 \$36.00 \$37.00
L420		Port Authority LADIES Pique Polo Embroidered Left Chest	Sea Foam, Lilac	SM, M, L, XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$34.00 \$35.00 \$36.00 \$37.00
P403		Sport Tek Polyester Polo Embroidered Left Chest	Gold, Red, Royal	SM, M, L, XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$35.00 \$37.00 \$39.00 \$41.00
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Sunday, November 2 *Welcome Fajita Buffet* \$25 per person _____ # attendees X \$25 each = **\$0.00**

Grilled Beef and Chicken Strips with Onions & Bell Peppers
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Shredded Cheese, Diced Tomatoes & Jalapeno Chiles, with
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Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes,
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Saturday, November 8 *Closing Banquet Buffet* \$45 per person _____ # attendees X \$45 each = **\$0.00**

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Piccata Chicken with Artichoke Hearts, Mushrooms & Capers,
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The hotel will allow our attendees to bring their own wine. Please add \$12 per per 750ml bottle with your reservation
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PAYPAL TRANSACTION#

This is the beginning of Bigby's story.

It was summer at the HELP League in Canada and I was snoozing, dreaming of my old life. I really missed Mom. My pal, Sheehan and I heard she died but we didn't know what that meant. We only knew she wasn't here. A friend of hers took us in for a while but really didn't want us so he took us to the Alaskan Malamute HELP League. It was new and we were scared. Where was Mom?

It's not that we are not well cared for at the HELP LEAGUE. Everyone is very kind to us. They give us good food, some cuddles and toys and we play in the play yard, but it's not the same as having our own humans to love. They have a lot of dogs to look after and they do the best they can, but it would be really nice to have our own humans to cuddle. It is cold here in the winter and my joints ache a lot because I don't have a warm house, and have to make do with the kennel they provide. Granted, it is a nice dry kennel, but I miss the warmth of the house and comfort of the chesterfield. In the rain my joints hurt too. Thunderstorms really scare me and there is no place to hide. They say I went through the chain link fencing twice. Then, one day Sheehan was taken away. They said he went to a really nice home so I was happy for him - but what was to happen to me? Now I was alone.



On the left, Sheehan and Bigby, on the right Bigby in front, Sheehan behind at HELP League.

One day there was a lot of activity here with a lot of strange humans and dogs around. I heard they were coming to AGILITY and WEIGHT PULLING CLINICS. There was a lot of noise and howling from my kennel mates so I joined in too.

A lady came into my kennel and sat down with me. I was happy to see her because it was a long time since anyone other than the staff at the kennels had come into my pen. I couldn't get close enough to her, and was practically sitting in her lap while we hugged and she cuddled me. When she left, I missed her kindness but soon went back to just being me and dreaming of the past.

A month or so later, she came back again. She was with a man who had a dog named Keeno and another woman who also had dogs. We all went for a walk. It was fun to get out and I had a wonderful time. They didn't put me right back in my pen after the walk, but let me stay out with them. Then one of the humans started raking my fur which was pretty full of old hair, and another human named Jennifer started working on my hind end. It felt wonderful. Here I was getting all this attention while I just lay flat out enjoying it. All too soon, I was back in my pen near all the friends I had made in the kennels. We always talked a lot, but I spent most of my time watching the world go by on top of my house. I wondered if they would ever come back.

A few weeks later, the woman and her husband did come back. Jill, the nice lady at the HELP League seemed very sad. We had taken a great liking to each other. After a short walk, the people let me jump into their van. I wondered where I was going this time and was very nervous. Then Jill said in a sad voice: "Bigby, don't look back. You are going to be very happy." Then water came from her eyes, and gave me a big hug.

We drove for a short while and then stopped for ICE CREAM. The man took me for another walk and when I got back in the van, the woman gave me a few licks from her dish. Yummy! And then we drove for a long time.

Eventually, the ride ended and we went for a little walk. My joints were pretty stiff but they loosened up a bit on the walk.

As soon as I got into the house, I had to sniff and snuffle everywhere. The lady had been afraid I would "mark" anything and everything, so all the furniture and carpets were covered with sheets and towels. I was a very good boy and behaved well. She gave me dinner and wondered how I eat because the only teeth I have left are my molars, but I manage quite well licking up the food, and then chewing it with those teeth.

After a couple of days, the human took off the coverings because she knew I wouldn't mark. I followed them everywhere afraid to let them out of my sight. Even though it hurt every time I got up, I wouldn't let them leave me. What if they left me here alone?

Soon it was time to go to bed and I lay as close to the man as I could get. He patted me sometimes until we all went to sleep. In the middle of the night, I stuck my nose in the lady's face, and she got up to let me out. I had a quick pee and came right back to bed. When the world began to brighten in the mornings at the HELP League when we would see the world start to brighten, we would all let out a huge howl and go back to sleep. The lady didn't know that, and thought I had to go out again. I went out, had a pee and we went back to bed. She says she is going to have to train me to sleep late like they do.

When it was time to get up, the lady took me for a short walk and brought me back to eat breakfast. After breakfast, the woman went away but left the man (Daddy?) here to look after me. We had a nice time, walking short distances every little while and just bumming around the house. We spent a lot of time downstairs while he did something Mommy calls playing on the computer. Mommy came home late and we all just went to sleep after that.

The next day we went to the vet. He seemed like a nice man until he tried to take my blood. I went, as they say, ballistic. That told them I had endured bad experiences at a vet. Anyway, they did this awful thing and put a muzzle on me. I tried to tell them I couldn't bite anyway, but maybe they were afraid that even though I don't have teeth, my jaws are pretty strong, and I might hurt Mommy who was holding me. Do you think I can call you Mummy now?

HOLLY CHIPS IN. (The blood work came back and he is in remarkably good shape for his age of about 12 years. He has a lot of arthritis and he will be given Glucosamine, Vitamins C and E and Metacam).

The next day, after a walk and breakfast, the lady spent some time raking my fur. She said I will need a lot of work and that I stink, but can't get a bath scheduled until later. Me stink? I don't think so. She combed tons of old fur out and I wonder if I will have enough when it gets cold outside.

Someday I will write more about my new home, but this computer stuff is pretty complicated, and I will have to learn more about it. My paws are too big for the keys, and Mommy has to fix a lot of my words. I'm not a very good speller either but she says I'll learn.

Stay tuned for more of my adventures.



Bigby hangin' out.

Bigby Levinter.

July, 2000
Originally written in Feb/2000

More of Bigby's story.

Boy it's fun using the computer. My paws are getting more accustomed to pushing the right buttons and Mommy doesn't have as much trouble fixing up my work.

They say you wouldn't recognize me anymore. When Mommy or Daddy says the word "walk", I get very excited. Mommy says she has never seen a dog so happy. I smile at them all the time and love my cuddles, hugs, kisses and rubs. She says it makes her really happy to see that I feel good and am getting so much stronger.

Hey guys, WINTER IS FINALLY HERE. Wow! I love it! It's so unpleasant in the heat of summer when I just lie around panting and dreaming of winter. Mommy says it's great too, but Daddy doesn't like it. He keeps saying Brrrr; he needs a fur coat like mine. That would fix him up. The snow is up to my chest if I go into the ditches. Mommy tries to get me to walk in tire marks but it is much more fun near the bushes where there are good things to smell.



When we walk with my husky friend, Meika, we go to a place where there are lots of good smells - deer, grouse, foxes, beavers, mice. Sometimes I leave them behind and go off to explore on my own. If I don't come back when Mommy calls, she gets upset thinking something has happened to me. "Don't worry, Mom, I'm just having fun. I'll come back when I'm ready." She says I am becoming a "Mal-a-mule".

I am starting to stand up for myself now. When the puppies come and run around and try to jump all over me, I let them know I am someone to be reckoned with. I let out a good snarl and they leave me be, but, there is one pup too young to know better dog manners. She doesn't listen at all and is big enough to hurt me a lot when she jumps on me. Mommy and Daddy try to protect me but she is very fast. They say she doesn't mean any harm and will learn as she grows up. It can't be soon enough for me! They should have known me when I was younger; I would have shown them. At this point, all I can do is try to avoid her.

After I had been here for about two and a half months (near the end of December), they left me alone in the house for about an hour while they went down the street to a party. They wondered what I would do while I was left alone. Well, they found out!!!

When they came back, there I was sitting angelically by the door. When Mommy went into the kitchen, she saw I had amused myself by strewing the garbage all over the floor and eating whatever I could. They should know that even though I am good, I can keep myself busy when I have to. After all, what is a malamute if not creative? They had left me a rawhide bone but because I couldn't chew it, I buried it and needed something to keep me from getting bored. Silly Daddy, he thought I would be happy for a long time with little Dentabone he left for me. That lasted about 1 minute. I didn't touch the candy on the table or anything like that. I do try hard to be a good boy but some things are beyond even my self-control.

They say it is funny to watch me eat. I lick up the food and put it in the back of my mouth where I have a couple of working teeth. The problem is if I put my head down while there is food in my mouth, I have no teeth to catch it and I make quite a mess. I clean it all up though. I'm pretty tidy.

Mommy says I don't realize I am old because I take off like a shot when we go out. We are walking longer and further and Mommy says I am getting some muscle and stamina. She says if you add up all our walks, they would total about three miles a day now. I am really happy here and having lots of fun. Mommy massages my back and legs and that feels soooo good. I try and let my people know I love them too.

New Year's Eve was spent quietly at home but the next day we went to the HELP League for a walk around the sled trails. I didn't go very far with Daddy, and when Mommy took another Rescue dog for a walk, I was scared they were going to leave me here again. I went back to the van and wouldn't come out so they couldn't leave without me. When Mom came back, Daddy told her I was very upset, so she came and brought me into the nice, warm saloon. I lay down happily beside them while they talked with lots of other mal people. When they gave me dinner, I lay there, happy to be with my parents while they talked and ate their dinner, but I was still nervous about being back there.

That night, on the way to the motel, I started to vomit. I was in a lot of pain, pacing back and forth, trying to sit or lie down but in too much pain to stay down. Then I vomited a lot more. Mommy called a lady at the HELP League to ask if I was just edgy or was I sick. When she described the symptoms, she was told to get me to a vet as soon as possible. I might have the dreaded "Bloat". They found a vet who met them at her clinic. I don't remember much about the night because I was in such pain, but I do remember the terrible tube they pushed down my throat to bring up the gas and food in my stomach. A nasty job it was, and I was very glad when it was over. Since then I haven't been allowed very much purb864 (wrong keys) to eat. But to make up for it, I get lots of small meals every day and I feel much better. Mommy said she would never take me to the HELP League again because I got so upset.

Mommy thinks I must be a Cocker Spaniel in Malamute fur because I am so nice to everyone and all dogs. I even let other dogs in the house and she said Keeno would never stand for that. At my age, why sweat the small stuff? I have a nice home, a soft bed and lots of attention. I'm in doggy heaven.

Mommy says I did the most amazing thing the other day. We met a couple of children with their mommy and a sled. I went up to the children and very gently nudged and kissed them. They loved me immediately and hugged me back. Then that young puppy came bounding up and frightened the children. They started to cry and tried to run away. Now I know that children are like very young puppies and need to be protected so I ran at the pup and told her off. Then I went back to the children and stayed between them and the puppy until the puppy's owner came out to get her. Once she was put on a leash, my job was over and I was able to stop guarding the young-uns. I gave them a kiss to tell them they were safe now, and went back to Mommy. The humans were astonished that I did such a thing, especially because I usually run away from that puppy. They talked about it for a few minutes and then we all went on our way.

Mommy says I was very bad today. I ate three quarters of a lasagna. Boy, was it ever good!!!! Yum! Yum! She had spent all the previous day making about five of them and put them in the garage to freeze overnight. When she brought them inside, she left them on the floor in the hallway for a few minutes. Of course, anything on the floor is mine, so I decided to indulge in this delicious smelling concoction. At that very moment, Mommy was speaking to the vet about my medications and diet. Daddy heard some rustling in the hallway and caught me with my face buried in one of the lasagnas. He was pretty upset; Mommy was furious. She had worked so hard, and one batch was completely spoiled, but more importantly, she was also afraid it might be very bad for me. They watched carefully to see if there were any ill effects but there weren't. How could anything so good be bad for me? "Hey Mom, when can I have some more? It was great!!"

Today, Mommy was REALLY mad at me again. While on the walk, I went into a forest into deep snow and didn't come when she called me. She took Meika back to her house and played with her for awhile thinking I would show up soon. When I didn't (I was having such a good time, I completely lost track of time) she tried to follow my footsteps. poioukatw (darn keys what do they think I am, a poodle with tiny paws?) Let me tell you I led her on a merry chase winding back and forth among the trees. The snow was up to her thighs and she had snow in her boots, down her back, branches in her face and finally she gave up. She was exhausted. When she got to an open space, she called me again and I came trotting out from Meika's yard. Mom was so mad she said if she had a gun she would have shot me. She said it in a nice, friendly voice though, so I don't think she meant it. She came back, changed her wet clothes, and told Daddy what a bad boy I wasrankly, I didn't care. I only wanted to nap to regain my strength to take them on our next walk.

That's all for now. I'll write more when I can get computer time.
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