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1st and only malamute to receive AKC award “Versatile Companion Dog” (VCD)



CONFORMATION: GCH was earned as a powerful, balanced, efficient mover. Best Veteran in Sweeps at the 2015 Peak to Peak Working Dog Association of CO.



WORKING: Weight Pull (WWPD). Trail Dog (WTD). Backpacking (WPDA). All-Around Alaskan Malamute (AAAM).

TEMPERAMENT: Temperament Test (TT). Therapy Dog. Invited to join the local county SAR.

PERFORMANCE:
CD (Obedience) all 1st place legs.
RN (Rally). XF (FAST).
MACH (agility champion).
The only GCH MACH malamute.
High in Trial (HIT) at AMCA National agility, 2010.
AMCA ranked #1 Standard Agility, 2012.
Multiple invitations to Eukanuba national agility.

HEALTH:
At age 9, still working hard, learning new skills, and no signs of slowing down.
OFA Excellent AM-12519E24M-VPL.
CERF Clear 2014 AM-EYE 197/91M-VPL.
PN Clear AM-237. DNA V602615.



TRACKING and SEARCH AND RESCUE:
Tracking Dog (TD).
Invited to join the county Search and Rescue (SAR) team.
Gets along with the SAR team dogs.
Approved to test for missions.

GCH MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider
CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF TD VCD TT WWPD WPDA WTD AAAM
Owner & Handler: Dr Tammy Doukas tdoukas@alumni.stanford.edu Breeder: Bob & Karol Knoop
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“Advertising shall be factual.”

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Steve Anderson
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The 2015 National Specialty week at Sturbridge was wonderful, thanks to Show Chair Ruth Levesque and her terrific crew of helpers. The National always brings together the "best of the breed" and this year was no exception. But perhaps more striking was the number of dogs in performance events--record entries in many of the venues--and the high percentage of "breed" dogs also excelling in performance. Of course higher "cross-over" means higher numbers of scheduling conflicts, and we will be working to spread events out a bit to make it easier for more exhibitors to test their versatility.

The online election was a big success, with fewer technical glitches this year. Participation was down slightly at 60.1 percent, but that was still well above previous non-presidential years. The number of members choosing electronic voting over paper increased, and we hope that trend continues. We will also continue electronic renewal with a hard-copy option. Note the changes in Newsletter fees and postage published in this issue.

The Board is reviewing all the Standing Committee tasks and personnel, as we do at the end of every year. The committees do most of the Club's work, and if you look at the web site or the back page of the Membership Directory, you'll count more than 20 of them. These are energetic and ingenious individuals pooling their efforts to improve Club activities and services for all of us. If there is a committee you'd like to work with, contact the chairperson.

At the Annual Meeting I gave a brief update on the "Durham malamutes" situation. As you recall, a former AMCA member had been trying to place her remaining dogs since late 2014, but had refused the assistance of North Carolina Rescue. Authorities were called in last August and 28 malnourished dogs were seized and immediately surrendered to Rescue. Three had to be euthanized, and many required extensive medical and rehabilitative care. The good

news is that all the surviving dogs are recovering well, and 20 of them have already been permanently re-homed. AMCA has donated over \$3000 to those rescue affiliates involved, and we will be making another contribution shortly. The Board will also appoint a "Rescue Liaison" so we can coordinate with AMAL more effectively, and bring our members' influence to bear in those instances, like Durham, where friendly persuasion may resolve the situation before resort to law enforcement is necessary.

Happy holidays, and have a good New Year.

Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause
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MOTION 22: 2015/16: The two major Meet the Breed booths (Javits/Westminster and Eukanuba) shall be detached from the direction of the Public Education Committee. They would each have their own leader, and the leader would be responsible for finding people and dogs to plan and participate in the design, function and manning of each booth. The Public Education Committee would still provide written materials or banners as needed to each booth. (Sanders)

For: All

Background: The Board determined that the two AKC Meet-the-Breeds needed more attention, better funding, and would benefit from dedicated local-area coordinators supervised directly by the Board.

MOTION 23: 2015/16: Withdrawn

MOTION 24: 2014/15: AMCA shall allocate \$500 towards the purchase of the backdrop to be used for a minimum of six years for either or both of the Meet the Breed booths. (Sanders)

For: Anderson, Coburn, Colman, Krause, Moore, Sanders, Toussaint, Willhauck

Against: Fraser, Fusco, Levesque

MOTION 25: 2014/15: AMCA shall allocate up to \$300 for the development of the Eukanuba Meet the Breed booth for 2015, with receipts supplied for the expenses. (Sanders)

For: All

Motion 26: 2014/15: The team for the MTB event in Orlando held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba Championship Dog Show be reimbursed for the following expenses: 1 night in a hotel (This would be shared by the 3 participants), and some meals. The total amount would be limited to \$200. Receipts must be provided. (Willhauck)

For: Anderson, Coburn, Fraser, Krause, Moore, Sanders, Toussaint, Willhauck
Against: Colman, Fusco

Motion 27: 2014/15: Those members running the MTB at Westminster be reimbursed for expenses made in conjunction with this event. The amount will not exceed \$350 and may be reduced by the amount contributed by AKC. (Willhauck)

For: Anderson, Coburn, Fraser, Krause, Moore, Sanders, Toussaint, Willhauck
Abstain: Colman
Against: Fusco

Motion 28: 2014/15: Withdrawn

Motion 29: 2014/15: AMCA revise member NL fees: \$30 [hard copy w/e-NL] for regular members; \$15 [hard copy w/e-NL] for all Life-over-30 except e-NL-only free for over-40. (Anderson)

For: Anderson, Coburn, Colman, Fraser, Krause, Sanders, Willhauck
Against: Fusco

Recording Secretary

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Motion 1: 2015/16: That the Board accept the bid from BC Publications for the 2016/17 Newsletter. (Anderson)

Discussion/Background: Terry Toussaint and Lucy Sanders compared the 3 best bids and proposed the bid from BC Publications.

FOR – Anderson, Coburn, Colman,
DeLay, Levesque, Moore, Neely,
Sanders, Toussaint, Weston
AGAINST – Fusco

AMCA Annual Meeting Min- utes, Sturbridge, Massachusetts – Nov 11, 2015

Meeting called to order by President,
Steve Anderson, at 8:06 AM

Quorum present

Meeting minutes were approved from
2014.

President, Steve Anderson: Report
given.

Vice President, Ruth Levesque: Report
given.

Treasurer, Lucy Sanders: Report given.

Finances are doing well. No bad credit
cards or checks for this renewal period.

Committee reports:

Kristen Morrison, Futurity

Robin Haggard, History

Karyn Colman, Health

Ron Pohl, Breeders Education

Carol Williams, All Around Alaskan
Malamute

Ruth Levesque, 2015 National Show
Chair

Patty Peel, AKC Delegate

New Business:

Motion 1: (Laurie Wells, NE) - At Large
members be excluded from 1st round
judges polling.

Failed

Presentation of #1 National Owner
Handler Series Alaskan Malamute
award

Election Results:

Recording Secretary:

Cindy Neely – 247(elected)

Barbara Salvatore - 159

Board Members Unopposed:

Joyce DeLay, Michele Coburn, Sharon
Weston

Bylaw Amendment #1

Yes -273 No- 100

Passed

Bylaw Amendment #2

Yes- 364 No- 22

Passed

Bylaw Amendment #3

Yes- 365 No- 28

Passed

Bylaw Amendment #4

Yes- 325 No- 47

Passed

Bylaw Amendment #5

Yes- 339 No- 27

Passed

Judges voted for 2018 National, South-
ern:

Kuehnel-Hisatake, Gay 124 (8.6%)

Hastings, Patricia 120 (8.3%)

Deutsch, Roseann 112 (7.7%)

Hartinger, Roger 111 (7.7%)

Balch, Sheila 110 (7.6%)

Shelton, William 103 (7.1%)

Meredith-Cavanna, Kimberly 100
(6.9%)

Olvis, Charles 98 (6.8%)

Cole, Jon 97 (6.7%)

Buxton, Kenneth 96 (6.6%)

Buxton, Donna 90 (6.2%)

Bivin, Edd 89 (6.2%)

Cline, Dana 71 (4.9%)

Purkhiser, Joe 70 (4.8%)

Haddock, David 55 (3.8%)

Sweepstakes for 2016, Rocky Moun-
tain:

Neely, Cindy 126 (8.4%)

Toussaint, Terry 121 (8.0%)

Collins, Dennis 117 (7.8%)

Thomas, Leesa 109 (7.2%)

Corr, Wendy 103 (6.8%)

Toussaint, Gloria 98 (6.5%)

Sturdivant, Robert 96 (6.4%)

Till, Tricia 96 (6.4%)

Effler-Leveille, Jennifer 91 (6.0%)

Newburn, Laurie 86 (5.7%)

Hamilton, Phyllis 84 (5.6%)

Corr, Jennifer 83 (5.5%)

Corkum, Kathleen 79 (5.2%)

Jenkins, Pat 79 (5.2%)

Price, Eddie 74 (4.9%)

Bedell, Suzanne 66 (4.4%)

2015 Annual Meeting Sign In Roster

November 11, 2015, Sturbridge Mas-
sachusetts

1. Leah Anderson
2. Peggy Anderson
3. Steve Anderson
4. Colleen Benton
5. Kathleen Bray-Tully
6. Katherina Berger
7. Myra Butler

8. Paige Carey
9. Debbie Carter
10. Rick Carter
11. Terry Chaban
12. Michele Coburn
13. Dennis Collins
14. Karyn Colman
15. Jennifer Corr
16. Robert Corr
17. Wendy Corr
18. Marilyn Curtis
19. Richard Deutsch
20. Roseann Deutsch
21. Diana Edwards
22. Jennifer Effler-Leveille
23. Karin Fischer
24. Louise Forster
25. Christopher Frank
26. Linda Frank
27. Joe Fusco
28. Pam Fusco
29. Eileen Gabriel
30. Susan Gallagher
31. Cheryl Gelbert
32. MaryLou Giannone
33. Tanja Gube
34. Susanne Gutierrez
35. Robin Haggard
36. Richard Harrison
37. Kathy Hausner
38. Laura Heft
39. Claudia Hess
40. Jan Christelman Hill
41. William Hill
42. Gay Kuehnel-Histake
43. Joseph Histake
44. Kathleen Howarth
45. Delilah Hymas
46. Rick Hymas
47. Pat Jenkins
48. Sharon Kalous
49. James Kuehl
50. Brenda Lemon
51. Ruth Levesque
52. Brenda Manus
53. Laurie Mcaree
54. Tony McAree
55. Alicia McGuire
56. Michael McGuire
57. Muncy Mustich
58. Cinthia Neely
59. Laurie Newburn
60. Jari Nirhamo
61. Amy Novak
62. Timothy O'Brien
63. Jane Palinkas
64. Michael Park
65. Martin Peel
66. Patricia Peel

- 67. Bev Pfeiffer
 - 68. Joseph Pistolesi
 - 69. Sandra Pistolesi
 - 70. John Podolak
 - 71. Michelle Podolak
 - 72. Ron Pohl
 - 73. Rob Pratt
 - 74. Sharon Robinson
 - 75. Susan Roessle
 - 76. Debra Rogers
 - 77. Tina Sanderford
 - 78. Lucille Sanders
 - 79. Gina Schimming
 - 80. Helen Schultz
 - 81. Margie Serge
 - 82. Carol Simon
 - 83. Ann Spurrier
 - 84. Lisa Stanley
 - 85. Anne Marie Taylor
 - 86. James Taylor
 - 87. Karen Taylor
 - 88. Valarie Thawley
 - 89. Leesa Thomas
 - 90. Gloria Toussaint
 - 91. Terry Toussaint
 - 92. Senay Usta
 - 93. David Watts
 - 94. Carlene Way
 - 95. Laurie Wells
 - 96. Jeannie Wild-Campbell
 - 97. Carol Williams
 - 98. William Wyman
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Treasurers Report - October 2015

	Sep-15	Oct-15	Change
Bank Accounts	69,050.57	62,478.53	-6,572.04
Reserve Funds	28,861.45	29,532.87	671.42
Committee Total	<u>22,113.93</u>	<u>22,113.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	\$120,025.95	\$114,125.33	-\$5,900.62

Revenue			
	2014 Year	Oct-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	2,440.00	225.00	3,471.25
Newsletter/Directory	14,860.00	90.00	13,195.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	40.00	0.00	119.00
Mail/Delivery	2,757.00	30.00	3,030.00
Breeders List	3,025.00	0.00	2,650.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	23,122.00	345.00	22,465.25

Membership

Application	428.00	60.00	455.00
Membership Fees	6,665.00	10.00	5,405.01
Late Fees	570.00	20.00	800.00
Membership Total	7,663.00	90.00	6,660.01

Pass-Through

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,080.00	0.00	3,823.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,207.00	0.00	1,655.00
Legislative/Other	137.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	5,424.38	0.00	5,478.00

Committees' Total	2,584.80	120.00	2,174.44
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Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	390.00
National Specialty	17,903.26	0.00	27,000.00
Purina Partnership	981.89	0.00	797.07
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	1,022.78	5.89	450.40
Other Revenues Total	19,907.93	5.89	28,637.47

Subtotal Receipts	\$58,702.11	\$560.89	\$65,415.17
Reserve Fund	\$2,737.08	\$671.42	\$507.44
Total Receipts	\$61,439.19	\$1,232.31	\$65,922.61

Expenses			
	2014 Year	Oct-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	13,103.60	616.90	9,930.28
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,571.11	350.00	3,965.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,531.00	400.00	4,375.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	4,553.82	183.00	2,944.89
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Newsletter artist fees	160.00	60.00	60.00
Newsletter/Membership Total	29,919.53	2,609.90	23,275.17

Officer/Board/Delegate	2,990.22	0.00	1,947.31
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Pass-Throughs

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL Donation/CHF	3,530.00	1,290.00	4,143.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,244.00	0.00	1,787.00
Legislative/Other	37.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	4,811.38	1,290.00	5,930.00

National Specialty	2,618.20	0.00	500.00
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	819.72	11.53	817.14
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	417.06	610.00	1,257.87
Elections Costs	1,841.05	0.00	715.56
Insurance	1,700.00	976.00	1,090.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	165.00	15.00	218.36
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	194.28	1,550.00	1,919.24
Committee's	1,219.77	70.50	901.54
Other Expense Total	9,975.08	3,233.03	8,419.71

Total Expenses	\$47,696.21	\$7,132.93	\$39,572.19
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 10/31/15

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) 2014 National funds are reflected in this report.

4) Not all committee balances are included above.

NEW 2016 Advertising Rates

October 30, 2015

Item	Description	Account	Current Price	Proposed	
BC1	Business Card B & W, Member..one month	Advertising	15.00	15	
BC12	Business Card B & W, Member..one year subscription	Advertising	10.00	10	
BC6	Business Card B & W, Member..six month subscription	Advertising	13.00	13	
BCN	Business Card B & W, non-Member..	Advertising	20.00	20	
CBB	Back Cover, B & W, Member..	Advertising	110.00	75	
CBBN	Back Cover, B & W, Non-Member..	Advertising	130.00	95	
CBCM	Back Cover, Color, Member..	Advertising	215.00	100	
CBCN	Back Cover, Color, Non-Member..	Advertising	235.00	120	
CFC	Front Cover, Color	Advertising	225.00	200	
CSB	Center spread - B & W @ (2 Pages) Member	Advertising	110.00	70	
CSBN	Center Spread - B & W (2 Pages) Non-Member..	Advertising	130.00	90	
CSC	Center Spread - Color (2 Pages) Member..	Advertising	210.00	165	
CSCN	Center Spread - Color (2 Pages) Non-Member..	Advertising	230.00	185	
DF	Design Fee	Advertising	35.00	35	
HP	Half Page B & W, Member..	Advertising	30.00	15	
HPN	Half Page B & W, Non-Member..	Advertising	40.00	35	
IB	Inside B & W, Member..	Advertising	45.00	25	
IBN	Inside B & W, Non-Member..	Advertising	60.00	45	
IC	Inside Color, Member	Advertising	90.00	75	
ICFC	Inside Front Cover, Color, Member..	Advertising	205.00	100	
ICFCB	Inside Front Cover, B & W, Member..	Advertising	105.00	75	
ICFCBN	Inside Front Cover, B & W, Non-Member..	Advertising	125.00	95	
ICFCN	Inside Front Cover, Color, Non-Member..	Advertising	225.00	120	
ICN	Inside Color, Non-Member..	Advertising	105.00	95	
PA	On Line Puppy Ad	Advertising	25.00		* Offer 1 free puppy ad with
15%	15% Discount	Advertising	-15.0%		

These prices are proposed for the upcoming year 2016.

Please contact Betsy to reserve your spaces. With the Newsletter going bimonthly, there won't be as many covers available (5 total). First come first serve, so reserve your space early. Premium pages are only available for color, unless we have a large interest and advertisers willing to pay for color ads. Call Betsy Morphew (Davis) at 765-334-8277 or email her at bcpublications1203@gmail.com

Committee Reports & Special Report

Health Committee Annual Report

Sandi Shrager

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Hi everyone—unfortunately I have to miss the National this year, so a big thanks to Karyn for agreeing to present the annual report.

A few brief updates on our ongoing projects:

1) Chondrodysplasia. Unfortunately, as we all know, this is just taking much longer than we ever expected. Dr. Bell did a very good job last year at explaining the reasons behind this—it really is NOT for lack of trying, or because we don't have good researchers actively working on the study. There is a ton of effort being put into finding a gene for this disease. It looks like we simply need more samples, and from larger groups of families. This has to do with the way our breed has evolved, as well as the elimination of large families from the breed via the original Chd scheme. We were VERY successful in making this gene quite rare, which makes it difficult to move forward with affected dogs now.

If you did not see Dr. Bell's seminar last year, I would really encourage that you try to do so, particularly if you are interested or concerned with developing genetic tests. The health committee does have this DVD available for sale for the very reasonable price of \$15, which includes U.S. shipping. His seminar and discussion on population stratification really is relevant to all areas of genetic research in our breed, not just Chd.

2) Similarly, there remain a couple of active and interested researchers in the issue of cataracts. We have a number of samples with these researchers. They also have found that our breed is harder to study, so we continue to need MORE samples—from affected dogs as well as their immediate and extended family members.

3) Coat funk. As you know, we began recruitment for a study on coat funk/alopecia this past year. We have samples on a few affected dogs, but definitely need more. The study does require testing to rule out other diseases, as it is very important that we know we have dogs in the study who are affected with coat funk and not hypothyroidism, Cushing's Disease, or cancers which can affect the skin/coat. Dr. Ferrer, one of the dermatology experts and researchers who are assisting with this study, will be presenting at a seminar this afternoon at the National, and I strongly encourage EVERYONE interested in the topic attend. Dr. Ferrer will be seeing a few dogs who are suspected to be affected this week, and we are hopeful we can add them to the study.

Basically, the theme of the above updates is the same one we've had for a number of years now. WE NEED DNA SAMPLES ON DOGS AFFECTED WITH DISEASE. Everyone attending Nationals has been great about adding to our DNA bank, but we have to keep this up! Additionally, we really do need to make this activity more widespread, and reach out to our rescue folks, our puppy buyers, and the general population to get these samples. This is really the SINGLE most important activity we can do right now...it is what will attract researchers to our breed to study these diseases, but we need more than a few samples with each disease. And for those of you who HAVE banked your dogs, please remember to update CHIC as they begin to develop problems. I've had remember to change the status of two of my own deceased dogs this year from "unaffected" to "cancer" and "dementia". We are going to begin sending out regular reminders to the membership to do this, and as you see these, please do try to reach out to others in the breed, or your puppy people or rescue contacts, and remind them as well.

Along these lines, this winter and spring I am going to test out our proposed Ambassador of Health program,

which is a program we've designed to increase DNA collection as well as publication of health testing results. If you are expecting a litter in the next few months, please contact me about helping to pilot the program to make it as easy as possible for the membership and breeders, as well as for the committee to implement.

One area we have been VERY successful at over the past few years is in fundraising. Our Donor Advised Fund at AKC CHF has grown by well over \$10K over the past five years, and is now over \$16K. I recently did another fundraiser to add an additional \$800 to the fund as well. So, when we do have enough samples for a solid research study, we will have a good start on available money to begin those projects. We've also got some great new fundraising ideas for the next year that I expect will be fun for the entire membership, so keep an eye and ear out.

I do want to announce that we'd like to add to the makeup and membership of the health committee. We really need active, motivated folks to help work on the committee, particularly in disseminating information to the membership and the public. I'm super excited to say that I've convinced Vicki McKinney to rejoin the committee, but we welcome others with interest in doing so as well. Please get a hold of me directly, or talk with Karyn Colman at the shows this week with your ideas.

All Around Alaskan Malamute Committee Annual report

November 2015

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As chair of the All Around committee, I would like to thank Jackai Szuhai for her years of service on our committee. Jackai has chosen to end her time on the All Around committee at the completion of the 2015 awards cycle. I believe Jackai has been on this committee since day one, as both committee chair and as a committee member. Jackai has been having internet issues. As a committee, we have come to de-

pend on email to communicate. Jackai stated since our committee has been running so smoothly, and with her inability to have reliable internet access, she feels comfortable resigning. Thank you Jackai.

Did you know that dogs and/or owners do not need to reside in the USA to qualify for any of the three All Around awards? They do not need to be AKC registered. Owner(s) do not need to be AMCA members. Dogs do not need to be alive. – for example, I believe one of this year's recipients has been gone for over 20 years. Congratulations go to Florence T. Robinson and her wonderful boy, Thunder.

For 2015, our committee received, processed and approved 16 applications. This is up from last year's six. I'd say it was a very productive year for dogs earning AAAM, VAM and SAM awards.

This year quite a few owners noticed that dogs qualifying for an AAAM, would NOT qualify for a VAM. VAMs require advanced work in a minimum of two activities. While the AAAM need more awards, each only needs to be earned at the basic level, for all five principals. For this reason, several applied using their dog's advanced work in multiple activities to qualify for both AAAM and VAM.

For a VAM, "advanced" work does necessarily mean a title is complete. If you are missing the championship requirement for an AAAM, being major pointed will count for one of the two areas that need advanced work. If your dog is shy one leg towards the missing basic working title, your dog could have one or more legs of a working advanced or excellent.

Ask us, we will try to work with you.

All three levels require documentation of public service, school visits, public education visits, therapy work, etc. to show they have a wonderful stable temperament with the general public. This is the portion we call temperament. It is not technically "temperament", but more showing you and your dog interact with the public as an ambassador for our fine breed. We have

no set number of hours for this requirement. If we did, we would have to have a form to be filled out showing dates and times with witnesses. We do ask you list activities and time spent, if possible. But we have no form to fill out and no set number of hours. But if you can show 30 or more hours, it's almost automatically "requirement met". This is very open as to what we look for. You must show your dog has done "stuff", interacting with others. Walking in one parade is not enough. Your dog must spend time with people and/or other dogs (and/or animals, depending on your activity). Having a dog simply certified to do therapy work, is not enough. A dog that routinely does therapy work is enough. We will not ask to see a log of visits, but in your list of activities: "we visit <some facility> every Thursday for an hour or two" works.

A simple letter stating activities from over the years can meet this requirement. But the more documentation, the easier it is to approve this portion. We love looking at your pictures. We love reading the letters. (I know I do...) Our committee is willing to work with you. If you have a question, contact either Carol Williams or myself.

These certificates are a lot of fun and work. Everyone that has worked with their dog to earn one or more of these will tell you it is a lot of fun and a true labor of love. We welcome anyone and everyone to apply for any of these. If you think you have a dog that may qualify for one of these awards; the complete set of rules in on the AMCA web site under "shows & trials". Along with a list with pictures of all the dogs that have earned any of the awards our committee issues.

We look forward to even more applications in the coming year(s). Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

I am frequently the easiest to make contact with. My contact info is in each newsletter as the committee chair. I do travel a bit, so catching me in Nevada may be difficult. This is another reason it helps to have your application submitted via email.

The certificates are awarded annually at the dinner on Saturday of the National week, and a complete list is printed in NL and the list with thumbnails is on the AMCA web site.

Applying is simple. Send an email including your dog's call name, registered name and owner's name(s). Include scans of any certificates earned and write up as much as you can.

If you have misplaced a certificate, we will work with you, if I can confirm using an AKC reports or the WDC database. This may meet the requirement.

Here are the 16 awards issued in 2015. AAAMs, VAMs and SAMs were awarded to the following Alaskan malamutes and their owners. **Congratulations to all!**

AAAM – All Around Alaskan Malamute

#15 "Slate" - Yukonjak's Slate * Owned by Chris Hibner

#16 "Deuce" - Spiritrun's Uppin' the Ante * Owned by Colleen and Dave Belanger

#17 "Wes"- Winterstarz Western Star * Owned by Timothy O'Brien and Katherina D. Burger

#18 "Ruckus"- Northpaw's Arrakis of Winterstar * Owned by Timothy O'Brien and Katherina D. Burger

#19 "Ivy"- Amaqqut On The Pull * Owned by Jennifer Effler-Leveille

#20 "Lucy"- Powderhound's Blaze of Glory * Owned by Jennifer Effler-Leveille

VAM - Versatile Alaskan Malamute

#14 "Slate" - Yukonjak's Slate * Owned by Chris Hibner

#15 "Rhya" – Kasaan's Yr Wish Is Granite * Owned by Laura Heft

#16 "Lucy"- Powderhound's Blaze of Glory * Owned by Jennifer Effler-Leveille

#17 "Ivy"- Amaqqut On The Pull * Owned by Jennifer Effler-Leveille

SAM - Serviceable Alaskan Malamute

#16 "Will" – Vykon's Back in Black * Owned by Kim Manassa and Joe Wiczorek

#17 "Zayk" – DCMals Rebel Alliance * Owned by Kim Manassa and Joe Wiczorek

#18 "Thunder" – Storm Kloud's Ooutburst * Owned by Florence T. Robinson

#19 "Raider" – Northpaw's Power Plays* Owned by Valarie A. Thawley

#20 "Rhya" – Kasaan's Yr Wish Is Granite * Owned by Laura Heft

#21 "Tassi" – Granite Dealme A Stone Beauty* Owned by Laura Heft

Key: #<awarded> "call name" - registered name * registered owner(s)

AMCA/AKC Delegate Annual Report

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March Delegate Meeting :

Some interesting statistics by Alan Kalter.

In 2010, AKC had an operating loss of over \$400,000. For 2014 the operating profit was almost six million dollars during the five year period from 2010 to 2014. AKC total assets increased by one-third to almost 140 million dollars. Some of that growth has come from new programs like canine partners which grew 600 percent to \$900,000 in AKC revenue. It also delivered over 1.5 million in entries to clubs. The CGC star puppy grew 54 percent to almost \$100,000, good dog help line which ended its first year with revenues almost \$900,000, Global Services which grew 145 percent to almost \$300,000 and a brand new product- Reggiebox - which delivered almost \$250,000 in its first year. The Breeder of Merit Program to date has resulted in the registration of more than \$200,000, dogs. The newest initiative Beeeder EZ Reg, allows the breeder to complete a full litter registration online.

AKC meet the breeds - 143 breed clubs were represented in February during Westminster. At the Eukanuba in December, 162 breed clubs represented.

Chris Walker, who has developed the

new AKC website, emphasized how important is that we learn how to communicate with one another and do it in a positive way. Chris stated he stands behind the strategy of the new site. He gave a quick run through as to why this was necessary, what the goals are and how we can get together to achieve them. AKC has spent 12 months looking at the old website, which has had two overhauls in the last five years, leaving them with a fragmented site that needed to be corrected. The main issues were technology, and trying to reach a larger audience. When Chris took over almost two years ago there were about 100,000 visits a month. This has grown to 400,000 visits. Of this only eight percent of the audience that comes to the web site comes from the fancy. The other 92 percent is a general dog owning public of which 75 percent of the audience lands on the breed pages.

At the Parent club meeting, the delegates were very upset with the information they found on their breed pages. They asked Chris Walker why he did not communicate with the breed clubs to get the proper information about their breeds. Chris Walker is no longer working for AKC. AKC is still working on correcting some of the breed pages.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1 of the rules applying to dog shows. The amendment changes the time frame of when the limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in breed competition. This amendment was published in two issues of the on-line AKC Gazette and on the worksheet previously emailed to delegates. The board recommended its approval. The amendment was adopted, effective July, 1 2015

Delegates elected Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Dr. Thomas Davies and Steven D. Gladstone as members of the class of 2019.

June Delegate Meeting

Ron Menaker gave the Chairman's report:

Last year, AKC sent out a survey to

over 84,000 people who have entered an AKC dog event in the past 12 months to learn about their spending habits when they travel to events. The study confirmed that constituents travel consistently across the country, and spend money doing it. About a quarter of all respondents reported that they travel more than 20 times a year for dog shows, on average. They travel to dog events 12 times a year over any other travel during the rest of the year. Most people travel more than 100 miles to get to an AKC event, and a majority spent two to three nights on the road before turning home. Half the respondents said they bring another person along with them when they travel to events. They spend a significant number of dollars on airfare, lodging, gas, car rental, food and beverage. Airfare and lodging cost conformation exhibitors more than \$500 and \$200 per trip, fuel averaged \$140 per trip.

The study revealed that all-breed clubs spend an average of \$9,000 to hold an AKC event of any kind.

The proposed rule change to Chapter 2, Section 1: Each member club or association is entitled to hold one show and one field trial a year without payment of a fee to the American Kennel Club, but must pay a fee of \$15 for each other show and /or field trial which it may hold during the same calendar year. Section 2: Each Club Association which has held the show or shows in any one year shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates for its show or shows to be held in the next succeeding year.

This brings the rules applying to dog shows into compliance with current operating procedures.

Rules applying to dog shows Chapter 2, Section 3, has been sent back to the board.

The delegates celebrated Mike Liosis' 45 years at AKC.

Chris Walker has resigned from AKC. The web site is still undergoing changes. The delegates feel that the AKC website should be linked to the Parents Club Website.

AKC sent out a survey to all Breeders of Merit to find out how many are still breeding and what kind of club they belong to. This will let the parent club know how many Breeders of Merit belong to their parent club. A Breeder of Merit only has to belong to an AKC club, not necessarily the parent club.

31,800 new CGC Titles have been obtained as of May 1, 2015.

The pet disaster trailer program has reached almost a million dollars in donations. 24 trailers have been delivered, 11 trailers are in production and 16 are still raising money.

As of October 8, there will be a Reserve Best Owner Handled in Show. It is mandatory to give out the Reserve Best in Owner Handled Show even if you offer NOHS.

There are two additional breeds that will use mandatory ramp examination, Sussex Spaniels and the Chinese Shar Pei

September Delegate Meeting

Dennis Sprung gave the President's report:

Mr. Sprung talked about the anniversary of 911. His idea for DOGNY evolved just two days after 9/11. Eventually, he raised over \$3,500,000 for research and rescue organizations throughout our nation, and it was with these funds that the AKC Canine Support Relief Fund was begun. Since that time AKC CAR (now Reunite) serves as the fiduciary custodian of that money for the sole purpose of donating to volunteers and professional search and rescue organizations in America, and has made numerous grants in compliance with the DOGNY mission.

Daphne Strauss was hired as a consultant. Today she is the Vice-president of Business Development, and she, along with AKC legal team, began working through the maze of red tape for the city to give us contractual permission to display statues to commemorate the first anniversary of 911.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the rules applying to dog shows. The original

proposal provided for the awarding of points towards a certificate of merit in the regular puppy classes, as well as awarding of one championship point to a dog receiving the certificate of merit title.

Without objection, the portion of the proposal on the one championship point is being withdrawn.

Chapter 16, Section 1 the vote on awarding of points for the certificate of merit title in regular puppy classes has been referred back to the board.

The AKC board was given an update on the status of the AKC website, including the fact that traffic is up 90 percent since a new site launched in February. Staff reported that changes are being tested and rolled every other Thursday. Several changes have been made, primarily based upon delegate input, and additional changes are in progress. It is being streamlined with emphasis on enhancing the search function, and permitting better image manipulation in marketplace.

There are several navigational changes planned to better meet the needs of our core customers, and those will be rolled out during the months ahead. The board appreciates the effort made to improve the website, as well as the board's commitment to assure the website meets the needs of our core users. The board further emphasizes its commitment to creating a user experience that both meets the needs of the fancy and that of the general public. There was also an update on replacement for the online breeder classification application which will be incorporated into the AKC marketplace. The new application was reviewed. It will focus on breeders and include breeders' profiles, contact forms, wait list, etc.

The Ladies' Dog Club is celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club.

AKC reunite pet disaster trailer relief project - as of last week total funds raised are \$1,031,519. Thirty trailers have been delivered, eight trailers are about to be delivered. This will make thirty-eight trailers. As of last week,

twenty-one were in the works. There is a Facebook page on the work being done on the trailers, www.facebook.com/reunite.

Ann Wallin of the All-Breed club committee stated that on the AKC main menu, if you scroll down under clubs you will see the All-Breed Club committee site where they want to compile an online library of great ideas that clubs can share with each other. The form can be found on line. It is easy to fill out to share the initiatives you have done with your club that have worked well. You can do it right on your computer, then just hit the submit button and then it goes to be reviewed by members of the committee. It should be able to appear on the website so that all clubs are able to access the information and share their ideas. Scroll down to useful resources and the all-breed club best practices that has been compiled for membership are there. These can be shared. The All-Breed club committee is getting ready to send out a survey on events.

Mark Dunn, AKC staff, gave a presentation on the Bred with HEART Program.

What is AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T.?

AKC bred with H.E.A.R.T. gives AKC a new way to engage, encourage and recognize all breeders who meet parent club specific health testing standards, have disaster plans, and who participate in continuing education.

Details can be found on the AKC website: www.akc.org/dog-breeders-with-heart

Judges Education Committee Annual Report

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2014 marked the end of Sharon Weston's term as head of the Judges Education Committee. Over the past four years Sharon has done an excellent job improving AMCA's PowerPoint presentation, fine tuning the educational materials including the new easy reference guide. Since Sharon was judging the 2014 National Specialty, she turned over the seminar presentation to me a bit early, as I take over for the next four years.

The 2014 National Specialty judge's education seminar in San Diego, CA was attended by 12 people. Six of those went on to complete the workshop and breed exam. Our education outreach included two additional presentations this past year. On January 11, 2015 Pat Putman gave the presentation at the Western Washington Winter Cluster sponsored by the Mount Rainier Working Dog Club. This event was attended by 14 aspiring judges. On June 26 of this year, the Oklahoma City Summer Classic Dog Shows sponsored seminars. The presentation for our breed was given by Gena Box. Ten judges attended the seminar with nine completing the workshop and exam.

The new AKC requirements for additional breeds no longer requires that the exam be administered during our seminars, but now requires that the exam be submitted with the application. The exam has also returned to the original 25 question format. All other aspects of our seminar presentation will remain the same.
Respectfully submitted
Shilon Bedford

AMCA Sunshine Committee Report
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Oct 29, 2015

The Sunshine Committee continues to send cards to members for get well and

for sympathy for the members and their immediate relatives. We would like for everyone to be involved by letting Karol Knoop or myself know when a member is going through something where a card from our club would help bring a measure and message of support.

I have enjoyed being committee chair and wish to continue with the approval of the AMCA Board of Directors.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Cooknell

The Membership Committee Annual Report

Gina Schimming
Membership Committee, Chair

The Membership Committee is happy to report that both the Mentoring Program and the Juniors Scholarship Program announced the end of last year are successfully underway.

As always volunteers are needed in order to continue with offering new and innovative ways to retain and recruit new members. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at this years Nationals in Sturbridge, MA. In speaking with some, I was amazed on how many breeders and/or handlers are not current members for various reasons. All are legitimate and the number is not huge however why is this and what can we do to improve. At a quick glance we're averaging approximately 2 new members each month based on this

years newsletters. We want to improve our membership in many ways but this cannot be done without your help.

We announced the release of both the Mentoring Program and the Juniors Scholarship program at the end of last year and we're proud to say both are successfully underway. With additional volunteers more programs can be release to secure AMCA's future.

With this, we welcome the opportunity to hear from you on your thoughts on what we can do to improve for 2016.

We wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

Electronic Communications ANNUAL REPORT:

Tricia Till

The Electronic Communication Committee has just a few things to report on this year. We continue to update the website as requested by committee chairs. As a reminder, please submit your requests for updates to Tricia Till at triciatill@yahoo.com. We did start a "new" section of the website for AMCA members to announce current and upcoming litters. Karin Fischer has taken the lead on this project. Please contact her at karin.fischer@sbcglobal.net for more information on this page.



Working Dog Certification Committee

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Winter is on its way! Sledding and weight pulling competitions will be in full swing soon. Our committee looks forward to receiving and processing your application forms. Fill out one form for each sledding excursion/race or weight pull event you wish to use toward certification. The AMCA web site has handy fillable forms that are great to use, and we encourage you to use those whenever possible.

Please note, if you wish to submit your applications via e-mail, I have a change of e-mail address to mtnhomemals@gmail.com It is VERY helpful to me if you convert your completed application forms to .pdf files prior to e-mailing them. We welcome PayPal as a method of payment; just specify that that is the way you'd like to pay your application fees and which e-mail addy you'd like the PayPal invoice sent to.

Big CONGRATULATIONS to our latest recipients of AMCA Working Dog titles! Well done to all of the hard working dogs and their owners!

Working Lead Dog

#163 Obsidian's Dark Magic

Owner(s)

Ben and Chari Erickson

Working Team Dog

#1346 Powderhound's U Can't Handle The Truth

Owner(s)

Jen Effler-Leveille and Carol Simon

#1347 Amaqut On The Pull

Jen Effler-Leveille

#1348 Powderhound's Blaze Of Glory

Jen Effler-Leveille

#1349 Arctictreks Marnie

Petra and Bill Quaif

#1350 Arctictreks Magnum Force

Petra and Bill Quaif

#1351 GCh Icicle Creek's Outlaw Jesse James

Dan and Kathi Fraser

#1352 Ch Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane

Dan and Kathi Fraser

#1353 Obsidian's Dark Magic

Ben and Chari Erickson

#1354 Obsidian's Black Canary

Ben and Chari Erickson

#1355 Winterstarz Kujannamik

Erna Hartvelt-Upmeijer and Cees Hartvelt

#1356 Peace River Niviasar

Erna Hartvelt-Upmeijer and Cees Hartvelt

#1357 Kataum Inua's Tikittunga

Erna Hartvelt-Upmeijer and Cees Hartvelt

#1358 Winterstarz Mahuk

Erna Hartvelt-Upmeijer and Cees Hartvelt

#1359 Snowcreek Blizzard Sheila

Henriette and Michael Hallengreen

#1360 Yellowsnow Malamutes Brave Aslan

Henriette and Michael Hallengreen

Working Pack Dog

#808 Amaqut On The Pull

Owner(s)

Jen Effler-Leveille

#809 Powderhound's U Can't Handle The Truth

Jen Effler-Leveille and Carol Simon

#810 Packice Falun

Ian Elliott and Aimee Campbell

#811 Onak Tsawake The Odds Are In Your Favor

Wendy and Jennifer Corr and Michelle White

#812 Ch. Onak's The Girl On Fire

Wendy and Jennifer Corr and Michelle White

#813 Onak's Rainier's Snow Angel

Suzy and Bill Butler

#814 Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous

Ben and Chari Erickson

#815 Obsidian's Dark Magic

Ben and Chari Erickson

#816 Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged

Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas

#817 Luv Sno's Uptown Girl

Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas

#818 Winterstarz Scorching Tania Borealis

Karina Burger and Tim O'Brien

#819 Winterstarz Orion Nebula

Karina Burger and Tim O'Brien

Working Weight Pull Dog

#772 Arctictreks Some Like It Hot For Bearzest

Owner(s)

Louise Cursons

#773 Zeus AMCUK09/21 For Bearzest

Louise Cursons

#774 Powderhound's U Can't Handle The Truth

Jen Effler-Leveille and Carol Simon

#775 Spiritrun's Uppin' The Ante, CD BN RE NAP NJP NFP

Colleen and Dave Bellanger

#776 Illusion's Of Long Trail Ale

Susan and David Gallagher

#777 Masasyu's Long Trail Barracuda

Susan and David Gallagher

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

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No Report

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

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Well, rather than say "No Report," I can tell you that there has been NO activity around here lately. No shows in the area since the end of September, and I haven't heard of any new working titles, and those that are going to the National are getting ready to leave, so I guess there's nothing to say.

News from our back yard is that our STARZ, **ThunderKloud T' Secret's In T' Starz** is pregnant and due to whelp next week. She was bred to our ROWDY, **GCH ThunderKloud's I'm No Secret**, so this will be our very first totally ThunderKloud breeding. We are excited and look forward to a new boy in our back yard.

Have a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday season everyone. Stay safe, hug your dogs and as Tiny Tim would say "God bless us, every one."

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No Report

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NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

New Reporter Needed

No report

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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September Report Was left out.

We are all happy to finally be having

rain and hope that this will eliminate all of the fires that have stricken our state.

Kathi Fraser shared that **REBEL, Icicle Creek's Revolution**, who just turned two, and Dan had a good time getting back in the show ring, and to our joy on Saturday August 15 at the Olympic Kennel Club show, **REBEL** won Winners Dog! I was busy with the girls, going between the conformation rings and Barn Hunt. Poor **GIGI, Icicle Creek's Lookin' for a boy**, dumped her entire coat the day prior to the shows, but I did show her for the experience two of the days. Our **CALI** is now **GCH Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane**, with her select win, and she also had a great time at Barn Hunt, and earned her **RATI**. Unfortunately for **GIGI**, she found the rat so fast that I did not believe it, and so I messed up. It taught me a lesson to **TRUST** her when she goes to the correct tube. We have more Barn Hunts coming up, so hopefully we will get it next time. I also decided to take a stab at the Coursing Ability Test with **GIGI, Icicle Creek's Lookin' for a boy**. On August 22, we went to Argus Ranch and **GIGI** did her first Coursing Event. She was off like a rocket, and ran the 600 yard course in less than a minute, totally focused on the lure, and she earned her First Leg! Love having so many fun things to do with the dogs. Now bring on the cooler temps so we can get back to running.

Michele Coburn shared she had an amazing time at the shows at Enumclaw this year. Donna Cooknell again drove over from Boise to make the trip with me. Michele also brought along (for his first dog show trip) my wonderful seven year old great grandson Cole. Michele said, he was **AMAZING**. He dealt with all the hustle and bustle of the multiple handlers, groomers and friends in our grooming set up. He went out to dinner with our group and was the only child at the table. Thank you to everyone for the compliments on my little man.

The Mount Rainier Working Dog Club yet again, put on two amazing shows. Well, except for the pouring rain during the Group on Friday. I am so, so proud to be the Breeder and Co-owner of **MICK**

the winner of the show with his Group on Thursday. Thank you to Kyle and Thea Robinson, his resident owners and to Marty Glover for his ever wonderful handing. **MICK's** sister **DIVA** took **BOS** to **MICK** at both of the Mount Rainier Shows. Little sister **DOLLY** forgot all she previously knew about behavior in the ring. <sigh> as the Judge stated "she will learn what this is all about". Geesh, she is almost finished. Oh well, she is still a puppy. Thank goodness I did not do what I was tempted to do, show **DIVA** and **DOLLY** as a brace....that would have been the comic relief for the week.

The next two days were the Olympic Kennel Club All Breed Shows. Again, **MICK** was **BOB** and sister **DIVA** was **BOS**. Little sister **DOLLY** redeemed herself by going reserve to the major on Saturday and taking her second major on Sunday. **MICK** went onto a Group II in an amazing Group on Saturday.

Then to add to our wonderful shows results, I cannot be more proud of **KICHHOU** and Laura for their performances in both Rally and Obedience rings. **KICHHOU** is now known as **PEACE RIVER'S LUCKY OMEN, BN, RA, CGC**. I was thrilled to have been there to watch him finish two titles that week, his **OB** title with a 193 and first place. I loved the comment by Pat Putman when I introduced Laura to her and bragged on this accomplishment. She said, "I may forget your name, but never the 193". (See Something To Howl About)

Now, if we could only get the Washington people to come to Oregon for our shows. Honest, crossing the Columbia River is NOT scary.

Congratulations and best wishes for the fall!

December Report

First off I have to apologize I was in a rush trying to get reports early as I was on my way out of town. I missed

two reports in October, one from Cindy Neely and one from Karen Hussey, so we will start off with those reports first. I also want to apologize to those who submitted news and Howls from August for the September submittal. Although submitted for publication it was apparently not received, so I have resubmitted this month.

Cindy Neely shared that Jazzland's new addition, COOPER, **Taolan Quest Total Eclipse**, (who was finally back in coat), was BOW at the Kenosha Kennel Club from the 9-12 puppy class. Then he went BOW again at the Sunday show at Gig Harbor Kennel Club a couple of days after his first birthday!

Karen Hussey reported that she went to the Timberland Valley Kennel Club. She said the weather was absolutely beautiful and it was a nice show. Her boy, HUNTER, went WD and BOW both Saturday and Sunday and picked up a major. John Dewing did a nice job handling him. At the Gig Harbor Kennel Club in her home town, HUNTER, won WD and BOW Saturday and she shared that Cindy Neely's boy, COOPER, won WD and BOW on Sunday. Karen noted that everyone had a great time. Karen also wrote she went over to the Wenatchee Washington shows, and said the fall colors were spectacular. Karen said she and HUNTER had a wonderful time with Cindy Neely that weekend and also shared that **BearHugs Heart Hunter** won BOW on Saturday and that she had to pull on Sunday just looking for majors.

Laura Maffei had sent some Howls in early September that were included with the Newsletter submittal, so I have re-submitted those howls along with the August news this month. Please be sure to check out the "Howls".

In addition Laura Maffei shared that in early October, TAI **ChanAmarok's Angel's Taizen, BN, RE, CGC**, earned his first RAE leg with a placement in the Advanced Class at the Mt. Hood Keeshound Club's Obedience and Rally Trial in Salem, Oregon. This was a relief after he got the zoomies in the Excellent class his first time out in RAE (though he somehow came back from that to earn a Second Place in Advanced). Laura said she was also very excited to report that TAI

earned his first Novice Obedience leg at the Vancouver Kennel Club show in Ridgefield, Washington with a FIRST PLACE. She had several NQs on the off-leash heeling exercise, so this was quite a pleasant surprise. With puppies on the way, she probably won't get to any trials again until early 2016.

Thanks everyone and here is wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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Winter is upon us. We got 14 inches of snow for the first blizzard of the year. As former Californians, the only ones who were really excited about the snow were the Malamutes! As we shoveled the snow and they watched with big smiles, I had an idea for an invention of a plow that could be pulled with Malamute Power. Any of you engineers or inventors out there that are interested let me know.

I received the following from Tammy Doukas:

"Indiana did it again. At the age of nine years old, he earned three new AKC titles:

Master Agility Century (MXC) - He succeeded at 100 qualifying runs in Master Agility Standard.

Tracking Dog (TD) - He found the glove at the end of over a 1/4 mile trail through open space.

Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) - He is the very first malamute to receive this AKC award! A dog must obtain an obedience CD, agility standard title, agility jumpers title, and tracking dog TD in order to earn the VCD.

He is now: GCH, MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider, CD, RN, CGC, MXC, MJB, XF, TD, VCD, TT, WWPD, WPDA, WTD, AAAM.

Indiana continues to train successfully with our local county Search and Rescue team. He has been given permission to test for missions."

SOUTHERN

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No Report

MIDWEST

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Jacki Glastetter writes a great brag for her Bred by Girl. Congrats on your MIA's lovely wins.

"My girl MIA, **Wild Wind's U Wish U Were Me**, earned her AKC Championship title this past September 13 at the Three Rivers Kennel club show at Purina. She earned her title exclusively from the Bred By class and was shown entirely by me. Judge Donald Gill gave her W/BW (bitch major) to give us her third major to achieve her last elusive point. She continued her winning ways the following weekend by earning nine points toward her GCH title that included two Major selects. With a beginning like this, she may be on her way in the GCH title pursuit, after she has a few months off for rest and a brand new shiny coat. MIA has a beautiful presence when showing and can really glide around the show ring. I have had more fun showing this girl and can't say enough about her or her future."

The final stats are in for the NOHS and two of the Midwest Area Mals ended up in the Top 5 Alaskan malamutes for this year. I can proudly say my ROCKY placed fourth and Lynda and Andreas BRAVO placed fifth. That is quite an accomplishment for the Midwest. Both of the boys have been invited to the Finals for the NOHS in Florida. I will not be going. However I wish the best of luck to the malamute qualifiers that do go.

I have some great brags of my own. October has been a wonderful month for ROCKY.

To start out the month ROCKY took a group 4 in the owner handler group under judge Eleanor J. Rensink at the Cornhusker Kennel Club on 10-1-15. ROCKY ended up the number four Alaskan malamute for the NOHS and has been invited to the NOHS Finals in Florida. Two weeks later I was bathing ROCKY in his booster bath to get ready for local UKC shows. When ROCKY's bath was over and I had enough water blown off, I told him to jump down. As

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he was hopping out one of the legs snapped off. I can't trust the legs to hold him now I now have to convince my husband Curt to build a frame to hold the bath still. In the meantime, I have it sitting on some plastic tubs while bathing him. Well, on with my story of the UKC shows. I only entered because they had a total dog award and they had told me there was another northern dog entered. So, I entered him in R01 and confirmation. ROCKY showed in three rally events and got a second and fourth place and qualified in all three. I think I blew his score in the last event by turning the wrong way on one of the signs, but he still qualified in the 80s. So, ROCKY ended up taking a second and fourth place in Rally qualified in all the events. He also took three Group1s and a Group 2. That is not all - he got two Total Dog Awards - only two were available. But the best part of the whole show was on Saturday in the BIS rings. In the BIS ring under Alan Krenek from Colorado, the judge could not take his eyes off of ROCKY, but he did not give ROCKY even a reserve. The BIS the owner of the Smooth Collie said she thought for sure the malamute had won. Alan Krenek told me ROCKY has a great front, a good rear and great movement, but I let him wilt while standing in the BIS ring. Then we went in for the second competition under Gary Galloway also from Colorado. He did not seem to be looking at any dog but he gave ROCKY a Reserve Best In Show. What a great weekend that was for ROCKY, and he was and is still out of coat.

On Friday, 10-23-15, ROCKY and I started driving to Greeley, Colorado for the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club. On 10-24-15 ROCKY became **GCH, CH/U NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB, CGC, RN R01 (D)** by taking BOB/BOBOH under Mr. Robert J Shreve. Silly me, when the judge pointed BOB BOW and BOS, I did not think the judge had pointed to ROCKY, and I was ready to walk out of the ring when the handler of the BOW and BOS started telling me congratulations. I said: "He won?" The judge gave me the ribbon and said: "Did I say that all too fast?" The next day on 10-24-25 ROCKY took BOB/

BOBOH again, this time under James Moses. While getting photos with James Moses, the judge was playing with ROCKY's face and said: "I did not want to give it to him, but he had more reach, and he out moved all the others. He needs to sit in the cold and grow some coat." Great weekend of shows for ROCKY especially considering he is just starting to get more coat. It has been an unbearable summer for our ROCK. We met up with Barb and MADISON, another litter sister of ROCKY's. She took her first RWB on Saturday, and did it again on Sunday. Barb was so excited she had pictures taken each day. We are so happy for Barb and MADISON.

Lynda and Andrea write congrats to congrats to both of you and BRAVO.

"Just a few brags from us: Our Puppy BRAVO, **BIS NOH, BPIS**, finished his International Championship this past week along with a group win. He was also a Eukanuba Cup Invitee for 2015."

Rachael Bautista writes below:

"NAYA, **Kaviak's Aanaga Nayubaa**, took WB/BOS on October 11 in Lawrence, KS under Mrs. Alane Gomez for her 7th point!" Congrats Rachael and NAYA.

Joyce Delay has some brags to add for the shows in Lawrence, Kansas. Congrats to you and PIXIE.

"To add to Rachel's report... Best of Breed the first day under Mr. Tomas Gomez out of bred-by was PIXIE, **Kaviak's Snow Sprite**, owned/bred/handled by me. Best of Opposite was POLAR, **BISS GCh. Silver Shadow's Polar Express**, owned/bred by Chris and Linda Frank. Best of Breed on Sunday was POLAR. Chris and Linda let me handle POLAR in the group on Sunday, which was a ton of fun. He's like having a Rolls Royce on the end of the lead! These results are for the Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club in Lawrence, KS."

WEST COAST

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Linda Katlarz shared the following:

"NCAMA Annual Fun Day was once again a hit with our members and non-members. We had a Rally Clinic, CGC Clinic and Agility Clinic along with a pot luck lunch with BBQ ribs, lamb and chicken done up by Mike Stone. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the weather could not have been better: mid 80s. Debbie Hunyada and both her girls, GCH **Halatsuu's Raven A Flame RN**, and **CH Majestic's Wonderfully Wicked** received their CGC Certificates. Wendy Corr acquired an advanced CGCA on **Am CH Tsawake Onak Don't Stop Believn, MXB, MJB,RN, BN, WPD, WPD, MF** and A Basic CGC on **CH Onak's The Girl On Fire, WPD, CGC**. Congrats to all. We had a pack of puppies this year, and they had a great time playing together. We hope to add even more fun things next year. I would like to thank everyone who came out and also volunteered to hold a clinic. I would also like to thank Alisa Syar and Mike Stone for letting us use their home and property for this Fun event every year." Thanks, Linda, I'm sorry I wasn't able to make it this year!!

Jean Say sent me this note:

"It's always frustrating to me when you put out a call for news and laws prevent my response. My CH Howie 'writes' at least one unusually poignant story per week as he goes about work as a Therapy Dog, but very strict federal and state privacy laws prevent my disclosing those amazing times! Multiply Howie by all the Therapy Dogs out there, and one cannot imagine how many recovering human lives are brightened when a beautiful Therapy Dog enters their sickrooms. Perhaps an even a more memorable and special event is entering the room of an elderly spirit who is drawing final breath, alone except for that same beautiful Therapy Dog, who allows the gnarled, worn hands (of a former dog person) to burrow into his fur and hold on." Thank you Jean and HOWIE for all the smile you bring!!!

TURBO and I went to an NACSW Trial in Hayward, CA on October 24. He passed all four element searches, earning his NW1 title. If a judge wants to acknowledge exceptional technique and/or teamwork, they can "Pronounce"

a dog for a particular element search. If the dog receives a 'P' on all four elements, they are "Pronounced" for the whole Trial. Turbo received a 'P' on three of his four searches! At around 11:30 a.m. he did vehicles in 33 seconds, around 12:30 he did exterior in 28 seconds, after lunch, around 3:30 p.m., he did back to back interior in 1 minute 2 seconds and containers in 13 seconds. Needless to say I'm very pleased and proud of him.

I'm happy to report all my dogs are doing well at the moment. I continue to go back and forth between "homes" to go through my parents' belongings. Sometimes it seems I'll never get done. My biggest news is that I am buying my brother's half of our parents' property! The house was built in 1920 and is in desperate need of a LOT of work, starting with a roof asap. But the prospect of being able to eventually fix up the one full acre for my dogs is very exciting for me.

I know there's more happening in CA, but area members have to send it to me in order for it to appear in my column! I can hardly believe I'm saying this, but: Happy Holidays.

AT LARGE - N HEMISPHERE

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Hello from Europe.

The main results from the European Dog Show 2015, held in Oslo, Norway were: Best of breed – Garry Xuereb's **CH Mlt Ivram We Will Rock You**. Best opposite sex – A Zaynetdinova's **Diva Ot Fillipovoy**. Best junior - Lotte Kjær Christensen's **Nomadic Winds Purple Haze**. Best veteran - Kadri Põlda's **Garcon Grand Slam**. Best breeder - Susanna Virtanen, Finland **Garcon**.

Our own news this month;

We took SPEK, **Sledog Dream Warrior (a.i) WWPD, WPD, and RAIN, Sledog Indian Monsoon (a.i)** along to the Allerton weight pull event in October. Both really did us proud with SPEK coming third in his class and RAIN earning her third WWPD leg.

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



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

GROUP 4 (AKC OWNER HANDLER)

American/U-CH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB, CGC, RN, R01 (D)

Sire: GCH Mach 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: Cornhusker Kennel Club
Date: 10-1-15
Breed: Mr. Roger Hartinger
Group: Ms. Eleanor J. Rensink

NEW GRAND CHAMPION GCH, CH/U NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB, CGC, RN, R01 (D)

Sire: GCH, Mach 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: Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club
Date: 10-24-15
Breed: Mr. Robert J. Shreve

NEW RALLY ADVANCED TITLE PEACE RIVER'S LUCKY OMEN RA CGC

Sire: GCH Ootek's Game On
Dam: CH Peace River It's Not You It's Me
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Laura Maffei & Noel Snyder
Show: Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club
Date: August 13, 2015
Judge: Chip Taylor

NEW RALLY EXCELLENT TITLE

CANAMAROK'S ANGEL'S TAIZEN BN RN CGC
Sire: Ch. Moonsnoe's Glacier Diamonds
Dam: CanAmarok's Sakari Anernerker

Breeder: Scott & Lisa Kirkpatrick
Owner: Laura Maffei & Noel Snyder
Show: Mt. Rainer Working Dog Club
Date: August 14, 2015
Judge: Ms. Pat Knepley

W BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE TITLE PEACE RIVER'S LUCKY OMEN RA CGC

Sire: GCH Ootek's Game On
Dam: CH Peace River It's Not You It's Me
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Laura Maffei & Noel Snyder
Show: Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club
Date: August 14, 2015

NEW AKC MASTER AGILITY CENTURY (MXC) GCH MACH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF RN TD VCD TT WWPD WPDA WTD AAAM
Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice

Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit
Tulugaq
Breeder: Bob and Karol Knoop
Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
Show: Front Range Agility Association of Denver
Date: Sept 5, 2015
Judge: Robyn Veenema

**NEW AKC TRACKING DOG (TD)
GCH MACH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF RN TD VCD TT WWPDP WPDA WTD AAAM**

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit
Tulugaq
Breeder: Bob and Karol Knoop
Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
Show: Mile High Rottweiler Club of Greater Denver
Date: Oct 18, 2015
Judge: Jeff Shaver and Kathy Marshburn
Judge: Ms. Carol Callahan

NEW AKC VERSATILE COMPANION DOG (VCD)

GCH MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF RN TD VCD TT WWPDP WPDA WTD AAAM

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit
Tulugaq
Breeder: Bob and Karol Knoop
Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
Show: AKC
Date: Oct 18, 2015
Judge: AKC



NEW AKC VERSATILE COMPANION DOG (VCD)

GCH MACH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF RN TD VCD TT WWPDP WPDA WTD AAAM

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit
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Breeder: Bob and Karol Knoop
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Does the Alaskan Malamute Single Track?

Submitted by the Breeder Education Committee



This bitch is converging toward the centerline.

It's a question we hear over and over: Is the Alaskan malamute supposed to single track? Opinions vary among malamute breeders. The standard states, "At a fast trot, the feet will converge toward the centerline of the body."

The following article*, which originally appeared in the October 2008 AKC Gazette's "The Judge's Eye" column, explains the physiological reasons why many experts believe balanced examples of conventionally built breeds — including the malamute — will single track at a trot as speed increases. To see our breed performing the single track, refer to the AKC video of the Alaskan malamute. The seal bitch used in the video to demonstrate correct front movement is single tracking.

Judging Single-Tracking Movement

By Dr. Peter Emily

In order to judge movement, it is vitally important for judges and breeders to understand the physiology of movement. Correct canine movement has been one of the most carefully dissected, poorly defined and widely discussed topics in the dog show world for some time. Both experienced and novice judges will benefit from close study—reading, watching videos, and attending presentations to learn more about the physiological factors that affect canine movement.

Many reasons have been given and many explanations proposed as to why a dog moves the way he does. I have been a part of a number of studies in kinesiology and the biomechanics of movement and have found that the most common

conclusion is that a dog's function is directly related to how the dog is built. Function follows form, and structure is key: the

only other influencing factors would be genetic, developmental, inherited or acquired diseases of muscular or skeletal origin. These later reasons are often used to explain why a particular movement problem exists, but if the underlying structure is faulty, movement will never be correct.

Gravity

Gravity affects and controls all physical structures, whether they are things that move or things that just stand still. Things that move must not oppose gravity or they will soon fail or succumb to stress. A dog's inability to deal with gravity during movement readily displays any movement problems and shows his structural faults.

The center of gravity for things that move is a single point in the body that is directly influenced by gravity. A dog's center of gravity is located at a midpoint in the body where a vertical line drawn down the middle of the back from behind the shoulder bisects a horizontal line that divides the upper two-thirds of the body from the lower third. This is the static or standing center of gravity. It is a point at which all forces are equal, a point from which the dog could be suspended and be in perfect balance. As the dog strides forward, this point—the center of gravity—moves forward to complement the motion. The faster the gait, the farther forward the center of gravity moves within the body. This moving point is termed the kinetic center of gravity.

When the dog is able to move his center of gravity along a straight line, without deviation from right to left, he does not fight gravity, but rather utilizes it to effect a functional,

stress-free movement. This is accomplished by single tracking.

Single tracking allows the dog to achieve support beneath the center of gravity during locomotion. Working with gravity in this way will offset any lateral displacement while applying power to the line of locomotion. Again, this is accomplished by moving the dog's center of gravity in a straight line, with each footfall striking a point directly under the dog's kinetic center of gravity.

Convergence

Certain breeds exhibit a modification of single tracking (although the same principles of movement and gravity hold for all dogs, of course). These dogs—short-legged breeds, longer-bodied breeds, and special-front breeds—should demonstrate footfalls that incline toward the midline. This is accomplished without the elbows flaring out, but kept in close to the dog's body. The center of gravity in the body thus gives the impression of slightly greater width from right to left rather than seeming to be a perfectly static point, as seen in the more narrow-bodied dogs.



This bitch is single tracking at a brisk trot.



This dog is single tracking at a brisk trot.

Every animal is affected by gravity during movement. Animals in the wild must use it to their advantage in order to survive. Any deviation from proper single tracking produces fatigue, body stress, and eventual structural damage to a greater or lesser degree, dependent on the degree of fault. To see a perfect single-track gait, one only has to watch a large animal, such as an elephant, walking. If an elephant did not employ single tracking during very long treks, his tremendous weight would quickly break down the shoulders and give way to lateral displacement. Both these consequences would result in a very quick susceptibility to predation—and an early demise.

An excellent demonstration of canine single tracking can be envisioned by moving a dog along a painted strip on a gymnasium floor. The closer the dog's kinetic center of gravity follows this line—or, more correctly, stays on top of it—the less fatiguing the gait. (The wide-body dogs will placement their footfalls on a convergent plane along each side of the line.) The less lateral movement or lateral displacement there is, the longer the dog can sustain this type of movement without fatigue.

This, then, is true single tracking or true convergence. But keep in mind that there will be a degree of rise and fall in the topline as the dog is gaiting. Rear drive moves the dog's body upward to a degree. The more efficient gait has less rise and fall, but the exact degree of rise and fall is affected by balance and proper angulation of each particular breed.

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2015 SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

If you have any questions or corrections, please contact Karen Berry (committee chair) – Juniors, Bred-By Exhibitor & Puppy Dogs/Bitches, Val Thawley – Class Dogs/Bitches, or Stacey Moore – Best of Breed/Best of Opposite Sex. Please make sure you notify the committee chair in writing if you are the primary owner of a dog (first name listed on the AKC registration) but the dog is residing with another co-owner. In that case, the dog will be noted in the area in which the co-owner is residing. All statistics reflect points and titles earned as of June 30, 2015.

Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck through the rest of 2015!

TOP 10 BEST OF BREED/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

DOGS

1	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das	320
2	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill	215
3	GCH Silverice's Jager Bomb	WC	A Syar/M Stone	193
4	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra	PNW	T Robinson/ A Syar/ M Coburn/ K Robinson	140
5	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time	IL/WI	J El Dissi	108
6	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	GL	H Donovan	94
7	GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer	RM	P Jenkins/ E Jenkins	84
8	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart	ME	M Park/J Park/ S Park	82
9	GCH Adair'N'Hug Casual Class	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	64
10	GCH Wild Winds I Roc	SO	G Box-Young	50

BITCHES

1	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class	PNW	J Dewing/ R Dysart	244
2	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One	WC	D Mccomb/ D Ragsdale	103
3	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance	GL	J Taylor/P Peel/ M Peel	77
4	Adair'N'Hug Always On Your Mind	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	51
5	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel- Hisatake	44
6	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous	RM	B Erickson/ C Erickson	41
7	GCH Sno Klassic Hot Lips	GL	T Newport/ P Peel/M Peel	38
8	GCH Peace River's Bling It On	PNW	M Coburn	36
9	GCH Shekinah Strong Waters	SO	A Ross	35
10	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires	28
	CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty	MW	J Delay/K Cople- Holland	28

TOP 10 CLASS DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	(CH) Monikonna Real Steel	SO	A. Mayberry- Welch	44
2	(CH) Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	PNW	J Weston/ S Weston	37
	Tugar's Let's Go Let's Ride	NY/NJ	P.Carey/ K.Hausner/S.Das	37
4	(CH) Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger/ M Renzelman	35
	Storm Sky It's Game Time	IL/WI	S.Czarapata/ J.El Dissi	35
6	(CH) Northern Lites Mr. Reagan	GL	H Donovan	28
7	(CH) Shekinah As Sure As It Gets	SO	J Van Zandt	25
	(CH) Pale Moon's Arctic Chaos	GL	K.McCallum/ J.McCallum/ P.Scheid	25
9	Ggm's Great Lakes Gus	GL	K.Schmidt	21
10	Double T's Northwestern's Gold	WC	T Dunn/ J Radford/ W Corr	20
	Shekinah Head & Tail Above The Rest	SO	J Van Zandt	20

BITCHES

1	(CH) Snokyse's Ain'T That The Way	MW	A.Green	37
2	(CH) Shekinah Corazon How Sweet It Is	SO	J Van Zandt	35
3	(CH) Catera's Chikara Keep Believing	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger/ J Dewing/ R Dysart	34
4	(CH) Edgemere Kohoutec Koto	ME	M Giannone/ J Giannone/ C Collins/ D Collins	26
	(Ch) Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream	RM	P.Jenkins	26
	(CH) Silverice Peaceriver Kinky Boots	WC	A.Syar/M.Stone	26
	(CH) Staghorn's Eye Candy	IL/WI	C.Villano/ L.Villano/ D.Burril	26
8	Tugar's America's Top Model	NY/NJ	K.Hausner/ S.Das	23
9	Lone Pine Kotzebue Neeka	NE	C. Willams	22
10	Snocreek's Oh the Drama !	NY/NJ	B.Martin/ J.Martin	19

TOP 10 BRED-BY EXHIBITOR DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	(CH) Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger/ M Renzelman	35
	(CH) Pale Moon's Arctic Chaos	GL	K McCallum/ J McCallum/ P Scheid	35
3	(CH) Battlefield Legacy Of Excellence	ME	G Schimming/ D Schimming/ S Pistolesi/ J Pistolesi	20
4	Storm Sky It's Game Time	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J El Dissi	16
5	(CH) Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	NE	J Palinkas/ V Palinkas	15
6	Strong Waters Double Or Nothing	SO	A Ross/ E Flores	14
7	Onans Windrifts Don'T Stop Believing	SO	P Hazelwood/ L Wells	12
	Sno Quest's Struck Gold	IL/WI	A Sautbine/ M Sautbine	12
9	(CH) Moonlight's Last Man Standing	SO	M Wells/ B Wells/ D Wells	11
10	(CH) Wolfmountain's Stormin' Norman	RM	P Jenkins/ E Jenkins	10

BITCHES

1	(CH) Edgemere Kohoutec Koto	ME	M Giannone/ J Giannone/ C Collins/ D Collins	38
2	Adair'N' Hug Happy Days	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	34
3	(CH) Catera's Chikara Keep Believing	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger/ J Dewing/ R Dysart	30
4	Snocreek's Oh The Drama !	NY/NJ	B Martin/ J Martin	26
5	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	AL	G Masotina/ R Haggard	24
6	Wild Winds U Wish U Were Me	MW	J Glastetter/ B Glastetter	23
7	(CH) Storm Sky's Got A Minute	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J Gonzalez/ J Dissi	21
8	Snobuc's Never Say Never Again	NY/NJ	M Dinwoodie/ R Dinwoodie/ E French/S Capp	18
9	Winward's Bet On Black	MW	D Edwards/ T Ferguson/ L Allen	16
10	Anua's Hot Piper	IL/WI	K Fischer/ C Rowe	13
	Staghorn & Snokist Enchantress	IL/WI	C Villano/ D Roberts-Burrill	13

TOP 10 PUPPY DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	(CH) Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	PNW	J Weston/ S Weston	37
	Storm Sky It's Game Time	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J El Dissi	37
3	Silverice Peacriver Ice Breaker	WC	A Syar/ M Stone	36
4	Tugar's Let's Go Let's Ride	NY/NJ	P Carey/ K Hausner/ S Das	33
5	Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits	GL	B McMahon Howen/ D Roberts- Burrill	29
6	(CH) Northern Lites Mr. Reagan	GL	H Donovan	22
	Ggm's Great Lakes Gus	GL	K Schmidt	22
	Onak's Tsawake The Odds Are In Your Favor	WC	W Corr/ J Radford/ M White	22
	Shekinah Head & Tail Above The Rest	SO	J Van Zandt	22
10	Sno Quest's Gold'N Spoon	IL/WI	A Sautbine/ M Sautbine	14

BITCHES

1	Tugar's America's Top Model	NY/NJ	K Hausner/ S Das	48
2	(CH) Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream	RM	P Jenkins	47
3	(CH) Snokyse's Ain'T That The Way	MW	A Green	39
4	(CH) Shekinah Corazon How Sweet It Is	SO	J Van Zandt	37
5	(CH) Silverice Peacriver Kinky Boots	WC	A Syar/ M Stone	29
6	Onak's The Girl On Fire	WC	W Corr/ J Radford/ M White	27
7	Strong Waters Dark Fairy	SO	J Van Zandt	20
8	Shekinah Queen From The South	SO	J Van Zandt	18
9	Corazon N Wildwinds Lets Do This	SO	G Box/J Wild	15
	Fall Moon's Magnificent Mamie Of Dreamekatcher	IL/WI	P Warrichaiet/ L Sanders	15

TOP JUNIORS

1	Jayden A Durst	1 BJH	61
2	Jaiden M Christensen	---BJH	14
3	Justin Scoffield	---BJH	8

4	Emily Flores	---BJH	7
5	Megan Christensen	---BJH	5
6	Anna Missana	---BJH	1

GREAT LAKES

D	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	H Donovan	94	B	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance	J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel	77
CD	(CH) Northern Lites Mr. Reagan	H Donovan	28	CB	(CH) Pale Moon N Snopeak Arctic Snoangel	K.McCallum/J.McCallum /B.White/A.White	11
					Northern Lites Miss Riley	H.Donovan	11
BBD	(CH) Pale Moon's Arctic Chaos	K McCallum/ J McCallum/P Scheid	35	BB B	Malaczar Fallmoon Call Me Gwen-Nevar	J Lind/L Sanders/ E Price	10
PD	Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits	B McMahon Howen/ D Roberts-Burrill	29	PB	Northern Lites Fame&Fortune	H Donovan	14

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

D	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	D Roberts-Burrill	215	B	CH Staghorn's Eye Candy	C Villano/L Villano/ D Burrill	26
CD	(CH) Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back	A Kanzelberger/ M Renzelman	35	CB	(CH) Catera's Chikara Keep Believing	A Kanzelberger/ J Dewing/R Dysart	34
BBD	(CH) Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back	A Kanzelberger/ M Renzelman	35	BBB	(CH) Catera's Chikara Keep Believing	A Kanzelberger/ J Dewing/R Dysart	30
PD	Storm Sky It's Game Time	S Czarapata/J El Dissi	37	PB	Fall Moon's Magnificent Mamie Of Dreamcatcher	P Warrichaiet/L Sanders	15

MID-EAST

D	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart	M Park/J Park/S Park	82	B	GCH Pale Moon's Lady's A Charm	M Park/J Park/S Park	9
CD	(CH) Battlefield Legacy Of Excellence	S.Pistolesi/J.Pistolesi/ G.Schimming/ D.Schimming	12	CB	(CH) Edgemere Kohoutec Koto	M Giannone/ J Giannone/C Collins/ D Collins	26
BBD	(CH) Battlefield Legacy Of Excellence	G Schimming/ D Schimming/ S Pistolesi/J Pistolesi	20	BBB	(CH) Edgemere Kohoutec Koto	M Giannone/ J Giannone/C Collins/ D Collins	38
PD	Banshee's Above All Else	C Way	1	PB	Bar-Vic's Season Of The Witch L Morehead/V Darnobid	L Morehead/V Darnobid	1

MIDWEST

D	GCH Silver Shadow's Polar Express	C Frank/L Frank	14	B	CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty	J Delay/K Copley-Holland	28
CD	(CH) Wild Wind's Roar Of The North	D.Mewes	7	CB	(CH) Snokyse's Ain'T That The Way	A.Green	37
BBD	None	None		BBB	Wild Winds U Wish U Were Me	J Glastetter/B Glastetter	23
PD	Nupak Dining At Alice's Restaurant	T Anclam	2	PB	(CH) Snokyse's Ain'T That The Way	A Green	39

NEW ENGLAND

D	(CH) Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	5	B	(CH) Edgemere's Appassionata	K Corkum/D Collins/ C Collins	25
CD	(CH) Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	15	CB	Lone Pine Kotzebue Neeka	C. Williams	22
BBD	(CH) Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	15	BBB	(CH) Edgemere's Appassionata	K Corkum/D Collins/ C Collins	3
PD	Longtrail Illusion's Sargent	S Gallagher/ D Gallagher/P Fusco	3	PB	Windrift's Moon Shadow	L Wells/G Robertson/ P Hazelwood	13

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

D	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	K Hausner/S Das	320	B	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild	G Kuehnel-Hisatake	44
CD	Tugar's Let's Go Let's Ride	P.Carey/K.Hausner/S.Das	37	CB	Tugar's America's Top Model	K.Hausner/S.Das	23
BBD	Masasyu's Mighty Hammer	L Hicks	3	BBB	Snocreek's Oh The Drama !	B Martin/J Martin	26
	Snobuc's Shaken, Not Stirred	M Dinwoodie/ R Dinwoodie/S Capp/ J French	3				
PD	Tugar's Let's Go Let's Ride	P Carey/K Hausner/ S Das	33	PB	Tugar's America's Top Model	K Hausner/S Das	48

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

D	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra	T Robinson/A Syar/ M Coburn/K Robinson	140	B	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class	J Dewing/R Dysart	244
CD	(CH) Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	J Weston/S Weston	37	CB	Peace River's She's Got This	M Coburn	12
BBD	None	None		BBB	Snowybleus Xclusive Details	G Hagan	3
PD	(CH) Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	J Weston/S Weston	37	PB	Peace River's She's Got This	M Coburn	10

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

D	GCH Adair'N'Hug Casual Class	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug	64
CD	(CH) Adair'N'Hug Favor's Mark	J.Prevel/R.Hug/J.Hug	17
BBD	(CH) Wolfmountain's Stormin' Norman	P Jenkins/E Jenkins	10
PD	Quinault's Going The Distance	T Baker	6

B	Adair'N'Hug Always On Your Mind	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug	51
CB	(Ch) Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream	P.Jenkins	26
BBB	Adair'N' Hug Happy Days	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug	34
PB	(CH) Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream	P Jenkins	47

SOUTHERN

D	GCH Wild Winds I Roc	G Box-Young	50
CD	(CH) Monikonna Real Steel	A. Mayberry-Welch	44
BBD	Strong Waters Double Or Nothing	A Ross/E Flores	14
PD	Shekinah Head & Tail Above The Rest	J Van Zandt	22

B	GCH Shekinah Strong Waters	A Ross	35
CB	(CH) Shekinah Corazon How Sweet It Is	J Van Zandt	35
BBB	Shekinah Queen From The South	J Van Zandt	9
PB	(CH) Shekinah Corazon How Sweet It Is	J Van Zandt	37

WEST COAST

D	GCH Silverice's Jager Bomb	A Syar/M Stone	193
CD	Double T's Northwestern's Gold	T Dunn/J Radford/W Corr	20
BBD	None	None	
PD	Silverice Peacereiver Ice Breaker	A Syar/M Stone	36

B	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One	D Mccomb/D Ragsdale	103
CB	(CH) Silverice Peacereiver Kinky Boots	A.Syar/M.Stone	26
BBB	None	None	
PB	(CH) Silverice Peacereiver Kinky Boots	A Syar/M Stone	29

AT LARGE

D	Chayo All Eyes On Me	S.Ellis	1
CD	Chayo All Eyes On Me	S.Ellis	1
BBD	None		
PD	None		

B	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	G.Masotina/R.Haggard	5
CB	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	G.Masotina/R.Haggard	5
BBB	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	G Masotina/R Haggard	24
PB	None	None	

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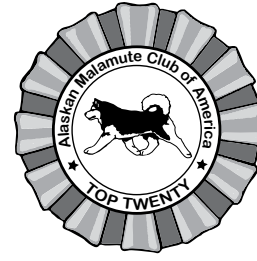
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TOP TWENTY

Standings through August 31, 2015



Hey everyone!

Below you'll see the Top 20 Standings through August 31, 2015. We are one-third of the way through the current qualifying period. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to the winners!

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Top 20 Statistician
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Rank	The Top 20	Points	Area	Owner
1	GCH Silverice's Jager Bomb (D)	182	WC	A Syar/M Stone
2	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	165	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
3	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	159	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
4	GCH Ixa's Dontcha Wish Your Girl Friend Was Hot Like Me (B)	139	SO	A Mayberry-Welch
5	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D)	123	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K Robinson
6	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	111	IL/WI	J El Dissi
7	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	103	GL	H Donovan
8	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	97	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
9	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal (D)	90	SO	G Box-Young
10	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One (B)	86	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
11	GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (D)	84	RM	P Jenkins/E Jenkins
12	CH Wild Wind's Ya Adier Mind (B)	62	MW	J Wild/L Missana
13	CH Tru North's Buckaroo Banzai (D)	61	RM	L Cathey
14	GCH Adair'N'Hug Always On Your Mind (B)	51	RM	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug
15	GCH Ice Fall's Guns A Blazin (D)	48	MW	D Mewes
15	CH Quinault's Thunder Road (D)	48	RM	T Baker
17	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	45	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
18	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous (B)	41	RM	B Erickson/C Erickson
19	CH Sno Klassic Hot Lips (B)	38	GL	T Newport/P Peel/M Peel
20	GCH Majestic's Greyrock Wonderfully Wicked (B)	36	WC	D Hunyada/C Hibner

The Contenders

21	GCH Silver Shadow's Polar Express (D)	34	MW	C Frank/L Frank
22	GCH Silverice's Sensational Celebutante (B)	34	WC	A Syar/M Stone/P Harrison
23	Strong Waters Double Or Nothing (D)	32	SO	A Ross/E Flores
24	GCH Adair'N'Hug Sealed With A Kiss (B)	31		C Reck/T Reck/J Hug/R Hug
25	CH Spectre's Just Keep Talkin' (B)	30	MW	J Cole

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Starting Carting

by Mary Swinyer

There's been some interest in articles on different methods for training dogs to work in harness. My first thought was "I'm not qualified to write such an article or give advice on the subject." After all, I've only owned four Malamutes and my current three only have their WTD titles from AMCA. After some further thought, I decided we never know from what source we'll pick up some useful tidbits, so I figured sharing information is fun, partly because we get to relive a past experience. Also, I've written so much on other training subject matter that this will be a nice change for me.

Arwah was my first carting dog, and because of the fact that he was trained alone, he is actually my most reliable on commands. I was able to hook him up with a team of Sibes when he was about eight months old. That was an interesting experience. Every time the team would start moving, Arwah would mouth the bitch hooked next to him. When she corrected him, he rolled over, bringing the whole team to a halt. Finally I put a leash on him to prevent this behavior and I ran along with the team. I remember hoping there was a nurse on site in case I had a heart attack.



At 16 months we attended a mushing clinic where we got to try out different rigs, as well as do some ground work (on-by training using a double ended leash clipped to collar and harness). We were also introduced to a belly band, which I have never used since. Of course there was also tire-pulling and other activities to get the dog accustomed to pulling weight. On my own, I worked on "line-out" training by tying Arwah to a patio post in my back yard. I was able to practice



other commands while biking. Even though I used a bike leash that attached him to the rear axel, I said my gee, haw, whoa commands as I turned, stopped, etc. I also used his directionals in agility, so he got very proofed on them.

Once I actually started hooking up Arwah to my Grizzly Sled Montana (with detachable wheel assembly), I had the luxury of having a helper. I stood on the rig behind Arwah from the start, while my helper, Wayne, was up next to him on a bicycle. We started with Arwah on leash and I was always sure to be the one giving the commands (from behind). I gave them prior to Wayne influencing him with the leash. When I would say "hike:", Wayne would give a small pop forward with the leash (which was attached to collar not harness). We required him to trot (minimum), so if he slowed to a walk, I'd tell him to "pick it up" followed by Wayne's leash reminder. We practiced starting, stopping, turning and passing distractions (on-by). As soon as Arwah was moving confidently, we removed the leash, but kept Wayne up by him.

Gradually, Wayne would drift back and ride near the middle of the gangline. If help was needed to pick up the pace or on-by, I would hop off the cart, run up and 'help' Arwah. I think a scooter or bike-joring would be much harder because you don't have this option.

Before we knew it, Wayne was back by the cart or behind me on the bike. I think it's important not to spend too much time having the bike up with or ahead of the dog. Much the same way in lure-reward training, you want to move from lure to reward as quickly as possible, so that the dog does not become dependent on the lure.

We also practiced 'on-by'-ing Wayne on the bike, which I personally found very impressive.



My next two carting dogs were easier to start from the standpoint of just being able to hook them up alongside an experienced, confident, reliable dog. But Arwah is still my "best" trained and I think taking the time for the individual or one-on-one training would be beneficial for any/all dogs. Happy driving!



MEET THE PERFORMANCE MALAMUTES

“INDIANA” – The first malamute to ever earn AKC’s Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) title
GCH MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF TD VCD TT WWPDP WPDA WTD AAAM
Owned by Tammy Doukas

Indiana: AKC’s 1st Alaskan Malamute “Versatile Companion Dog”

When many people think of a “versatile companion dog”, perhaps a retriever, shepherd, or sheltie pops into mind. But an Alaskan Malamute? The AKC title “Versatile Companion Dog” (VCD) has been around for 15 years, and also retroactively awarded to dogs back to 1994. But for more than 20 years, no malamute earned that award.

What is a “Versatile Companion Dog”?

From the AKC website:

“The Versatile Companion Dog titles are titles that are designed to acknowledge and reward owners of all breeds that compete in Obedience, Agility, and Tracking events. The VCD titles are a way to showcase their tremendous talent in so many areas. These dog/handler teams are truly versatile in competition.”

What is required for a VCD?

The basic VCD requires the obedience title “Companion Dog” (CD), standard agility title (NA), agility jumpers title (NAJ), and tracking title (TD).

There are additional VCD levels, each one significantly more challenging:

VCD2 requires CDX, OA, OAJ, TD.

VCD3 requires UD, AX, AXJ, TD.

VCD4 requires UDX, MX, MXJ, VST.

VCCH is the Versatile Companion Dog championship, and requires championships in obedience (OTCH), agility (MACH), and tracking (CT).

When was the VCD award implemented?

The first AKC licensed trials in obedience, agility, and tracking were held in 1936, 1994, and 1947, respectively. (Prior to 1947, the tracking title was part of the obedience title “Utility Dog”.) Although the VCD wasn’t initiated until 2001, the events that retroactively qualify a dog for the VCD have been in place since 1994.

Why should I care about the VCD? I have a working dog that pulls things!

A good working malamute is intelligent, focused, independent, obedient, eager to work, willing to please, good-tempered, and athletic. These are qualities that are tested in the VCD.

Obedience testing requires that a dog can follow orders and show no aggression to humans or other dogs.

Tracking testing requires that a dog work independently at least 20 feet in front of the handler, and focus on the task in an uncontrolled outdoor open space. Unplanned distractions often include live rabbits, mice, birds, snakes, horses, dead animal carcasses, and delicious wildlife poop.

Agility testing requires that a dog is athletic, willing to please, eager to work, and must make intelligent choices weighing obedience vs independence in split second decisions. In fact, many lead mushing dogs are agility trained, and many mushing boot camps integrate agility into their training.

The 1st Alaskan Malamute “Versatile Companion Dog”

Malamute “Indiana” started puppy classes in 2007. One of his instructors pointed to him during class, and said, “THAT is a good puppy.” Instructor after instructor said the same thing. One even said, “That puppy has an old soul.” His owner wasn’t sure what that meant until years later.

On his 2 year birthday in Sept 2008, “Indiana” qualified at his very first agility trial in both the Standard and Jumpers events. He then completed his standard (NA) and jumpers (NAJ) agility titles in October 2008. Three years later, he earned his obedience title (CD) in October 2011, with all 3 qualifying legs 1st place ribbons.

In addition to agility and obedience, Indiana stayed busy working toward titles in conformation, rally, weight pull, carting, backpacking, and temperament. Eventually, Indiana earned his agility championship, becoming the first malamute to have both a GCH and MACH before his name.

During this time, Indiana had to take extended breaks from competitions when life got in the way. One of the longest breaks was when baby Kodiak was born. And that’s when his owner understood “old soul”. Often baby Kody would cry, and cry, and cry, at all times of day and night, and sometimes so would his mom. During some of the most tense, frustrating, exhausting times, when both Kody and mom would cry, Indiana would let out a soft, soulful howl, then jump onto the bed and cuddle and nuzzle them both, until they both stopped crying and the baby fell to sleep. Then Indiana would quietly slip back off the bed onto his cool mat next to the baby’s crib, his favorite sleeping place.

In October 2015, at the age of 9 years, Indiana earned his tracking dog (TD) title, making him the first Alaskan Malamute to earn the VCD award! He is now known as:

GCH MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider CD RN CGC MXC MJB XF TD VCD TT WWPDP WPDA WTD AAAM

Also in 2015, Indiana was invited to join the local county search and rescue (SAR) team. He does outstanding during training, as he is motivated to do his job and find his subject. He also gets along well with all the other SAR dogs, and all of the humans as well. So he was given the approval to test for missions. Hopefully, that will become another story for the near future.....



Indiana loves to work and loves to please. He received the obedience award “Companion Dog” (CD) with 1st place ribbons for all three legs of the title.

“INDIANA”

The first malamute to ever earn AKC's Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) title

GCH MACH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider CD RN CGC MXC
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Indiana is a 9 year old recipient of the Master Agility Century (MXC) award and Tracking Dog (TD) award, and the 1st malamute recipient of the Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) award. Along with being a successful new Search and Rescue trainee, this “old” dog is still learning new tricks!



Indiana's Master Agility Championship (MACH). Left to right: Judge Kylie Bourke (the first person to put a MACH on a Samoyed), malamute Indiana, Dr Tammy Doukas.



Indiana's Tracking Dog (TD) photo, courtesy of photographer Dean Thomas. Left to right: Judge Jeff Shaver, Dr Tammy Doukas, Indiana, Judge Kathy Marshburn, tracklayer Tracey Griffith. Judge Carol Pernicka is not in this photo, but she certified Indiana prior to the test, which is required for eligibility in the test.



In addition to being intelligent, focused, independent, obedient, eager to work, willing to please, and athletic, a “Versatile Companion Dog” must also be good-tempered and work for any handler. Here, Indiana and his very junior handler Kodiak are resting after a day of Search and Rescue training in the mountains.



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2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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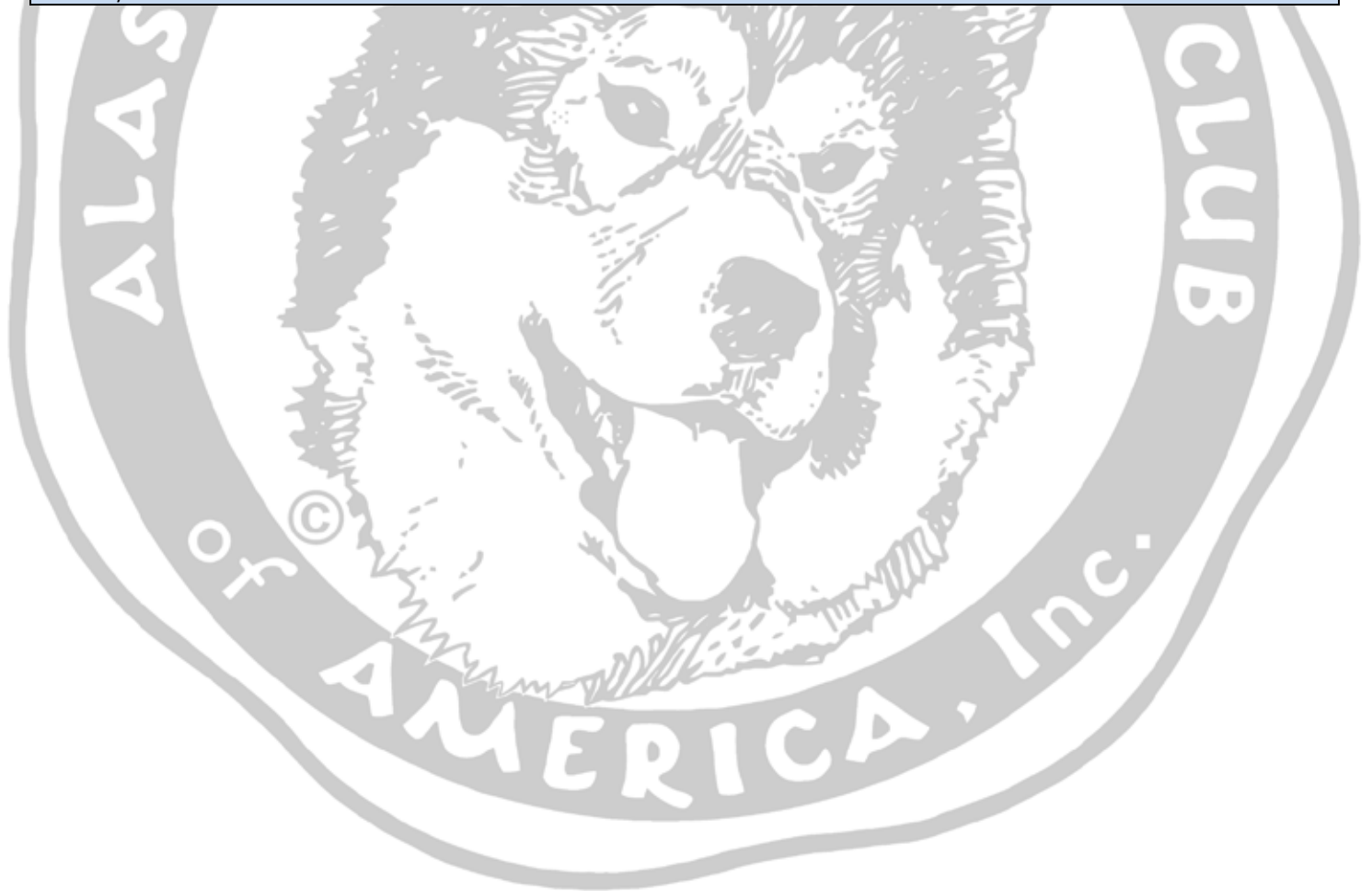
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