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Honoring Layla

9/22/2006 - 3/14/2020

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Owned, adored and forever missed by Amy Novak



"If natural law refused her wings,
that law she would defy,
for she could do unheard-of things,
and so, at times, could I."
-Ogden Nash



- 4th Place winner at the 2015 Westminster Kennel Club Master Agility Championship
- Best Dumbbell Parade, 2017 AMCA Nationals
- Fastest Malamute recorded in Regular heights (Bad Dog Agility Breed Top 10)
- Double High in Trial winner at the 2015 and 2017 AMCA National Agility Trial
- 9th place in the 24" class in Round 3 at the AKC Agility Invitationals
- Distinguished Therapy Dog (THDD) with over 400 documented visits
- First female malamute (second ever) to get their VCD1 (versatile companion dog) title

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OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Pam Fusco
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Spring is here. It's beautiful outside and I am missing the dog shows we normally attend. I'm sure you are too. However, I am very grateful that my family is healthy and hope that you, your family and malamutes are all healthy as well.

AKC has been providing easy ways to acquire Trick Dog titles, access the judges' education and many health seminars. I have taken part in many of these and found them to be quite beneficial.

As you know, the board has been discussing the 2020 National. At the time of this writing, nothing has been decided. I'm sure when you read this a plan is in place and has been emailed out to the members. It has not been an easy discussion with information changing frequently.

Stay safe and healthy!

Recording Secretary

Steve Anderson
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MOTION 14: 2019-2020-- Send the pdf of the newsletter as an email attachment to members paying for the electronic and printed newsletter. The pdf of the newsletter will be posted in the membership section of the AMCA web site 12 months after its publication.
[Fusco]
FOR: All

MOTION 13: 2019-2020-- Put the 5-year Cycle for Judges Selection on the 2020 membership ballot:
[Anderson]
FOR--All

MOTION 12: 2019-2020-- The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to use their discretion and offer reasonable

accommodation to members attempting to renew. [Anderson]
FOR--All

Corresponding Secretary

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**Please submit any changes in your contact information to me, as soon as you are able. This makes sure that you still receive all correspondence from AMCA with minimal disruption. I will be working on the Membership Directory before you receive the next Newsletter, so this is also "last call" to update your contact information before it is published in the 2020-2021 Directory.

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WC Mary F. Stice (4/77) – April 2020

HELP WANTED

**Newsletter: Area Reporters for IL/WI and West Coast.
Contact Holly Levinter, hlev@rogers.com.**

Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.

Profit & Loss Statement

January - April, 2020

	Total				Total		
	Jan - Apr, 2020	Jan - Apr, 2019 (PY)	Change		Jan - Apr, 2020	Jan - Apr, 2019 (PY)	Change
Revenue				Expenditures			
Advertising	653.00	575.00	78.00	AKC	25.00	458.32	-433.32
Affiliate Clubs	58.00	501.07	-443.07	AKC Delegate	424.24	487.94	-63.70
Committee Income			0.00	AKC Show App Fees	30.00	-30.00	60.00
Futurity/Maturity Income	120.00	487.17	-367.17	Awards	277.51	1,157.59	-880.08
Ways & Means Income	2,500.00		2,500.00	Bank		242.57	-242.57
Working Dog Income	560.66		560.66	merchant account	106.55		106.55
Total Committee Income	\$ 3,180.66	\$ 487.17	\$ 2,693.49	PayPal service fees	771.07	610.55	160.52
Dividends	219.47	240.14	-20.67	QB Payments Fees		18.66	-18.66
Interest	34.61	149.74	-115.13	Total Bank	\$ 877.62	\$ 871.78	\$ 5.84
Memberships				Committee Expenses			
Affiliate Clubs	315.00		315.00	Agility Committee Expenses	519.04	2,600.00	-2,080.96
Junior Members	56.00		56.00	Futurity/Maturity Expenses	5.59		5.59
Membership-Late Fees	120.00	200.00	-80.00	JEC Committee Expenses	48.55	-201.94	250.49
New Members	182.00	180.00	2.00	Public Education			
Regular Members	5,936.00	4,740.00	1,196.00	Meet The Breed	1,027.11	275.98	751.13
Total Memberships	\$ 6,609.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 1,489.00	Total Public Education	\$ 1,027.11	\$ 275.98	\$ 751.13
National Specialty Income				Top 20 Expenses		6.54	-6.54
2019 Natl Specialty		2,050.00	-2,050.00	Total Committee Expenses	\$ 1,600.29	\$ 2,680.58	-\$ 1,080.29
2020 Natl Specialty Income	2,769.23		2,769.23	Dues & subscriptions	780.92	503.39	277.53
Total National Specialty Income	\$ 2,769.23	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 719.23	Fund Management Fees	382.89	367.32	15.57
Newsletter				Insurance	600.00	600.00	0.00
Electronic Only	1,405.00	1,250.00	155.00	Misc Expenses	50.00	263.42	-213.42
Foreign Postage	790.00	737.00	53.00	National Specialty Expenses			
Newsletter 1st Class Postage	620.00	610.00	10.00	2019 Natl Misc Expenses	1,187.65	737.10	450.55
Non-Member Subscription		135.00	-135.00	2020 Natl Specialty Expenses	192.71		192.71
Print & Electronic Copy	7,810.00	7,485.00	325.00	Natl Spec Misc Expenses	176.73		176.73
Total Newsletter	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 10,217.00	\$ 408.00	Total National Specialty Expenses	\$ 1,557.09	\$ 737.10	\$ 819.99
Website-Breeder List	2,015.00	2,035.00	-20.00	Newsletter Expense			
Total Revenue	\$ 26,163.97	\$ 21,375.12	\$ 4,788.85	Ad Coordinator Fee	805.00	780.00	25.00
Gross Profit	\$ 26,163.97	\$ 21,375.12	\$ 4,788.85	Mail Preparation	800.00	800.00	0.00
				Online Design/Compose		5.00	-5.00
				Postage- 1st Class	114.85	109.02	5.83
				Postage- Bulk	297.56		297.56
				Postage- Foreign	179.99	246.40	-66.41
				Printing	2,481.82	2,657.40	-175.58
				Total Newsletter Expense	\$ 4,679.22	\$ 4,597.82	\$ 81.40
				Office Supplies	1,056.48	72.98	983.50
TOTAL CASH	Apr-20	Apr-19 (PY)		Expenses		129.90	-129.90
AMCA Main Accounts	67,674.71	65,052.94		Postage/Shipping	3.04	87.46	-84.42
Reserve Funds	54,242.33	55,762.50		Website	282.85	3,067.00	-2,784.15
Committee Funds	36,859.76	29,469.21		Total Expenditures	\$ 12,627.15	\$ 16,052.60	-\$ 3,425.45
	158,776.80	150,284.65		Net Operating Revenue	\$ 13,536.82	\$ 5,322.52	\$ 8,214.30

AMCA Calendar of Events

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

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	Competition
SO - CANCELLED AMCA Area Concurrent Specialty with Atlanta KC	6/20	GA National Fairgrounds Perry, GA Closes 6/3	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Edie Thomas et963@aol.com	Ms Dawn Hitchcock Bridget Brown	C PS/VS
SO - CANCELLED AMCA Area Independent Specialty Event with Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta	6/21	GA National Fairgrounds Perry, GA Closes 6/3	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Edie Thomas et963@aol.com	Wendy Corr Jennifer Corr	C PS/VS
SO CANCELLED Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Houston Specialty Event	7/15	NRG Arena 1 Reliant Center Dr Houston, TX Closes 7/1	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Marilyn Richards, Show Chair marilynrice@yahoo.com	Paul Willhauck Kelly McCabe Smith	C PS/VS
IL/WIS - CANCELLED AMCW Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	7/24	Waukesha Cty Expo Ctr Waukesha, WI Closes 7/8	BaRay Event Services PO Box 508 Burlington, WA 98233 Linda Goba, Show Chair 414-803-3343 linda.goba@gmail.com	Vicki Seiler-Cushman Dr Mary Kraus Jane Haefner Deb Fischer	C/JR PS/VS C/JR PS/VS
ME AMC Eastern Pa in-conjunction with Lebanon KC	8/07	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 7/22	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Phyllis Hamilton, show chair Benchmark1946@gmail.com	Sulie Greendale-Paveza Lori Conley	C PS/VS
ME Mid-East Area Specialty in-conjunction with Harrisburg KC	8/08	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 7/22	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Richard Deutsch, show chair kloudburst@aol.com	Cheryl Paterson Joyce Osborn	C PS/VS
ME AMC Eastern Pa in-conjunction with Harrisburg, KC	8/09	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 7/22	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Richard Deutsch, show chair kloudburst@aol.com	Dana Cline Tricia Till	C PS/VS
RM CCAMC Affiliate Specialty (concurrent specialty)	8/15	Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO Closes 7/31	Onofrio Dog Shows www.onofrio.com mail@onofrio.com Jerry White, Show Chair Pwhite4383@aol.com	Barbara Salvadore Holly Scott	C PS/VS
RM CCAMC Affiliate Specialty (concurrent specialty)	8/16	Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO Closes 7/31	Onofrio Dog Shows www.onofrio.com mail@onofrio.com Jerry White, Show Chair Pwhite4383@aol.com	Sheri L Wright Doug Jones	C PS/VS
GL - CANCELLED GLAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	9/4	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI Closes 8/19	Onofrio Dog Shows www.onofrio.com mail@onofrio.com Patty Peel, Show Chair ssnoklassic@aol.com 810-348-2989	Rita J Biddle Esq. Lisa Toth Mike Conratt Julie Narzisi	C/JR PS/VS C/JR PS/VS
RM AMCA RM Area Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	9/16	Cache County Fairgrounds Logan, UT Closes 8/28	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Brock Powell, Show Chair 801-201-2038 Brock75p@yahoo.com	Gregory C Szynskie Lori Nelson Gayle Denman Todd Thornton	C PS/VS C/JR PS/VS

SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	Competition
ME AMC Eastern Pa Supported Entry with Lebanon County Kennel Club	8/06	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 7/22	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Barb Lichota blichota@hotmail.com	Carolyn Herbel	C

Committee Reports & Special Reports

Futurity Committee Beatrice Bursten

I hope this finds you and your malamute crew doing well and adjusting to whatever the situation you might be in. This too shall pass!

I want to thank the breeders that have continued to support Futurity with your nominations. Please continue to nominate ahead of the currently scheduled 2020 National to be held in Albany, Oregon. Just a reminder, to be eligible for Futurity and/or Maturity:

- The bitch, litter and individual puppy nominations must be received within prescribed time deadlines as outlined on the nomination forms.

Something new that will be implemented very soon is the "Committee closing" date for accepting Futurity nominations. To avoid last minute rushes and confusion, the Futurity Committee will now publish on the Nomination forms that "All nomination submissions must be received and fees paid no later than 10 days before the official closing date deadline for the actual National entries to the show superintendent". NOTE! This date **will not be the closing date for the actual National entries**. The rationale for moving the nomination deadline ahead is to allow for final confirmation of all details required to be turned into the show superintendent with enough time should any questions arise.

Please watch for updated nomination forms on the AMCA Futurity webpage and announcements in the Newsletter and Bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either: beatrice.bursten@gmail.com or (317) 407-2255.

Membership Committee Michelle Podolak.

The membership committee has been a bit quiet, but luckily our members keep growing. It's really kind of awesome because all members are part of the membership committee. Every time you encourage a malamute owner to

join our club, every time you sponsor a new member, you help to build our membership and keep our Alaskan Malamute Club alive.

We welcome new members: Kirsty, Dave, Elizabeth, Carla, Jordana, and Frank! We hope to hear from you all and get to know you better.

I have also received a death notice from Scott Eriskson about his mother-in-law, Mary Stice. He writes: "Mary Frances Stice of Vi'Taurus Kennels, passed away last Friday, April 17, 2020, at the age of 98. I know that she has been a long-time member of the AMCA and receives your newsletter and other publications." We'd like to extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

With all best wishes that you are all happy and healthy.

Performance Awards – Statistics Committee Laura Heft

While I know things this spring have not at all been as expected, I hope you are all doing well and maybe finding some extra time to spend with your dogs. AKC has adjusted their Trick Dog program, so that you may send a video of your dog performing their tricks to an approved evaluator. Once submitted and approved, the evaluator will send you a document that you can send with your title application to AKC to earn your dog's trick title. Trick Dog applications and tricks checklists can be found here: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/resources/trick-dog-applications/> Several AMCA members are approved evaluators, if you do not know of one of them, please contact me and I will refer you.

AKC has also opened up a virtual pilot program for Rally Novice. Five courses are available to choose from. You do not need official Rally signs, you can hand write your own. With three passing video submissions, you can earn a Rally Novice title even while events are all cancelled. More information: <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

In 2019, a total of 314 non-conformation titles were earned by malamutes, including: 51 AKC Scent Work, 50 Rally, 46 Agility, 17 Coursing Ability and Fast CAT, 13 Obedience, eight Farm Dog Certified, four AKC Temperament Tests, plus three Therapy Dog titles. Four titles were earned in Barn Hunt, 64 CGC titles across all three levels of that program and 54 Trick Dog titles across multiple levels.

What is exciting to me about these numbers, is that it means a growing number of people are having fun training their dogs in a wide variety of ways, showing off what we've always known - that malamutes really are intelligent and versatile!

The AMCA awards three traditional awards in Obedience yearly. The Blackhawk and Flaming Flirt memorial awards are for the highest average scores in the Novice level for dogs earning their CD in that calendar year. The Blackhawk goes to the malamute with the highest average score. The Flaming Flirt goes to the highest scoring malamute of the opposite sex to the Blackhawk winner. Looking at higher levels, the Oonanik memorial is awarded to the highest average scoring dog or bitch earning any title higher than the CD. In all cases, at least one owner of each dog must be an AMCA member. For the year 2019, the winners are:

Blackhawk Memorial award: **Maskaraidnluvsno's Darksideo' Mdnite**, average of 188.5. "Mind" is owned by Jane Palinkas & Lisa King & David McClain.

Flaming Flirt Memorial award: **Teton & Wintuk's On The Home Stretch**, average of 188. "Stretch" is owned by Leah Anderson & Sharon Kalous.

Oonanik Memorial award: **Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'**, average of 191.675 across all 20 scores in earning his UDX9. "Bootstrap" is owned by Raissa Hinman.

AMCA also recognizes more achievements. Certificates of Merit are awarded for Advanced level titling

in Agility, Obedience and Rally. The 2019 Merit Award recipients, listed with their advanced titles, are: **Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey** MXP20, MXPC2, MJPG2, MFPG2, PACH5, PAX5, MXP21, MJP19; **Canamarok's Angel's Taizen** RAE4, RM3, RM4, RAE5; **Hallstatt X" Marks The Spot**, RA, RE; **Dreamekatcher's Mystical Treasure** RE; **Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'** UDX9, RAE, RM; **Istari's Magni Of Aesir** XFP, RE; **Nupak's Wild Ice Racer Takes The Lead** RA, RE; **Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist** MXP, MJP; **Kloud Burst's Brown Eyed Girl** OJP; **Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones** CDX MXB MJB; **Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night** MXP2; **Sno Klassic Dancin On The Pedals** MXJ, MX; **Powderhound's Silver Lining** RM3; **Lakopac's Koda Bear Of The Yukon** RA; **Snocreek American Spirit Of Ken-Dar** RE; **Vykon's Ixa Heart Of The Matter** RA; **Arctic Hope's Brave The Snow Storm** RAE; **Powderhound's The Leading Lady** RA; **Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One** MJB; **Vykon's Every Mile A Memory** RA.

I'm excited to announce that, with the growth of the sport, we are now including AKC Scent Work for Advanced titling Merit Awards. The first recipients

of these will be: **Lakopac's Shiloh Of The Yukon** SBA, SIA, SEA, SWA; **Sno Shire's Winsome Wind** SCA, SIA; **Lakopac's Kinguyakkii** SCA; **Adair'N'Hug Fly Me To The Moon** SCA, SBA; **Fallmoon Malaczar's Kingdom North Of Nevar-Land** SEM, SBM, SIM, SWM; **Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged** SCA

Congratulations to all!

Elsewhere in this newsletter are the 2019 final Top Ten standings in Agility, Obedience and Rally. Please contact me with any questions or if you think you see an error, so I can review any corrections ASAP.

Stay well.

Working Committee

Chari Erickson
Michelle Podolak

Happy spring! There's still snow at the high elevations but for most places in the northern hemisphere, winter is now behind us. It's been an unusual couple of months, but hopefully in most places everyone is able to get outside with their malamutes. This is a great time of year to get back out on the hiking trails and with the absence of many shows and trials, maybe an opportunity to keep

your dogs busy working on a new title.

With summer coming quickly, now is a good time to plan some camping adventures. Following up on Gear 101: Clothing, Lara Macdonald covers camping gear this issue. Many thanks to Lara for taking the time to share her expertise and giving us all a little tour around her stomping grounds in Alaska.

That's all for now. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer with many happy adventures.

Working Titles Awarded since January 1, 2020.

WTD #1505 > #1515 = 11

WPD #893 > #895 = 3

WLD #177 > #178 = 2

WWPD #859 > #866 = 8

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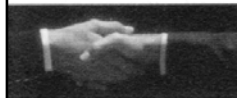
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2019 Companion Event/Performance Rankings: Final Standings				
	AGILITY			
Novice Standard (Regular and Preferred)				
1	Winterstarz Stella Mira (p)	9	P Herzfeld & M Herzfeld	IL/WI
2	Powderhound N Arctichunder's Light 'Em Up (p)	6	J Effler-Leveille & L Leutner-Boese	IL/WI
Open Standard (Regular and Preferred)				
1	Sno Quest's You'Re My Only Hope (p)	8	M Timko	GL
2	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit (p)	5	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
Excellent "A" Standard (Regular & Preferred)				
1	Istari's Winterchilled Snow-Spren (p)	6	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
2	Powderhound's Over And Over Again (p)	4	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
Masters "B" Standard (Regular only)				
1	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones	99	L McDonald & M Mead	PNW
2	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	69	L McDonald & M Mead	PNW
3	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	38	R Hinman	GL
4	Sno Klassic Dancin On The Pedals	31	G Pickett	GL
5	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	29	A Novak	NY/NJ
6	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	25	R Hinman	GL
	Masters "B" Standard (Preferred only)			
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	108	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
2	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist	53	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
3	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	45	R Hinman	GL
4	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	32	L Heft	NY/NJ
Novice Jumpers With Weaves (Regular & Preferred)				
1	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit (p)	16	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
1	Sno Quest's You'Re My Only Hope (p)	16	M Timko	GL
1	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	16	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
4	Icicle Creek's Revolution (p)	15	K Fraser & D Fraser	PNW
5	Winterstarz Stella Mira (p)	9	P Herzfeld & M Herzfeld	IL/WI
6	Icicle Creek's Lookin' For A Boy (p)	8	K Fraser & D Fraser	PNW
7	Snowhollow Hawks Rest On Tosi Peak (p)	6	E McKee	RM
Open Jumpers With Weaves (Regular & Preferred)				
1	Sno Quest's You'Re My Only Hope	15	M Timko	GL
2	Istari's Imriel: Illustrated By Hobbit	5	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
3	Kloud Burst's Brown Eyed Girl (p)	4	S Todd	NE
4	Icicle Creek's Lookin' For A Boy	3	K Fraser & D Fraser	PNW
5	Snodanc Snoangel At Stormrunner	1	C Rogowski & L Rogowski	RM

Masters "B" Jumpers With Weaves (Regular only)				
1	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones	79	L McDonald & M Mead	PNW
2	Mountain Home's I'M A Real Wild One	37	L McDonald & M Mead	PNW
3	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	35	R Hinman	GL
4	Sno Klassic Dancin On The Pedals	28	G Pickett	GL
5	Arcticdawn's Wild Night	20	A Novak	NY/NJ
6	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	12	R Hinman	GL
Masters "B" Jumpers With Weaves (Preferred only)				
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	82	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
2	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	42	R Hinman	GL
3	Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	21	L Heft	NY/NJ
4	Istari's Th' Ta'Veeren Tanist	20	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
5	Powderhound's Over And Over Again	4	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
6	Istari's Magni Of Aesir	1	M Anderson & S Anderson	NY/NJ
	OBEDIENCE			
Beginner Novice				
1	Maskaraidnluvsno's Atertak	22	S Palinkas & J Palinkas	NE
2	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	10	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
2	Wintuk & Gryphon's Positive Traction	10	S Kalous & L Kalous	IL/WI
4	Winterstarz Stella Mira	8	P Herzfeld & M Herzfeld	IL/WI
5	Teton & Wintuk's Obviously A Pin Up Girl	4	L Anderson & S Kalous	IL/WI
6	Teton & Wintuk's One More Ride	3	R Robinson & L Anderson	IL/WI
Novice				
1	Maskaraidnluvsno's Darksideo' Mdnite	13	J Palinkas & L King & D McClain	NE
2	Snobuc's Quantum of Solace	11	M Dinwoodie & R Dinwoodie	NY/NJ
3	Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior	8	V Thawley & B Lemon	ME
4	Teton & Wintuk's On The Home Stretch	5	L Anderson & S Kalous	IL/WI
4	Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly	5	S Kalous & L Kalous & L Anderson	IL/WI
4	Powderhound's Winds Of Change	5	A Yarusso	MW
7	Gryphon's Northern Moonflower	3	C Rowe & C Parsons & J Parsons	PNW
8	Snokist I'M No Knock Off At Awanuna	1	B Pfeiffer & R Pfeiffer	IL/WI
Open				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	55	R Hinman	GL
2	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	43	R Hinman	GL
3	Mountain Home's Mad Hatcher Of Wild Ones	18	L McDonald & M Mead	PNW
Utility				
1	Arcticdawn's Midnight Sun	54	R Hinman	GL
2	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	43	R Hinman	GL

RALLY				
Novice				
1	Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey	30	C Reinhard	NY/NJ
2	Wayeh Ski Flyer Of Summerice	18	L & M Nappi	SO
2	Powderhound's The Leading Lady	18	C Simon & J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
4	Istari's Th' Plot Thickens	17	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
5	Onak's Arctic Tundra	16	S Carnall	WC
5	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	16	B Pisch & R Deutsch & R Deutsch	ME
7	Vykon's Ixa Heart Of The Matter	15	V Jones	SO
7	Winterstarz N Northpaws Galactic Warrior	15	V Thawley & B Lemon	ME
9	Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow	13	B Pfeiffer	IL/WI
10	Snocreek's Big Shoes 2 Fill	12	E Rogers	NY/NJ
10	Istari's Winterchilled Snow-Spren	12	H Schultz & J Schultz	IL/WI
10	Powderhound's Winds Of Change	12	A Yarusso	MW
Intermediate				
1	Northern Exposure Rocket Man Of Sno-Cub	57	C Foster & C Foster	MW
2	Snobuc's Quantum of Solace	21	M Dinwoodie & R Dinwoodie	NY/NJ
2	Snobuc's Watching Over Me	21	M Dinwoodie & R Dinwoodie & E French & T Johnston	NY/NJ
4	Vykon's Ixa Heart Of The Matter	18	V Jones	SO
5	Adair N' Hug K'Eyush	17	J Evans	ME
6	Granite's Starfire Of Arctic Mist	15	J Gumtow	NY/NJ
6	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	15	B Pisch & R Deutsch & R Deutsch	ME
6	Vykon's Every Mile A Memory	15	C Jones & V Jones	SO
9	Wayeh Ski Flyer Of Summerice	14	L & M Nappi	SO
10	Adair'N' Hug Suka De Luna Luz	13	J Prevel	RM
Advanced				
1	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	124	R Hinman	GL
2	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	114	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
3	Illusion's One Man Show	46	P Fusco & J Fusco	GL
4	Powderhound's U Can'T Handle The Truth	41	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
5	Arctic Hope's Brave The Snow Storm	32	A Spurrier & T Spurrier	GL
6	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	17	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
6	Vykon's Every Mile A Memory	17	C Jones & V Jones	SO
8	Snocreek American Spirit Of Ken-Dar	16	D Puhatch & B Martin	ME
9	Powderhound's Over And Over Again	15	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
10	Vykon's Ixa Heart Of The Matter	13	V Jones	SO
Excellent				
1	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	123	R Hinman	GL
2	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	116	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
3	Illusion's One Man Show	40	P Fusco & J Fusco	GL
4	Powderhound's U Can'T Handle The Truth	38	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI

5	Arctic Hope's Brave The Snow Storm	26	A Spurrier & T Spurrier	GL
6	Snocreek American Spirit Of Ken-Dar	24	D Puhatch & B Martin	ME
7	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	17	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
8	Powderhound's Over And Over Again	16	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
9	Nupak's Wild Ice Racer Takes The Lead	9	P Jahnke	MW
9	Amaqut On The Pull	9	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
Master				
1	Canamarok's Angel's Taizen	122	L Maffei & N Snyder	PNW
2	Arcticdawn's Boots R' Made For Mushin'	109	R Hinman	GL
3	Powderhound's U Can'T Handle The Truth	37	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
4	Powderhound's Over And Over Again	18	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
5	Powderhound's Silver Lining	14	J Effler-Leveille	IL/WI
6	Kloud Burst's Brown Eyed Girl	2	S Todd	NE

2020 FIRST QUARTER CONFORMATION STATISTICS

If you have any questions or corrections contact Karen Berry (committee chair). **Please make sure you notify the committee chair in writing if you are the primary owner of a dog (first name listed on the AKC registration) but the dog is residing with another co-owner. In that case, the dog will be noted in the area in which the co-owner is residing.** All statistics reflect points and titles earned as of MARCH 31, 2020.

Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck through 2020!

TOP 10 BEST OF BREED / BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX DOGS

Dog	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1 GCH Onak'Stouch Of Gold	WC	J Corr/W Corr/T Dunn	155
2 GCH Orionblu's Got My Mojo Working	PNW	B Reiser	37
2 GCH Sno Ridge's Ty On Another Wild Won	IL/WI	E Kinnas/C Kinnas Hocking	37
4 GCH Adair'N'Hug Fair Winds And Following Seas	RM	C Hess/R Hug	22
5 GCH Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	WC	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	19
6 CH Odin God Of War (Martinez)	SO	A Ross/K Schireman/A Butler/E Flores	17
7 CH Amook's Sinful Spirit	NY/NJ	C Mcfarland	16
8 Adair'N'Hug Ratchet Up	RW	J Hug/R Hug	14
9 GCH Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer	13
10 GCH Shekinah Head & Tail Above The Rest	SO	J Van Zandt	12
10 CH Staghorn's Leonis Articus de Juneau	GL	T Patterson	12

Bitch	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1 GCH Bad Axe Wild Chevy 2	IL/WI	L Missana/J Missana/J Wild	55
2 GCH Aria De Kabluna	AL	J Iglesias Rodriguez/E Kelley	31
3 GCH Onak N Double T's The Way Of The Force	WC	W Corr/J Corr/M White/T Dunn	30
4 GCH Malaczar's Nevar-Ending Enchantment	GL	J Lind/E Price/J Price	28
5 GCH Kumata's Elevate Your Game	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart	27
6 GCH Ixa's Dontcha Wish Your Girl Friend Was Hot Likeme	SO	A Mayberry-Welch	25
7 GCH Onak's The Blonde Enchantress	WC	J Corr/W Corr/T Dunn	22
8 GCH Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	RM	P Harrison/K Hukill/D Roberts	17
9 GCH Katalla Sno Klassic Busy Being Fabulous	GL	E Myers/A Kanzelberger	11
10 Kohoutec Kilauea	RM	K Corkum/C Collins/D Collins	10

TOP 10 CLASS DOGS / BITCHES

	CLASS Dog	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	CH Owyhee's Black Diamond At Small Bear	NE	E Snyder/G Kuehnel-Hisatake/B Turrin	27
2	CH Bearhug' Ixa Reign Of Fire	SO	A Mayberry-Welch/J De Andrade	24
3	Adair'N'Hug Ratchet Up	RM	J Hug/R Hug	21
4	CH Malaczar's Roman Thru Time	GL	J Lind/E Price/J Price	19
5	Wintuk's Quizzical Explorer	IL/WI	S Kalous	13
6	Envizion N Onak's The Golden Child	WC	J Corr/R Caprio	8
7	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	ME	B Pisch/R Deutsch/R Deutsch	7
8	Onans Windrifts Don'T Stop Believing	SO	P Hazelwood/L Wells	5
8	CH Silverice Catanya's Love And Light	RM	K Solberg/A Syar/P Harrison/M Stone	5
8	Kohoutec Kilimanjaro	ME	M Giannone/C Collins/D Collins	5
8	Envizion N' Catera's Enzo	IL/WI	F Creamer/A Kanzelberger	5

	CLASS Bitch	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	CH Malaczar's Say My Name At Tundra	GL	P Kovac/J Lind	26
2	Timbersong 's Dancing In The Dark	GL	T Patterson	18
3	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	MW	T O'Brien/K Burger	14
4	Kohoutec Kilauea	RM	K Corkum/C Collins/D Collins	10
4	Chikara N Catera's Taking The Checkered Flag	MW	S Pomes-Bohay	10
6	Tugar's First Wings Of Spring	NY/NJ	P Carey/K Hausner/S Das Jr	9
6	Uyak Tornado Tess	NY/NJ	P Honigman	9
6	CH Malaczar's Won-Der-Ful Enchantment	GL	J Lind/E Price/J Price	9
9	CH Silverice Spiritrn Supercalifragilisticsexy	WC	A Syar/M Stone	8
10	Amook's Sixth Sign Of Zodiac	NY/NJ	A Paonessa/C Mcfarland	6

TOP 10 BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS / BITCHES

	BBE Dog	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	CH Malaczar's Roman Thru Time	GL	J Lind/E Price/J Price	19
2	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	ME	B Pisch/R Deutsch/R Deutsch	7
3	Adair'N'Hug Rythm And Blues	RM	R Hug/J Hug	4
4	Catera's Envizion Verified Authentic	GL	E Myers/A Kanzelberger	3
4	Kohoutec Kilimanjaro	ME	M Giannone/C Collins/D Collins	3
6	Echelon's Better Call	GL	K Succop/L Hoffman	2
6	Timbersong's World On Fire T Patterson	GL	T Patterson	2
8	Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly	IL/WI	S Kalous/L Kalous/L Anderson	1

	BBE Bitch	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	Timbersong 's Dancing In The Dark T Patterson	GL	T Patterson	13
2	Kohoutec Kilauea	RM	K Corkum/C Collins/D Collins	12
3	CH O'Nan Have No Mercy	SO	A Becker/P Hazelwood	9
3	CH Malaczar's Won-Der-Ful Enchantment	GL	J Lind/E Price/J Price	9
5	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	MW	T O'Brien/K Burger	6
5	Kwik-Pak Rhema Word	ME	D Childers/T Bussard	6
7	Awanuna & Thundercloud's Secret Sauce	IL/WI	P McGovern	2
8	Dragonmyst Winter Stormborn	SO	A Casterline/S Rogers/C Zipperer/ J Durst	1
8	Strong Water's Cross My Heart	SO	A Ross/B Taylor/A Taylor	1

TOP 10 PUPPY DOGS / BITCHES

	Puppy Dog	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	Adair'N'Hug Ratchet Up	RM	J Hug/R Hug	21
2	Envizion N Onak's The Golden Child	WC	J Corr/R Caprio	8
3	Aspenmyst I'm Still Standing De Kabluna	IL/WI	Dr.E Kelley & Dr.J Rodriguez	7
4	Envizion N' Catera's Enzo	IL/WI	F Creamer/A Kanzelberger	5
5	Toolik's Gentleman At Wencinja	PNW	B Reiser/T Robbins	4
6	Catanya's Ice On Fire	IL/WI	P Herzfeld/P Harrison	2
6	Kaviak's Anua Space Cowboy	MW	J Osborn/J Osborn	2
8	Kwik-Pak "Puff Graham"	ME	D Childers/T Bussard	1

	Puppy Bitch	Area	Owner(s)	Q1
1	Uyak Tornado Tess	NY/NJ	P Honigman	17
2	Catanya's Everything's Coming Up Roses	RM	K Solberg/H PJ	11
3	Timbersong 's Dancing In The Dark	GL	T Patterson	5
4	Uyak Rockette Reva	RM	S Holgate/P Honigman	4

TOP 10 JUNIORS

NONE

GREAT LAKES

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	CH Staghorn's Leonis Articus de Juneau	T Patterson	12
CD	CH Malaczar's Roman Thru Time	J Lind/E Price/J Price	19
BBD	CH Malaczar's Roman Thru Time	J Lind/E Price/J Price	19
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	GCH Malaczar's Nevar-Ending Enchantment	J Lind/E Price/J Price	28
CB	CH Malaczar's Say My Name At Tundra	P Kovac/J Lind	26
BBB	Timbersong 's Dancing In The Dark	T Patterson	13
PB	Timbersong 's Dancing In The Dark	T Patterson	5

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	GCH Sno Ridge's Ty On Another Wild Won	E Kinnas/C Kinnas Hocking	37
CD	Wintuk's Quizzical Explorer	S Kalous	13
BBD	Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly	S Kalous/L Kalous/L Anderson	1
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	GCH Bad Axe Wild Chevy 2	L Missana/J Missana/J Wild	55
CB	CH Awanuna's Knocking On Heavens Door	B Pfeiffer	4
BBB	Awanuna & Thundercloud's Secret Sauce	P McGovern	2
PB	NONE	NONE	

MID-EAST

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	B Pisch/R Deutsch/R Deutsch	6
CD	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	B Pisch/R Deutsch/R Deutsch	7
BBD	Kloud Burst's Country Gentleman	B Pisch/R Deutsch/R Deutsch	7
PD	Kwik-Pak "Puff Graham"	D Childers/T Bussard	1
	Bitch		
B	Kwik-Pak Rhema Word	D Childers/T Bussard	3
CB	Kwik-Pak Rhema Word	D Childers/T Bussard	3
BBB	Kwik-Pak Rhema Word	D Childers/T Bussard	6
PB	NONE	NONE	

MIDWEST

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	Kaviak's Anua Space Cowboy	J Osborn/J Osborn	2
CD	Kaviak's Anua Space Cowboy	J Osborn/J Osborn	2
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	Kaviak's Anua Space Cowboy	J Osborn/J Osborn	2
	Bitch		
B	Kaviak's Aanaga Nayubaa	R Bautista/W Bautista	3
CB	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	T O'Brien/K Burger	14
BBB	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	T O'Brien/K Burger	6
PB	NONE	NONE	

NEW ENGLAND

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	CH Owyhee's Black Diamond At Small Bear	E Snyder/G Kuehnel-Hisatake/B Turrin	11
CD	CH Owyhee's Black Diamond At Small Bear	E Snyder/G Kuehnel-Hisatake/B Turrin	27
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	NONE	NONE	
CB	Maskaraidnluvsno's Darksideo' Mdnite	J Palinkas/L King/D McClain	4
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	NONE	NONE	

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	CH Amook's Sinful Spirit	C Mcfarland	16
CD	Owyhee's On Broadway With Wolfholic	G Kuehnel-Hisatake/B Turrin/Y Choi	3
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	Tugar's First Wings Of Spring	P Carey/K Hausner/S Das Jr	7
CB	Tugar's First Wings Of Spring	P Carey/K Hausner/S Das Jr	9
	Uyak Tornado Tess	P Honigman	9
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	Uyak Tornado Tess	P Honigman	17

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	GCH Orionblu's Got My Mojo Working	B Reiser	37
CD	Toolik's Gentleman At Wencinja	B Reiser/T Robbins	4
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	Toolik's Gentleman At Wencinja	B Reiser/T Robbins	4
	Bitch		
B	GCH Kumata's Elevate Your Game	J Dewing/R Dysart	27
CB	NONE	NONE	
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	NONE	NONE	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	GCH Adair'N'Hug Fair Winds And Following Seas	C Hess/R Hug	22
CD	Adair'N'Hug Ratchet Up	J Hug/R Hug	21
BBD	Adair'N'Hug Rythm And Blues	R Hug/J Hug	4
PD	Adair'N'Hug Ratchet Up	J Hug/R Hug	21
	Bitch		
B	GCH Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/K Hukill/D Roberts	17
CB	Kohoutec Kilauea	K Corkum/C Collins/D Collins	10
BBB	Kohoutec Kilauea	K Corkum/C Collins/D Collins	12
PB	Catanya's Everything's Coming Up Roses	K Solberg/H PJ	11

SOUTHERN

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	CH Odin God Of War (Martinez)	A Ross/K Schireman/A Butler/E Flores	17
CD	CH Bearhug' Ixa Reign Of Fire	A Mayberry-Welch/J De Andrade	24
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	GCH Ixa's Dontcha Wish Your Girl Friend Was Hot Likeme	A Mayberry-Welch	25
CB	Dragonmyst Winter Stormborns	Andrea Casterline/J Durst/C Zipperer/ S Roger	1
CB	Lueldar Tomorrows Another Day	A Ross/A Ross/E Flores/A Reeves/ M Reeves	1
CB	Strong Water's Cross My Heart	A Ross/B Taylor/A Taylor	1
CB	Vykon's Hopelessly Devoted	V Jones	1
BBB	CH O'Nan Have No Mercy	A Becker/P Hazelwood	9
PB	NONE	NONE	

WEST COAST

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	GCH Onak'Stouch Of Gold	J Corr/W Corr/T Dunn	155
CD	Envizion N Onak's The Golden Child	J Corr/R Caprio	8
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	Envizion N Onak's The Golden Child	J Corr/R Caprio	8
	Bitch		
B	GCH Onak N Double T's The Way Of The Force	W Corr/J Corr/M White/T Dunn	30
CB	CH Silverice Spiritrun Supercalifragilisticsexy	A Syar/M Stone	8

BBB NONE
PB NONE

NONE
NONE

AT LARGE

	Dog	Owner(s)	Q1
D	NONE	NONE	
CD	NONE	NONE	
BBD	NONE	NONE	
PD	NONE	NONE	
	Bitch		
B	GCH Aria De Kabluna	J Iglesias Rodriguez/E Kelley	31
CB	NONE	NONE	
BBB	NONE	NONE	
PB	NONE	NONE	

Correction to the 2019 Final Stats: CH Blumoon's Bohemian Rhapsody should have been the PNW Top Area PD with 19 points.

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

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No Report

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

NEW REPORTER NEEDED

NEW ENGLAND

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No Report

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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It's pretty quiet in the NY/NJ area. Pam Renock writes that she is thankful that KODA and CHROME both enjoy home indoor and outdoor scent work. It's been a saving grace in these quiet, social distancing times. KODA of course is the master and CHROME the young newbie. She has no idea what she is hunting for but is pretty good at finding birch.

Stay healthy and happy

MIDWEST

Cindy Foster
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I hope everyone is surviving this self isolation. I did not receive any reports

this time around and I do not have much to say myself. We need to find a volunteer to take over for me; I will only be here long enough to sell our house. The good thing is we have time to find someone to pass the torch to as this self isolation is not helpful in selling a house and no telling what the economy will do to our housing market. Really if someone is interested please e-mail me or send me a private message on face book messenger.

Now that we have that settled and I know I will get inundated with volunteers, I will get on with my short report.

This self-isolation really does something to our psyche; however I am now saving a ton of money by not going to dog shows. We do buy a lot more groceries as we use to eat out a lot. We buy groceries online and go to Wal-Mart and wait for the employees to load our trunk so we have no contact.

A couple weeks ago we went to Wal-Mart and came home. Our car is in the garage right next to the kitchen, I came in the house to get our Clorox rags to clean and disinfect our groceries. ROCKY, saw the opening of the door and scooted right past me, he ran to the car and would not budge. I guess he was telling me it is time for him to go on a trip. I know it is very hard on ROCKY he so enjoyed going to dog shows. I do not know if I will ever get back into the

dog shows as I was. There is not much more for me to prove as my ROCKY did all I could ask. I am thinking he is really pretty retired from conformation now. We might show at local shows in the future not sure if we will go far. Both SASSY and ROCKY are enjoying having us home all the time. That is it for me.

Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. I will miss all my friends in the middle of this country. Please everyone be safe and give all your Mallys a big hug from me.

MID-EAST

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No Report

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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This month's news in the Pacific Northwest brings good weather, and hopefully good health to all, and wishes for a safe reopening so that we can all enjoy life, our pups, and all the friends we so dearly miss.

Kathi Fraser shared that GIGI finished her NFP (Novice Fast Preferred) title on March 7th, at the last Agility trial before the shelter-in-place began. Kathi indicated that she and Dan

have been working and playing with the dogs, and when the AKC offered Trick Dog titles by sending video to a certified evaluator, Kathi decided it would be fun to do with REBEL. Kathi indicated that she had Dan video them doing 10 tricks, sent it to the evaluator, and REBEL passed, and earned his newest title, Trick Dog Novice! Please see something to Howl About.

Kathi and Dan are now working on their next project and they continue to practice their agility at our home. Kathi mentioned that they sure miss seeing everyone!

Michele Coburn wrote in to say that she took the opportunity while home alone with her girls to take advantage of the AKC offer to get trick dog titles via video. Michele indicated the most challenging thing was that she was not only the trainer, but she had to be the video photographer at the same time. Michele said that except for Miss Perfect, CHRISSY, the videos took several "takes". Michele said that she is proud to announce one new CGC (at Albany prior to the closures), and three new trick dog Novice Titles. The newest CGC is Multi BISS GCHG Peace River's Bing It On CGC, TKN (DIVA), and her three Trick Dog Novice girls are: Multiple BVISS CH Peace River's All That and a Bag of Chips ROM CGC TKN (CHRISSY), Multi BISS GCHG Peace River's Bling It On CGC, TKN (DIVA), and BISS GCHS Peace River's She's Got This CGC TKN, (DOLLY). Please see something to Howl About. Michele added that she would like to do her other two girls as well, but she recently had surgery on both legs and is re-cooperating with legs propped up right now.

Best wishes to everyone, hope you are all doing well and staying safe, and looking forward to getting to see everyone again in the future!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Pat Jenkins
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Hello AMCA members from the Beautiful Rocky Mountains, We had a long hard winter but now spring has arrived and the mountains, valleys and rivers are gorgeous right now.

We have not had a lot happening for conformation, obedience, agility and other trials. Mostly all of us staying home and enjoying our dogs. They will miss us when we are finished with this time in our lives. We wish everyone health and happiness going forward and hope to see some of you soon. I received the some updates as follows--

I received some very nice information from Nancy Russell from the author of a book: "Anna Grub's latest children's book, "Bear: Ch. Glacier's Storm Kloud," won 2nd place in the Illinois Women's Press Association's Mate E. Palmer writers contest. To think, Bear is still winning even after all of these years."

On a personal note from us:

"On May 1 we held a birthday party at our home with social distancing for our two 13 year olds, OMAR, **Gold GCH Wolfmountains War Hammer**, and RITA, **Silver GCH Wolfmountain's Margarita**. We practiced social distancing and we all had a wonderful time.

I am sad to report a Black Ribbon for SABER, **CH Wolfmountain's U.S. SOCOM**. He left us for a better place on March 29, 2020. We will miss him and his playful personality very much."

From Chari Erickson about how she and her husband have been doing in these strange times:

"We are doing great. I'm an introvert and homebody, so I'm sort of made for this lifestyle. Instead of shows, we have been able to do a lot of sledding on weekends that we normally don't and. We've put an enormous number of miles this year and finished Elena's WTDA. The pups have three legs and, just need one more. This has been the best sledding year we've ever had, so that's been really great. Job-wise it's been okay. I'm not sure how long my clients will continue with remote learning but ... am thinking things will look up in June. So sorry to hear about SABRE. He was my favorite boy of yours. Hugs to the thirteen year olds. Wow! I hope they got a steak :)"

We received an update from Caroline Watson of Whitehawk
"Since there are no shows, the dogs and

I have been spending the weekends training for Dry land mushing and have been taking four dogs to Nancy and Bob's in the mountains of Colorado. The experience has been great for both puppies and adults not to mention the positive effects for me. That's all the news I have!
Take care all and stay safe"

Best Wishes came in from Beth and Doug Walsh and a note about their activities

"We are completely enjoying time home with the dogs! CREEDE, became a daddy to three pups with Linda Cathey's SAPHIRE in early April. We will go and visit with them the next two weekends as "stay at home" are loosened. ABBY just turned 11 at the end of April. She is an adorable, massively fluffy and so comforting to hear her as snores away nearby. INDIA's puppy LULU is doing great with the Bollinger family in Golden and will turn one year old next month. INDIA is the constant snuggle dog to me or Doug — she loves to snuggle in close, and we don't mind. We are limited to walks or bike rides in the community with the governor's request to keep recreation close to home, so no grand adventures.

We had some beautiful leads made created by Jeri El Dissi when she was in town. Since there are no shows, she has time to make them, so check out her Facebook page — you can customize to your heart's content. Hope you all are well."

Announcement

We were able to reschedule our Specialty Shows for September. The date for the specialties is September 16, and then the All Breed (Mount Ogden Kennel Club) shows to follow are September 17 to September 20. For those interested in doing a bunch of shows in a row, there are working dog specialties on September 10 and 11 with all breed shows (Bonneville Basin Kennel Club) on the September 12 and 13 in Farmington, Utah. These shows are just 60 miles from the show site in Logan, Utah

We want to wish John Boughton the best with his recovery from open Heart

Surgery. He is so happy that is behind him. Also we had good news from John that his young red dog is doing great and he is so proud of him. (see the national and area standings reports)

To fellow Alaskan malamute lovers everywhere- keep safe and of course as malamute owners we always keep plenty of distance.

SOUTHERN

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[No Report](#)

WEST COAST

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HELP WANTED: Looking for New West Coast Area Reporter!

We start with two human Black Ribbons...

Michel Walker sent me the following news:

"I'm sad to report that long-time West Coast AMCA member Mary Stice passed away this morning (4.17.20). She was 98. Mary owned the V'Taurus kennel in Madera, CA, and was active with breeding and showing Malamutes well into her 80s."

And Lynda Sattler let me know that her husband Frank passed away unexpectedly on April 5.

There is no way to follow that news. I am still looking for someone to take over the duties of West Coast AMCA Area Reporter.

While others complain of boredom, I've been super busy since the start of the pandemic and am barely able to keep up with routine chores. First it was learning how to transition my business to virtual/online training/behavior consults, then helping my son and daughter in law out with my newborn grandson, Lucca. I didn't even remember about my Area Report until the day before the due date.

AT LARGE - N HEMISPHERE

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Hello from Europe. I hope that everyone is staying safe and well.

Unfortunately, Irish members Elaine and Darren Walker have a Black Ribbon to report this month. "We said a very sad goodbye to MCCAIN on April 24. He had shown only a few weeks earlier at Crufts and we had had a lovely weekend on the beach, enjoying what unbeknown to us, would be his last family trip.

Irish, Estonian, Russian, Latvian, Belarusian Champion Pale Moon's McCain Trailblazer Of Lueldar Jun CH, CW09, ANCH09, WPD, WD-ROM, MCCAIN was a joy to live with every moment of his life, he had the most amazing temperament both with people and dogs alike. He spent his 12 years with our three children and went everywhere with us. He will be forever missed and we are forever grateful to his breeders Barb and Sheila for allowing him to join us here in Ireland.

MCCAIN loved showing and enjoyed a very successful career both in Ireland and across Europe, where he added multiple championship titles, as well as his working pack dog title and Ireland's first and only WD-ROM title to his name.

MCCAIN has left a great hole in our pack, but we are very glad to see him in his son ISAAC who is 10 years old and also his three grandsons, we are grateful that they can all continue his legacy."

News from UK member, Anna Darlow:

"We spent a delightful time from January through to the beginning of March in Sweden, testing our youngest two dogs in a team for their first time on snow. Both worked so hard behind their mother and were rotating in lead for over 90 miles.

ALPINE Sledog Indian Ocean to Iceclimb (a.i) WTD WTDA WPD AWPD'B, loved being in the lead position and exceeded the minimum criteria for her WLD. Her two year old pups, KEBNE, **Iceclimb Ascent** and GLACIER, **Iceclimb On Point** both exceeded their WTD criteria. (*subject to confirmation

from AMCA).

On our return to the UK, we went straight into the show ring to compete at Crufts, where KEBNE won his Post Graduate Dog class and GLACIER was placed third in both her Post Graduate Bitch and Good Citizen Bitch classes. This now qualifies both youngsters for Crufts 2021. We were over the moon with their success this year. We also thoroughly enjoyed representing the breed on the Discover Dogs booth at Crufts the day after competing. It's a very busy section of the show with people all reaching to pet your dogs at the same time, however both siblings loved being the centre of attention for the full day and proved how versatile and adaptable their personalities truly are. They were not at all phased going from snow to show to tiny warm breed booth! Now that it's warmer, we can relax and enjoy spending calmer times at home dreaming of their next mountainous adventure."

The AMC UK Malamute Of The Year 2019 awards were revealed in April:

Top Malamute / Top Dog / Top Veteran / Top Open Show; Robb's **Multi Ch Under Icewolf's Star Inditarod Vw Jw Shcm Ejw10 (Imp)**

Top Bitch; Jarvis's **Snow Legend Be My Lucky Nordicwinds Jw (Imp)**

Top Puppy / Top Import; Page's **Snow Legend Believe In You Cedarcreek Jw (Imp)**

Top Brood Bitch; John's **Cristakell April Showers At Chardicea**

Top Stud Dog; Wolfe's **Ch Hawkeye Polarni Usvit Vw (Imp)**

Top Special Beginner; Perfitt's **Samjoe The Dream Lives On (Ai)**

The main results from Crufts 2020 under UK member and breed specialist judge, Sharon Loades were (168 breed entries) –

Best Of Breed / Best Dog (CC); Biagiotti's **It/Int Ch Black Star Del Biagio**

Best Puppy; Lockhart & Semple's **Cahppes Never Ending Love (Imp Swe)**

Best Bitch (CC); **Campbell & Elliot's Packice Neiden Winterling**

Reserve Dog (RCC); **Nawrocka & Phillips's Multi Ch Monikoon Most Wanted Jw**

Reserve Bitch (RCC); **Wadrup's Just Got To Love Me Polarni Usvit**

Best Veteran; **Wolfe's Ch Hawkeye Polarni Usvit (Imp Cze)**

Our own news this month: We managed to fit in a 10 mile hike with STAX **BJISS Mountain Home Sledog Staxtacular (USA Imp)** before lockdown hit the UK. This was the second leg towards his WPD title. Unfortunately, now that we are not able to go out for any distance, we will have to wait until the cooler weather returns this autumn, before we can continue working towards it. We also took STAX along to Crufts,

where he was placed third, from an entry of 15, in his Limit Dog class.

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

AT LARGE – S HEMISPHERE

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No Report



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMCA WORKING TITLES

WORKING LEAD DOG [WLD]

CH Obsidian's Dark Fantasy WTD

Dam: GCH Obsidian's Dark Magic WTD WLD WPD
Sire: Mountain Home's Wild Buckwheat WTD WPD
Breeders: Ben & Chari Erickson
Owners: Ben & Chari Erickson RM
Date: 4/2/2020

AKC TITLES

CHAMPION [CH]

Adair'n'Hug It's My Time at Snopeak CGC TKN

Sire: CH Adair'N'Hug Who Knew RN
Dam: CH Adair'n'Hug Out of the Blue
Breeder: Dr Joseph E Hug, Robin Hug, Katie Jo Hug
Owner: Barbara & Al White, Robin Hug RM
Show: Southern Colorado Kennel Club
Date: 9/10/2019
Judge: Ms. Jan N Paulk

AGILITY

Novice Jumpers Preferred [NJP]

Icicle Creek's Lookin' For A Boy

Sire: Snoridge Black Ty'n Tails
Dam: GCH Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane
Breeder: Kathleen & Daniel Fraser
Owners: Kathleen & Daniel Fraser PNW
Show: Seattle Kennel Club
Date: 3/7/2020
Judge: Geoffrey Teare

TRICK

Novice [TKN]

BVISS CH Peace River's All That And A Bag Of Chips ROM CGC

Sire: CH Wencinja's Intl Man Of Mystery
Dam: CH Peace River's She's All That ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owner: Michele S. Coburn PNW
Date: 4/1/2020
Evaluator: Bethany Davis

Elite Performer [TKE]

NOTE: In the highest level of Trick Dog, the Elite Performers perform a routine that has a story/script.

Yellowsnow Malamutes Stardust Fairy

Sire: Trap Line Daredevil Diablo
Dam: Tsheykakanani of Kiyara's Wold Pak
Breeder: Connie Hammenshoj & Erik Jensen
Owner: Jackie Wyandt WC
Date: 4/28/2020
Evaluator: Mary Swinyer



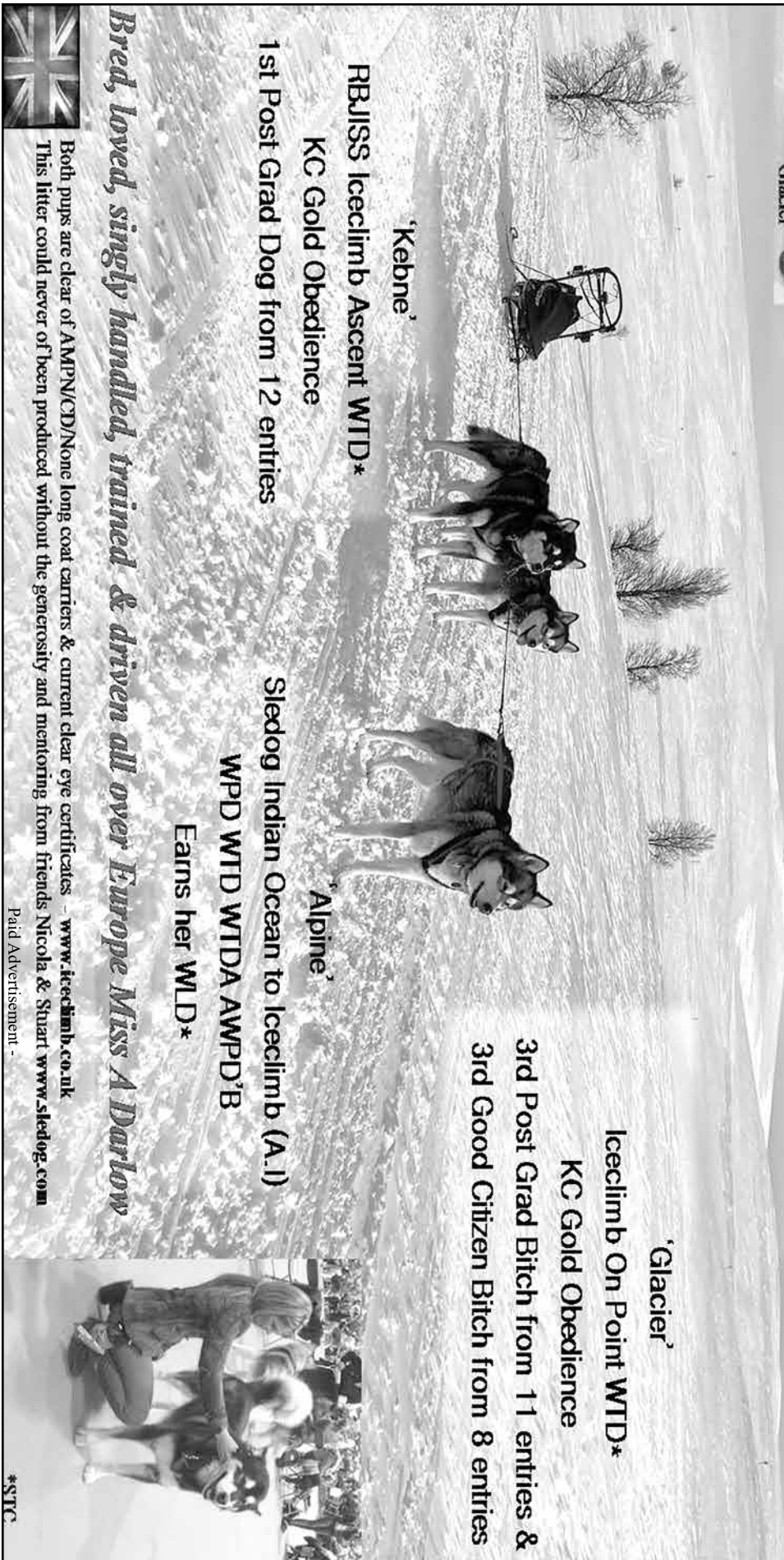
Glacier

Iceclimb Alaskan Malamutes celebrate in style from a 90+ mile working Season in Arctic Sweden excelling the criteria for 3 new American working titles and then straight to World famous Crufts 2020 dog show gaining no lower than a 3rd place!*

All under breed specialist Sharon Loades (of whom we are eternally grateful)



Kebne



'Kebne'

RBUISS Iceclimb Ascent WTD*
KC Gold Obedience
1st Post Grad Dog from 12 entries

'Alpine'

Sledog Indian Ocean to Iceclimb (A.I)
WPD WTD WIDA AWP'D'B
Earns her WLD*

'Glacier'

Iceclimb On Point WTD*
KC Gold Obedience
3rd Post Grad Bitch from 11 entries & 3rd Good Citizen Bitch from 8 entries

Bred, loved, singly handled, trained & driven all over Europe Miss A Darlow

Both pups are clear of AM/PN/CD/None long coat carriers & current clear eye certificates - www.iceclimb.co.uk
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TOP TWENTY

Standings through April 2, 2020



Hey, everyone!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: These Standings are NOT yet Final! Due to Covid-19, the AKC has prioritized event cancellations over event processing, so we do not yet have all of the official show results posted through April 30, 2020. The Top 20 Committee will publish the Final Standings by e-mail if the standings are completed before July 10 – my next publication deadline (for the July/August Newsletter).

The Top 20 Committee will not make any decisions regarding the Top 20 Event for the 2020 qualifying year until the Board has made its decision regarding the potential cancellation of the 2020 National Specialty Week.

The Committee will also be discussing potential options for the 2021 qualifying year due to an abbreviated qualifying schedule.

As a reminder, Top 20 points are awarded only to the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. One point is earned for each Malamute defeated through the Best of Breed competition. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns regarding your dog's points or the Standings, please don't hesitate to contact me. All other inquiries should be directed to the Top 20 Chair, Suzanne Bedell, at malamutetop20@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the winners!

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Rank	Owner	The Top 20	Points
1	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud (D)	463	A Syar/L Newburn/R Pohl/M Stone
2	GCH Onak'Stouch Of Gold (D)	422	J Corr/R Caprio/W Corr
3	GCH Aria De Kabluna (B)	190	J Iglesias Rodriguez/E Kelley
4	Bad Axe Wild Chevy 2 (B)	180	L Missana/J Missana/J Wild
5	GCH Sno Ridge's Ty On Another Wild Won (D)	163	C Kinnas Hocking/V Browne/E Kinnas
6	CH Aquiles (Vargas) (D)***	144	J Vargas Hernandez
7	GCH Kumata's Elevate Your Game (B)	138	J Dewing/R Dysart
8	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe (D)	117	J Weston/S Weston
9	GCH Onak N Double T's The Way Of The Force (B)	104	W Corr/J Corr/M White/T Dunn
10	GCH Wild Wind's North To Alaska (D)	103	C Kinnas Hocking/C Truesdail
11	GCH Adair'N'Hug Surprisingly Tart (B)	100	C Hess/J Hug/R Hug
12	GCH Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid (D)	96	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
13	GCH Onan's Passing The Torch (B)	94	A Becker/P Hazelwood
14	GCH Peace River's She's Got This (B)	85	M Coburn/A Syar
15	GCH Onak's The Blonde Enchantress (B)	84	J Corr/R Caprio/W Corr
16	GCH Illusion's Relax, Go Nuts (D)***	76	A Gunardi
16	GCH Shekinah Head & Tail Above The Rest (D)	76	J Van Zandt
16	GCH Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud (D)	76	S Czarapata/J EIDissi/J Gonzalez
19	GCH Arctic Thunder's Rocky Mountain Time (D)***	74	L Leutner-Boese
20	GCH Orionblu's Got My Mojo Working (D)	73	B Reiser
The Contenders			
21	GCH Adair'N'Hug Fair Winds And Following Seas (D)	70	C Hess
21	GCH Shekinah's I Set Fire To The Reign (B)	70	J Clement/J Van Zandt
23	GCH Obsidian's Dark Magic (B)	64	B Erickson/C Erickson
24	GCH Winterstarz Stella Mira (B)	53	P Herzfeld/M Herzfeld
25	GCH Silverice's Slick Black Cadillac (B)	48	S Frost

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

What I've been Doing While Isolating

By Lynne Nappi

Dog Shows, Performance trials are cancelled. What does one do?

I do hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy. I know all of you will be glad when this is over and we can get back to socializing, trialing, showing and just having a good time with our fur babies

Because I lost RYDER, **Wayeh Summerlce Sleigh Ride** the end of last year and then lost my puppy SKI, **Wayeh Ski Flyer of Summerlce** not too long after that, I have not had a dog to train or work with. Not having a dog to come home to everyday for the first time in about 30 years was pretty unbearable. My breeder Sidney Sachs did not have any puppies at the time and she knew what I was going through. But she had a six year old female that she thought I might be interested in. Without a second thought, we made the trip to Tennessee to meet MAYBELLINE—so named for her eye markings and came home with her. I felt she needed a new name since we were “rescuing” each other and she is now officially known as **Summerlce Hope Springs Eternal**.

She is learning basic obedience commands and is doing quite well. Hope is a very sweet and calm lady and very happy to meet anyone and everyone—until social distancing set it.

There is one thing I have trouble getting used to. She is not food motivated at all which makes it difficult when it comes to training, so I just have to give her lots praise. And along that same line—she was not the least bit interested in mealtime. I finally figured out that HOPE would eat as soon as we sit down to eat and not before. So the routine is: “Hope, we’re sitting down so come and eat.” Then she eats. I plan on introducing her to Scent Work which is something we can do at home and hopefully by the time classes start up again at my club, Miss Hope will be ready for something more challenging. And maybe there will be new puppy in the household again.



Happy Hope at home



Hope hopes for a belly rub

The talented dogs of Shadow Crest

by Jackie Wyandt

I was going to tell you about my dogs' accomplishments and all the titles and awards they've won, but I figured everyone else would be doing the same. So I will tell you about a different kind of performance I do with my dogs.

I belong to two dance groups and a drill team. To be honest, they are way more fun than dog shows. We put on performances for nursing homes and elementary schools. We do parades along with the St Jude's dog walk, and various other community gatherings.

Both my malamutes and DAZZLE, my rough collie, participate.

One is a square dance group and my dog is my partner. The dogs must be obedient and get along with other dogs as they are left many times in a close circle in a sit stay. During the dances they come face to face with the other dogs and pass within inches of them. At one point the caller asks if we're having fun yet, and that sets SPIRIT off wooing and talking all the way around the circle. I guess she thinks it's rude to

not answer the caller's question. I do believe the dogs enjoy the dancing.

The second dance group is more of a free style but in a group of five to eight other performers doing the same moves. We dance to Lee Greenwoods God Bless the USA, Santa Baby and Hot Diggity Dog. This group only formed in July of 2019, so we only have the three routines, but we did five performances around Veterans Day and Christmas. Again, the dogs must be well behaved, obedience trained and get along with the other dogs.

Below are BLITZEN and SPIRIT doing the Square Dance



Then there is the drill team which was just started in July 2019 as well, so we have only had one performance. There are anywhere from 6-15 people and dogs, and again the dogs have to be obedient and get along with other dogs as they come in very close contact with the others in the team. SPIRIT and

BLITZEN are very good critics. Usually they're happy to do any of it, but once in a while there will be a movement that we're working into the routine that they don't want to do. It's very funny that the other dogs decide they don't like that particular activity as well, and we have to change it.

We also enjoy doing parades. Both Blitzen and Spirit can pull a competition driving cart and they've always been a big hit with spectators. They love the attention and everyone wants to pet them. The cart comes in handy for carrying things, like water bottles and jackets when it gets too warm.

Below are BLITZEN, SPIRIT and DAZZLE at parades.



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The Greenland Husky In The Summer

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The Greenland husky is a northern breed dog – but the ones living in Greenland are not registered in the international kennel club system. The ones living in Europe and elsewhere are registered, but Greenland protects the lineage of their dogs simply by not allowing any other breed of dogs to come north of the Arctic Circle. Thus, the original quality of this working dog is maintained. Greenland hosts around 17 000 sled dogs, and the husky is the most numerous of mammals on this large island, and the most common domestic animal. I have, together with colleagues, in the past 6-7-years visited Greenland several times; partly as a tourist on organized trips (Hviserk, Hurtigruten) and partly through work in health promotion. Because I am also a musher and dog mushing journalist, I have taken a look at sled dogs and talked to hunters in villages in Sisimiut, Illulissat, Uummiaq, Tasiilaq, Ukkusissat, Queqertarsuaq and the far north (Thule), and tried to understand the dog mushing picture.

Tough arctic living

The main purpose of the Greenland husky is to be a sled dog. Greenland has a rough, arctic climate with short, cool summers and a long wintry season. 81 percent of the land is covered by the ice cap. To sustain a living here, people can only live on the coast, and the only source of local food is what you get through hunting and fishing. Staple diet and sellable goods consist of seal, whale and walrus meat, and several types of fish, shrimp and crab in the north, though there is a bit of sheep farming in the south. Greenland is very sparsely populated and cannot feed a lot of people – in fact only 56 thousand people live here (2018).

Arctic Transport

The traditional way of transport in Greenland has been by sea (kayak and open row boat), overland and on sea ice by dog team. In modern times, snowmobiles and motored boats have taken over, as well as small aircraft



and helicopters. But, nevertheless, in northern Greenland, villages still host very many sled dogs. They have been very important in maintaining sea fishing and seal hunting during winter months, also through being able to transport people and goods from site to site. The traditional mushing style of the Greenlanders is to have a fan hitch with 6-12 dogs side by side, no brake, a whip (not to punish dogs) to indicate correct directions; and the traditional Greenland sled. The musher sometimes sits on the sled, sometimes runs along, and he does not carry a snow hook. The dogs stop when he tells them. This type of hookup allows for smooth movement forward in rugged terrain, and is safer on the sea ice if one encounters cracks in the ice. Each dog can move individually from the rest of the pack.



Modern times

With the introduction of fuel driven modes of transport, the use of dogs, and the need for many dogs, has diminished, though new areas of dog use have been initiated. Dogs are used for competitions, and increasingly

also in the tourist industry. Also, the Sirius patrol in the north, owned by Danish military, has a security purpose. But, many old dog drivers do not see the need for so many sled dogs any more, and have reduced the number or stopped having dogs. Some years ago, though, there was a major Parvo outbreak that killed many young dogs. Thus, dog welfare has received renewed attention.

Puppies and dogs in the summer

Sled dogs work hard during the winter months. Summer is rest time. Puppies are born, and are part of the Greenland village scene. They are usually bred somewhat “accidentally” as dogs often are hooked up to and two, male and female, to avoid fights. In spring, they mate. Puppies arrive with spring. Many female dogs have litters. Firstly, they



stay with their small ones. But puppies are curious, and are allowed to roam around until they are 6 months, and this may enable owners to socialize their dogs, or to completely lose control over the young runts. They stay near their mother the first months, and also seek her security and night company. By rule of government, breeding females should have a dog house, and looking at the setup in parts of Greenland, the distribution of “doghouses” may seem a little at random. The dogs do not always see the purpose of a house, and often they just use it as a lookout place. Often, the preferred shelter is a hole in the rocks, some leftover tarp, or structures accidentally put together to create a shelter. Most “summer camps” for dogs also contain summer-stored sleds, old plastic containers for water, and maybe a sheltered, fenced area for food storage. Dogs are fed every other day, mostly fish, meat from seal hunts, and leftovers from other hunts. Commercial kibble is not common. Feeding bowls are not part of the gear, the owner tosses the food to the dogs, and the dogs eat quickly.

Lazy summers

Summers are resting times for Greenland huskies, as they are confined to their long chains. Most of the ones we see are quite sleepy. Mostly, people are warned against going to near them, but our experience is that they are quite friendly, tails wagging and no barking. Often, the hookup is near a lake, creek or another water source. There is no summer or fall training of huskies, but if snow arrives early, they can look forward to trips in front of the sled. Greenland huskies are not treated as pets, they are much needed working animals. They are quite well equipped for arctic living, with good double coats and big sturdy feet. Puppies are always charming, and you really get to know them if you hike through a village. Sometimes you will be followed by 3-5 curious youngsters for 500 meters before they want to run back to their territorial area. The adult dogs shed their winter coat, gain weight and enjoy hours of warm sunshine.

Dog welfare

From time to time, there have been concerns over dog welfare in Greenland. Some visitors are more used to dogs as pets, and are surprised that the dogs live outdoors at all times. As tourism grows, most of the major cities have cleaned

up around dog keeping (but picking poop is not part of the game), and placed dogs a bit away from major settlements, and given the dogs shelters. In the smaller villages, people still keep their dogs near their house, and there are dogs everywhere. People are used to them and feel comfortable around them. Veterinary service, however, is not readily available. So only the healthy ones survive.



After a parvo epidemic, things are slowly improving and animal welfare is higher on the agenda. In 2017, the government of Greenland initiated a large dog welfare program, where microchipping and vaccination was made mandatory and free of charge for all sled dogs. How the implementation has proceeded is not yet fully known, but vaccination uptake has improved a lot. The University in Nuuk has also initiated a research program to promote the old sled dog tradition and to understand its cultural importance (Qimmik) and information can be sought on their website. When one moves around in Greenland, it is possible to see some fantastic dogs, social, friendly, well built, in good condition. It is also possible to see aspects of more miserable dog care, and the life expectancy for the average dog is still short: 5-7 years. Many puppies do not survive, and some dogs are not well fed in the summer season. But the general picture is quite optimistic. I have met some very good dog keepers during my visits to Greenland; for example: Kunuk Hammond in Uummiinaq. He keeps his number of dogs low, breeds few puppies and feeds them well. He also uses them for traditional trapping and hunting. He says that dogs are an all year responsibility even if you only use them in the winter. And, as he and his niece Bodil Mikaelson say: The food for dogs can be found locally. Fuel for snow-machines has to be bought.....

Winter time is something else. That is when the dogs of Greenland have fun.

Mary F. Stice

September 9, 1921 - April 17, 2020



Our family matriarch, Mary Frances Stice, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2020, in Manteca, California, where she had resided since 2009. She was 98.

Mary was born September 9, 1921, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to Francis Charles and Therese Blanche Gretler Holland. She was an only child, and her father died when she was 3 years old as a result of lung damage sustained in World War I. Several years later, Mary's mother was remarried to Wallace Drew, a widower and friend of the family. He took Therese and Mary to his farm near Treherne in the hills and plains of Manitoba where Mary was raised with her stepsister Maudie who was 21 years her senior.

Mary attended primary school in a one-room schoolhouse where she was one of only two students in her grade level. Every student brought ingredients each day so that the teacher could prepare soup for their lunch. Mary did not have to do much work on the farm but benefited from the fresh food and clean life. She had a pet sheep named "Woodtick" and was surrounded by many other animals which led to a life-long fondness and respect for furry creatures.

After finishing high school in Treherne, Mary attended the St. Boniface Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg during the latter part of World War II. After graduation, she worked for a time at Kenora, Ontario, on the beautiful Lake of the Woods. In the early 1950's, she and a few fellow nurses answered an ad for nurses in Hawaii. She spent a wonderful year living in a bungalow in Waikiki and at one point was a private nurse to one of the Spreckels sugar heirs.



After Hawaii, Mary moved to San Francisco where she had family ties. There she met Victor Nacino while taking lessons at the Arthur Murray dance studio. They married and raised a son and a daughter in South City and San Bruno. Mary was a working mother and spent 20 years as the supervising RN at Peninsula Blood Bank in Burlingame, retiring in 1978.

In 1971, Mary and Victor got their first Alaskan Malamute, Shalluck. They loved the breed and soon became interested in training and showing, acquiring three more Malamutes - Rex, Leyte, and Rahnee. These dogs formed the foundation of their Vi'Taurus Malamutes. After Victor's sudden passing in 1978, Mary relocated to the home they had just built for their retirement outside of Madera, California, where she immersed herself in the care and development of champion Malamutes. Her dogs were her family, and she took great joy in finding the perfect home for each one of them which led to the formation of many life-long friendships. She traveled to dog shows in the U.S. and Canada, and Vi'Taurus Malamutes found their way throughout the country and abroad. She served for several years as the national CHD (hip dysplasia) recorder for the Alaskan Malamute Club of America.

Mary was remarried in 1988 to Ralph Leonard Stice, a family friend. After his passing in 1994, she continued to live on her two-acre piece of land outside of Madera, taking care of her large plot of land and her dogs. At the age of 88 she moved to Manteca to live with her daughter Myra. In 2007, Mary made a memorable 5,300 mile road trip through Canada with Myra and her husband Scott. They made a trip to Hawaii in 2009 during which Mary observed with some dismay that Waikiki had lost the charm of the early 1950's.

Throughout her life, Mary demonstrated resilience, adaptability, grace, and kindness. She never lost her zest for life even as her body began to fail her. She was an avid reader and was very engaged in politics and current events. She spent many hours at her desktop computer and iPad reading news, exchanging emails, and playing Solitaire. She especially loved keeping her brain active with Scrabble and word search puzzles. Mary was very proud of her family and loved to hear about the daily activities of her children and grandchildren. She will be missed greatly.

Mary is survived by her son, Chuck (wife Kristina) of Clovis and her daughter, Myra (husband Scott) of Manteca, as well as two loving grandchildren, Andrew of Fresno and Nick of Burbank, and her furry friend Snowball the cat. She also leaves a large number of friends made over a long lifetime, particularly through her long-term involvement in the Alaskan Malamute Club of America.

The family extends its sincere appreciation to the staff and care givers at Manteca Retirement Community for their daily care and many kindnesses, particularly during these trying quarantine conditions. A private family service will be held at a later date to celebrate Mary's long and rich life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) or other charity of choice.



Winter Camping Gear Part II

By Lara MacDonald

In the last newsletter, I covered the basics on how to dress for winter camping. Below I will cover some other necessities, including tents, stoves, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads. Let's get started!

Sleeping Bags:

After cold hands, it seems people's second biggest complaint about winter camping is being cold when sleeping. With this in mind, let's talk about navigating the confusing world of sleeping bags. Sleeping bags come with temperature ratings—which are supposed to be the coldest temperature at which the bag will be keep you warm—but let's be honest, that rating and its accuracy really depends on whether you are a warm or cold sleeper. Unfortunately, I am a cold sleeper and I've learned the hard way that sleeping bag temperature ratings don't mean much for me. The two bags I am currently using for winter camping are a -20°F bag and a -58°F bag. I would freeze my butt off in my -20° bag if it was actually -20°. But my husband would be just fine in his. For my sleeping bag decisions, I take the estimated coldest temperature I should see at night, subtract another 20°, and then choose my bag that is closest to that. Sleeping bag temperature ratings are really just "fuzzy guidelines." This plus the fact that each company's rating systems seem to be a little different, for me means always erring on the side of caution.

If I feel like it's going to be in between temperatures, and don't want to bring my -58° bag because it's much larger and heavier, I will bring a polyester sleeping bag liner, which bumps my bag's temperature rating up. Liners come in different weights depending on how much warmth you want looking to add. I also sometimes bring a bivy sack. A bivy sack is kind of like a one-man tent that is shaped like a sleeping bag. I learned how to winter camp sleeping under a tarp (no tent) with a bivy sack. They help keep moisture off your sleeping bag (think wet dog) and help with a bit with warmth. My only word of advice is that if you are a sweaty sleeper, and your bivy sack doesn't breathe well, you will soak your sleeping bag from in the inside out. I always leave the zipper open down near my feet so moisture can escape. A

bivy sack is also good if there was ever an emergency out on the trail and you couldn't set up your tent or something happened to your tent. For example, we've had a dog/porcupine incident while camping that left our tent with a giant hole in the side, so things do happen.

Next, let's talk about sleeping bag materials. Both my current winter bags are goose down. One is down with a treated water repellent outer shell (remember in my last article I talked about how when down gets wet, it loses its ability to insulate). The water-repellent shell can't take any direct moisture but it does shed a little. My -58° bag also has a treated outer shell, but the down in the bag is also treated with a water repellent. It seems to hold up pretty well. Once it starts getting close to 32°F, I think about switching to one of my synthetic three-season bags because synthetic insulation does a much better job insulating when wet. It tends to be heavier and bulkier, but it is the safer choice in wet weather. In contrast, down almost seems to melt away and completely loses its insulating loft when wet. I should note that in recent years, as noted above, companies have added "treated" down to their products to help fight this

tendency.

Another important point to make about picking a winter bag is that you want to make sure you get a mummy style bag. That is the kind that comes up over and around your head to just leave your face (or even just your nose and mouth) exposed to cold air. It also has less room in the body section so there isn't wasted space your body needs to heat. It is imperative that you use the hood part of the bag. The difference between having it pulled up over your head, compared to just your shoulders, is huge. When it is cold, I have my bag closed up so all you can see if my mouth. You want to make sure you are not breathing into your sleeping bag because the moisture will collect and soak the goose down. I mentioned in my previous article about using a neck gaiter or buff to pull up over your face and breathe through. On really cold nights, I will do this while sleeping to help keep the air I'm breathing in warm.

A misconception is that you need to take most of your clothes off for your sleeping bag to work, i.e., keep you warm. Sleeping bags don't create heat, your body does. All a sleeping bag is doing is capturing that heat,



A mummy sleeping bag beside dogs enjoying the pads

which means if you have clothes on, you have more opportunity to do this. This also means you want to enter your sleeping bag already being warm. If you are not warm right before bed, do some jumping jacks, run around, just get warm. You also want to eat a high-calorie snack right before bed so your body has some fuel to burn through the night. In the morning, once your body has run out of fuel, you will begin getting cold. When it's really cold, I sleep with a ton of clothes on, including my jackets and winter hat. I also will throw one of two body warmers (Grabber is my favorite brand) in my sleeping bag at night for an extra heat source. A water bottle filled with boiling water is also a surprisingly great heat source in your bag. If you are doing extended, physically challenging trips, you need to get adequate sleep, so make sure you have what you need to make this happen. For me, I can have a brutal, cold, exhausting day but stay mentally strong if I know I have a warm, dry, sleeping bag to crawl into at night.

Sleeping Pads: You can have the warmest sleeping bag in the world and still suffer through a miserably cold night if you don't have a good sleeping pad. The heat lost by conduction is just too great to go without one (and preferably two). Sleeping pads have two jobs. The first is insulating you from the frozen ground and the other is providing a soft surface to sleep on. I always have two sleeping pads with me. One is a closed cell foam pad like a Nemo Switchback Ultralight sleeping pad or a Thermarest Zlite sleeping pad. I use these to sit on when cooking and hanging out in camp in addition to using for sleeping. They are great because they can't pop (no air) and they are waterproof (closed-cell foam).

The second pad I use is inflatable and it goes between the foam pad and my body when sleeping. Right now, I have a Sea Two Summit Comfort Plus that I love because it also has built-in synthetic insulation to help provide additional warmth. Another benefit of this pad is it has two inflatable layers so if you get a hole in one side, you can still inflate the other side.

My husband is currently using a Thermarest NeoAir inflatable pad. His pad is extremely comfortable but I went



Sitting on the Thermarest Zlite sleeping pad

through two of them in a very short amount of time, they both got holes in them, so I decided switch brands. I did have a Thermarest brand pad that I used hundreds of days a year over a 20-year period and it was invincible, so I have had luck with that brand in the past. One thing to remember is that if you inflate your sleeping pad up when you are first setting up camp, you will need to add more air before going to bed as cold air contract it. Because of this, your pad will also most likely lose some buoyancy as the night progresses.

Stoves. A reliable stove to cook food, boil water, and melt snow for water is essential. We all love the convenience of cannister stoves (that use pre-filled isobutane/propane) like the MSR Reactor or Jet-Boil. However, they're not our recommended winter stove because cannister stoves don't work well in cold conditions. Sure, some people still use them year-round and have tried-and-true methods to keep cannisters warm

like storing them close to their body. But the pressurized gas mix compresses in cold weather and stove function quickly deteriorates as the mercury drops. Don't be fooled by stoves like the MSR Reactor, which is advertised as a "snow-melting machine," and MSR's IsoPro fuel that's advertised as "all-season." For us, having our beloved MSR Reactor fail on the Denali Highway at 10 degrees, which is considered balmy in Alaska, was enough to resign ourselves to enjoying its convenience and otherwise bomber reliability during the other three seasons.

So then what kind of stoves do work well in cold temperatures? We rely on white gas stoves for winter camping. Our go-to recommendations are the MSR Whisperlite and XGK-EX. Both stoves use white gas and are fully serviceable in the field. The beauty of using white gas is that although you have to prime your stove, it can be used in any temperature. Also remember that most lighters don't work well in really cold weather either.

Stormproof matches are a great addition to your arsenal when it's really cold – whether you're starting a fire or



just your stove, we really appreciate their stout construction, long burn time, and indestructible flame when it's frigid.

One additional piece of equipment we recommend adding to your stove kit is a stove platter – i.e., something to place your stove on so it doesn't gradually sink into the snow as your stove cooks away. Ours is just a 10-inch square piece of wood with a piece of foam glued on the other side. Just about anything will do, but it's a really nice way to secure your cooking area and prevent it from turning into a sinkhole.

Tents. A sturdy four-season tent is essential to enjoying your winter camping experience. They're heavy, they're bulky, but you'll want its protection from the wind and snow. Nearly every reputable four-season tent on the market is a stout and suitable choice – Mountain Hardwear, Marmot, North Face, MSR, Black Diamond, and Hilleberg are all good choices. There are lots of options and you'll have to determine what size and type you prefer. Our go-to is a single-wall Mountain Hardwear EV3. But it's truly not a winter tent and is something you'd enjoy spending a night in if it was above freezing.

Your primary choice when choosing a winter tent will be between a single-wall or double-wall tent. Single-wall tents only use one layer of weather-proof fabric instead of using a separate weather-proof fly to keep you dry. The primary advantage of single-wall tents is that they are lighter and easier to set up in poor weather. Double-wall tents give you one additional layer of nylon to clip in and often to add additional tent poles. The downside of single-wall tents is that they don't breathe as well and can be less versatile. For example, we only use ours during the winter, and it struggles to stay as dry when temps fluctuate around freezing. The single-wall construction just doesn't breathe as well when it's wet, and the single weather-proof shell has its



limits. But nonetheless, we think it's a phenomenal tent for the overall space and weight.

You'll also want to consider whether the tent includes a separate vestibule (the non-sleeping area where gear is stored). Many double-wall tents incorporate a separate vestibule outside of the primary tent area but within the larger area covered by the weatherproof tent fly. In contrast, single-wall tents are

more likely to simply have more space in the tent without a separate vestibule. For us, the single-wall tent with built-in vestibule is a perfect winter sanctuary that maximizes space in single area.

We've also incorporated an insulated tent floor made by Forty Below into our sleeping system and love its performance. It's just a thin, strong, lightweight closed cell EVA (firm density) foam pad that adds both extra insulation and protection of the tent floor fabric. It's cut and duct taped together to fit the exact dimensions of our tent floor. It's a little bulky, but there's a lot to be said for a tent that's completely insulated on the ground. The dogs love it too, and it certainly makes for warming sleeping area for them.

We have even pulled the floor up in the morning after warm weather when packing to leave and found puddles of standing water under it but all of our stuff is completely dry because it's sitting comfortably on the closed-cell pad. With this in mind, if you are doing multiday trips, the bulk and weight of the tent floor is worth it.

Lastly, we should mention tent stakes, which aren't much use in deep snow. We do have longer winter camping tent stakes that are 12-inches long, but more frequently, we just use our skis and ski poles to serve as tent stakes in deep snow

Getting Out There. I hope you find this information useful. There is no better way to learn than just getting out and doing it. But with winter camping, it's important to be prepared. Remember, it's nice to have extra gear starting out. You'll be able to refine your gear list as you find both your comfort level and personal preferences. Winter camping is supposed to be fun, and it absolutely can be with a little know-how and some preparation. See you on the trail!



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***AG2 RO1 Powderhound's Over And Over Again WWPDX WPD
RE OAP AJP NFP CGC TKN***

2nd ~ Excellent A Standard (Agility)
5th ~ Master B JWW Preferred (Agility)
9th ~ Rally Advanced
8th ~ Rally Excellent
4th ~ Rally Masters (limited showing)
Special mention: High Score Preferred 2019 AMCA
National Agility Trial and High Triple Score 2019
AMCA National Rally Trial

Hips AM-13969G24F-VPI Elbow: AM-EL1047F24-VPI
Eyes : not provided Cardiac: AM-ACA26/43F-PI PN: n/n (pedigree)

***AG1 U-CH Powderhound N ArcticThunder's Light 'Em Up WWPDX
WPD NAP NJP NFP (AKC Major ptd)***

2nd ~ Novice Standard (Agility)

Chrome is co-owned with Lori Leutner-Boese

Hips: Prelim Good Eyes: AM-EYE563/40M-VPI Cardiac: AM-ACA27/28M-PI PN: not provided



***Powderhound's Winds Of Change WWPDX WTD WPD UWP
CGCA TKN***

4th ~ Novice Obedience
10th ~ Novice Rally
Special Mention: High In Trial at both the 2019 AMCA Regional and National
Specialty Obedience Trials. He also won High Weight Pulled at the Regional Pull
that week. Tuuli is owned/loved/trained by Tony Yarusso.

Hips: AM-14194G27M-VPI Elbow: AM-EL1177M27-VPI Eyes and PN: not provided

***RO3 AG2 UKC/AKC CH Powderhound's Silver Lining
WWPDX WPD WTD RM3 RAE2 CGCA CGCU OAP OJP XFP
TKN AAAM VAM***

5th ~ Rally Masters

Special Mention: This is bittersweet. Bumper earned this ranking through
minimal trialing in 2019. He was nearly killed back in January by a massive
stroke. With a lot of work and determination, he recovered well enough to
trial one last time and earn his Rally Masters 3 title. He is now retired. For
the second year in a row, Bumper qualified for the AKC Rally National
Champion class.

Hips AM-13186G33M-VPI Eyes AM-EYE136/57M-VPI Cardiac AM-CA192/45M/C-VPI PN: n/n (tested)

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Powderhound's U Can't Handle The Truth WWPDA WPD WTD RE

4th ~ Rally Advanced
4th ~ Rally Excellent
3rd ~ Rally Masters

Special mention: Copper qualified in Advanced for the 2019 AKC Rally National Championship. He will be attending with his mother Gracie in December. Copper is co-owned and co-bred with Carol Simon.

Hips AM-13741G33M-VPI Elbow AM-EL923M33-VPI Eyes AM-EYE72/32M-VPI
Cardiac AM-CA215/20M/C-VPI PN: n/n by pedigree

AKC/UKC CH GCH Powderhound's The Leading Lady WWPDX RA CGC TKN

2nd ~ Rally Novice

Special mention: Gracie qualified in Novice for the 2019 AKC Rally National Championship. Gracie is co-owned with Carol Simon.

Hips AM-13185F33F-VPI Eyes AM-EYE463/82F-VPI Cardiac AM-CA220/55F/C-VPI PN: n/n (tested)



AG2 RO1 AKC/UKC CH Amaqqut On The Pull WWPDX WTD WPD RE NAP OJP NFP CGCA CGCU VAM AAAM (Imp UK)

9th ~ Rally Excellent in light showing

Ivy comes to us from the UK, thank you Joan and Jeff Sheehan of Amaqqut for trusting us with this special girl.

Hips AM-13581E24F-VPI Eyes AM-EYE178/59F-VPI Cardiac AM-CA211/20F/C-VPI PN: n/n (tested)



BVIS Storm Kloud's As Good As It Gets WWPDX WTD WLD WPD ROMWDX ROM-PERF ROM-AG ROM-RAL IDWP1

Though she left us in body years ago now, Bella's presence is ever felt here through her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. While her kids are aging, they're still wracking up the titles in various sports. This year, Gracie became Bella's FOURTH to earn a Rally Advanced title and as such, Bella earns the FIRST ROM-RAL for a bitch and only the second such distinction in breed history. This is more than we ever hoped for.

Hips: AM-11616G32F-VPI Eyes: AM-2494 PN: too old Thyroid: AM-TH33/43F-VPI Cardiac: AM-CA70/83F/C-VPI

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Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants

The AKC supports each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as supporting clubs ready to hold events in locations that are open and permit gatherings. As events resume across the country, people need to feel safe while enjoying their dog activities. The AKC urges clubs to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants. Events need to be held in a manner that emphasizes the safety of participants and event officials over efficiency.

The following is a list of suggested best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending an event. Event locations, facilities and dates will differ. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the clubs to determine the guidelines that best fit their event. In order to inform participants, specific guidelines established by the club/cluster should be published in the premium, show catalog, club website and posted on signage/flyers at their event.

General Practices

1. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Consider wearing masks when in close proximity to others. Clubs should provide masks if desired for officials, judges and volunteers.
4. Consider wearing disposable or washable gloves.
5. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray at bathroom facilities for people to spray door handles (or anything else they touch). Consider hiring bathroom attendants to maintain maximum cleanliness.
6. If you utilize portable toilets, please ask for a hand washing station(s) to be delivered as well.
7. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
8. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
9. Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own.
10. Disinfect surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.) Clubs and facilities may consider not providing chairs.

11. Meals – No potlucks. Avoid or stagger group lunches/dinners if possible. Hospitality areas should avoid community items such as salt and pepper shakers, condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunch/drinks.
12. Vendors should follow retail guidelines for the area.
13. Parking – Park with sufficient distance between vehicles if possible. If there is a parking fee, ask exhibitors to bring exact change.
14. Indoor show sites should work with facilities to have as many entrance/exits points open as possible. Hand sanitizer should be available at every entrance to the site and at multiple locations within the site.
15. Parking/unloading staff should wear masks and sanitize their hands following the assistance of each individual.

Conformation Event Practices

1. Opening Date – In order to provide clubs flexibility during times of uncertainty, clubs may specify a date in the premium when entries will start to be accepted. The “opening date” should be selected to allow time for mailed entries.
2. Site Set-up - The size and layout of a site will determine the opportunities available to clubs.
 - Separate the rings if possible, otherwise set-up buffers within rings along adjoining sides to provide separation.
 - If individual rings are not possible, avoid placing gates, stewards and judges’ tables next to those in neighboring rings.
 - Consider two gates per ring, one for dogs entering and one for dogs exiting.
 - Stewards should be responsible for finding the dog in the catalog if the exhibitor does not know the armband number and for handing out armbands. Stewards should not hand their catalog to exhibitors for review. Stewards should sanitize their hands frequently and consider wearing a face mask and gloves.
 - For outdoor shows consider marking off areas near the rings for exhibitors to set-up personal pop-up tents. This can also be done for areas near the buildings holding indoor events.
 - Create a ready ring area outside the show ring for exhibitors showing the breed being judged.
 - Clubs should consider not providing chairs. Private chairs should not be placed in higher traffic areas.
3. Scheduling – With the efforts to make shows safer, the event may take longer. Modified scheduling may assist with congestion and provide a better experience for exhibitors. If using a superintendent, work with them to create a schedule that assists with the situation.
 - Consider published judging segments shorter than one hour.
 - If possible, schedule groups to start following the completion of the respective breeds. This allows exhibitors the option to leave for the day.

- As per AKC rules, Groups and Best in Show are optional for group and all-breed shows
 - Some shows may consider implementing entry limits.
4. Exhibitors
- Prepare to be self-sufficient: bring sanitizer, bring a generator for electricity, bring personal use masks.
 - Know the armband numbers for your entries before going to the ring.
 - Do not congregate at the ring or ring gate.
 - While showing your dog, maintain social distances with other exhibitors.
5. Grooming
- Recommend grooming beside the exhibitor's vehicle including the use of pop-up tents should weather conditions warrant.
 - Design the layout of grooming areas and spaces to comply with the social distancing guidelines in place at the time. Marking off individual grooming spaces is encouraged.
 - Prohibit the use of forced air dryers in indoor grooming areas.
6. Judging is where the ability to socially distance becomes challenging. Taking care to protect the parties will require a concerted effort between the judge, steward and exhibitors.
- Judges should consider wearing face masks if otherwise not required.
 - All classes should be called in catalog order to provide order and efficiency.
 - Judges must practice ring awareness, be conscious of spacing, and take appropriate measures to avoid crowding of exhibitors.
 - Judges are to have the exhibitor display the oral exam and may personally examine the mouth ONLY if absolutely necessary. By the nature of the procedure, judges must conduct thumb exams.
 - Judges should sanitize hands after examining each entry. Re-examining of dogs should be minimized.
 - Judges are encouraged to personally pull ribbons for placements. Coupled with frequent hand sanitizing, this will help mitigate contact exposure.
 - Equipment used to measure and/or weigh dogs must be sanitized before and after each use.
 - Clubs should consider providing boxed lunches for judges and volunteers.
7. Photographers should consider using a process where a photo of the judge is added to the photo of the dog.
- Consider taking photos of each judge in the morning as though they were standing for an award photo.
 - Take win photos without judges.
 - Digitally insert the judge with the wins to finalize the photo.

- Consider not using trophy presenters.

Temporary Changes to Help Clubs

1. Event Application Late Fees – Event application late fees are waived through the end of October. This provides clubs more flexibility in planning or rescheduling their events.
2. For events cancelled in 2020, AKC will apply Event Application fees to the club's next event of the same type.
3. Assignment Conflicts for Conformation Judges – The 30 days/200-mile conflict distance policy for assignments has been suspended for shows held in 2020.
4. The same day exhibiting restriction for judges assigned only NOHS Groups and/or NOHS BIS has been waived for shows held in 2020. This will provide clubs greater flexibility and more options in the panel assignments.
5. Juniors that have turned 18 on or after March 1 may compete until Oct 31.

These Suggested Best Practices may be periodically updated. Please check the AKC conformation website (www.akc.org/sports/conformation/) for the most up-to-date version.

Obedience & Rally Event Planning

1. Limiting Entries
 - Clubs may choose to limit trials based on the number of handlers allowed in the event space. For example, 50 people (handlers, volunteers, judges, event committee) and entries not to exceed 100 for the trial.
 - If possible, schedule in shifts to reduce congregating.
 - Outdoor events where people can spread out may be able to accommodate larger entries.
2. One Trial Over Two Days – In order to reduce the number of participants on site at one time, clubs may hold their trial over two days.
3. Two Trials in One Day – If more than one trial is offered per day, to minimize the gathering of people, clubs should consider holding concurrent events rather than consecutive events.
4. Scheduling
 - a. Consider scheduling participants in specific time blocks within a class in order to reduce crowds. The Trial Secretary can assign a specific number of dogs/armbands to a time block and publish in the judging program. For example: Dogs 101-120: 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.
 - b. Consider establishing smaller walk through groups to allow for social distancing.
 - c. Participants can provide cell phone numbers for the event secretary to call or text to determine if someone is absent. Likewise, the Trial Secretary could provide a cell phone number for participants to report they will be absent. This prevents waiting and may streamline the event.

- d. Clubs may state in the premium that when an exhibitor is done for the day, they should leave the building in order to minimize congregating.
5. Event Set-up
 - a. For indoor trials, open the exterior doors for better air flow if possible. Where possible, encourage one-way traffic flow with marked entrance and exits.
 - b. Have a separate table for questions located at least six feet away from the Trial Secretary table.
 6. Crating
 - a. Consider crating outside weather permitting. If the club is planning to have participants crate from their vehicles, the club may need to supply indoor crating if requested due to a participant's health needs.
 - b. Crating should be at least six feet apart, except for "family" groups of exhibitors and dogs. If space is limited, clubs may want to request participants to not arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to their start time. Clubs may choose a specific time for the next group of participants to move in or note they must wait until the previous group has left in order to reduce congregating.

Event Practices

1. Social Distancing Requirements – A minimum of six foot distances around the ring(s), crating, volunteer, and Judges' and Trial Secretary areas should be established. Recommend marking spacing to identify safe distancing requirements.
 - Judge's Table – Judges may have the table at one end of the ring and the gate openings at the other end. The judge and the stewards should maintain required distancing.
 - Timer – Set up an area where only the person timing is allowed. The timer should handle the stopwatches with gloves.
 - Check-in – A separate table should be set up to allow exhibitors, one at a time, to check themselves in on the board with their own pen and pick up their armbands. This eliminates the interaction between trial workers and participants.
2. Ring Procedure Modifications
 - a. Judges, stewards and exhibitors should maintain the mandated required distancing throughout the event.
 - b. Suggest a chair (or two, one for the in-ring exhibitor and one for the next exhibitor) be placed inside the ring for all classes. The exhibitor will be responsible for placing the leash on the chair when entering the ring and prior to starting the course.
 - c. Once the course is complete, the exhibitor will be responsible for getting the leash. A steward may disinfect the chair between exhibitors. A second chair, for the next exhibitor, will allow for more efficient ring management.
 - d. Ribbons/Awards may be placed on a pick-up table versus handed out. The judge may announce the awards and exhibitors may pick up the awards that were laid out on a table for the class.
 - e. Judges, exhibitors and stewards may wear masks inside the ring.

- f. Judges should sanitize their ruler after measuring any dogs.
- g. Stewards should wear gloves or sanitize their hands between handling paperwork.

Obedience Specific

- h. Rather than use stewards for the Figure 8 exercise, the club may use upright posts, tall pylons, or chairs as posts. The same object should be used for both posts and all exhibitors.
- i. Judges may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer between examination exercises. If a judge chooses to use gloves, a new pair of gloves will be used for each dog. Examinations – Ensure social distancing requirements are met during examination exercises. For the Utility Moving Stand for Examination, the judge should approach the dog at a slight angle to ensure distancing requirements from handler to judge are maintained.
- j. Novice Group Exercise – The distance requirement should be modified to 8 feet between dogs and rows to ensure social distancing guidelines are met.
- k. Directed Retrieve Exercise - Consider providing a grabber for the Steward to pick up the gloves. Wipe down grabber between exhibitors.
- l. Scent Discrimination Exercise – The steward responsible for placing the articles may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer. Tongs, when used, should be wiped down between dogs.

Policies that Have Been Temporarily Suspended/Modified

1. Event Application Late Fees – Event application late fees are waived through the end of October. This provide clubs more flexibility in planning or rescheduling their events.
2. For events cancelled in 2020, AKC will apply Event Application fees to the club's next event of the same type.
3. Judges - The judge's assignment limitations of 30 days within 100 miles is waived until December 30.
4. Closing Date - Clubs are allowed, at their option, to have a closing date seven days prior to the event through December 30, 2020. This will provide clubs and exhibitors greater flexibility to decide what to do.
5. Obedience Figure 8 Exercise – Upright posts, tall pylons or chairs may be used in place of people in the figure 8 exercise through December 30, 2020.
6. Obedience Novice Group Exercise – The distance between dogs is modified to 8 feet (currently 6 feet) through December 30, 2020.

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs should be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

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Agility Trial Planning

1. Clubs may need to limit the number of exhibitors based on state or local guidelines.
 - Clubs may choose to limit trials based on the number of exhibitors allowed in the event space. For example, 50 people (exhibitors, volunteers, judges, event committee) and runs not to exceed 350 for the trial.
 - Consider running the trial in shifts in order to reduce congregating and accommodate more entrants.
 - Clubs may consider grouping exhibitors by blocks and add expected start times for each block. One example would be Large Dogs (20, 24, 24C) Ex/M Standard & JWW then Small Dogs (4,8,12,16) Ex/M Standard & JWW. Then run all Open and Novice.
 - Clubs may be able to have more people at outdoor events where people can spread out.
2. Crating
 - a. If possible, ask exhibitors to crate from vehicles.
 - b. If indoor space is limited, the club may want to request the next group to not show up earlier than 30 minutes before their start time.
3. Awards area – Recommend that this area will need the space to have exhibitors line up six feet apart to pick up ribbons and stickers. No self-serve boxes. Will need volunteer for awards area. If prizes are offered have them spaced out for people to pick up.
4. Trial Secretary Area – Recommend that it is set up with a minimum of six feet between the Trial Secretary area and exhibitors.
5. Judges Table – Judges should have a separate worktable that is not accessible to exhibitors.
6. Ring Set-Up – Evaluate current set-up and see if rings can be reoriented to allow for better spacing of exhibitors. This may include looking at entrance/exit doors of building to see if a different setup can help set up a one way flow.

Trial Practices

7. Consider recommending that exhibitors wear masks. Exhibitors should be able to run without a mask if they desire. Judges may wear masks at their discretion if not required by the club. Surfaces need to be wiped down. This includes agility equipment that is touched. Clubs will need to make sure that restrooms, doors, tables, chairs, etc. are clean/sanitized during the day. No MACH cakes.
8. Ring Crew
 - a. Masks suggested for all. Hand sanitizer should be available ringside or at volunteer positions. Ring crew may also wear gloves. Recommend that ring crew use their own chairs. If not, then they should be wiped down between use.
 - b. Gate Steward should be provided at least a 6' buffer. Recommend using gating or flagging tape to designate gate steward's space. They should be the only one to mark the gate board once the boards are at the ring entrance. Recommend they do not leave their pens unattended.
 - c. Gate boards can be laid out before class for exhibitors to check in – but exhibitors

must use their own pens.

- d. Leash Runner – Can either use and then dispose of a paper towel to handle each leash, or can apply hand sanitizer between handling of each leash or use a “grabber”. If using a grabber, wipe down between leashes. Note - For the rest of 2020 exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets or wear them when running the course. Leash must fully fit in pocket.
 - e. Course Builders – Recommend gloves or hand sanitizer for them. Do not share course maps with others. Make sure to wipe down the measuring wheel before/after use.
 - f. Timer/Scribe should sit at the ends of the table. Scribe should only use their pens. The table, timer console and chairs should be wiped down with each shift change. If more than 2 people working than proper spacing should still be adhered to.
9. Score Sheet Runner – Recommend the use of gloves and limit the number of pick-ups from the Scribe area. Suggest that the scribe puts sheets in a basket and score runner carries basket over instead of having the score runner touch each individual sheet. Suggest not using duplicate scribe sheets.
 10. Briefings may be done in the parking lot or over a PA system/ring speaker so exhibitors may stay spread out. Exhibitors do not have to come into the ring for briefing – they may stay outside of the ring. Briefings will not be required for Excellent/Master level classes.
 11. Recommend only VMOs can measure dogs. No measurements will be done by the judge of record. VMOs may choose to not measure dogs. If they do, the measuring devices and table should be wiped down between dogs. VMO should consider wearing a mask if not required by the club and must sanitize their hands between dogs.
 12. Walk-thru group sizes should be reduced. Suggest a maximum of 25 exhibitors per walk-thru.
 13. Space out exhibitors when lining up to run. Place cones or tape lines at intervals in the area that dogs are lined up. May also set up holding areas for the on-deck team, in the hole and third team in line.
 14. Suggest using chutes for dogs to enter and leave the ring to reduce contact with gating. If the club wants to use gates, add “Gate Opener/Closer” ring crew position since exhibitors would not have gloves on at that point or available hand sanitizer. They could wear gloves, use a paper towel to open/close gates and sanitize gate/hands as needed.
 15. Recommend that results be posted to a wall so that exhibitors are not all trying to flip thru results notebooks. This will help exhibitors stay spread out and not touching items.
 16. Course maps must be posted per AKC Agility Regulations. Suggest not printing copies for all exhibitors. Recommend that exhibitors take pictures of the maps. To help facilitate the process and physical spacing post course copies in two locations minimum. Trial Secretaries could also email out or post to their website the morning of the trial the course maps for exhibitors to access. It is recommended that there are 5-10 course maps per course available for those that cannot take photos or access website with course maps and that these are passed out by a club volunteer if needed.
 17. Judges should not have the next team come into the ring until the finishing dog is leashed up if leashes are not at the finish area.

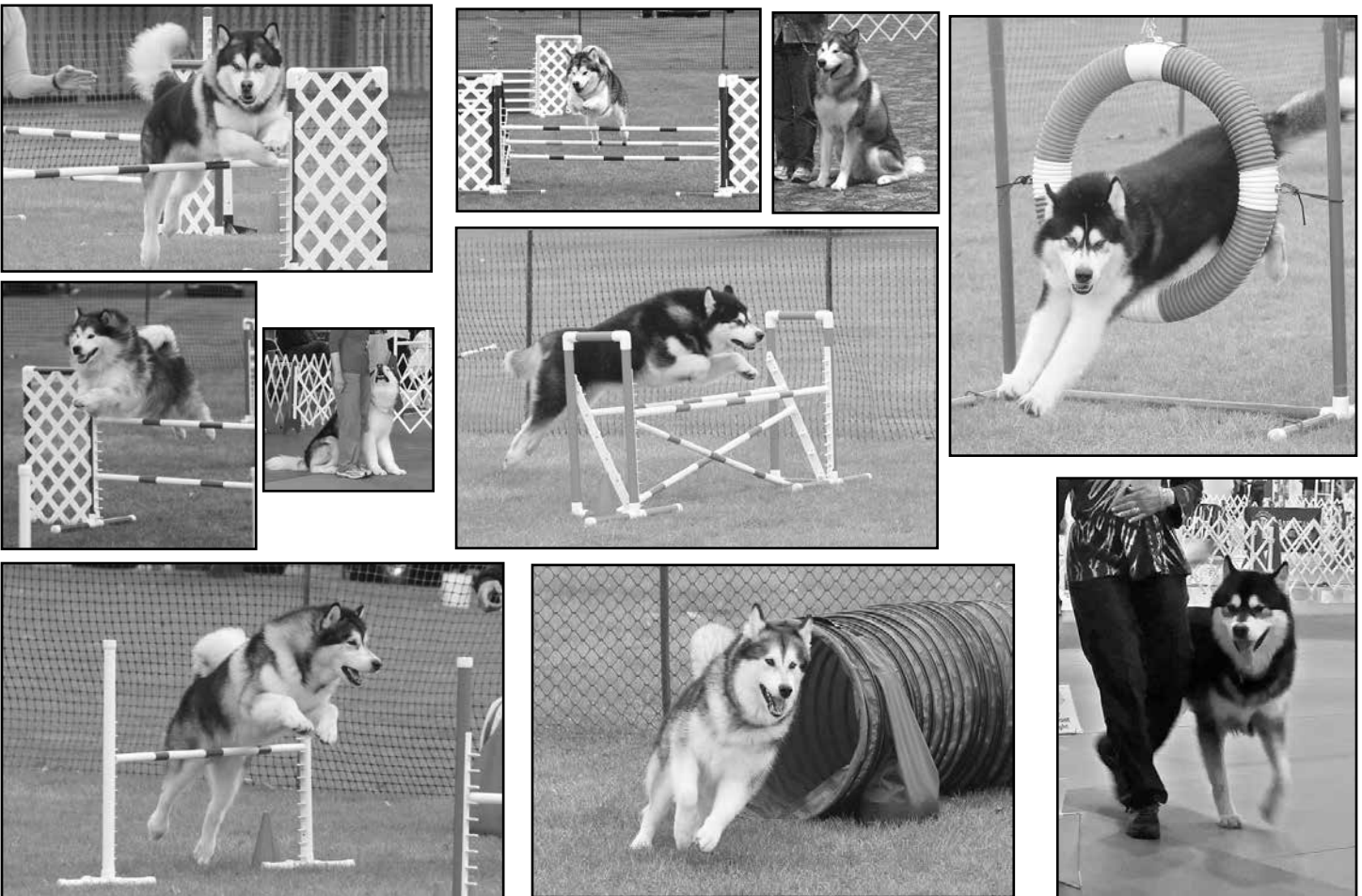
18. If the trial is being held in a building, consider designating one-way entrance and exit doors.

Policies that Have Been Temporarily Suspended

1. Event Application Late Fees – Event application late fees are waived through the end of October. This provides clubs more flexibility in planning or rescheduling their events.
2. Judges - Waive the judge’s assignment limitations of 30 days within 200 miles until December 30, 2020
3. Closing Date – Through December 30, 2020, clubs are allowed to have a closing date 7 days prior to the event. (Currently 14 days). This will provide clubs and exhibitors greater flexibility.
4. For 2020 exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets when running the course or wear on themselves (i.e., clip like a belt around the waist). Note: if the dog grabs the leash while running this will be scored as an “E”.

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