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Ch. Ice Fall's Locked N Loaded

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Ch. Poker Flat's Call of the Wild Wind



**DRIVER** finished his championship at the age of 6 months with **5 majors in 6 shows**, including 3 majors under breeder judges, a specialty WD, a supported WD, and 2 Grand Sweeps wins. Just a couple of months later, DRIVER won the International Grand Sieger award after winning multiple Best Bred-By In Shows and Multiple Best Puppy In Shows. Thank you to breeder judge Cheryl Patterson for this major win over a specialty weekend.

*He expects to be in the "Driver's seat" when he grows up.*

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# OFFICERS REPORTS

## President's Report

Steve Anderson  
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This column will be brief as I have been on the road the last two weeks. Now that Peggy is retired we decided to take our "Spring Break" when we chose rather than when the college decreed, so we left the snow and cold of early March in central New York to do agility trials in Charlotte NC and Charleston SC. The trials went well, but the most striking memory for both of us was the reaction to our dogs. The breed is not seen as often in the South as we are used to, and it seemed everyone had one of two reactions. Either they wanted to know everything about these well-behaved-good-working-but-definitely-over-coated dogs, or they wanted to share their previous bad experience with some over-sized, untrained malamute. It's been awhile since we were called upon to do so much public education. Fortunately, the dogs themselves did most of the "heavy lifting." The moral is, whenever you and your dog go out, be a good ambassador for the breed. Always be prepared to leave a good impression, or undo a bad impression left by someone else.

Special Day—Robert J. Zoller---charter member, past AMCA President, and one of the most influential people in our breed---will celebrate his 99th birthday on April 21. I encourage you to send a card and wish him well. His address is 3435 Fox Run Road Unit 123, Sarasota FL 34238-4354.

## Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause  
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### MOTION 04: 2014/15: STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS:

**E-3. DELETE,** Renumber remainder of Section E. Our annual subscription to SimplyVoting means we no longer need to take votes by NL; the first-class mailing requirement is part of our contract with SV.

**E-7a. Amend** "during September" to "By September 1st," to conform to the bylaws.

**E-7b. Amend** "Thursday" to "Friday" to close balloting as late as possible before the Annual Meeting

**J-2. Amend** bad-check Charge from from \$20.00 to \$35.00, to reflect actual costs.

**J-5a & b. Amend** to clarify non-refundable application fee. Replace all references to "National Ballot" with "Membership Ballot."  
(Anderson) For: All

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## Treasurers Report - February 2015

	<u>Jan-15</u>	<u>Feb-15</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	63,446.53	62,715.25	-731.28
Reserve Funds	29,595.26	29,595.26	0.00
Committee Total	<u>14,637.84</u>	<u>14,637.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	107,679.63	106,948.35	-731.28

Revenue			
	2014 Year	Feb-15	2015 YTD

### Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	2,440.00	180.00	495.00
Newsletter/Directory	14,860.00	645.00	2,245.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	40.00	5.00	20.00
Mail/Delivery	2,757.00	200.00	587.00
Breeders List	3,025.00	50.00	425.00
<b>Newsletter/Directory Total</b>	<b>23,122.00</b>	<b>1,080.00</b>	<b>3,772.00</b>

### Membership

Application	428.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	6,665.00	275.00	920.00
Late Fees	570.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>7,663.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>920.00</b>

### Pass-Through

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,080.00	180.00	955.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,207.00	265.00	800.00
Legislative/Other	137.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>5,424.38</b>	<b>445.00</b>	<b>1,755.00</b>

<b>Committees' Total</b>	<b>2,584.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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### Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	0.00	75.00	100.00
National Specialty	17,903.26	0.00	22,000.00
Purina Partnership	981.89	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	1,022.78	32.55	109.41
<b>Other Revenues Total</b>	<b>19,907.93</b>	<b>107.55</b>	<b>22,209.41</b>

<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>\$58,702.11</b>	<b>\$1,907.55</b>	<b>\$28,656.41</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$2,737.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-53.90</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$61,439.19</b>	<b>\$1,907.55</b>	<b>\$28,602.51</b>

Expenses			
	2014 Year	Feb-15	2015 YTD

### Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	13,103.60	1,513.00	2,371.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,531.00	400.00	800.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	1,457.40	51.00	93.99
International Delivery	3,096.42	223.50	414.73
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,571.11	375.00	725.00
Newsletter artist fees	160.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Newsletter/Membership Total</b>	<b>29,919.53</b>	<b>2,562.50</b>	<b>4,404.72</b>

<b>Officer/Board/Delegate</b>	<b>2,990.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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### Pass-Throughs

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	3,530.00	0.00	0.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,244.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative/Other	37.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>4,811.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

National Specialty	2,618.20	0.00	0.00
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	819.72	61.33	246.33
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	417.06	0.00	110.00
Elections Costs	1,841.05	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	165.00	15.00	45.00
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	194.28	0.00	27.00
Committee's	1,219.77	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Expense Total</b>	<b>9,975.08</b>	<b>76.33</b>	<b>428.33</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,696.21</b>	<b>\$2,638.83</b>	<b>\$4,833.05</b>
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 2/28/15

2) The "Pass-Through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others. They are held temporarily in the General Fund but are not owned by the General Fund.

3) 2014 National funds are reflected in this report.

4) Not all committee balances are included above. Corrected committee balances to reflect 12/31/14 balances which were reported by committee on 2/21/15

# AMCA Calendar of Events

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

## AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

<b>WC</b> No. Calif. AMA <b>TWO EVENTS (am &amp; pm)</b>	5/8	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA  Closes 4/22	Linda K Roberts, Show Secy 7430 Sierra Ponds Lane Granite Bay, Ca 95746 Phone: 916-296-6941 Fax: 530-503-9411 Linda Roberts, Show Chair linda@graeaglelamutes.com	Anne Marie Taylor Sharon Zaker James Taylor Jan Croft	C/JR PS/VS C/JR PS/VS
<b>RM</b> AMCA Independent Specialties <b>TWO EVENTS (am &amp; pm)</b>	5/15	Cache County Fairgrounds Logan, UT  Closes 4/29	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Brock Powell, Show Chair 801-201-2038	Nancy Popovich Dee Hanna  Donald Gill Lynn McClure	C PS/VS  C/JR PS/VS
<b>GL</b> GLAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialties <b>TWO EVENTS (am &amp; pm)</b> & WEIGHT PULL	5/15	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI  Closes 4/29	Jan Ruggles 10205 O'Conner Rd Kenockee Twp, MI 48006 Jan@Mackenziedream.com Anne Taylor, Show Chair 810-919-9692	Gay Kuehnle-Hisatake Pam Fusco  James Frederiksen Jennifer Effler-Leveille	C/JR PS/VS  C/JR PS/VS
<b>NY/NJ</b> AMCA NY/NJ Area Specialty	6/20	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY  Closes 6/3	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420 Bob Skyler, Show Chair 973-584-6598	Danielle Richards Ruth Levesque	C PS/VS
<b>NY/NJ</b> Empire AMA Affiliate Club Specialty Event	6/21	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY  Closes 6/3	MBF, Inc. P O Box 22107 Greensboro, NC 27420 Cindy Skyler, Show Chair 973-584-6598	William Shelton Hal Bierman	C PS/VS
<b>WC</b> SCAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialty	7/2	Ventura County Fairgrounds Ventura, CA  Closes 6/17	Eileen Parr, Event Secretary 18780 Munsee Rd Apple Valley, CA 92307-1426 Patricia Starks, Show Chair 818-352-5828	Michael Shoreman Linda Mattson	C PS/VS
<b>SO</b> AMC of Greater Houston Independent Specialty concurrent w/Texas Working Dog Assn WEIGHT PULL	7/15  7/18	Reliant Center Houston, TX  Closes 6/26	Jack Onofrio Dog Shows P O Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125 Rick Hymas, Show Chair malsleddog@yahoo.com	Roger Hartinger Thomas Vinson	C/JR PS/VS
<b>IL/WIS</b> AMCW Affiliate Club Independent Specialties <b>TWO EVENTS (am &amp; pm)</b>	7/24	Waukesha Cty Expo Ctr Waukesha, WI  Closes 7/8	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Linda Goba, Show Chair 414-03-3343	Linda Clark Gloria Toussaint Lawson Williams Mareth Kipp No Sweepstakes	C/JR PS/VS C JR
<b>NE</b> AMCA Regional Specialty	11/8 thru 11/10	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center 366 Main St Sturbridge, MA 01566  Closes: 10/14	Ruth Levesque, Show Secy c/o Caper Show Services 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185 <a href="http://www.caper-dogs.com">www.caper-dogs.com</a> Ruth Levesque, Show Chair <a href="mailto:amcavp@comcast.net">amcavp@comcast.net</a> 860-214-0972	Ilona Chu * Laurie Wells * Elizabeth "Tibby" Chase * Lynda Moore  Terrie Breen *	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally #1 Obed/Rally #2)  4-6 Month
<b>NE</b> AMCA Regional Specialty	11/11 thru 11/14	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center 366 Main St Sturbridge, MA 01566  Closes: 10/14	Ruth Levesque, Show Secy c/o Caper Show Services 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185 <a href="http://www.caper-dogs.com">www.caper-dogs.com</a> Ruth Levesque, Show Chair <a href="mailto:amcavp@comcast.net">amcavp@comcast.net</a> 860-214-0972	Dr. Joseph Hug * Joyce DeLay * Lynda Moore *  Janina Laurin *	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally  4-6 Month

\* Pending AKC approval

## SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel
<b>WC</b> No. Calif. AMA w/Camellia Capital KC WEIGHT PULL	5/9	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA Closes 4/22	MB-F, Inc.  Linda Roberts	Not Reported Debbie Biss  C PS/VS

<b>GL Great Lakes AMC TWO EVENTS Weight Pull Genesee County KC</b>	5/16	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI Closes 4/29	MB-F, Inc.  Anne Taylor	James Noe Paul Zehner Cheryl Patterson NO SWEEPSTAKES	C PS/VS C Not Offered
<b>NY/NJ Empire AMC Shawangunk KC</b>	6/19	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY Closes 6/3	MB-F, Inc.  Paige Carey	Pending Janina Lauren	C PS/VS
<b>IL/WIS AMCW Affiliate Club Waukesha KC</b>	7/25	Waukesha Cty Exp Center Waukesha, WI Closes 7/8	Roy Jones Dog Shows  Linda Goba	Beth Riley Suzanne Bedell	C PS/VS
<b>SO AMCA area event w/Forsyth KC</b>	12/5 12/6	Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Winston-Salem, NC Closes 11/16	MB-F, Inc.  Tina Sanderford	Robert Vandiver * Robert Sturdivant * Charles "Chuck" Winslow * John Schoeneman *	C PS/VS C PS/VS

## AGILITY TRIALS

Area/Host	Dates	Location / Closing	Trial Secy/ Event Contact	Judging Panel	Classes
<b>ME All Breed Trials</b>	7/3	Countryside Agility Training Ctr Erie, PA	Denise Thomas, Event Secy 2321 West 38 <sup>th</sup> St Erie, PA 16506	Pending	Standard, JWW, FAST (Exec/Masters ONLY) & T2B (Preferred & Regular)
	7/4	Opens: 5/6 Closes: 6/17	Laura Heft, Event Chair granitemals@roadrunner.com	Pending	Standard, JWW, T2B
	7/5			Pending	Standard, JWW, T2B
<b>ME All Breed Trials</b>	7/8	Bella Vista Training Ctr Lewisberry, PA	Robert Kripaitis, Event Secy 730 Mt. Airy Rd Lewisberry, PA 17339	Howard Etzel	Standard, JWW, T2B
	7/9	Opens: 5/1 Closes: 6/25	Stephanie Capkovi, Event Chair bvwestie@ptd.net	Howard Etzel	Standard, JWW, FAST

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



## Plan to Join the Celebration Sturbridge, MA

**Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> through  
Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Information is NOW available online at AMCA's website.

Visit <http://alaskanmalamute.org/events/national> for event information and order forms.  
Some areas are still under construction but will be available very soon.

In most cases you will be able to fill out your forms and submit payment using PayPal.

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### Attendee Registration Form – NEW THIS YEAR

*We are asking that everyone that is planning to attend to please fill out this form. It will be used to help estimate the turnout of people and dogs. We want to make sure we have enough Welcome Bags & other promotional items available. It will also provide some information regarding your stay to ensure that the hotel is properly staffed to accommodate our group as well as Emergency contact information in case it is needed.*



# Committee Reports & Special Report

## AMCA Legislative Committee

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On March 17, 2015, Wayne Pacelle, CEO of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), gave testimony at a U.S. Senate subcommittee hearing about the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015. Senator Inhofe zeroed in on the fact the HSUS raised \$1.7 million in Oklahoma between 2011 and 2013

and yet only gave \$110,000 back to Oklahoma groups. A survey by Humane Watch found that 87% of donors think HSUS should be required to disclose in ads that it only gives 1% of the money it raises to pet shelters while 88% of donors think HSUS should be required to disclose in advertising that it isn't affiliated with local humane societies. Senator Inhofe said Oklahoma's Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against the HSUS while Pacelle denies it.

The AKC encourages dog owners and individuals to work together on legislative issues. To facilitate these efforts, many clubs and individuals who are interested in protecting and promoting the work of purebred dogs have formed federations, coalitions, or alliances. So far 35 states have such groups and are listed under the Government Relations section of the AKC website.



## SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

#### NEW AKC CHAMPION

##### CH Kaviak's Make Mine A Double (B)

Sire: CH Silver Shadow's Polar Drift  
Dam: CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty  
Breeder: Joyce DeLay and Kat Copley-Holland  
Owner: Joyce DeLay  
Show: Peak-to-Peak Working Dog Show  
Date: February 12, 2015  
Judge: Larry Chu

#### PUPPY WORKING GROUP 4-6 MONTHS

##### GROUP 1

##### Peace River's She's Got This (B)

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone ROM  
Dam: Am Nat'l Int'l CH Peace River's All That And A Bag Of Chips  
Breeder: Michele Coburn  
Owner: Michele Coburn  
Show: Lynn County Kennel Club  
Date: February 21, 2015  
Judge: Ms. Donna Renton

##### GROUP 2

##### Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe (D)

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing Stone ROM  
Dam: Am Nat'l Int'l CH Peace River's All That And A Bag Of Chips

Breeder: Michele Coburn  
Owner: Jerry and Sharon Weston  
Show: McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers  
Date: February 22, 2015  
Judge:

#### NEW MACH 3

##### PACH MACH3 Palemoon's California Sky (B)

Sire: CH Wind's Fury Jacob Trailblazer  
Dam: Palemoon's Naughty But Nice  
Breeder: Tina Shirshun/Barbara Salvador  
Owner: Brigitta C. Westall  
Trial: Belgian Tervuren Club of Southern Calif.  
Date: 3/1/2015  
Judges: Jan Skurszynski and Dale Mahoney

The following Howls were left out

#### NEW CHAMPION

##### CH Wild Winds Emma In Trouble, CGCA (B)

Sire: CH Poker Flats Wave Of The Future ROM  
Dam: CH Wild Winds Graceez On Fire  
Breeder: Jacki Glastetter & Bob Glastetter & Jeannie Wil  
Owner: Mike and Jeane Nicholson  
Show: Illinois Capital Kennel Club  
Date: October 19, 2014  
Breed: Mr. Richard Lashbrook

#### RALLY NOVICE

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Sire: CH Poker Flats Wave Of The Future ROM  
Dam: CH Wild Winds Graceez On Fire  
Breeder: Jacki Glastetter & Bob Glastetter & Jeannie Wil  
Owner: Mike and Jeane Nicholson  
Show: Paw Power Blues Agility Club of NW Ind  
Date: January 23, 2015  
Judge: Ms. Arlene King

### INTERNATIONAL KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

#### NEW CHAMPION - DUTCH AND GROUP 1

GD, AM CH MARAHOOTAY PRINCE OF PERSIA (D)  
Sire: Int'l CH Stormchaser Prince of Darkness Mit Marahootay  
Dam: Kasaan's Forever Fortune  
Breeder: Sue Finan  
Owner: Sue Finan  
Show: Eindhoven International Dog Show  
Date: Feb 7, 2015  
Breed: Mevr. H Assenmacher-Feijel  
Group: Mevr. S. Desserne (France)

# AREA REPORTS

## GREAT LAKES

Colleen Belanger  
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On Feb. 21, Motown Working Alaskan Malamutes held a Winter Fun Day at Dave and Colleen Belanger's. The day was sunny and warm (for this winter anyway). Thirteen dogs and twelve people showed up to sled around the property. New dogs were paired with experienced dogs for learning purposes, and everyone had a great time. Of course there was a great potluck after sledding.

Dave and Colleen Belanger spent a day with DEUCE and MADISON, our therapy dogs at a teen grief camp. This camp is held for teens that have lost a loved one, classmate or close friend. There are other therapy dogs on site. DEUCE and MADISON are featured in a talk on sledding and building teamwork. The teamwork theme is transferred from dog teams to the person's personal life as they work through their time of grieving.

## ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

Pat McGovern, Area Reporter  
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Greetings everyone. It's possible that Spring has finally sprung. We are finally seeing temps above freezing and the dog yard is turning muddy. Not much news lately as there haven't been any shows since the end of January, but we have three days of shows coming up the first weekend of May, so we should see some malamute folks out and about again. Judges at the Jefferson shows are Evie Sullivan, Houston Clark and James Sillers.

Speaking of shows, I want to remind everyone that the Wisconsin Malamute Club holds its annual Specialty the last Friday of July just ahead of the Waukesha show weekend. This year we're doing something new: TWO specialties on Friday; the first one will include Sweeps. The afternoon specialty will not include sweeps, but

we will do sweeps again on Saturday before our breed judging. We have a nice line-up of judges: Linda Clark for conformation, and Gloria Toussaint will judge sweeps at the morning specialty on Friday. Lawson Williams will judge conformation at the afternoon specialty. On Saturday, the judges are Beth Riley for conformation, Suzanne Bedell for sweeps and on Sunday our judge is James Moses. If you REALLY want to make a long weekend and shoot for more majors, the shows then move down the road to Elkhorn, WI on Monday and Tuesday with judges Sharol Candace Way and Carl Liepman. We are also asking for trophy donations so we can have nice prizes at both specialties. Donations can be sent to Linda Goba or Bev Pfeiffer, whose addresses are in the AMCA membership directory.

We had a weight pull this past weekend. We don't get to many pulls, but this was almost walking distance from home, so we had no excuse to stay away. Top weight pulled was 2,470 pounds. I have not received any official notice from any of the owners, but I do know that Jen and George Leveille's IVY was the winner in the under 80 pound class. She pulled 2,470 pounds and earned a WWPDX leg. Good going, IVY.

We (AMCA and I) owe Mike and Jeane Nicholson an apology. Mike submitted Howls for their girl EMMA when she earned her Championship and also her Rally Novice title. For reasons I cannot explain, EMMA's accomplishments have not made it into the Howls column of the NL. So, I want to at least acknowledge her here. Congratulations to Mike, Jeane and especially to EMMA. Now we'll go look in the Howls column and see if they finally appeared this month.

Other than that, no news submitted so we'll sign off until next month. Send me "stuff."

## MID-EAST

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No report

## MID-WEST

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I have a few huge brags from Joyce Delay. Congrats on such a great trip and new champion.

"I went to Denver in mid-February with BRANDY and BETTY. BRANDY is now **CH Kaviak's Make Mine A Double**. She finished at the specialty on Thursday with a 5-point major win and best bred-by under breeder-judge Larry Chu. I'm very honored that two of her three majors (both 5-pointers) were accomplished at specialties under breeder-judges. Not to be outdone by her daughter, BETTY, **CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty**, took two Best in Veteran Sweeps wins, as well as a nice Best of Breed at the Saturday supported entry under breeder-judge Cheryl Paterson. BRANDY was Select Bitch that day, her first time shown as a special. We left Saturday night, missing the rest of the weekend in an attempt to get home before some bad weather hit, but we enjoyed the chance to see many friends, and have some fun in the ring while we were there."

Look for BRANDY's New Champion Howl in the Howl section.

Thanks to Mike and Eileen Barnes who have a story to tell. It's great to know that NANUK is a great brother.

"The best thing going was last night when we got six inches of snow - not much compared to other parts of the country, but this was our first "big" snow. When I let our young girl, NUKKA, out this morning she got stopped at the steps with snow up to her belly. (She is shorter.) Our boy, NANUK, had to break trail for her in the yard so that she could move around. How's that for a

big "brother" taking care of his "sister?"

"We have been attending some school demonstrations with other AMCA members (John and Michelle Podolak), where we talk about the Iditarod, sled dogs, winter activities, and meeting strange dogs. That does keep us busy during the month of February."

Michelle Podolak has submitted a story from her 2 furry mal kids, I am sure many of you will enjoy this.

"As told to me by NAVI, **Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior WWPDP, WWPDA, WWPDX** and **ZIGGY, Edgemere's Second to None WWPDP:**

**NAVI:** Do you think if we send this in we can get some help? Our huMom and huDad have been sick for over a month and we haven't been able to get out in the snow as much as we would like!

**ZIGGY:** I hope so. It's a real bummer to see all that beautiful white stuff and not be able to run in it.

**NAVI:** Well, I think it would help if they were better mushers. Every I go out with huMom or huDad, they keep telling me to go Gee when I want to smell all the good smells in the bushes. And then, I finally build up some speed and huMom starts hollering "Whoa, Whoa, Easy, Easy, Easy!" What's up with that? Does she really think I'm going to launch her over the barbed wire fence into the cow pasture or something? If she gets to go into the cow pasture, I'm coming with her!

**ZIGGY:** Well, I don't know about that, but I want to talk about the demo we did on February 27. It was a long drive, and I was worried because huDad stayed home, but I think it came out all right.

**NAVI:** HMPH! I was a little crabby that day so huMom made me skip the Meet and Greet, so why don't you tell about that?

**ZIGGY:** Well, you know we went with our friends in the Gateway Sled Dog Club to St. Joan of Arc grade school. There were three Siberian Huskies and a Newfoundland dog besides our

Alaskan Malamute friends, NANUK, **Illusion's Arctic Wanderer** and NUKKA, (**Winward's**...I don't know her fancy name) and their huParents, Mike and Eileen Barnes.

**NAVI:** Yep, that's the usual crew!

**ZIGGY:** I was so excited to see all of the kids! I was supposed to be good, but like I said, I was nervous without huDad, and I wanted to go jump into a big pile of kids. They would have loved it, but huMom wouldn't let me so I kept barking. They could hardly hear Mr. Barnes!

**NAVI:** You've got to learn to chill out ZIG. HuMom has your back.

**ZIGGY:** I know, I know. Boy did we have fun when it was time for the Meet and Greet! All the kids finally came over to pet me and feed me treats. I was in heaven. One of the boys thought my name should be Keith. I don't what that was all about but he was nice. There were two girls that stayed with me almost the whole time and even let me kiss them. I was soooo happy!

**NAVI:** I'm glad you had a good time ZIG, I think I heard that we have more demos coming up. Lots of kids like to learn about sledding, weight pulling and that race they call The Iditarod.

**ZIGGY:** Oh boy, it's going to be fun!

**NAVI:** I hope everybody likes our story. Maybe huMom will let us write about our Weight Pull coming up in March on the 21 and 22."

Got a brag from Lynda Ste Jhoure, Lynda writes:

"Just a small brag about a puppy Andrea and I purchased from Prague in October. At the age of six months he passed his Canine Good Citizen Certification test; one of the youngest mals to obtain this title. Now on to agility and his CD! His name is: **Love Spirit At Stormyht**."

Thank you for all your brags and stories. I am so glad we get to see our area members share there stories and bring excitement to the Midwest.

## **NEW ENGLAND**

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No Report

## **NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY**

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No Report

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

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We start off this month with some fun news about Michele Coburn and Sharon Weston entering their darling puppies DOLLY, **Peace River's She's Got This**, and her brother EZ, **Peace River's Rogue You Just Gotta Believe** in the new 4-6 puppy class at the Covered Bridge Cluster in Albany Oregon. Michele wrote that she had questioned the new 4-6 puppy class proposal, but she said that it was really a lot of fun, and run like a regular dog show.

Michele said that DOLLY won Best of Breed and went on for a Group 1 on Saturday, and that the group was quite large just as in a regular show. Michele went on to say that on Sunday EZ won Best of Breed and won a Group 2! Needless to say she was proud of both of her babies and added that they handled all the excitement and people and the other dogs very well.

Michele also added that MICK went on to win Best of Breed all three days of the cluster, however mommy went home sick by Monday. She added that DIVA won Best of Opposite Sex the two days that she was entered in the cluster.

Michele also shared that sister PENNY, **Peace River's She's All That And More to Brelan**, graduated from her Puppy Level 1 class and is moving forward to Puppy Level Agility! Michele said to say Hugs to PENNY, Mommy and Daddy Lance and Brenda Manus!

Thank you Michele for sharing the news and of course congratulations everyone!

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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No Report

## SOUTHERN

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No Report

## WEST COAST

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Alisa Syar asked me to share her huge wins from the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. **MICK, AM GCH CAN CH Peace River's Gathers No Moss at Sunstra**, took BOB, and **SHELBY, AM GCH CAN CH Spiritrun's Cool Ride**, took BOS! Congrats on these exciting wins!

I'm on a few carting groups on Facebook and there's a local gal who sulkies with a pair of Siberian Huskies. She decided to make a movie about carting around the world with different breeds and different types of sit-down carts. She is including a four plus minute segment of my guys and our Sacco carts with video clips, stills and captions. (Ed note: How exciting, Mary).

On Feb. 15, COMET earned her first Masters Standard leg at the Puli Club of America agility trial in Santa Rosa, CA, with six MACH points! We are excited to start the journey towards her Masters titles.

Charlene LaBelle and I each found beautiful rainbow "husky" head design children's sweatshirts on clearance at Walmart stores. I'm thinking about turning mine into pillows.

I know there are more things happening in my area but I need my area members to send their news to me by the **FIRST of the month**. A book report, cool website, fun activity you did with your malamutes, local events, seminars, art/craft shows with a northern breed theme, anything other mal folks would find interesting. Thanks!

Happy Easter.

AMCA Newsletter

## AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE

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

UK member Michelle Anderson has sent very exciting news for her and her two- dog team SIRIUS, **Wolfraven Roo's Dark River at Blue Kaneq WTD, WPD, AWTDC, AWPDb, and CHARA, Katabatic's Canuck Chara**, from their Aviemore adventure. "This was my first Aviemore where I was entered; I had to wait for CHARA to be old enough to run. I am very lucky that SIRIUS, being such a big lad is very capable of supporting the ladies in his life. On Thursday it was practice day. I was terrified as it was on sleds and I hadn't run on a sled before, Louise my holiday buddy was very supportive and gave great advice about turns and slowing down. It was the most fantastic experience ever! I didn't feel like this to start off with. The first time I had a six dog Sibe team creep up behind me, I forgot my training for holding/passing. The Sibe musher was lovely and told me to take my time which really helped. I have to admit, I was shaking when I got back on and we set off again. CHARA loved speeding up to go round corners. I can confirm that I did not fall off, and when I finished, my friends laughed as I couldn't actually let go of the hand rail for a good five minutes. On race day it turned out to be on rigs, as we had lost massive patches of trail to rain. I have to say that was one of the hardest trails I have done and training at Swinley forest with all the hills, streams and mud (bogs) has helped so much. The second to last hill I found my legs were shaking so much I had to stop. The broken trail with ruts and soft snow at the sides had taken its toll. SIRIUS clearly knew I needed help, and he put his head down and pulled. CHARA stepped up too and worked with him. I didn't put a foot down to help till almost at the finish line. I am so proud of them. Alaskan Malamutes can be fickle, loving and independent, but they sure know when to help you out. We came last, picking up the Red Lantern. I am proud of participating and finishing; that was my goal. Next up was the trek; this

was the bit I was looking forward to. We walked it on the Monday, and then went out on Tuesday mid-morning. The goat trail wasn't my favourite bit, although the dogs thought it was brilliant. They alternated between zooming and bouncing along, the rig and I bouncing behind. We rattled along hitting every boulder and river going. There were some amazing views, and when I was on my own for parts of the trek, the silence and scenery were quite overwhelming. This trek completed CHARA'S final leg for her Working Team Dog title. I am so proud of my little girl, she keeps SIRIUS focussed, and when his mind starts to wander she pulls him straight."

News from UK member Sue Finan: "At the prestigious Eindhoven International Dog Show in February, **SULTAN, GD, AM CH Marahootay Prince of Persia**, handled by Franny Finan took BOB earning his last point towards his Dutch Champion Title. Then they both went on to take Working Group 1" (see Howl about).

Our own news this month;

We took **SPEK, Sledog Dream Warrior (a.i) WWPDP, WPD**, along to another of the Allerton Park weight pull events held in Yorkshire last month. Accompanying him for the first time was **RAIN, Sledog Indian Monsoon (a.i)**. The weather wasn't particularly kind, but they both really enjoyed themselves. SPEK was his usual hardworking self. This was RAIN's first time at a weight pull competition, so we entered her in the novice class and she pulled the maximum allowed for that class of 1000lbs. We are so proud of these two.

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

## AT LARGE – S HEMISPHERE

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No report. Please send news to Michelle



# Major Show Reports

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

## *IL / WI (submitted by Pat McGovern)*

### **Name of Show:** Park Shore KC 1-24-15

John P. Wade

Total Entry: 16 (9d -7b)

D= 6 (3 pts) B=5 (2 pts)

BOB: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune  
(D. Roberts-Burrill)

BOS: CH Mfy's Locke Tin Yuet Nicole (B) (D. Wang)

Select Dog: CH Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Storm Kloud (S. Czarapata/J. EIDissi)

Select Bitch: CH Bad Axe Soul Of The Samurai (J. and L. Missana)

WD/BOW: Sno Quest's Struke Gold (A. & M. Sautbine)

WB: Storm Sky's Headed To The Moon With Storm Kloud (S. Czarapata/J. EIDissi/J. Gonzalez)

RWD: Storm Sky's It's Game Time (S. Czarapata/J. EIDissi/J. Gonzalez)

RWB: Bimba De Kabluna (J. Iglesias/E. Kelley)

## *MID WEST (submitted by Cindy Foster)*

### **Name of Show:** Northstar Working Group Association (1/2/15)

Judge: Mrs. Jane Haefner

Total Entries 28 D:10 (4 pts) B: 10 (4 pts) 6-D 2-B

BOB: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (Burrill)

BOS: GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (Dewing/Dysart/Kanzelberger)

SD: CH Wolfholic's Extraordinary (Choi/Sunga)

SB: CH Kasaan's Heart Of A Fighter (Lindeman/McMahon-Howen)

WD: Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back (Kanzelberger/Renzelman)

BOW/WB: Bimba De Kabluna (Iglesias/Kelley)

RWD: Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits (Howen/Burrill)

RWB: Kasaan N' Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma (McMahon-Howen/Lindeman)

### **Name of Show:** Land O'Lakes Kennel Club (1/3/15)

Judge: Mr. Jack Ireland

Total Entries 25 D:8 (4 pts) B: 8 (3 pts) 7-D 2-B

BOB: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (Burrill)

BOS: GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (Dewing/Dysart/Kanzelberger)

SD: GCH Ice Fall's Guns A Blazin (Mewes)

SB: CH Kasaan's Heart Of A Fighter (Lindeman/McMahon-Howen)

BOW/WD: Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back (Kanzelberger/Renzelman)

WB: Katalla Sno Klassic Busy Being Fabulous (Newport/Peel)

RWD: Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits (Howen/Burrill)

RWB: Fall Moons Magnificent Mamie Of Dreamekatcher CGC (Warrichaiet/Sanders)

BOBOH/OH Grp 2: GCH Ice Fall's Guns A Blazin (Mewes)

### **Name of Show:** Land O'Lakes Kennel Club (1/4/15)

Judge: Mr. James Reynolds

Total Entries 20 D:6 (3 pts) B: 6 (2 pts) 6-D 2-B

BOB: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (Burrill)

BOS: GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (Dewing/Dysart/Kanzelberger)

SD: Winterchill's Blackpowder Keg (Robertson)

SB: CH Kasaan's Heart Of A Fighter (Lindeman/McMahon-Howen)

BOW/WD: Chikara N Catera's Bringing Classic Back (Kanzelberger/Renzelman)

WB: Bimba De Kabluna (Iglesias/Kelley)

RWD: Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits (Howen/Burrill)

RWB: Storm Sky's It's Game Time (Czarapata/EI Dissi/Gonzalez)



# World Cynosport Rally

By Mary Swinyer

Some might think AKC was the first or original Rally venue, but it wasn't! The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (Now called Assn. of \*Professional\* Dog Trainers, still APDT) held their first rally trials in New York in 2001. An affiliate of United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. (USDAA), World Cynosport Rally Limited acquired the APDT rally operations in 2013. I'll start by talking about some of the differences and similarities between WCR Level 1 and AKC Novice.

While there are many likenesses between the two rally venues, there are also some differences. For example, a lower jump height may be requested for a dog who had a previous injury. Equipment differences include the allowance of standard harnesses, however choke chains/slip collars are prohibited.

Food and touch rewards are allowed in the ring. When I first heard this, I thought this must be the easiest thing in the world. On the contrary, I actually find WCR more challenging than AKC in many ways. The rules surrounding rewards in the ring are very specific. Food must be concealed in pockets and may only come out at the end of stationary exercises. Food dropped by dog or handler will be penalized. I do feel this helps make this venue a great way for young dogs and/or new handlers to break into competition and it's also a way to work through issues with older, ring-wise dogs.

Retries need not include the "approach" to the station the way they do in AKC. You may simply retry the exercise from the point it went wrong. For example, if it were a sit, down, sit, and the dog did the first sit and the down, but then stood, the handler could simply put the dog back into a down, and then have it perform a sit. While communication is allowed and encouraged, repeating commands/cues is penalized.

There is a four minute time limit on the course. The team starts with 200 points, a total of 170 are needed for a qualifying run. A Level 1 course consists of 18-20 stations. A class is where

all dogs earn their level titles. Once they have had three qualifying scores at that level, they may continue to compete at that level, but must move into the B class. Past the Finish sign there is a Bonus exercise, where the team can earn up to an additional 10 points, but no points can be taken away from the rest of the course scoring. Scoring is similar, but there are certain things that will result in an NQ, including not sitting or "staying" on some exercises.

Level 1 courses contain some exercises that show up in AKC Rally Advanced. One exercise that is performed differently is Halt, Turn Right One Step, Halt. Unlike AKC's "Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call Dog To Heel" exercise, the dog moves \*with\* the handler on this one. There may be "married" or multiple sign stations.

For example, there could be the Call Front Finish Right sign, followed by Halt Sit Walk Around, followed by Halt 90% Pivot Right Halt. Performed "married" these stations share a sit, reducing the overall number of sits on the course. In other words, after the right hand finish, the dog is already sitting at heel and is ready for the handler to walk around. Once the walk around is performed, the team may pivot right. A handler may choose to separate these stations by taking one or more steps between performing the exercises. One reason the handler may choose to separate them is if the dog sat crooked at the end of the first exercise (finish right). If the dog remains in that crooked position, point(s) would be lost on all three stations, whereas straightening the dog before performing the walk around would only result in point loss on the first station.

The three Level 1 Bonus exercises are as follows. The first sign directs: Halt, Leave Dog (dog sits at heel position, handler either drops or removes the leash, then walks forward to second sign). Second sign directs: Call To Heel (with handler's back to dog, dog is cued to come to heel position and sit).

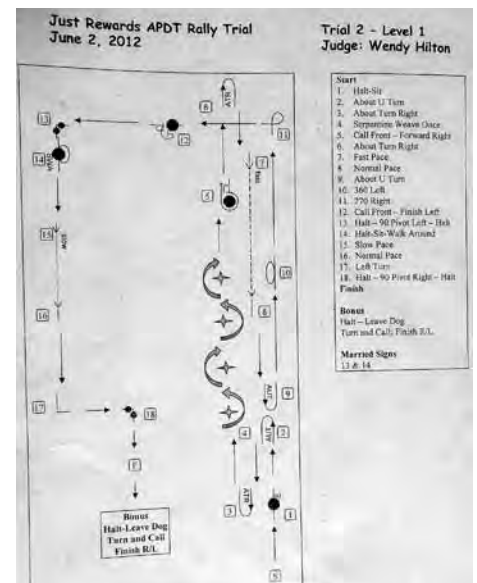
Call Front, Side Step R/L (handler

stops forward motion and may back up slightly while calling dog into a sit in front. Handler takes a full step to the right or left, dog moves with handler and sits straight in front again).



Mary with Comet Level 1

First sign: Halt, Leave Dog, Recall.



Second sign: Turn and Call, Finish R/L. Handler leaves dog, goes to second sign where he faces dog and calls dog into a front. Handler may then choose to direct the dog to heel position with either a right or left hand finish.

You can find out more at: [www.rally-dogs.com](http://www.rally-dogs.com).





# TOP TWENTY

Standings through December 31, 2014



Hey everyone!

Below are the Top 20 Standings as of December 31, 2014. With this report, we are officially two-thirds of the way through the current qualifying period. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to the winners!

Stacey Moore  
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1	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D)	329	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K Robinson
2	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	228	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
3	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	189	IL/WI	J El Dissi
4	GCH Peaceriver's Silverice Summer Solstice (D)	187	WC	A Syar/M Stone
5	CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (B)	153	IL/WI	S Kalous/L Kalous
6	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	150	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
7	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	144	GL	H Donovan
8	GCH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym (D)	139	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
9	GCH Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale (D)	132	GL	R Phillips/D Phillips/H Donovan
10	GCH Silverice's Poker Face (D)	115	WC	A Syar/M Stone
11	GCH Mytuk's Technical Knock Out (D)	106	PNW	D Milburn/A Milburn
12	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	98	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
13	GCH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire (B)	96	SO	V Jones
14	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	95	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
15	GCH Spiritrun's Cool Ride (B)	75	GL	J Remazki/E Remazki/A Syar
16	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses (B)	71	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires
17	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (B)	69	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel-Hisatake
17	CH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart (D)	69	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
19	GCH Koolrunnings'N'Terraglos'U'Can'T Touch This (D)	68	WC	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
20	GCH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure (D)	67	SO	S Moore
20	GCH Velvet Sky's Tunnel Of Love (B)	67	GL	N Ramsey/S Ramsey

## The Contenders

22	GCH Ice Fall's Locked "N" Loaded (D)	62	IL/WI	L Ryer
23	GCH Silver Shadow's Polar Express (D)	61	MW	C Frank/L Frank
24	CH Mfy's Locke Tin Yuet Nicole (B)	59		D Wang
25	GCH Wolfmnts Storm Watch At Stormrunner (B)	55	RM	C Rogowski/L Rogowski

NOTE: No Area is listed when the primary owner is not an AMCA member.



# TOP TWENTY

Standings through January 31, 2015



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Since December had so few shows to report, I thought I'd take the opportunity to catch up on the Standings. Below are the Top 20 Standings as of January 31, 2015. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to the winners!

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3	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	217	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
4	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	189	IL/WI	J El Dissi
5	GCH Peaceriver's Silverice Summer Solstice (D)	187	WC	A Syar/M Stone
6	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	174	GL	H Donovan
7	CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (B)	153	IL/WI	S Kalous/L Kalous
8	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	150	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
9	GCH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym (D)	139	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
10	GCH Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale (D)	132	GL	R Phillips/D Phillips/H Donovan
11	GCH Wolfholic's Extraordinary (D)	131	AL	Y Choi
12	GCH Silverice's Poker Face (D)	115	WC	A Syar/M Stone
13	GCH Mytuk's Technical Knock Out (D)	106	PNW	D Milburn/A Milburn
14	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	98	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
15	GCH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire (B)	96	SO	V Jones
16	CH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart (D)	91	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
17	GCH Koolrunnings'N'Terraglos'U'Can'T Touch This (D)	84	WC	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
18	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (B)	80	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel-Hisatake
19	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses (B)	77	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires
19	GCH Spiritrun's Cool Ride (B)	77	GL	J Remazki/E Remazki/A Syar

## The Contenders

21	GCH Ice Fall's Locked "N" Loaded (D)	70	IL/WI	L Ryer
22	GCH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure (D)	69	SO	S Moore
22	GCH Mfy's Locke Tin Yuet Nicole (B)	69		D Wang
24	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One (B)	68	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
25	GCH Velvet Sky's Tunnel Of Love (B)	67	GL	N Ramsey/S Ramsey

NOTE: No Area is listed when the primary owner is not an AMCA member.

## Side-by-Side Comparison of Three AKC Breed Standards for the Alaskan Malamute: 1935, 1960, 1994

	1935	1960	1994
<b>Origin</b>	The Alaskan Malamute is a native sled dog of Alaska and is the oldest native dog known to that country. It was originally named "Mahlemut" after a native Inuit (Mahlemut) Tribe.		
<b>General Appearance</b>	A large size dog with a strong, compact body, not too short coupled; thick dense, coarse coat and not too long; stands well over pads and has appearance of much activity; broad head, ears erect and wedge shaped; muzzle not too pointed and long, but not too stubby (other extreme); deep chest, proud carriage, head erect and eyes alert—Face markings are a distinguishing feature and the eyes are well set off by these markings which consist of either cap over head and rest of face solid color, (usually greyish white) or face marked with appearance of mask, thus setting off eyes; tail is plumed and carried over back when not working, but not too tightly curled, more like a plume waving. Malamutes are of various colors, but usually wolfish grey or black and white. Their feet are of the "snowshoe" type with well cushioned pads giving firm and compact appearance; front legs straight and with big bone; hind legs well bent at stifles and without cowhocks; straight back gently sloping from shoulders to hips; endurance and intelligence are shown in body and eyes; the eyes have a "wolf-like" appearance by position of the eyes, but expression is soft; quick in action, but no loss of energy in moving; affectionate dispositions.	The Alaskan Malamute is a powerful and substantially built dog with a deep chest and strong, compact body, not too short coupled, with a thick, coarse guard coat of sufficient length to protect a dense, wooly undercoat, from 1 to 2 inches in depth when the dog is in full coat. Stands well over the pads, and this stance gives the appearance of much activity, showing interest and curiosity. The head is broad, ears wedge shaped and erect when alerted. The muzzle is bulky with only slight diminishing in width from root to nose, not pointed or long, but not stubby. The Malamute moves with a proud carriage, head erect and eyes alert. Face markings are a distinguishing feature. These consist of either cap over the head and rest of face solid color, usually grayish white, or face marked with appearance of a mask. Combinations of cap and mask are not unusual. The tail is plumed and carried over the back, not like a fox brush, or tightly curled, more like a plume waving.	The Alaskan Malamute, one of the oldest Arctic sled dogs, is a powerful and substantially built dog with a deep chest and strong, well-muscled body. The Malamute stands well over the pads, and this stance gives the appearance of much activity and a proud carriage, with head erect and eyes alert showing interest and curiosity. The head is broad. Ears are triangular and erect when alerted. The muzzle is bulky, only slight diminishing in width from root to nose. The muzzle is not pointed or long, yet not stubby. The coat is thick with a coarse guard coat of sufficient length to protect a wooly undercoat. Malamutes are of various colors. Face markings are a distinguishing feature. These consist of a cap over the head, the face either all white or marked with a bar and/or mask. The tail is well furred, carried over the back, and has the appearance of a waving plume. The Malamute must be a heavy boned dog with sound legs, good feet, deep chest and powerful shoulders, and have all of the other physical attributes necessary for the efficient performance of his job. The gait must be steady, balanced, tireless and totally efficient. He is not intended as a racing sled dog designed to compete in speed trials. The Malamute is structured for strength and endurance, and any characteristic of the individual specimen, including

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		moderately bent at stifles, and without cowhocks. The back is straight, gently sloping from shoulders to hips. The loin should not be so short or tight as to interfere with easy, tireless movement. Endurance and intelligence are shown in body and expression. The eyes have a “wolf-like” appearance by their position, but the expression is soft and indicates and affectionate disposition.	temperament, which interferes with the accomplishment of this purpose, is to be considered the most serious of faults.
<b>Size, Proportion, Substance</b>		There is a natural range in size in the breed. The desirable freighting sizes are: Males—25 inches at the shoulders—85 pounds. Females—23 inches at the shoulders—75 pounds. However, size consideration should not outweigh that of type, proportion, movement and other functional attributes, such as shoulders, chest, legs, feet and movement. When dogs are judged equal in type, proportion and functional attributes, the dog nearest the desirable freighting size is to be preferred.	There is a natural range in <b>size</b> in the breed. The desirable freighting sizes are males, 25 inches at the shoulders, 85 pounds; females, 23 inches at the shoulders, 75 pounds. However, size consideration should not outweigh that of type, proportion, movement and other functional attributes. When dogs are judged equal in type, proportion, movement, the dog nearest the desirable freighting size is to be preferred. The depth of chest is approximately one half the height of the dog at the shoulders, the deepest point being just behind the forelegs. The length of the body from point of shoulder to the rear point of pelvis is longer than the height of the body from ground to top of the withers. The body carries no excess weight, and bone is in proportion to size.
<b>Head</b>	The head should indicate a high degree of intelligence—it should be in proportion to the size of the dog so as not to make the dog appear clumsy or coarse. Skull—broad between ears, gradually narrowing to eyes; moderately rounded between ears, flattening on top as it approaches eyes, rounding off to cheeks, which should be moderately flat; there should be a slight furrow between the eyes; the top line of skull and top line of muzzle showing but little break downward from a straight line as they join.	The head should indicate a high degree of intelligence, and is broad and powerful as compared with other “natural” breeds, but should be in proportion to the size of the dog so as not to make the dog appear clumsy or coarse. <i>Skull</i> —The skull should be broad between ears, gradually narrowing to eyes, moderately rounded between ears, flattening on top as it approaches eyes, rounding off to cheeks, which should be moderately flat. There should be a slight furrow between the eyes, the topline of skull and topline of muzzle showing but little break downward from a	The <b>head</b> is broad and deep, not coarse or clumsy, but in proportion to the size of the dog. The <b>expression</b> is soft and indicates an affectionate disposition. The <b>eyes</b> are obliquely placed in the skull. Eyes are brown, almond shaped and of medium size. Dark eyes are preferred. Blue eyes are a disqualifying fault. The <b>ears</b> are of medium size, but small in proportion to the head. The ears are triangular in shape and slightly rounded at the tips. They are set wide apart on the outside back edges of the skull on line with the upper corner of the eye, giving ears the appearance, when erect, of standing off from the skull. Erect ears point

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		straight line as they join. <i>Muzzle</i> —The muzzle should be large and bulky in proportion to size of skull diminishing but little in width and depth from junction with skull to nose; lips close fitting; nose black; upper and lower jaws broad with large teeth, front teeth meeting with a scissors grip but never overshot or undershot.	slightly forward, but when the dog is at work, the ears are sometimes folded against the skull. High set ears are a fault. The <i>skull</i> is broad and moderately rounded between the ears, gradually narrowing and flattening on top as it approaches the eyes, rounding off to cheeks that are moderately flat. There is a slight furrow between the eyes. The topline of the skull and the topline of the muzzle show a slight break downward from a straight line as they join. The <i>muzzle</i> is large and bulky in proportion to the size of the skull, diminishing slightly in width and depth from junction with the skull to the nose. In all coat colors, except reds, the nose, lips, and eye rims' pigmentation is black. Brown is permitted in red dogs. The lighter streaked "snow nose" is acceptable. The lips are close fitting. The upper and lower jaws are broad with large teeth. The incisors meet with a scissors grip. Overshot or undershot is a fault.
<b>Muzzle</b>	Large and bulky in proportion to size of skull—diminishing but little in width and depth from junction with skull to nose—lips close fitting—nose black—upper and lower jaws broad with large teeth—the front teeth meeting with a scissors grip, but never "overshot."	(See "Head")	(See "Head")
<b>Eyes</b>	Almond shaped—dark in color—moderately large for this shape of eye—set obliquely in skull.	Brown, almond shaped, moderately large for this shape of eye, set obliquely in skull. Dark eyes preferred.	(See "Head")
<b>Ears</b>	Medium—upper half of ear triangular in shape—slightly rounded at tips—set wide apart on outside back edges of top of skull with lower part of ear joining the skull on a line with the upper corner of eye; giving the tips of the ears the appearance when erect of standing off from the skull; when erect, ears are pointed slightly forward, but when at work the ears are usually folded back on the skull.	The ears should be of medium size, but small in proportion to head. The upper halves of the ears are triangular in shape, rounded at tips, set wide apart on outside back edges of top of skull with lower part of ear joining the skull on a line with the upper corner of eye, giving the tips of the ears the appearance, when erect, of standing off from the skull. When erect, the ears point slightly forward, but when the dog is at work the ears are sometimes folded against the skull. High-set ears are a fault.	(See "Head")
<b>Neck</b>		The neck should be strong and moderately	(See "Neck, Topline, Body")

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<b>Neck, Topline, Body</b>	Chest should be strong and deep; body should be strong and compactly built, but not too short coupled; the back should be straight and gently sloping from shoulders to hips. Loins well muscled, but no surplus weight.	arched. The chest should be strong and deep; body should be strong and compactly built, but not short coupled. The back should be straight and gently sloping to the hips. The loins should be well muscled and not so short as to interfere with easy, rhythmic movement with powerful drive from the hindquarters. A long loin which weakens the back is also a fault. Ne excess weight.	The <b>neck</b> is strong and moderately arched. The chest is well developed. The <b>body</b> is compactly built but not short coupled. The back is straight and gently sloping to the hips. The loins are hard and well muscled. A long loin that may weaken the back is a fault. The <b>tail</b> is moderately set and follows the line of the spine at the base. The tail is carried over the back when not working. It is not a snap tail or curled tight against the back, nor is it short furred like a fox brush. The Malamute tail is well furred and has the appearance of a waving plume.
<b>Shoulders, Legs and Feet</b>	Shoulders moderately sloping; forelegs heavily boned and muscled—straight to pasterns, which should be short and strong and almost vertical when viewed from the side; feet large and compact, toes well arched, pads thick and tough; toe nails short and strong; protective growth of hair between toes. Hindlegs must be broad and powerfully muscled through thighs; stifles well bent; hock joints broad and strong and moderately bent and well let down—as viewed from behind the hindlegs should not appear bowed in bone, but stand and move true and not to close or too wide. The legs of the malamute must indicate unusual strength and powerful propelling power—any definite indication of unsoundness in feet or legs, standing or moving, constitutes practically disqualification in the show ring.	The shoulders should be moderately sloping; forelegs heavily boned and muscled, straight to pasterns, which should be short and strong and almost vertical when viewed from the side. The feet should be large and compact, toes tight-fitting and well arched, pads thick and tough, toe nails short and strong. There should be a protective growth of hair between the toes. Hindlegs must be broad and powerfully muscled through thighs; stifles moderately bent, hock joints broad and strong, moderately bent and well let down. As viewed from behind, the hind legs should not appear bowed in bone, but stand and move true in line with the movement of the front legs, and not too close or too wide. The legs of the malamute must indicate unusual strength and tremendous propelling power. Any definite indication of unsoundness in legs or feet, standing or moving, is to be considered a serious fault. Dewclaws on the hind legs are undesirable and should be removed shortly after pups are whelped.	(See “Forequarters” and “Hindquarters”)
<b>Forequarters</b>			The shoulders are moderately sloping; forelegs heavily boned and muscled, straight to the pasterns when viewed from the front. Pasterns are short and strong and slightly sloping when viewed from the side. The feet are of the



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			snowshoe type, tight and deep, with well-cushioned pads, giving a firm, compact appearance. The feet are large, toes tight fitting and well arched. There is a protective growth of hair between the toes. The pads are thick and tough; toenails short and strong.
<b>Hindquarters</b>			The rear legs are broad and heavily muscled through the thighs; stifles moderately bent; hock joints are moderately bent and well let down. When viewed from the rear, the legs stand and move true in line with the movement of the front legs, not too close or too wide. Dewclaws on the rear legs are undesirable and should be removed shortly after puppies are whelped.
<b>Coat</b>	Thick, dense, coarse coat, but not long; undercoat is thick, oily, and woolly, while outer coat is rather coarse and stands out. Thick fur around neck. (This allows for protection against weather.)	The Malamute should have a thick, coarse guard coat, not long and soft. The undercoat is dense, from 1 to 2 inches in depth, oily and woolly. The coarse guard coat stands out, and there is thick fur around the neck. The guard coat varies in length, as does the undercoat; however, in general the coat is moderately short to medium along the sides of the body with the length of the coat increasing somewhat around the shoulders and neck, down the back and over the rump, as well as in the breeching and plume. Malamutes usually have shorter and less dense coats when shed out during the summer months.	The Malamute has a thick, coarse guard coat, never long and soft. The undercoat is dense, from one to two inches in depth, oily and woolly. The coarse guard coat varies in length as does the undercoat. The coat is relatively short to medium along the sides of the body, with the length of the coat increasing around the shoulders and neck, down the back, over the rump, and in the breeching and plume. Malamutes usually have a shorter and less dense coat during the summer months. The Malamute is shown naturally. Trimming is not acceptable except to provide a clean cut appearance of feet.
<b>Color</b>	The usual colors are wolfish grey or black and white. Markings should be either cap-like or mask-like on face. A variation of colors and markings is occasionally found.	The usual colors range from light gray through the intermediate shadings to black, always with white on underbodies, parts of legs, feet, and part of mask markings. Markings should be either cap-like or mask-like on the face. A white blaze on the forehead and/or collar or spot on nape is attractive and acceptable, but broken color extending over the body in spots or uneven splashing is undesirable. One should distinguish between mantled dogs and splash-coated dogs. The only solid color allowable is the all-white.	The usual colors range from light gray through intermediate shadings to black, sable, and shadings of sable to red. Color combinations are acceptable in undercoats, points, and trimmings. The only solid color allowable is all white. White is always the predominant color on underbody, parts of legs, feet, and part of face markings. A white blaze on the forehead and/or collar or a spot on the nape is attractive and acceptable. The Malamute is mantled, and broken colors extending over the body or uneven splashing are undesirable.
<b>Tail</b>	Well furred and carried over back	Moderately set and following the line of the	(See "Neck, Topline, Body")

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	when not working, but not too tightly curled to rest on back, a “waving plume” appearance instead.	spine at the start, well furred and carried over back when not working—not tightly curled to rest on back—or short furred and carried like a fox brush, a waving plume appearance instead.	
<b>Height</b>	Of male dog averaging from 22 to 25 inches; of bitch averaging from 20 to 23 inches.	(See “Size, Proportion, Substance”)	(See “Size, Proportion, Substance”)
<b>Weight</b>	Of male dog averaging from 65 to 85 pounds; of bitch averaging from 50 to 70 pounds.	(See “Size, Proportion, Substance”)	(See “Size, Proportion, Substance”)
<b>Gait</b>			The gait of the Malamute is steady, balanced, and powerful. He is agile for his size and build. When viewed from the side, the hindquarters exhibit strong rear drive that is transmitted through a well-muscled loin to the forequarters. The forequarters receive the drive from the rear with a smooth reaching stride. When viewed from the front or from the rear, the legs move true in line, not too close or too wide. At a fast trot, the feet will converge toward the centerline of the body. A stilted gait, or any gait that is not completely efficient and tireless, is to be penalized.
<b>Temperament</b>		The Alaskan Malamute is an affectionate, friendly dog, not a “one-man” dog. He is a loyal, devoted companion, playful on invitation, but generally impressive by his dignity after maturity.	The Alaskan Malamute is an affectionate, friendly dog, not a “one man” dog. He is a loyal, devoted companion, playful in invitation, but generally impressive by his dignity after maturity.
<b>Summary</b>		<i>IMPORTANT - In judging Alaskan Malamutes their function as a sledge dog for heavy freighting must be given consideration above all else. The judge must bear in mind that this breed is designed primarily as a working sledge dog of the North for hauling heavy freight, and therefore he should be a heavy-boned, powerfully built, compact dog with sound legs, good feet, deep</i>	<i>Important - In judging Malamutes, their function as a sledge dog for heavy freighting in the Arctic must be given consideration above all else. The degree to which a dog is penalized should depend upon the extent to which the dog deviates from the description of the ideal Malamute and the extent to which the particular fault would actually affect the working ability of the dog. The legs of the</i>

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		<p>chest, powerful shoulders, steady, balanced, tireless gait, and other physical equipment necessary for the efficient performance of his job. He isn't intended as a racing sled dog designed to compete in speed trials with the smaller Northern breeds. The Malamute as a sledge dog for heavy freighting is designed for strength and endurance and any characteristic of the individual specimen, including temperament, which interferes with the accomplishment of this purpose is to be considered the most serious of faults.</p> <p>Faults under this provision would be splay-footedness, any indication of unsoundness or weakness in legs, cowhocks, bad pasterns, straight shoulders, lack of angulation, stilted gait or any gait which isn't balanced, strong and steady, ranginess, shallowness, ponderousness, lightness of bone, poor over-all proportion, and similar characteristics.</p>	<p>Malamute must indicate unusual strength and tremendous propelling power. Any indication of unsoundness in legs and feet, front or rear, standing or moving, is to be considered a serious fault. Faults under this provision would be splay-footedness, cowhocks, bad pasterns, straight shoulders, lack of angulation, stilted gait (or any gait that isn't balanced, strong and steady), ranginess, shallowness, ponderousness, lightness of bone, and poor overall proportion.</p>
<b>Disqualification</b>			<i>Blue eyes.</i>
<b>Point Scale</b>	<p>General appearance: 20</p> <p>Head: 20</p> <p>Body: 20</p> <p>Legs and feet: 20</p> <p>Coat and color: 10</p> <p>Tail: 10</p> <p>Total: 100</p>	<p>General appearance: 20</p> <p>Head: 15</p> <p>Body: 20</p> <p>Legs and movement: 20</p> <p>Feet: 10</p> <p>Coat and color: 10</p> <p>Tail: 5</p> <p>Total: 100</p>	

# 2014 FINAL STATISTICS

If you have any questions or corrections, please contact Karen Berry (committee chair) – Puppy Dogs/Bitches, Class Dogs/Bitches and Juniors, Val Thawley – Bred-By Exhibitor Dogs/Bitches, or Stacey Moore – Best of Breed/Best of Opposite Sex. Please make sure you notify the appropriate committee member 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 December 31, 2014.

**These results will be final 30 days from this publication.** In accordance with the current Standing Rules, certificates will be mailed to the owner listed first according to the AKC results unless the Chair of this committee is notified in writing that a different owner is to receive the certificate. Congratulations to all the winners!

## TOP 10 BEST OF BREED/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

### DOGS

1	GCH CH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra	PNW	T Robinson/ A Syar/ M Coburn/ K Robinson	424
2	GCH CH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time	IL/WI	J El Dissi	255
3	GCH CH Peaceriver Silverice Summer Solstice	WC	A Syar/M Stone	255
4	GCH CH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	NY/NJ	K Hausner/ S Das	244
5	GCH CH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	GL	H Donovan	226
6	GCH CH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	195
7	GCH CH Koolrunnings'N'Terraglos' U'Can'T Touch This	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	161
8	GCH CH Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale	GL	R Phillips/ D Phillips/ H Donovan	150
9	GCH CH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill	150
10	GCH CH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/ R Pfeiffer	133

### BITCHES

1	GCH CH Catera's Keepin' It World Class	PNW	J Dewing/ R Dysart	334
2	GCH CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart	IL/WI	S Kalous/ L Kalous	153
3	GCH CH Joshua's Guns And Roses	WC	C Chauvie/ C Sires	138
4	GCH CH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire	SO	V Jones	126
5	GCH CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Emotions	ME	R Deutsch/ R Deutsch	96
6	GCH CH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance	GL	J Taylor/ P Peel/ M Peel	85
7	GCH CH Spiritrun's Cool Ride	GL	J Remazki/ E Remazki/ A Syar	75
8	GCH CH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel-Hisatake	69
9	GCH CH Peace River's Sexy And I Know It	ME	J Pistolesi/ M Coburn	68
10	GCH CH Velvet Sky's Tunnel Of Love	GL	N Ramsey/ S Ramsey	67

## TOP 10 BRED-BY EXHIBITOR DOGS/BITCHES

### DOGS

1	(Ch) Pale Moons' Arctic Sno Prince	GL	K McCallum/ J Javellana-Santos/ P Javellana-Santos	79
2	Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	NE	J Palinkas/ V Palinkas	56

### BITCHES

1	(Ch) Kasaan Sno Klassic's Kiss The Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen/P Peel	55
2	(Ch) Storm Sky's Designed 4 Dreams	IL/WI	S Czarapata	51

3	(Ch) Chikara N Catera The Black Jaguar	PNW	R Dysart/J Dewing	48
4	Wolfholic's Extraordinary	AL	Y Choi	36
5	(Ch) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormcloud	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J ElDissi	35
6	(Ch) Miatuk's Dark Knight	GL	L Conley/ D McLaughlin	33
7	(Ch) Thundercloud's Secret Agent	IL/WI	P McGovern/ T McGovern	27
8	(Ch) Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	NY/NJ	L Heft	26
9	Velvet Sky N Ggm's 3-D Creativity	GL	N Ramsey/ K Schmidt	25
10	Pekaboos Hot Licks	NE	J Theriaque	24

3	Thundercloud T' Secret's In T' Starz	IL/WI	P McGovern/ T McGovern	48
4	Catera's Chikara Keep Believing	IL/WI	A Kanzelberger/ J Dewing/R Dysart	45
5	Pale Moon N Snopeaks Arctic Snoangel	GL	K McCallum/ J McCallum/ B White/A White	44
6	Kaviak's Make Mine A Double	MW	J Delay	38
7	(Ch) Tru North's Joyful Mountain	RM	L Cathey	37
8	(Ch) Silverice's Conversation Over Cocktails	WC	A Syar/M Stone	31
9	(Ch) Snocreek's Undercover Lover	NY/NJ	B Martin/J Martin	30
10	Granite's Rise'N To The Challenge	NY/NJ	L Heft	30

## TOP 10 CLASS DOGS/BITCHES

### DOGS

1	(CH) Zulem Morning Singer	GL	L Sanders	66
2	(CH) Pale Moon's Arctic Sno Prince	GL	K McCallum/ J Javellana- Santos/ P Javellana- Santos	60
3	(CH) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormcloud	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J ElDissi	57
4	(CH) Nanuke Breathless At Howlingwind	GL	A Bennett/ N Bennett/ J Plourde	46
5	(CH) Poker Flat's Dancing In The Dark	IL/WI	R Haggard/ J Kuehl	43
	(CH) Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	SO	G Box-Young	43
7	(CH) Snokist N Staghorn's U Da Bomb	IL/WI	D Roberts- Burrill	41
	(CH) Chikara N Catera The Black Jaguar	PNW	R Dysart/ J Dewing	41
9	(CH) Silverice's Jagger Bomb	WC	A Syar/M Stone	39
10	(CH) Adair'N'Hug The Jokes On You	ME	D Franck/ L Arnold	37

### BITCHES

1	Kasaan Sno Klassic's Kiss The Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen/P Peel	54
2	(CH) Fall Moon's Traveling Girl To Zulem Azkenportu	GL	L Sanders/ S Rodriguez/ J Cabello	49
3	(CH) Silverice Catanya's Bootylicious	RM	P Harrison/ A Syar/ J Harrison	43
4	Stella Northwest Artic	GL	B Salvadore/ C Gelbert	41
5	(CH) Wild Wind's Emma I In Trouble	IL/W I	M Nicholson/ J Nicholson	38
	(CH) Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	38
7	Adair'N'Hug Constant Comment	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	37
	Corazon's Life Is Full Of Surprises	SO	G Box-Young	37
9	(CH) Storm Sky's Designed 4 Dreams	IL/W I	S Czarapata	36
10	Kaviak's Make Mine A Double	MW	J Delay	33
	Wild Wind's Ya Adier Mind	MW	J Wild/ L Missana	33

## TOP 10 PUPPY DOGS/BITCHES

### DOGS

1	(Ch) Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	SO	G Box-Young	45
2	Kasaan N Seeka's Reigning Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen/ T Kilburn	43
3	Snoklassic Pokerflat Silverice Mr. Freeze	WC	A Syar/ M Stone/ P Peel/M Peel	39
4	(Ch) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormcloud	IL/WI	S Czarapata / J Eldissi	35
5	(Ch) Chayo Vykon's In Your Eyes	SO	V Jones	31
6	(Ch) Snokist N Staghorn's U Da Bomb	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill	29
7	Northern Lites Mr. Reagan	GL	H Donovan	25
8	Snocreek's Lightning Strikes @Ken-Dar	ME	D Puhatch/ B Martin	25
9	Greyrock's Echoes Of The Past	WC	C Hibner	23
10	Wild Winds Kutz Like A Knife	SO	J Clement	23

### BITCHES

1	Wild Wind's Ya Adier Mind	MW	J Wild/ L Missana	53
2	Adair'N'Hug Constant Comment	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	45
3	Storm Sky's Got A Minute	IL/WI	S Czarapata/ J Eldissi	35
4	(Ch) Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	32
5	Spiritruns Ohmygosh Evvys Here	GL	J Slusher/ B Slusher/ A Kunkel	23
6	(Ch) Wild Wind Bright Lights Big City	SO	M Wild/ A Martin	23
7	Adair'N' Hug Happy Days	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	18
8	(Ch) Snodanc Save The Last Dance For Me	WC	D Ragsdale	14
9	Adair'N'Hug Surprisingly Tart	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	13
10	Kaviak's Snow Sprite	MW	J Delay	10

## TOP 10 JUNIORS

1	Jayden A Durst	2 BJH	68
2	Emily Flores	2 BJH	42
3	Alexis Kunkel	3 BJH	29
4	Anna Missana	---	12
5	Justin Scoffield	2 BJH	11
6	Jaiden M Christensen	---	7
7	Adrianna R Martin	---	6

### GREAT LAKES

D	GCH CH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	H Donovan	226
CD	(CH) Zulem Morning Singer	L Sanders	66
BB D	(Ch) Pale Moons' Arctic Sno Prince	K McCallum/J Javellana-Santos/P Javellana-Santos	79
PD	Kasaan N Seeka's Reigning Fortune	B McMahon Howen/ T Kilburn	43

B	GCH CH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance	J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel	85
CB	Kasaan Sno Klassic's Kiss The Fortune	B McMahon Howen/ P Peel	54
BB B	(Ch) Kasaan Sno Klassic's Kiss The Fortune	B McMahon Howen/ P Peel	55
PB	Spiritruns Ohmygosh Evvys Here	J Slusher/B Slusher/ A Kunkel	23



### ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

D	GCH CH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time	J El Dissi	255
CD	(Ch) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud	S Czarapata/J ElDissi	57
BBD	(Ch) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud	S Czarapata/J ElDissi	35
PD	(Ch) Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Stormkloud	S Czarapata/J ElDissi	35

B	GCH CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart	S Kalous/L Kalous	153
CB	(CH) Wild Wind's Emma I In Trouble	M Nicholson/J Nicholson	38
BB B	(Ch) Storm Sky's Designed 4 Dreams	S Czarapata	51
PB	Storm Sky's Got A Minute	S Czarapata/J ElDissi	35

### MID-EAST

D	GCH CH Winter Park's By George He's Got It	M Park/J Park/S Park	89
CD	(CH) Adair'N'Hug The Jokes On You	D Franck/L Arnold	37
BBD	Battlefield Legacy Of Excellence	G Schimming/ D Schimming/ S Pistolesi/J Pistolesi	23
PD	Snocreek's Lightning Strikes @Ken-Dar	D Puhatch/B Martin	25

B	GCH CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Emotions	R Deutsch/R Deutsch	96
CB	(CH) Peace River's Sexy And I Know It	J Pistolesi/M Coburn	25
BB B	(Ch) Starlight N Attaris Equinox	N Zinkhan/C Zinkhan	13
PB	None	None	

### MIDWEST

D	GCH CH Silver Shadow's Polar Express	C Frank/L Frank	117
CD	(CH) Catera's Load N Go	S Pomes-Bohay/ A Kanzelberger	25
BBD	(Ch) Winterstarz Halley's Comet	T O'Brien/K Burger	19
PD	Kasaan's Shoot'N For The Fortune At Windchaser	A Ste. Jhourre	1

B	CH Kaviak's Whoa Black Betty	J Delay/K Copley-Holland	37
CB	Kaviak's Make Mine A Double	J Delay	33
CB	Wild Wind's Ya Adier Mind	J Wild/L Missana	33
BB B	Kaviak's Make Mine A Double	J Delay	38
PB	Wild Wind's Ya Adier Mind	J Wild/L Missana	53

### NEW ENGLAND

D	GCH CH Weir River's Building Your Dream	P Cronk/M Cronk	67
CD	Pekaboos Hot Licks	J Theriaque	21
BBD	Luv Sno's Liking It Rugged	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	56
PD	None	None	

B	CH Maskaraidnluvsno's Maidn Tiffney	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	35
CB	Edgemere's Appassionata	K Corkum/D Collins/ C Collins	14
BB B	Edgemere's Appassionata	K Corkum/D Collins/ C Collins	7
PB	Husaria's In Over Our Heads	S Obuchowski	1

### NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

D	GCH CH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	K Hausner/S Das	244
CD	(CH) Amook's Victory Lap	C McFarland	33
BBD	(Ch) Granite's Only On Istari Starri Night	L Heft	26
PD	Snobuc's The Spy Who Loves Me	M Dinwoodie/ R Dinwoodie/K Congilosi	3

B	GCH CH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild	G Kuehnel-Hisatake	69
CB	(CH) Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music	P Buono	28
BB B	(Ch) Snocreek's Undercover Lover	B Martin/J Martin	30
BB B	Granite's Rise'N To The Challenge	L Heft	30
PB	Lakopac's Shiloh Of The Yukon	P Bryce	7

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

D	GCH CH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra	T Robinson/A Syar/ M Coburn/K Robinson	424
CD	(CH) Chikara N Catera The Black Jaguar	R Dysart/J Dewing	41
BBD	(Ch) Chikara N Catera The Black Jaguar	R Dysart/J Dewing	48
PD	Peace River's Never Say Never	M Coburn	3

B	GCH CH Catera's Keepin' It World Class	J Dewing/R Dysart	334
CB	(CH) Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstatt	L Maffei/M Coburn	21
BB B	Orionblu's Mush'N To The Moon	B Reiser	12
PB	(Ch) Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstatt	L Maffei/M Coburn	2

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

D	GCH CH Windswepts The Games Afoot At Stormrunner	C Rogowski/L Rogowski/ M Wild	130
CD	Adair'N'Hugs Spirit Of Chandalar	B Goodman/M Goodman	31
BBD	Valhalla's Yule Shadow Leif	R.Pratt/S.Pratt	19
PD	Monikoona Hitman	A Allen	22

B	GCH CH Wolfmtns Storm Watch At Stormrunner	C Rogowski/L Rogowski	55
CB	(CH) Silverice Catanya's Bootylicious	P Harrison/A Syar/ J Harrison	43
BB B	(Ch) Tru North's Joyful Mountain	L Cathey	37
PB	Adair'N'Hug Constant Comment	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug	45

### SOUTHERN

D	GCH CH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure	S Moore	78
CD	(CH) Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	G Box-Young	42
BBD	(Ch) Kumata Kasaan Doin' My Thing	E Thomas/S Bedell/ C THOMAS/J Hallock	11
PD	(Ch) Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	G Box-Young	45

B	GCH CH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire	V Jones	126
CB	Corazon's Life Is Full Of Surprises	G Box-Young	37
BB B	(Ch) Moonlight's Ixa Spirit In The Sky	M Wells/B Wells	20
PB	(Ch) Wild Wind Bright Lights Big City	M Wild/A Martin	23

### WEST COAST

D	GCH CH Peaceriver Silverice Summer Solstice	A Syar/M Stone	255
CD	(CH) Silverice's Jagger Bomb	A Syar/M Stone	39
BBD	(Ch) Cabin Fevers Oso Negro Mi Amorcito	J SMITH/P SMITH	17
PD	Snoklassic Pokerflat Silverice Mr. Freeze	A Syar/M Stone/P Peel/ M Peel	39

B	GCH CH Joshua's Guns And Roses	C Chauvie/C Sires	138
CB	(CH) Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	38
BB B	(Ch) Silverice's Conversation Over Cocktails	A Syar/M Stone	31
PB	(Ch) Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	32

#### AT LARGE

D	CH Wolfholic's Extraordinary	Y Choi	34	B	Bimba De Kabluna	J Iglesias/E Kelley	7
CD	(CH) Wolfholic's Extraordinary	Y Choi	30	CB	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	G Masotina/R Haggard	2
BBD	CH) Wolfholic's Extraordinary	Y Choi	36	BB B	None	None	
PD	None			PB	Poker Flat's G&G Sophia Loren	G Masotina/R Haggard	4

Please contact Karen Berry (gotroots @ aol.com) if you are interested in helping out with the statistics for 2015.

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## Letter to the AMCA Membership

From Holly Levinter

The Area Reporters say they are receiving very little information about the activities of our members. Remember, the AMCA Newsletter is your newsletter. Perhaps, if you let others know what you are doing, you might inspire them to try new activities. Some active members contributed several really great articles to the March issue. Wasn't it more interesting to read?

Many members are NOT on Facebook and have no idea of the feats, adventures, achievements, you have accomplished and awards you have won. We are interested in your highs and lows. As members of AMCA are interested in everything do.

We want pictures of you and your dogs at events such as fund raising, public and judges' education, sledding, weight pulling, rally, obedience, hiking, or even just meet and greets with people on the street or in the park, showing them malamutes are not big bad wolves.

We would like any of you who are vets or vet techs to write about some of the more common or even rarer problems you see in your offices. We want information on the symptoms and treatment of ailments or first aid. Not all the Members are long time malamute slaves who have been there and done a lot. Some have been dog or Malamute people for a very short time, and have not experienced even minor issues. Topics that immediately come to mind are dehydration, heat stroke, hot spots, sprains, strains, infections, minor scrapes and cuts or even how to take a temperature. We need to know when to call and see the vet, treat with home remedies or just wait for something to pass.

We are lucky enough to have a contributor who writes regularly about rally and other activities she does with her dogs. We are sure there are others among you who participate in activities and could write about how much fun it is, or the satisfaction you receive by doing them.

So, here is the challenge. Write an article about any doggy activity or subject you like. Take pictures. Send the copy to me at [hlev@rogers.com](mailto:hlev@rogers.com). You don't have to be a writer or expert in grammar or sentence structure. We will clean up these items.

#### AND PLEASE

Don't say "I don't have time". Don't say "Let someone else do it". Don't say "I am not qualified". Don't say "No one wants to read about what I've done; it isn't important." You know that if one wants to get something done, one gives it to the busiest person. That person always finds time to do what is important.

# CONSTITUTION

**Section 1 Name.** The name of the Club shall be the Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Incorporated.

**Section 2. Objects.** The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote the responsible breeding of purebred Alaskan Malamutes and to do all possible to bring their qualities to perfection;
- (b) to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed, as approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which the Alaskan Malamute shall be judged;
- (c) to do all in its power to advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsman-like competition at dog shows, sledge dog trials and obedience trials;
- (d) to conduct sanctioned matches and member-club specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club; and
- (e) to encourage the organization of independent local Alaskan Malamute clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.

**Section 3.** The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit. No part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any members or individual.

**Section 4.** The members of the Club shall adopt, and may from time to time revise, such By-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

## AMCA BY-LAWS (Amended by Membership Vote, November 2014)

### ARTICLE I-Membership

**Section 1.** Eligibility. There shall be four types of membership.

- (a) **Regular Membership** is open to all persons eighteen years and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC), who are interested in the breed, and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club and to its Code of Ethics. All regular members who are members in good standing shall have one vote for the election of each officer and director, and one vote on each issue upon which the regular membership is entitled to vote.
- (b) **Associate Membership** is open to all persons eighteen years and older who are in good standing with the AKC, who are interested in the breed, and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club and to its Code of Ethics. An Associate Member shall enjoy all the privileges of Regular Membership except: the right to vote, the ability to hold office, and the ability to chair a committee. An Associate Member shall not count in the determination of a quorum. At any point after being approved as an Associate Member by the Board of Directors, an Associate Member may apply for Regular Membership by following the application process for Regular Membership. An Associate Member is not required to apply for Regular Membership and may continue as an Associate Member for an indefinite period of time.
- (c) **Junior Membership** is open to all persons under eighteen years of age who are interested in the breed and subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Junior membership offers all Club benefits and participation, except that Junior Members may not vote or hold office. Junior Membership shall continue through the calendar year in which the junior member reaches eighteen years of age. In the following year, the Junior Member's membership will automatically convert to Regular Membership, provided the Junior Member submits a signed Membership Renewal form, along with the appropriate fee, to the Corresponding Secretary.
- (d) **Affiliated Membership** is open to those Alaskan Malamute Breed Clubs which meet the requirements set by the Board of Directors in the standing rules governing local club affiliation. Affiliated clubs shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

### Section 2. Fees and Dues.

- (a) **Fees.** Processing fees and any other fees to be paid by each applicant for membership in this club shall be as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- (b) **Dues.** The annual dues for membership shall be set by the Board of Directors except that any cumulative or total annual increase in excess of twenty percent (20%) must be approved by a vote of the Club's regular membership, conducted in accordance with ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.
- (c) **Dues Notification.** By December 31 of each year each member shall be sent a statement of his dues for the ensuing fiscal year, January 1 to December 31. Absent Board intervention, the membership of any member whose dues remain unpaid after March 31 shall have his membership lapse. (see ARTICLE 1 SECTION 5 (b)). Upon request and at its sole discretion the Board may grant a grace period during which payment may be made, or reduce or waive the dues requirement for any particular member due to hardship. Dues will be considered paid if payment is mailed on or before March 31, and the postmark will govern. The Board of Directors shall decide any dispute regarding payment of dues.

### **Section 3. Election to Membership.**

The Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc. (AMCA) is a voluntary association. The Club's membership application process, procedures and forms shall be those adopted by the Board of Directors, subject to the following requirements: Each applicant for membership shall apply in the manner and on those forms as approved by the Board of Directors. Each applicant must agree to abide by the AMCA Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Each applicant's application for Regular or Junior Membership shall carry the written and executed endorsement of two regular members of the Club in good standing who live in different households and have agreed to sponsor the applicant for membership. Withdrawal of endorsement by one or both sponsors shall render the application incomplete and it will be returned to the applicant. If, at the time of consideration of the application by the Board, either sponsor is no longer a member in good standing, the application shall be considered incomplete and returned to the applicant. Incomplete applications for Junior Membership will be returned to the applicant. For any application for Regular Membership that is considered incomplete due to lack of eligible sponsors, the applicant will be given the option of having the incomplete application returned to him or her to acquire the appropriate sponsors, or having the membership application submitted as a completed application for Associate Membership. For any application for Regular Membership submitted by an Associate Member, the applicant will remain an Associate Member until the applicant's name appears in the Newsletter as a newly-elected Regular Member.

Each applicant shall pay any fees and dues when required, in accordance with the application process and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

The applicant's name and relevant information shall be published in the Club Newsletter for consideration by the Club's members, who will be allowed a reasonable period of time within which to comment regarding each applicant. Any comments received will be considered privileged communication, the contents of which must not be disclosed.

Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the Board of Directors shall be required to elect an applicant. The name and address of an applicant who has been properly elected to membership shall be published in the Club Newsletter. Membership of the elected applicant shall begin with the date of publication of the Newsletter in which the applicant's name appears as a newly elected member.

Applicants for any type of membership who have been rejected may not reapply for six (6) months, except that an application for Regular Membership or Junior Membership which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next Annual Meeting of the Club and, following discussion, the Club may elect such applicant by favorable vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the regular members present.

### **Section 4. Member in Good Standing**

A member in good standing shall be any duly elected member (in accordance with ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3) whose membership privileges are not suspended as a result of disciplinary action (in accordance with ARTICLE VI), and who has met his financial obligations to the Club, including dues and all other amounts that the member has become obligated to pay to the Club or any committee thereof. If any amount owed to the Club by a member shall remain unpaid thirty (30) days after notice to pay said amount is received from the Board of Directors, then the member owing said amount shall automatically lose his status as a member in good standing and shall be suspended from all rights and privileges in the Club until the amount so owed is paid. No regular member may vote who is not a member in good standing.

### **Section 5. Termination of Membership**

(a) **By Resignation.** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary.

Members who are not members in good standing may not terminate their membership by resignation until any and all outstanding debts are paid in full.

(b) **By Lapsing Membership.** A lapsed membership (as defined in ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2 (c)) may be reinstated, upon Board approval, within the next eleven months upon payment of the current annual dues and a late fee to be determined by the Board at the beginning of each calendar year. If it is not changed the fee will revert to the last time such fee was determined.

A lapsed member is not entitled to receipt of the AMCA Newsletter nor to any other privileges of the membership. The AMCA is under no obligation to provide back issues of the Newsletter or other mailings to those who missed the same by virtue of their late renewal of membership. A membership that remains lapsed for more than eleven months shall automatically terminate.

(c) **By Expulsion.** Membership of any member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in ARTICLE VI, Section 5 of these By-laws.

## **ARTICLE II-DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Board of Directors.**

The Board shall consist of the president, one vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and

six (6) directors-at-large, all of whom shall be regular members in good standing who are residents of the United States. Three directors-at-large shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected or vacancies are filled as provided in ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 of these By-laws.

General management of all affairs of the club shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. Each Board member shall be responsible for conducting these affairs through a monthly exchange of mail, as provided in ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, of these By-laws. Failure to participate fully in Board discussions and voting may be grounds for a charge of dereliction of duty, as provided in ARTICLE II, SECTION 3.

## **Section 2. Officers**

The officers of the club, consisting of president, one vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings, and the Board meetings.

The officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected or vacancies are filled as provided in ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 of these By-laws. The president, vice president, and treasurer shall be elected together in years alternating with the recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and Board and shall be entitled to vote at such meetings. He/she shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-laws.
- (b) The Vice President shall carry out such duties and functions as may be directed by the Board, and shall have the power to act and exercise the duties of the president in the absence of the president. In case of death or incapacity of the president, the vice president will undertake all duties and functions of the presidency.
- (c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the Board and all other matters of which record shall be ordered by the Board; and shall be responsible for notifying the membership of meetings and other matters directed by the Board.
- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence of the club and shall also be responsible for notifying new members of their election to membership. He/she shall furnish each applicant household with a copy of the Constitution, By-laws, and Code of Ethics, keep a roll of the members' names and addresses and carry out such other actions, duties and functions as may be directed by the Board.
- (e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due and belonging to the club and receipt therefore. He/she shall deposit same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the club, and shall pay out such sums as are required to implement activities and functions which are formally authorized by the Board. The books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board and he/she shall report to the Board at every meeting, or as otherwise required, the condition of the finances of the club, and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. At the Annual Meeting he/she shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous year, at which time the report, with all basic documents, shall be handed to the Board of Directors, or other person designated by that body, for audit prior to release to the treasurer for the ensuing year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. The premium on such bond shall be paid out of the funds of the club.
- (f) Officers and Directors shall participate fully in Board discussions and voting, and always act in a manner consistent with the best interests of the entire Board of Directors and the Club.

## **Section 3. Misconduct or dereliction of duty in office.**

Misconduct shall be construed to be the failure of a Board member (officer or director-at-large) to abide by the standing rules of this Constitution and By-laws. Dereliction of duty shall be construed to be the failure of any Board member (officer or director-at-large) to perform the duties of the Board position elected to, as outlined in these By-laws. Should a Board member refuse to resign for cause, that is, misconduct or dereliction of duty in office, the Board member in question can be deposed from office or directorship by one of the following:

- (a) a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board, after the subject Board member has been provided an opportunity to respond;
- (b) a petition by 20% of the regular membership requiring the Board to immediately present to the regular membership a ballot for or against removing a specific Board member for cause, so long as the subject Board member is provided an opportunity to respond. Removal shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of those regular members voting.

Charges may be preferred by any member in good standing as provided in ARTICLE VI of these By-laws. Any vacancy occurring on the Board as a result of a deposed Board member shall be filled as provided in ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 of these By-laws.

## **Section 4. Vacancies**

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled for the remainder of the current term by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of president shall be filled



automatically by the vice-president and the resulting vacancy in the office of vice-president shall be filled by the Board.

### **Section 5. AKC Delegate**

Each year the Board of Directors shall appoint a regular member of the club, who may be a member of the Board, to serve as delegate to the American Kennel Club. Unless the appointment has been withdrawn by the Board, or the delegate has resigned, the delegate shall serve until the credentials of his successor have been approved by the AKC.

### **Section 6. Policy**

The Board of Directors shall interpret the Constitution and By-laws, and may from time to time, as required, make regulations and establish procedures on matters not herein provided.

## **ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the club shall be held at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. A minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the Annual Meeting must be given. Notice shall be published in the July, August and September issues of the club's newsletter. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be 10% of the regular members in good standing as of that date.

### **Section 2. Special Club Meeting**

Special club meetings may be called: by the president; by a majority vote of the regular members of the Board present at a meeting of the Board, or who vote by mail; or by the secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing. Such meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting; no other club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the regular members in good standing.

### **Section 3. Board Meetings**

The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and election. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the president or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the secretary to each member of the board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person or by mail. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the recording secretary, by teleconference, or by such other means as permit all Board members to participate.

## **ARTICLE IV- THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS**

### **Section 1. Club year**

The fiscal year of the club shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31. The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the Annual Meeting, and shall continue through the election at the next Annual Meeting. The elected officers and directors shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

### **Section 2. Voting**

At the Annual Meeting (or at any special meeting of the club) voting shall be limited to those regular members in good standing who are present at the meeting.

The annual election of officers and directors, amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, or changes to the standard for the breed shall be decided by ballot, either mail or electronic, or a combination that permits all regular members to participate, directed to such person and place as the Board may designate. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may submit other specific questions to the regular members for decision by ballot, conducted as above.

### **Section 3. Annual election**

The annual election of officers and directors shall be conducted by ballot, either mail or electronic, or a combination that permits all regular members to participate. Only those ballots received before the deadline set by the Board shall be valid. Ballots shall be counted by such person or persons as the Board shall designate, according to procedures established and published by the Board. Participants shall be neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot. The person receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be

filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by ARTICLE II, SECTION 4.

#### **Section 4. Nominations and ballots**

No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A nominating committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 15. The committee shall consist of five (5) members from different areas of the U.S.A. and two (2) alternates, all regular members in good standing (no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors). The Board shall name a chairman for the committee. The nominating committee may conduct its business by mail, by teleconference, or by such other means as permit all committee members to participate

- (a) The nominating committee shall nominate, from among the eligible members of the club, one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Board not later than March 31. The Recording Secretary shall publish the list (including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state in which he/she resides) in the club newsletter on or before June 30, in order that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.
- (b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the recording secretary and received at his/her regular address on or before August 1. To be valid such petitions: must be signed by five (5) regular members; may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee; and must be accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position. Any member of the Board who seeks election to an alternate Board seat while still having a year to serve on his/her existing term shall be required to resign that existing seat at the time of acceptance of nomination or petition to said alternate Board seat. Any vacancy occurring on the Board as a result of this requirement shall be filled as provided in ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 of these By-laws.
- (c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the recording secretary on or before August 1, no balloting will be required, and the nominating committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting.
- (d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the recording secretary on or before August 1, he/she shall, on or before September 1, send the election packet to each regular member in good standing. The packet shall include: the ballot, listing all nominees for each position, in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside. If mailed, the packet shall also include a blank envelope, and a pre-addressed return envelope marked "ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. In order that all mailed ballots may remain secret each voter, after marking his/her ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the addressed return envelope. The inspectors of the election shall check the returns against the list of regular members in good standing prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. Electronic ballots shall be similarly verified, secured and tabulated by the designated third party agency. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

### **ARTICLE V-COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may be best served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. The Board may also appoint special committees to assist in particular projects.

**Section 2.** Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full Board, upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may appoint successors to any terminated committee member.

### **ARTICLE VI- DISCIPLINE**

#### **Section 1. American Kennel Club Suspension**

As a minimum, any member who is suspended from the privileges of the AKC will automatically be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

#### **Section 2. Charges**

- (a) General Charges by Members. Any member in good standing may file a complaint charging that another member engaged in conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or breed. The written complaint must specify each charge

and the facts or information upon which each charge is based. All such complaints will be considered privileged communication, the contents of which must not be disclosed except as required by the disciplinary procedure. The complaint must be filed in duplicate with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which shall be forfeited to the Club Treasury if the charges are not sustained by the Board, Board Committee, or AMCA Trial Board following a hearing. If the Board, by majority vote, considers that any charge does not allege conduct prejudicial to the Club or breed, or finds that any charge is the subject of a pending judicial or administrative law action, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction concerning the charge.

If the Board, by majority vote, decides that any actions alleged in the complaint would, if proven, constitute conduct which is prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or breed, the Board shall promptly ensure delivery of a copy of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the member charged (the respondent). With a copy of the complaint the respondent will receive notice of his or her right to a hearing at which he or she may appear and bring witnesses, if such a hearing is requested of the Board within thirty (30) days of respondent's receipt of the complaint.

If the Board receives a request for a hearing from the respondent within thirty (30) days, the Board shall fix a date and place for a hearing by the Board or a committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board, Board Committee, or AMCA Trial Board. The hearing will be held not less than six (6) nor more than ten (10) weeks after the Board's receipt of respondent's request for a hearing unless respondent, complainant, and those designated to hear the matter mutually agree in writing to an earlier or later date.

If the respondent does not request a hearing within the thirty (30) days allowed, the respondent shall be notified that he or she shall have an additional thirty (30) days within which to present his or her position to the Board by written deposition or affidavit along with any other supporting documentation.

- (b) **General Charges by the Board.** The Board of Directors may, on its own motion, initiate a complaint against a member for conduct prejudicial to the Club or breed. All hearings on complaints brought by the Board on its own motion shall be referred to AMCA Trial Board as provided in SECTION 3.

### **Section 3. AMCA Trial boards**

AMCA Trial Boards shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and shall consist of not less than three (3) regular members in good standing, no one of which shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, refer to an AMCA Trial Board for hearing any complaint brought by a club member who is not a Board member. Hearing by an AMCA Trial Board is mandatory in all cases where the complaint is brought by the Board of Directors, or a member of the Board.

The decision of AMCA Trial Boards in all cases referred to them shall be binding upon the Board of Directors and subject only to presentation or appeal to the general membership as provided in ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5.

### **Section 4. Complaint resolution**

- (a) **Resolution by Hearing.** If a hearing is provided, in accordance with respondent's timely written request for same, both respondent and complainant shall be allowed to appear and personally participate. Both complainant and respondent shall be allowed to make an opening and closing statement in their own behalf, shall be allowed to present witnesses, examine and cross-examine witnesses, present documentary and other tangible evidence, and to examine the documentary and any other tangible evidence presented by the opposing party. The Board shall have authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, and both the complainant and respondent shall be treated equally in that regard. The decision of the Board, Board Committee or AMCA Trial Board shall be by majority vote.
- (b) **Resolution without a Hearing.** If the respondent does not request a hearing, the Board or AMCA Trial Board shall consider and render a decision based upon all written documentation received by it from the complainant and respondent, including all affidavits and any other documentary evidence. The decision of the Board of Directors, Board Committee or AMCA Trial Board shall be by majority vote.
- (c) **Conduct of Proceedings.** Whether resolved by hearing or without hearing, any proceeding held pursuant to the foregoing subsections (a) or (b) may be conducted in person or by teleconference call or other mechanical or electronic means subject to the approval of the Board and subject to the written approval of the respondent if he or she requested a hearing. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.
- (d) **Penalty.** If, after considering all of the evidence the Board, Board Committee or AMCA Trial Board finds in favor of the complainant and decides that the respondent's conduct complained of constitutes conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the Club, it may reprimand [A written reprimand directed exclusively to the member may be somewhat detailed but an official (published) reprimand should only indicate that "...subsequent to a formal hearing member (X) was officially reprimanded as a result of charges filed by member (Y)."] or suspend the respondent from all privileges of the Club for a period not to exceed one year. If the presiding Board, Board Committee, or AMCA Trial Board concludes by majority vote that the penalty of suspension is insufficient it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In that case, the suspension shall not restrict the respondent's right to appear

before the general membership at the ensuing Club meeting that considers the recommendation of Board, Board Committee or AMCA Trial Board.

**Section 5. Expulsion** Expulsion of a member may be accomplished only at an annual meeting of the Club following a hearing or consideration of the complaint and upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, Board Committee or AMCA Trial Board as provided in SECTIONS 3 and 4 of this Article. The respondent shall be allowed to appear and to speak in his or her own behalf, although no additional evidence shall be taken at this time. The President shall read the complaint and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the respondent, if present, to speak on his or her own behalf. The regular membership shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. If the expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII-NEWSLETTER**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall ensure the regular publication of the Club Newsletter. One copy of each issue shall be mailed to each member or family at the address of record. The Newsletter shall be the source and means of reporting Club business to the membership, and other items of interest to the Club as determined by the Board. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, the Recording Secretary may utilize the Newsletter for any official notification required by these By-Laws or by action for the Club or the Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard for the Breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the regular membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the regular members, with the recommendations of the Board, by the Recording Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

**Section 2.** The Constitution and By-Laws, and the Standard for the Breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed (by first-class mail) by the Recording Secretary to each regular member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which the regular member may indicate his/her choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the regular members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

**Section 3.** No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the Breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

## **ARTICLE IX-PROPERTY**

### **Section 1. Property**

The interest of any member in the property of the Club ceases with the termination of his membership.

## **ARTICLE X-DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1.** The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the regular members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club; but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern in all matters not specifically covered by the Constitution and these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XII-ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Section 1. Club meetings**

At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

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Minutes of Last Meeting  
Report of Board of Directors  
Report of President  
Report of Recording Secretary  
Report of Corresponding Secretary  
Report of Treasurer  
Report of Committees Election of New Members  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Election of Officers and Directors (At Annual Meeting)  
Adjournment

## **Section 2. Meetings of the board of directors**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting  
Report of Recording Secretary

Report of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
Election of New Members  
New Business  
Adjournment

# **AMCA Standing Rules Apr 2015**

Effective dates are month of original publication in the AMCA Newsletter. Additional annotations: MB Membership Ballot; AM Annual Meeting Quorum.

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## **A-GENERAL POLICIES**

**A-1.** The breed club shall be incorporated. (Actually recorded on 25 October 1954, New Hampshire - signers of incorporation papers were: Natalie and Arthur Hodgen, Eva. B. Seeley, Charles B. Sullivan, Paul A. Pelletier, Freeman Frost.) (Jan80)

**A-2.** The name of the breed club shall be changed from AMC to AMCA, Inc. (Oct 1954)

**A-3.** The emblem lettered Z shall be adopted as official emblem of AMCA, shape round, lettering rugged. (Sep67)

**A-4.** Only sponsored members, that is, Regular or Junior, shall accrue time toward Life Membership. Those who maintain continuous good standing for 30 years shall be deemed Life Members, with waiver of basic dues. (Mar13)

**A-5.** Articles written by AMCA members for publication in magazines available to the public (i.e., Dogworld, AKC Gazette) shall not include internal AMCA controversy. Such conduct shall be considered prejudicial to the interests of the Club. (Oct 99)

**A-6.** Upon advice of counsel, AMCA shall not become affiliated with the independently incorporated Alaskan Malamute Assistance League (AMAL) nor permit AMAL to use the AMCA logo. (Nov00)

**A-7.** Priority at the Annual Meeting shall be given to written motions submitted to the Recording Secretary not earlier than 30 days nor later than two days prior to the meeting. (Apr11)

**A-8.** The Alaskan Malamute Club of America Illustrated Standard shall be allowed for use in the official Publications of other National Malamute clubs with the following conditions:

- a.** The articles are sent to the Judges Education Committee Chair for prior approval.
- b.** The language and photos of the Illustrated Standard are not taken out of context but are used verbatim in the articles.
- c.** Price and mailing address for the AMCA Illustrated Standard will appear in foreign club Newsletter. (June09)

**A-9.** The Board shall annually review all dues and fees, and shall decide the amounts of those dues and fees for the ensuing year in time to publish the required notice before 31 Dec. (Apr03)

**A-10.** The Corresponding Secretary shall poll the membership annually for volunteers to staff anticipated positions to be filled by Board appointment during the ensuing year. Board appointments shall be to current members only, and no appointment shall be held for someone who is not currently a member. (Jan 85)

**A-11.** The Vice President shall supervise activities of show committees and obtain the required approval for Specialty shows from AKC. (Jan03)

**A-12.** The Vice President shall publish the National Specialty rotation in the Newsletter annually. (Mar88)

**A-13.** The Vice-President shall provide the National/Regional/Area Specialty Chairperson with the trophies/ awards needed for their particular show without a formal request by the Chairperson. The Vice-President will ensure that the Chairperson includes these trophies in the premium list. (Sep88)

**A-14.** The Recording Secretary shall keep a file of officer and director job summaries, to be given to new Board members when elected. (Jun 92)

**A-15.** The Recording Secretary's Newsletter report shall include motion numbers and subject, and the name of the person(s) making each motion. Each Board member may include a one-sentence explanation of his or her vote. A synopsis of pending AMCA business will be included. (Apr02)

**A-16.** The Treasurer shall:

- a.** Solicit bids for the Newsletter in odd-numbered years.
- b.** Obtain an impartial inspection of the Club accounts by a qualified third-party contractor in even-numbered years.
- c.** Provide the membership at Annual Meetings with a detailed budget for the following year. (Apr11/Mar14)

**A-17.** AMCA shall pay for First Class Newsletter mailing to Board members and Area Reporters if requested. (Apr11)

**A-18.** Any Board member or officer who fails to respond to written or electronic (email) Board communication for one month shall be requested to vacate his or her office. Exception shall be made for extended illness or vacation, overseas duty at employer's request, or military duty. Absence shall not exceed three months. Vacancy shall be filled according to Article II, Section 3 of the AMCA by-laws. (Nov01)

**A-19.** Board members may discuss pending action of the Board with any Club member, with these exceptions: **1)** Pending legal action; **2)** Situations dealing with any individual(s); **3)** Sensitive matters, so deemed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Board. Comments by a Board member made in private Board correspondence shall be considered confidential and will not be repeated. Violations may result in disciplinary action as stated in the bylaws. (Jan12)

**A-20.** Members under suspension of privileges (in accordance with ART VI) continue as members but forfeit all AMCA services (voting, Newsletter, Breeders List, entry to any AMCA Independent Specialty or Event, etc.) for the duration of the suspension. They shall not be entitled to any refund, nor prorated extension of privileges, after the suspension is lifted. Suspended members lose all accumulated credit toward Life Membership. Members may not renew or resign their membership while under suspension. Should their membership lapse (in accordance with ART 1 Sec 2) they will be eligible to renew after their suspension is lifted, with payment of required late fees. (Apr13)

**A-21.** In accordance with the Facebook policy against misleading page names, no Facebook page or group may use "Alaskan Malamute Club of America" or the associated acronym "AMCA" in the name without Board authorization. Any AMCA authorized page or group shall so state in their Purpose, and also carry the disclaimer that "Views expressed are those of the individual and may not necessarily reflect the policies of AMCA." The same policy shall apply to all other

social media, chat lists, online forums, etc. (Aug14)

## **B-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**B-1.** Application forms may be obtained from the Corresponding Secretary or from the AMCA website. The sponsors of an applicant for regular or junior membership must have been an AMCA regular member-in-good-standing for at least two years, must have known the applicant for at least six months, and shall not be related to or share a household with the applicant. The Corresponding Secretary will begin a temporary Newsletter subscription for each applicant when his or her application is published. This subscription will cease when the application is accepted, rejected, or withdrawn. (Apr12)

**B-2.** The Board shall follow these procedures in handling complaints concerning applicants:

- a.** The Membership Secretary shall send copies of any complaints to all members of the Board. All complaints shall be treated as privileged communication.
- b.** Anyone not accepted for membership in the Club shall receive a letter of notification, with refund of the dues portion of the initial fee. The letter will be sent by Certified Mail, return receipt requested.
- c.** All applicants who are rejected shall be informed of their rights under AMCA by-laws. (Apr15)

**B-3.** New members published in November or December are not required to pay additional dues or fees the next cycle. (Apr12)

## **C-COMMITTEES**

**C-1.** Any document or other committee product is the sole property of AMCA, to be used at the Board's discretion. (Apr11)

**C-2.** No Board member shall chair any standing committee, and there shall not be more than one Board member on any committee. (Apr12)

**C-3.** Committee Chairs shall fill vacancies and otherwise modify their committees, provided all such action is reported to the Board. The Board may rescind any such action for cause. (Jan80)

**C-4.** All presentations sanctioned by AMCA, such as Judges Education Seminars, must be coordinated through the appropriate AMCA Committee, and use only approved materials. (Jun97)

**C-5.** Upon assuming their positions, all Committee Chairs shall submit to the Recording Secretary an inventory of their AMCA materials, and provide an update with their annual report. Upon leaving their position, Chairs shall return all committee materials to AMCA within 30 days. (Nov98)

**C-6.** All committee Chairs must submit a report to the Recording Secretary at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The Recording Secretary will include these reports with the Annual Meeting information for the Newsletter. (Apr10)

**C-7.** The Chairperson of any committee being discussed in Board correspondence shall be sent a copy of all correspondence relating to that committee. All sensitive material shall be omitted. (Apr04)

**C-8.** All committee chairs shall send copies of all rules, forms and other pertinent information to the Recording Secretary. Any subsequent changes to the rules, forms, or other information shall also be submitted to the Recording Secretary. After Board review, each form and/or rule shall be sent to the AMCA Webmaster to be included in the AMCA website. (June04)

**C-9.** All committee chairs shall submit an annual budget to the Treasurer for approval by 1 Dec. Any expenditure for a single event or item over \$300 requires Board approval prior to the obligation. The Board shall approve reprinting costs and quantities for all AMCA publications. (Apr11)

**C-10.** AMCA shall send all original club archive materials to the AKC Archives. Copies to be used for a historical exhibit at the National may be withheld and kept by the History Committee. (Jun07)

## **D-NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**D-1.** Each member of the outgoing Board shall submit the names of three regular members who have consented to serve on the Nominating Committee. Each member of the incoming Board will then vote for seven names. Simple vote count will determine the five members and two alternates for the committee, with the person receiving the most votes designated Chairperson. (Mar13)

**D-2.** A form shall be printed in the December Newsletter for members who wish to be considered for an Officer/Director position in the upcoming Annual Election. The Nominating Committee Chairperson must receive the completed form by 31 Jan. (Mar13)

**D-3. Nominating Committee Procedures:**

- a.** Nominating Committee appointed by the AMCA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- b.** Not later than 1 Dec- Notification by the Recording Secretary to the Nominating Committee members of their appointment by the Board, along with a list of those positions and incumbents up for re-election. A copy of the Nominating Committee Procedures shall also be included to each member and alternate. Appointees shall promptly accept, or be replaced.
- c.** December-March: Upon notification of appointment the Chair shall immediately contact all incumbents to determine whether they wish to run, and for what position. Once notified of their appointment, Committee Members should start their search for all members wishing to be considered for office. This should be done in a timely manner, allowing the Committee members time to investigate for themselves anyone wishing to be considered. All members submitted must confirm willingness to accept nomination. The committee shall attempt to have as much diverse area representation as possible among their slate of nominees.
- d.** Three months will allow the Committee members time for discussion and investigation. Committee members should make their recommendations to the Chairperson as soon as possible. Once all recommendations are in, the Chair will generate a ballot listing the names to be considered for each position and send it to each committee member. Each shall then vote for his/her choice and return to Chairperson.
- e.** Not later than 25 March: Ballots received and counted by Chairperson.
- f.** Not later than 31 March: Ballots and a summary of the results forwarded to the Recording Secretary for verification. Recording Secretary forwards the completed slate to the Newsletter and Articles Coordinator for publication. (Apr11)

**E-ANNUAL ELECTION**

**E-1.** In the event of a conflict (that is, in an area not covered by the bylaws) a policy adopted by majority vote on a national ballot shall overrule a decision by majority vote at an Annual Meeting, which in turn shall prevail over a vote by the Board of Directors. (MB01 Feb02)

**E-2.** Any petition for a proposed national ballot must be signed by 10% of the current AMCA regular membership and must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than 1 Aug. No more than 50% of the petition signatures may come from a single AMCA area. The Board shall appoint a committee to evaluate the proposal for constitutionality and financial impact. No motion shall be put to the membership that is in direct conflict with or may otherwise affect the Standard, Constitution and by-laws, or Code of Ethics. If not disallowed for these reasons, the motion shall be placed on the annual ballot. A motion garnering a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered accepted. (AM78/Feb12)

**E-3.** All motions passed by a quorum at an Annual Meeting shall be evaluated by the current Board to determine constitutional and financial impact. If considerations are significant, the motion will be sent to the entire membership at the next regular national ballot for revote with pros and cons explained. (Nov00)

**E-4.** All ballot copy, including petitioners and Judges Polling list, must be transmitted to the Recording Secretary not later than 10 days prior to the actual print date. Any items not previously coordinated through the Board will be circulated for informational purposes, but the Secretary will not delay printing for late responses. The Secretary will transmit a sample ballot to at least two other officers for proofing prior to printing. (Jan01)

**E-5.** AMCA shall offer to publish a concise statement (500 words or less) from each candidate. All statements must be submitted to the Recording Secretary by 1 August. (Nov01)

**E-6.** The following are the approved procedures for annual AMCA balloting:

- a.** By September 1<sup>st</sup> the Secretary will distribute ballots to all members-in-good-standing as of the most current roster.
- b.** The designated auditor must receive all valid ballots not later than the Friday prior to the Annual Meeting. Auditor will relay results to the President or his/her designated representative only. Results envelope should not be opened until the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Results may be published on the AMCA web site at the Board's discretion.
- c.** In the event of a tie in an annual election, the Meeting Registrar shall toss a coin to determine the winner.
- d.** The actual number of votes received by each candidate in the Annual Election shall be published in the Newsletter election report.
- e.** The auditor shall not release any ballots or envelopes unless a grievance is filed under the provisions of the AMCA by-laws. If the grievance is found to be valid, AMCA will pay all costs of a recount or evaluation of election documents. If the



grievance is found to be invalid, the person(s) filing the grievance will pay all costs.

**f.** Ballots shall be retained by the auditor for one year, after which time they may be destroyed. (Apr15)

## **F-NEWSLETTER**

**F-1.** The Newsletter and Articles Coordinator shall determine the Newsletter format, with Board approval. Newsletter format will conform to guidelines for a 2nd Class postal permit. (Jan80)

**F-2.** All ballots and deadline material shall have their first printing in the Newsletter not later than two issues prior to the month in which the deadline falls (e.g., June issue for an August deadline). (Jan80)

**F-3.** The Membership Forum shall be open to all subjects of interest to owners and breeders of Malamutes. All copy submitted for publication in the Newsletter which is of a controversial nature, or attempts to influence AMCA members or advocates a change in AMCA policy, must be submitted and signed by an AMCA member, and shall be published in the Forum or a paid ad. (Apr12)

**F-4.** AMCA will not be responsible for advertisers' photos that may be lost in the mail. Advertisers may, at their option, send enough postage to insure returned photos. (Jan80)

**F-5.** All ads donated by AMCA that include a photo of a Malamute shall also include the names of the owner(s) and breeder(s). (Jan80)

**F-6.** All Area and Regional Specialty advertisement in the Newsletter shall be limited to not more than four pages total per Specialty, with not more than two pages in any one issue. (Jan80)

**F-7.** Any member who fails to receive a Newsletter issue through no fault of the member should request replacement in writing from the Corresponding Secretary. AMCA will pay for a one-time 1st-class mailing of a single issue. The member must pay for any additional requests. (Jan80)

**F-8.** The AMCA membership list will not be sold to anyone seeking to purchase it for commercial reasons. They shall instead be encouraged to advertise in the Newsletter. (Jan80)

**F-9.** The annual AMCA Directory shall include a list of Alaskan Malamute Breed Clubs granted non-affiliate status by AMCA. The annual fee for this listing, and due date, shall be set by the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall advertise through his/her Newsletter column that AMCA members who wish to send information about their local club may do so. Non-affiliate Clubs may also advertise on the Newsletter Show Calendar by paying an additional fee of \$20. (Aug98)

**F-10.** The actual cost of the Newsletter per member per year shall be printed on the Newsletter and Articles Coordinator's page. (Jan 85)

**F-11.** The Corresponding Secretary will send complimentary copies of the Newsletter to the Library of Congress, and copies of the Newsletter and any other publications the Board deems appropriate to the AKC Library. (Jan 87)

**F-12.** No price for a Malamute shall be quoted in a Newsletter ad. (Oct 99)

**F-13.** The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules will be published annually in the April NL. (AM11 Jan12)

**F-14.** Area Reporters shall be selected as follows:

**a.** Area Reporters shall be chosen or reappointed each year.

**b.** Members wishing to serve as Area Reporter shall apply in writing to the Area Reporters Coordinator, and provide the signatures of five other Area members who support the applicant.

**c.** The Area Reporters Coordinator will provide a list of recommended Area Reporters for Board approval. (Jun09)

**F-15.** The annual membership renewal forms shall be printed in the Newsletter issues for January-March. (Apr11)

**F-16.** AMCA will donate a National Specialty issue front cover to the National Specialty BOB winner (if owned by an AMCA member), and an inside front cover at the Newsletter and Articles Coordinator's discretion to the recipient of the annual AMCA Junior Handler Award (with dog exhibited) . If a lower cost cover is available, AMCA will donate the lower cost and the NS and Junior winners will be given the option of upgrading the cover to the more expensive option. (Oct05)

**F-17.** Any service organization approved by the AMCA Board may place one Newsletter ad per month (no photo) at a \$5 discount. Additional pages or pages with photos will be at the regular rate. AMAL shall be allowed two free pages in the Newsletter per year for reports, including photos, on rescue events. (Jun06)

**F-18.** The use of spiral binding for the Membership Directory shall be authorized only when less expensive binding cannot be used due to the number of pages in the directory. (AM06 Jan07)

**F-19.** A disclaimer shall be added to Newsletter articles, as required, stating that AMCA is not responsible for the content of the article. (Apr11)

**F-20.** An Associate Member shall be allowed to advertise in the Newsletter or Membership Directory, provided the advertisement does not specifically refer to the sale or availability of litters of puppies, adults or stud service. (Feb12)

## **G-SPECIALTY SHOWS**

**G-1.** Any person whose financial indebtedness to the AMCA remains outstanding 30 days after the second written notice shall be denied the privilege of exhibiting or handling at any AMCA sanctioned event for a period of six months or until the debt is settled, whichever is later. This means that no such debtor may enter, exhibit, or handle any dogs, and any dogs solely owned by the debtor may not be entered, exhibited, or handled in any AMCA Independent Specialty sponsored by an AMCA affiliate with the permission and sanction of the AMCA and the AKC. This would include Combined Specialty shows but would not include any Specialty shows being held in-conjunction with an All-Breed show. This would not exclude dogs co-owned by the debtor but entered and exhibited by a co-owner rather than the debtor. (Aug93)

**G-2.** Area Chairpersons shall be selected as follows:

- a.** Area Chairpersons shall be chosen two years in advance.
- b.** Members wishing to serve as Area Chairperson shall apply in writing to the AMCA VP, and provide the signatures of 15 other Area members who support the applicant.
- c.** If no suitable Chairperson is found at least two years before the show, that area shall not host an Area Specialty that year without special Board approval. (Feb02)

**G-3.** Conformation judges at any AMCA Specialty may not attend any associated event prior to their judging assignment. Upon application, the Board may approve attendance at select events by majority vote. If approval for attendance is granted judges must remain separate from other attendees, and not communicate with anyone whose dogs may later be judged. (Dec03)

**G-4.** The Specialty Chairperson and members of his/her immediate family shall not enter, exhibit or handle in conformation or Futurity/Maturity classes at any specialty approved under the license of AMCA. Otherwise eligible Juniors may compete in Showmanship at in-conjunction specialties only. Immediate family shall be as defined in the AKC Rules and Regulations. (Apr11)

**G-5.** In all puppy sweepstakes events under AMCA's license, all 1st place winners will compete in the final round for Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite. There will be no age division competition or awards. (AM14 Apr15)

## **H-NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**H-1.** The contracts for conformation judges at the National and in-conjunction Regional Specialties will specify that the judges agree not to judge any Alaskan Malamute specialty anywhere in the Continental United States or Canada for one calendar year prior to the contracted specialty and also agree not to judge Alaskan Malamutes after 1 April prior to the contracted specialty. No one shall be eligible to judge the National Specialty who has judged an AMCA-sponsored specialty within that Region during the two (2) years prior to the date of the National Specialty. No one shall be eligible to judge National or associated Regional conformation more than once in a 10-year period or sweepstakes more than once in a five-year period. (MB11 Jan12)

**H-2.** Obedience and rally shall not conflict with conformation classes. (AM06) No other National Specialty event shall be scheduled during the AMCA Annual Meeting. (Feb99) No judging shall be allowed before 8:30am whenever possible during the National/Regional week. Performance events may precede any conformation events scheduled for a starting time prior to 8:30am. (AM04/AM07) Regional and National Junior Showmanship judging shall be scheduled outside school hours. (AM13)

**H-3.** The Chairperson for the National Specialty shall be appointed three years before the event and shall not chair another specialty during the intervening time, except with Board approval. (Oct99)

**H-4.** The following organizations shall be given one free vendor's space, if desired, and priority placement at the National Specialty Chair's discretion: current National Specialty Committee, AMCA Ways & Means, and AMAL or its successors. Organizations must contact the NS Chair at least 90 days before the show opens. The AMCA Auction will be the only event of its type held during National Week. AMAL, or their successors, shall be allowed to put 10 items each up for bid at the auction if they wish. No others shall participate. No rescue organization other than AMAL shall be permitted to engage in any direct fund raising on the show grounds during National Specialty Week. Local rescue organizations may have information booths only. Any group or individual wishing to engage in any fundraising on the show grounds during National Week must have written permission from the Show Chair. (Sept08)

**H-5.** The AMCA VP will contact and hire all regular conformation and sweepstakes judges, in descending order from the most popular, until all assignment are filled. The VP will contact all regular judges within three weeks after the judges polling results are announced, and will provide each judge with a letter/contract confirming all terms of his/her assignment. If, due to an emergency, a judge is unable to fulfill his/her assignment, the VP will make every effort to contract with the next judge in order on the original polled list. The VP will ensure that all National Week judges, including those for non-regular events, sign an AMCA judging contract. (Jan12)

**H-6.** The National Specialty premium list shall be provided electronically to all members, as required in AKC rules, using the most current email membership list, and posted on the web. Members may request a hard copy which will be provided by 3rd class mail. (May12)

**H-7.** The Sweepstakes Judge who ballots the highest number shall first be offered the National Specialty assignment. If declined, he/she shall be offered the Regional assignment. If either assignment is declined by the two top ranked sweepstakes judges, the individual who ballots the next highest number shall then be offered the remaining assignment. The Sweepstakes Judge for the Regional Specialty may then exhibit at the National Specialty. The Sweepstakes Judge for the National Specialty may not exhibit during the Regional or National Specialty, nor can they have contact with exhibitors or judges prior to their assignment. In addition, they may not attend or take part in any event where exhibitors they may judge may be in attendance with the exception of the Annual Meeting. If attending the annual meeting, the judge will have no direct communication with members who will be exhibiting during the National Specialty. No member of their immediate household may exhibit during the National Specialty, and no dog owned or co-owned by them may be shown during the National Specialty. However, members of their household may exhibit at the Regional Specialty and dogs owned or co-owned by them may be exhibited as well. (Mar09/Oct14)

**H-8.** Each year the Board will conduct judges polling for the AMCA National Specialty; the results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting and published in the Newsletter. The poll will use a two-ballot system for both Conformation and Sweeps Judges. The FIRST ROUND will list all AKC judges with Approved status together with any AMCA members with Provisional/Permit status for Conformation (as of the January AKC Judges Directory for the current year) and Sweeps (as of the March 31 renewal deadline.) Each AMCA regular member may vote for 10 judges, one vote for each individual, no preference given. Write in votes are not permitted. This tally will be used to produce a list of 15 names for the second round. The SECOND ROUND of balloting will be held with the Annual Election Ballot. In the second round, each AMCA regular member may vote for five individuals, one vote for each individual, no preference given. This tally will be used to produce a list of the top 10 judges for both Breed and Sweeps from which the National and Regional Specialty Committees must draw all judges. Balloting will be conducted each year to create the list for the National and Regional Specialties to be held three years from date of balloting, and for the National and Regional Sweepstakes held one year from the date of balloting. (MB04 Jan 05/Jan12/Aug12)

**H-9.** AMCA shall employ a single conformation judge at the National Specialty and a single conformation judge for the in-conjunction Regional/Area Specialty. The judge who ballots the highest number shall first be offered the National Specialty assignment. If not available for the date, he/she shall be offered the Regional assignment. The judge who ballots the next highest number shall then be offered the remaining assignment. (MB04 Jan05)

**H-10.** AMCA regular members worldwide who are qualified to judge Alaskan Malamutes shall be added to all AMCA Specialty Judges Selection ballots. Such qualified judges must inform the VP of their willingness to be placed on the ballots. (AM04 Jan05/Feb12)

**H-11.** AMCA regular members worldwide who are approved by one of AKC's Special Registry Services may request that their name be placed on the National/Regional Conformation Judges 1st Round Ballot. The request must be submitted to the AMCA Vice President in writing together with confirmation of approval to judge Alaskan Malamutes from this foreign

Registry Service. All requests must be postmarked no later than November 1st for inclusion in the upcoming First Round balloting cycle. (Feb12)

**H-12.** At the Board's discretion, a Professional Parliamentarian will oversee the Annual Meeting. The current President will be responsible for hiring the parliamentarian, with Board approval. The parliamentarian will be available for consultation services during the year. (Apr11)

**H-13.** The individual ranked #1 in the National Sweepstakes balloting process shall be allowed to choose his or her choice of assignment between the National or associated Regional. The remaining assignment will be offered to the #2 ranked individual. If either assignment is declined, the positions will be filled in rank order. (Feb 06)

**H-14.** A The National Specialty Show site development Manual shall be created that include all relevant policies, and the minimum expectations for a show site, including an audit list to be approved by the Board for each show chairman. (AM06 Feb07)

**H-15.** A venue suitable for hosting a National Specialty shall be located by the Show Chair and approved by the Site Selection Committee. (AM-08) The National Specialty Site Selection Committee shall consist of: the current Show Chair and Assistant Show Chair (if there is one); the current AMCA Vice President and Treasurer; and a member-in-good-standing, to be appointed by the Board. (Apr07)

**H-16.** The AMCA Board of Directors shall have final approval of the Schedule of Events and classes to be offered for the National and associated Regional Specialty. The Show Chair shall submit a tentative schedule to the Vice President on or before July 1 of the year prior to the show. The board will return the tentative schedule with changes by August 15 so the Tentative Schedule can be prepared for distribution at the National Specialty that year. A Final Schedule will be completed no later than February 1 of the show year so that the Vice President will have it for the AKC application filing. (May08)

**H-17.** All steward assignments at the RS/NS will be determined by the appointed Show Chair or Chief ring Steward. In the case that the judge does not wish to accept the appointed steward, the judge and show chair will decide upon a mutually acceptable one. The policy of avoiding perceived conflicts of interest will always be taken into consideration. (Jan15)

## **I-AMCA AWARDS**

**I-1.** All breed statistics and all awards regarding show wins and producing records shall be based on the calendar year. To be eligible for all AMCA sponsored annual award, trophy, certificate, etc., recipient must be the owner of an AKC registered Alaskan Malamute and an AMCA member-in-good-standing. A list of all AMCA awards and their requirements shall be published in the Newsletter annually. (Feb08)

**I-2.** The Statistics Committees will calculate all dogs' standings based on Area of the primary owner at the time of the wins, unless the award statistician is informed in writing that the dog resides with a co-owner in a separate area. When such notification is received all awards calculations will be based on the area of residence. (May01)

**I-3.** Committees that determine award winners shall also prepare the award certificates. The names and awards will be published in the Newsletter as soon as the Committee has made its decision and certificates shall be mailed the following month. Certificates will be mailed to the owner listed first in the AKC Awards publication unless the Chair of the committee is notified in writing that another of the owners is to receive the certificate. (Feb08)

**I-4.** AMCA shall offer an award for the Top Jr. Showman handling a Malamute in each calendar year. The Jr. Showman must be a member of AMCA. Each Jr. Showman shall be awarded one point per handler defeated at AKC Jr. Showmanship competition as listed in the AKC Awards with the Winners of "Best Jr. Showman" being awarded one (1) additional point. (Feb08)

**I-5.** Upon proof of competition in Jr. Showmanship at the Westminster Kennel Club or the Eukanuba National Championship, AMCA shall pay any AMCA Junior \$500 to offset the expenses of competing at that show. To qualify, the Jr. Showman must:

- a. Be an AMCA member;
- b. Handle an Alaskan Malamute for all qualifying Open wins;
- c. Handle an Alaskan Malamute at Westminster or the National Championship;
- d. Furnish the AMCA VP with proof of their attendance and competition at Westminster or the National Championship. (AM99/AM13)

**I-6.** The AMCA Board shall each year accept nominations for the Outstanding Service Award which shall recognize an outstanding deed or exceptional service to the breed by an individual member or members jointly. Nominations may only be made by AMCA members and must be received by the designated committee Recording Secretary by 1 August. Voting shall be conducted as part of the Annual Ballot. (Oct06)

**I-7.** AMCA shall establish a permanent memorial to Mrs. Eva Seeley, in the form of a "Distinguished Service Trophy" to be presented to a member or members, selected by the Board, who have provided long and exemplary service to AMCA. (Aug12)

**I-8.** The AMCA shall offer annual certificates to top-winning Alaskan Malamutes, based on the AMCA system of Malamutes-defeated only, to be determined by the Awards Committee. (Jun06)

**I-9.** AMCA shall award a certificate to all obedience and conformation Register of Merit (ROM) Alaskan Malamutes. Certificates shall be given to the breeder(s) and to the current owner(s) of the Malamute, providing they are AMCA members. (Jan80)

**I-10.** To be eligible for a Conformation ROM Certificate, a dog must sire at least eight AKC Champions of Record and a dam must whelp at least five AKC Champions of Record. Requirements for Obedience ROM are, a dog must sire at least five AKC Obedience-titled get, and a dam must whelp at least four Obedience-titled get. (Jan80)

**I-11.** AMCA shall award certificates for Working Dog ROM, criteria to be established and monitored by the Working Dog Committee, and recipients to be published in the Newsletter. (Jan80)

**I-12.** Awards for Top Puppies shall be calculated on the following basis:

- a.** Each puppy placed first in its puppy class shall be awarded one point for each puppy defeated in that class, up to a maximum of three, in accordance with the results as published in the AKC Awards. This shall apply to both combined and divided puppy classes.
- b.** For competition beyond the puppy class, one additional point for each Malamute defeated. Placements for Reserve Winner through Best of Breed shall be included in this calculation.
- c.** Each puppy shall be included, regardless of its class, in the separate system for Top Class/ Area Dog. This system will calculate points for awards of Winners through Best of Breed only. (Feb08)

## **J-FINANCIAL**

**J-1.** All payments to AMCA shall be in US funds. (Jan80)

**J-2.** A \$20.00 charge shall be assessed on all returned checks. (Jun95)

**J-3.** Non-member fees for all AMCA services, events and activities shall be set at double the corresponding member rate, except with Board approval. (May01)

### **FEES** (current as of date shown)

**J-4.** Annual (renewal) dues (Dec11)

- a.** Regular membership-\$10.00 [Newsletter additional]
- b.** Associate Membership--\$10.00 [Newsletter additional]
- c.** Each additional membership in the same household-\$10.00
- d.** Junior membership-\$5.00
- e.** Affiliate Club membership-\$25.00 [Newsletter additional]

**J-5.** Application (initial) fees (Dec 11):

- a.** Regular membership-\$20.00 [Includes 1<sup>st</sup> year's dues, Newsletter additional]
- b.** Associate membership--\$15.00 [Includes 1<sup>st</sup> year's dues, Newsletter additional]
- c.** Each additional membership in the same household-\$10.00 (same app), \$15 (later app)
- d.** Application to transfer from Associate to Regular membership--\$5.00
- e.** Junior membership-\$8.00
- f.** Affiliate Club membership-\$25.00 [Newsletter additional]

**J-6.** The Breeder's Listing fee shall be \$25.00. (Jan11)

J-7. The Non-affiliate Club listing fee shall be \$5.00. (Jan01)

J-8. Newsletter fees: (Nov12)

- a. Basic—print and electronic \$40.00; electronic only \$10.
- b. Life-member 30+—print and electronic \$20.00; electronic only \$5.00
- c. Life-member 40+—all \$0.00
- d. Non-member annual subscription--\$45.00
- e. Non-member 6-month special--\$22.00
- f. Additional and/or back copies--\$5.00 per copy.

J-9. Newsletter postage:

- a. Optional US 1<sup>st</sup> class--\$30.00
- b. Required postage to Canada --\$32.00US
- c. Required postage—UK, Germany, Italy, France, Netherlands, Australia—\$45.00US
- d. Required postage TO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES--\$55.00

## Tips from the Collins Twins

### Telltale Red Fur

by Miki & Julie Collins

**Y**ou can spot it from 30 feet away, not just in your own dogs, but also your competitor's dogs—a telltale red stain on the fur around the feet—and you know: those dogs have bad feet.

This stain is not blood, but a red or pinkish-brown tinge on light-colored fur. It is caused by a substance in the dog's saliva called porphyrin, and indicates excessive licking. A few dogs might lick their feet from habit, but most only lick when their feet are sore or irritated. At first most of these dogs just have raspberry feet or small cracks, but if you don't pay attention, these problems can quickly escalate to bigger splits, abscesses or severe infections. Snow buildup, pad injuries, split nails or even a broken toe bone can also lead to licking and subsequent staining.

Of course, some dogs don't lick their feet regardless of how sore they are, so don't assume an absence of these stains means the feet are healthy!

This lick-staining phenomenon is not

limited to the feet; any red-stained fur should be examined carefully. Most skin irritations cause licking, which in turn creates the stain that alerts you to a problem. Maybe the dog has a spot of itchy summer eczema or a wound hidden in long fur. Some dogs develop lick sores caused by compulsive licking; allergies can also cause skin irritation and licking. Surgical wounds that get stained should be watched closely or protected from excessive licking. Nursing females normally have red-stained bellies from their puppies. Tears make a similar stain on the face, alerting you to a possible problem with the eyes.

A small, faint red stain on the belly of one female alerted me to a potential problem; a closer exam revealed a small mammary lump. If ignored, it might have turned cancerous. Another dog with a red stain under its tail developed a serious abscess of the anal gland.

The red stain can persist for days after recovery. It should raise suspicions even if you don't find an underlying problem. If



*Check any dog with red-stained fur on its feet. Caused by constant licking, red stains usually indicate a problem.*

you're inspecting a dog you want to buy, for instance, you definitely want to ask about the cause of any stained fur in case it indicates a recurrent problem. Use these stains to alert you to problems you might not otherwise spot. Like red flags, they send a signal that should not be ignored.

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