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“Teddy” was a well-balanced dog in more than one sense of the word, earning not only 8 Best in Shows, but also 8 Best in Specialty Shows. He was #1 Alaskan Malamute in 1999 and 2000 (all breed), placed in the group at Westminster in 2000, won 40 Group firsts, and placed in the group over 125 times in just a little over 2 years. He was also a wonderful companion, great with kids, and easy going.

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OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

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As I write this, the election is winding down, and it was a pleasantly quiet campaign. This may be due in part to the unusual fact that three of the five open positions were uncontested with the "retirement" of the incumbents. This also gives me the opportunity to recognize our departing Board members prior to the Annual Meeting.

Kathleen Fraser leaves after a single term as a Director. Kathi was part of the trend in PNW representation on the Board, and she brought a unique perspective on many issues. Kathi will be devoting her time to other interests now—look for an article on herding with malamutes in this Newsletter.

Wendy Willhauck served ten years as a Director, and brought a wealth of information from her long experience as a member of the Siberian Husky Club and as AKC and international judge. Wendy worked tirelessly to improve the outreach and coordination among our three education committees.

Many of you will not be able to remember a time when **Jo Ann Krause** was not on the Board. Jo Ann was first elected Recording Secretary in 1971, and she has served as Secretary, President or Director for 40 of the 44 years since then! Jo Ann not only kept our official records, she acted as our informal memory. She has been a steady and trusted voice on the Board for decades, and she will be missed.

Final preparations are under way for AMCA's return to Sturbridge MA—we were last there in 2003. This will be my 22nd National, and I look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new members. Events like this remind me that I enjoy the luxury of dogs thanks to the support of my family and the competition of my friends. I hope I see many of you sharing that enjoyment at Sturbridge.

Recording Secretary

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Motion 18: 2014/15: The AMCA BOD solicit quotes for the initial purchase of 1000 AMCA Membership pins. This initial purchase will adequately cover our current needs and provide an estimated supply for subsequent issuance to the members as needed. (Levesque)

For: All
Background: Motions #18, #19 and #21 describe and initiate a new AMCA member-recognition program.

Motion 19: 2014/15: AMCA will provide an AMCA Membership Pin to all members in good standing that have achieved at least five years of continuous service. Each member will initially be issued a pin that coincides with their current length of continuous service at the completed five year interval. Upon completion of each additional five years of continuous service the member will be issued the next level pin. Members that reach 30 years of continuous membership will be issued a pin signifying LIFETIME membership. (Levesque)

For: All

Motion 20: 2014/15: A Show Policy shall be established that allows the Regional or National Specialty Sweepstakes and Futurity/Maturity Judge to be able to participate or compete in AMCA Special Attraction Events which are not governed by AKC that are held with the Regional or National Specialty as long as the event is held after the individual's judging assignment. (Levesque)

For: All

Background: This policy clarifies that AMCA's current non-conflict rules for Sweepstakes Judges applies to other non-regular conformation events within National Week.

MOTION 21: 2014/15: AMCA accept the quote from PinSource for the initial purchase of 1000 AMCA Membership

pins which will be distributed to all AMCA members that have achieved a minimum of five years of continuous service. (Levesque)

For: All

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Treasurers Report - September 2015

	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change
Bank Accounts	72,025.39	69,050.57	-2,974.82
Reserve Funds	28,861.45	28,861.45	0.00
Committee Total	<u>22,213.93</u>	22,113.93	-100.00
	\$123,100.77	\$120,025.95	-\$3,074.82

Revenue			
	2014 Year	Sep-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	2,440.00	1,069.50	3,246.25
Newsletter/Directory	14,860.00	290.00	13,105.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	40.00	0.00	119.00
Mail/Delivery	2,757.00	60.00	3,000.00
Breeders List	3,025.00	75.00	2,650.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	23,122.00	1,494.50	22,120.25

Membership

Application	428.00	105.00	395.00
Membership Fees	6,665.00	110.00	5,395.01
Late Fees	570.00	100.00	780.00
Membership Total	7,663.00	315.00	6,570.01

Pass-Through

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,080.00	30.00	3,823.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,207.00	15.00	1,655.00
Legislative/Other	137.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	5,424.38	45.00	5,478.00

Committees' Total	2,584.80	180.00	2,054.44
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Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	390.00
National Specialty	17,903.26	0.00	27,000.00
Purina Partnership	981.89	0.00	797.07
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	1,022.78	6.50	444.51
Other Revenues Total	19,907.93	6.50	28,631.58

Subtotal Receipts	\$58,702.11	\$2,041.00	\$64,854.28
Reserve Fund	\$2,737.08	0.00	-163.98
Total Receipts	\$61,439.19	\$2,041.00	\$64,690.30

Expenses			
	2014 Year	Sep-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	13,103.60	2,094.06	9,313.38
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,571.11	700.00	3,615.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,531.00	775.00	3,975.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	4,553.82	849.86	2,761.89
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Newsletter artist fees	160.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter/Membership Total	29,919.53	4,418.92	20,665.27

Officer/Board/Delegate	2,990.22	571.75	1,947.31
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Pass-Throughs

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	3,530.00	0.00	2,853.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,244.00	0.00	1,787.00
Legislative/Other	37.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	4,811.38	0.00	4,640.00

National Specialty	2,618.20	0.00	500.00
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	819.72	18.65	805.61
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	417.06	0.00	647.87
Elections Costs	1,841.05	0.00	715.56
Insurance	1,700.00	0.00	114.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	165.00	15.00	203.36
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	194.28	91.50	369.24
Committee's	1,219.77	0.00	831.04
Other Expense Total	9,975.08	125.15	5,186.68

Total Expenses	\$47,696.21	\$5,115.82	\$32,439.26
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 9/30/15

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.



TOP TWENTY

Standings through June 30, 2015



Hey everyone!

Below you'll see the Top 20 Standings through June 30, 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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Rank	The Top 20	Points	Area	Owner
1	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	165	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
2	GCH Silverice's Jager Bomb (D)	161	WC	A Syar/M Stone
3	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	97	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
4	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	84	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
4	GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (D)	84	RM	P Jenkins/E Jenkins
6	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D)	74	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K Robinson
7	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	57	GL	H Donovan
8	GCH Adair'N'Hug Always On Your Mind (B)	51	RM	R Hug/J Hug/K Hug
9	CH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One (B)	47	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
10	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous (B)	41	RM	B Erickson/C Erickson
11	CH Sno Klassic Hot Lips (B)	38	GL	T Newport/P Peel/M Peel
12	GCH Ice Fall's Guns A Blazin (D)	37	MW	D Mewes
13	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	35	IL/WI	J El Dissi
14	CH Tru North's Buckaroo Banzai (D)	32	RM	L Cathey
15	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal (D)	30	SO	G Box-Young
16	CH Staghorn's Eye Candy (B)	26	IL/WI	C Villano/L Villano/D Burrill
16	GCH Silverice's Sensational Celebutante (B)	26	WC	A Syar/M Stone/P Harrison
18	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart (D)	25	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
19	Lone Pine Kotzebue Neeka (B)	22	NE	C Williams
20	GCH Amook's A Day At The Races (D)	20	NY/NJ	C McFarland
20	Snocreek's Oh The Drama ! (B)	20	NY/NJ	B Martin/J Martin
The Contenders				
22	GCH Velvet Sky's Tunnel Of Love (B)	19	GL	N Ramsey/S Ramsey
23	CH Majestic's Greyrock Wonderfully Wicked (B)	17	WC	D Hunyada/C Hibner
24	Corazon N Wildwinds Lets Do This (B)	15	SO	G Box/J Wild
24	GCH Spiritrn's Cool Ride (B)	15		J Remazki/E Remazki/A Syar

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

Committee Reports & Special Report

AMCA Legislative Committee

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In September, 2015, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other "animal welfare organizations" filed a legal petition with the U.S. Department of Agriculture urging the agency to improve minimum standards for the care of dogs in commercial breeding facilities. The HSUS says the USDA has taken strides in recent years to better regulate commercial dog breeders, adopting rules to ban imports of dogs from foreign puppy mills, and to require inspections of Internet sellers of puppies. The HSUS feels what's remained untouched is the actual minimum standards of care for dogs at USDA licensed facilities in the United States. The HSUS feels the rules are more like survival standards stipulating animals have enough food and water and don't get cut by protruding wires or freeze to death but doesn't guarantee that the animals will have any quality of life. The HSUS filed the petition jointly with the ASPCA and the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association and was prepared by HSUS attorneys working with a group of pro bono lawyers from Latham & Watkins LLP, one of the nation's top law firms. The Legislative Committee's concern is hobbyist breeders will eventually be under more unreasonable requirements to breed dogs, and the HSUS will lead the charge.

The AKC Government Relations Committee sent out an alert encouraging residents of Hempstead, New York to oppose a proposal that would regulate breeders as pet stores. Under this proposal, hobbyist breeders would be subjected to unannounced inspections even if they sell just one litter. The proposal also includes mandatory sterilization prior to sale regardless of the puppy's age. The proposal does provide for some exemptions for dogs with a breed ring record, but this is an impossible requirement for puppies. For more information, go to the AKC web site under Government Relations.

In 2014, PETA euthanized more than 2,000 dogs and cats in its sole U.S. shelter. PETA has put down so many animals at its facility in Norfolk, Virginia that in 2014 the state passed a law,

SB 1381, that defined a private animal shelter as "a facility operated for the purpose of finding permanent, adoptive homes for animals." PETA lobbied against the bill and argued there is no need for this legislation to exist. PETA took in 1,606 cats of which 1,536 were euthanized. Dogs fared a little better. Of the 1,025 taken in, 788 were euthanized. PETA doesn't dispute the figures and says it has always found permanent, adoptive homes for its adoptable animals. It is not clear how PETA makes its decisions of which animals are adoptable.

AKC Delegate Report

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This was read by Mr. Sprung at the Delegate Meeting:

Yesterday was 9/11 and a great deal has changed in each of our lives as a result of that day. Many delegates are new so let's once again share some of what occurred and AKC's accomplishments in this area. First, please stand for a moment of silence in memory of the tragedy which occurred during this meeting 14 years ago. (A moment of silence is observed.)

That morning, Ron Menaker and I were in the lobby of this very hotel when Dick [Blackie] Blair approached us to say that a plane hit the World Trade Center. We walked over to the deserted bar area, where an elderly gentleman was watching the news. As we approached, he said to us, my son is in the armed forces. He called last night. One of our planes is missing, and they are coming to get us. Then the second plane hit. We turned around, the man was gone.

That day, we were all together. There were 288 Delegates in attendance. 101 of you are still serving. Naturally the meeting bordered on chaotic. We hugged and reassured each other outwardly; inside, many of us felt fear and anger. There were valid but opposing thoughts of what to do. After an agenda discussion and a vote for the standing committees, we adjourned, helping one another begin going home or finding safe haven for the night.

In reflecting upon on the 9/11 anniversary, the thought that always resonates with me is the type of special people that make up our community. I recall how the DOGNY project came about, allowing the American Kennel Club to honor search and rescue dogs that helped in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington and will provide some behind-the-scenes facts.

It was very much a shared success. Delegate Dr. Tom Davies and the Springfield Kennel Club stepped up as the very first sponsor, and many clubs followed. FedEx, Iams, JP Morgan and Hartz became major corporate sponsors. Before long, other businesses heeded our call for support and we received help from many household names. It took until the following evening for me to arrive home. The Ladies Kennel Association was holding a meeting in my house, so one could find me in the basement. CBS Radio began broadcasting a plea for the donation of a portable X-ray machine for rescue dogs that were hurt searching through the rubble. I knew dog people could provide that, so I went up the stairs and asked the ladies to post an online request to purchase an X-ray machine. About 9:00 p.m. that evening, a call came in from a salesman in West Virginia, and we were on our way. Our next challenge was transporting the X-ray machine and many cartons of film, aprons, and gloves, so another request went out to relay those materials to Ground Zero. Dozens of dog people called throughout the evening, and by early morning the race was on. From West Virginia to Maryland to Pennsylvania, ending up in New Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders, Bob and Angela DeNicola, who passed it off for the final delivery. Luckily, AKC had presented one of our first "ACE" awards to a member of the K-9 unit at the Queensboro Kennel Club through the courtesy of Linda Lacchia and Ray and Viola Burgos. A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio; he instructed us to have the equipment brought through

the Lincoln Tunnel and to proceed on 11th Avenue until we were stopped. Well, indeed, we were stopped but allowed one phone call. Within minutes we were surrounded by unmarked and marked police cars, sirens blasting and escorted to the very street corner of Ground Zero. Just as the car was coming to a stop, veterinarians from Suffolk County SPCA came running and started to assemble the X-ray machine. We weren't there long enough to see it in use; with the smoke still rising we were escorted out of Ground Zero. But I knew then and there the American Kennel Club did the right thing. It was really the most emotional moment of my life. The streets lining our departure had tens of thousands of people waving flags and cheering us. But I knew a lot better -- they weren't cheering us, they were cheering you, the AKC family.

I had another thought: We could do more. So my idea for DOGNY actually evolved just two days after 9/11, eventually raising over \$3,500,000 for search and rescue organizations throughout our nation as we worked with fanciers, corporations and the public. In fact, it was with these funds that the AKC Canine Support Relief Fund was begun. Since that time, AKC CAR (now Reunite) serves as the fiduciary custodian of that money for the sole purpose of donating to volunteer and professional search and rescue organizations in America and has made numerous grants in compliance with the DOGNY mission.

Interestingly, the government chose to keep secret which search and rescue organizations came to the three cities but staff researched and identified over 90 amateur and professional organizations. Each organization was sent several thousand dollars as a thank-you and a way of defraying their costs. After all, this could occur again -- where you live.

Looking back, the project almost never happened. Daphna Straus was hired as a consultant. Today, she is our vice president of business development and she, along with our legal team, began working through the maze of red tape for the City to give us contractual permission to display statues to commemorate the

very first anniversary of 9/11. For some unknown reason, the newly-elected Bloomberg administration, taking over from everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the AKC. Can you imagine? Almost two months into the project, it was time to call Co-Chair Karen LeFrak and tell her about my frustration. Actually, I bitched a lot, saying this project may not go anywhere. Surprisingly, early the next morning I received a phone call from the first deputy mayor stating the City was ready to sign. After patting myself on the back a hundred times -- I mean this was like going "Best" -- I called Karen to tell her about this coincidentally good news, and there was absolute silence. So I repeated myself, and there was more silence. "Okay, what's going on?" She said, "Well, you were so upset, I went over to Mayor Bloomberg's townhouse, and I left him a note on the kitchen table."

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the foundry to different artists' studios throughout the city, then have each one individually packaged, picked up and brought to another company for cement bases to be applied. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman who arranged a phone call with Ken May, Senior Vice President of FedEx. Again, AKC was lucky, perhaps because we were doing the right thing. He said, "We can do this." But I misunderstood his meaning as my response was "I know you can do it, but can we pay for it?" Ken's answer was astounding. He said, "Your company is a hero. You are not paying for anything. We are just going to help; and they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars in free shipments and logistics.

I will also tell you about what was a guarded secret for a while with another member of our family. The police department called us because some of the approximately 300 teams of dogs that came to New York were being treated at an animal hospital, and their owners were being billed so I called a member of their Board to ask who I could speak with. The response was, "Dennis, I'll make you a deal. I will pay

for the care of every single dog, if you keep it a secret between the two of us." Well, that deal is long over and that angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom you and I are blessed to share our passion.

The cooperation amongst clubs, fanciers, corporate America and media was extraordinary, growing into our largest public outreach up until that time. However, without passionate dog people like you, it simply would have been another Dennis idea. I am going to stop my speech for a moment because I want you to take a good look at this statute. This is a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just what it should look like. But there is a lot of emotion behind this statute. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very proud to tell you that AKC's board of directors instantly supported this public art exhibition and fund-raiser. Rubenstein Associates, America's premier PR firm, required a presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through, they proclaimed, "We're in." With their efforts we benefited by a wide variety of media appearances. Sculptures bearing AKC's name that were displayed for the first anniversary still remain in many places: Pace University (here's a photo from two weeks ago showing the statue still on display at Pace, facing City Hall), the Fire Department Museum, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of Portland Fire Department and at AKC headquarters. Statues were painted live on the Today Show during numerous segments, and the NASDAQ screen in Times Square repeatedly featured our program, day after day.

In Georgia, Governor Sunny Perdue unveiled a bronze statue at the state capitol building in Atlanta with Delegates Ann Wallin, Karen and Asa Mays and Carmen Battaglia representing 32 clubs and associations. In Oklahoma, Onofrio and four of our all-breed clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the Federal building. A bronze version marks the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New

Jersey, and one welcomes visitors to our operations center in North Carolina.

AKC was made appealing and relevant to the public from a canine perspective as well as a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened out all but two of their 34 windows for a number of weeks to commemorate the first anniversary, both windows that remained open only displayed DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over a three-month period guarding the way in and out of Schubert Alley, where two-and-a-half million people visit every single week. In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three-year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in one week and their organization offered a DOGNY day at which they gave out 25,000 special edition pin-stripe "Help A Hero" toys donated by Hartz. A statue purchased by breeder/exhibitor Amy Kiehl Green bears the signatures of the entire Yankees team. Major League Baseball contributed, as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, obedience exhibitors, Judy and Fred Wilpon. Plush mementos carrying AKC's logo and messaging appeared in over 12,000 stores across the country. Some of you will recall that the president of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended our meeting in September 2002 as a guest of this body when he presented a check to Ron Menaker for \$775,000. Soon after, Hartz donated an additional \$500,000. Ron did a great amount of work as Co-Chair throughout the entire project. TFH published a commemorative book and after the public art display Sotheby's Auction House donated their main gallery along with the services of Vice Chairman, Benjamin Doller, as auctioneer, and famed columnist and dachshund fancier Liz Smith served as guest auctioneer and graced us with yet more publicity.

This gives you a bit of history about DOGNY and its accomplishments during a time of crisis in our nation and the numerous reasons for you to be proud of AKC, yourselves, your clubs and the many special people in our community. I am very proud of you. Thank you.

Following is a seminar on The H.E.A.R.T. Program given by Mark Dunn AKC VP of Registrations and Marketing.

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

AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T gives AKC a new way to engage, encourage and recognize ALL breeders who meet specific health testing standards and who participate in continuing education. BWH breeders must agree to the following:

HEALTH

Certify that breeding stock is health tested in accordance with the recommendations of their breed's AKC Breed Parent Club.

EDUCATION

Pursue AKC-provided or AKC-approved continuing breeder education to stay current on the best breeding practices, including advances in canine health.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspections by the AKC, and promise to share with AKC health testing and continuing education documentation.

RESPONSIBILITY

Accept responsibility for the health and well-being of the puppies and comply with all laws regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

TRADITION

Uphold AKC's tradition of breeding purebred dogs that are happy and healthy.

Target Customer:

The targets for BWH are the Casual breeders who are not Commercial breeders, and are not BOM or BOM Candidates. This group of breeders bred 69% of the AKC litters in 2014.

Inspections:

AKC Inspectors have inspected 81 BWH enrollees since program launch, more than 20% of total enrollments to date.

Education:

The education component of the program is very important, as these CASUAL breeders are less likely to attend

breeder seminars than any other segment. The AKC has launched a breeder education portal featuring Dr. Claudia Orlandi's books: **ABC's of Dog Breeding** and **Practical Canine Anatomy and Movement**.

Since launch in July, 94 breeders have completed a course on the site, taken a test, and purchased a certificate of completion.

Health Testing:

Both BOM and BWH programs require that a breeder: "Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on your breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club." Since the target breeder is most likely not involved in their Parent Club, AKC staff has compiled a list of health test requirements based on the Parent Club Code of Ethics (COE). If a Parent Club has no COE or makes no specific health test requirements in its COE, then the BWH requirements are based on CHIC requirements (not including CHIC "Optional"). Under no circumstances will staff dictate to breeders which dogs to breed based on results of required tests of breeding stock. The AKC Parent Club is in charge of its breed standard and for the development of its breed, and individual breeders have the final say regarding the dams and sires chosen for their breeding programs.

AKCCHF Parent Health Conference – Introduction

Health Committee

Karyn Colman BVetMed MRCVS (on behalf of the Health Committee)

During the weekend of August 7 to 9 2015, I had the privilege of representing the AMCA at the 2015 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. This year is Twentieth Anniversary of the CHF and this conference certainly lived up to expectations. To quote the CHF itself:

Sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare, the biennial event taking place at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch is expected to draw veterinarians, researchers, dog club members, dog owners, and breeders eager to hear from featured speakers on the latest medical and scientific advances in preventing treating, and curing canine health issues.

"This Conference is an important event for everyone who loves dogs or works to improve the health of these wonderful companions," Foundation CEO Susan Lilly said.

According to Lilly, many of the topics that will be covered address new and ongoing research with applicability to human health issues such as stem cell therapy, regenerative medicine and epilepsy.

Alice Villalobos, DVM, FNAP, will be giving the keynote address, "Quality of Life in Senior and End of Life Years" on Saturday, August 8. Dr. Villalobos is President Emeritus of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics, past President of the American Association

of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians, and charter member of the Veterinary Cancer Society and the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care.

She is regarded as a pioneer in oncology, quality of life and end of life care, having earned her DVM in 1972 while completing a first generation oncology residency at UC Davis mentored by Dr. Gordon Theilen, the forefather of veterinary clinical oncology.

Dr. Villalobos is director of Pawspice and Animal Oncology Consultation Service, and founder of the Peter Zippi Fund, which has helped and placed over 15,000 animals.

In addition to this keynote speaker, who was wonderful and inspiring to listen to, there were many really interesting and some cutting edge talks on various topics outlined below. I have chosen to divide my notes up over several newsletters, as it is a lot to digest all in one go. I have sent the presentations that were shared to the Health committee chair for uploading onto the AMCA Members area of the website for anyone who wishes to see them. I also have more detailed notes for anyone who wants to see them, either for specific talks or for them all – just let me know.

So, without further ado, here is part 1 of a 3 or 4 part summary of the weekend.

AKCCHF Parent Health Conference - 2015

List of Talks (* means there is a copy of their presentation available on the AMCA website):

Stem Cell Therapy for Supraspinatus Tendonopathy

Jennifer Barrett, DVM, PhD

Bright Mind Platform

Gary Pan, PhD

Canine Osteosarcoma

Bruce Smith, VMD, PhD

DNA Methylation in Canine Lymphoma*

Jeffrey Bryan, DVM, MS, PhD,

DACVIM (Oncology)

Personalized Cancer Treatment*

Doug Thamm, VMD, DACVIM (Oncology)

The Human-Animal Bond / Quality of Life Scale

Alice Villalobos, DVM, FNAP

Atopic Dermatitis and the Mycobiome*

Jan Suchodolski, DVM, PhD

Atopic Dermatitis and Antimicrobial Resistance

Charles Bradley, VMD, DACVP

Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus: Big Problems for Big Dogs*

Laura Nelson, DVM, MS, DACVS

Bloat: What is New in 2015?*

Elizabeth Rozanski, DVM,

DACVIM (SA□IM), DACVECC Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Kenneth Simpson, BVM&S, PhD

Advances in Canine Cardiac Genetics*

Josh Stern, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Evidence-Based Recommendations for Reduction of Infectious Disease in Canine Group Settings*

Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM

Be Very, Very Quiet... I'm Hunting Brucellosis*

Matthew Krecic, DVM, MS, MBA, DACVIM

Senior Cognition and Brain Aging*

Gary Landsberg, BSc, DVM, DACVB, DECAWBM (Behavior)

Regenerative Medicine Techniques to Treat Cartilage Disorders

Brian Saunders, DVM, PhD, DACVS

Can We Predict Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease in Dogs?

Dominique Griffon, DMV, MS, PhD, DECVS, DACVS

Canine Degenerative Myelopathy (DM): A Disease Model for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Therapy Development*

Joan Coates, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Neurology)

Update on the Latest Canine Epilepsy Research Developments: Genetics, Drugs, and EEGs*

Ned Patterson, DVM, PhD

Nutritional Management of Canine Epilepsy*

Holger Volk, DVM, PhD, DECVN, FHEA, MRCVS

Summary of Talks, Part 1.

Stem cell therapy for tendon injury:

SCT (Stem Cell Therapy) brings hope for a cure through renewal, replacement and regeneration. It has been used to treat osteoarthritis, ligament injury, tendon injury and fractures. SCT

is aimed at **regeneration** of normal, healthy tissues rather than "repair" which often involves scar tissue and possible loss of, or reduced, function. There many different stem cells and these were defined and explained. There are also many different ways that SCT is performed and there is no one standard.

This talk focused on the use of stem cells in treating a specific tendon injury that occurs in agility dogs – a pilot study was performed with some degree of success and now they are starting up a proper trial with CHF funding (AKCCHF grant). The study is to see if ADC (Adipose-derived Stem Cells) + PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) can result in tendon regeneration and return to normal function.

To participate in the study the dog needs to have damage on ONE side only (other side acts as the "normal" to compare the return to normal of the affected side. This is a challenge because in around 50% of cases the injury occurs on both sides.

If you have or know of any dogs with unilateral lameness due to a Supraspinatus tendon injury and that has not or has never had any tumors, they could be enrolled in this study.

AKCCHF Grant# 02107: Landmark Clinical Trial to Establish the Evidence-Based Use of Regenerative

Medicine to Treat Tendon Injury in Dogs - See more at: <http://www.akcchf.org/research/funded-research/2107.html>

Bright Mind Platform

This was a discussion and plug for Purina Pro-Plan's new Bright Minds Formula for dogs 7+ years. You can read the spin on Purina's website.

For me the clinical trial used a small number of dogs but they seemed to show good results. More interesting were the results obtained by the RVC in regards to the effect this diet had on seizure activity in epileptic dogs!

There is a Large Breed Formula if anyone is interested in trying it with your senior dogs.

Osteosarcoma

This talk was all about using viral vectors to try to infect and kill the cancer cells only and/or stimulate the animal's immune system to attack the cancer cells. The idea is to alter the virus such that it only infects tumor cells and replicates in them, killing the cells and maybe even stimulate an immune response to the cancer cells whether infected or not. Once all the cancer cells are dead the virus has no other receptive cells and so the body kills the virus and eliminates it from the body.

Several small trials have been performed with variable results. Two dogs had lived over a year following treatment with 20% of dogs with longer survival vs 5 – 10% with "Standard of Care", which is Carboplatin treatment (cytotoxic drug).

Ongoing work with several new avenues of investigation.

AKCCHF Grant# 01806: A Novel Virus-Based Anti-Tumor Treatment for Canine Osteosarcoma - See more at: <http://www.akcchf.org/research/funded-research/1806.html>

DNA Methylation in Canine Lymphoma

Lymphoma is a more common condition in dogs than osteosarcoma and is "easier" to treat. Causes can include:

Epigenetics through emotions, stressors, exposure to chemicals, diet, exercise, and the list goes on....

This talk was focused around the epigenetics and DNA methylation in canine lymphoma and is funded by CHF. The slide deck with the lecture notes are available on the AMCA website in the members area.

The canine lymphoma project is in three parts:

1. Characterize B-cell lymphoma in Golden Retrievers (not as responsive as B-cell lymphoma in other breeds)
Found only one type – Diffuse Large B cell lymphoma of activated cell type, similar to humans (difficult to treat in humans as well).
2. Define the methylation changes of same dogs
Methylomes – these are patterns of methylation within the DNA that are responsible for the epigenetic effects
3. Identify and characterize subpopulations of cells within types of B-cell lymphoma in GRs

Goals are/were:

1. Diagnosis – want to know WHAT type of lymphoma (c-myc positive) and how much treatment is needed
2. Prognosis evaluation can be more accurate
3. Assess risk of developing lymphoma BEFORE disease occurs... Maybe can alter environment (diet, treatment, etc, to remove "risky methylation" signature)
4. Prevention – alter environment/epigenetics

AKCCHF Grant# 01918-G: Discovery of Biomarkers to Detect Lymphoma Risk, Classify For Treatment, and Predict Outcome in Golden Retrievers

Precision Medicine (AKA "Personalized Medicine") in Oncology

Trying to fine-tune treatments to find best patients for a particular therapy and best therapy for each patient. Talked a lot about human trials using tumor gene screening looking for specific

mutations and then choosing the drug of choice for that (or those) mutations, rather than a drug for a particular morphology (tumor type by appearance or origin). Also looked at genetic cause of increased sensitivity to, or greater response to, certain therapies or susceptibility to unwanted side effects.

Using a computer program to adjust therapy based on other results with the idea that a couple of tests would help to adjust and select the best treatment paradigm for each patient. Results are due out soon. Easier to do in humans than in veterinary medicine because of a lack of available drugs for veterinarians (many not licensed and with unknown safety profiles in dogs).

The slide deck is available on the AMCA website members' area.

This speaker received the 2015 Asa Mays, DVM Award for Excellence in Canine Health Research. - See more at: <http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/news/douglas-thamm-vmd-dacvim.html>

AKCCHF Grant # 01426: Personalized Medicine for the Treatment of Canine Mast Cell Tumors - See more at: <http://www.akcchf.org/research/funded-research/1426.html>

Human-Animal Bond and Quality of Life Assessment (Keynote Lecture)

This was a feel-good lecture about how important (crucial) pets are to our well-being and moved on to how we should do right by our pets as they become frail, chronically ill or terminally ill. I very much enjoyed this talk by a very gifted speaker who runs a "Pawspice" in California. She has developed a "score" system for determining QoL (Quality of Life). Encouraged us to think about "hospice" for pets – palliative care in the home as a better alternative to aggressive treatment that creates a worse QoL or is ineffective. Pain management is of vital importance during such times. Then one should also think about the QoD – Quality of Death by considering euthanasia a gift for when the time comes that the score for QoL is <35.

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

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The Motown Working Club finished another fun filled weekend. We hosted two days of weight pulls in conjunction with the Monroe Kennel Club.

We had a total of 40 dogs on Saturday and Sunday which consisted of Malamutes, two St. Bernards, a White German Shepherd and a Cane Corso. Many legs were earned and it was noted that all the dogs were learning to be true weight pullers! The most fun is working with the novices and watching the owner's face light up with amazement when their dogs show the ability to pull the cart. We had people from a variety of breeds come and learn about weight pulling their dogs. One thing about this club, we do like to talk about what dogs can do!

Michelle Podolak's NAVI was our top winner both days with tireless effort (OK maybe a little on Sunday) with weights of 2565 and 2765. While it was a very close call for Raissa Hinman's BOOTSTRAP to win highest percentage, but he lost out by seconds to the WGSD. Not to be outdone, we had a very respectable showing from some of our up and coming girls in the club. We heard a lot of "go girl power" throughout the day!

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

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I'm leading off my report this month with a plea for help. One of our own is in need of the support of fellow AMCA members. Lisa Ryer is battling cancer. She was first diagnosed in April of this year. She has endured multiple treatments of both chemo and radiation and the tumors are resisting. Lisa is currently unable to continue to work because the treatments are making her even sicker. A web site for donations has been set up for Lisa under the GoFundMe site. Go to the site and search "Lisa Ryer's Medical Bills" and you should see the photo of Lisa and one of

her malamutes. Click on the photo and it will take you to the area where you can make a donation. No amount is too small and Lisa appreciates everyone's help. Thank you everybody for supporting your fellow malamute fancier.

And speaking of support, you might also like to send a card to Linda Goba, who recently had hip surgery. Linda worked tirelessly as not one, not two, but THREE National Specialty Chairs. Please let her know that you're thinking of her. Cards and notes can be sent to her at 5810 S. 124th Street, Hales Corners, WI 53130

On a lighter note, the following was sent to me by Carol Simon: GRACIE took BOS wins both days at the Keno-sha KC shows. On Sunday she also took BOB as part of the Owner-Handled Series. Her Registered name is **GCH, AKC/CH UKC Powderhound's The Leading Lady, WWP, WWPDA, WWPDX**. She is co-owned and loved by Carol Simon and Jen Effler-Leveille.

By the time you all read this report, many of you will be packing for your annual pilgrimage to the National Specialty. We are unable to attend this year, but wish everyone safe travels and good luck. I look forward to brags and fun stories from you to relate.

MID-EAST

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I've not received any textual reports from any of the area members, but I do have a few brags of my own. INDIANA, **CH Banchee's American Adventurer, CGC, TDI, WWP, AOM**, was parked after the Harrisburg Specialty this past April.

After a six month period of rest we thought we'd bring him out to get his head back into showing. We also used these shows to bring out our new girl RAVEN (Rafa x Ziva pup), **Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood**, for a little pre-National's warmup in the 9-12 month puppy classes.

First stop for us was the Butler County Show (Prospect, PA) on Saturday, 9/19/2015, where INDY took BOB for a 4-point major under breeder/judge Mrs. Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake.

The following weekend we were at the Warrenton KC Show on Saturday, 9/26/2015 where INDY took BOS for a 5-point major under judge Mrs. Francine W. Schwartz.

INDY now stands at 20 GCH points with five majors. We are very proud of the boy and glad to see he still loves being in the ring.

Once again I'd like to ask the folks from the ME Region, please send in your brags.

Until next time ... Michael G. McGuire

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I received a few notes from our members, thank you for sending them in. I am writing this article as the second day of no curfews and school back in session from all the flooding we have had here in Charleston, South Carolina. It really took us all by surprise; no

one was prepared for what was about to happen. We all held our collective breath watching the hurricane, and didn't pay much attention to what was about to ensue. For those who don't know, the whole state received historical record rainfalls of anywhere from 15 to 27 inches of rain over a three day period of time. They do not call South Carolina the Low country for no reason, and for many of us it has new meaning. When I purchased my new house two years ago, one of my big reasons for moving off the island was due to flood insurance. The monthly premiums were going to be more than the house payment. So, I looked for over seven months for a house that had everything for us and our dogs. I found one, finally. It wasn't pretty, but the structure was good, never had termites, and wasn't in a flood zone, for down here those are all big bonuses. I knew I could make it pretty, and over the past two years, I have totally redone the whole house. Well, not actually me, I directed and used my financial sense on when and where to buy things, painted some, and done the interior decorating. Heaven forbid this magazine makes it into Jim's office and he reads I did it all. Construction will come to a stop, and being three things away from completely redone, I wouldn't be able to stand it, and he would take great joy in watching me slowly unravel. Weather permitting, this weekend we will pick up finishing the back deck. The dogs have already destroyed the boards that were in place when we moved in by playing King of the Mountain on the landing to the porch, and we are replacing them with IPE. We will see if it stands up any better. At least I know it will be harder to chew. So for now, we have no flooding directly, just all around us.

Enough of life stories, and on to what matters to most people, the dogs..... Janie Clement sent a letter in summarizing her boy's wins, "I wanted to drop you a note to brag on my boy BLADE, **CH Wild Winds Kutz Like a Knife**, after turning a year old in mid-December, then finishing in January, he has gone on to win six major BOBs including a BOS and three BOBs in Oklahoma City and a BOS at Houston shows. I'm so very proud of him. A big thanks to Jay Van Zandt for all of his help."

And not to be outdone, his litter broth-

er's owner Gena Box-Young sent in brags for, DRIVER, **GCH Corazon Wild Winds Pedal to the Medal**. "I am not sure who is learning the most during our "on the job training", but we are working on becoming a team. DRIVER picked up a Regular group 3, and OH group 1 and 3. It made for a nice outing with such a young guy. I hope to do a couple more shows this month, then back to studying."

I also got a brag from Maria Wells on her handsome boy, MAX, **CH Moonlight's Last Man Standing**. MAX won Select on Saturday, September 12 under judge Ed Bivin and on Sunday, Sept. 13 won BOB under judge Virginia Lyne. Then he went on to win a Working Group fourth, Owner Handler under Ed Bivin. MAX hasn't been shown since March and he didn't show as well on Saturday, due to being so excited to be at the show. He didn't act as goofy on Sunday because he knew mom was not happy about his behavior on Saturday. These shows were at the Chattanooga Kennel Club."

Thank you again to everyone who sent in their notes, with fall here, our dogs should have some fur back and be ready for the better showing weather!

MIDWEST

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By time this goes to print the temperatures should have cooled down quite a bit hoping for cool weather here. We have quite a few reports this month so I better get to it.

Lynda Ste. Jhourre writes below:

"Just some news from Andrea and me. We would like to express how happy we are with our puppy, BRAVO, CH Stormy's Love Spirit, for obtaining his AKC Championship at the age of nine months. At the age of seven months he obtained a BIS NOH and was the only AKC Alaskan Malamute puppy on record to do so. He ended the year being number three for Alaskan Malamutes and the youngest ranking mal in the NOH series. He also obtained his CGC and TT designations as a six month old puppy. He has also obtained almost half the points needed

for his Grand Championship. Our Multi Specialty winning female, ENVY, CH Windchaser's All Eyes On Me, also finished her championship and won a Group 2 at the West Bend Shows in June. "

Congrats on such a great year with your mal.

One of our newest members Rachel Bautista writes below:

"NAYA, **Kaviak's Anaaga Nayubaa**, was awarded a 4 point major under Judge Jon R. Cole in Topeka, KS on Sunday, August 16th. We are so excited for our first major!

"Also, the family spent the Labor Day holiday hiking at Rock Bridge State Park with all three of our malamutes. It was NAYA'S first trip there and she spent almost four hours hiking with a pack for the first time. She did a great job navigating the terrain and not yanking me down any of the hills or steep stairways. We spent quite a bit of time in the caves there as well and all the dogs enjoyed exploring them."

Congrats on your great wins.

Jeannie Wild-Campbell also writes: "I have a new champion I'd like to report. My puppy dog finished his championship at the JCKC show on September 20 under C.S. Anderson with a 5 pt major..He finished at eight months in three weekends. He is a homebred, out of **CH Wild Wind's Double on the ROC and CH Poker Flat's Call of the Wild Wind**. His Championship made his sire RAY a new ROM and his mother CALI too!" Congrats on such great wins with a young pup.

We also hear from another couple of our newest members Jason and Daniela Mewes, but they forgot to mention they have been doing the most recent wins with a newborn human baby in tow. Congrats to such a great year in every way to you both.

"BLAZE – **AM, GCH, INT, Ice Fall's Guns A Blazin'** Took back to back Owner handler series Group 1s at the St. Louis Dog Breeders Association Shows in Gray Summit, MO August 29 and 30. He also completed his AKC

Bronze Grand Championship at the Rolla Missouri Kennel Club shows in Gray Summit September 18.

"**KAMAHLI, CH Wild Wind's Protector of the Spirits**, completed her championship at the Rolla Missouri Kennel Club Show September 18 with a 4 pt major.

"**KODIAK, CH Wild Wind's Roar of the North**, (KAMAHLI'S Littermate) also finished his championship this year at the Belle-City Kennel Club shows in Gray Summit on March 1 (better late than never)."

Michelle Podolak has been very busy and has some news to report, Congrats with all the weight pull wins and congrats on doing well in the show ring with ZIGGY.

"September was a busy month for the Podolak pups. September 18 through 20 was the Gateway Cluster at Purina Farms. Our **ZIGGY, Edgemere's Second to None**, was Reserve Winner's Dog all three days. NAVI, **Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior**, was just along for the ride, but he enjoyed the sights and smells as well as a new stuffy to keep him happy. I tried to get ZIGGY to pick out one as a reward, but he wasn't interested!

"On John's birthday, Sept. 25, we drove to Michigan. We've spent more than one of his birthdays and our wedding anniversary (Sept. 26) at the Monroe County Fairgrounds for the big Monroe Kennel Club all breed show, this year on the 26 and 27). The Motown Working Alaskan Malamute Club supported the entry and put on a weight pull both days. ZIGGY'S entry was a first for both of us showing outside in the grass. He tried hard but came up fourth on Saturday and third on Sunday. I'm proud of how he improves every time in the ring and whether we win the points or not, we have a good time.

"ZIGGY and NAVI were both entered in the weight pulls. On Saturday, ZIGGY pulled 1462 lbs or 16.8 times his own body weight. The funny boy had a lot to say to John when he was asked to pull the next increment. NAVI won his class and most weight pulled by pulling 2565 lbs or 30.18 times his own body weight. The MWAM club

had very nice prizes for him...including a free massage. He must have really liked it because he also won his class and most weight pulled on Sunday by pulling 2765 lbs or 32.53 times his body weight. NAVI received another free massage after the weight pull. 'He says a dog could get used to this!' but not to worry. NAVI enjoyed his massage so much that we paid for one for ZIGGY. (ZIGGY pulled 1429 lbs. on Sunday). It was a great way to spend our 45th anniversary! Thanks MWAM for a great supported entry and weight pull. "See you at Sturbridge!"

Ok everyone, now it's my turn. We took **ROCKY, CH Northern Exposures Rocket Man of Sno-Cub, CGC, RN**, to the Des Moines Kennel Club shows the first part of September. He took Select dog at one of the shows and came home with three more Grand Championship points. The middle of the month, ROCKY and I made a trip to Aurora Colorado. Oh what a drive that was! We made it just past York, Nebraska and it started hailing ping pong size hail for a solid 10 minutes or more. I could hardly see out the windshield. We were not able to stop under any overpasses as they were already filled with cars, but we did make it to a rest area to wait it out. That is when I found out it was ping pong size hail as my phone had several messages on it saying there was severe weather in that area with the estimated time for it to end. We got back on the freeway and sure enough 10 minutes down the road it started hailing again. This time we just pulled to the side of the freeway, as it felt like the tires had no traction. I looked at the temperature gauge in the car and it said 33 degrees. After the hail let up, we headed back on the freeway and the temperature was now 62 degrees. It kind of felt like we had been in the Twilight Zone. The rest of the trip was smooth sailing and it was well worth the trip. ROCKY got to play with his litter sister, and he took Select Dog each day, even going over a champion one of the days. He came home from there with another six Grand Championship points. He now has a total of 22 Grand championship points and only needs three more to finish his Grand. Not bad considering he is so very naked; he even blew the

under coat on his tail. Now we are just hoping the coat comes back in quickly.

WEST COAST

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Tina Dunn sent this:

"**TIKAANI, Int/Amer CH Double T and Onak's Etched in Stone, WPD, WPDA**, was BOB from the classes over several specials on the same day that he finished his championship. I now have a little puppy named ONEK who is TIKAANI's son, and hopefully he will do just as well in the show ring when he grows up.

Also we showed **CARGO, Int/Amer CH Double T's Northwestern's Gold**. It was fun to show his kids at the same show that he completed his championship but in all honesty, CARGO's favorite part of the dog show is stopping by McDonald's for frozen yogurt afterwards.

Lastly, I am proud to announce that my **EVIE, CH Double T's Evening Voyager** has earned her ROM title. I am also proud to state that Evie is the fourth dog of mine to earn a ROM title. Maybe TIKAANI and CARGO will help their mom, **CH Double T's Pushing the Limit** earn her ROM title too" Details In Something To Howl About. Congrats Tina, TIKAANI, CARGO and EVIE!

Dian McComb shares the following news:

"At 14 months and with three majors, SEAMUS is now known as **CH Alcan L. A. Lawman**, finishing his championship today at the Santa Ana KC show. He's evidence that "frozen" is more than a song; it was how he was conceived. Cryogenics brought his sire, CHPS, and his dam, PARIS, together." Please see full details in Something To Howl About. Congrats Dian & SEAMUS!

Linda Katlarz shares exciting news:

"I just have to brag about our newest addition to our family. Many of you don't know me, but many know me though facebook. We have been in Mals for about 13 years now, but have been

involved with our local club for probably 20 years now. I have had three mals and just added a new one. My first show dog, first malamute and my heart dog passed away over a year ago. We were heart broken and still think about him daily. I am a firm believer of bringing in a new puppy not long after one passes to help the grieving process but never to replace the dog we lost. Well that didn't happen this time. I was being picky and also had someone helping me get a quality puppy that we hope will be a show dog when he gets older. That puppy finally came to us and we are thrilled. His name is RIDER, **Mytuk & Keno's Let It Ride**. He is out of **CH Silverice Jager Bomb** and **CH Mytuk's Good Golly Miss Molly**. We fell in love with him right away. He is such a sweet puppy and a good puppy. Thank you to those involved in helping us find this wonderful dog. RIDER will be in the show ring soon."

Huge congratulations, Linda, on your new baby boy.

Received the following from Chris Hibner:

"Small brags but worthy of being shared. On Sept 12, Both EV, **Greyrock's Forever And Ever** and ECHO, **CH Greyrock's Echoes Of The Past, CGC** completed the first leg of their Working Team Dog title by pulling me 11 miles at Hobart Mills Ca. The following Weekend ECHO was Select dog both days at Twin Cities Kennel club shows. JOEY, **Greyrock's How U Doing** won WD on Sunday at Twin Cities adding points to his Name. The following weekend ECHO had back to back BOB wins and JOEY had Back to back Best of Winners at Bonanza KC in Carson City, NV."

Congrats to Chris, EVIE, ECHO & JOEY.

On Labor Day, COMET and I were in our first ever Nosework Trial! In order to earn their NW1 Title, the dog has to successfully find hidden birch oil odor in four different elements. We started with the vehicle search around 10:30 a.m. There were three vehicles and a three minute time limit. COMET located the source in 25 seconds. When the handler believes the dog has found the hide, s/he calls "alert!" If correct,

the judge will say 'yes' and you may reward your dog. A couple hours later we were up for the exterior search, which was a corridor between two school classrooms, lined with lockers on one side and a railing on the other. Again, the maximum time allowed was three minutes, and COMET located the hide in 25 seconds. Actually, COMET may have located it a few seconds sooner, but I wait until I am certain she is locked on source before I call alert, which is when the timer stops. From the exterior search, we moved directly to the container search, which took place in an auditorium or gym type building. There were a dozen identical boxes spread out in three rows of four each. We had two minutes 30 seconds on this element and did it in... yep, you guessed it, 25 seconds! Our last search of the day took place around 2:00 p.m. The interior search was a science classroom FULL of everything imaginable, including skeletons and stools with tennis balls on all the feet. I never would have dreamed they would have used such a busy, challenging room for a level 1 search. Since we train outdoors and indoor locations can be hard to come by in CA, we've only done a couple indoor searches, and nothing even remotely similar to a classroom. In fact, to the best of my recollection, we've done two searches in my house and the drawers were indoors at one of our very first nose work seminars three years ago. Anyway, there was a three minute time limit and this time COMET used 57 seconds of it. I was so very impressed with her focus, work ethic and enthusiasm. They had a professional videographer, so we were able to purchase three of the element searches and there were also a couple photographers, so I'm hoping those stills will become available eventually. Not only did COMET earn her NW1 Title, but she placed fourth overall. There were 45 dogs entered and 18 of them earned titles.

I've introduced COMET to the second odor, which will be used in level 2, and am on a wait list for an ORT in October for both anise and clove. ARWAH and TURBO will get to give it a try when their NW1 Trials come up the end of October and the beginning of Nov.

October 3, I took all three mals to a WC Rally Trial where all three QQ'd. ARWAH completed his Rally Championship title with 209 points and second place in Level 1, and 208 points and first place in Level 2! TURBO earned the first double-Q towards his ARCHX title with 206 points in each class, which was good enough for fifth place in Level 1 and fourth place in Level 2. COMET scored 201 in each class, which was not good enough to be in the placements, but is respectable none-the-less.

We went back to the Just Rewards WC Rally Trial at Sun Studios in Half Moon Bay on Oct. 4. ARWAH earned his first two Veterans legs with scores of 209 and 208, both first places! He also got a Special Award for Best Smile. TURBO earned the second QQ towards his ARCHEX title with 204 points and fourth Place in Level 1 and 201 points and third Place in Level 2! COMET completed her ARCH title with 203 points and fifth Place in Level 1 and 206 points and first Place in Level 2!

One of COMET's anal glands ruptured only about 24 hours after she began indicating to me that it was bothering her. As soon as she licked, I checked and spotted a lump next to her anus. I knew what it was and got her in to my vet. Unfortunately, *both* anal glands were already impacted and my vet was unable to express either one. He sent me home with antibiotics, pain killer and instructions to warm compress area three times daily. The right gland ruptured that next night, which was actually a good thing because it relieved pressure and she was not nearly as uncomfortable. During a re-check a week later, my vet was able to express a little out of the left gland, so we are hopeful all will resolve without the need for surgery or drastic measures. I'm sharing this because several years ago, one of ARWAH's anal glands ruptured with no warning whatsoever.

I want to share possible signs/symptoms/indications that there may be an anal gland issue and also suggest that you periodically have your vet (or groomer if the anal glands and fluid within are normal) check/express

the glands to be sure the fluid is normal and they are not overly full. Symptoms can include: licking, scooting, spinning, resistance to sit and general anxiety or increased reactivity. ARWAH has an unusually thick caulking like substance in his that is not easily milked out. We have determined that expressing them every four months prevents them from getting to the point of possible rupture. We don't know why some dogs never have trouble and others do. My vet has seen no connection to diet and anal gland issues. The glands can be surgically removed, but there is a slight risk of damaging the muscle control for stool elimination.

Happy Thanksgiving!

AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE

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Hello from Europe.

Dutch member Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer has sent news; "We have had a lazy summer, with lots of rain. So hardly any news or anything super exciting happening with the dogs. However, we do have just a small brag. JANNA **Winterstarz Kuyannamik** received a first place with a grading of excellent in the intermediate class at the International Dogshow in Maastricht. It was half a year ago since we showed her. JANNA spent the whole summer playing in our nature reserve pools with my friend's Labradors, so she needed a big bubble bath and grooming session. It turned out all right, as Janna still knew how to show. She is great fun to have with you. I think she is ready to go into the open class, and hopefully she will earn some more points towards her championship. Next week we have a junior day for the club, we hope to see all of our youngsters from last year in

the ring. I will take mum and granddad along."

Our own news this month;

At the Richmond Championship show in September, under breeder judge Robin Hug, our youngster **RAIN Sledog Indian Monsoon** (a.i) placed 3rd in her post graduate class, which qualifies her for Crufts 2016.

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



Major Show Reports

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MID WEST AREA (submitted by Cindy Foster)

Name of Show: Des Moines Kennel Kennel Club

Date: 9/5/2015

Judge: Mrs. Cecilia Martinez

D=4 (3 points) B=1 4 specials (4-0)

BOB/BOBOH: CH STORMYTH'S LOVE SPIRIT CGC (Ste. Jhoure)

SD: GCH CH STORM KLOUD'S TEST OF TIME(EI Dissi)

WB/BOW/BOS: PALE MOON'S MAGIC STAR OF NORTHDREAMS (Gonzalez)

WD: STORM SKY IT'S GAME TIME (Czarapata, El Dissi, Gonzalez)

RWD: STORM SKY'S KING OF TIME AT STORM KLOUD (Czarapata, Gonzalez, El Dissi)

Name of Show: Des Moines Kennel Kennel Club

Date: 9/6/2015

Judge: Ms Linda L. Robey

D=4 (3 points) B=1 4 specials (4-0)

BOB: GCH CH STORM KLOUD'S TEST OF TIME(EI Dissi)

SD: CH NORTHERN EXPOSURE ROCKET MAN OF SNO-CUB CGC RN (Foster)

WB/BOW/BOS: PALE MOON'S MAGIC STAR OF NORTHDREAMS (Gonzalez)

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IL / WI (submitted by Pat McGovern)

Name of Show: Rockford-Freeport Illinois KC 9-26-15

Mr. Harry H. (Butch) Schulman

Total Entry: 15 (9d -5b)

D= 6 (3 pts) B=4 (1 pts)

BOB: CH SNOKIST N STAGHORN'S U DA BOMB (D) (D Roberts-Burrill)

WB/BOW/BOS: SNO QUEST'S GOLD N' GIRL (A & M Sautbine)

Select Dog: GCH THUNDERKLOUD'S I'M NO SECRET (D) (P & T McGovern)

Select Bitch: GCH POWDERHOUND'S THE LEADING LADY (B) (J Effler-Leveille/C Simon)

WD: SNO QUEST'S STRUKE GOLD (A & M Sautbine)

RWD: SNO N ICE N LIGHTNING AT AMARUQ (K Kelly)

RWB: ISTARI'S ABSI KIRE (H & J Schultz / K Grossen)

Mid-East Area (submitted by: Michael G. McGuire)

Name of show: Butler County Kennel Club

Date: Saturday 9/19/2015

Judges Name: Mrs. Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake

9: D=1 (3 pts) B=6 (3 pts) BOB = 4 pts

BOB: CH BANSHEE'S AMERICAN ADVENTURER, CGC (A&M McGuire)

BOS: NORTHERN LIGHTS MS. RILEY (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

BOW: NORTHERN LIGHTS EYE OF THE TIGER (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

WD: NORTHERN LIGHTS EYE OF THE TIGER (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

WB: NORTHERN LIGHTS MS. RILEY (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

SD: CH SOKANON RED RAIN ILLA KUVIANAR-TOK (Ferianc/Makerewicz)

SB: None

Name of Show: Butler County Kennel Club

Date: Sunday 9/20/2015

Judges Name: Ms. Linda Robey

6: D=1 (1 pts) B=5 (3 pts) BOB = 3 pts

BOB: NORTHERN LIGHTS EYE OF THE TIGER (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

BOS: ICE CREAM'S TAYLOR MADE (Ferianc)

BOW: NORTHERN LIGHTS EYE OF THE TIGER (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

WD: NORTHERN LIGHTS EYE OF THE TIGER (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)

WB: ICE CREAM'S TAYLOR MADE (Ferianc)

SD: None

SB: None



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW

GCH AWANUNA'S TORNADO OF SNOW BN, WWPDA (D)

Sire: CH Awanuna's Pfalkor Pfur Istari, WWPDX
Dam: CH Storm Kloud's WWF at Awanuna, CD
Breeder: Bev and Rick Pfeiffer
Owner: Bev and Rick Pfeiffer
Show: AMCW Specialty #1
Date: July 24, 2015
Judge: Linda Clark

GCH KASAAN SNOKIST ROPIN 'N' 'T' FORTUNE (D)

Sire: CH Sno Ridge's Sudden Impact
Dam: GCH Kasaan's Royal Fortune
Breeder: Lisa Ryer
Owner: Donelle Roberts-Burrill
Show: AMCW Specialty #2
Date: July 24, 2015
Judge: Sharon C. Smith

NEW CHAMPION

CH STAGHORN'S EYE CANDY

Sire: GCH Awanuna's Tornado of Snow, BN, WWPDX
Dam: Staghorn's Midnight Lace
Breeder: Lenny and Cheena Villano
Owner: Lenny and Cheena Villano and Donelle Roberts-Burrill
Show: Janesville- Beloit Kennel Club
Date: May 3, 2015
Judge: James D. Sillers

GROUP 4

THUNDERKLOUD T' SECRET'S IN T' STARZ

Sire: GCH Illusion's Beyond Imagination
Dam: CH ThunderKloud's Can't Keep A Secret
Breeder: Patricia and Thomas McGovern
Owner: Patricia and Thomas McGovern
Show: Greater DeKalb Kennel Club
Date: July 5, 2015
Breed: Sharon Krogh
Group: Carlos Roberto Flaquer Rocha

NEW AGILITY TITLE

CH POKER FLAT'S WAVE OF THE FUTURE, CD, BN, RA, NJP, ROM

Sire: CH Wild Wind's Royal Mountry WM, ROM
Dam: CH Poker Flat's Catch the Wave, ROM
Breeder: Robin Haggard and Jim Kuehl
Owner: Robin Haggard and Jim Kuehl
Show: Dog Training Club of Champaign-Urbana
Date: July 19, 2015
Judge: Sionag Black

GROUP 3

CH SNOCREEK'S LIGHTNING STRIKES@KEN-DAR

Sire: GCH Snocreek's Longwinter's Legacy
Dam: Snocreek N Kamelot's Venti Via
Breeder: Bonnie Martin and James Martin
Owner: Darlene Puhatch and Bonnie Martin
Show: Altoona Area Kennel Assoc.
Date: Sept. 6, 2015
Breed: Mr. John Ronald
Group: Mr. John Ronald

NEW BEGINNERS NOVICE OBEDIENCE TITLE

CH SNOCREEK'S LIGHTNING STRIKES@KEN-DAR CGC BN

Sire: GC Snocreek's Longwinter's Legacy
Dam: Snocreek N Kamelot's Venti Via
Breeder: Bonnie Martin/James Martin
Owner: Darlene Puhatch/Bonnie Martin
Trial: Clarion Canine Obedience Club
Date: September 20, 2015
Judge: Mr. Ted Walshesky

NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE

CH SNOCREEK'S LIGHTNING STRIKES@KEN-DAR CGC BN

Sire: GCH Snocreek's Longwinter's Legacy
Dam: Snocreek N Kamelot's Venti Via
Breeder: Bonnie Martin/James Martin
Owner: Darlene Puhatch/Bonnie Martin
Trial: Clarion Canine Obedience Club
Date: September, 18 2015
Judge: Catherine Thompson

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**AFFILIATE & INDEPENDENT CLUB
SPECIALTY SHOWS**

Kennel Club Name	Date	Conformation Judge:	47 total
AMCA – Wisconsin Specialty #1 Waukesha, WI	July 24, 2015	Linda Clark	D = 10 (4 pt.) B = 16 (5 pt.) 4 Veterans: 1D, 3B 4 Working: 3D, 1B

BISS: GCH Awanuna's Tornado of Snow BN (D)

(R & B Pfeiffer) CH Awanunas Pfalkor Pfor Istari & CH Storm Klouds WWF at Awanuna

SD: CH Storm Sky's Forever Etched In Time At Storm

Kloud (S Czarapata & J El Dissi) GCH Stormswepts Kloud's Test In Time & GCH Storm Swepts Keepin The Right Direction

WD: Wild Winds North to Alaska

(D Polocz & C Kinnas-Hocking) CH Ice Falls Locked 'N Loaded & CH Poker Flat's Call Of The Wild Wind

RWD: Sno N Ice N Lightning At Amaruq (K Kelly) CH

Sno Shire's Sno N Ice Can't Touch This & Illusions Absolut Perfection Over Sno N Ice

BOS: CH Wild Wind's Y' Adier Mind (B) (J Wild & L

Missana) CH WILD Wind's Grizzly of Snohawk & CH Wild Wind's Sophisticated Lady

SB: GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (L & S Kalous)

G Box-Young/J Wild) CH Wild Wind's Spirit Of St Louis & CH Terrapin Kasaan 'N Stone & CH Storm Kloud's Wwinter Affair

WB/BOW: Catera's Touch Of Class (A Kanzelberger)

CH Terrapin's Kasaan 'N Stone & GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class

RWB: Amagqut On The Pull RA NJP NAP (J Effler-

Leveille) CH Kasaan's Take The Fortune N Run To Chayo & Haw Kam's Lucky Break

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck (J Wild)**

Puppy Dogs 9 – 12 months

1. **Illusion's One Man Show (P & J Fusco)**

Dogs 12 – 18 months

1. **Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly (S & L Kalous & L Anderson)**

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1. **Sno Quest's Struck Gold (A & M Sautbine)**
2. **Echelon's Americana Dream (K Succop & A Pifferi)**

Amateur Owner Handler Dogs

None

Open Dogs

1. **Wild Winds North To Alaska (D Polocz & C Kinnas-Hocking)**
2. **Sno N Ice N Lightning At Amaruq (K Kelly)**
3. **Akiak's Party Crasher (S & P Reed)**

Puppy Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Ixa's Hell'On Heels (A Mayberry-Welch)**

Puppy Bitches 9 – 12 months

1. **Storm Kloud Storm Sky's Kaptured The Start For Wintuk (S & L Kalous)**
2. **Anua's & Wintuk's Sailing Into The Wins (S & L Kalous & K Fischer)**

Bitches 12 – 18 months

1. **Teton & Wintuk's One Wish For Trail On (T Chaban & C Cook)**

Amateur Owner Handler Bitches

1. **Fall Moon's Magnificent Mamie Of Dreamekatcher CGC (P Warrichaiet)**

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1. **Catera's Touch Of Class (A Kanzelberger)**
2. **Arctic Thunder's Mountain Lilly (S Boese & Leutner-Boese)**
3. **Staghorn N Snokist Enchantress (C & L Villano & D Roberts-Burill)**
4. **Powderhound's Blaze Of Glory RE CGCA (J Effler-Leveille)**

Open Bitches

1. **Amagqut On The Pull RA NJP NAP (J Effler-Leveille)**
2. **Foxfire's Chasing Lightening In The Moonlight (B Clingman)**
3. **Bimba De Kabluna (J Iglesias & E Kelley)**
4. **Gryphon & Trail On's Artic Moon Over Wintuk (L & S Kalous, T. Chaban & C Rowe)**

Working Dogs

1. **Arctic Knight N Istari Magic RN WWPD** (W & K Kerr)
2. **CH Istari's Th' Ta'Veren Tanist WWPD**X (H & John Schultz)
3. **CH Powderhound's Silver Lining RE OJP OFP CGC** (J Effler-Leveille)

Working Bitches

1. **Arctic Knight's Fantasia Empress CD RN WWPD** (K Kerr)

Non-Regular, Veteran Classes
(Entry: 4 = 1 Veteran Dog, 3 Veteran Bitches)

Veteran Dogs 11+

1. **Storm Swept's Bring It On** (S Boese & L Leutner-Boese)

Veteran Bitches 8 – 11

1. **GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart** (S & L Kalous)
2. **CH Pokerflat Pure Mauya Of Qumukti** (S & P Thuot)
3. **CH Poker Flat's Sky's The Limit** (R Haggard & J Kuehl)

Junior Showmanship
Judge: **Linda Clark**

Best Junior Handler in Specialty Show: **Alejandra Iglesias**
Bimba De Kabluna (J Iglesias & E Kelley)

Novice Intermediate: **Bimba De Kabluna** (J Iglesias & E Kelley)
Open Intermediate: **Wild Wind's Y' Adier Mind** (J Wild & L Missana)

Junior Handler: Alejandra Iglesias
Junior Handler: Anna Missana

SWEEPSTAKES - Judge Mrs. Gloria Toussaint – Entry: 11

Best In Sweeps: Moonshine's Sundance Kid (B) (B Pollack & C Johnson)

Best Opposite in Sweeps: Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck (J Wild)

Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck** (J Wild)
2. **Echelon's Americana Dream** (K Succop & A Pifferi)
3. **Echelon's New York State Of Mind** (K Succop)
4. **Echelon's Hitman** (K Succop)

Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Moonshine's Sundance Kid** (B Pollack & C Johnson)

Dogs 9 – 12 months

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Bitches 9 – 12 months

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None

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1. **Teton & Wintuk's Only Way To Fly** (S & L Kalous & L Anderson)

Bitches 15-18 months

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Veteran Dogs 8 – 11
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Veteran Dogs 11+
None

Veteran Bitches 8 – 11

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Herding With an Alaskan Malamute

by Kathi Fraser

It has been 23 years since my husband and I first become involved with the Alaskan malamute. We started mainly in the show ring, and dabbled a bit in tracking and obedience.

My husband always ran our dogs for exercise, and did recreational sledding over the years. About four years ago, my husband became more involved in sledding, and soon I decided to skijor with our older girl. We love being out in the snow, and the dogs enjoy being able to run on sled.

Soon we discovered Dryland Mushing, and we spend our Fall through Spring weekends out with our dogs, running on scooters, participating in dryland races and other fun events.

It was thru our dryland mushing, that I became friends with Anita and Kathy who own Samoyeds. They both work their dogs in herding, and the more they talked about it, the more interested I became. I asked about going to the local farm where they were taking lessons, but the instructor there wanted nothing to do with Alaskan malamutes. Hmm, this was not going to be as easy as I thought.

Anita was taking lessons both locally and at a place about an hour away. She asked the instructor at the local place if she would work with me and JESSE, but she did not

want to work with an Alaskan malamute. However, the one further away said she: "Sure, bring him out." She was excited to work with an Alaskan malamute.

In late March of 2015, Anita and I drove to Pack Leader Farm. I watched her work with her dog, and then the instructor, Barbara Davenport, had me bring JESSE to her in the small pen. My heart was pounding, and all kinds of awful thoughts were running through my head. It was really happening; my dog was going to go in the pen with the sheep!

The instructor starts the new dogs in what is called a round pen. It is not very big, and she has a stick with a plastic bottle taped on it. There were three sheep in the pen, and in went JESSE. My heart was still pounding, and I was just praying all would be okay. Well, JESSE took to it immediately, and though first he did get up close to sniff the sheep, he was quickly tapped with that bottle to get him to stay back. The second time in, the instructor put JESSE in the bigger pen, and off he went herding those sheep. He loved it, and his instructor said he was a natural.



The instructor worked him in patterns, teaching him to weave behind the sheep, which somehow JESSE knew how to do. Then she had to work with him to not just follow the sheep, but to go out on the flank.



JESSE and I trained every weekend. He had some truly brilliant runs, and several that were less so. His instructor told me that he was very adept, but that he also "had very little prey drive". There is a good and bad to that comment. The good is, he would not hurt the sheep; the bad is sometimes he would disengage when he got stressed.

By June of 2015, JESSE was working very well, and his instructor decided he should go for his Junior Herd

Dog title. I was not convinced, but since she was going to work him, I agreed.

In July of 2015, JESSE earned his All Herding Breed, Junior Herd Dog title, with two passing runs. To say I was thrilled, does not even begin to describe the emotions I had. Everyone at the trials, including the judges were so impressed.

JESSE and I continued to go to the farm every weekend to work. In August, his instructor asked me to join her in the large arena pen, and had me work a bit with him. When we were done, she informed me that I was now going to be training JESSE! Oh my gosh! ME?...no way! Well, yes, that was the consensus of all who were watching, JESSE works much better and happier when I am in there with him.

Our weekends are now spent with my, trying to catch up to JESSE's level. I'm learning that the stock stick is not a pointing tool and that I am not to try to control five sheep plus my dog. I have been tangled up in the sheep, and fallen flat on my face while trying that, and agree with the instructor. I just need to worry about my dog.

I quickly realized that herding is not easy. Learning the cues to give your dog, and being able to stay out of the way of the sheep, and walking backwards so you can see where your dog is, takes talent. Herding also requires a reliable sit or wait from your dog at the start. Your dog must also respond to your voice commands. When he is told to wait, or sit, or go slow, he must respond as instructed. Doing some obedience may be a good foundation for herding.

JESSE and I work in the big arena, working to be in sync with each other and guide the sheep thru the required obstacles. The instructor is hoping to have me ready for his next level title by February of 2016.

In many ways I am lucky that JESSE is laid back for an Alaskan malamute. He respects the sheep. Even when he chases down a wayward sheep, once he has it turned around and the sheep going in the proper direction, he will work wide. JESSE has had no formal obedience training, but he truly is the exception to the rule of obedience training.

At present, the Alaskan malamute is not



JESSE with me and his instructor on the day he got his AHBA Junior Herd Dog Title, in July 2015. His full name now is GCH Icicle Creek's Outlaw Jesse James, WTD, AHBA-JHD



JESSE and I working

recognized for Herding by the AKC, so JESSE and I trial through the AHBA trials. He has caught the attention of many judges, who judge both the AKC as well as the CKC, and AHBA venues. He has changed the mindset of judges who always thought of our breed as killers of livestock. My goal with JESSE is to continue on, and to urge the AMCA to recognize Herding as either a Working or Performance title.

For those who have an interest in herding with their Alaskan malamutes, I only stress one thing. Know your dog. If you have a dog that is prey driven and sees livestock as kill, find another sport. If your dog has prey drive that can be controlled with training, by all means get out there and give herding a try. It may not be easy to find a place that will work with Alaskan malamutes,

but do your homework, and hopefully you can find an instructor with an open mind, willing to test your dog.

If you are looking for a place to train, go to the ahba.com site, and look for training farms in your area, or look for a local trial, and go watch. Talk to the people there, and ask questions. I can assure you, the Herding folks are very friendly and very welcoming.

Remember, in the Alaskan malamute book by Harris/Riddle, they state that one of the things some of the malamutes were used for was to herd Caribou. We have a working breed, and for me, a working breed should be able to work in multiple venues. We all know malamutes are very smart.



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