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“Advertising shall be factual.”

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Steve Anderson
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In my January column I recognized our new Life Members, folks for whom 2015 marks 30 years in AMCA. Last month I received a note [thank you, Rich] reminding me that perhaps a little recognition was due those with even more longevity.

So I begin with the 40-44 group, those who have been with us since at least 1975:

Dian MCCOMB	Sep-71
Lesli VALIUNAS	Oct-71
Shirley MATTHEWS	Feb-72
Ruta Jill PARKER	Jun-72
Wendy WILLHAUCK	Jul-72
Valerie A WHITE	Aug-72
Jerry L SUMMERSETT	Sep-72
Paullet DELONG	Sep-72
Florence EVANS	Dec-72
Eileen KINNAS	Dec-72
John A GIANNONE	Jan-73
Renee J HAGEN	Mar-73
Kimberly Meredith-CAVANNA	Mar-73
Christopher GABRIEL	Apr-73
Dianne E FRANCK	Apr-73
Catherine G WHITE	May-73
Diane M PRATOR	May-73
Wendy A CORR	May-73
Bernadette Quercio-TRAXLER	Sep-73
Jeannie Wild-CAMPBELL	Oct-73
Vicky JONES	Nov-73
Roger D GIFFORD	Nov-73
June D BRACISCO	Dec-73
Beverly ROBERTSON	Dec-73
Lawrence TILL	Feb-74
Betty MAY	Feb-74
Jan CIENKUS	Jul-74
Marilyn CURTIS	Sep-74
Bonnie McMahon-HOWEN	Oct-74
Gloria URBANI	Nov-74
Richard HARRISON	Dec-74
Christopher M FRANK	Jan-75
AI HOLABACH	Mar-75
Barbara Ann BROOKS	Apr-75
Carol WILLIAMS	Jul-75
Patti GRZYB	Jul-75
Rip RIFFLE	Nov-75
Jane RIFFLE	Nov-75
Larry KRAUSE	Dec-75
Joseph S HUNN	Dec-75

And those in the 45-49 year group, joining in 1970 or before:

Helly VOGT	Dec-66
George WILL Jr	Feb-67
Frederick W MCHENNEY	Jun-67

Harold B SCHWARTZAPFEL	Nov-67
Nancy CRUSSELL	Nov-67
Richard GREFE	Feb-68
Karen A BARTH	Feb-69
Sally STEPHENS	Feb-69
Donna (Dee) LAMPERSKI	Jul-69
Eileen S GABRIEL	Aug-69
Benjamin OGBURN	Sep-69
Katherine K MCCORMICK	Jan-70
Barbara Aune BURKE	Aug-70
Carol J CHALLIS	Aug-70
Mary Jane HOLABACH	Sep-70

And last but far from least, those members celebrating 50 years or more in 2015:

Robert ZOLLER	Oct-52
Martha GORMLEY	Mar-53
Audrey THOMAS	Aug-57
Sheila RBALCH	Nov-63
Rosemary W LEIST	Jun-64
Virginia A. DEVANEY	Jul-64
Roger C BURGGRAF	Jul-64
Nancy DBROOKS	Feb-65
Beth J HARRIS	Apr-65
Natalie HODGEN	Jul-65
Jo Ann KRAUSE	Nov-65

Space does not permit to me do more than list the names, but I'm sure you know many of them for their accomplishments and contributions. Get to know a few more when you get the chance. There's a wealth of experience there, and some pretty good stories, too.

Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause
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MOTION 05: 2014/15: The AMCA Board accept as published the existing Breed history and continue its inclusion in the history of The AMCA. (Willhauck)

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

Against: Anderson

Willhauck: Motion made as the result of challenge to accuracy of Breed history and response to attempt to delete some events from Breed and Club history.

MOTION 06: 2014/15: The JEC's letter to judges regarding trimming and the BEC's letter to breeders and

exhibitors on the same topic be sent to the membership. (Willhauck)

For: All

MOTION 07: 2014/15: The Treasurer contact SimplyVoting and renew the annual subscription. (ANDERSON)

For: All

MOTION 08: 2014/15: AMCA purchase a domain for five years. This new domain will be used for the national and the alaskan Malamute.org national page will redirect to this site. (Fusco)

For: All

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Recording Secretary: Stacey Moore (Southern)

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Salvadore (Great Lakes)

Directors:

Michelle Coburn: (Pacific Northwest)

Joyce DeLay: (Mid West)

Sharon Weston: (Pacific Northwest)

(Positions not up for re-election: President: Steve Anderson, Vice President: Ruth Levesque, Treasurer: Lucy Sanders, Board: Karyn Colman, Pam Fusco, Terry Toussaint)

Section 4. Nominations and Ballots

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.

MAIL PETITIONS TO:
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Grand Marais, MN 55604

NOTE: AUGUST 1 IS THE DEADLINE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY TO RECEIVE PETITIONS BY MAIL.

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Bunny ain't
got nothing
on us!



Treasurers Report - March 2015

	<u>Feb-15</u>	<u>Mar-15</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	62,715.25	72,212.39	9,497.14
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>
	106,948.35	116,445.49	9,497.14

Revenue			
	2014 Year	Mar-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	2,440.00	250.00	745.00
Newsletter/Directory	14,860.00	6,285.00	8,530.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	40.00	10.00	30.00
Mail/Delivery	2,757.00	1,148.00	1,735.00
Breeders List	3,025.00	1,325.00	1,750.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	23,122.00	9,018.00	12,790.00

Membership

Application	428.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	6,665.00	2,780.01	3,700.01
Late Fees	570.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Total	7,663.00	2,780.01	3,700.01

Pass-Through

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,080.00	1,403.00	2,358.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,207.00	505.00	1,305.00
Legislative/Other	137.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	5,424.38	1,908.00	3,663.00

Committees' Total	2,584.80	200.00	200.00
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Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	0.00	125.00	225.00
National Specialty	17,903.26	0.00	22,000.00
Purina Partnership	981.89	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	1,022.78	67.68	177.09
Other Revenues Total	19,907.93	192.68	22,402.09

Subtotal Receipts	\$58,702.11	\$14,098.69	\$42,755.10
Reserve Fund	\$2,737.08	0.00	-53.90

Total Receipts	\$61,439.19	\$14,098.69	\$42,701.20
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Expenses			
	2014 Year	Mar-15	2015 YTD

Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	13,103.60	885.06	3,256.06
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,571.11	350.00	1,075.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,531.00	400.00	1,200.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	4,553.82	272.90	781.62
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter artist fees	160.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter/Membership Total	29,919.53	1,907.96	6,312.68

Officer/Board/Delegate	2,990.22	775.76	775.76
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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	1,042.00	1,042.00
Legislative/Other	37.38	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	4,811.38	1,042.00	1,042.00

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	368.97	615.30
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	417.06	42.87	152.87
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	60.00
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	194.28	148.99	175.99
Committee's	1,219.77	300.00	300.00

Other Expense Total	9,975.08	875.83	1,304.16
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Total Expenses	\$47,696.21	\$4,601.55	\$9,434.60
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 3/31/15

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

3) 2014 National funds are reflected in this report.

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

AMCA 2014 National Specialty Financial Report San Diego, California

REVENUE		EXPENSE	
Entries			
Conformation	7,685	Superintendent/AKC	5,087
Sweepstakes	1,725	Sweepstakes	884
Obedience/Rally	840	Obedience/Rally	334
Jr. Showmanship	60	Jr. Showmanship	0
Futurity/Maturity	1,394	Futurity/Maturity	1,055
Sub-total	11,704	Sub-total	7,360
Agility	0	Agility	0
Parade of Titleholders	506	Parade of Titleholders	0
Working Dog Showcase	276	Working Dog Showcase	0
CGC	105	CGC	50
Weight Pull	385	Weight Pull	0
Total	12,976	Total	7,410
Trophies	8,510	Trophies	6,613
Ribbons/Rosettes	806	Ribbons/Rosettes	2,932
Catalogue Sales	2,390	Catalogue Printing	2,595
Catalogue Advertisements	967	Catalogue Pens & Paper	0
Catalogue Total	3,357	Catalogue Total	2,595
Judges Fees and Expenses	0	Judges Fees and Expenses	1,233
Hospitality	3,419	Hospitality	1,653
Banquet, Lunches and Dinners	9,412	Banquet/Lunches and Dinners	9,618
Grooming Area	4,275	Grooming Area	1,337
Electrical/Equipment Rental	625	Electrical/Equipment Rental	993
Grooming Total	4,900	Grooming Total	2,330
Reserved Seating	1,550	Reserved Seating	0
Auction/Raffle		Auction/Raffle	
AMCA	6,745	AMCA	500
AMAL	625	AMAL	625
Raffle	2,760	Raffle	42
Auction and Raffle Total	10,130	Auction and Raffle Total	1,167
Grounds	0	Grounds	1,325
Hotel Site Rental	0	Hotel/Site Rental	2,640
Hotel Equipment and Expenses	0	Hotel Equipment and Expenses	163
Novelty/Promotion/Welcome	0	Novelty/Promotion/Welcome	2,639
Casino Night	2,385	Casino Night	2,042
RV Parking	5,543	RV Parking	0
Seminars/Clinics	0	Seminars/Clinics	0
Sponsor	0	Sponsor	0
Vendor Fees	1,225	Vendors	0
AMCA Advance & Deposit	4,000	Reimburse AMCA Advance & Deposit	4,000
Miscellaneous/Other/Credit Card	994	Miscellaneous/Other/Credit Card	2,050
Sub-total	69,207	Sub-total	50,410
Profit/(Loss)	\$18,797		
Logoed Items Sales	12,585	Logoed Items Expense	7,664
Profit/(Loss)	\$4,921		
Total Profit/(Loss)		\$23,718	

AMCA Calendar of Events

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

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

NY/NJ 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
NY/NJ 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
WC 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
SO AMC of Greater Houston Independent Specialty concurrent with 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
IL/WIS AMCW Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	7/24	Waukesha Cty Expo Center 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 Sharon Smith Mareth Kipp No Sweepstakes	C/JR PS/VS C JR
NE 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 www.caper-dogs.com Ruth Levesque, Show Chair amcavp@comcast.net 860-214-0972	Illona Chu Laurie Wells Elizabeth "Tibby" Chase Terrie Breen	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally (2 trials) 4-6 Month
NE 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 www.caper-dogs.com Ruth Levesque, Show Chair amcavp@comcast.net 860-214-0972	Dr. Joseph Hug Robin 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	
NY/NJ Empire AMC Shawangunk KC	6/19	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY Closes 6/3	MB-F, Inc. Paige Carey	Pending Janina Lauren	C PS/VS
IL/WIS AMCW Affiliate Club Waukesha KC	7/25	Waukesha Cty Exp Center Waukesha, WI Closes 7/8	Roy Jones Dog Shows Linda Goba	Beth Riley Suzanne Bedell	C PS/VS
SO AMCA area event w/Forsyth KC	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
ME All Breed Trials	7/3 7/4 7/5	Countryside Agility Training Ctr Erie, PA Opens: 5/6 Closes: 6/17	Denise Thomas, Event Secy 2321 West 38 th St Erie, PA 16506 Laura Heft, Event Chair granitemals@roadrunner.com	Pending Pending Pending	Standard, JWW, FAST (Exec/Masters ONLY) & T2B (Preferred & Regular) Standard, JWW, T2B Standard, JWW, T2B

ME All Breed Trials	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
NY/NJ All Breed Trials	8/28	Syracuse Obedience Training Center 6392 Deere Rd Syracuse, NY	Libby Lounnot, Trial Secy 8205 Yukon Dr Cicero, NY 13039-9388	Lavonda Herring (all trials)	Standard, JWW & FAST (Exec/Masters ONLY) T2B (Novice – Masters)
	8/29	Opens: 7/1 Closes: 8/14	Pamela Renock, Event Chair amcatrialchair@gmail.com		Standard & JWW
	8/30				Standard & JWW

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 Sunday, Nov. 8th through Saturday, Nov. 14th

Information is NOW available online at AMCA's website.

Visit <http://alaskanmalamute.org/events/national> for event information and order forms.
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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.

An electronic version of this form can be found on the AMCA website which can be filled in using your computer, saving it and then submitting it either by printing and mailing the form or emailing it to the contact person indicated.



We are requesting that each attendee fill out an Attendee Registration Form, even if you are staying offsite from the host hotel. Filling out the registration provides us with important information to help make your stay comfortable. It helps us provide a head count to the hotel to make sure they have staffing to accommodate our group as well as Emergency information in case of an emergency that we need to contact someone.

This information will also be used to help us determine the number of Welcome Bags and other event promotional items we need to acquire.

Name: _____

Where are you coming from: _____ Traveling by: Vehicle Air

Email address: _____

Kennel Name: _____ # of Dog you plan to bring: _____

Indicate the type of competition you plan to participate in:

- Conformation Obed/Rally 4-6 Month Puppy Veteran Tournament Weight Pull Agility

Staying at: _____ Arriving: _____ Departing: _____

Hotel room will be in the name of _____

Names of members in your party: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

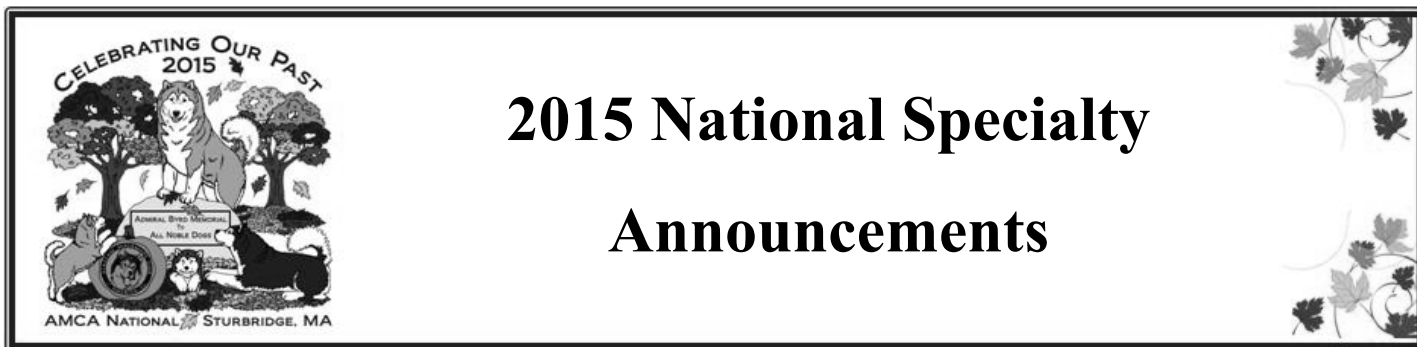
Name: _____ Phone # _____ Relationship: _____

Provide information regarding any special needs we should be made aware of (physical disability; food allergy; etc.)

(The above information will be held in confidence but will help to make sure that the hotel staff is properly notified.)

Please submit completed form to:

Kristin Morrison, Asst. Show Chair @ kristinlmorrison@gmail.com
Or mail to Kristin at: 30 Kidder Brook Road, Ashford, CT 06278



2015 National Specialty Announcements

“CELEBRATING OUR PAST”

The National Specialty will be dedicated to former Charter Member, Alice Spawn.

The theme for the 2015 National is "Celebrating our Past". This National is dedicated to the special people and malamutes that have made our breed the wonderful breed that we have today. We promise that this event will be more than just a dog show, and hope that everyone attending will feel that they are a part of what our wonderful breed is really about.

We will be offering special opportunities to show off the malamutes of the PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.

TWO OF THESE PROJECTS NEED YOUR HELP BY SUBMITTING PHOTOS.

Celebration of Our Heritage Wall of Fame

A well planed future benefits from the knowledge of our past.

At the 2003 National Specialty, which was also held in Sturbridge, MA, we celebrated the 50th Year Anniversary of AMCA with the Charter Member Event recognizing these individuals for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the formation of AMCA and their devotion to our wonderful breed. As we return to Sturbridge we would like to continue that celebration by honoring the dogs and bitches that have, throughout the years, contributed to the breed as we know it today. This is certainly a project that will need participation from many contributors.

For inclusion we welcome submission for any dog/bitch which has “crossed the rainbow bridge” that you feel has made a contribution, in any way, to past or present pedigrees. Your dog does not need to be famous in the show ring but may have made a significant influence to the gene pool. Dig through your stack of photos and send them in. We ask that those members who are historians of our breed to help with this project with their knowledge and photo contributions if available. Preferred method of submission is electronic. If actual photos are submitted please be assured they will be promptly returned.

**Send to Terry Becker @ kringabiss@yahoo.com (860) 742-5723 or mail to her at
22 Bear Swamp Rd, Andover, CT. 06232**

Include: Dog's Name, Sire & Dam, Life Span, Breeder, Owner, & brief summary of contribution (bullet format preferred)

Working Dog Wall of Fame

Alaskan malamutes excel not only in the conformation ring but also in many working events. This year we are representing a display of our mals working and participating in performance eventssledding, weight pulling, back packing, (any AMCA Working Dog Title) Obedience, Agility, Rally, Therapy, any AKC non conformation title.

If you have a dog that participates in any type of working or performance events, please submit a photo and your dog's titles if applicable. We will provide have descriptions of those many titles so that you can realize the amount of time, effort and sheer determination it took to earn them. We will also have brochures for those interested in possibly pursuing an AMCA's working dog titles. Preferred method of submission is electronic. If actual photos are submitted please be assured they will be promptly returned.

**Send to Leesa Thomas @ leesa@gotoadventure.com (440) 968-0150 or mail to her at
10101 Madison Road, Montville, OH 44064**

Include: Dog's Name, Call Name, Owner, Category/type of Working/Performance Event, Titles (if applicable) & Brief summary of accomplishment (bullet format preferred)

More National Specialty Announcements

Tournament of Veterans to “Celebrate our Past”

Thursday afternoon, 11/12

Judges: Mary Ellen Erickson, Eileen Gabriel & George Meyers

This event will be a competitive showcase of our very special veteran dogs and bitches that will be judged by a panel of three judges using a point scale. With this showcase event we wish to honor today's veterans which play an important role in the future of our breed. Many of the entrants in this competition have played a vital part in the foundation of current pedigrees which are actively being exhibited in the conformation and obedience rings today. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor these veterans who have contributed so much to our future.

This event is a competitive event judged by a panel of three judges using a point scale. All malamutes at least 8 years of age are invited to participate and compete in their age group, divided by sex. Each entrant will only compete with dogs or bitches within their own age group with the selection of ONE WINNER PER AGE GROUP. There will NOT be an ULTIMATE WINNER, we feel that each veteran is special and deserves recognition. Each entrant will be awarded a personalized VERY SPECIAL AWARD and a commemorative award will be presented to each age class winner.

At the conclusion of the Judging Procedure for this event we will display a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of each entrant in the competition. Each entrant is asked to submit a photo of their veteran which can be showcased. It is suggested that these photos are of the dogs and bitch in their prime so all spectators can have the opportunity to view the dogs in their *GLORY DAYS*.

AKC 4-6 Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition (2 Events)

Wednesday, 11/11 – Judge: Ms. Janina Laurin & Saturday, 11/14 – Judge Mrs. Terrie Breen

This AKC competition is open to any puppy with an AKC Registration or AKC Litter number along with foreign born puppies if they are registered in their country of origin. All entrants must be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol. Dogs that are owned or co-owned by a professional handler may compete in this class, but must be handled by a non-professional handler as defined by AKC. The puppies awarded Best of Breed Puppy & Best of Opposite Puppy will be awarded a Certificate of Merit by AKC which is an introductory title to AKC conformation events. NOTE: All puppies will be judged in ONE CLASS, NO DIVISION OF SEX.

Performance Events

To give our obedience and rally enthusiasts the opportunity to earn a title we are offering 3 opportunities. We will also be offering Optional Titling Classes (including P-N, P-O & P-U). Two agility trials are also being planned which will be held offsite.

Attention Past AMCA National Specialty Winners!!!

Special advertising opportunity for Past AMCA National Specialty Winners. Since the 2015 NS is a celebration of our past, we are offering a **special advertising rate of \$50** for a full color 1 page/1 photo ad for past NS winners (BOB & BOS).

Special Tribute – Rainbow Bridge Ornaments

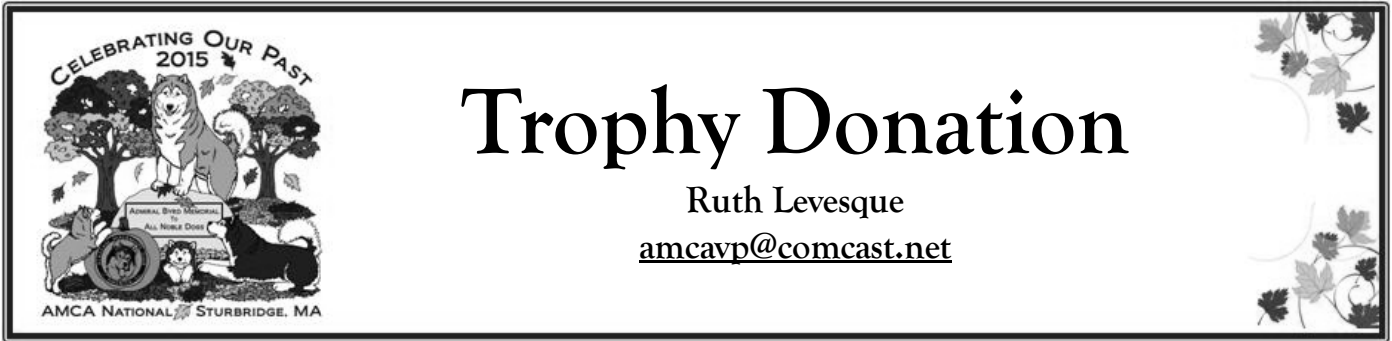
Arrangements have been made with Artist, Nan Holt, to create a special 3” porcelain keepsake ornament that will be personalized with the dog's call name on the front and registered name, titles and optional birth/death dates on the back. These ornaments will come in a variety of colors to represent the dog or bitch that you wish to pay tribute to. To ensure availability for pickup at the National and offer personalization these ornaments will only be available with PRE-ORDERS. **ORDERS RECEIVED BY TUES, SEPT 1ST WILL BE DISCOUNTED. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS TUES, SEPT 15TH.**

Discounted Price: \$15 each Orders after 9/1: \$20

Above pricing does NOT include S/H if mailing is required. S/H costs will be determined depending on ship to location.

Note: As soon as the artist's rendering are available they will be posted on the website and in the Newsletter so you can view the dog color choices.

An electronic version of this form can be found on the AMCA website which can be filled in using your computer, saving it and then submitting it either by printing and mailing the form or emailing it to the contact person indicated.



Your support is needed to make these events special with your donation.

Name: _____

Kennel Name (optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

1st Preference to where donation should be applied: National Regional

Conformation Obedience/Rally Tournament of Veterans Weight Pull

Note: There is no guarantee that your preferred class can be honored due to donations already received. If class has already been taken your donation will be used as part of the general fund. Excess funds for above listed designations will be applied to the General Fund.

1 st Preferred Class to Sponsor (below):	2 nd Preferred Class to Sponsor (below):

In Memory of (optional): _____

Note: No trophy can be donated in "Memory of" or "In Honor" of any living dog or person.

Donation Amount PLEDGED or INCLUDED: \$ _____ Pledged \$ _____ Included

Donation Level (will be listed in Catalog):

- Diamond \$300 & up Platinum \$200-\$299 Gold \$100-\$199 Silver \$50-\$99 Bronze \$25-\$49
- Other Amount (will be designated to General Trophy Fund)

IF PAYING BY CHECK
Make checks payable to "AMCA 2015"
*****US FUNDS ONLY*****

Mail to:
Ruth Levesque
P O Box 667
Tolland, CT 06084-0667
(860-871-9001)
amcavp@comcast.net

IF PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD
*****NO PROCESSING FEE*****

To pay by credit card, go to DONATIONS page on the AMCA website and follow the instructions and links to the PayPal portal, where all major credit cards can be safely and instantly accepted.

Enter your PayPal transaction number below.
PAYPAL TRANSACTION #:



Hospitality, Auction & Raffle Donations

Our goal is to have a hospitality room available each morning during the show week. We are looking for individuals, groups or clubs to help sponsor each day. Grab breakfast on the go or enjoy a moment of relaxation before you start your day. Please help us with this tradition to spend some time with old friend, good friends and the opportunity to meet some new friends. It is estimated that each day cost over \$300 per day to fulfill the needs of our members in attendance. We ask for your help in sponsoring this endeavor. Sponsor a day, or a part of a day, to help keep this tradition alive.

Individual Name(s): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Kennel Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____ **Email:** _____

Donation Amount PLEDGED or INCLUDED: \$ _____ Pledged \$ _____ Included

All Pledges MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 1ST. All Donors will be acknowledged in the Hospitality Room.

Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below. If paying by check, send form with check. If paying by credit card, send form to Ruth and use PayPal.

IF PAYING BY CHECK
Make checks payable to "AMCA 2015"
*****US FUNDS ONLY*****
Mail to: Ruth Levesque
P O Box 667, Tolland, CT 06084-0667
(860-871-9001) amcavp@comcast.net

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Raffle & Gala Auction Event

Auction & Raffle Chair: Ann Mayberry-Welch catdocdvm@aol.com
Raffle Coordinator: Jeannine Theriaque pekaboomal@gmail.com

Ann & Jeannine will be collecting items for the annual auction and raffle. We will be auctioning items to raise funds for AMCA and AMAL. Dig out your unused white elephants, buy/donate something useful, collectable, or create a clever basket of goodies (along or with friends.) Auction items may also include services; any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Items that do not work well for the auction are still very much appreciated and will likely be used as raffle items. Contact either Ann or Jeannine to determine where to send your donations (not AMAL donations) if you cannot bring them with you. If you would like to make a monetary donation that can be used by the committee to make a purchase of an item(s) in your name, you can make a donation here.

Challenge Baskets

Co-Chairs: Carol Williams kotzheritage@myfairpoint.net & Jeannine Theriaque pekaboomal@gmail.com

We are looking for AREA COORDINATORS to help with this project. If interested contact either Carol or Jeannine. Challenge baskets have become a large part of raising funds to support our Regional & National specialty events. Anyone can prepare a basket; these baskets can be from the AMCA AREAS including AT LARGE, Affiliate Clubs, individuals or even groups of members wishing to participate with their contributions – SO BE CREATIVE!!! The baskets should be handed in as soon as you arrive at the event – be sure to give credit to all contributors. So please come up with some ideas to showcase where they came from and/or a special theme. If you wish to contribute and will not be attending, contact your area coordinator for the best way to ensure your contribution is included. Area Coordinators will be announced and will communicate with the members in their areas.

An electronic version of this form can be found on the AMCA website which can be filled in using your computer, saving it and then submitting it either by printing and mailing the form or emailing it to the contact person indicated.



Reserved Grooming

Committee Co-Chairs:
Suzanne Bedell suzanne@kumatamals.com
Patty Ann Peel ssnoklassic@aol.com

DEADLINE - CLOSING DATE OF WEDNESDAY, 10/14/15

CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, 9/30/15 WILL BE REFUNDED.

INDOOR GROOMING will be provided in the Hawthorne Exhibition Hall which is down the hall from the banquet room where all conformation judging will be held. All reservations will be on a first come first serve basis. We will do our best to honor requests to be to be set up next to another exhibitor if indicated on the reservation form.

6 ft. Wide X 8 ft. Deep

Accommodates
2 28 X 42" crates

One power outlet

\$75.00

Exhibitors will need to provide extension cords.

Maximum of TWO spaces per exhibitor.

NO SPACE WILL BE RESERVED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

Day of Event Grooming Space will be available in the Exhibition Hall at no charge on a first come first serve basis.

All dogs and equipment will need to be removed from this location at the end of each day per AKC Rules. NO POWER OUTLETS PROVIDED.

Name: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Set up next to (NAME): _____

**Send Reservation Form to: Suzanne Bedell @ suzanne@kumatamals.com
8940 Old Lee Rd, Lithia Springs, GA 30122 (770) 489-6310**

Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below. If paying by check send form with check. If paying with credit card, send form to Suzanne and use PayPal. Acknowledge of payment will be promptly sent by email and committee notified.

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Committee Reports & Special Report

Conformation And Membership Awards
Karen Berry

(owned by C. Foster/C. Foster) tied for Top MW area Class Dog with 25 points.

Congratulations to all the winners, and good luck in 2015!

Corrections to the 2014 Final Stats
Please note that (CH) Northern Exposure Rocket Man Of Sno-Cub

The entire 2014 Corrected Final Statistics can be found on the club website.

Karen Berry,
Committee Chair

AFFILIATE & INDEPENDENT CLUB SPECIALTY SHOWS

Syracuse cluster Finger Lakes Kennel

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES (Judge – Audrey Thomas)

6: 2 Dogs, 3 Bitch, 1 Veteran Dog

Best In Sweeps:

IceFall N'Terrapin's I'll Have Another (Paterson, Sampson)
(CH Wild Winds Double On The Roc x Ice Fall's Gun Powder N Smoke)

Best Opposite In Sweeps:

Lakopac's Shiloh of The Yukon (Bryce)
(CH Silverhawk Yukon of Lakopac x Lakopac's Polar Aurorae)

Junior Dogs 9 Mos and Under 12 Mos

Junior Bitches 9 Mos and Under 12 Mos

1. Ice Fall N Terrapin's I'll Have Another (Paterson, Sampson)
 2. Long Trail Illusion's Sargent (Gallagher, Fusco)
1. Long Trail Illusion Reach The Top (Izzo)

Graduate: 15 and under 18 month Bitches

1. Lakopac's Shiloh of The Yukon (Bryce)
2. Lakopac's Autumn Moon Shayla O'Hiawatha (Clark, Bryce)

Veteran Sweepstakes: Entry: 1 Dog

Best Veteran In Sweeps:

CH Snobuc's Reddy For Take Off, RN (Dinwoodie)

Veteran Dogs (10 Yrs & over)

1. CH Snobuc's Reddy For Take Off (Dinwoodie)

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

Colleen Belanger
Hauntedhowlkennel@charter.net

Haunted Howl Kennel has been busy getting back into dog training after my knee replacement. The sled is put away and the scooter, bikes and backpacks are coming out and getting ready for a workout.

DEUCE, **CH Spiritrun's Uppin' the Ante**, passed his odor recognition test for Clove in Nosework. He also is polishing up his barn hunting skills and continuing to do his therapy dog work.

MADISON, **CH Spiritrun's Utter Maddness**, has been busy with her grief support dog work at the schools, and is gearing up to join a traveling therapy dog team to perform in the area care centers.

She is getting back to her nose work and tracking she is ready for her novice level tests and continues to hone her skills in barn hunt in the open level.

The up and coming pup, CRICKET, **Spiritrun's Perfect Gift**, is getting ready to take her therapy dog certification test.

COUPE, **CH Aanbuaq's Little Deuce Coupe**, is working toward his backpack title and team title.

Let the Spring games begin, we are ready!

I have seen a bunch of brags on social media from our area and reminded the posters to get in

their brags. Just remember that I can only post brags and information back three months.

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

Pat McGovern, Area Reporter
maldad@att.net

Well, it's May. Show season is really getting under way. I'm looking forward

to seeing folks at shows and hopefully getting some news to report. Since I haven't heard anything from anyone this past month, I'll just share a story from our back yard . . .

Last week STARZ was in standing heat so, of course, the boys were being stupid. ROWDY and momma SCANDAL were in the yard. JB was in his kennel and STARZ was in her kennel. ROWDY wandered over to flirt with STARZ, which caused JB to say not very nice things to him. ROWDY responded in kind. STARZ chimed in just because she always has something to say. Well, SCANDAL had had just about enough of this nonsense. She walked over and stood between the boys, stared both of them down and woofed at them a couple of times. ROWDY went back to the yard and lay down. JB went to his inside kennel and STARZ went to her inside kennel. Finally, peace and quiet. SCANDAL went back to her spot in the sun and enjoyed the day. Mom still rules!!

I look forward to hearing from everyone, so send news, upcoming events or any good (but true) gossip that's printable. Enjoy the warmer weather. Until next month . . .

MID-EAST

Michael McGuire, Area Reporter
amca-mgm@comcast.net

News from Barbara Pisch: "I have some brags for TRACE, **Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On, CD, CGC, GN, RE, MX, MXB, MXJ, XF, WWPD**. In February, I moved TRACE to the Preferred Level in agility which means he can jump 20 inches instead of 24 inches. Since then, we've been to several trials and he loves his new jump height. In February, we went to the Delaware Co KC trial and he Q'd and placed first in Masters Fast Preferred and he Q'd and placed third in Masters Standard Preferred. On Sunday, March 2, we attended the Delaware Co KC trial and he Q'd in

both Masters standard and Masters jumpers Preferred earning him his first QQ! Who says that Friday the 13th is unlucky? Well, it sure wasn't for us. TRACE and I went to the York Co DTC agility trial and had a great day. TRACE ran Masters Standard Preferred first. The course was fun, but it had its challenges ... and traps. TRACE was focused, but had some speed. At the finish, he had a clean run earning him a Q and second place. We ran Masters Jumpers Preferred next. Another fun course and TRACE was again clean. Q took second place earning him a QQ for the day. We returned on to the York Co DTC trial on Sunday, March 15 in hopes of a repeat performance. Again, we ran Masters Standard Preferred for the first run of the day. TRACE was ready to play, so I had to be on, as I saw where the other handlers were having some problems. TRACE didn't miss a beat. He cleared the last jump, the double and earned another Q and first place. The first part of the QQ was in place, now to run that second class, Masters Jumpers Preferred. I walked the course and there were a lot of crosses, front and rear or sends depending on how you planned it. Our turn came and our run started. All the crosses and sends worked, and I was able to get into position for the next line without messing TRACE up and it all fell into place. In the end, TRACE Q'd and earned second place, plus it was the Q we needed for the QQ. We had QQ both days we trialed! I'm so excited and happy that TRACE is enjoying the lower jump height, and it shows in the way he's running for me. Love this boy to pieces."

"For those that know my other boy BEEGEE, **Kloud Burst I'll Be Your Everything, CD, CGC, RE, OA, OAJ, OF, AXP, AJP, WWPD**, he's 11 now and officially retired from agility. He gets to go to class every week and has a blast jumping 12 inches, but his favorite part is socializing with all his friends, two and four legged at class. His best buddy is Sam, a Flat coated Retriever, that he goes crazy for when

they see each other. Two goofballs at heart and they play like a couple of kids. Thanks to Roseann and Rich Deutsch for allowing me to play with these two wonderful kids. I have been truly blessed to have you as my friends and mentors”

Sandy Pistolesi writes in: “Picking up where we left off from the 2014 show season, we took **BERNARDO, Battlefield GGM Bernardo**, to York, PA, where he earned five more points, including a Major.”

From Bonnie Ferianc and gang: “We took the trip to Westminster this year Feb. 17, 2015 and had a very nice time. Our **SOKO, American/Polish CH. Sokanon RedRain Illa Kuvianartok**, took an Award of Merit. We are very proud of him since he is a red and white. SOKO had a great time with all the spectators. SOKO is owned by me and his breeder Gizela Makarewicz.”

Until next time ... Michael G. McGuire

MID-WEST

Cynthia Foster
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We have several reports this month.

Mike Barnes writes: “There is something about an early Spring thunderstorm with 1.29 inch of rain as it meets two Malamutes. The smell of wet dog and the flash of lightning makes for an unique evening. As I slid across the kitchen floor only to have wet dogs following my every move, I came to the conclusion that I’m not ready for this. Thank God for Yankee Candles!”

I will list some show report brags now. Thank you Joyce and Lynda, and congrats on your wins.

Joyce Delay writes: “Kansas City shows (the only ones I attended in March): BOB/BOBOH all four days to **POLAR, BISS, GCH Silver Shadow’s Polar Express**, owned/handled/bred by Chris and Linda Frank. Class bitches joined the fun on the weekend: WB/BOS on Saturday to **DANIE, Silver Shadow’s Spit’n Image**, owned/bred/

handled by Chris and Linda Frank WB/BOS on Sunday to **PIXIE, Kaviak’s Snow Sprite**, owned/bred/handled by Joyce DeLay Select on Sunday to **ROCKY :-)**”

Lynda Ste. Jhourre writes: “After taking my grandson for a college tour of The University of Wisconsin, Madison and Marquette University, we traveled up to Manitowoc for their four day circuit. It was the first time I had left home since the cancer diagnosis. It was a little scary for me. Our gorgeous seven month old boy, **BRAVO, The Love Spirit At Stormy**, did very well. The first day he took Winners Dog, Andrea best handler and then went on to Group 1 Working Best Handler. The second day of the show he took Winners Dog again. The third day Saturday was his best day. He took Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best Puppy and Andrea Best Owner Handler in Breed. He then went on to win Best Puppy in Working Group and Group 1 Owner Handler Working Group. He then took Best In Show owner handler. It was a great day and Andrea took home some beautiful gifts. We took our little puppy **MINGLE** along which was a great experience for her.”

Now I must do my own brag for my **ROCKY, AM/U CH Northern Exposure Rocket Man Of Sno-Cub CGC, RN, R01**. We took a trip to Mitchell, NE and showed at the Scottsbluff Kennel Club. On Saturday, March 28, 2015, **ROCKY** took BOB/BOBOH under Loraine Boutwell for a 5 point major towards his Grand Championship. I am so proud of **ROCKY**. Unfortunately the other two days **ROCKY** only took Select dog and their are no Grand Championship points for select when there are only two male champions and one class dog. However, even though he only got select on Sunday, the Judge commented in the ring of having nice mals, and a special comment on the two male specials being good quality. When he gave me my select ribbon he told me that I do a good job of handling **ROCKY**. I told him that **ROCKY** just performs well. So even though he did not get any Grand Championship points on Sunday, I know the judge would have gladly given him some. So **ROCKY** now has

seven Grand Championship points and he has enough wins over specials. It was nice seeing the Kolstedts and the Pratts. Rob and Shelly finished their male and got a point on their girl two days, and their boy **ODIN** took BOB on Friday and Saturday. Mark and Marilyn got BOS all three days with their special girl, and took a point on their class girl on Saturday.

NEW ENGLAND

Jeannine Theriaque
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Hi everyone. Hope you are shaking off the cold from this winter that’s never ending...again! April and I still have a six foot wall of snow behind the kennels, and the yard has melted just enough where I can now let some very restless ‘kids’ out to run around without fear of their escaping over the fence. All of a sudden there are robins and doves making their appearance, so I know that warm weather has to be right around the corner; who would know better than the animals?

For show news, our first majors since November were at the CT River working dog show the beginning of March. Congratulations to the Levesques for finishing their dog, **CH Greenbrier’s Back Tu the High Life** this weekend under judge Robert Stein. Complete details of the shows for both days are in the major show section and howl.

Jane Palinkas had a good run with her boy **CARHARTT**, finishing his Championship one weekend, then his RE title the following one: “Today, at the Troy kennel club dog show, my boy Carhartt finished his Rally Excellent title under a very pleasant judge Mrs. Danette M. Chorney with a score of 90, out of a possible 100. Amongst his other titles, he is now **AKC-CH Luv Sno’s Liking it Rugged, CGC, BN, RE, CD, WWP, CGCA**. Thank you for letting me brag.”

Look to the Howl section for all new title details and Congratulations!

As everyone probably knows the 2015 National will be held in Sturbridge MA this fall, November 8 -14. I will be

collecting raffle items and the challenge baskets. Contact me for information if you want to donate items if you are bringing them to the National, to any local shows where I can take them, or want to send them to me. I'll collect them at any time. For New England area members, you can also contact Carol Williams for the New England basket, kotzheritage@myfairpoint.net.

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

Lori A. Hicks
masasyu@aol.com

Maria Dinwoodie sent me some brags from the Syracuse show cluster March 26-29, 2015. Her boys were very busy. SEAN, **Snobuc's The Spy Who Loves Me**, qualified in BN B with a fourth place. He also Q'd in BN with a third place. SEAN is co-owned with Kerry Congilosi. DANNY, **Snobuc's Quantum of Solace**, completed his RN in three consecutive shows at Western Lakes TC trials in Sept. DANNY got a perfect score of 100 at one of the trials. Way to go boys of Snobuc.

My boy JOHN HENRY, **Masasyu's Mighty Hammer**, had a great weekend at Syracuse as well. We went to Lake Placid, NY for the last snow pull at that site for the year in Feb. JOHN HENRY pulled 1060 lbs. taking the most weight pulled award for that day. Not bad for only the second time pulling on snow. It will soon be lure coursing season, so if you are interested, give me a holler. I will give you the dates that we will be practicing for our Coursing Aptitude Tests.

Here is some news from Steve and Peggy Anderson:

"In early March Peggy and I loaded up all the dogs and took a "spring break" trip south. It was great to escape the central New York winter and to visit family, but the real reason for the trip was to try a couple of outdoor agility weekends in Charlotte NC and Charleston SC. The dogs do prefer running outside, though BRAGI, **CH Awanuna's Bragi Of Aesir BN, RE, AXP, AJP, OFP, THD**, sometimes found the new scenery and scents interfered with his concentration. However he did come away with his first double Q and first triple Q. The trials

were fun and the people very friendly. We are already planning for next spring!

Also in March, NY/NJ area members hosted our regular supported entry with sweepstakes at the Salt City Cluster in Syracuse. Audrey Thomas judged Sweeps for us. This year we added an evening weight pull, for malamutes only. A total of 11 dogs entered, with three dogs maxing out the available weight. George Popp's BEOWULF had Top Weight of 2863 [on time], while Top Percentage went to Dave Gallagher's CASSI at 33.47.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Cindy Carriegan, Area Reporter
Blumoonmals@comcast.net

Karen Hussy sent news sharing that her newest addition, HUNTER, **Bear Hug's Heart Hunter** flew into her heart last August at nine weeks old. Karen went on to share that she entered him in his first show the **Peninsula Dog Show** a few days after nine months. HUNTER picked up two points both days as Winners Dog and Best of Winners! John Dewing did a nice job showing him. John and Ron Dysert had a good weekend too showing their new puppy girl ELLIE, **Kumata's Elevate Your Game**. She won Winners Bitch on Sunday.

Pat Putman shared that at the Chintimini Kennel Club, Oregon, Jen Sylvestri and Pat's **Strawberry Mountain Starfile** won Winners Bitch on Sunday.

I heard from Sharon Weston who was so excited to share that their new puppy EZ, **Peace River's Rogue You Just Gotta Believe**, went to his first shows as a big dog. There were many new experiences for him, such as staying in a motel, riding the elevator, new handler and just having to behave. Well, EZ did it! He won Winners Dog and Best of Winners both days for a total of four points and he accomplished all this at only six months and one week old.

Laura Maffei sent in her news and she attended the Chintimini Kennel Club shows in Albany also on Oregon March 27-29. ONNA, **CH Peace River's Dream Girl at Hallstatt**, showed nicely and was Select Bitch both days, even

on Sunday when a friend of Laura's had to take her. This was ONNA's first time in with anyone other than Laura, because Laura had a ring conflict. TAI, **CanAmarok's Angel's Taizen, BN, RN, CGC**, had a great weekend. He achieved his first two legs of Rally Advanced and took First Place both days; he also finished his Beginner Novice Obedience title with a score of 195 (and second place)! It was a great weekend for Laura and all her kids. Laura added a small brag from back in February. She shared that their winter in Oregon was dismal with very few opportunities to train on snow, but she did get a chance to race all three malamutes ONNA, TAI, and KICCHOU, **Peace River's Lucky Omen, RN**, on the sled up in Idaho. While not the fastest team by far, they ran well in warm temps and did great passing other teams. Laura said that she is really proud of all of them.

Michelle Coburn writes; two of the puppies made their official debut in the ring at the Chintimini Kennel Club shows in Albany, Oregon. If you have not been to this show, please come. It is a lovely site with motels within in walking distance and wonderful club members. I could not have been more proud of all my kids.

On Saturday we had a huge Peace River sweep... Best of Breed and a Group 2 went to MICK, **BIS, BISS, RC, AM/CAN CH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra**, Best of Opposite Sex was DIVA, **GRC Peace River's Bling It On**, MICK's Sister. Best of Winners/Winners Dog was EZ, **Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe**, owned and loved by Sharon and Jerry Weston; Winners Bitch was my baby DOLLY, **Peace River's She's Got This**. Select Bitch was ONNA, **CH Peace River's Dream Girl At Hallstat**, co-owned by Laura Maffaei and myself. EZ was also awarded Best Puppy in Breed and ONNA, was awarded Best Owner Handler.

On Sunday, Best of Breed was MICK again. Best of Opposite was DIVA, Best of Winners and Winners Dog was EZ, and Winners Bitch that day was a Strawberry Mountain girl co-owned by

Pat Putman and Jennifer. Select again was ONNA. Then, continuing to show off, baby DOLLY competed in the Bred By Exhibitor Group. I looked around that ring and wondered what in the world I was doing in there with a baby that was six months and one week old. All the rest of that ring was adults...BIG ONES. But, my baby girl took a Bred By Exhibitor Group 1! When I thanked the Judge, Dale Simmons, he stated that DOLLY made that decision very easy for him.

My love and thanks to all DOLLY's friends who stayed all the way to Bred By Best In Show (after regular best) to cheer her on. She was a real trooper and this was a very long day for the baby girl. What a fun weekend, above and beyond the wins. We had our usual pot luck at my set up. Good friends, good food, good wine! And yes, John and Linda Roberts, our co-owned table cloth was there, on the grooming table as usual.

Thanks everyone and Congratulations! Please be sure to look at something to Howl About!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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No Report

SOUTHERN

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I only have one letter this month to share with everyone. It comes from Maria Wells on her boy: "We are happy to announce that MAX is now **CH Moonlight's Last Man Standing**. He finished at the Tullahoma Kennel Club of TN show this past Saturday by going WD and BOW for the two points he needed to finish his championship. MAX has had very limited showing and has done well." Congratulations to her and MAX's on his wins!

WEST COAST

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Wendy Corr and her girl ASHLEY went to the AKC Agility Nationals in Reno

and shared this:

"Lady ASHLEY, **Am/Int CH, PACH Nanuke's Take It To The Bank CD, RN, MXGP, MJGP, T2BP**, and I met the requirements to attend the 2015 AKC Agility Nationals in Reno, Nevada and decided to go. This was a very exciting event, with many dogs competing for qualifying scores and fast runs. There were 310 dogs competing in our jump height (20") and it turned out that we were the *only* Malamute to actually run. We did qualify and received a beautiful ribbon, so Lady ASHLEY (at 10 years young) and I drove home with a *big smile* on our faces. Lady ASHLEY received numerous treats from fellow exhibitors, hugs and pets from the spectators. This was an adventure that everyone should experience!"

Very exciting, indeed, Wendy and ASHLEY! Congratulations and thank you for being a great representative for our breed.

Ed. Note. Wow. Well done! I don't know if I'm supposed to have an opinion in these reports but I am more than impressed with the successes so many of you have.

Linda Katlarz sent me the following:

"**BELLE, CH Kumata 'N Keno's Queen of Hearts**, is retired from showing, but we decided to have some fun this weekend and did one day of a UKC show with a few friends. We won one of the shows getting BOB and a G-1. I love these shows because they are so relaxed, and the dogs are shown natural, not all fussed with. Give them a bath and a brush, and it is ring time. A friend, who is new to showing her own dog, came to the show with me and got a Reserve BIS. She was so excited, she was shocked when the judge put her up for Breed and then again for RBIS. The look on her face when the judge walked up to her handing her this huge rosette was priceless. That made my whole weekend. This is what showing should be about. Whether it is AKC or UKC or some other show venue, it still is something positive you're doing with your dog. There are so many opinionated people in showing conformation dogs today, that they keep new people from wanting to get in that ring. It's no wonder most new people leave the sport and I don't

blame them."

Congrats to BELLE, Linda, BELLE's handler Troy, and the secret friend who I think is in the process of becoming an AMCA member!

Michel Walker sent me a Black Ribbon: "BANSHEE, **Kiewa MVP of Vi'Taurus, WWPD**, went over the Rainbow Bridge on 3-26-15. She was born 12-29-01, so was over 14 years old. BANSHEE was one major short of her Championship when she came down with pyometra for the second time and had to be spayed. BANSHEE was placed in a pet home, where she lived for 12 years. It is always so sad to lose our best friends, but at least she had longevity in her line"

I'm so sorry for your loss Michel and BANSHEE's owner Marta Pilling!

I purchased six adorable Lisa Frank journals at Target for \$1 each. They are colorful and decorated with a penguin, polar bear and sled dog. A brown Sharpie marker does a great job of turning the blue eyed sled dog into a Malamute! I donated one to our NCAMA Specialty Raffle and will hang onto the others for gifts or donation.

I forget that not everyone is on Facebook nor visits all the websites I do, so I'm going to share one that has some great Malamute items: rockindadawgs.com . The mother/daughter team of artists lives in Oregon with their own Malamute and donates some of the proceeds of their sales to rescue. Check it out!

I've been shopping for a hands-free leash or skijoring belt for my husband, since he likes to use his hand-exercisers/strengtheners while he walks. There are a lot of them out there. I've chosen a couple I like based on different features, so will see how they prove out in the real world. One that allows the leash to swivel around the handler's waist belt could also prove handy for obedience training and freestyle practice! Of course the skijoring and canicross ones look like they offer some back support. I have one hip belt that a friend in Australia (with Malamutes!) sent me years ago and have used a European lead clipped

around my waist/body on hikes.

I've had a month of no competitions due to COMET being in season. I'm looking forward to getting out there for some agility, obedience and rally trials in April and May and even an Odor Recognition Test (ORT) that is required before one can enter Nosework Trials! We had to miss COMET's regular pet assisted therapy visit the first Friday in March due to her heat cycle. Therapy Dogs Inc. does not allow their registered teams to visit when the bitch is in season, but we had a wonderful visit yesterday, April 3. I'd really like to get back into a school reading program, but at the moment we are just visiting Atria Assisted Living and Memory Care. COMET and I sometimes entertain the residents with some of our freestyle dance moves or even rally exercises or obedience behaviors or tricks!

Lastly, I was excited to receive an email from the second person who found my name on the AMCA website for the Mentor Program! This is a local person who brought a malamute back from Beijing, China!! I am anxious to see the dog and learn more about her and providing the owner with info on our upcoming local specialty.

Happy May Day, Cinco De Mayo and Mother's Day!

AT LARGE - N HEMISPHERE

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

UK member Joan Sheehan has sent news. "The weight pull season has concluded and our own dogs have done us proud! The winner of the 101lbs. plus class is our WOMBLE, **Hawkam Leading The Trail via Amaqqut WWPDX, WTD**, and the winner of the 81-100 lbs. class is our KIZZY, **Powderhound's Sealed With A Kizz for Amaqqut WWPDX**. KIZZY also won the highest weight pulled by opposite sex, a new record for a bitch in the UK at 2,400 lbs. This comes the week after receiving KIZZY's WWPDX certificate through the post. We were also busy at the beginning of March when WOMBLE and KIZZY both represented the breed at Discover Dogs which is the public education area at CRUFTS where they both enjoyed all the fuss and cuddles they received!"

Thanks to Joan for also sending the full results for the Allerton Park championship, run by Keith and Myra Butler of Kaytoo:

The Lord and Lady Mowbray Trophy for Highest Percentage - LILLY Scott and Wheatley

The Arcticdawns Salver for Most Weight Pulled - TURBO Botterill

The Packice Salver for Most Weight Pulled by Opposite Sex - KIZZY Sheehan

41-60 lb. Class

The Hawkam Trophy for First Place - LILLY Scott and Wheatley

The Kaytoo Trophy for Second Place - AVA Butler

The Snowolf Trophy for Third Place - QUINN Pyper and Roach

61-80 lb. Class

The Kachemak Trophy for First Place - ZACH Kay

The Cedarcreek Trophy for Second Place - HARRY Blaney

The Stormwinds Trophy for Third Place - MERLYN Butler

81-100 lb. Class

The Brandelle Trophy for First Place - KIZZY Sheehan

The Icebound Trophy for Second Place - POLAR Botterill

The Tarkipark Trophy for Third Place - KANSAS Horsman-Phoenix

Over 100 lb. Class

The Amaqqut Trophy for First Place - WOMBLE Sheehan

The Shomont Trophy for Second Place - TURBO Botterill

The Oscar Trophy for Third Place - MONTY Burgess

Our own news this month;

We took SPEK, **Sledog Dream Warrior (a.i) WWPDX, WPD**, and RAIN, **Sledog Indian Monsoon (a.i)**, along to another of the Allerton Park weight pull events held in Yorkshire last month. SPEK pulled well; he much prefers the drier weather! RAIN pulled 1000 lbs. to earn her first WWPDX leg before we retired her. It is such a friendly atmosphere at these pulls and the dogs just love it. Thanks to Keith and Myra Butler and the usual Kaytoo volunteers.

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.

New England Area (Submitted by Jeannine Theriaque)

Name of Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association 2/28/15
Mr. Robert Stein
13: D=5 (3pts) B=4 (1pt) 4 (3D, 1B)

BOB: GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D) (Hausner, Das Jr)
BOS: GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (Kuehnel-Histtake, Hisatake)
BOW/WD: Greenbrier's Back Tu The High Life (Becker, Levesque, Morrison)
RWD: Pekaboos Red Bull (Theriaque)
WB: Libertia Christmas Pudding (Ortensi)
RWB: Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Giannone)
SD/OH/AOM: GCH Snocreek's Fire When Ready (Martin)
BP: Uyak Lloyd Neck Louie (D) (Hoffman, Smith, Honigman)

Name of Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association 3/1/15
Dr. Robert Indeglia
13: D=5 (3pts) B=4 (3pt) 4 (2D, 1B)

BOB: GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D) (Hausner, Das Jr)
BOS: GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (Kuehnel-Histtake, Hisatake)
BOW/WB/BBE: Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Giannone)
WD: Greenbrier's Back Tu The High Life (Becker, Levesque, Morrison)
RWD: Pekaboos Hot Licks (Theriaque)
RWB: Libertia Christmas Pudding (Ortensi)
SEL: CH Snocreek's Silver Lining (D) (Mustich, Martin)

NY/NJ Area (submitted by Lori A. Hicks)

Name of Show: Central NY Kennel Club
Judge: Wm. Gunn
10 : (D2=1=2B) (D3=2=4B)(D4=3=5B)(D8=4=9B) (D14=5=16B)
BOB: GCH Tugars Taking On Tyson (Hausner, Das)
BOS: GCH Owyhee Bar-vic GirlzGone Wild (Hisatake)
WD: Snobuc's Shaken Not Stirred, RN (Dinwoodie Capp, French)
RWD: Masasyu's Mighty Hammer (Hicks)
WB/BOW: Edgemere's Appassionata (Corkum, Collins)
RWB: Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Collins, Giannone)

Name of Show: Onondaga Kennel Club
Judge Susan Carr
11: (D2=1=2B) (D3=2=4B) (D4=3=5B) (D8=4=9B) (D14=5=16B)
BOB: GCH Tugars Taking On Tyson (Hausner, Das)
BOS: Edgemere's Appassionata (Corkum, Collins)
SELB: GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's GirlzGoneWild (Histake)
WD: Masasyu's Mighty Hammer (Hicks)
RWD:
WB/BOW Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Collins, Giannone)
RWB: Lakopac's Shiloh of The Yukon (Bryce)

Name of Show: Finger Lakes Kennel Club
Judge: John Constantine
15 (D2=1=2B) (D3=2=4B) (D4=3=5B) (D8=4=9B) (D14=5=16B)
BOB: GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (HAusner, Das)
BOS Edgemere's Appassionata (Corkum, Collins)
SELB: GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (Hisatake)
WD: Masasyu's Mighty Hammer (Hicks)
RWD: LongTrail's Illusion's Sargent (Gallagher, Fusco)
WB/BOW: Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Collins, Giannone)
RWB: Adair'N'Hug Darkness Reigns Over Tumoki (Benton)

Name of Show: North Country Kennel Club
Judge: Mona Shaw
11 (D2=1=2B) (D3=2=4B) (D4=3=5B) (D8=4=9B) (D14=5=16B)
BOB: GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (Hausner, Das)
BOS: GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (Hisatake)
SELB: Edgemere's Appassionata (Corkum, Collins)
WD/BW: Ice Fall N Terrapin's I'll Have Another (Patterson, Sampson)
RWD: Battlefield GGM Bernado (Schmidt, Pistolessi)
WB: Edgemere Kohoutec Koto (Collins, Giannone)
RWB: Lakopacs Shiloh of The Yukon (Bryce)

SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

OBEDIENCE - BEGINNER NOVICE

CANAMAROK'S ANGEL'S TAIZEN, BN, RN, CGC

Sire: CH Moonsnoe's Glacier Diamonds
 Dam: CanAmarok's Sakari Anernerk
 Breeder: Scott and Lisa Kirkpatrick
 Owner: Laura Maffei and Noel Snyder
 Show: Chintimini Kennel Club
 Date: March 29, 2015
 Judge: Jill K. Jones

NEW CHAMPION

CH LUV SNO'S LIKING IT RUGGED CGC, BN, RA, CD, WWP, CGCA (D)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon
 Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvsno's Maid'n Tiffney CD, RE, CGC, WPD, WWPDX, WTD, CGCA
 Breeder: Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas
 Owner: Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas
 Show: York Kennel Club
 Date: March 11, 2015
 Judge: Lynn Jech

CH GREENBRIER'S BACK TU THE HIGH LIFE (D)

Sire: Greenbrier Taku-Niya Qingauk
 Dam: Greenbrier's Sumthn Tutalkabout
 Breeder: Ruth Levesque and Paul Levesque and Kristin Morrison
 Owner: Ruth Levesque and Teresa Becker and Paul Levesque and Kristin Morrison
 Show: Connecticut River Working Group Association
 Date: February 28, 2015
 Judge: Mr. Robert Stein

RALLY EXCELLENT TITLE

CH LUV SNO'S LIKING IT RUGGED CGC, BN, RA, RE, CD, WWP, CGCA

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon
 Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvsno's Maid'n Tiffney CD, RE, CGC, WPD, WWPDX, WTD, CGCA
 Breeder: Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas
 Owner: Jane Palinkas and Vicki Palinkas
 Show: Troy Kennel Club
 Date: April 4, 2015
 Judge: Danette M. Chorney

CH MOONLIGHT'S LAST MAN STANDING (DOG)

Sire: MBIS, BPIS, Can CH Waterstone Chips Ahoy, TT
 Dam: CH Ixa's Moonlight Twist Of Fate
 Breeder: Maria and Bruce Wells
 Owner: Maria and Bruce Wells and David Wells
 Show: Tullahoma Kennel Club of TN Inc.
 Date: March 7, 2015
 Breed Judge: Johan Becerra-Hernandez

OBEDIENCE - BEGINNER NOVICE

CANAMAROK'S ANGEL'S TAIZEN, BN, RN, CGC

Sire: CH Moonsnoe's Glacier Diamonds
 Dam: CanAmarok's Sakari Anernerk
 Breeder: Scott and Lisa Kirkpatrick
 Owner: Laura Maffei and Noel Snyder
 Show: Chintimini Kennel Club
 Date: March 29, 2015
 Judge: Jill K. Jones

GROUP 1

GCH WINTER PARK'S LOOK SHARP LIVE SMART

Sire: BBS, GCH Winter Park's By George He's Got It, WTD, WWP
 DAM: BBS, BIS, INT/AM GCH Pale Moon's Lady's A Charm, ROM, ROMWD, WTD, WWP, CGC
 Breeder: Michael and Jana Park
 Owner: Michael and Jana Park
 Show: Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
 Date: March 7, 2015
 Breed: Mr. Chuck Winslow
 Group: Mr. Jerry M. Watson

NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE

SNOBUC'S QUANTUM OF SOLACE

Sire: CH Snobuc's Reddy for Take Off, RN
 Dam: GCH Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop, CD, BN, RE
 Breeders: M. and R. Dinwoodie and S. Capp, E. French
 Owner: Maria and Rolfe Dinwoodie
 Trial: Western Lakes Training Club of Buffalo
 Date: September 7, 2014
 Judge: Joan Greenwald





TOP TWENTY



Standings through February 28, 2015

Hey everyone!

We're getting really close to wrapping up the current Top 20 qualifying period. Below are the Top 20 Standings as of February 28, 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 Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D)	368	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K Robinson
2	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	296	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
3	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	226	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
4	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	214	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	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	167	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
8	CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (B)	153	IL/WI	S Kalous/L Kalous
9	GCH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym (D)	139	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
10	GCH Wolfholic's Extraordinary (D)	135	AL	Y Choi
11	GCH Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale (D)	132	GL	R Phillips/D Phillips/H Donovan
12	GCH Silverice's Poker Face (D)	119	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	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One (B)	91	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
16	CH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart (D)	91	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
18	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (B)	89	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel-Hisatake
19	GCH Koolrunnings'N'Terraglos'U'Can'T Touch This (D)	84	WC	G Toussaint/T Toussaint
20	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses (B)	81	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires
20	GCH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure (D)	81	SO	S Moore

The Contenders

22	GCH Spiritrun's Cool Ride (B)	79	GL	J Remazki/E Remazki/A Syar
23	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance (B)	72	GL	J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel
24	GCH Ice Fall's Locked "N" Loaded (D)	70	IL/WI	L Ryer
25	GCH Mfy's Locke Tin Yuet Nicole (B)	69		D Wang

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

Acupuncture As An Alternative

by April Paonessa

Acupuncture, possibly one of the oldest healing practices in the world and one of the many facets of Chinese medicine, has a recorded history dating back at least 2000 years. Some claim acupuncture has been used for 4000 years. According to Traditional Chinese Medicine, vital energy or Qi (pronounced CHEE) flows through a series of channels also referred to as meridians within the body. Qi consists of two balanced and opposing energies called Yin and Yang. This balance can become interrupted, causing a blockage of the flow of Qi. Acupuncture is believed to relieve the blockage, allowing the flow of energy, once again. This allows the body to heal itself, restoring balance.

Acupuncture was introduced to the western world due to travel to China in the early 19th century, but didn't become popular until the 1970's after President Nixon's visit to China. An American news reporter covering the President's trip told of his pain remedying experience with acupuncture after an emergency surgery while abroad. Few veterinarians practiced the art of acupuncture in the 1970's and 1980's, but its popularity began to increase in the mid 1990's and continues to do so, as the method steadily gains respect of those in the veterinary field.

On January 11, 2014 The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates (HOD) voted to admit the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (AAVA) as a constituent allied veterinary organization. The official press release can be viewed in full at <https://www.avma.org/news/pressroom/pages/acupuncture-group-HOD-release.aspx>

Acupuncture is the stimulating of a precise point on the body to achieve a desired therapeutic effect. These points are often referred to as acupuncture points, acupoints or Shu-xu. Modern research has shown that these acupoints are located in areas of increased density of free nerve endings, mast cells, small arterioles and lymphatic vessels. Stimulating these points with special, thin, sterile needles causes a release of endorphins, serotonin and other substances that result in pain relief and reduction of inflammation. The needle can be used alone or in conjunction with electrical stimulation or heat. Acupuncture treats a wide array of conditions, and can be extremely beneficial when conventional medicine fails to provide the level of relief required for your pet to remain comfortable. Acupuncture has been effective for dogs with musculoskeletal problems such as muscle stiffness, back pain, osteoarthritis and degenerative joint disease. Relief from gastrointestinal problems, neurological disorders, and even geriatric weakness has been seen following treatment. It is also believed that acupuncture can even aid in the prevention of disease.

Most dogs tolerate acupuncture sessions without issue. The needles used are a few inches long and are inserted just a few millimeters under the skin. My veterinarian usually uses twenty needles on most patients, but in some cases the number of acupoints stimulated can be custom tailored based on the ailment being treated. Once inserted the needles remain in place for twenty to thirty minutes. Most pets become quite relaxed during the procedure, some dogs even fall asleep.



My 12 year old Akita would become so calm that she would start to drool and nod off. It is not uncommon for your dog to be a bit tired for a few hours following an acupuncture treatment due to the release of endorphins. In Chinese medicine this reaction is a



sign that balance and free flow of energy, or Qi has been restored.

If you have a senior dog who has slowed down due to joint discomfort, you should definitely give acupuncture a try and you may be quite shocked with the results. I was very skeptical at first, but I truly believe acupuncture helped my senior girl even more than the pain medication she was taking. I feel that we would have lost her at least a year earlier had it not been for her acupuncture treatments. We will be forever grateful to her veterinarians.

Blitzen on Parade

By Jackie Wyandt

On March 14, 2015, the Quincy Kennel Club of Quincy, Illinois joined the town in a St Patricks Day Parade. The temperature started out a bit cool, in the upper 30's F, but warmed up to the low 60's.

I took my malamute BLITZEN, **Shadow Crests Dash Away All, BN, RE, RL1, CGCA**, to join in the festivities. This would be his very first parade, either participating or watching and it was also a first for him to pull his drafting cart for so far and so long. That cart sure came in handy to carry all the extras (water, flyers, jackets, etc). I was so proud of him. He was perfect! There were 18 dogs in our group, but BLITZEN was the only one actually "working".



Blitzen on Parade

We were right behind a huge cement truck and there was a fire truck behind us. The noises, the crowds; BLITZEN loved it all, and assumed it was all put on for his benefit. He especially loved the kids who rushed out to pet and hug the "wolf" who was pulling the cart. There were a couple of other dog groups at the parade as well. Our entry number 86, so that gives you an idea how big the parade was. BLITZEN wants to know when he will be in the next parade.



Blitzen showing off

Upon recommendation by the Breeders Education Committee, the Board of Directors has approved the following reminder to all AMCA members:

Trimming and the Alaskan Malamute

Increasing numbers of Alaskan Malamutes are being exhibited at dog shows with coats that bear evidence of scissoring and other sculpting techniques. The purpose of this article is to address this issue, since trimming of any part of the dog except for the feet is directly contrary to the Standard for the breed.

The Alaskan malamute is one of the oldest Arctic Sled Dogs and truly a **Natural Breed**. The Standard clearly states the following: "**The Malamute is shown naturally. Trimming is not acceptable, except to provide a clean cut appearance of feet.**" It goes on to describe the coat with "The coat is thick with a coarse guard coat of sufficient length to protect a woolly undercoat" And: "The guard coat varies in length as does the undercoat." There are many breed Standards that both encourage and require skilled grooming procedures for exhibition purposes. The complete opposite is true for the Alaskan malamute and clearly dictated by the Standard's directive of "**Trimming is not acceptable.**"

There is a current trend in all breeds of over grooming and this is spreading from the breeds that are "legitimately" meant to be presented that way, to the many breeds that have Standards that reject the process. There is nothing natural about an Arctic dog having a "perfect" outline. Sculpted tails, pants, and underlines do not occur naturally; even on a dog with a tight, short coat, there will be some variation in the length of coat, as both the undercoat and the guard coat should vary in length as the Standard clearly states. Likewise, the feathering on the backs of the forelegs--which exists to help protect the skin from snow and ice--varies in length from the elbow to pastern. Our breed evolved over thousands of years to survive bitter, cold Arctic conditions. The Standard ends with this summary: "In judging malamutes their function as a sledge dog for heavy freighting in the Arctic must be given consideration above all else." This breed evolved over thousands of years to survive Arctic conditions. *A correct coat was a major ingredient of their survival and was essential to their very existence.*

To further emphasize the AMCA position, the Judges Education Coordinator posted the following notice to the AKC Judges Newsletter:

On behalf of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America's Board of Directors, I would like to discuss the proper coat for an Alaskan Malamute and the issue of trimming which has been under recent discussion amongst our membership.

The Alaskan Malamute has a thick, coarse guard coat and a dense undercoat. "The guard coat varies in length as does the undercoat". The length will increase around the neck and shoulders, down the back, over the rump and in the breeching, along the back side of the legs and the plume of the tail. The coarseness and density of the coat are important survival characteristics that permit this breed to withstand the harsh conditions of the Arctic. The section on coat concludes with: "The Malamute is shown naturally. Trimming is not acceptable except to provide a clean cut appearance of feet."

Trimming is not acceptable. It is a clear deviation from our breed standard to trim the coat. Trimming disguises a poor quality coat and changes the profile of the dog, often leading to an unwarranted advantage. The Alaskan Malamute's heavy double coat requires a thorough hands on examination. You cannot rely on a visual assessment. Your hands on examination must include an evaluation of coat texture and density. A proper coat has a coarse guard coat which varies in length throughout the body of the dog. A coat which has been trimmed does not allow you to make a proper evaluation.

Our breed summary states: "IMPORTANT: In judging Malamutes, their function as a sledge dog for heavy freighting in the Arctic must be given consideration above all else." The quality of the Malamute's coat is a vital survival characteristic and an integral part of their ability to work in harsh environments. As a judge you cannot assess the texture of a trimmed coat. Therefore a dog which has been trimmed should be heavily penalized. Please remember, **trimming is not acceptable.**

World Cyno Level 2

by Mary Swinyer

WCR Level 2

You've got the rally basics from my last several articles, so I will primarily focus on what sets WCR apart from AKC Rally. In Level 2 there is a regular recall exercise where you will be instructed where to leave your dog, go to the next sign, face and call your dog front, then send dog to heel position. There is also an angled recall where you leave your dog, go to the second sign, which is located 10 feet away and four to six feet to right or left. After turning and facing your dog, you call it into a straight front and do the finish as directed.

An interesting exercise is: Halt. Leave. Call Front While Running. After leaving the dog, the handler takes two to three running steps, then calls the dog front. As the dog catches up to and over-takes the handler, handler may step back in order to help the dog get into a straight front. The next sign, will instruct which finish to do.

Arwah and Mary doing a spiral right



In WCR Level 2, the jump exercise is optional, unlike AKC Advanced, where one jump is mandatory.

The Offset Figure 8 is another interesting exercise. Four dog food bowls are arranged in a flattened diamond pattern. Two "end" bowls are 10 inches apart. Those are the "posts" of the figure 8. Two "side" bowls are five feet apart; those are the "distraction." All four bowls contain food treats and are covered with some kind of mesh.

There are three Level 2 Bonus exercises. In no particular order, they are:

- 1) Moving Down Leave Dog. Second sign: (Turn) Call To Front, Finish R/L.
- 2) Halt Leave Dog. Second sign: Turn & Down. Once the dog is down, the handler returns to heel position by walking around behind the dog.
- 3) Recall with distraction. The judge will be positioned approximately 6 feet to the side of the handler, facing the dog. As the dog comes to the handler, the judge walks forward, passing the dog approximately 6 feet to the side of the dog.

If the dog moves forward before being called on any of the Level 2 and 3 recall exercises, the team receives an NQ (Non Qualifying). Breaking a stay on the walk-round exercises also result in an NQ, as does failure of dog to sit or down on certain exercises and refusal to jump.

Level 2 contains 20-22 signs, not counting the Start, Finish or Bonus signs. Exercises are to be performed within approximately two to four feet of a sign. WCR rings are typically larger than AKC. 40' x 50' is the minimum required size; however recommended size is approximately 50' x 80'.

This is a very fun venue. If it is offered in your area, I would encourage you to check it out!

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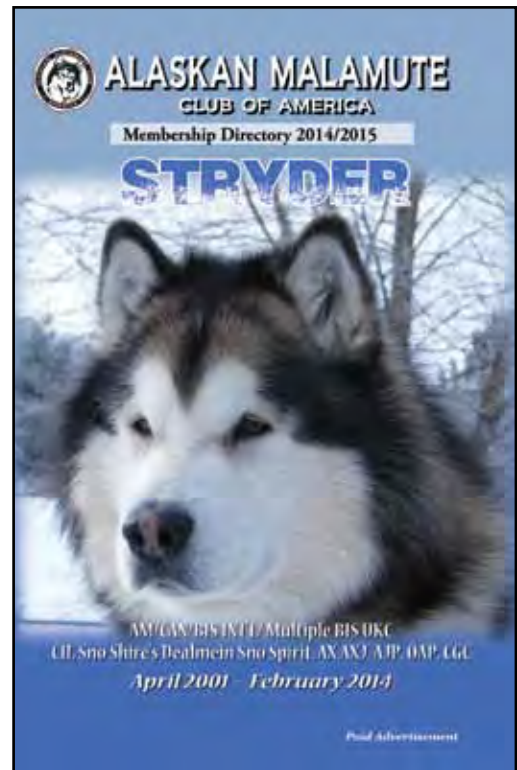
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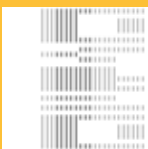
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