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SAKARA

CH Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond



One of our newest Champions

Sakara began showing in December 2016 and finished her championship in June 2017, with limited showing.

Thank you to judges and admirers.

Thank you to her friend and handler, Mary Norton -Augustus and her assistant, Carly McNellie.

Loved and adored by us.

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President's Report

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Voting in the 2017 Annual Election is underway and will end at 11:59 PM on Wednesday October 18th. Paper ballots must be received by our election service, Simply Voting, by that date. The Corresponding and Recording Secretaries nominees are unopposed. We are electing three Directors-At-Large, conformation judges for the 2020 (West Coast) Regional and National Specialties and sweepstakes judges for the 2018 (Orlando, FL.) and 2019 (Topeka, KS.) Regional and National Specialties. If you encounter problems while voting, please contact our Election Manager, Michael McGuire, at AMCA-MGM@comcast.net or (313) 600-3125.

The 2017 National and Regional Specialties, to be held at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, are almost upon us. All event entries have closed. You can still make reservations for the Top Twenty Dinner and Catered Events (banquets and breakfast). The cut-off date for those reservations is October 11th. Of course, you can make Hospitality and Raffle, Auction and Challenge Basket donations at any time.

I look forward to seeing you at the National. Please make sure you speak with me personally to let me know of your questions and concerns and to tell me what you think the club is doing right and what it is doing wrong.

Recording Secretary

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Motion# 13: 2016/17: that AMCA pay to register Tammy Doukas to attend the AKC CHF Health conference on behalf of AMCA, and that AMCA reimburse up to \$1200 to cover expenses (travel, board and lodging) with receipts provided for all expenses, and with any additional expenses to be approved by the board prior to reimbursement. Tammy will provide a report to include information relevant to our breed and of interest to the membership (via the Newsletter and website). (Colman)

FOR: All

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Motion #14: 2016/17: that AMCA donate \$2000 to AKC Reunite to help aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. (Toussaint)

FOR: All

Motion #15: 2016/17: That AMCA donate an additional \$1,000 to AKC Reunite to assist victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and that AMCA instruct AKC Reunite to allocate AMCA's total donation of \$3,000 to the victims of Harvey and Irma as AKC sees fit. (Toussaint)

FOR: All

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Treasurer's Report - July-August 2017

	M-J 2017	J-A 2017	Change
Bank Accounts	97,228.50	91,442.80	-5,785.70
Reserve Funds	32,041.72	32,041.72	0.00
Committee Total	25,148.97	28,120.65	<u>2,971.68</u>
	\$154,419.19	\$151,605.17	-\$2,814.02

Revenue			
	2016 Year	J-A 2017	2017 YTD
Newsletter/Directory			
Advertisements	2,630.00	245.00	1,150.00
Newsletter/Directory	11,445.72	125.00	10,490.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	200.00	0.00	65.00
Mail/Delivery	1,809.97	0.00	1,861.00
Breeders List	2,659.06	25.00	2,650.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	18,744.75	395.00	16,216.00

Membership			
Application	610.00	15.00	183.00
Membership Fees	6,323.02	50.00	5,707.00
Late Fees	1,020.00	100.00	260.00
Membership Total	7,953.02	165.00	6,150.00

Pass-Through			
National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	5,873.76	0.00	4,957.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,545.00	0.00	2,400.00
Legislative/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	7,418.76	0.00	7,357.00

Committees' Total	12,620.92	1,971.68	0.00
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Other Revenues			
Affiliate Clubs	295.00	15.00	333.00
National Specialty	16,805.47	0.00	5,341.62
Purina Partnership	715.90	0.00	893.72
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	402.70	176.41	636.19
Other Revenues Total	18,219.07	191.41	7,204.53

Subtotal Receipts	\$64,956.52	\$2,723.09	\$36,927.53
Reserve Fund	\$1,065.12	\$0.00	\$2,080.59
Total Receipts	\$66,021.64	\$2,723.09	\$39,008.12

Expenses			
	2016 Year	J-A 2017	2017 YTD
Newsletter/Membership			
Print-Basic	7,050.73	1,796.29	3,417.43
NL/MD coordinator fee	2,475.00	700.00	1,075.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	2,915.00	1,015.00	1,331.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	2,162.78	535.90	782.84
Bulk Postage	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Newsletter artist fees	270.00	45.00	0.00
Newsletter/Membership Total	14,873.51	4,092.19	7,606.27

Officer/Board/Delegate	3,046.30	0.00	1,092.55
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Pass-Throughs			
National Specialty	0.00	0	0.00
AMAL Donation/CHF	5,757.00	0.00	0.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,595.00	0.00	2,480.00
Legislative/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pass-Through Total	6,445.00	0.00	2,480.00

National Specialty	187.63	1,000.00	0.00
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	15.00	612.00
Donations	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	841.27	5.92	775.91
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	629.52	0.00	322.87
Elections Costs	1,416.08	0.00	694.72
Insurance	1,690.00	114.00	0.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	180.00	30.00	400.00
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	1,171.93	0.00	115.00
AMCA Equipment	1,082.00	0.00	0.00
Committee's	11,743.21	280.00	1,068.56
Other Expense Total	19,941.64	1,444.92	3,989.06

Total Expenses	\$44,306.45	\$5,537.11	\$15,167.88
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3417.431) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 8/31/17

2) The "Pass-Through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others and temporarily held in the General Fund.

AMCA Calendar of Events

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

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

GL AMCA Regional Specialty	10/23 & 24	Sawmill Creek Lodge 400 Sawmill Creek Huron, OH Closes 9/27	Caper Dog Shows (entries) 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185-4832 sue@caper-dogs.com Ruth Levesque (event secretary) Cindy Benson, Show Chair benson@voyager.net Patty Peel, Asst Show Chair ssnoklassic@aol.com	Donna Buxton Mike Stone Donna Buxton James J Ham	C PS/VS Jr Show OB/RA
GL AMCA National Specialty	10/25 thru 10/28	Sawmill Creek Lodge 400 Sawmill Creek Huron, OH Closes 9/27	Caper Dog Shows (entries) 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185-4832 sue@caper-dogs.com Ruth Levesque (event secretary) Cindy Benson, Show Chair benson@voyager.net Patty Peel, Asst Show Chair ssnoklassic@aol.com	Larry Chu Wendy Corr Larry Chu James J Ham Cindy Benson	C PS/VS Jr Show OB/RA 4-6 puppy
IL/WI Designated specialty with Skokie Valley Kennel Club	12/9	Donald Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, IL Closes 11/22	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Kevin Kelly, Show Chair 630-669-5795	Janina K Laurin Penny L Urban	C PS/VS
MW Minnesota Malamute Club Independent Affiliate Club Specialty TWO CONCURRENT SPECIALTY EVENTS	1/05 1/06	St. Paul River Centre St. Paul, MN. Closes 12/20	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Jan Croft, Show Chair 612-716-0895 jan.croft@delta.com	Bill Sahlhoff Tim Peterson Karen McFarlane Kimberly Maffitt	C PS/VS C PS/VS
GL GLAMC Affiliate Club Designated specialty with Hoosier Kennel Club	2/09	Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, IN Closes 1/24	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Jan Croft, Show Chair 612-716-0895 jan.croft@delta.com	Barbara Alderman TBD	C PS/VS
GL GL Area Designated specialty with Central Indiana Kennel Club	2/10	Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, IN Closes 1/24	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Jan Croft, Show Chair 612-716-0895 jan.croft@delta.com	Gloria Geringer TBD	C PS/VS
ME AMC Eastern Pa in-conjunction with Lebanon KC WEIGHT PULL	4/13	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 3/28	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Phyllis Hamilton, show chair Benchmark1946@gmail.com	Pending Gabriella Lovatti	C PS/VS
ME Mid-East Area Specialty in-conjunction with Harrisburg KC WEIGHT PULL	4/14	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 3/28	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Debra Rogers, show chair	Pending Jack Secrest	C PS/VS
ME AMC Eastern Pa in-conjunction with Mason Dixon KC	4/15	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 3/28	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Richard Deutsch, show chair kloudburst@aol.com	Pending Dr Kammi Kai Hefner	C PS/VS
RM AMCA RM Area Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	5/16	Cache County Fairgrounds Logan, UT Closes 5/2	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Brock Powell, Show Chair 801-201-2038 Brock75p@yahoo.com	Carolyn Alexander Katherine Taylor Cathy H Daugherty Cynthia Carriegan	C/JR PS/VS C/JR PS/VS

SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

GL Supported Entry with Delaware Ohio Kennel Club	10/29 (day after National)	Delaware County Fairgrounds Delaware, OH Closes 5/10	MB-F Patty Peel	Dana Cline	C
MW Minnesota Malamute Club Supported Entry with Land O'Lakes Kennel Club	1/06 1/07	St. Paul River Centre St. Paul, MN. Closes 12/20	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Jan Croft jan.croft@delta.com	Linda Riedel William deVilleneuve	C C
GL Supported Entry with Central Indiana Kennel Club	2/08	Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, IN Closes 1/24	Roy Jones Dog Shows P O Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Jan Croft jan.croft@delta.com	Dana Cline Kim Meredith-Cavanna	C C
Supported Entry with Hoosier Kennel Club	2/11				
RM Columbine Country AMC Supported Entry with Plum Creek KC TWO EVENTS ON SAME DAY	2/16	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Aurora, CO Closes 1/31	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Barbara White snopeakmalamutes@gmail.com	TBD Jack Watts TBD Carmen Rowe	C PS/VS C PS/VS

AGILITY TRIALS

GL AMCA Regional Specialty (MALAMUTES ONLY)	10/23	Sawmill Creek Lodge (outdoors) 400 Sawmill Creek Huron, OH Opens 8/23 Closes 9/27	Denise Thomas, Event Secretary 2321 W 38 th St Erie PA 16506-4503 cstrialentries@aol.com Laura Heft, Trial Chair granitemalamutes@gmail.com	Jeffrey Ipser	All levels: STD, JWW, FAST
GL AMCA Regional Specialty (MALAMUTES ONLY)	10/24	Sawmill Creek Lodge (outdoors) 400 Sawmill Creek Huron, OH Opens 8/23 Closes 9/27	Denise Thomas, Event Secretary 2321 W 38 th St Erie PA 16506-4503 cstrialentries@aol.com Laura Heft, Trial Chair granitemalamutes@gmail.com	Jeffrey Ipser	All levels EXCEPT Premier: STD, JWW plus T2B

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.

Committee Reports & Special Reports

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National Parent Club Canine Health Conference 2017

In August 2017, a National Parent Club Canine Health Conference was presented by the AKC Canine Health Foundation in St Louis, Missouri, sponsored by Nestle Purina® PetCare. Seventeen canine medical research projects were presented at the conference. These presentations have been summarized for the AMCA by Tammy Doukas, PhD, of the AMCA Health Committee. For further information regarding the AKC CHF, visit www.akcCHF.org, or you may contact tdoukas@alumni.stanford.edu for additional explanation of the research in layman's terms.

Genetic Predisposition to Infections:

Avian Tuberculosis in Miniature Schnauzers

Urs Giger, DVM, PhD

In general, dogs with recurring or persistent infections that are resistant to antimicrobials (antibiotics, antifungals, and antivirals) likely suffer from hereditary immunodeficiencies. A few immunodeficiency disorders are prevalent in certain breeds of dogs, whereas others occur in isolated families or "lines."

Specifically, dogs are generally resistant to *Mycobacterium avium* (avian TB) infection. However, many Miniature Schnauzers and some Basset Hounds lack immunity to avian TB and succumb to infections characterized by fever, diarrhea, swollen lymph nodes, and respiratory difficulty. Pedigree analysis has shown that susceptibility is believed to be a simple autosomal recessive trait. Dr. Giger and his researchers are developing a DNA screening test to identify dogs at risk of avian TB as well as carriers, in an effort to reduce this disease in future generations.

Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) of Golden Retrievers has a Unique DNA Methylation Signature

that Yields Biomarkers of Disease

Jeffrey Bryan, DVM, PhD

Dr. Bryan and his team study epigenetics. Epigenetics is defined as stable and heritable patterns of gene expression that do not alter the original DNA sequence. Specifically, "DNA methylation" is the attachment of a methyl group to a DNA sequence that can change the expression of the encoded gene.

In humans and dogs, DNA methylation has been shown to affect development of lymphoma, one of the most common cancers. Dr. Bryan studies methylation in Golden Retrievers afflicted with a specific lymphoma known as "Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma" (DLBCL). One in eight Golden Retrievers is afflicted with lymphoma. One third of these cases are B cell lymphoma, of which DLBCL is the most common aggressive lymphoma.

DNA methylation is believed to be the earliest and most persistent epigenetic change in gene expression. Methylation can be reversed before permanent genetic damage is done. Dr. Bryan's identification of methylation sites in the DNA of dogs with DLBCL hopes to provide disease prediction. Demethylation, or removal of the methyl group from the DNA, may stop genetic damage from occurring, thereby halting the disease progression of lymphoma.

How Flow Cytometry Expands Our Understanding of Canine Lymphoma

Anne Avery, VMD, PhD

Flow cytometry is a technology used to count and sort cells based upon different distinguishing markers on each cell. Cells in the blood extracted from lymphoma patients can be sorted by specific markers that differ from the markers on cells extracted from healthy individuals. Dr. Avery and her team have utilized flow cytometry to classify many different types of lymphoma into categories that provide accurate prognostic information for owners and veterinarians. Additionally, the team has utilized a large database of different forms of lymphoma in order

to identify breed-specific bias toward lymphomas, allowing identification of genetic risk factors.

Forty percent of T zone lymphomas (slowly developing T cell lymphomas) are seen in Golden Retrievers, strongly suggesting a genetic link. Dr. Avery and her team have completed an environmental risk factor study and are in the midst of a genetic risk factor study to help understand the causes of T zone lymphoma. The team discovered that genes associated with thyroid function are located in the same genetic regions that are associated with risk for mast cell tumors and risk for T zone lymphoma, and that hypothyroidism is protective for T zone lymphoma. Completion of the genetic risk factor study should provide additional insights toward understanding the mechanisms of T zone lymphoma.

Chemotherapy and Probiotics

Korinn Saker, DVM, PhD

Cancer treatment involving chemotherapy can cause gastrointestinal discomfort to such an extent that dog owners can be discouraged to continue chemotherapy, or veterinarians may alter the drug protocol, minimizing effectiveness. Dr. Saker and her team evaluated whether oral probiotic supplementation could minimize gastrointestinal side effects. They discovered that oral probiotics alleviated gastrointestinal symptoms caused by the chemotherapy drug doxorubicin.

Bringing Genomic Data Back to the Clinic

Matthew Breen, PhD

Dr. Breen and his team gather large amounts of genomic data from clinical patients, analyze this data with a wide array of molecular tools, and bring the results back to clinical patients for diagnosis and treatment. In doing so, the team has classified canine cancers by the presence of numerous genetic "signatures". These signatures are specific changes to the DNA of each type and subtype of cancer. Classification of these signatures helps to provide accurate diagnosis

and prognosis for canine cancer. For example, Dr. Breen's team discovered that cancer cells in 85% of dogs with transitional cell carcinoma (TCC, a cancer of the urinary tract) have a specific mutation. This mutation can be diagnosed from a simple, non-invasive, free catch urine sample. The diagnosis provides early detection of pre-clinical TCC, confirms TCC in dogs with urinary tract symptoms, and monitors the impact of treatment.

Other genetic tests developed by Dr Breen's team:

- predict how long dogs with lymphoma will respond to chemotherapy with the drug doxorubicin,
- differentiate a specific type of cancer known as histiocytic malignancy (a rare hereditary disease of humans and Bernese Mountain Dogs) from other round cell cancers,
- identify the percentage of dogs with osteosarcoma that are likely to have a high chance of survival with specific treatments.

Additionally, Dr. Breen's team has initiated a nationwide study of canine cancers that gathers data about each dog's history, exposures, and location, with the goal of identifying environmental factors affecting dog and human cancers.

The Effects of an Omega-3 Fatty Acid-Rich Diet with Rehabilitation on Recovery, Activity, and Osteoarthritis in Dogs Following Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy Surgery for Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease **Wendy Baltzer, DVM, PhD**

After cruciate ligament surgery, dogs fed Purina® Pro Plan Veterinary Diets JM Joint Mobility, a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids, had less lameness, less inflammation, and less arthritis progression than dogs fed a commercial adult dog food. Additionally, dogs undergoing rehabilitation exercises including underwater treadmill recovered more quickly and completely than those that did not undergo postoperative therapy, as measured three months after surgery.

Canine Lyme Disease – Is the Clock Ticking? **Jason Stull, VMD, PhD**

Lyme disease is a zoonotic infectious disease, meaning it can infect animals and humans. It is transmitted by ticks infected with the *Borrelia* bacterium. The range of ticks carrying this bacterium continues to expand. Dr. Stull and his team have begun a large study encompassing different regions of the US and Canada to determine how often healthy dogs test positive for *Borrelia*, and how often these dogs later develop Lyme disease. This study hopes to streamline management strategies for *Borrelia*-infected dogs. Additionally, the study will identify obstacles to effective tick prevention. Overall, the study hopes to identify, define, and improve prevention and control of Lyme disease in regions of varying Lyme risk.

Bartonellosis: The Dog that Changed the Course of my Research, Career, and Life **Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM**

Bartonellosis, caused by a variety of *Bartonella* bacteria, is a zoonotic infectious disease. Prior to 1990, there was only one known *Bartonella* species, *B. bacilliformis*. In 1993, a grad student in Dr. Breitschwerdt's lab isolated a *Bartonella* species from an ill dog, marking the first time *Bartonella* had been isolated from a dog anywhere in the world. Today, there are more than 36 known *Bartonella* species, 17 of which have been found in infected dogs and humans.

A lack of sensitive and reliable diagnostic tests creates difficulty diagnosing bartonellosis. Because *Bartonella* invade the cells and spread throughout the body, it is difficult to treat this disease with current antibiotic protocols. Dr. Breitschwerdt's team is developing improved diagnostic testing in dogs, which will enable worldwide prevalence studies in dogs, humans, and other animals, and will establish accurate, early diagnosis.

Characterization of the Hematologic Response to *Ehrlichia canis* Infection **Anne Avery, VMD, PhD**

Ehrlichiosis, caused by the intracellular bacterium *Ehrlichia canis*, is transmitted by ticks, and is a zoonotic infectious disease. Current methods for diagnosing ehrlichiosis are often unable

to distinguish this disease from T cell leukemia. Dr. Avery and her team are better defining the host response to this infection, with the goal of diagnosing T cell leukemia in patients who also have evidence of ehrlichiosis.

[Note: Infection of humans by *Ehrlichia canis* was first described in the U.S. in 1986. Recently, some human patients with T cell leukemia have been discovered to be infected with *Ehrlichia*.]

Canine Cognition: A Neuropsychological Approach **Bill Milgram, PhD**

In dogs, the study of cognition (thoughts) and cognitive level (mental capabilities) are inferred from observation of behavior. Dr. Milgram and his team focus on the characterization of cognition to understand how it develops early in life, how it changes with age and whether it can be modified with drugs, supplements, or behavioral interventions. The team has developed a series of tests to study different cognitive regions that correspond to underlying neural structures. They discovered that canine cognitive abilities decline in a domain specific manner. For example, episodic memory (the ability to learn complex tasks) declines throughout life. Working memory (the ability to perform short term recall and use of information) remains intact until advanced age.

Dr. Milgram's team has also found that age affects "cognitive dysfunction syndrome" (CDS), as observed by changes in a dog's daily behaviors. Although neuropsychological cognitive changes are distinct from CDS, Dr. Milgram's team has shown that interventions improving neuropsychology can also stabilize behavioral changes due to CDS, suggesting a link between these two processes of cognition.

Searching for Genetic Risk Factors for Canine Epilepsy in Whole Genome Sequences **Gary Johnson, DVM, PhD**

Genetics is an important factor in determining the risk of epilepsy. However, numerous studies have failed to identify genes involved in that risk in dogs or humans. It is likely that epilepsy arises from collective

mutations in multiple genes, including those genes related to ion channels and neurotransmitter receptors.

Dr. Johnson and his team are comparing the genomes of epileptic dogs with the genomes of healthy dogs in order to uncover gene candidates involved in risk of epilepsy. Furthermore, the availability of a significant number of DNA samples from epileptic Standard Schnauzers and Poodles will help to uncover genes involved in risk of epilepsy in those specific breeds.

Exploring the Role of the Gut Microbiome in Epilepsy

Karen Munana, DVM, PhD

Both genetic and environmental factors are believed to play a role in drug resistance of epilepsy. Although a link between epilepsy and gastrointestinal disorders has been recognized, this link is not understood. For example, people with gluten sensitivity can have neurological symptoms including seizures, kids with celiac disease are at increased risk for developing epilepsy and adults with inflammatory bowel disease are more likely to develop epilepsy than those without gastrointestinal disease. Due to these associations, Dr. Munana and her team believe that alterations in intestinal microbes might influence the development and progression of epilepsy.

The team is in the midst of exploring the different intestinal bacterial populations between epileptic and healthy dogs that live together. Additionally, they are evaluating how epilepsy drugs may affect the growth of intestinal bacteria. Specifically, they suspect that changes in *Lactobacillus* populations in the guts of epileptic dogs may be a factor in progression of epilepsy and drug resistance. Understanding the link between gut bacteria and drug resistance may help lead to more successful management of epilepsy.

Epilepsy and Nutrition

Holger Volk, DVM, PhD (Presentation by Rowena Packer, PhD)

Even with treatment, over two thirds of epileptic dogs continue to have seizures long term, and approximately one quarter of the dogs do not

achieve adequate seizure control. The ketogenic diet, high in fat and low in carbohydrates, has seen success in children with epilepsy. A component of the ketogenic diet, a medium-chain triglyceride called C10, has recently been shown to have direct anti-seizure effects on the brain.

Dr. Volk and his team have seen a significant reduction of the frequency and severity of seizures in drug-resistant epileptic dogs fed C10. Approximately half of the drug-resistant dogs saw fifty percent or greater reduction in seizure frequency when fed C10 along with epilepsy medication. Strikingly, fourteen percent of drug-resistant dogs became seizure free when fed C10 along with epilepsy medication.

Control of epilepsy should improve with changes in epilepsy management including medication and nutrition plans tailored to each dog, reduction of potential seizure triggers and stress factors, and treatment plans for comorbidities such as anxiety and cognition changes.

Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs

Brenda Bonnett, DVM, PhD

Currently, there is no mandatory standardization or accreditation for canine genetic testing. This is problematic because it frustrates and confuses many veterinarians and dog owners, and puts the health of many dogs and breeding programs at unnecessary risk. Many canine communities including veterinarians, researchers and dog owners would benefit from an international collaboration to standardize genetic testing.

The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD), overseen by CEO Dr. Bonnett, will oversee an online resource that catalogues information from commercial genetic test providers. This information will include:

- quality of genetic tests,
- expert reviews of genetic tests,
- coordination of standardized genetic testing,
- resources for education and genetic counselling,
- a foundation for future genetic test developments.

This collaboration, known as "Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs" will include voluntary participation from commercial genetic test providers viewable on the online platform DogWellNet.com. The goal is to improve and demystify genetic testing information, standardize genetic testing, and help dog professionals and owners make informed decisions regarding health testing. Ultimately, this could allow research developments to translate more effectively to practical applications.

Semen Evaluation, Quality, and Effects of Aging

Stuart Meyers, DVM, PhD

Predictability of fertile matings via artificial insemination from fresh and chilled semen has been largely unknown. Dr. Meyers and his team developed a database to determine the relationship of sperm characteristics to pregnancy outcome. Sperm samples used in this study were from 39 Labrador Retriever males of the Guide Dogs for the Blind breeding program, grouped as young (21 males, age 1-3 years), middle-aged (13 males, age 4-6 years), and senior (5 males, age 7-10 years). Results of this study include the following:

- Progressive motility (forward movement) was lower in senior male chilled samples compared to all other sample groups.
- Velocity decreased with increasing age.
- Velocity was lower in chilled samples than fresh samples.
- The percentage of morphologically normal sperm was lower in senior dogs compared to young and middle-aged dogs.
- The presence of reactive oxygen species (ROS*) was lower in chilled samples compared to fresh samples.
- No differences between age groups or between fresh and chilled samples were seen in:
 - o total motility,
 - o membrane lipid peroxidation (MLP*),
 - o mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA*) copy number,
 - o conception rate,
 - o average litter size.

- Regardless of age, differences in semen quality did not affect fertility or fecundity.

The use of advanced laboratory tests to evaluate sperm parameters beyond the standard measurements of motility, morphology, and concentration may provide more specific and sensitive canine fertility tests.

***Definitions:**

- ROS is necessary for sperm function, but excess ROS can cause oxidative damage to sperm.
- MLP is a necessary component of the binding capacity of sperm in fertilization, but excess MLP can damage sperm membranes via oxidative damage of the fats that make up those membranes.
- Inside a eukaryotic cell, organelles called mitochondria contain DNA known as mtDNA. MtDNA provide energy for the cell. Each sperm has approximately 100 copies of mtDNA.

Brucellosis, caused by a variety of *Brucella* bacteria, is a zoonotic infectious disease. Brucellosis infections are increasing in dogs in the U.S. This increase is a result of the low number of bacteria required for infection, the persistence of *Brucella* in the host, the difficulty in diagnosing infection and the lack of vaccines in humans and dogs. As with many other intracellular bacteria, invasion of the cells by *Brucella* makes it difficult to treat this disease with current antibiotic protocols. There is a vaccine for species of *Brucella* found in cattle, but it is only about 75 percent effective.

The goal of Dr. Arena's research is to develop a safe and effective *Brucella canis* vaccine using a genetic mutant that has been shown to be safe and effective for controlling infection against other species of *Brucella* in other organisms. This canine vaccine should limit the spread of disease to other dogs and to humans.

the uterus, most commonly involving *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). *E. coli* can produce a layer of polysaccharides (carbohydrates consisting of long chains of sugar molecules) known as a biofilm. This biofilm covers and protects *E. coli* from the immune system of the host and from antibiotics. Some female dogs with pyometra can be successfully treated using a combination of prostaglandins, dopamine agonists, antibiotics, and supportive care. However, treatment can be costly, time consuming, and ineffective, because it is difficult for drugs to penetrate the biofilm and the endometrial lining of the uterus.

Dr. Coutinho da Silva and his team are extracting *E. coli* from dogs with pyometra, and studying the potential of this *E. coli* to produce biofilm in the lab and in live animals. The team hopes to use their biofilm models to develop new therapeutics to disrupt the biofilm, improving treatment for canine pyometra.

An Update on Canine Brucellosis: A Call for Interdisciplinary Action
Angela Arenas, DVM, PhD

Canine Pyometra
Marco Coutinho da Silva, DVM, PhD

Pyometra is a bacterial infection of

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**AFFILIATE & INDEPENDENT CLUB
SPECIALTY SHOWS**

Kennel Club Name	Date	Conformation Judge:	41 total D = 10 (4 pt.) B = 13 (5 pt.) 4 Veterans: 1D, 3B 3 Working: 1D, 2B
AMCA – Wisconsin Specialty #1 Waukesha, WI	July 28, 2017	Darren Walker	

BISS: GCHS Peace River's Bling It On (B)
(M Coburn & A Syar) CH Silverice's Lichen Standing Stone & CH Peace River's All That And A Bag Of Chips CGC

SD: CH Onan House Of The Rising Sun (E Myers & A. Kanzelberger & L. Wirth-Poirier & P. Hazelwood) Onans Windrifts Don't Stop Believing & CH Onan's Whatever Lola Wants.

WD/BOW: Storm Kloud's Ddistant Thunder (T & K Thompson) CH Storm Kloud's Good To Go & Storm Kloud's Still The Won

RWD: Catera N Chikara's Drive It Like You Stole It (A Kanzelberger & J Dewing & A Bennett) GCH Ice Crystal's Top Gun & GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class

BOS: GCHS Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)
(CH Sno Ridge's Sudden Impact & GCH Kasaan's Royal Fortune)

SB: CH Aeon Mytuk's Pheonix Rising (D & A Milburn)
GCH Mytuk's Technical Knock Out & CH Wild Wind Sophisticated Lady

WB: Windchaser's Mistletoe Kisses. (L Herbert) GCH Love Spirit Stormy & CH Windchaser's All Eyes On Me

RWB: Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune (B McMahon-Howen) CH Snoklassicnanuke's The Real Thing & CH Kasaan Sno Classic's Kiss The Fortune

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Obsidian `N SS A Million Reasons (C & L Frank & C & B Erickson)**

Puppy Dogs 9 – 12 months

1. **Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (R & B Pfeiffer)**
2. **Malamaison In Focus (A Mayberry-Welch)**

Dogs 12 – 18 months

1. **Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama (K Manassa & J Wieczorek)**

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1. **Catera N Chikara's Drive It Like You Stole It (A Kanzelberger & J Dewing & A Bennett)**
2. **Storm Sky's Keeper Of The Past At Storm Kloud (S M Czarapata & J El Dissi & J Gonzaslez)**

Open Dogs

1. **Storm Kloud's Ddistant Thunder (T & K Thompson)**
2. **Oakioks Jack Daniels On The Roc (N Pierce)**
3. **Windchaser's Right To Bear Arms (L Ste. Jhourre & A Koehlert)**
4. **Teton&Wintuk's Over The Moon (J Berquist)**

Working Dogs

1. **Arctic Knight N Istari Magic RA WWPDX (W & K Kerr)**

Puppy Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune (B McMahon-Howen)**
2. **Dreamkatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC (P Warrichalet)**

Bitches 12 – 18 months

1. **Winterstarz Stella Mira (P & M Herzfeld)**
2. **Winterstarz Lady Of Crickhollow CGC (A Smith)**
3. **Wild Win & Oakiok's This is How We Roll (J Wild)**

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

None

Open Bitches

1. **Windchaser's Mistletoe Kisses (L Herbert)**
2. **Sno Quest's I Am The Fair One (L Goba)**
3. **Storm Kloud's Ddiamond Denali (D Anderson)**
4. **Storm Kloud's Storm Sky Kaptured The Start For Wintuk (S & L Kalous)**

Working Bitches

1. **CH Istari's Th' Plot Thickens WWPDA (H & J Schultz)**
2. **Powderhound's Blaze of Glory RE CGCA (J Effler-Leveille)**

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

Veteran Dogs 8 and Over

1. **CH Aspenmyst Sar Kissati** (E & B Kelley & J Inglesias)

Veteran Bitches 8 and Over

1. **CH Pokerflat Pure Mauya Of Qumukti** (M & P Thuot)
2. **GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart** (L & S Kalous)
3. **CH Sno Quest's Driven To Win CGC** (B Rossman)

Junior Showmanship

Judge: Kylie Jo Hirschy-Seivert

Best Junior Handler in Specialty Show: **Alejandra Iglesias**
CH Staghorn's Little Black Treasure (J Iglesias, Jr.)

Novice Intermediate: **Street Fighter Cammy White** (M Leitis)

Junior Handler: Alida T. Swat

Novice Senior: **CH Staghorn's Little Black Treasure** (J Iglesias, Jr.)

Junior Handler: Alejandra Iglesias

Open Senior: **GCH Bad Axe Soul of the Samurai** (L & A Missana & A Missana)

Junior Handler: Anna Missana

SWEEPSTAKES - Judge Mrs. Kylie Jo Hirschy-Seivert – Entry: 8

Best In Sweeps: **Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow** (D) (R & B Pfeiffer)

Best Opposite in Sweeps: **Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune** (B) (B McMahon-Howen)

Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Obsidian `N SS A Million Reasons** (C & L Frank & C & B Erickson)

Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune** (B McMahon-Bowen)
2. **Dreamcatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC** (P Warrichaiet)

Dogs 9 – 12 months

1. **Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow** (R & B Pfeiffer)
2. **Malamaison In Focus** (A Mayberry-Welch)

Bitches 9-12 months

None

Dogs 12-15 months

1. **Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama** (K Manassa & J Wieczorek)

Bitches 12-15 months

1. **Winterstarz Stella Mira** (P & M Herzfeld)

Bitches 15-18 months

1. **Wild Wind's N Oakiok's This Is How We Roll** (J Wild)

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - Judge Mrs. Kylie Jo Hirschy-Seivert – Entry: 4

Best Veteran in Sweeps: **CH Akiak's Sweep The Series** (S & P Reed)

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweeps: **GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart.** (S & L Kalous)

Veteran Dogs 8 – 11

1. **CH Aspenmyst Sar Kissati** (E & B Kelley & J Inglesias)

Veteran Bitches 8 – 11

1. **GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart.** (S & L Kalous)
2. **CH Pokerflat Pure Mauya Of Qumukti** (M & P Thuot)

Veteran Dogs 11+

1. **CH Akiak's Sweep the Series** (P & S Reed)

Veteran Bitches 11+

None

Multi BIS/BISS, Multi Ch., It. CH. Icicle Creek's Superstar at Magician



There are not enough words to describe the joy that Sofia has given to me. She arrived in Italy at 11 months of age, and I started to work with her, both conditioning, and readying her for the show ring. At the age of 18 months, I showed her at the World Dog Show, in Paris, where she took BOS. From there Sofia just soared. She was BOB and Group 2 in Spain, under an American Judge. Her Best of Breed wins at EuroDog shows in Austria, and Holland, were most impressive. Sofia topped off her career with a Best of Opposite win at Crufts, the biggest and most prestigious show in Europe. All of these wins came with limited showing. At her final show in Italy, Sofia obtained another Best of Breed, and became a Gold Champion !! She is the first female in Italy to accomplish this. Sofia's children are following in her pawprints with impressive wins of their own, and producing the same outstanding qualities that Sofia has.

Breeder: Kathi & Dan Fraser

Owner: Tozzi Franco

Handler: Vincenzo Bompadre

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Kennel Club Name	Date	Conformation Judge:	42 total D = 11 (4 pt.) B = 12 (5 pt.) 7 Veterans: 7 B 1 Working: 1D
AMCA – Wisconsin Specialty #2 Waukesha, WI	July 28, 2017	Victoria Jordan	

BISS: GCHB CH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma (B) (B McMahon-Howen & S Lindeman) CH Dreamekatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune & CH Seeka N Kasaan's Dream T' Fortune

SD: CH Onan House Of The Rising Sun (E Myers & A. Kanzelberger & L. Wirth-Poirier & P. Hazelwood) Onans Windrifts Don't Stop Believing & CH Onan's Whatever Lola Wants.

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BOS: GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin `N' `T' Fortune (D) CH Sno Ridge's Sudden Impact & GCH Kasaan's Royal Fortune (D Roberts-Burrill)

SB: CH Pokerflat Pure Mauya Of Qumukti (M & P Thuot) CH Poker Flats Wave Of The Future & CH Poker Flats Original Cindy

WB/BOW: Storm Kloud's Storm Sky Kaptured The Start For Wintuk (S & L Kalous) CH Storm Kloud's Vvanilla

Snoman CD & GCH Storm Sky's Every Second Counts
RWB: Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune (B McMahon-Howen) CH Snoklassicanuke'sThe RealThing & CH Kasaan Sno Klassic's Kiss The Fortune

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Obsidian `N SS A Million Reasons** (C & L Frank & C & B Erickson)

Puppy Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune** (B McMahon-Howen)
2. **Dreamekatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC** (P Warrichaiet)

Puppy Dogs 9 – 12 months

1. **Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow** (R & B Pfeiffer)
2. **Poker Flat's Winter Soldier** (R Haggard & J Kuehl)
3. **Malamaison In Focus** (A Mayberry-Welch)

Puppy Bitches 9 - 12

None

Dogs 12 – 18 months

1. **Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama** (K Manassa & J Wiczorek)

Bitches 12 – 18 months

1. **Winterstarz Stella Mira** (P & M Herzfeld)
2. **Anua's Meteoric Rise To Flame** (J Berquist)
3. **Winterstarz Lady Of Crickhollow CGC** (A Smith)

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Open Bitches

1. **Storm Kloud's Storm Sky Kaptured The Start For Wintuk** (S & L Kalous)
2. **Akiak's A League Of Her Own** (S & P Reed)
3. **Sno Quest's I Am The Fair One** (L Goba)
4. **Windchaser's Mistletoe Kisses** (L Herbert)

Working Dogs

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Working Bitches

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2. **CH Aspenmyst Sar Kissati** (E & B Kelley & J Iglesias)

Veteran Bitches 8 and Over

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Junior Handler: Alejandra Iglesias

Open Senior: GCH Bad Axe Soul of the Samurai (L & A Missana & A Missana)

Junior Handler: Anna Missana

SWEEPSTAKES - Judge Mr. Dale Hafner – Entry: 10

Best In Sweeps: Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow (D) (R & B Pfeiffer)

Best Opposite in Sweeps: Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune (B) (B McMahon-Howen)

Dogs 6 – 9 months

1. **Obsidian N SS A Million Reasons** (C & L Frank & C & B Erickson)

Bitches 6 – 9 months

1. **Kasaan's Kiss The Real Fortune** (B McMahon-Bowen)
2. **Dreamcatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC** (P Warrichaiet)

Dogs 9 – 12 months

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Bitches 9-12 months

None

Dogs 12-15 months

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Bitches 12-15 months

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Bitches 15-18 months

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VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - Judge Mrs. Kylie Jo Hirschy-Seivert – Entry: 4

Best Veteran in Sweeps: GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (B) (S & L Kalous)

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweeps: CH Aspenmyst Sar Kissati (E & B Kelley & J Iglesias)

Veteran Dogs 8 – 11

1. **CH Aspenmyst Sar Kissati** (E & B Kelley & J Iglesias)
2. **GCH Awanuna's Tornado of Snow** (R & B Pfeiffer)

Veteran Bitches 8 – 11

1. **GCH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart.** (S & L Kalous)
2. **CH Pokerflat Pure Mauya Of Qumukti** (M & P Thuot)

Veteran Dogs 11+

None

Veteran Bitches 11+

None

AREA REPORTS

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First off, I wanted to say what a GREAT job the show committee did on the July specialties held before the Waukesha, KC shows. Best of all, we got to show completely under a huge tent that was fortunately left over from the fair the week before. The weather cooperated, but it was nice to be out of the sun for a change. Everyone was pleased with the trophies, the organization, and how smoothly everything ran. Thanks also to those that organized the luncheon. Food was good and there was plenty for everyone. Thank you all for a great job.

From Jen Leveille: "Since majors have gone the way of the Dodo, we have been focusing mostly on agility this summer. At the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club agility trial mid-July, NELLIE completed her second AKC agility title (Novice Jumpers Preferred, NJP) with a first placement to add to her growing alphabet soup: AG1 RO1 Powderhound's Over and Over Again WWPDA WPD RA NAP NJP. It was a wee bit of a surprise when the mail came from AKC because I thought we were one short until I went back and confirmed. I do keep a detailed spreadsheet on each dog's progress, but that only works well when you actually LOOK AT IT. At her next all-breed trial mid-August, the German Shepherd Dog Club of WI, she earned her first Open Jumpers leg and first place. THIS was a huge surprise because we struggled a bit to get her Novice jumpers, but she seems to have figured the game out and is relishing it. The next weekend at the Blitzen Agility Club, she earned her first Open Standard leg with another first placement. Our NQs in Open have been 'beautiful NQs' in that there was

just one thing that didn't go well but we otherwise tested new skills and had nice runs. NELLIE just turned three so perhaps she just needed to mature. I am very proud to say that almost all of her qualifying legs have been first placements at all-breed trials."

Pam Warrichalet has been having some fun with her girls: "I just wanted to share a few brags regarding my newest addition to our family, MYSTIC. She was born a singleton and is becoming an awesome little working girl. She is always wanting to try new things and always wanting to please me. So we went to work on some training, and I am pleased to announce that at the age of four months, MYSTIC earned her GCG. We continued taking different classes such as Rally and Agility.

"After classes were over I felt she was ready to try and compete at Conformation and Rally so we entered the AMCA Specialty in Waukesha, WI. On Saturday July 29 at just six months and nine days, MYSTIC earned a 4 pt major reserve under Judge Mrs. Sharon Smith in Conformation at the supported entry and also earned her very first leg in Rally Novice with a score of 87 under Judge Mrs. Suzanne D Hemminger. So after succeeding on a passing score in Rally we headed back on Sunday to earn our second leg with a score of 83 under Judge Ms. Rhonda Bermke. She was deducted six points for woo wooing at me in the ring but we were having fun. So with that last leg in our sites we entered the Rally Novice class at the Marshfield Area Kennel Club All Breed dog show in August. I am over the moon excited to say that she finished her 3rd qualifying leg with a score of 98 under Judge Ms. Cynthia Rustad. MYSTIC is now known as Dreamekatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC RN. She is bred by me and Bonnie McMahon Howen. I can't wait till she gets old enough to run agility as she just loves, loves, loves that sport.

"Meanwhile her sister MAMIE, **CH Fall Moon's Magnificent Mamie of**

Dreamekatcher CGC CA took some time off from the show ring to learn that she loves to work Lure Coursing. She had a blast earning her CA title. Earlier this year at the Badger Kennel Show in Jefferson, WI on May 5, 2017, she picked up a Best of Breed, Best of Breed Owner Handler and an Owner Handler Group 1. On May 7, 2017 at the Badger Kennel Club show in Jefferson, she took Best of Opposite, Best of Breed Owner Handler and an Owner Handler Group 3. Memorial Weekend in St. Peter, MN she earned a Best of Breed, Best of Breed Owner Handler and an Owner Handler Group 2. On Saturday Aug 27, 2017 at the shows in Lake Elmo, MN at the Washington County Fairgrounds playing in the mud, MAMIE earned a Best of Breed, Best of Breed Owner Handler and an Owner Handler Group 4 out of a very nice working group of 12 beautiful dogs. I am over the moon proud of my girls and look forward to some awesome fun in the future."

Although the details are a bit skimpy, Bev and Rick Pfeiffer's new baby boy, WILSON, also did well at the Waukesha Specialties. They are very happy to report that their youngster, **Awanuna and Sno Quest's Let The Wind Blow**, picked up two more Sweepstake wins at the AMCW Specialty shows held in July.

MID-EAST

Michael McGuire, Area Reporter
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From Bonnie Ferianc: A few brags. June 2, Conewango KC, Dunkirk, NY. SAKARA, **Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond**, went WB and BOS for 1 point under Judge Ralph Ambrosio.

On June 3 Conewango KC, Dunkirk, NY, SAKARA went WB and BOB for 1 point under Arlin Hussin to finish her Championship. On June 4, Olean KC, Dunkirk, NY, TAYLOR, **Ice Cream's Taylor Made**, went WB and BOS for 1 point under Dana Cline.

Aug 12, 2017 at Lorain Co. KC Oberlin,

OH. SAKARA, **CH Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond** went BOB and TAYLOR, **Ice Cream's Taylor Made** went WB for 1 point.

From Barbara Pisch: TRACE, **Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On, CD, CGC, BN, GN, RE, MX, MXB, MXJ, MXP4, MXBP, MJP2, XF, WWPD**, and I went out to the AMCA Trial in July at the Bella Vista Training Center in Lewisberry, PA on July 15-17. TRACE was the only malamute there, and the courses were really nice the whole weekend. On Friday, 07/17/2017, TRACE placed first in our Masters Standard run. We were clean in our Masters Jumpers run, but just over SCT by two seconds. On Saturday, TRACE placed second in Masters Standard and was just over SCT in Masters Jumpers. On Sunday, a dropped bar got us in Masters Standard and we were just over time in Masters Jumpers, but clean. He represented the breed well, but people kept asking me all weekend, "Why was he the only malamute here?" Well, if anyone else is able to, come out and play next year. The air conditioning and atmosphere is wonderful; good judge, good course, very friendly competitors and a lot of fun!

Alicia and I have a few good wins to report as well. RAVEN, **CH Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood, CGC** started off her run as a "Special" with a really nice opening. After finishing her championship at the Specialty in Harrisburg, PA we decided to show at the Jersey Shore Cluster (Freehold, NJ) on Memorial Day weekend May 26-29. RAVEN started the cluster off with a Best of Opposite Sex on Friday the 26 under Judge Jacqueline M. Rayner.

In rare form on Saturday, RAVEN took Best of Breed and Best of Breed-Owner Handler for her first 5-point Grand Championship Major under Judge William G. Daugherty. Later in the day, though she made the final cut of six dogs in the regular Working Group ring, she was not selected for any of the top four slots. In the Owner Handler Series Working Group ring, she was given an OH-Group 4 award.

Sunday, 5/28/2017, was another day with a great line-up of dogs, and RAVEN, once again, received a Best

of Opposite Sex under Judge Javinder Singh Pawar. On Monday, 5/29/2017, again she took Best of Breed and OH-BOB under Judge Dr. Albert P. Bianchi, then went on to take an OH-Group 4 under judge Ms. Evalyn Gregory to complete a great weekend.

Following our success at the Freehold shows we then entered the Bryn Mawr KC shows at Ludwig's Corner, PA. Competition was rather light in all breeds this year due to the outbreak of canine influenza, but, the show must go on. RAVEN took Best of Opposite Sex both days under Judges Helene Nietsch on Saturday, and Marjorie Martorella on Sunday. Though it threatened to rain most of the weekend, in the end the skies seemed to clear just before ring time. RAVEN currently stands at 16 GCH points with two Majors.

Until next time ...

NEW ENGLAND

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The Windrift Senior Dog center (new kennel name) is proud to announce that on August 2, 2017, Ariel will be 15 years and 6 months old, while on the 6th of August, Jagger and Paige will be 14 years and 8 months old!

Ariel still yells at me anytime I try to sit at the table and talk on the phone much to the amusement of friends and family. She also is excellent at keeping me on schedule for when she "needs" to eat and go out to potty (husband gives her a cookie when she come back in, which I'm sure has a lot to do with keeping on schedule).

For those who use to laugh at me when Jagger was a total fool in the ring... well you will all be happy to know that if we were to walk in the ring today.... NOTHING would of changed! He is still the class clown. His sister Paige is still the total opposite of him, calm and one of the easiest dogs in the world to live with! Neither of them are having any problems moving around at all...

Kelly who is 12 years old is still my witchy-poo and if I go to this year's National will be taking the trip with me to strut her stuff.

Max and Tori are enjoying life in their first year as veterans. 6 of my 8 dogs are veterans now!

Thanks for letting me brag about my old folk!!!!

Laurie Wells

Windrift Senior Dog Center, formally Windrift Alaskan Malamutes!

From Jane Palinkas, And while we are bragging about the "older" folks in our lives, my girl Tiffney GCH Maskara-idNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney (B) just finished her Grand CH. Title at the tender age of 10yrs. 8 months. She now proudly sports 30 titles to her name, only 4 are conformation, the rest are performance. She is my special girl. She was expertly handled by a wonderful Junior handler Hailey Gillotti, the two of them are unstoppable.

Fro, Gail Lawson, Belmont, NH. Prior to driving three hours to a weekend trial, I took the two dogs for a short walk before loading them in the car. I did the usual short walk that I've done hundreds of times: thru a woods path, thru an orchard and out onto a dead-end dirt road. Never any loose dogs around, until this day, when out of nowhere came two unleashed, unattended corgies coming hell-bent for us. I tried to get my two turned around for a quick retreat (yes, they were leashed) but I was not quick enough. I got tangled in the leashes, went down, and got dragged. The amazing thing is there was no dog-to-dog contact, and I do not know how that happened. My dogs are used to being around other dogs. We do classes weekly and trials regularly. No Malamute appreciates two small upstarts making a focused challenge and they are not passive about it. I am fortunate that no dog was injured. I was injured--it has been four weeks waiting for surgery because of skin integrity and swelling, and it will be six to eight weeks after surgery before I can bear weight. I am unable to go to work, and I can't take care of my dogs. Thankfully, my husband does this. The point is, you just never know what is around the corner, even a familiar corner. I was outweighed and totally overpowered in a heartbeat.

NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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Summer is over and fall is in the air. We have some show, agility and some tricks up our sleeves news. On the show circuit Maria Dinwoodie has a couple of brags for her young girls. In May, ALICE **Snobuc's Watching Over Me** and her sister HAZEL **Snobuc's Haze Gray and On Her Way** showed at the International All Breed Canine Association Niagara Sieger Show in North Tonawanda, NY and received points at the three shows to complete their International Championship. ALICE traveled to some of the Ohio shows this summer. At the Ashtabula Kennel Club show in July, ALICE was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite over Specials for a Major. The next date at the Grand River Kennel Club, ALICE was Winners Bitch. In August they traveled to Canfield Ohio and ALICE was Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite at the Mahoning/Chennango Kennel Club Show. Nice showing for the Snobuc girls.

On the agility front, Labor Day weekend the Syracuse Obedience Training Center Syracuse, NY was the place to be for an AMCA. all breed agility trial. Mals competing this year were Amy Novak's LAYLA and ENDA, Laura Heft's COBY and KACEY and Pam Renock's KODA. The mals showed they are agile little critters. On Friday, LAYLA got a QQ (double Q for those agility novices, a qualifying run for two events) with a first and second place. The same day, Amy also ran Pam's KODA in Time 2 Beat. They had really nice run and only knocked down 1 bar. Laura's COBY qualified for Master Jumpers Preferred on Saturday with a second place and LAYLA qualified with a first place. On Sunday, LAYLA achieved another QQ with first and second place. Way to go LAYLA who will be turning 11 in September. COBY qualified in Master Standard Preferred. Great weekend for "da mals." On a "smellier" note, Saturday was a team event: three dogs combined Standard run scores. Teams ranked 1-4 get ribbons, and the team that ranks dead last gets the "coveted" Skunk Award. ENDA, COBY and mal-

wannabee JET did spectacularly BAD in their Standard class to earn the Skunk Award! Appropriately the award was a skunk toy, which ENDA thinks is way better than any qualifying score. It was a fun weekend and the mals put on a good showing. Thanks to the mal people who helped all weekend. Steve and Peggy Anderson.

Now for the tricks, Pam Renock writes that KODA is the recipient of some new AKC titles. KODA earned his TKN, TKI and TKA. He is working on his TKP. Also tricks are not the only thing KODA has been up to, he achieved his fifteenth Masters FAST leg with a first place at the Syracuse Obedience Training Center trial in July.

Way to go NY/NJ mals

Quick note NY/NJ people - please don't forget the NY/NJ Challenge basket donations for Nationals--- contact Amy Novak.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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Linda Lampe sent me the following great news frm the Arapahoe shows.

Both yesterday and today WYNSTUN, Kasaan's Dreamvision Man About Town, won Best of Winners and Best of Opposite. He won one point each day. The show was in the Arapahoe KC in Aurora, Colorado. Thank you to Don Volleberg for excellent handling and thank you to Judge Joan Liebes and Arly Hussin. I sure do love this happy boy. Thanks to his co owner Bonnie McMahon Howen.

SOUTHERN

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No Report

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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In July, I spent the weekend working the Western Washington Cluster (WWC) of shows, and showing our new **GRCH BluMoon's Rumour Has It**, ADELE.

I am so very proud of our beautiful girl going Select Bitch both days to finish her Grand Championship. We have not done much in the past few months other than taking a trip across country and finding out that ADELE is a picky girl. ADELE and I supported the Puyallup Dog Fanciers All Around Dogs at the Puyallup Fair the first weekend in September and we realized how much she loves kids, dogs and everyone, truly a great representative of the breed. Lots of breeds were represented, I am sure next year we will get more breeds and more demonstrations (like Barn Hunt etc.). We, like everyone in the area, are really looking forward to supporting the SKAMF Specialty this year, and looking forward to having a great time. It was nice to see so many familiar faces at the WWC show and so many beautiful malamutes, including HUNTER, who's mom Karen Hussey wrote in and shared that she really enjoyed the Western Washington 2017 summer cluster this July and had a great time seeing everyone at the SKAMF meeting and finalizing plans for the specialty in September. It is sure to be a success and looking forward to having a great time like last year! Karen said that HUNTER **CH BearHug's Heart Hunter** finally got to a dog show again and won Best of Breed on Sunday. Karen said she owes a big thank you to Ron Dysart for the nice job of handling her sweet boy HUNTER, judge Terry Depietro for giving him the breed, and of course his breeder Jorge De Andrade. Karen said she was excited to see John Dewing and his new puppy boy BAXTER at the show (he is just adorable), and was very appreciative for all of John's help and support with HUNTER.

Cindy Neely wrote in to share that COOPER, **CH Taolan Quest Total Eclipse** finished his Championship in style at the Gig Harbor Kennel Club show in Puyallup (at the Western Washington Cluster) by getting his final major! Cindy is so excited and proud of this handsome boy!

Sharon Weston also wrote in to share that July and August had been a wild ride for EZ! He went to California in July to attend the Southern California Alaskan Malamute Club (SCAMC) specialty and

the Camarillo shows. Sadly he was not able to be in the SCAMC specialty since it was happening at the same time as BIS! Sharon also said that EZ won the working group courtesy of Mr. Ken Buxton, EZ and couldn't be in two rings at the same time. Sharon said the next day at the all breed show EZ was Best of Breed again and on to a Group 2 from Mrs. Buxton. Then off to the Portland Kennel Club Shows for two days of Best of Breed and a Group 1 from Jon Cole.

Sharon said that August brought even more fun with two days at Nisqually Kennel Club. EZ won a Group 2 and Group 4 under two Canadian judges. After that, she and EZ went on to the Mt. Rainier Working Group shows and Olympic KC. Sharon said it was so exciting to go Best of Breed at both Working Group shows and Group 4 at both being honored by two very respected breeder judges, Kim Meredith-Cavana and Wendy Willhauk. There were approximately 400 Working dogs each day. The next stop was Sammamish Kennel Club for two days. Sharon shared she just didn't want to drive another nine hours, so EZ got to stay with his wonderful handler for these shows. She said sitting at home waiting to hear what was going on was so hard! But the phone call saying EZ had just won Best In Show under Robert Paust naturally made Sharon's Day! EZ won the group the next day as well.

Sharon shared that the final report up to now is from Longview-Kelso KC for more 98+ temps. EZ came home with Best of Breed both days, a Group 2 the first day from John Wade and Group 1 the next from Yvonne Savard. She said EZ ended up sleeping all day afterward. Sharon also added how pleased she is with the SKAMF Specialty entry and is looking forward to seeing everyone.

Kathi Fraser shared that the Icicle Creek kids have been keeping busy with their off season activities. Her hubby Dan and REBEL are coming along in Agility, and while not ready for AKC trials, they have competed in two CPE trials. REBEL completed his Level 1 jumpers, and had two nice Qs. GIGI and REBEL were excited to do their Coursing at Enumclaw, and GIGI picked up two more Qs toward

her Advanced, and REBEL picked up one. Unfortunately, he is so close to LOLA, that when he heard her howling, he stopped and went off course. Kathi said lesson learned, LOLA will have to be away from the actual course.

Kathi said that they also played at Barn Hunt in Enumclaw. GIGI made her debut in Senior, and came so close to her first Q, but was not wanting to climb, as she was too busy looking for even more rats. She found the four so fast and got thru the tunnel.

Jesse got his third Q in Open, and earned his Open Title II This past weekend JESSE got to play in Senior. He found three of four rats, climbed and did the tunnel, but we ran out of time. CALI was not feeling well and we have taken time off from her activities.

We are keeping positive thoughts for all in the paths of the many fires burning in Washington, and Oregon. Praying for rain, and the dogs are ready for cool temps, so they can start running

Michele Coburn stated that if she said the last two months have been a whirlwind, it would be an understatement. Michele said that she has been missing her DIVA for sure as she was traveling and staying with Julie. Just coming back in to coat, DIVA took the Breed on Sunday at the Clackamas Kennel Club, and then, after a very harrowing trip to Wisconsin with the plane making an emergency landing in Spokane, Washington and DIVA being taken to an ER Vet by Alaska Airlines, she started off the shows with a huge bang. BISS at the AMCW Specialty under Breeder Judge Darren Walker (see something to howl about). Michele said it was such a huge honor and the ladies at Michele's office had to deal with her screaming when she got the word from Julie. DIVA was in Wisconsin for a total of six shows compiling a BISS, BOS, two Selects and a BOB. Michele said then they needed to get her home, and that was not a small chore as our temperatures spiked and there was an embargo on live animals. Michele was thankful for Julie's Border Collie's Mom, where they stayed comfortably (ok, DIVA being her usual spoiled self) with them even getting in a photo shoot by the lake until they could get home. DIVA shared BOB

wins in Enumclaw with little brother EZ, two each. She sure was glad she taught them to share! Michele introduced her new baby **Peace River's Golden Girl** aka BETTY WHITE around and about the shows and said BETTY WHITE was amazing on their first trip to Enumclaw. DIVA was less than thrilled, however, with sharing the bed.

Thank you everyone, congratulations and best wishes for the SKAMF Specialty!

MIDWEST

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It is a nice warm Sunday morning and I have not received a lot of news. I hope you are all enjoying the end of your summer. I hope every one that goes to the National Specialty has a great time. Sadly, I will not be able to go to the National as I have received Jury duty notification and have to be available the last three months of this year.

Pam Jahnke wrote to brag about her **RACER, Nupak's Wild Ice Racer Takes the Lead CGC RN TKN**, receiving his trick Novice Dog Title.

Way to go Pam and RACER.

John Podolak writes below.

"In July we had three days under 95 degrees. Here is information on an Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Saint Louis club activity:"

"The Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Saint Louis reported that the AKC Museum of the Dog invited the club to participate in their meet the breed program. Sunday, July 9 was designated Alaskan Malamute Day. This is the fourth year the AMC-GSL has participated in the program. The following AMC-GSL dogs participated in the event: Mike and Eileen Barnes'

NANUK, Illusion's Arctic Wanderer, WWPB BN WD, Mike and Kathleen Tully's **DARWIN, Tru-North's Charles Darwin Survival of the Fittest, WWPB** and John and Michelle Podolak's **ZIGGY, Edgemere's Second to None WWPB WDE**.

AMC-GSL members, Bob and

Stephanie Slade, assisted by taking pictures and answering questions. Twenty-five AKC museum visitors stopped at our location and asked intelligent questions, met the dogs and took photographs with the dogs. Amazingly, no one asked why our dogs didn't have blue eyes. It was our largest turn out for this event."

Now I will add my own report. **SASSY, Storm Sky's Oh What Did I Say To Sno-Cub**, is keeping me quite busy and is constantly pestering ROCKY. Now I have to get her trained to walk on a leash properly and am trying to get her to gait with her tail up instead of down. She is definitely quite the character. I plan on showing her in a Beginner Puppy class in Rochester, MN in a couple of weeks. This will be quite a training experience for her.

ROCKY, was able to achieve two owner handler group 4 placements in Bismarck North Dakota the first part of August. On Saturday in Amana, Iowa, ROCKY took an owner handler Group 2. The owner handler working groups have become rather large. In Topeka, Kansas last week and at a show in Ottumwa, IOWA in July, the owner handler groups were so large the judges actually made cuts and ROCKY made the cut in each of those groups. Funny thing is those are the only times I saw judges make cuts in the owner handler groups. Also there were two of the shows Rocky placed in the judges announced before the placements that the group had really good dogs in competition. I think that is quite a positive thing for these judges to say.

So, I guess I will finish now and I wish everyone good luck at the National and to have great fun while you are there.

WEST COAST

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While I am not nearly as well titled as my dogs, I do have a couple recent brags. I became an AKC CGC Evaluator, mostly because I thought it would be fun to be able to witness tricks for pet owners. And I am now an official AKC Scent Work judge for Novice and Advanced classes.

On July 15, I got together with my

trainer friends and we put seven AKC trick titles on six dogs. **TURBO, ARCH Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged BN RE OA OAJ WPD WTD RL3-AOE RL1X NW1 RATN TKN and COMET, ARCH UWP UCH Modar's Yule Pied Comet BN PCDX RE MX MXJ MJB CGC TT WPD WTD WWPD AAAM ATD RL3-AOE RL1X NW2 TKN** both met the requirements for their Intermediate titles and TURBO also met the requirements for his Advanced title. The tricks they performed were: balance treat on nose, go to your place, hand signals, leg weave, rollover, beg, weave poles, wobble board, heel w/ auto sit and 'where's Turby?' For the last trick he is somewhere behind me when I call "Where's Turbo?!?" He runs to me, pokes his head through my legs and looks up at me. For Advanced, he performed back up, bow, circle right and left, grizzly and boing. COMET performed carry a basket, catch, fetch, go to place, hand signals, leg weave, weave poles, wobble board, heel w/ auto sit and her freestyle 'kicks' where she is facing me and taps my legs with her alternating paws.

I got some exciting news in July. COMET ranked #2 Malamute in the country for the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando Florida in December! While I'm honored and thrilled, I am not planning to make the almost 3,000 mile drive across country to attend.

On August 3, one month shy of TURBO's 10th birthday, Wayne video'd him demonstrating 10 tricks for his Performance level title application to AKC. Feel free to take a look at: <https://youtu.be/g6GRv37NAs>.

On August 5, COMET earned a Master Standard agility leg under judge Wendy Pennington at the Sonoma County Agility Club trial at Rohnert Park Community Center with nine points.

On August 12, COMET earned a Master Standard Agility leg under judge Ken Boyd at the County Wide DTC Agility Trial in Rohnert Park with nine points.

On August 19, I met with my two of my trainer friends again and we tested four of our dogs; three for intermediate trick

titles and COMET for Advanced. She performed back up, circle right and left, down at distance, pull a cart and ride a skate board!

Dian McComb shared a show brag: "My JAMES BOND, the four-legged seal one who likes his liquid poured into a bucket, not shaken or stirred, finished his championship by going WD at all four Camarillo shows, capping it off with BW at the fourth show. BOND is now CH Alcan Undercover."

Congratulations to Dian and BOND! Thank you to Dian for sharing. Be sure to check out Something To Howl About!

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween.

AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE

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Hello from Europe.

News from Polish member; Gisela Makarewicz for her home bred girl NEYTI-RI **J CH PL DIVINE DIGNITY NEYTIRI Illa Kuvianartok**, at the International Dog Show, Rzeszów, Poland NEYRIRI was awarded first in her open class with a grading of excellent, the CAC, the CACIB, Best Bitch, BOB and then she went on to be awarded group 2. This also finished her Polish Championship (see howl about). At the CACIB Show Częstochowa, **DARE TO DREAM Illa Kuvianartok** was awarded the CAC, the CACIB, Best Dog and BOB and completed his Polish Championship. (see howl about).

Unfortunately, Gisela ends with a Black Ribbon (10.04.2005 - 07.08.2017) for GINA, **BIS CH Kotzebues Kringmerk FANTASMAGORIA ROM** (ISR, CYP, CH Keikewabic's Kringmerk Ace x ISR CYP, INT.CH Keikewabic's Kringmerk Nikkita). GINA left us so suddenly and unexpectedly; she was bred by Asaf Lotan.

Danish member Camilla Brogger has sent news for her homebred girl TAL-LULAH, **My Alaskan Bohemian Somersault**. "I'm very happy and proud to announce that TALLULAH is the first Alaskan Malamute in Denmark to earn

a Rally Obedience Title. She is now a Rally Novice Champion and finished all three legs in only three trials, scoring 95 points, 94 points and 93 points and she did it at the age of just 14 months.. This is also my first personal try with this sport, so to have a young dog with such great potential is thrilling. In that same weekend she also passed the Heel Work To Music "trick test". This consists of 11 obligatory "tricks" that all have spring in the HTM program. We continue to work at our details and hope to be able to continue to excel in these (to us) new games."

News from UK member Michelle Anderson; "I am extremely pleased to announce that SIRIUS, **Wolfraven Roo's Dark River at Blue Kaneq** and I passed our assessment and he is now a registered Pets as Therapy dog. So far we have been to a nursing home and visited all the residents there with great results. Everyone loved their furry visitor and SIRIUS helped them chat about their lives and pets they have had. I am so very proud of him. CHARA, **Katabatic's Canuck Chara** has achieved her AMCA WWPDP Title (once I remembered to send the paperwork off) she is a special girl who prefers to do everything as part of a team rather than alone so made getting this title a lot of fun! SIRIUS and CHARA have both received their AMWA Trek Dog Silver Certificates and Rosettes at the AMWA Salisbury Fun Weekend and CHARA placed fifth in adult bitch in the fun show. As it was a very hot weekend, SIRIUS enjoyed being hosed down with the jet wash and having cuddles from all the children."

Irish members Elaine and Darren Walker have sent some catch up news, as it has been a while since they have sent in an update. "We're delighted to say that we have had more AMCA WPD titles confirmed for our gang, the latest PN tests are all clear and we are enjoying continued success with frozen semen breedings. Since our last update Darren has had the great pleasure of judging the prestigious Polar Gold Cup in Denmark and the great honour of judging the AMCW specialty show. Thank you to all of the clubs for their continued sup-

port. I have also begun judging and had Alaskan Malamute and Siberian Husky appointments, at home in Ireland for the first time this year. PATIENCE, **CH CIB Lueldar A Little Patience JunCH CW12,13 VetCH WPD**, who is now aged almost nine years of age, is enjoying her last year in the ring prior to retiring. To date she has won Best Veteran In Show, her Irish Veteran Title and still winning in the breed, picking up numerous points in 2017. Our new pup STEVIE, **Lueldar Burn It To The Ground With Silverice**, from an AI breeding out of DIXIE and by the wonderful ACE, has hit the rings with a bang, she is currently unbeaten in the Baby Puppy classes and now in the puppy class, she's also unbeaten.

DIXIE, **CH Lueldar Dixie Chick JunCH ANCH15 CW15 WPD**, made a return from maternity leave to win multiple Green Stars (Irish winners points) Best of breeds and Group Placings. Our young male MANNY, **BBPIS BPIS Lueldar Too Legit Too Quit JUN CH** is having a great year, unbeaten in his class and is more than half way to his full Irish title to add to his Junior title, Best Puppy In Show and Best Baby Puppy in Show awards.

We are currently leading the standings as TOP Irish Alaskan Malamute breeders, following on from winning the award in the years 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016.

April saw PATIENCE gain her Veteran title over the five required shows. MANNY won his second Green Star at Portadown Ch show, PATIENCE won both the bitch in the breed, Best of Breed and Best Veteran in show.

May saw DIXIE make a comeback after having the pups sired by ACE to win the Green Star at her first show back, our Spitz and Nordic breeds Specialty.

June saw PATIENCE continuing her winning streak within the breed and was awarded more Best Veteran In Show wins. MANNY won his third point we need seven wins here under seven different judges with the top grading after the age of 15 months to become a Champion. DIXIE continued to win the Best Bitch and Best of Breed.

July saw DIXIE and MANNY keeping up their winning ways, both winning points and Breed. PATIENCE winning three more Best Veteran in Shows and Lueldar being Top Breeder at the half way point. ISAAC **CH CIB Lueldar In Your Face JunCH CW 13, 14 WP** returned to the ring after a well-earned 12 month break to win the Champion class and the Green star (winners dog).

August has seen DIXIE on a roll winning the Best Bitch and her 40th green star with her baby daughter STEVIE winning the reserve Bitch from the puppy class. PATIENCE also continues her winning ways, from the veteran class, winning the Best bitch and is currently the second Top veteran all breeds for the year. MANNY won another point and Best of Breed over specials, leaving him needing just two more to finish his title. We head into the end of the year still Top Alaskan Malamute breeder in Ireland and second in the group.

Darren would greatly like to thank everyone involved with Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin's show for inviting him to judge their summer event. He has a super entry of very high quality dogs from pups right up to veterans, thank you to all exhibitors for receiving his placings well and for all the good sportsmanship. From what he saw on the day, it was a credit to the dog showing community.

We have a busy end to the year planned with a trip to the French Nationals, World Dog Show, World Club show and German Winner show, we are also hoping to have two more successful litters from two more beautiful American bred dogs."

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

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No Report



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

NEW CHAMPION

CH STELLAR ROAD AYLA BLACK DIAMOND

Sire: Easy Boy Polarni Usvit
Dam: East of Eden Inditarod
Breeder: AF Kamaletdinova
Owner: Bonnie F Ferianc
Show: Conewango Kennel Club
Date: June 3, 2017
Judge: Arley Hussin

CH ICE CREAM'S TAYLOR MADE (B)

Sire: Aluk's Cinnamon Ice Cream
Dam: GCH Ice Cream's Skye's The Limit
Breeder: Bonnie Ferianc
Owner: Bonnie Ferianc
Show: Sugarbush Kennel Club
Date: August 26, 2017
Judge: Danielle Richardson

CH. ALCAN UNDERCOVER (D)

Sire: CH. Alcan L.A. Law
Dam: CH. Alcan Party Girl
Breeder: Dian McComb and Angelina Molinari
Owner: Dian McComb and Angelina Molinari
Date: July 9, 2017
Show: Santa Maria KC. Camarillo, Ca.
Judge: Kenneth Buxton

NEW CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

DREAMEKATCHER'S MYSTICAL TREASURE CGC (B)

Sire: CH Kassan's Your Fortune Awaits
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Pamela Warrichaiet & Bonnie McMahon Howen
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: Skokie Valley Kennel Club
Date: June 18, 2017
Judge: Renee Dahms

NEW RALLY NOVICE

DREAMEKATCHER'S MYSTICAL TREASURE CGC (B)

Sire: CH Kassan's Your Fortune Awaits
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Pamela Warrichaiet & Bonnie McMahon Howen
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: Skokie Valley Kennel Club
Date: August 19, 2017
Judge: Renee Dahms

OWNER HANDLED GROUP 1

CH FALL MOON'S MAGNIFICENT MAMIE OF DREAMEKATCHER CA CGC (B)

Sire: CH Zulem Morning Singer
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Lucille Sanders & Pamela Warrichaiet
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: Badger Kennel Club
Date: May 5, 2017
Breed Judge: Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan
OH Group Judge: Mr. David Bolus

OWNER HANDLED GROUP 2

CH FALL MOON'S MAGNIFICENT MAMIE OF DREAMEKATCHER CA CGC (B)

Sire: CH Zulem Morning Singer
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Lucille Sanders & Pamela Warrichaiet
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: Badger Kennel Club
Date: May 5, 2017
Breed Judge: Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan
OH Group Judge: Mr. David Bolus

OWNER HANDLED GROUP 3

CH FALL MOON'S MAGNIFICENT MAMIE OF DREAMEKATCHER CA CGC (B)

Sire: CH Zulem Morning Singer
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Lucille Sanders & Pamela Warrichaiet
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: Badger Kennel Club
Date: May 7, 2017
Breed Judge: Mr. James Reynolds
OH Group Judge: Mrs. Nancy J Eilks

OWNER HANDLED GROUP 4

CH FALL MOON'S MAGNIFICENT MAMIE OF DREAMEKATCHER CA CGC (B)

Sire: CH Zulem Morning Singer
Dam: GCH Dreamekatcher's Miki Qannik CGC
Breeder: Lucille Sanders & Pamela Warrichaiet
Owner: Pamela Warrichaiet
Show: St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc

Date: August 26, 2017
Breed Judge: Mr. Terry Stacy
OH Group Judge: Mr. Coleman K Nemrov

CH STAGHORN & ALI-MIC'S MARION RAVENWOOD, CGC

Sire: BISS GCHB Ootek's Game on, ROM
Dam: CH Staghorn's Eye Candy
Breeder: Cheena & Lenny Villano & Donelle Burrill
Owner: Michael & Alicia McGuire
Show: Union County Kennel Club
Date: 05/27/2017
Breed Judge: William G. Daugherty
Group Judge: Carl E. Gomes

CH STAGHORN & ALI-MIC'S MARION RAVENWOOD, CGC

Sire: BISS GCHB Ootek's Game On ROM
Dam: CH Staghorn's Eye Candy
Breeder: Cheena & Lenny Villano & Donelle Burrill
Owner: Michael & Alicia McGuire
Show: Plainfield Kennel Club
Date: 05/29/2017
Breed Judge: Dr. Albert P. Bianchi
Group Judge: Ms. Evalyn Gregory

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

SPIRITRUN'S PERFECT GIFT RN, RATN, CGCA, CGCU, TDI, TKI (B)

Sire: Spiritrun's Perfect Stand
Dam: Spiritrun's Gift of Gab
Breeder: Jennifer and Edmund Remazki
Owners: Colleen and Dave Belanger, Jennifer and Edmund Remaski
Date: July 31, 2017
Evaluator: Kellie Griffin Smith

AANBUAQ'S LITTLE DEUCE COUPE CGC, TKI (D)

Sire: Spiritrun's Uppin' The Ante
Dam: Quamanig Kannuyaq Aanbuaq
Breeder: Karen and John Skalecki
Owners: Colleen and Dave Belanger,
Date: July 31, 2017
Evaluator: Kellie Griffin Smith

TRICK DOG ADVANCED

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**MTN HOME'S MODAR TURBOCHARGED
BN RE OA OAJ WPD WTD RATN TKA (D)**

Sire: Mtn Home's Spring In The Air
WLD ROM-WD
Dam: Mtn Home's Choose To Cruise
WTD ROM-WD ROM-PERF
Breeder: Sue & Roy Fuller
Owner: Mary Swinyer
Location: Redwood City, CA
Date: July 15, 2017
Judge/CGC Evaluator: Erin Callaghan

ALUK'S NORTHERN LIGHTS (B)

Sire: Aluk's Black Bear
Dam: Alexis of Aluk
Breeder: Mike Chilinski
Owner: Sue Maranto-Carnall
Date: August 14, 2017
Evaluator: April Leonetti

**MODAR'S YULE PIED COMET BN
PCDX RE MX MXJ MJB CGC WPD WTD
WWPD AAAM TKN (B)**

Sire: CH Wolfson's TigaragO'The
North RN
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop
Breeder: Robin Graham & Loral J. Berg
Owner: Mary Swinyer
Location: Redwood City, CA
Date: August 19, 2017
Judge/CGC Evaluator: Cathy Lynch

**BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW
BISS GCH PEACE RIVER'S BLING IT ON (B)**

Sire: CH Silverice Lichen Standing
Stone ROM
Dam: Am Int'l CH Peace River's All That
And A Bag Of Chips CGC ROM
Breeder: Michele S. Coburn
Owners: Michele S. Coburn and Alisa Syar
Show: AMCW Specialty
Date: July 28, 2017
Judge: Darren Walker

**NEW TRICK DOG
INTERMEDIATE**

**MTN HOME'S MODAR TURBOCHARGED
BN RE OA OAJ WPD WTD RATN TKI (D)**

Sire: Mtn Home's Spring In The Air
WLD ROM-WD
Dam: Mtn Home's Choose To Cruise
WTD ROM-WD ROM-PERF
Breeder: Sue & Roy Fuller
Owner: Mary Swinyer
Location: Redwood City, CA
Date: July 15, 2017
Judge/CGC Evaluator: Erin Callaghan

**Modar's Yule Pied Comet BN PCDX RE
MX MXJ MJB CGC WPD WTD WWPD
AAAM TKN (B)**

Sire: CH Wolfson's TigaragO'The North
RN
Dam: CH Iceberg's Shop Chill You Drop
Breeder: Robin Graham & Loral J. Berg
Owner: Mary Swinyer
Location: Redwood City, CA
Date: June 15, 2017
Judge/CGC Evaluator: Erin Callaghan

**NEW TRICK DOG
PERFORMER**

**Mtn Home's Modar Turbocharged BN
RE OA OAJ WPD WTD RATN TKP (D)**

Sire: Mtn Home's Spring In The Air
WLD ROM-WD
Dam: Mtn Home's Choose To Cruise
WTD ROM-WD ROM-PERF
Breeder: Sue & Roy Fuller
Owner: Mary Swinyer
Location: Penngrove, CA
Date: August 3, 2017

**INTERNATIONAL
CLUB TITLES & AWARDS**

**NEW CHAMPION – POLISH
& GROUP 2**

**J CH PL DIVINE DIGNITY NEYTIRI ILLA
KUVIANARTOK (B)**

Sire: BISS CH UK Shomont Rasin Cain
ShCM
Dam: CH PL CHILAM SNOWBIRD Illa
Kuvianartok
Breeder: Gizela Anna Makarewicz
Owner: Gizela Anna Makarewicz
Show: International Dog Show, Rzeszów
- Poland
Date: May 21, 2017
Breed: Mr Miroslaw Redlicki, Poland

**NEW CHAMPION – POLISH
DARE TO DREAM ILLA KUVIANARTOK (D)**

Sire: BISS CH UK Shomont Rasin Cain
ShCM
Dam: CH PL CHILAM SNOWBIRD Illa
Kuvianartok
Breeder: Gizela Anna Makarewicz
Owner: Gizela Anna Makarewicz
Show: CACIB Show Częstochowa,
Poland
Date: July 23, 2017
Breed: Lenka Frankova, Czech Republic





Major Show Reports

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IL / WI (submitted by Pat McGovern)

Name of Show: Waukesha KC 7-29-17

Judge: Ms. Sharon C. Smith

Total Entry: 28 (14d –14b)

D= 8 (4 pt) B=11 (4 pts)

BOB: **CH Onan House Of The Rising Sun** (D) (E Myers & A Kanzelberger & L Wirth-Poirier & P Hazelwood)

BOS: **GCHS Peace River's Bling It On** (B) (M Coburn & A Syar)

Select Dog: **CH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP** (Y Nojima)

Select Bitch: **GCHB CH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma** (B McMahon-Howen & S Lindeman)

WB/BOW: **Windchaser's Mistletoe Kisses** (B) (L Herbert))

WD: **Oakioks Jack Daniels On The Roc** (N Pierce)

RWD: **Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama** (K Manassa & J Wieczorek)

RWB: **Dreamcatcher's Mystical Treasure CGC** (P Warrichalet)

Name of Show: Waukesha KC 7-30-17

Judge: Mrs. Debby Jahnke

Total Entry: 23 (11d –12b)

D= 7 (4 pt) B=8 (3 pts)

BOB: **GCHB CH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma** (B) (B McMahon-Howen & S Lindeman)

BOS: **CH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP** (D) (Y Nojima)

WD/BOW: **Oakioks Jack Daniels On The Roc** (N Pierce)

WB: **Storm Kloud's Storm Sky Kaptured The Start For Wintuk** (S & L Kalouso)

Select Dog: **CH Polaron's Cold Steel On Amaruq Ice** (K Kelly)

Select Bitch: **GCHS Peace River's Bling It On** (M Coburn & A Syar)

RWD: **Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama** (K Manassa & J Wieczorek)

RWB: **Kasaan's Kiss the Real Fortune** (B McMahon-Howen)





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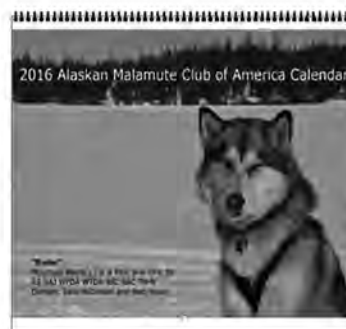
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Alaskan Malamutes versus Canadian Eskimo dogs

By Paula Kroon and Bert-Jan Elfrink

We breed, show and work our Malamutes, which in 2017 has been for exactly 25 years. In 2007, our first Canadian Eskimo Dog (CED) arrived from Yellowknife (NWT).

We see the Inuit-dog as the mother of all North American Arctic sled dog breeds. Malamutes, CEDs and Greenland Dogs (GD) are Inuit dogs, but developed into unique breeds in their own natural habitat. Type of food, environment and lifestyle made them as we know them nowadays. CEDs and GDs are still used as working animals, as a tool for the Inuit. However we keep and love our malamutes more for fun.

The hard life in the high Arctic creates a tough animal. Dogs that are selected in extreme weather conditions and during periods of hunger are hardy dogs. It is well documented that the Inuit didn't have food for their dogs for days at a time and sometimes even for weeks. That could be the reason why they are so eager with food. We still see this in both breeds today.

Talking about food, the CED doesn't digest commercial dog food that well. They are not used to wheat, vegetables etc. Their metabolism is not used to this, so meat and fish are their main diet.

There is also a difference in coat; the CED has a triple coat. The coat is thick and dense with hard, stiff guard hairs. It varies from three to six inches (7.5-15 cm) in length with a thick, mane-like growth over the neck and shoulders.

The last couple of years I have run an eight-dog team, sometimes 10 dogs; mostly six malamutes and two CEDs which gives a nice balanced team. The CEDs ran in wheel, because I had a fabulous lead dog in our ILUAK. A young KITU, my female CED, ran in lead with him for a few years. In 2013 we got our second CED, FOX. His owner, a well-respected breeder of malamutes and CEDs in the UK was ill and suffered a fatal stroke. Her husband was so good to let FOX come to us. FOX transformed from a show dog into a great working dog (he already had it in him) at the age of nine. Unfortunately he died earlier this year. FOX was not interested in the malamute girls, he loved his KITU. Similarly, the malamutes were never interested in the CEDs.

Working both breeds together is a joy. The stubbornness of the malamutes and the eagerness of the CEDs work to make a great combination. The CED is the smarter of the two breeds and these animals are very intelligent.

As both breeds are bred for mid-distance (40 mile trips) I try to train and run them for that distance. We don't race our dogs. We prefer to go out on daily or on a two to three day camping trip. Both breeds run at the same speed or let's say the CED can easily adjust to the malamute speed. My team runs at 6/6.5 miles per hour on average.

I have noticed an interesting CED behavior. A few years ago during a windy camping trip, KITU dug a small hole and made herself a windbreak, which protected her against the cold wind.

The short time (minutes) that CEDs need to recover from a serious run is stunning. When the temperature is just right (below -20C) they only need 10 minutes to recover from a 30 mile run. Malamutes need more time and prefer to lie down on a bed of straw and sleep throughout the day. On the other hand, overheating is the main issue for CEDs.



2017 SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

If you have any questions or corrections contact Karen Berry (committee chair). **Please make sure you notify the committee chair in writing if you are the primary owner of a dog (first name listed on the AKC registration) but the dog is residing with another co-owner.** In that case, the dog will be noted in the area in which the co-owner is residing. All statistics reflect points and titles earned as of June 30, 2017.

Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck through the rest of 2017!

TOP 10 BEST OF BREED/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

DOGS

1	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud	WC	A Syar/ L Newburn/ R Pohl/M Stone	422
2	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	SO	G Box-Young	160
3	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	GL	H Donovan	83
4	GCH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP	AL	Y Nojima	79
5	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	NY/NJ	K Hausner	77
6	GCH Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck	MW	J Wild	75
7	GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining	NY/NJ	M Mustich/ B Martin/ M Mustich	66
8	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill	62
9	GCH Onan House Of The Rising Sun	SO	E Myers/ A Kanzelberger/ L Wirth-Poirier/ P Hazelwood	61
10	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	PNW	S Weston/ J Weston	59

BITCHES

1	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma	GL	B McMahon Howen/ S Lindeman	90
2	GCH Peace River's Bling It On	PNW	M Coburn	74
3	GCH Dragonmyst Zipp Sparkling Sapphire	SO	A Casterline/ J Casterline/ J DURST	56
4	GCH Nyrakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljk	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	44
	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous	RM	B Erickson/ C Erickson	44
6	CH Catoico's Grand Slam Adventure	SO	S Moore	43
7	GCH Kloud Burst's Sweet Brilliance At Battlefield	ME	J Pistolesi/ S Pistolesi/ G Schimming/ R Deutsch	34
8	GCH Banshee's Shining Star	ME	C Way	33
9	GCH Spiritrums Ohmygosh Ewys Here	GL	J Slusher/ B Slusher/ A Kunkel	31
10	GCH Echo Mtn's A Little Night Music	NY/NJ	P Carey	29

TOP 10 CLASS DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	IL/WI	C Uraynar/ T Uraynar	34
2	(GCH) Onan House Of The Rising Sun	SO	E Myers/ A Kanzelberger/ L Wirth-Poirier/ P Hazelwood	29
3	(CH) Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	SO	R Allen/ M Peterson	27
	(CH) Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	27
5	(CH) Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	RM	P Jenkins/ E Jenkins	25
6	(CH) Ootek's Braveheart	WC	L Panelli/ C Burke	24
7	(CH) Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	23
	(CH) Tundra's On The Rocks	GL	P Kovac	23
	Catera N Chikara's Hershey Kiss	MW	S Pomes-Bohay/ A Kanzelberger	23
10	Windchaser's Right To Bear Arms	MW	L Ste Jhoure/ A Koehlert-Ste Jhoure	21

BITCHES

1	(CH) Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	RM	P Harrison/ K Hukill/D Roberts	37
2	(CH) Staghorn's Little Black Treasure	AL	J Iglesias	36
3	(CH) Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	GL	H Donovan	24
4	Uyak Hurricane Hana	NY/NJ	P Honigman	20
5	(CH) Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	NE	J Palinkas/ V Palinkas	18
	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	WC	L Panelli/C Burke	18
7	(CH) Powerpaw Moake's Lady Jaye	RM	M Moake/ A Allen	17
	(CH) Uyak Lloyd Neck Lily	NY/NJ	P Honigman	17
9	(CH) Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood	ME	M McGuire/ A McGuire	16
	(CH) Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond	ME	B Ferianc	16

TOP 10 BRED-BY EXHIBITOR DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	(CH) Tundra's On The Rocks	GL	P Kovac	31
2	(CH) Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	WC	G Toussaint/ T Toussaint	26
3	(CH) Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	18
	Wildwood's Winkler	GL	A Kunkel/ J Slusher/ B Slusher	18
5	Winter Park Silverice Black Tie Affair	ME	M Park/J Park/ S Park	15
6	Banshee's Above All Else	ME	C Way	9
7	Strong Water's Crime Lord Of Tatooine	SO	A & K Schireman/ A Ross/ E Flores/ A & M Reeves	7
8	(CH) Kohoutec Kaboom	ME	D Collins/ C Collins/ K Corkum	6
	(CH) Kumata's Bottoms Up	SO	S Bedell/ E Thomas	6
10	(CH) Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	ME	D Childers/ T Bussard	6

BITCHES

1	(CH) Powerpaw Moake's Lady Jaye	RM	M Moake/ A Allen	33
2	(CH) Adair'N'Hug Out Of The Blue	RM	R Hug/J Hug/ K Hug	19
3	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	GL	L Thomas	12
	Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay	ME	S Komaromy/ J Komaromy/ T Bee	12
5	(CH) Edgemere's Love Over Gold	RM	K Corkum/ D Collins/ C Collins	10
6	(CH) Tru North's Pink Sapphire	RM	L Cathey	8
	Catoico's All Star Adventure	SO	S Moore	8
	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	PNW	L Maffei/ N Snyder	8
9	Valhallas Restless Hekla	RM	R Pratt/S Pratt	7
10	Anua's Riptide	IL/WI	K Fischer	6
	Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan	NY/NJ	K Colman/ J Nirhamo	6

TOP 10 PUPPY DOGS/BITCHES

DOGS

1	(CH) Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	SO	R Allen/ M Peterson	29
2	(CH) Ootek's Braveheart	WC	L Panelli/ C Burke	26
3	(CH) Kasaan's Fight'N For T' Fortune	GL	B McMahon Howen	21
4	Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/ R Pfeiffer	16
5	Poker Flat's Winter Soldier	IL/WI	R Haggard/ J Kuehl	15
6	(CH) Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	RM	P Jenkins/ E Jenkins	10
	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	IL/WI	C Uraynar/ T Uraynar	10
	Wildwood's Spin A Rama Drama	IL/WI	K Manassa	10
9	Odin God Of War (Martinez)	SO	A & K Schireman/ A Reeves/ J Carbonell/ A Heredia	4
10	Strong Water's Crime Lord Of Tatooine	SO	A & K Schireman/ A Ross/ E Flores/ A & M Reeves	3

BITCHES

1	(CH) Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	RM	P Harrison/ K Hukill/ D Roberts	36
2	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	WC	L Panelli/ C Burke	30
3	(CH) Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	GL	H Donovan	25
4	Uyak Hurricane Hana	NY/NJ	P Honigman	22
5	Silverice Taolanquest Cocktails In The Clouds	WC	A Syar/ M Stone	17
6	Winterstarz Stella Mira	IL/WI	P Herzfeld/ M Herzfeld	14
7	Quinault's Nuvakachina Don'T Call Me Princess!!	RM	T Baker	12
8	Adair'N'Hug Let's Go Places	SO	G Box-Young	9
9	Gra-Wind's Once Upon A Dream	SO	R Allen/ G Allen	8
10	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	MW	T O'Brien/ K Burger	6

TOP JUNIORS

1	Justin Scoffield	4 BJH	66
2	Jayden A Durst	3 BJH	70
3	Emily Flores	1 BJH	3
4	Jaiden M Christensen	-- BJH	5
5	Coby Kearl	-- BJH	3
6	Megan Christensen	-- BJH	2

AREA STANDINGS

GREAT LAKES

D	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln	H Donovan	83
CD	(CH) Tundra's On The Rocks	P Kovac	23
BBD	(CH) Tundra's On The Rocks	P Kovac	31
PD	(CH) Kasaan's Fight'N For T' Fortune	B McMahon Howen	21

B	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma	B McMahon Howen/ S Lindeman	90
CB	(CH) Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	H Donovan	24
BBB	Arctic Hope's Brave Heart	L Thomas	12
PB	(CH) Northern Lites Crimson & Clover	H Donovan	25

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

D	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune	D Roberts-Burrill	62
CD	Oakiok N Wild Wind Up In Smoke	C Uraynar/T Uraynar	34
BBD	Poker Flat's Ironman	R Haggard/J Kuehl	4
PD	Awanuna & Sno Quests Let The Wind Blow	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer	16

B	GCH Thundercloud T' Secret's In T' Starz	P McGovern/T McGovern	25
CB	Foxfire's Chasing Lightening In The Moonlight	B Clingman	10
BBB	Anua's Riptide	K Fischer	6
PB	Winterstarz Stella Mira	P Herzfeld/M Herzfeld	14

MID-EAST

D	GCH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart	M Park/J Park/S Park	39
CD	(CH) Kwik-Pak Go Fast Turn Left	D Childers/T Bussard	27
BBD	Winter Park Silverice Black Tie Affair	M Park/J Park/S Park	15
PD	Starlight's Cruisin' To The Top	J Komaromy/ S Komaromy	2

B	GCH Kloud Burst's Sweet Brilliance At Battlefield	J Pistolesi/S Pistolesi/ G Schimming/R Deutsch	34
CB	(CH) Staghorn & Ali-Mic's Marion Ravenwood	M McGuire/A McGuire	16
CB	(CH) Stellar Road Ayla Black Diamond	B Ferianc	16
BBB	Stormwatch Spirit Of Thunderbay	S Komaromy/ J Komaromy/T Bee	12
PB	Kwik-Pak Full Of Zeal	D Childers/T Bussard	4

MIDWEST

D	GCH Wild Wind's Just My Truckin' Luck	J Wild	75
CD	Catera N Chikara's Hershey Kiss	S Pomes-Bohay/ A Kanzelberger	23
BBD	NONE		
PD	NONE		

B	CH Winward's Bet On Black	D Edwards/T Ferguson/ L Allen	13
CB	Anua's Meteoric Rise To Flame	J Berquist	6
CB	Winterstarz Scorching Tania Borealis	T O'Brien/K Burger	6
BBB	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	T O'Brien/K Burger	3
PB	Winterstarz Power Of Astraea	T O'Brien/K Burger	6

NEW ENGLAND

D	CH Pekaboos Red Bull	J Theriaque	31
CD	NONE		
BBD	NONE		
PD	NONE		

B	GCH Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	22
CB	(GCH) Luv Sno's Uptown Girl	J Palinkas/V Palinkas	18
BBB	NONE		
PB	NONE		

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

D	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson	K Hausner	77
CD	Banshee's Dunked In Black Velvet	X Santiago/K Santiago	18
BBD	(CH) Nyrakym's Source Of Secrets At Samaljankan	K Colman/J Nirhamo	18
PD	Nyrakym's Alexander The Great At Samaljankan	K Colman/J Nirhamo	2

B	GCH Nyrakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljkn	K Colman/J Nirhamo	44
CB	Uyak Hurricane Hana	P Honigman	20
BBB	Nyrakym's Dancing With The Big Boys Samaljankan	K Colman/J Nirhamo	6
PB	Uyak Hurricane Hana	P Honigman	22

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

D	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe	S Weston/J Weston	59
CD	NONE		
BBD	NONE		
PD	NONE		

B	GCH Peace River's Bling It On	M Coburn	74
CB	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	L Maffei/N Snyder	12
BBB	Hallstatt "X" Marks The Spot	L Maffei/N Snyder	8
PB	NONE		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

D	GCH Adair'N'Hug Fair Winds And Following Seas	C Hess/R Hug	52
CD	(CH) Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	P Jenkins/E Jenkins	25
BBD	Snowhollow Hawks Rest On Tosi Peak	E McKee	2
PD	(CH) Oakiok's Sof Tribute At Wolfmountain	P Jenkins/E Jenkins	10

B	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous	B Erickson/C Erickson	44
CB	(CH) Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/K Hukill/D Roberts	37
BBB	(CH) Powerpaw Moake's Lady Jaye	M Moake/A Allen	33
PB	(CH) Catanyas Good Gracious Bodacious	P Harrison/K Hukill/D Roberts	36

SOUTHERN

D	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal	G Box-Young	160
CD	(CH) Onan House Of The Rising Sun	E Myers/A Kanzelberger/L Wirth-Poirier/P Hazelwood	29
BBD	Strong Water's Crime Lord Of Tatooine	A & K Schireman/A Ross/E Flores/A & M Reeves	7
PD	(CH) Gra-Wind's Kick Start My Heart	R Allen/M Peterson	29

B	GCH Dragonmyst Zipp Sparkling Sapphire	A Casterline/J Casterline/J DURST	56
CB	Windchaser's Old Fashioned Love Song	M Richards/G Richards	14
BBB	Catoico's All Star Adventure	S Moore	8
PB	Adair'N'Hug Let's Go Places	G Box-Young	9

WEST COAST

D	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud	A Syar/L Newburn/R Pohl/M Stone	422
CD	(CH) Ootek's Braveheart	L Panelli/C Burke	24
BBD	(CH) Terraglos Heres Lookn At You Kid	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	26
PD	(CH) Ootek's Braveheart	L Panelli/C Burke	26

B	GCH Koolrunnings Terraglo Quesyrah	G Toussaint/T Toussaint	26
CB	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	L Panelli/C Burke	18
BBB	NONE		
PB	Ootek's Closer To The Heart	L Panelli/C Burke	30

AT LARGE

D	GCH CH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP (D)	Y Nojima	79
CD	NONE		
BBD	NONE		
PD	NONE		

B	NONE		
CB	CH Staghorn's Little Black Treasure	J Iglesias	36
BBB	NONE		
PB	NONE		

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A dream comes true – 650 miles challenge through Swedish Lapland

A long tour on skis with pulka and Six Alaskan Malamutes

By Klaus and Doris Stüben, k.stueben@gmail.com, www.kimbears.de

For a long time we had a dream to travel the whole Swedish mountain range from south to north on skies with our six Alaskan malamutes pulling two loaded pulkas. This year at the end of February it was time to fulfil that dream, so my wife, Doris, and I began that long-distance tour in Järpen/Jämtland which took us 650 miles through Swedish Lapland to Abisko, 200 miles north of the Arctic circle. From there I had to travel back by the Polarexpress to pick up the car while Doris was staying in Abisko with the six heroes waiting and resting, reorganizing and reflecting on a five week tour, 53,000 feet elevation and many adventures every day.



A strong south-easterly wind is almost blowing us off of the mountain, but I am grateful that the wind is coming from behind and not battering us from the front. I'm not sure if given the chance I would have made the same decisions as I did this morning but this was not the time to decide if it was a good idea or not. We trusted the weather forecast and set out to cross the kalfjäll and travel 30 miles in order to reach our target destination for the next day. The truth is we are in the middle of the mountain range and it feels pretty hellish. We cannot see anything of the mountains and I have to break trail through the wind drifted snow for the dogs. I

keep imagining I can hear them breathing loudly but it is only the wind whistling against my wind jacket. At that moment, I turn around and I cannot see anything! I experience a few seconds of heart stopping, momentary panic, but then my three malamutes show up pulling the heavy load of the pulka, nicely wrapped in a thick snow costume.



To retain orientation and concentrate on the trail wind and the roughness one, so sometimes we are travelling up or bit dizzy. The only me is to look on the GPS managed to reach 3,500



balance I turn to the front again so that I can ahead, as it is hard to keep my balance due to the of the terrain. The landscape has all blurred into orientation by eye becomes impossible. Whether down hill it is a blur, and it has made me feel a little indication I have of the trail ascending in front of record of the elevation which tells me that we have feet for today's journey.

Somehow our feet find their way and our eyes are focused on the red crosses marking the snow mobile trails every 150 feet. I can only just see the next red cross in front of me, but each time I pass one I am filled with fear and dread at the thought of not being able to see the next one. For a fleeting moment, I consider giving in and stopping the entire trip, but realistically this thought is irrelevant and nonsensical. Giving up is not an option as we are not on a race, there is nobody here to help us. On a tour like this you are responsible for everything – you are on your own.



Out of the stormy weather suddenly emerges the signpost 'Norbotten' as if this was the answer to our prayers. This signals the end of 'Västerbotten', of the uphill trail and the windy conditions. The trail now follows a downhill slope, the wind conditions lessen and suddenly the sun is shining. This completely transforms the entire situation! We can take a break and have something to eat and give snacks to the dogs.



By reaching this point, we have managed to complete two-thirds of the tour, so all of the maps from Jämtland and Västerbotten can be piled in the pulka. From now on we only need the maps of the Norbotten area. We are safe in the knowledge



that we have finished one further leg of our long distance tour from Järpen to Abisko. We were told that this was the more complicated part but that does not mean that there will be no further challenges to come - just different ones.



We started our long-distance tour at the end of February in Järpen/Jämtland and for the first ten days there were no proper trails. We had to break trails through deep, wet snow at temperatures around zero degrees.

We would have liked to have followed a snow mobile trail but the first tracks we saw in the snow were not until after 65

miles and this had been made only by another sled dog team. Prior to starting the tour, we sent dog food and food for us to different depots along the trail. Depots were only possible when a street was crossing the halfjäll which is not that often in the northern part of Sweden. Our first depot was situated in Gäddede and we calculated a distance of 100-125 miles and a time frame of seven to ten days to reach this destination.

Based on the distance and time frame, we calculated in detail the amount of food needed for both us and for the dogs. The reality of needing so much more than just food to survive on this trip meant that our pulkas ended up weighing 180 pounds each. We were concerned that with only three dogs on each team the load would be too much coupled with the resistance from the deep snow. But what could we possibly leave behind? The tent? Surely not because on this trip we knew there would be a limited amount of survival huts to take refuge in the night time. So what about clothes? Our extra



warm overalls and boots? Certainly not, we need these to survive in the cold conditions down to minus 30 degrees Celsius. So next we considered the special Järven bags that offer the capability of survival in the extremist of conditions to minus 80 degrees? Although many would consider this an excessive precaution these bags gave us a sense of security, without which we would have worried even more on the difficult trail conditions. Continuing with the remaining items nothing seemed to fall into the category of 'non-essential', especially the 45 pounds of dog food and snacks, plus 35 pounds for us and then the fuel stove and gallon of fuel needed to melt three to four gallons of snow each day for us and the dogs preventing dehydration. The last item for consideration was the snow shovel, an awkward shape to pack into the pulka and extremely heavy, so we contemplated leaving this behind. However our experience from previous trips brought us to our senses. It is essential for digging out a bed for the tent or even a cave in the snow should the wind become too strong to erect the tent. This collection of essential items made the pulkas quite heavy, meaning the speed at which we could turn around narrow curved trails was greatly reduced and resulted, more often than not, in capsized pulkas stuck in snow drifts that drained us of energy each time we had to right them again.

In the end, we managed to reach Gäddede on day 10, but we were on the trail for 200 miles. This distance included a detour of Hotagen national park because deep snow had been forecast for this area, as well as self-inflicted 'detours' whilst following single scooter tracks looping in the forest and on the lakes which lead us to a dead end.



The official scooter trail from Storåbränna to Gäddede ended at a lonely place next to a lake with an open wind shelter. With the exception of locals it seems nearly impossible to find the 30 mile long trail. On the first day we followed a scooter track out onto the lake but after a while it separated into three single ones. Two of them were round trips on the lake, so we decided to follow the third one up into the mountain and through a newly planted forest, but after five hours we realized that this too was a round trip.



We decided to go back to where we started in the morning – totally exhausted and frustrated. Needless to say, the next day we decided to leave the scooter tracks and take the road instead as it was covered in snow. After 33 miles of perfect trail conditions on the road and meeting only one car and one lorry we reached Gäddede, and were warmly welcomed by our friends. Here we took a day off to re-organise our equipment, food and to drop off some of our equipment. The news from our friends David and Eva that we had already done the most challenging part of the tour was motivating for us, and we found this to be true with regard to the trail conditions and the signposting as this latter part is used by scooters more frequently. From here on in we had to pass a kalfjäll every day over the following 440 miles. As the number of people in the areas increased the infrastructure improved, and so it came as a big surprise after 250 miles of staying in the wilderness, when we came to a café where we enjoyed waffles, cloudberry jam and crème. We were even able to rent a tiny summer hut overnight, and the owner offered us two salmon, potatoes and butter. He also offered to transport our luggage to the next cabin as the trail was really steep uphill for the next four miles but we refused to take that offer. Perhaps he was interested in our activities, or

he took pity on us as we seemed to look a little bit emaciated. Either way we met a lot of nice, helpful people along the way living in the wilderness.

The next day, both we and the dogs were well rested, and much more conditioned since the beginning of our tour - therefore the next kilometres were just a challenge.

Going forward, on the one hand we had better trail conditions because of the scooter traffic, the trail underfoot was just perfect, but on the other hand the same traffic also destroys the snow path on windy trails, and they sometimes drove like hooligans while passing us. This mainly happened in the areas closely surrounding the former skiing resorts, which nowadays are scooter resorts. One of these spots is called Klimpfjäll, which is an 'Eldorado' for scooter drivers. We quickly decided that this was not a place for us. We prefer the experience of a different speed and the silence of nature which is why we do tours like this with our malamutes. They are the perfect partners, pulling heavy loads over long distances at a reasonable speed for us to enjoy nature at its best. This is real "friluftsliv" in Scandinavia. We do not understand the euphoria of speed neither by scooter nor by sled dogs.



Besides uncertain weather conditions which caused a day off once in a while, we had to face further challenges on our tour such as water regulated lakes. This caused a plethora of surprises as we discovered that Sweden is using many of its lakes in Lapland to generate electricity and therefore the water level is sometimes lowered down to zero, especially at the end of the winter. It causes unfriendly cracks and breaking when on the ice. This led us to discover terraces and basins with almost vertical walls on the shore which are almost impossible to cross with heavy pulkas on skis to reach shoreline. Usually trails follow a path into the middle of the lake but for us these regulated lakes posed a problem as the trails had disappeared and we had to find our path by negotiating

around cracks and blocks of ice. This was not easy in poor visibility.



On one particular lake, we almost managed to follow a path that ran the length of the lake so far that we could actually see a suitable campsite for the night at the shore line complete with scooter tracks leading up to it. However, we soon realised we were to become captives of this lake as for 1000 feet between us and the cabin there was a big break in the ice for several meters and a basin of several hundred meters below. We had no choice but to anchor the pulka and explore the area. The path down the ice brake collapsed and it took what seemed like an age to find a trail out of the pool as the uphill was so very steep with an angle of around 45 degrees. This was worsened by trying to negotiate this angle with the pulka and three malamutes each. The dogs, the pulka and the skis were all stuck in the deep snow at the bottom of the basin and it took us 1.5 hours to get out from the lake to the shore.





We finally reached the campsite extremely exhausted and frustrated but nature rewarded our efforts with a display of the northern lights and a full moon over the lake that evening which was magical and reconciled us. This day was a valuable experience and we learnt not to fall into a similar situation again.

We were lucky from here on in, that all the other regulated lakes were marked with poles and the last lake of this kind had a plaque stating the lake was closed; that crossing of the ice would be too dangerous. But we passed this sign just after we had passed the lake and reached shoreline - it was only meant for traffic coming in the opposite direction. Usually Swedish people are very safety conscious.

Another hair-raising moment occurred when we were going downhill from the kalvfjäll heading to Saltoluokta and could only see the deep blue water of the lake "Langas" next to the fjällstation where we had our last depot for the tour which we had to pass next day. The view was fantastic and coming closer we could see the trail over the lake marked further to the north. Saltoluokta fjällstation is one of the old and famous stations of the northern Kungsleden, but we were not comfortable staying there as we had to park our dogs far away from our accommodation at a specific dog parking place - they made no exceptions to this rule.

Saltoluokta to Abisko is the part of the Kungsleden, which can easily be described as populated but this cannot be compared to the Alps. Even in Kvikkjokk it might happen that you have to share your room with another tourist, but more often than not you have a room to yourself. On the other hand, this part of the northern Kungsleden is extremely beautiful because of the alpine conditions such as glaciers, high mountains etc. The trail follows a path at a height of 1,600 to 3,600 feet above sea level, but we are already 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle which makes a big difference.

We were lucky with the weather completing this part of the trail as we enjoyed very nice sunshine, while no wind meant we could enjoy the landscape to the fullest. We reached Abisko, our northernmost destination after five weeks travelling more than 650 miles and exceeding elevations of 53,000 feet. The reality of the distance truly came into perspective the next day when after I picked up the van, which we had parked in Järpen/Jämtland, it took me 12 hours of driving back up to Abisko. If you want to try out this perspective try marking a circle of 650 miles from your home – where do you end up?



At the end of our tour we felt as though we could have gone on for longer. The more north we travelled the more we became fascinated by the arctic landscape, and the art of living and experiencing nature without really needing anything else.

We planned this trip as a test to see not only if we would truly like to live like this, but also if we *could* live like this. However, even if we considered ourselves to be fit, we were exhausted at the beginning of the tour for the first 200 miles. Next time we would plan more days off for recovering, experiencing and enjoying the surroundings, especially at the beginning. And next time will be soon. We just need snow and our dogs... everything else is not so necessary.



TOP TWENTY

Standings through August 31, 2017



Hey everyone!

We are one-third of the way through the qualifying year. The Standings below are now for the 2018 Top Twenty Event, to be held in conjunction with the October 2018 National Specialty in Orlando, FL. The qualifying year for this event began with the AKC shows held May 1, 2017, and will end with the shows on April 30, 2018. Below you'll see the Top 20 Standings through August 31, 2017. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

STEWARDS NEEDED! If you are planning to attend this year's National in Huron, OH, and would be interested in serving as a steward for this year's Top 20 Event, please contact Suzanne Bedell at malamutetop20@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the winners!

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Rank	The Top 20	Points	Owner
1	GCH Taolanquest Flying Cloud (D)	243	A Syar/L Newburn/R Pohl/M Stone
2	GCH Corazon Wild Wind Pedal To The Medal (D)	176	G Box-Young
3	GCH Onan House Of The Rising Sun (D) P Hazelwood	108	E Myers/A Kanzelberger/L Wirth-Poirier/
4	GCH Kasaan N Seeka's T' Sum Of All Fortune At Sigma (B)	101	B McMahon Howen/S Lindeman
5	GCH Ixa's Dontcha Wish Your Girl Friend Was Hot Like Me (B)	99	A Mayberry-Welch
6	GCH Luka Of G & H Racing Mals JP (D)	93	Y Nojima
7	GCH Peace River's Bling It On (B)	90	M Coburn
8	GCH Peace River Rogue You Just Gotta Believe (D)	69	J Weston/S Weston
9	GCH Dragonmyst Zipp Sparkling Sapphire (B)	54	A Casterline/J Casterline/J Durst
9	GCH Snoklassic Pokerflat Silverice Mr. Freeze (D)	54	A Syar/M Stone
11	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	47	D Roberts-Burrill/B McMahon Howen
12	CH Catoico's Grand Slam Adventure (B)	46	S Moore
13	GCH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous (B)	44	B Erickson/C Erickson
14	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	39	H Donovan
15	GCH Windswepts The Games Afoot At Stormrunner (D)	36	C Rogowski/L Rogowski/M Wild/J Scoffield
16	GCH Snocreek's Silver Lining (D)	35	M Mustich/B Martin/M Mustich
17	CH Ironpride's Echo The Fight (D)***	33	S Wilkins
18	GCH Alcan Disco Dancer At Ranmar (D)	31	A Rubenstein/H Rubenstein
19	GCH Spiritruns Ohmygosh Evvys Here (B)	29	J Slusher/B Slusher/A Kunkel
20	GCH Tru North's Joyful Mountain (B)	28	L Cathey
The Contenders			
21	GCH Illusion's Straight Polar Fortune (D)	27	D Nusz/T Nusz
22	CH Kasaan's Your Fortune Awaits (D)	24	B McMahon Howen/D Roberts-Burrill
23	GCH Adair'N'Hug Fair Winds And Following Seas (D)	23	C Hess
24	CH Fall Moon's Magnificent Mamie Of Dreamekatcher (B)	22	P Warrichalet
25	CH Silverice's Slick Black Cadillac (B)***	21	S Frost
25	GCH Tru North's Buckaroo Banzai (D)	21	L Cathey

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

Foxy's Tale...When Death Do Us Part

By Dian McComb

"I don't want her."

The "her" was Foxy; a molting, overweight, spayed, red malamute bitch that was sitting in the Kastaic Animal Shelter with a flopped left ear and draining eye from a dog fight. She was an eight year old owner turn-in, wearing a bewildered expression that said why am I here and what did I do wrong?

She had done nothing wrong. Foxy's owner had been killed in a car crash, and when he was no longer there to care for her, his family took her to the shelter. No one wanted to talk about the shredded ear and eye wound, which probably happened when Foxy was put into a shelter run with other dogs. Foxy, a 23 inch bitch carrying 90 pounds on a 70 pound frame, was lucky to have escaped with just that.

In the beginning, her owner had probably spotted an ad for "rare reds" in a dog magazine and ordered one. Foxy was flown in from a Texas puppy mill at six weeks. Her owner did all the right things for Foxy, microchipping and spaying her. Housebroken, she was used to being inside and being the family pet, but that didn't help her once her owner was gone. It was pretty obvious she wasn't going to be adopted. I knew of a possible home for Foxy, where an older red bitch was wanted. However, once I pulled Foxy out of the shelter, I found that she wanted an older bitch but one not as old as Foxy.

A visit to the vet fixed the draining eye, a thyroid test showed Foxy was just plain fat and nothing could be done for the flopped ear.

The last thing a very senior citizen such as myself needs is another dog. We make arrangements for their care, co-owning them with friends in case they outlive us, leaving funds for their care in our wills. And in one case, even refurbishing a rental home on our property so that a caretaker could live there and take care of both the dogs and us.

I had done some research on why malamutes are abandoned and was personally convinced that the reasons were divorce, financial ruin or moving to the moon. Staffers at the AMAL booths at both the San Diego and Colorado Springs Nationals told me the same thing. They just weren't wanted anymore.

Sometimes kindness is its own reward. Terminally ill Mal breeder Lisa Ryer asked her good friend and fellow Mal

breeder Donelle Roberts to take her young male Malamute, Chaps. Donelle owner-handled him to be nationally ranked, and last year in Colorado, he was Select at the Regional and BOB at the National the following day.

Foxy has now settled in at my kennel. I put her with the grand old man of my kennel, Tango, whose credo is if you can't breed it or eat it, ignore it. He has come around enough so that he allows her to accompany him on his morning patrols of my property.

If the Texas puppy mill sold Foxy as show quality, it was the greatest robbery since Bonnie and Clyde started shooting up the South Texas hills. Foxy's barrel-shaped body is set on four whippet-sized legs. The front ones cross over and the rear ones sway from side-to-side when she moves. The body is topped by a head that would do well on a cocker spaniel. Her family said they would send me her AKC papers, but I have yet to see them.

In deciding "who's a good boy" or qualified for adoption, shelters nationally have been using methods to test for aggression that have found to be of little merit. The New York Times points out that 670,000 dogs are put down yearly even though rescue groups shuttle them out from highkill shelters usually in the South and here in Southern California. Tests range from observing how the dog would react to a large doll (a child substitute), someone wearing a hood, a shaken cane, a plastic hand thrust into a food bowl to an unfamiliar dog or a plush toy. They ignore that transition to a shelter can be traumatizing and a dog's behavior can quickly deteriorate.

Although Foxy's behavior is totally submissive - she still cowers if I suddenly raise my hand - she would have flunked the aggression test due to her damaged ear and eye. Fighting back didn't help her.

Foxy's situation could be summed in a notation posted on two puppies hugging each other in a Southern kill shelter. It read, "If no one saves us, someone will take her from me. I'll see her as she goes down the hallway. She won't come back and I'll cry. They'll come for me next, and I won't be as brave."

Please make it sure that no one cries for your dogs when you're not here. And, yes, both puppies were adopted — together.

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ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF AMERICA—CODE OF ETHICS

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PREAMBLE

The Alaskan Malamute Club of America asserts that its membership has the obligation to preserve the Alaskan Malamute breed without exploiting it. It further asserts that its membership has an obligation to the club to uphold the high ideals set forth for all dog club organizations by the American Kennel Club.

It is urged that dogs and bitches only be bred when it is conscientiously felt that such breeding will result in improvement of the breed.

Club members should strive to breed healthy dogs with good temperaments and place them in suitable homes.

Club members should make themselves aware of health problems that affect the breed so that they may make educated decisions when planning a breeding.

Breeding is a responsibility that does not end when puppies go to their new homes.

Good sportsmanship is a requirement of the AKC and is expected of AMCA members.

Club members should set a good example, and offer assistance and mentoring to prospective and new Malamute owners with regards to care, health issues, training and suitable activities, as well as being a good “dog neighbor”.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Members shall abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America. At large members shall abide by the rules of their country's kennel club.

2. No member shall knowingly be involved in the sale/placement of puppies/dogs through retail or wholesale outlets, mail order businesses, dog dealers/agents/brokers, or act as a finder for such operations. No member shall knowingly be involved in the sale/placement of puppies to any entity whose reason for purchase is resale. Puppies/dogs shall not be placed through auctions or raffles.

3. No member shall knowingly be involved in the breeding or selling of wolf hybrids.

4. No member shall sell/place any puppy/dog without furnishing registration papers unless both parties have signed an agreement stating when/if and under what circumstances papers will be furnished. If registration papers are not provided at the time of sale, information to identify the puppy/dog, (such as birth date, litter or individual registration number, pedigree, microchip number or tattoo) shall be furnished at that time. If the dog is not registerable the purchaser/adopter shall be so informed.

5. It is recommended that any puppy sold as a pet/companion

be registered using the AKC's limited registration application. Dogs/puppies bred by members outside the U.S. should use a comparable foreign limited and/or non-breeding registration where available.

6. Dogs used for breeding shall be cleared of hip dysplasia by OFA, Pen-Hip, comparable foreign registry, or a qualified veterinary radiologist. Dogs should be cleared of inherited eye diseases by CERF, a comparable foreign registry or a qualified veterinary ophthalmologist.

7. It is strongly recommended that members take full advantage of all practical DNA tests when selecting dogs for breeding. No member shall knowingly breed two dogs to each other who are carriers for the same genetic disease. Dogs may be used if their ancestors have been cleared by DNA testing.

8. When available, health screening and DNA testing should be used as a resource to manage, decrease, or eliminate genetic diseases in the breed. In planning a breeding health issues such as, but not limited to, epilepsy, hypothyroidism, allergies, heart disease, coat funk, and orthopedic disorders should be considered. Members are encouraged to store DNA with the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) or comparable facility as well as participate in health research of diseases in the Alaskan Malamute.

9. Members shall disclose known genetic status of the puppy/dog being sold and that of its parents. Screening or test results shall be disclosed in a written sales contract signed by the seller and buyer. If any of the above (hips, eyes, CHD, PN) have not been done it shall be so stated. A breeder's policy regarding replacements or refunds due to health issues shall be clearly stated in their sales contract.

10. Breeders should understand and acknowledge that due to unforeseen circumstances they may need to facilitate in re-homing or rescuing dogs they have produced or sold. Purchasers should be made aware of this in their contract

11. Members shall provide secure facilities for their dogs that provide adequate space and protection from adverse or extreme weather. Water and food shall be provided on a daily basis. Facilities shall be clean and dogs shall have regular access to exercise. Members shall provide appropriate health care for dogs in their custody.

12. Health, registration, identification, breeding and sales records shall be kept current. It is recommended that dogs be permanently identified by tattoo or microchip and that breeders permanently identify puppies before they go to their new homes.

13. Members' dogs should be well socialized and have basic obedience training.

14. Advertising and promotion of dogs shall be factual. Members will exercise care in evaluating prospective buyers and do their best to place dogs in suitable homes.

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