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## Happy New Year and Happy Trails



**“Bart”**

Photo Courtesy of Eddie Bauer

**GCH  
SNOPEAK'S  
ARCTIC  
PRINCESS**

**CGC  
CROWNED  
AWARD OF MERIT  
NATIONAL  
SPECIALTY  
THANK YOU  
KATE & JOSH  
FOR ALL YOU DO  
FOR HER!**



BRED & OWNED BY  
AL & BARBARA WHITE,  
COBREEDERS- JOE & ROBIN HUG  
OFA13035GC31D13856  
CFRE: AM2909



**PRINCESS IS EXPECTING PUPPIES!  
WATCH FOR THE PRINCESS AND HER NEW ROYAL HEIRS  
AT THE NATIONALS NEXT YEAR IN WISCONSIN  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LITTER CONTACT  
BARBARA WHITE OR KATE SALVADORE**



**"PRINCESS"**



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YET ANOTHER  
AWARD OF MERIT  
THANK YOU  
JERI EL DISSI  
FOR  
HANDLING OUR  
SPECIAL GIRL  
AT THE  
REGIONAL !**

# AKAILA ALASKAN MALAMUTES



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Eddie Bauer*

## **“Dani”**

CH Akaila’s Spirit Dancer

Mother (Right)

Cerf: AM-2867 CHD: 13428

OFA: AM-12595G24F-VPI

## **“Andi”**

CH Akaila’s Untamed Spirit

Daughter (Left)

Cerf: not provided CHD: 14237

OFA: AM-13272E24F-VPI



## **“Bart”**

CH Akaila’s War Dance CGC,RN,NJP

Cerf: AM-2270 CHD: 11795

OFA: AM-11645G24M-PI

***We are so proud of our Malamutes.  
They never stop amazing us in all that they do!***

**Mike and Dorrit Evensen**

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# OFFICERS REPORTS

## President's Report

Steve Anderson  
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We welcome another New Year, and I wish you all a happy and productive year ahead.

We also congratulate a new group of Life Members. The following will mark 30 years of continuous membership in good standing in the month noted:

Jim Kuehl—IL/WI—January  
Gail Castro—NY/NJ—February  
Craig Crawley—SO—March  
Audrey Tischler—NY/NJ—April  
Barbara Salvadore—GL—May  
Kathy Schmidt—GL—May  
Leah Anderson—IL/WI—July  
Jo Ann Filippo—NY/NJ—July  
Linda Goba—IL/WI—October  
Andy Goba—IL/WI—October  
Delia Wells—AL—October  
David Musyj—GL—December

## Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause  
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Board Appointment: Electronic Communications Chairperson: Tricia Till

MOTION 03: 2012/13: Standing Rule A-4 be changed to: All members who have maintained continuous good standing for 30 years shall be deemed life members, and their basic dues will be waived. Those who joined as associate members will be required to become regular members and to have the necessary 2 sponsorships. They must have maintained regular membership for a period of 30 years. (Wells)

**For: Coburn, Bedell, Willhauck, Wells, Toussaint, Krause, Rogowski, Pratt, Levesque**

**Against: Anderson, Fusco**

MOTION 04: 2012/13: Upon the recommendation of Dr Bell, elbow X-rays and PN testing be added as CHIC options. (Willhauck)

**For: All**

### Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2012 AMCA Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by AMCA President, Steve Anderson. It was noted that  
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this is AMCA's 59th Annual Meeting.

It was determined by registrar Jan Croft that there was a quorum of AMCA members in attendance.

Bob and Dolores Sturdivant were appointed to approve the 2012 minutes, as supplied by the Recording Secretary.

Last year's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

The following committee reports were given. These and additional committee reports will be published in full in a subsequent newsletter.

- Performance & Companion: Muriel Dean
- Working Dog: Leesa Thomas & Helen Schultz
- Newsletter: Leesa Thomas & Karina Burger
- Membership: Karina Burger
- Public Education: Diana Edwards & Michele Podolak
- Breeders Education: Barbara White
- Electronic Communication: Pam Fusco
- Health: Sandi Shrager
- Legislative: Steve Anderson for Margaret Cleek
- Ways & Means: Julie Edwards
- CCC: Robin Haggard
- All Around Alaskan Malamute: Charlene LaBelle
- National Specialty Update: Ruth Levesque
- AKC Delegate: Patty Peel

Bob Sutherland gave an update on AMAL's plans for the Chilinski dogs.

Trial Board recommendation was given that Mike Chilinski be expelled from AMCA. Carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION 01: 2012 ANNUAL MEETING (Moved by Barb Salvadore/seconded/CARRIED)

Each National Specialty shall provide every placement in every competitive event with a ribbon and a prize.

MOTION 02: 2012 ANNUAL MEETING (Moved by John Podolak/seconded/DID NOT PASS)

At all future AMCA National Specialty events, the Weight Pull events would be offered or entitled to the same type arena,

venue, or conditions as the show rings.

MOTION 03: 2012 ANNUAL MEETING (Moved by Jeri El Dissi/seconded/CARRIED)

The Alaskan Malamute Club of America shall give a plaque to the Polaris K-12 school of Anchorage, Alaska, to show our appreciation for proposing a bill to make the Alaskan Malamute the official state dog.

MOTION 04: 2012 ANNUAL MEETING (Moved by Jennifer Effler-Leveille/seconded/CARRIED)

The Weight Pull Chair be allowed to scout the site for an acceptable place to hold the pull prior to making parking arrangements.

2012 Election Results from DataPrep Inc.  
Total number of valid ballots (405)  
Invalid Ballot count:  
Arrived after deadline (10)  
Total invalid ballots (10)

### Officers and Board of Directors

President:  
Anderson, Steve (224)  
Chu, Larry (167)

Vice-President:  
Ruth Levesque (unopposed)

Treasurer:  
Rob Pratt (unopposed)

Directors-at-Large (in order by number of votes; top 3 are elected):  
Toussaint, Terry (254)  
Fusco, Pamela (203)  
Wells, Laurie (187)  
Benson, Cindy (166)  
McMahon-Howen, Bonnie (162)  
Muldoon, Tim (82)

AMCA Outstanding Service Award:  
Vicky MacLean/Edie Thomas (258 – approved)  
Bob Sutherland (291 – approved)

### Membership Questions (all adopted):

51 – Bylaws Proposal 1 – Clarify ART II Sec 2 Officers Duties  
FOR 293 AGAINST 89  
52 – Bylaws Proposal 2 – Increase complaint deposit to \$50  
FOR 288 AGAINST 105

53 – Bylaws Proposal 3 – Clarify privileged nature of complaints

FOR 298 AGAINST 85  
54 – Bylaws Proposal 4 – Clarify “member in good standing”

FOR 325 AGAINST 62  
55 – Revise Code of Ethics

FOR 230 AGAINST 155

56 – Amend AMCA CHD Certification

FOR 224 AGAINST 172

57 – Suspend/Review AMCA CHD Certification Program

FOR 230 AGAINST 163

2015 (Eastern) National/Regional Specialty Conformation Judges (in order by number of votes):

Hug, Joe (143)

Chu, Illona (120)

Zimmerman, Ruth (115)

Bivin, Ed (110)

Balch, Sheila (101)

2013 (IL/WI) National/Regional Sweepstakes Judges (in order by number of votes):

Birmantas-Beam, Lynda (130)

Schultz, Helen (118)

Colman, Karyn (117)

Thomas, Leesa (115)

Williams, Carol (113)

A special “thank you” was given to Robin Hug and Cindy Benson for their service to the AMCA as Board members.

Meeting Adjourned 3:50 PM.

## **ANNUAL MEETING ROLL CALL**

### **AT-LARGE**

Griselda Boix Llebaria

Annie Choi

Tanja Gube

Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer

Helga Jansen

Holly Levinter

Helena Llebaria Puig

Judy Paule

### **GREAT LAKES**

Colleen Belanger

Debbie Carter

Richard Carter

Pamela Fusco

Joseph Fusco

Roger Gifford

Bonnie McMahon-Howen

Tamara Newport

Martin Peel

Patricia Peel

Jennifer Remazki

Barbara Salvadore

Lucy Sanders

Leesa Thomas

David Watts

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Cindy Zehner

Paul Zehner

### **ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN**

Leah Anderson

Terry Chaban

Sabrina Czarapata

Jennifer Effler-Leveille

Jeri El Dissi

Andy Goba

Linda Goba

Robin Haggard

Sharon Kalous

Jim Kuehl

Patricia McGovern

Bev Pfeiffer

Kathy Raynes

Donelle Roberts-Burrill

Helen Schultz

Carol Simon

Cheena Villano

### **MID-EAST**

Dennis Collins

Richard Deutsch

Roseann Deutsch

Mary Lou Giannone

Richard Grefe

Brenda Lemon

Michael McGuire

Alicia McGuire

Joseph Pistolesi

Sandra Pistolesi

Nancy Racette

Susan Roessle

Valarie Thawley

Carlene Way

Nancy Zinkhan

### **MID-WEST**

Eileen Barnes

Mike Barnes

Shilon Bedford

Kathleen Bray

Katherina Burger

Janice Croft

Diana Edwards

Jo Ann Krause

Margaret Moore

Tim O'Brien

John Roberts

Linda Roberts

Karen Taylor

### **NEW ENGLAND**

Kathleen Corkum

Paul Levesque

Ruth Levesque

Jane Palinkas

Jeannine Theriaque

Laurie Wells

Wendy Willhauck

Carol Williams

### **NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY**

Colleen Benton

Linda Cathey

Karyn Colman

Kerry Congilosi

Maria Dinwoodie

Jacqueline Gumtow

Richard Harrison

Kathy Hausner

Laura Heft

Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake

Paula Honigman

Jennifer Kutz

Mickie Mustich

Robert Mustich

Jari Nirhamo

Debra Rogers

Harold Schwartzapfel

### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

Michele Coburn

Donna Cooknell

John Dewing

Ron Dysart

Mary Jane Holabach

Al Holabach

Cynthia Neely

Sandi Shrager

Robert Sturdivant

Dolores Sturdivant

Bob Sutherland

Sharon Weston

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

Robin Hug

Laurie Newburn Pohl

Robert Pratt

Barbara White

### **SOUTHERN**

Suzanne Bedell

Karen Berry

Marilyn Curtis

Julie Edwards

Perry Hazelwood

Shari James

Karen Jordan

James Kornder

Stacey Moore

Dru Anne Martin-Nutzell

Diane Prator

Tina Sanderford

Edie Thomas

Keith Thomas

Jay Van Zandt

Maria Wells

Bruce Wells

Mary Wood

### **WEST COAST**

Muriel Dean

Karen Hukill

Charlene LaBelle

Marion Scire

Robert Scire

Mike Stone

Gloria Toussaint

Terry Toussaint

## GUESTS

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Carol Collins - Mid East  
Cheryl Gilbert - New York/New Jersey  
Sharon Huston - South  
Beth Pollock - Great Lakes

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Traxler & Lisa Panelli

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Howen

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Edwards

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Sponsors: Alisa Syar & Martin Peel

# AMCA Bulletin

## Important Messages from the AMCA Board of Directors

### Sunshine Committee, 11/24/12

AMCA is more than a breed club, it is an organization of peers within a breed club where relationships have grown. We often don't see others within the club unless we are at shows, but we connect through newsletters and other social media and it brings us closer to each other as we share our common love of our dogs. So it's natural that we would want to let our members know we care in times of difficulty.

A committee has been formed to provide personalized cards to members of our club who meet the following criteria:

Members only -- sympathy (humans only, immediate family) and get well (members only -- hospital stay required) with a max of 1 card per illness. The budget is to be reviewed yearly by the incoming Board. When possible the cards will have personal pictures on the cover and all cards will have the official AMCA logo appended.

The only way we can be sure we do not inadvertently miss sending a card to a member when we should is by each of you taking on the responsibility of sending us a heads up

when you become aware of someone meeting the guidelines.

Please send notifications to Karol Knoop, Barbara Salvadore, or Bobbie Brooks.

### AMCA Member Loses Everything in Housefire, 11/28/12

Lori Hicks and Harold Power of Canandaigua, NY, lost their house and most of their dogs in the early morning hours of November 27, 2012, including two litters of puppies. All the house cats perished as well. Lori and Harold were taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation and released. They are back at home and picking through what's left - which is basically nothing - and talking to fire inspectors and insurance agents. The surviving dogs are at the vet being treated for their injuries, but will have to go somewhere soon. They have a motel room, but that's a short-term solution. They're going to have to start over from scratch.

There's an on line donation account at [www.gofundme.com/MasasyuFireRelief](http://www.gofundme.com/MasasyuFireRelief), administered by AMCA member Jen Remazki.

# Treasurers Report -November 2012

	<u>Oct-12</u>	<u>Nov-12</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	31,505.93	30,678.79	(827.14)
Reserve Fund	25,202.62	25,459.54	\$256.92
Committees Total	<u>16,461.85</u>	<u>16,461.85</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$73,170.40</b>	<b>\$72,600.18</b>	<b>(\$570.22)</b>

## Revenue

	<u>2011 Year</u>	<u>Nov-12</u>	<u>2012 Y-T-D</u>
<b>Newsletter/Directory</b>			
Advertisements	6,099.85	0.00	5,956.25
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	18,635.00
Subscriptions/Add. Newsletter	685.00	0.00	412.00
Mail/Delivery	3,116.00	0.00	3,680.00
Breeders List	<u>2,620.00</u>	0.00	<u>2,960.00</u>
<b>Newsletter/Directory Total</b>	<b>12,520.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,643.25</b>
<b>Membership</b>			
Application	2,079.00	0.00	1,910.00
Membership Fees	20,462.00	0.00	6,960.00
Late fee	<u>794.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>507.00</u>
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>23,335.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,377.00</b>
<b>Committee's Total</b>	<b>8,474.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1360.44</b>

### Pass-throughs

National Specialty	11,977.13	1427.00	3,260.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	3,784.00	0.00	3,167.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	690.00	0.00	587.00
Legislative / Other	<u>786.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>675.53</u>
<b>Pass-throughs Total</b>	<b>17,237.13</b>	<b>1,427.00</b>	<b>7,689.53</b>

### Other

Affiliate Clubs	226.00	0.00	0.00
National Specialty	7,821.00	0.00	20364.06
Purina Partnership	957.62	0.00	1092.69
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	<u>593.53</u>	5.04	<u>38.58</u>
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>9,598.15</b>	<b>5.04</b>	<b>21,495.33</b>

<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>71,165.25</b>	<b>1,432.04</b>	<b>71,565.55</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>(\$1,005.81)</b>	<b>\$256.92</b>	<b>\$1,846.10</b>

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$70,159.44</b>	<b>\$1,688.96</b>	<b>\$ 73,411.65</b>
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## Expenses

	<u>2011 Year</u>	<u>Nov-12</u>	<u>2012 Y-T-D</u>
<b>Newsletter/Membership</b>			
Print-Basic	17,452.00	1,111.25	15,856.95
Print-Inserts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	4,812.00	400.00	4,620.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	1,273.48	38.70	1,582.11
International Delivery	3,473.81	305.13	4,073.75
Bulk Postage	3,000.00	0.00	2,200.00
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,550.00	350.00	4,290.00
Newsletter artist fees	<u>586.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>215.00</u>
<b>Newsletter Total</b>	<b>35,147.79</b>	<b>2,205.08</b>	<b>32,837.81</b>

<b>Officer/Board/Delegate</b>	<b>2,781.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,021.47</b>
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### Pass-throughs

National Specialty	16,950.81	0.00	1,288.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	7,334.00	0.00	2,997.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	0.00	0.00	462.00
Legislative / Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,097.53</u>
	<b>24,284.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,844.53</b>

National Specialty	3,827.98	0.00	3329.23
Affiliate clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	715.00
Bank/ cc processing fees	870.38	39.10	879.05
AMCA mem/AKC expense	44.95	0.00	44.70
Election Costs	2,407.91	0.00	1396.05
Insurance	1,700.00	0.00	1690.00
External Financial Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	1300.85	15.00	1533.65
Miscellaneous/legal/other	4929.80	0.00	838.47
Committee's	<u>1,923.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>890.77</u>
	<b>17,005.68</b>	<b>54.10</b>	<b>11,316.92</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,219.43</b>	<b>\$ 2,259.18</b>	<b>\$ 52,020.73</b>
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<b>Change In Funds</b>	<b>(\$570.22)</b>	<b>\$21,390.92</b>
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- 1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 11/30/12
- 2) The "Pass-through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others.  
They are held temporarily in the General Fund but are not owned by the General Fund.
- 3) 2012 National funds are not reflected in this report.

# AMCA Calendar of Events

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

## AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

<b>ME</b> AMCA Area in conjunction with Lebanon KC WEIGHT PULL	4/12	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA  Closes 3/27	Jim Rau Dog Shows PO Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Laura Morehead, Show Chair 610-509-5360	Pending Jennifer Remazki *	C PS/VS
<b>ME</b> AMC Eastern Pa in conjunction with Harrisburg KC WEIGHT PULL	4/13	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA  Closes 3/27	Jim Rau Dog Shows PO Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Laura Morehead, Show Chair 610-509-5360	Kenneth Buxton * Dennis Collins *	C PS/VS
<b>WC</b> No. Calif. AMA TWO EVENTS (am & pm) WEIGHT PULL	5/10	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA  Closes 4/24	MBF, Inc. PO Box 605 Pinole, CA 94565 Linda Bryne, Show Chair 503-470-0929	Pending Pending  Pending Pending	C PS/VS  C PS/VS
<b>RM</b> AMCA Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	5/17	Cache Cty Fairgrounds Logan, UT  Closes 5/1	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Brock Powell, Show Chair 801-201-2038	Garry Newton Sakura Moses  Nancy Russell Brad Child *	C/JR PS/VS  C/JR PS/VS
<b>GL</b> Great Lake AMC Affiliate Concurrent Specialty with Genesee Cty KC	5/18	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corona, MI  Closes 5/1	Betsy Davis PO Box 309 Dublin, IN 47335 Tricia Till, Show Chair 586-270-6847	Pending Pending	C PS/VS
<b>WI</b> AMC of Wisconsin Affiliate Specialty	7/26	1000 Northview Rd Waukesha, MI  Closes 7/10	Roy Jones Dog Shows PO Box 828 Auburn, IN 46706 Linda Goba, Show Chair 414-425-9232	Ekarat Sangkunakup * Ed Fojtik * Mary Alice Eschweiler *	C PS/VS Jr Show

\* Pending AKC approval

## SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	
<b>RM</b> Columbine Country AMC TWO EVENTS Plum Creek KC	2/15	National Western Complex Denver, CO	Onofrio Dog Shows Barbara White	Eva Berg Ann Mayberry-Welch Alberto Berrios Cynthia Knox	C
	2/16	Closes 1/30			C
<b>NY *</b> AMCA Area Sweepstakes ONLY	3/30	NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY Closes 3/13	Jim Rau Dog Shows Steve Anderson	Pending Ruth Boenitz *	C PS/VS

**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.**

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# Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Updated November 2012

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please PRINT or TYPE application. Complete both pages and sign this page. Incomplete forms will be returned. RENEWAL POSTMARK/EMAIL DEADLINE IS MARCH 31. Renewal may be submitted by mail or email to the Corresponding Secretary at the addresses above. This form is available online at [www.alaskan Malamute.org](http://www.alaskan Malamute.org).

**Do not add non-members to this form.** To become members, applicants must go through the standard new member application procedure. Request the application from the Corresponding Secretary or download it at [www.alaskan Malamute.org](http://www.alaskan Malamute.org).

Please notify the AMCA Corresponding Secretary (CS) immediately of any address changes. Any member who fails to receive a Newsletter issue through no fault of the member should request replacement in writing from the CS. AMCA will pay for a one-time first class mailing of a single replacement issue. Any additional issues will be paid for by the member. (Standing Rule F-7)

### YOUR INFORMATION:

I am applying for renewal of my: (Check One)

Regular Membership       Associate Membership       Junior Membership       Club Membership  
(May not vote or hold office)      (Under 18; May not vote or hold office)

Note: Associate Members who wish to become Regular Members must submit a New Member Application with Sponsorship forms and pay a transfer fee. Junior Members in good standing automatically become Regular Members on the first renewal cycle after their eighteenth birthday. Junior Members who are now 18 years of age should renew as Regular Members.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel website: [www.](http://www.) \_\_\_\_\_

Any changes from the label on your Newsletter or of your Internet Information? Check all that apply:

Name     Address     Phone     Email     Website     Kennel Name     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for renewal of membership in the Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc. (hereinafter "AMCA"). I recognize that AMCA is an incorporated, private non-profit club. I agree to abide by AMCA's Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations and shall subscribe to its Code of Ethics. Regarding all activities relating to my membership in AMCA, including any charges of misconduct that may be preferred against me by another AMCA member, I acknowledge and accept the jurisdiction of the AMCA Board of Directors as the body designated to manage the affairs of AMCA and resolve disciplinary actions, pursuant to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

In consideration of being granted membership in AMCA, I hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify AMCA, its Officers and Board of Directors, or any of them, from any demands, court costs, attorney's fees and all other expenses incurred in the defense of any action which I may bring, or which is brought on my behalf, singularly or in conjunction with others, and against AMCA, its Officers and Board of Directors, jointly or severally, and upon which I prove unsuccessful upon the merits.

Additionally, in consideration of being granted membership in AMCA, I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and indemnify each individual officer, member of the Board of Directors, and member of any Trial Board duly appointed by the Board of Directors, regarding any reasonable actions taken by them in their designated corporate capacities, from any and all liability, claims, demands, court costs, attorney's fees and other expenses arising as a result of any action which I may bring, or which is brought in my behalf, singularly or in conjunction with others, which is brought against any of them, and upon which I prove unsuccessful upon the merits.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND FREELY AND WILLINGLY CONSENT TO ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL FEES (Please fill out each section):

CHOOSE YOUR RENEWAL OPTION(S):

Membership

- Adult Regular or Associate Membership (includes the Membership Directory but not the Newsletter).....\$10.00
Additional Adult Membership(s) in the same household (must be a current member of AMCA).....\$10.00 each
Junior Membership (under 18) - Date of birth.....\$5.00
Life Membership (over 30 years of continuous membership in good standing).....FREE
Affiliate Club (list contact person's name and address on page 1) [No Newsletter].....\$25.00
Non-affiliate Club (list contact person's name and address on page 1) [No Newsletter].....\$15.00

CHOOSE YOUR NEWSLETTER OPTION(S):

Newsletter

- If you are a Regular/Associate/Junior Member or a Club, check one box and fill in the price on the right:
Newsletter Subscription - [ ] Print & Electronic \$40; [ ] Electronic Only \$10; [ ] None \$0
If you are a Life Member (30-40 years), check one box and fill in the price on the right:
Newsletter Subscription - [ ] Print & Electronic \$20; [ ] Electronic Only \$5; [ ] None \$0
If you are a Life Member (40+ years), check one box and put "free" on the right:
Newsletter Subscription - [ ] Print & Electronic \$0; [ ] Electronic Only \$0; [ ] None \$0

CHOOSE YOUR POSTAGE (Note: Printed Newsletter is mailed free as a Periodical to US addresses):

Postage

- Foreign postage to Canada.....\$32.00
Foreign postage to UK, Germany, Italy, France, Netherlands, Australia.....\$45.00
Foreign postage to all other countries.....\$55.00
First Class mailing upgrade (U.S. Members only; optional).....\$30.00

CHOOSE YOUR ADDITIONAL OPTION(S):

Add-Ons

- List me on the AMCA website Breeder's Listing (City and State must be listed; address is optional).....\$25.00
[ ] DO NOT POST MY STREET ADDRESS on the website Check all that apply: [ ] Puppies
[ ] Handling [ ] Stud Service [ ] Older Dogs [ ] Boarding [ ] Grooming [ ] Rescue [ ] Information
National and Regional Specialty trophy fund donation .....\$
Donation to health research through the AMCA CHF Donor Advised Fund [tax deductible 501(c)(3)].....\$
Alaskan Malamute Assistance League (AMAL) donation [tax deductible 501(c)(3)].....\$
[ ] Please provide my name and donation amount to AMAL

If you want to be on the ballot for the AMCA National Specialty Sweepstakes judge, please PRINT or TYPE your name below (must have been a member of AMCA for at least the last 10 years):

LATE FEE (Required if renewal is postmarked/emailed after March 31).....\$20.00

Overpayments of \$10 or less will be donated in your name to AMAL. Total Enclosed: \$

Non-renewal or unpaid dues will result in termination of your AMCA Membership at midnight March 31. Your membership may be reinstated, upon approval of the AMCA Board of Directors, if you renew your membership within the next 11 months and pay the current annual dues plus a late fee of \$20. (See Constitution & By-Laws Article 1, Section 2c & Section 5b for complete text.)

RENEWAL POSTMARK/EMAIL DEADLINE IS MARCH 31.

Mail or email this form with fees

(payable to AMCA, Inc) to:

LENEIA ROGOWSKI
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HYRUM, UT 84319
cs@alaskanmalamute.org

U.S. applicants may pay by check, money order or credit card. A \$20.00 charge will be assessed on all checks returned for insufficient funds. Foreign applicants must pay in U.S. Dollars by credit card, a check drawn on a U.S. bank, or an international money order.

To Pay By Credit Card

please fill out the information below

- [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] Discover [ ] American Express

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Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code (3 digits) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Committee Reports & Special Reports

This section contains Committee Reports as received: AKC Delegate, AKC Gazette, AMAL, Breeder Education, CCC, Hands-On, Historian, History, All-Around Malamute, Conformation & Membership Awards, Illustrated Standard, Judges Education, Forum, Top Twenty, Futurity/ Maturity, AKC Performance Awards & Stats, Pedigree Reference, Public Education, Ways & Means, & Working Dog Certification

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## AKC Performance Awards & Stats

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It was fun to hear from Amy Novak (NY/ NJ) this month. She and **Owyhee's Spirit in the Night**, LAYLA to her friends, earned their MXJ. Since earning their Novice Jumpers title was such a chore, they expected to have their MX first, but they still have one leg to go for that. Along with four of our other members, this talented team will be at the AKC Invitational, where Amy will be armed with her camera to record the malamutes and their handlers who will be bringing honor to our breed. We wish all much success!

From that same area comes word from Peggy Anderson that her BRAGI, **Awnuna's Bragi of Aesir**, finished his Excellent Jumpers Preferred title. As Peggy wrote, "It was a nice piece of symmetry as he had earned his first Novice Jumpers leg at that same trial last year." What a lovely Thanksgiving present that was for Peggy and Steve. Well done!

Barbara Pisch (ME) and her TRACE, **Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On**, went into the Rally ring a couple of times in November and competed successfully to finish their Rally Excellent title with nice scores. She also saw some nice runs in the agility ring from TRACE and her BEEGEE, **Kloud Burst I'll Be Your Everything**. Both are busily earning qualifying legs and even trying Time 2 Beat for the first time. They will definitely do that class again!

Back in August, I wrote about the concern that had been raised about how the Top Ten in agility is determined. As promised, our committee listened carefully to members who expressed their reservations and researched into how other clubs had set up their own ranking systems. Then, when we met in Chattanooga, we were prepared to discuss our program extensively and with open minds. Two decisions were reached: first, that we liked how we awarded points, i.e., how we converted agility scores to standardized scores; we believe it fair and reasonable. Then, second, we decided to survey our club members who compete in agility and sent to each the following email:

*"Our Top Ten committee met in Chattanooga to discuss the rating system for Agility. We looked at the systems used by other clubs and after much discussion decided that the way we award points will remain the same. Then we considered how Regular and Preferred dogs are ranked. If you recall, our original statement when this program began was that there were not enough Malamutes competing in Agility at that time to separate the heights, and all dogs would therefore be ranked together.*

*"It remains the committee's view that there are still too few of our breed competing to warrant separating the dogs into a Top Ten in the Regular classes and a Top Ten in the Preferred classes. A Top Five in each might be feasible, or we can continue with the Top Ten and identify which class each dog runs as we have been doing recently with a (P) or a (R).*

*"Since you participate in Agility and have been ranked, we are writing to you to seek your opinion.*

*"Would you prefer that we continue the present system of ranking the dogs into a Top Ten in each class, or would you prefer that we establish a Top Five in Regular classes and a Top Five in Preferred classes?"*

Of the 25 members whom we contacted, all but four responded. The majority (2:1) voted to keep the system as is, citing, mostly, the fact that there are still too few malamutes competing to justify separating the classes into Preferred and Regular. Therefore, rankings in 2013 will be determined the same way those for 2012 have been. Everyone, though, most especially the committee, agrees that this needs to be reconsidered each year. And, we are all in agreement that the AKC might make all these decisions for us as it refines its own classifications. That, to be sure, will be another story for another day.

## PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT

The Top Ten program for companion and performance dogs continues to be very successful. Karina Burger tabulates the obedience statistics, while Wendy Corr does Rally and Laura Heft deals with agility. They send their worksheets to me for assembly into the final rankings, which are published quarterly. A significant number of

malamutes participate in these events, and virtually all of them belong to our members.

After almost six years of operating the program, the committee is reviewing the rules under which we operate. We are also taking a hard look at how those rules impact the rankings, especially in regard to how other clubs and agencies establish their rankings.

For a number of years now, I have been increasing the database of companion and performance titles earned by our breed. Unfortunately, this file has not yet made it back onto the Club website, but I do have it and am more than willing to share the information. That's why I compiled it in the first place. If you want to know what titles your dog's ancestors might have earned, do not hesitate to contact me. I would be delighted to share.

As I have said in this annual report for the past nine years, this has been a good job for me, and I really enjoy doing it. I thank the Board for appointing me and hope to be reappointed. This year, however, I ask to be reappointed for six months only. Six months will take me to my tenth anniversary on the job and my 120<sup>th</sup> column for the Newsletter. Much as I have loved what I have done, enough is enough. It is time for another voice to be heard.

## AKC DELEGATE ANNUAL REPORT

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March was the first delegate meeting that I went to. In March, we voted for the new Board of Directors. The election results were Patricia M Cruz, William J Feeney, and Thomas S Powers. Alan Kalter was elected as Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Robert D Smith was elected as Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors.

We also voted for the realignment of the groups to change it from 7 to 11. A two-thirds affirmative vote was required to adopt the amendment. The motion failed. There was a counted vote of 231 in favor and 165 opposed.

The next meeting that I went to was in Raleigh, North Carolina, in June. At that meeting, all of the delegates were able to take a tour through the Raleigh facility. We also

talked about the new children's book, "I ran the dog show."

The AKC Business Development Department, under the management of Daphna Straus, executed a contract to publish the next edition of "The Complete Dog Book" with Bow Tie Press.

AMCA can invite anyone to judge our National if they're 21 years of age or older and have 15 years as a breeder and are not an AKC-licensed judge. They would be able to judge our national if voted in by the membership of AMCA.

The owner-handler series is available after July 3, 2012, for all breed clubs.

The September meeting was held in New Jersey. The meeting was a very emotional meeting as most of the delegates sat in the same room during the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City.

As of January 1, 2013, dog owners who complete the CGC as a title process may have CGC appear as part of their dog's titled name.

The vote on chapter 16, section 1: A new paragraph six of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would create a new three-point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one national specialty each year, specified by the AKC parent club, provided there are twice the number required for a five-point major in the winner sex. The parent club would have the option of not providing this additional major. There were two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted effective January 1, 2013.

We also have a new grooming space policy: effective January 1, 2013, a club holding a conformation event may, at its option, offer reserved grooming/crating space for a fee, provided that it makes available, at no charge in addition to the entry fee for the show, a reasonable amount of grooming/crating space of equal desirability to the exhibitors. Such a free space need not include additional services, such as availability of electrical hookups.

## **ALL AROUND ALASKAN MALAMUTE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

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In December 2011, the All Around Alaskan Malamute Committee rotated the chair of our committee of three. I stepped up to be the

chair. I would like a moment to thank Jackai Szuhai for her many years as the chair of our committee. Jackai, Carol Williams, and I make up our three-person committee.

Last year, we made a few changes to the requirements. Our committee has made it easier for dogs that live and compete outside of the USA to qualify. The performance/obedience requirement was expanded to allow agility as well as Rally. We also added an application fee. Because of this fee, the committee members no longer pay for the postage out of our own pockets, and our committee has approx \$140 in our account. This amount will be lower after the National due to postage for mailing the certificates to the owners of the dogs that were unable to pick-up at the National.

Our committee has had quite a bit of activity this year. We received 12 applications for 2012.

We have three levels for dogs that spend time in public. These dogs and their people must enjoy a variety of activities.

The highest level is the AAAM (All Around Alaskan Malamute). This level is awarded to Alaskan malamutes that have earned titles surrounding their name, including a backpacking, sledding, and weight pull titles. These dogs must have a stable temperament and function as ambassadors for our breed.

The next level is one for dogs that are short one of the five title requirements. One title can be substituted with advanced work in two or more fields. This is the VAM, Versatile Alaskan Malamute.

The third level is the SAM. For a Serviceable Alaskan Malamute, the malamute must earn a minimum of one conformation title of Champion, one performance title; such as an agility, obedience, or Rally title, AND any one of the AMCA working titles. This is the minimum.

All three are difficult to earn.

All three levels require documentation of public service, school visits, public education visits, etc., to show that they have a wonderful stable temperament with the general public. The intent is being an ambassador for our fine breed.

We have several dogs that earned additional titles and applied for the next level. JACOB went from a VAM to an AAAM. SAHARA and INDIANA, MADISON and DEUCE all earned SAMs last year and VAMs this year. Hopefully one or more will earn the single requirement they are short for an

AAAM in the next year or two.

These certificates are a lot of fun and work to earn. And everyone that has worked with his/her dog to earn one or more of these will tell you that it is truly a labor of love. I know this personally; one of my dogs was the first ever VAM. If you think that you have a dog that may qualify for one of these awards, the complete set of rules in on the AMCA website under "Shows and Trials".

We look forward to even more applications in the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us. I am frequently the easiest to contact. My contact info is in each newsletter as the current committee chair.

### **Here is the list of recipients as recognized by the All Around Alaskan Malamute committee for 2012:**

#### **AAAM – All Around Alaskan Malamute**

#3 "Major" - Winterstarz Ursa Major, owned by Timothy O'Brien & Katherina S Burger

#4 "Howler" - Winterstarz Sun of Istari, owned by Timothy O'Brien & Katherina S Burger

#5 "Jacob" - Wind's Fury Jacob Trailblazer, owned by Kate Salvadore, Barbara Salvadore, Tim Muldoon, Sheila Hjermstad

#6 "Atka" - Arcticdawn's Guardian Spirit, owned by Raissa Hinman

#### **VAM – Versatile Alaskan Malamute**

#5 "Sahara" - SnoShire's Sahara Snow Angel, owned by Tammy Doukas

#6 "Indiana" - Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider, owned by Tammy Doukas

#7 "Penny" - Winterstarz Pleione of the Pleiades, owned by Timothy O'Brien & Katherina S Burger

#8 "Madison" - Spiritrun's Utter Madness, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger, Jennifer Remazki, Aria Angola

#9 "Deuce" - Spiritrun's Uppin' the Ante, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger

#### **SAM – Serviceable Alaskan Malamute**

#8 "Karl" - Aluk Building A Dream, owned by Vicky Jones

#9 "Elliott" - Vykon's License To Chill, owned by Vicky Jones

#10 "Ikkuma" - Halatsuu's Raven Aflame, owned by Debbie Hunyada

Here is the complete list of recipients, as recognized by the All Around Alaskan Malamute committee:

**AAAM – All Around Alaskan Malamute**

- #1 “Moochie” - Chinome’s Arctic Invader, owned by Sam Walden \* **1998**
- #2 “Kwin” - Wencinja’s Out of the Kwestion, owned by Nichole Royer \* **2011**
- #3 “Major” - Winterstarz Ursa Major, owned by Timothy O’Brien & Katherina D Burger \* **2012**
- #4 “Howler” - Winterstarz Sun of Istari, owned by Timothy O’Brien & Katherina D Burger \* **2012**
- #5 “Jacob” - Wind’s Fury Jacob Trailblazer, owned by Kate Salvadore, Barbara Salvadore, Tim Muldoon, Sheila Hjermstad \* **2012**
- #6 “Atka” - Arcticdawn’s Guardian Spirit, owned by Raissa Hinman \* **2012**

**VAM – Versatile Alaskan Malamute**

- #1 “Buddy” - Belle’s Cool Holiday Special, owned by Charlene LaBelle \* **1998**
- #2 “Monty” - Malhaven’s Many Vistas, owned by Chris & Gordon Wellsandt \* **1998**
- #3 “Zahra” - Tarnish’s Zahra, owned by Marcia Martin \* **1999**
- #4 “Jacob” - Wind’s Fury Jacob Trailblazer, owned by Sheila Timbers-Hjermstad, Barb Salvadore, Nancy Russell, Tim Muldoon \* **2010**
- #5 “Sahara” - SnoShire’s Sahara Snow Angel, owned by Tammy Doukas \* **2012**
- #6 “Indiana” - Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider, owned by Tammy Doukas \* **2012**
- #7 “Penny” - Winterstarz Pleione of the Pleiades, owned by Timothy O’Brien & Katherina D Burger \* **2012**
- #8 “Madison” - Spiritrun’s Utter Madness, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger, Jennifer Remazki, Aria Angolia \* **2012**
- #9 “Deuce” - Spiritrun’s Uppin’ the Ante, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger \* **2012**

**SAM – Serviceable Alaskan Malamute**

- #1 “Monty” - Malhaven’s Many Vistas, owned by Chris & Gordon Wellsandt \* **1997**  
*(Monty was first award ever given by the committee and first dog given two awards by the committee - SAM#1 & VAM#2)*
- #2 “Crunch” - Hill Frost Keep on Dreaming, owned by John & Laura Swire \* **1999**
- #3 “Madison” - Spiritrun’s Utter Madness, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger, Jennifer Remazki \* **2011**
- #4 “Deuce” - Spiritrun’s Uppin’ the Ante, owned by Colleen & Dave Belanger \* **2011**
- #5 “Slate” - Yukonjak’s Slate, owned by Chris Hibner \* **2011**
- #6 “Indiana” - Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider, owned by Tammy Doukas \* **2011**
- #7 “Sahara” - SnoShire’s Sahara Snow Angel, owned by Tammy Doukas \* **2011**
- #8 “Karl” - Aluk Building A Dream, owned by Vicky Jones \* **2012**
- #9 “Elliott” - Vykon’s License To Chill, owned by Vicky Jones \* **2012**
- #10 “Ikkuma” - Halatsuu’s Raven Aflame, owned by Debbie Hunyada \* **2012**

**WAYS & MEANS ANNUAL REPORT**

**2012 General Summary**

<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Up-front costs</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net Gain</b>
Calendar Contest	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$161.40	\$68.60
eBay	\$0.00	\$502.79	\$207.82	\$294.97
Book Sales	\$0.00	\$262.79	\$172.15	\$90.64
Café Press	\$0.00	\$172.94	\$0.00	\$172.94
Zazzle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital One Credit Card	\$0.00	\$711.47	\$0.00	\$711.47
AMCA Embroidered Items	\$0.00	\$105.75	\$4.42	\$101.33
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,985.74</b>	<b>\$545.79</b>	<b>\$1,439.95</b>



Awwwww.....This is the life.

## JUDGES EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

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During the 2011 year, a new PowerPoint presentation was put together. It was presented for the first time at the 2011 National Specialty Judges Education seminar/workshop in Ann Arbor, MI. AKC has made changes to the guidelines that AMCA must follow for this program. This was the first year to implement these changes, particularly in the workshop segment.

We had 28 student judges in our seminar/workshop. Copies of the evaluation reports filled out by the students were given to the Board for their information. I was very pleased with the comments from the students. Since the PowerPoint was only completed a few days prior to the presentation, no extra copies were available. I later emailed all judges for whom I had addresses to offer a copy. Several responded and were provided with an emailed version, which included the Illustrated Standard. Now all students are provided with a DVD to take home.

In January 2012, the Washington State Judges Group asked for a Parent Club-approved presentation. Pat Putman was the presenter using AMCA approved materials and the PowerPoint. I attended to assist her with the computer. The Washington group was responsible for all paperwork, so I am not exactly sure how many students actually received attendance certificates.

AMCA was contacted by the Dog Judges Association of America to do a presentation at their Working Group seminars in Houston, TX. In July, Shilon Bedford and I did a seminar and workshop. There were 24 student judges in attendance. The evaluation sheets and personal comments were very favorable.

During the year, we designed a "Quick Guide" laminated, two-sided card to be given to student judges. It is for use as a general reminder at a glance.

All materials used in Judges Education have been approved by the Board.

I received no startup money either from the previous JE program or from the Board. We are self-supporting at this time.

### INCOME

Opening deposit form 2011 seminar	\$807.00
Sale of CDs	18.10
Registrations for 2012	140.00
Total	<u>\$965.10</u>

### EXPENSES

DVDs & Supplies	\$184.23
Quick Guides	183.00
Check Charges	19.70
Total	<u>\$386.93</u>

Bank balance as of 9-27-12, \$578.17 + two undeposited seminar checks totaling \$70.00, for a total available of \$648.17. We will need to purchase CDs and CD labels for this year's seminars. We estimate preparing at least 30. I have five already reserved at the Breeder Ed seminar, at a cost to the members of \$5.00 each. Each DVD will have the PowerPoint and Illustrated Standard.

### ANNUAL REPORT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 2012

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The committee sent out a call for members but did not get any additional members to myself and my husband, John Youril (recently joined AMCA).

The committee obtained an email list of AMCA members so that information could be sent out to areas where an AKC Legislative Alert was applicable. In the course of the year, it was determined that, by the time a legislative alert is posted, action is usually days away, making it impossible to affect any action. By the time it is posted, it is usually a done deal. It would seem that local legislative action is more the purview of local all-breed clubs, who should be aware earlier of the issues and alert all dog fancy members long before the legislation comes to a vote.

On the national level, the most important issue for the entire year was the proposed APHIS policy change (this was not a legislative but rather administrative change). This proposal would have applied USDA standards for commercial breeding facilities and laboratories to anyone with more than three breedable females or who shipped a puppy. Information was made available via AMCA Bulletins and list postings, and members were urged to write informational points of opposition to the comments site based on information provided, as well as

make comments to legislators to make their position known. To date, action has not been taken on this issue.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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"If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." -Tony Robbins

This year, the Membership Committee continued our mission to help bring in new members so that our club can grow; to retain our existing members; and to ensure that joining and belonging to the AMCA is positive, welcoming, and highly valuable. The changes to the By-Laws regarding membership, which you voted "for" on last year's ballot, were crucial for this effort and allowed us to stop "doing what we've always done." We are thrilled to report that, for the first time in a decade, AMCA membership is growing. Thank you for helping to accomplish this goal. Keep going!

Last year at this time, we told you that the AMCA had experienced falling membership for the past nine years, losing 24% of our previous total members in that time; that our club lacked young members; and that new applicants had dropped by 25%. Though we were beginning to see an uptick in applications, we still reported a net member loss as of last October. What an incredible change we report this year! Not only did we stop the decline in membership, but **club membership has grown over 4% in the past year**. This is remarkable growth in the current economy and considering the price increase last year.

What have we worked on this year?

- **Application Process and Membership Options** - The Membership Committee proposed changes to the Standing Rules regarding membership to support the new By-Laws. The Board of Directors enacted these new Standing Rules late last year. We then revised the new member application according to those rules, including the new Associate Member option. In January 2012, our new membership application process went live on the website.
- **"Join AMCA" Page on Website** - Our committee wrote the content for this page, explaining why malamute enthusiasts should join AMCA and how to do it.
- **Member Spotlights** - Most issues of our newsletter this year contain Member Spotlights, the work of our commit-

tee. We've had to move fast to keep up with all the new members! It's a real delight for us to get to know our new members and to recognize our lifetime members through the Spotlights. We are very excited by all of the talent and enthusiasm in our club.

- **Renewal Reminder** - We created a postcard with instructions on membership renewal, which the Board of Directors and Newsletter Editor approved printing on the back cover of the March issue. Sending the reminder postcard to you in this way saved the club mailing costs. It worked – our Corresponding Secretary reported that only about ten renewals came in late. Thank you for renewing your membership on time!
- **AMCA Facebook Group Recruitment Initiative** - The Members Only AMCA Facebook Group constantly has non-members asking to join, who are turned away. Membership Committee member Tricia Till was recently given administrator access to the Facebook Group by our Board of Directors. Now, Tricia contacts each non-member who tries to join the Members Only group and invites them to join AMCA. We are impressed by the growth potential of this initiative; so far, Tricia has contacted about 40 people, and already over 10% have sent in membership applications.

**How can you help?** Please keep growing the club by sending gift subscriptions to the AMCA newsletter home with your puppy buyers. Our award-winning newsletter is a great gift for all mal enthusiasts! Keep inviting good prospects to join us; offer to sponsor new members. Don't wait for newbies to get up the courage to ask you about AMCA and sponsorship; reach out to them and invite them to participate instead.

**Strong clubs make for strong breeds.** We on the Membership Committee are driven to do all that we do because we want the AMCA to be strong for our breed. We see many more services being offered through AMCA than ever before, and we applaud the work of each member who steps up to help, whether they organize shows, hold trials, write articles, educate the public, fundraise, build the website, compile rankings, advance health, assist with rescue... and the list goes on. Growing and sustaining these efforts for our breed takes members who are dedicated to making it happen. Clubs can accomplish much more for a breed than an individual can on their own. This is our club, for our breed – it is what we make it. We challenge you to help make it

better than ever.

**Karina Burger (Chair), Val Thawley, and Tricia Till.**

P.S. Are you looking for a way to become more involved with AMCA? We are looking for 1-2 more people to join our team. Contact Karina Burger at [info@winterstarfarm.com](mailto:info@winterstarfarm.com) to learn more.

#### **NEWSLETTER ANNUAL REPORT**

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It's been another year of hard work on the newsletter. We pride ourselves on producing a top quality publication month after month. Winning the prestigious Maxwell Medallion of Excellence from the Dog Writer's Association of America in February was a true honor. It's nice to know that we compare so well to similar publications. We thank Charlene LaBelle for nominating us; she was pretty sneaky about it! We didn't realize that we were in the competition until it was announced that we were finalists! What a nice surprise.

After two years as Newsletter Coordinator, I feel that it's time for me to step aside and let someone else take the helm. I'm happy with the progress and the changes that we've made, but I need to devote myself to my dogs and to the Working Dog Committee. There is still much that I want to accomplish with the WDC, and I'll be glad to get back to it. I will hang around through the February issue, but anyone who is interested in taking over the position, please contact me right away so that we can work together to ensure a smooth transition. I have enjoyed my time as Newsletter Coordinator and especially enjoyed working with such a wonderful and talented team as Karina, Betsy, and Cindy Benson (our Board Liaison). I thank them heartily for their support and never-ending energy in helping to produce such a fine newsletter month after month.

#### **Report from your Newsletter Articles Coordinator, Karina Burger**

**Number of Articles:** On the newsletter articles side of things, you may have noticed that we ran fewer articles this year than in 2011. Our newsletter never had to limit page counts until I came along. The next thing you know, our newsletters had a bunch of articles and were routinely running 56-64 pages, which was great, except that the club was considerably over budget for printing and mailing the newsletter last

year. Something new for us this year was a 40-page per month limit; if we go over in one month, we must cut pages from another month.

**Newsletter Content:** There has been member discussion of what content should be in the newsletter, and I would like to let you see this issue through my eyes. It is important to keep in mind that articles are "bonus" material in our newsletter. Articles are in magazines; newsletters are for club business and news: officer and committee reports, member news, ads, statistics, etc. Any such content takes priority over articles; so, articles are always the first thing we cut or delay printing when we are out of space.

As our membership grows and more people report their news and brags, the space for articles could really be drastically reduced. I encourage each member to keep this in mind when you send in news and to be brief and succinct. Think Twitter – keep it short! Pick what news you send in for print; if you've already communicated it through other channels, do you really need to tell it again in the newsletter, especially with the delay we have to get it to press? Minimize duplication – we often see the same show win reported in Area Reports, Howls, and Show Reports. If it takes a lot of words or space to tell your story, consider taking out an ad to do it, because this helps the newsletter budget. If more people routinely used ads, we could afford to increase our page counts each month.

I've been happy to provide you with a really top-rate selection of articles in the past two years; in particular, world-leading experts have often written the health articles. It is frustrating to me when we get such fantastic content in and ready to go and then have to wait a few months for the space to print it. I get to try to explain to the author why, after I pestered them to make deadline, their work is being bumped to a later month.

I do not support ending member news; I feel it is a valuable part of our newsletter. Note that each article that I run has a word count limit, and I have to edit and cut words all the time. I encourage each of you to limit your word counts as well, so that we can continue to enjoy a wide variety of content in our newsletter.

**Current Columns:** Several new columns were launched this year, so we now have:

- *History in the Making*, which covers our dogs; these stories are about significant accomplishments in our breed;
- *Health Matters*, which covers health;
- *Trials and Tribulations*, which covers

training and competition tips for mals;

- *A Blast From Our Past*, which covers people who have been important to our breed;
- *National News*, which covers noteworthy events and awards given at National;
- *Stand Up for the Champions*, which is a series of articles comparing requirements for championship titles in different countries; and
- *The Malamute Resistance Movement*, which is an entertaining, creatively written commentary on malamute temperament and what life is really like with our furry companions.

We also have run a variety of “stand-alone” articles that do not fit into the above column categories.

**Malamute Library:** I thank each of you who have responded to my requests to write articles for our newsletter. Guest authoring an article is the best way to grasp how much time and effort it takes to put each piece together! I’ve always been impressed with the tremendous malamute knowledge and experience contained in our membership, and it has been gratifying to capture and communicate that expertise. Along those lines, another exciting initiative that we undertook this year was launching our “Malamute Library” – the Newsletter Articles pages on the website. Articles from past issues of the newsletter have been posted in color in the public section, under “About Malamutes.” There are already a nice variety of articles on many topics to help people learn more about our breed – written by people who really know what they are talking about!

**Put Your Words into Action:** We’ve received many compliments on our work and appreciate the kind words. An even better way to tell us that you like what we are doing is to invite someone to join AMCA, serve as a sponsor, or give a gift subscription to someone you know. Sign ‘em up!

We are seeking regular help with the Newsletter. Let us know if you are interested in working with us!

### WORKING DOG COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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In the May 2012 issue of the newsletter, we printed a side-by-side comparison of the current AMCA titles with the proposed AKC Parent Club Performance Title Process and asked for feedback from the membership. We received feedback from only one couple, so we have not pursued the program.

Paypal continues to be a popular method of payment for working titles with our overseas members and non-members. A reminder to all members: anyone can use this service. Just include a note when submitting your application(s) that you would like to pay using Paypal, and we’ll be happy to send you an invoice.

We have the latest round of Working ROM title earners, which we published in the

October issue of the newsletter. We remind everyone that certificates are issues to AMCA members whose dog(s) have earned a Working ROM title ONLY IF they contact us to request it. We do not always know who the owner of a specific dog is, so if you want the certificate, please send us your name, address, and the registered name and full titles of the dog who earned the Working ROM (but please do not include the Working ROM title in the list of titles to be included on the certificate).

### WORKING DOG CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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Certificates issued October 17, 2011 - October 17, 2012:

Working Lead Dog #145-150 =	6
Working Team Dog #1194-1233 =	40
Working Pack Dog #680-699 =	20
Working Weight Pull Dog #654-680 =	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

Plus 2 WWPD, 3 WPD, and 2 WTD applications are currently being reviewed by the committee.

These certificates represent titles earned by Alaskan Malamutes with owners in Canada, Norway, Ireland, Finland, and England, as well as in the USA!

And I responded to the usual many requests for rule clarifications and information.



How many dogs?



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October 12, 2012

Mr. Steven Anderson  
President  
Alaskan Malamute Club of America

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Enclosed you will find the results of the balloting for Club Officers, Conformation & Sweepstakes Judges, Service Awards, and Bylaw Amendments. The votes were tabulated on this day and there were a total of 415 ballots classified as follows:

Total number of valid ballots		405
Invalid Ballot Count		
No member signature	0	
Not a member	0	
No vote	0	
Arrived after deadline	10	
Total number of invalid ballots		10

I certify that the ballots have been screened for validity against the membership roster, that each valid vote has been counted and that the total vote count for each candidate is accurate.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Bozek  
General Manager

# ELECTION RESULTS 2012 A.M.C.A.

# NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPECIALTIES JUDGE SELECTION BALLOT

## 2015 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPECIALTY CONFORMATION JUDGES

	# Votes
President	
Anderson, Steven	224
Chu, Larry	167

Candidate #	# Votes
70	143
65	120
74	115
61	110
60	101
69	100
71	94
62	87
73	85
67	80
66	78
63	73
72	71
64	69
68	21

### Directors at Large

Candidate #	# Votes
44	254
41	203
45	187
40	166
42	162
43	82

## 2013 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES

### Outstanding Service Award

Maclean / Thomas	258
Bob Sutherland	291

Candidate #	# Votes
81	130
90	118
82	117
92	115
94	113
84	102
88	101
91	97
89	97
85	85
87	84
86	63
93	62
80	49
83	45

### Membership Questions

	FOR	AGAINST
51: Bylaws Amendment #1	293	89
52: Bylaws Amendment #2	288	105
53: Bylaws Amendment #3	298	85
54: Bylaws Amendment #4	325	62
55: Replace current Code of Ethics	230	135
56: Amend the AMCA Chd Certification	224	172
57: Suspend the AMCA Chd Certification Pgm	230	163

# The "Coffee House Girls" are back!



Owned and loved by Nancy Ward,  
Lucy Sanders, and Elizabeth Tyler

## Fall Moon's Luna Kai

12-18 Month Winner 2012 Regionals  
and  
Nationals 12-15 Month Winner  
Sweepstakes and Futurity

*"Thank you, Jeri 'El Dissi for a great  
job handling Luna!"*

## CH Fall Moon Shine's For Emma

GLAMC Affiliate Specialty Winner  
Grand Rapids KC & Genesee County KC  
Major Winner

Owned and Handled by Beth Pollack  
Co-owned and loved by Lucy Sanders



## BIS UCH/CH Fall Moon's Usa Ka Bukora, CGC

Owned and loved by Fred and Lucy Sanders





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# AREA REPORTS

## GREAT LAKES

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Going to start out this month with some exciting Great Lakes Alaskan Malamute Club News: Tricia Till is our new Show Chairman, and she reports that GLAMC will be hosting an AMCA Concurrent Specialty on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds in Corunna, MI. What does this mean? It means you get two shows on Saturday, the Genesee County all-breed show, followed by our AMCA Specialty. We will have puppy and veteran sweeps with the Specialty and supported entry on Sunday. The supported all-breed entry on Saturday will not have sweepstakes. We are limited to 100 entries in both shows (100 at the all-breed/100 at the specialty). More to come on this in the next few months as we get things organized.

Some performance reports came in from Connie Jankowski, who reports that ZEPPELIN, **BIMBS UAG1 UKC/AKC CH Malaczar's Get the Led Out RN BN NA NAJ CGC**, had a good month! On Nov 4, 2012, he took Group 1 in Shows 1 and 2 for the Northern Group; in Show 1 he went Best in Multi-Breed Show (BIMBS) at shows hosted by the Trail Creek Dog Training Club in LaPorte, IN. On Nov 23, he finished his Novice Standard title with a 1st place and was the only 24" dog to qualify; this was at trials hosted by the Iliana Collie Fanciers in Merrillville, IN.

Also Connie's MORGAN, **BIMBS-AL ALCH UAG1 URO1 UCDX UKC/AKC CH Malaczar's Legacy of D-Czar CDX RAE NAP NJP NFP RL1 CGC ASCA CD**, earned her APDT Rally Level 1 title with three 1st places and earned two legs toward her Rally Veteran title on Nov 18 & 19. She earned this at shows hosted by the Trail Creek Dog Training Club in LaPorte, IN.

Connie says, "Not a UD brag yet, but I feel it coming soon!"

Holly Donovan reports that **GCH Northern Lites Independence** received BOS at the Pontiac KC (Nov 8) and at the Agathon KC (Nov 25); Select at the Muskegon KC (Nov 9), Sandusky KC (Nov 15), Dayton KC (Nov 16), Agathon KC (Nov 24). Nine-month-old **Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln** won WD, BOW, and BOB. **Kasaan's Alaskan Fortune** won her final major

for her CH; she is **GCH Northern Lites Independence's** dam. **Northern Lites G'Sum Justice Liberty** got RWD to his full brother and WD/BOW for a 3-point major at the Agathon KC (Nov 25). He is now a CH of record! **Northern Lites Miss Glory** got RWB! Holly thanks Mark Peterson for handling her dogs. BOB at the Agathon KC (Nov 25) went to **Northern Lites Patriot of Snowvale**.

Laura Swire's girl SPRITE, **Staghorn Ice Sprite of Hill Frost**, picked up some points by going BOW at the Kalamazoo KC show for two points and WB at the Grand Rapids KC show for one more point. Laura says, "It is definitely more fun to show when your dog is in coat!"

In closing, on a personal note for those of you not on the Internet, a quick update to our live donor kidney transplant held on Wednesday, Nov 21. Our daughter's donated kidney started working immediately after transplant, and both Kristi and Bud were released from the hospital on Saturday. It's now been two weeks post-surgery, and both patients are recovering well and the kidney is doing its job! Thank you so much to each and everyone who posted on the AMCA Facebook page, sent cards, called, and kept all paws crossed for us! It is beyond anything that I can describe to have been a part of such an outpouring of concern, love, prayers, and thoughts from so many of you, some of whom we haven't yet personally met! Bud, Kristi, and I are so fortunate that we had our "AMCA Family" on board. Thank you, again!

Our family will definitely be welcoming in 2013, and we wish all of you a Happy New Year!

## ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

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My Dad was, and is, a big Glen Miller fan. He smoked Chesterfields because they sponsored Miller's radio program. How times have changed. But in consequence, I grew up listening to Tex Beneke singing "Chattanooga Choo Choo." Over and over. And over. It was therefore nostalgic for me, returning to a place that I'd never been before, going to the venue containing the train station and train featured in the song. I learned not to trust Google Maps, though. The venue did not look like it had much dog walking area on the satellite photo. Actually there was plenty of area for doggie relief.

Thanks to Ruth Levesque and Suzanne Bedell, who were show chair and assistant show chair. I admire those who take on the responsibility of a job, which, by definition, you are not doing right if nobody complains. I have elsewhere said, and truly, that I would rather drive a nail into my kneecap than be show chair for a National. So to you, Ruth and Suzanne, I doff my cap. Also, thank you to the folks from the St. Louis Malamute Club. They dragged all of that weight pull equipment from Missouri to Chattanooga, set it up, took it down, set it up again, took it down again, and then took it back to St. Louis. I would be even more grateful if either our Marty or his son Preston had pulled a qualifying weight. The "Show Me" Staters couldn't help me with that.

I am famously not a conformation handler. But through a series of unfortunate events, I found myself handling our CINDY (**CH Poker Flat's Original Cindy**) in the Regional Show Veteran Bitch 10-12 Sweeps class. (There's a sentence that a non-doggy person would never understand.) I managed not to fall in the ring, and CINDY managed to win the class. But then, I had to compete for Best 10-12 Veteran against Amanda Kanzelberger and BENTLEY, **GCH Catera's FunFast N WorldClass**. I really did not think that was very fair. Since I write these reports, I get to sneak in the first brag in the article. CINDY got an Award of Merit at the National, with Jeannie Wild handling her. And as I've reported before, CINDY could not have won if I had not driven her to the show, so I will take some credit for the award. BENTLEY won the Veteran Sweeps.

The new and exciting part of this National actually had nothing to do with the dogs. I left my bicycle at home, thinking it would not be useful. I regretted that decision. But several people went one better and rented golf carts right there at the venue for ease in getting around. The carts were great. Especially for us senior citizens, who go a long way in a long time. Dogs rode in them. People moved equipment with them. There was a drag race or two. It was exciting to watch Tex Peel doing a Tokyo Drift in his tricked-out golf cart. Ah, Good Times.

Let me once again extol the virtues of The History Room. If you are reading this, and I know you are, then The History Room has pictures and videos of the dogs in your pedigrees. Guaranteed. If there weren't other distractions during the National, you could spend the whole week in The History Room

and not see half the stuff we have. (And for you ladies, there are pictures of me when I was several years younger.) One reason that I thought that we did not have enough room for the bike in the huge Ford van was that we transported most of The History Room stuff from the amber plains of Campaign to the Smoky Mountains, just so you folks could view the glorious history of the breed. As Santayana said, those who forget the past are condemned to something or other. So if you don't want to be condemned, get your collective behinds over to The History Room in Oconomowoc. You'll be glad that you did.

We arrived in Chattanooga on Sunday evening and left the next Sunday morning. Many other Wis/III'ers were also in attendance, showing their dogs and getting some nice wins. But exactly zero have sent me a report of what they did. At all shows, and especially the large ones, I am the unpaid kennel help and bottle washer. I walk most of the dogs; I fetch like a retriever; I set up The History Room. This is not a complaint, but an explanation of why I don't remember other people's wins. I barely remember my own. So all of you, send your brags to your area reporters. They'll love you for it. Of course, in my case, it's a lottery as to whether I will remember to put it in the article, but as Shakespeare said, you can't win if you don't enter.

I think some area folks did well at the weight pull, but I don't know who or what. I do know that **GCH Awanunas Tornado of Snow**, aka EDDIE, won the Working Dog Showcase. EDDIE lives with Rick and Bev Pfeiffer. A grand win for a Grand Champion. EDDIE's daughter, **Staghorn's Eye Candy**, won the bitch points at the Regional. She lives with Cheena and Lenny Villano and is owned and was handled by Donelle Roberts. The Brood Bitch Class was won by **CH Yakutat's Epic Tayle**, owned by Helen and John Schultz.

Robin and I also have a girl named CANDY, but we spell her "eye" as "I," so she is I Candy. We had entered her in obedience, but she developed an eye infection that needed treatment, so she stayed at home. But this gives me a chance to encourage folks to build up the obedience, Rally, and agility entries. Put down this newsletter, put on your kennel shoes, and go train your dog. You'll be glad that you did.

But the Shows Must Go On, even after the National. Pat McGovern sends this: "**GCH ThunderKloud's I'm No Secret (ROWDY)** was Best of Breed both days under judges Robert Shreve and Meredith Reggie. But the wonderful surprise was ROWDY's first

group placement, a Group 4 under Mr. Shreve with some tough competition. Made for a great finish to a nice Thanksgiving weekend.

"I won't see you guys at Rosemont. I sent my entry to the wrong super, and by the time it was returned, it was too late to enter. Rats! Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Some good news from our friends, Mike and Jeane Nicholson: "**Wild Winds High Noon**, COOPER, owned by Mike and Jeane Nicholson, went on the road to St. Louis and picked up two 4-point majors. On Saturday, he was also BOW. The road show continued in Freeport next, as Cooper picked up two points out of the classes and went BOW to earn a 5-point major. His next road trip took him to Springfield, where on Friday he won the class, went BOW for a single point, and took BOB. Thanks to LeAnn Missana for handling him."

Actually, we were there in Kankakee when the COOP finished. But Mike emailed the win to me anyway. Hint hint.

We are not going to the North Woods this year, and we may never go again. We could not find a place like Nicolet for the group to gather between Christmas and New Year's. Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone? They pave paradise and put up a parking lot.

## MID-EAST

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Our first report comes from Val Thawley, who writes: "RAIDER has had a pretty good start into the weight pulling season so far. In October, we headed to Suffolk, VA, for our first weight pull, at which RAIDER took 4<sup>th</sup> the first day and then turned around and took 1<sup>st</sup> the second day. The very next weekend, we traveled to Chattanooga, TN, for the AMCA National Specialty. RAIDER won Most Weight Pulled in both the Regional and National weight pull. He is now a 2-time Dual Most Weight Pulled winner. Then it was on to the show ring, for which I thought he looked great. He didn't place in the BOB ring, but he did place 2nd in the Working Dog Showcase. We had a great time at Nationals, and RAIDER picked up a few phone numbers while he was strutting his stuff around. The phone has been ringing off the hook since we've been back! LOL!!

"Once back from Nationals, we had a week off before we were back on the road again, heading south to Suffolk, VA, for another

weight pull competition. RAIDER took 2nd both days. Hoping to be back in the show ring soon, but the way it looks, it might not be until after the first of the year. We will be going to a couple more weight pulls though. This will be RAIDER's last year of weight pulling. He will be retiring in the March/April time frame. But don't worry, he will still be strutting his stuff around in some kind of ring, whether it be in the obedience/Rally ring or the show ring."

From Mick & Kathie McCormick: "We had an exciting weekend here in Western PA in early October. Our BETSY (**Arctic Hope's Brave Betsy of Taiga**) won back-to-back majors in her debut as an adult. Previously, she went to a few big shows and specialties as a puppy and then blew coat! We thought that it was time for her to have some more experience in the show ring, and she showed us! What fun! BETSY is co-owned by her breeder, Leesa Thomas."

Our final report comes from Barb Pisch, who writes: "I have some brags for BEEGEE and TRACE. It started on Thursday, November 15, when I went to the Penn Treaty Kennel Club show with TRACE, **Kloud Burst's I've Got My Game On, BN, RA, AX, AXJ, OF, WWPD**, and competed in the Rally Exc B class. TRACE gave me a very nice performance, and we finished with a nice score of 90. :) This also finished his Rally Excellent (RE) title! That was just the beginning because on Friday, November 16, we competed at the Agility Association of Central NJ agility trial with TRACE and BEEGEE, **Kloud Burst I'll Be Your Everything, CD, CGC, RE, OA, OAJ, OF, OAP, OFF, NJP, WWPD**. I had a conflict with the boys, so Jenny ran BEEGEE in the Exc Fast class, and I ran TRACE in the Exc B Standard class, and as it turned out, we were in adjoining rings at the same time. It doesn't get much closer than that. I didn't get to see Jen's run with BEEGEE, but a lot of other competitors told me how nice her run was. Well, it must have been a good one, as she and BEEGEE Q'd, earned 71 points on the course and 1st place! Thanks, Jen, WAY TO GO!! Jen said that BEEGEE stopped at the top of the A-frame because he spotted TRACE and me in the other ring. She had to call him loudly to get him moving again. I then ran BEEGEE in the Exc A Standard Preferred class and also Q'd with a 1st place!! On Saturday, I returned for more fun with TRACE. We had a very nice run in Exc B Standard but no Q. We ran the Exc B Jumpers course, and he Q'd. I've been looking for more speed from him, and I got just what we needed after getting him wound up before going into the ring. Feet, don't fail me now, and I just hoped that I didn't trip over them. We tried Time 2 Beat

for the first time and had a blast! We'll do that class again!"

## MID-WEST

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No report

## NEW ENGLAND

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the dogs and cats that lost their lives in the fire and to Lori and Harold. I shudder still and cried off and on all day when I heard of this tragedy. Bless you, one and all! Thank you to all the supporters for the help that keeps pouring in.

Thank you to all the New England people for making our Yankee challenge basket at the Nationals a success. A special thanks to Ruth Ellis for arranging, wrapping, and driving it to Laurie Wells, who took good care to get it to the Nationals. The basket, which was an apple crate from Maine, was won by Barbara White from Colorado, at a cost of \$175. All items represented all New England states. I understand it was not lacking for Bottles, which made the crate quite heavy. Barb, hope you and yours enjoyed. "Hick?"

Yours truly might say congratulations are in store for Jane Palinkas with all these nice wins: "I am sorry this has taken so long. Just like last year, we came home from Nationals to an impending storm, and although it was not snow, it took out the power for almost as long. Then life started again.

"My boy, **Luv Sno's Liking it Rugged, CGC, BN**, and now, **CD**. I put him in Novice B at the Regional and National shows, just because I could not go to Nationals and not put a dog in obedience. He had been off lead for about two weeks, and I just wanted to find out where we were. Well, we were not only a qualifier and a 1st place, but also, **HIGH IN TRIAL** at the Regional. (It was a really small obedience entry.)

"Then two days later, we were entered in the National obedience trial and went qualifier, 1st place, and **HIGH IN TRIAL**. What a week for me and **CARHARTT**. He was only 18 months old. He also managed to earn his first weight pulling leg at the Nationals, this being only his third pull.

"After we came home and finally got power back, we were off to Nathan Hale, an all obedience show. We qualified and finished our **CD**, at the tender age of 19 months old.

"I also entered his sister, **Luv Sno's Uptown Girl**, in Beginner Novice to find out how she would do. She is a little behind her big brother. She qualified for her first leg with a 194/200.

"Off to Syracuse, NY, for a conformation show. My daughter so wonderfully shows my dogs in conformation for me. We took **UGRCH, UWPV, MaskARaidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney, CGC, CD, RE, WPD, WWPD, WTD** to the show, and she finished her AKC CH. So now she has more letters in her name.

"We came home in time for the Springfield cluster, and on Thanksgiving Day, **Luv Sno's Uptown Girl**, aka **JOELE**, in Beginner Novice for her second try. We earned a 195.5 and 1st place over 15 dogs. And on Friday, we finished our title with a 194 and 1st place over 25 dogs, under Judge Ellen J. Adomelis. I have told my dogs that it is time to switch gears as hopefully we should have some snow, and we can work on sledding.

"My other 'show dog,' **GCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Ruff, CD, WTD, WWPD, WTD, RN, CGC**, who is co-owned and lives with my daughter Vicki, has a couple of brags also. In September, **RUFFY** was entered in her first ever dock diving competition. She did all of her jumps, earning her a Novice Dock Diving title at the age of 8.5 years old.

"The Working Dog Showcase at the National had an incorrectly tallied score, and **RUFFY, GCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Ruff, CD, WTD, WWPD, WTD, RN, CGC**, earned 4th place, which was a nice surprise."

More news from Mary Anne Cronk and congratulations to you: "I'm catching up on my doggies news for the last month or so. **GCH Weir River's Building Your Dream (NEWTON)** headed out to start showing again last month. **NEWTON** picked up a Select and BOS in Philadelphia, a Select and a Breed win in Springfield (over Thanksgiving weekend). Some of my other dogs are in other regions having fun, too. **CHANEL, Weir River's Arc Magique Barvics**, picked up a Specialty major going WB at Ramapo. **BAILEY** picked up her third major at the Syracuse shows and became **CH Barvics Better Late Than Never**. My big boy **STONEY, Weir River's Sticks 'N' Stones**, headed out to Chicago last month to visit his co-owner, Evie Olmem. Time had gotten away from me, and I never got around to showing him. So, he started his show career, and in two weekends, picked up three BOWs, including a major. This dog has al-

ways been full of pleasant surprises and provided another one on December 1, 2012 (see Howls)."

Thanks to these two gals for the news, and until next time...

## NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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Well, once again we were hammered by Mother Nature on our return from the National, resulting in no power for almost two weeks and no Internet or cable for over two weeks. Hence, no column last time, for which I am very sorry. I wasn't the only area member to suffer due to the effects of Sandy; Mickey and Muncy also had trees come down and damage their property, but dogs and people were all fine. Gay Histake got off fairly lightly, as did most others I spoke to, so we can all consider ourselves very fortunate when I compare with what some other folks have had to endure. Talking of which, on a much, much sadder note, one of ours suffered a major tragedy when their house burnt down and they lost a number of dogs and puppies. Lori Hicks and Harold Powers suffered a terrible blow, and our thoughts and prayers go out to them both and to the surviving dogs. For those not aware, there are many folks helping out with donations of funds, items, and time to help Lori and Harold in this time of great difficulty, and donations can be sent to support the Masasyu Fire relief Fund via [www.go-fundme.com](http://www.go-fundme.com), set up by Jennifer Remazki.

As a result of the hurricane, I have a whole bunch to write up, send in, and talk about this time around, what with the NY/NJ and EAMA Specialties in early October, the National and Regional Specialties shortly after, and then I have local folks that have been out and about with their dogs doing lots of exciting performance things! We have a BVIS winner (see Howls), a BIS winner (no details sent but I know it happened! Congrats, **FALCON, Jr**, and **Kathy**), two new local champions (see Howls), and a new agility title (for which I don't have all the details for the Howls section).

Let's start, as always, with the performance achievements! Our EI Presidente and/or his lovely wife have been out doing some agility with **BRAGI (CH Awanuna's Bragi of Aesir, RE, BN, AJP, OFF, CGC, TDI, WWPD)**, who finished his Excellent Jumpers Preferred title on November 18 in PA, at the AMCA All-Breed Agility Trial, where he won his first Novice Jumpers leg just last year. He won all three Jumpers titles in just 11 attempts! Way to go, Bragi!

Lots more brags from Amy Novak, who has been very busy again with LAYLA (**Owyhee's Spirit In The Night**), who became the first malamute to gain the new AKC Coursing Ability title on September 15. Each leg required her to follow a lure over a 600-yard course in under two minutes, keeping up the chase the whole time. As Amy says, "Obviously for dogs with massive prey drive, it's no problem." How very true! But a great achievement, nonetheless. Then LAYLA was back in the agility ring, and on September 22, she got her first leg toward her Time 2 Beat (T2B) title. Holy smokes, I think they make some of these up. LOL!! Also, her first leg toward her MXF title, with a 4th place. Then at the end of the same month, they got their 8th leg toward their MX title, with their fastest time yet. Out of 40+ dogs in her height class, only 17 qualified, and LAYLA was 7 out of 17. She finished the 187-yard course in 45.80 seconds, for a speed of 4.08 yards per second and 23 seconds under time. All very impressive stuff!

Maria Dinwoody was at the Nationals with GENNY (**Snobuc's Genny Cream of the Crop, CD, RE**) and BULLET (**Snobuc's Cold Brewed, RE**), where both earned legs toward their Beginner Novice titles. GENNY earned a 1st place and BULLET a 2nd. GENNY also competed in Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent, giving her a leg toward her RAE title. Way to go, Maria, GENNY, and BULLET!

Patty Bryce has also been very active this fall with both KING (**CH Lakopac's Kinguyakkii, CGC, NJP**) and RORI (**Lakopac's Polar Aurorae**) in the agility rings, and they have also started with Rally. "KING got his first Rally Novice B leg at Bloomsburg, PA, with a score of 95. The next day, he received his second Rally Novice leg, with a score of 91. These were his first two trials, and I was proud of him. He's doing very well in agility, too. He received his Novice Standard Preferred first leg on August 19, second leg on October 21. He was also doing Jumpers Novice Preferred, and his third leg, giving him his new AKC NJP title, was obtained at Skyline Agility Club, Middletown, NY, on December 1, under Judge Don Wittke, with a 2nd place and a score of 95. He was moved up to Open Jumpers Preferred on December 2, where he received his first Open Jumper's leg with a 2nd place, with a score of 95. Yipee!! He also has two CPE (Canine Performance Event) agility titles. At K-9 Campus, Randolph, NJ, he obtained a CL 1-F title and a CL 1-S title. These are agility games and are lots of fun!

"Now for RORI, KING's litter sister: In con-

formation, she went Best Adult in Match on September 23, at Memory Park, Newton, NJ, under judge Rita Hatcher, and has picked up a few singles at AKC shows. In Rally Novice B, she obtained her first leg on November 12, at Bloomsburg, PA, with a score of 97. On to Agility Novice Standard Preferred: She obtained her first leg on December 2, with a perfect score of 100 and a 1st place (Wowee!!). Agility Novice Jumpers Preferred: She received her first leg on September 29, and her 2nd leg on September 30.

"These two are so much fun to work with. They love what they are doing and can't wait for the next road trip. They never know where they are going to end up...Conformation, Agility, Rally...but they change gears pretty well and can't wait to get in the van for the next experience.

"**Lakopac's Chance O'Hiawatha** is working on his AKC Therapy Dog title and is half-way there. Weekly, he visits nursing homes and loves every minute of it. These kids are keeping me busy." It certainly sounds like it, and I hope it's keeping you young, too. ☺

Lori Hicks did send me a couple of brags in early November, and I am going to wait to post her news at this time to spare her too much sorrow and pain. If we can all just send positive thoughts, and I hope we can celebrate all the GOOD things her dogs achieved, keeping her and her dogs in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you, Lori, and your dogs.

Now on to the conformation results from Augusta, where FALCON won the EAMA Specialty, and Cheryl McFarland's boy won WD, BOW. And moving swiftly on to the shows down in Chattanooga! I'll keep it brief 'cause I know y'all get bored with our SKYE's wins! Anyhow, SKYE (**Multi BISS, Am GCH Can CH U-GRCH Nyarakym Skywalker Samaljkan, ROM**) really outdid herself, and we came home LOADED with goodies and many happy memories! At 9.5 years old, she can still strut her stuff, and following on from last year's Best In Veteran Sweeps win, she swept the board in the Veteran Sweeps this year and then went on to win BISS at the Regionals and Select Bitch at the Nationals!! Seriously, I was grinning from ear to ear all week! She truly is our "dog of a lifetime". Our little YENTNA (**Am/Can CH U-GRCH Nyarakym's Dreams We Conceive Samaljkn**), at just 2.5 years old, also won an AOM at the Regional. The other big winner from the area was FALCON (**BIS BISS GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted**), who won the Top 20 event (congrats to Kathy, Jr, and, of course, FALCON) and an AOM at the Regional. A huge THANK YOU

to all the organizers and hard working show committee for another very successful Nationals week and congratulations to ALL the winners from all over the world!!

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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The news this month starts off with Michelle Coburn sharing her dog show travels from the Pacific Northwest to Tennessee!

"I would first like to tell everyone thank you for voting for me to judge Sweepstakes at this year's National. I had a wonderful time, met many wonderful dogs and their people. I had a wonderful time and hope that all in my ring did as well. Thank you so, so much for this honor.

"I started off October with a ticket sent to me by my best friends, John and Donna Cooknell, to fly to the Boise shows to show their boy SAM. It was to be a combination trip, as I had not met their new grandson Colby and we needed to celebrate John's birthday since I was taking his wife with me to Chattanooga during the actual day of his 70th birthday. So, due to work, I had to miss the Thursday show, but we hit the ring Friday and took BOW for SAM's third major, and he is now **CH Rogue's Dirty Dingus McGee!** We moved him up for the Saturday/Sunday shows, and much to their excitement, he took BOB over the three dog specials his first time in the breed ring. They observed from outside the group ring the confused look on SAM's face. He kept looking at me to be certain that we were in the right ring. I think that he was concerned that those 'other dogs' did not look like him.

"While I was in Boise, I judged BIM and RBIM for their match on Saturday night. A great time was had by all, and I had some lovely puppies to judge. Since I was judging at the National, I had no dogs with me, nor did I handle any. So, upholding the family honor went to Collen Stone with PUCK, **CH Peace River Silverice Summer Solstice, CGC**. On Tuesday this young boy went BOS at the Regional Specialty under breeder judge Roger Gifford. On Wednesday, he followed that with Grand Maturity under breeder judge Larry Chu, and then the guys went on their own and PUCK completed his CGC on Thursday. To say that I am beyond proud of these two is an understatement.

"I will let my Sweepstakes winners brag for themselves, but I will tell you that the

wonderful dogs I was presented definitely gave me a difficult decision, as there were many more than two that were worthy. I wish that I had more ribbons to honor those dogs and the hard work of their owners." Michele added, "I was also very proud to watch Bradlee Reznicek show MISSY, **CH Peace River's T'sedi Mystery Lady**, in Junior Handling at the National. They made a lovely pair in that ring and made me smile all the way."

Kathi Fraser also sent in some news about her kids, both nationally and internationally. In October, at the Vancouver, WA, shows, Kathi and Dan's boy; **GCH Icicle Creek's Outlaw Jesse James**, was Best of Breed under judge Mrs. Sinclair. Then Kathi shared that, in November, their **GRH CH/BIS/BISS Multi CH Icicle Creek's Superstar at Magician, SOFIA**, was Best of Breed at the Winner 2012 Show in Amsterdam, over 28 other malamutes. SOFIA went on to win a Group 2. Kathi shared how proud they are of both of these kids. Kathi made mention that they are really looking forward to the holidays and snow in the Pacific Northwest so that Dan has an opportunity to get out and do some sledding with CALI and JESSE.

Here is to wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season! I look forward to seeing some news in 2013 that includes some good sled dog stores!

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

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No report

**SOUTHERN**

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I will start this month with some brags and information from Tina Sanderford. "I forgot to include Ann Mayberry in the donations to our Challenge Basket at the Chattanooga Specialty. Sorry, Ann, and many thanks!

"Our FARKAS, **Illusion's Fireball Fuzion**, has been a busy puppy in the ring lately! At the Furniture City KC show on November 10, he went BOB (over a male special) for two points! On Sunday, November 11, FARKAS took WD for another point. At the Salisbury KC shows in Concord, NC, FARKAS went RWD to his buddy KOLT on Friday, November 16. Congratulations to KOLT (Lisa Staley) for completing his Championship! WOO-HOO!! On Saturday, FARKUS went WD for a point, and on Sunday, he won WD/BOW/BP for two points AND then went on to take Best Puppy in Show! The

judge absolutely loved his movement, coat, bone, and drive in the ring! I was lucky just to hold onto the lead and not fall down!"

At the same show, Junior Member, my daughter, Adrianna Martin showed Grandma's dog on loan to us, SKY, **CH Wild Wind's Sky Silver Lining**, and won 1st place in her class. Also that day, she showed SKY in the breed ring and won Select Bitch. This was the first time that she had shown SKY and the first time that she has competed on the breed level. They did a wonderful job together; many other exhibitors and judges complimented their teamwork.

Another note from Tina: "While at the Concord dog show this past weekend, I happened to sit down to eat my lunch with two elderly ladies. One noticed the AMCA logo on my jacket and proceeded to tell me that she worked with University of Guelph (I had her spell it 'cause it's pronounced 'Whelf') back in the '70s, when our club was having issues with dwarfism. Of course, I was astounded and took a few seconds before I began asking her questions. Her name is Gigi Kinney, and she told me about many issues with the dwarf breeding program, the work that Dr. Bourn did, she knew about the Master Plan Committee and how widespread the issue was at that time. She did mention that she had never heard of any Kotzebue dogs with dwarfism. Now, I'm not sure how educated she was about our lines, since I had just met her, but she was a fountain of information about the issues that breeders dealt with 'back then' concerning dwarfism. She recounted stories about driving live and dead pups across the border to Guelph, coordinating breedings with dwarfs for testing, and fostering dwarf dogs. What were the chances that I'd eat lunch with a stranger, at an out-of-town dog show, who knew so much about a health issue in my breed?"

"Several Southern Area members have

asked me if we could hold a Regional Specialty at the Winston-Salem, NC, show site in December 2013. The Forsyth Kennel Club would love to have the AMCA folks hold a Regional Specialty there! We have plenty of RV parking, lots of grooming space, and it's a great show site! I'd love to hear from the Southern Area members concerning judges for a Specialty. I have to get approval from AMCA to hold such an event, but in the meanwhile, I want to hear from y'all on your judge choices. I do not hire the judges—that's up to the Show Chair for the KC—but I can put in suggestions to her for our event. I will be completing the show paperwork in late January, so email me at shosanmals@yahoo.com with your suggestions ASAP! Also, if we get approval for this event, we will be asking for trophy donations, so please help out and donate!"

On November 17, Ric and Julie Edwards' COCHISE (**CH Storm Kloud's Pride of Ghostdance**) pulled a personal best of 1342 lbs to earn his second leg toward his WWPD title, at the 2nd Annual Super Pull of the Big Bend in Alpine, TX. COCHISE's daughter, ALASKA (**Ghostdancer's Enduring Freedom**), at her first weight pull and on her first birthday, pulled 1142 lbs to earn her first leg toward her WWPD title. It's wonderful to see father and daughter win side by side!

Stacey Moore sent in her month's happenings as well: "The month of November was an all-around good month for TYLER and me, both in conformation and in working venues. We started the month by attending some conformation shows in San Angelo on November 3-4. TYLER (**GCH Kenia's Rock Solid Adventure, WWPD, CGC**) picked up Breed wins both days, and even picked up a Group 3 on Saturday! We then traveled to Pueblo, CO, the next weekend for more dog shows. TYLER picked up a nice Best of Breed win at the supported entry on Saturday, un-

**2nd Annual Super Pull of the Big Bend in Alpine, Texas  
 November 17, 2012  
 Hosted by Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue  
 (Alaskan Malamute Results Only)**

Placement	Name	Amount Pulled	Owner
<b>61-80 Class</b>			
1	Alaska	1142	Edwards
2	Tikanni	642	Swearengen
<b>81-100 Class</b>			
1	Tyler	1142	Moore
2	Attila	842	Swearengen
<b>101 &amp; Over</b>			
1	Cochise	1342	Edwards
2	Miki	942	Hymas
Most Weight Pulled: Cochise			
Highest Percentage Pulled: Non-Malamute			

der judge Michael Shoreman. I was thrilled. I was also very thankful for the support that TYLER received from the other malamute exhibitors while we showed in the Group. The next weekend, TYLER and I headed to a one-day weight pull coordinated by fellow Southern Area members, Ric and Julie Edwards. TYLER won the 81-100 pound class, pulling 1142 lbs. On a lighter note, while TYLER managed to tie for 2nd in Most Weight Pulled overall, he was sadly outpulled by his current housemate, ROXY (my parents' Sheltie); weighing in at 24 pounds, she managed to pull 642 pounds (26.75 times her body weight). TYLER only managed a fraction over 12 times his body weight."

Suzanne Bedell sent in a letter, as well: "At the Montgomery shows the week-end after Thanksgiving, we had majors on Saturday and Sunday. My little princess TIF-FANY, **Kumata Kasaan Helle Froze Over**, was WB for a major and Puppy Group 1 on Saturday, under Robert Slay, and RWB on Sunday. My stud muffin MICK, **Kumata Kasaan's About Th' Label**, was WD and BOW both days for two more majors. Their mom, the beautiful LIBBY, **CH Kumata's On The Label**, was BOS both days."

At the same show, Edie Thomas had a brag of her own: "On November 25, JODEE, **WindStar's Delicious Surprise**, took her first points and first major! The show was held at the Cahaba Valley Kennel Club Show in Montgomery, Alabama. JODEE is owned, bred, and loved by Edie Thomas."

## WEST COAST

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I come to you this month with the holidays quickly approaching. We only received one (and a half) brags from Teri and Scott Carranza with fantastic news on their kids. Teri writes: "OLD NEWS...At the show in Santa Barbara, CA, at six months of age, AYLA, **Gryphon's Miracle of the Moonlight**, did a great job. We were pleased that she got Reserve twice but more excited that she got Best of Winners, all this while being handled by her daddy Scott, who is rather new to the sport. He did a fine job! AYLA's older half-brother DUNCAN, **Gryphon's Celtic Shoot-the-Moon**, was wearing his summer coat but had a great weekend, too! He got Winners twice and Best of Winners another day. His Auntie MIRA, **Gryphon Moon's Star in the Sky**, took Best of Opposite twice that same weekend against some nice competition. We were a bit exhausted. First time grooming three dogs (we are used to one), but we enjoyed the weekend, the wonderful weather, and the good company.

"More recent...At the San Luis Obispo show in Paso Robles, in the rain, set up next to the cattle lot in the mud (ewh!), we had a huge challenge trying to keep the whites white. At 16 months of age, our youngster DUNCAN had a great time prancing around the ring with his nose up in the air. He loves the rain! He got Winners and Best of Opposite. Then on the second day, he got Winners but also Best of Breed. Quite an accomplishment for this youngster! He had a blast in the breed ring, tail wagging the whole time! Afterwards, we let him run, play, and get all dirty. He likes it that way!"

A huge congrats to Teri, Scott, AYLA, DUNCAN, and MIRA. Very well done!!

I'm sorry for the short report this month, but holiday preparations are calling my name and the clock is ticking away. As this year comes to a close, I wanted to extend a heartfelt Happy Holidays to all of you! I hope that the coming year allows me to appreciate everything and everyone in my life, everyday, to take adversity with dignity and resolve, to enjoy my victories without being boastful, and to make sure those that I love know how I feel each and every day. I hope to love deeply, laugh often, judge less, enjoy and appreciate more, and smile a lot! Happy Holidays, my friends!

## AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE

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

Italian member Giuseppe Biagiotti has sent news this month. At the Insubria Winners show 2012, Vrese, held in November, under judge Mr L Pichard (CH), **BIS BISS HR IT INT CH Rohan Del Biagio**, ROHAN, was awarded the CAC, the CACIB, and Best of Breed. **Starlight Express Del Biagio**, STARLIGHT, was awarded Best Young. **Addney Del Biagio**, ADDNEY, was awarded Best Junior. **JCH Zorah Del Biagio**, ZORAH, was awarded the CAC, the CACIB, and BOS. The kennel was awarded Best Breeder Group in Show and Res. Best Brace in Show.

At the International Dog Show, Sempeter, Slovenia, held in November, under judge Mr C deGiuliani, ROHAN was awarded the CAC (Slo) and the Res. CACIB. **Joseph Del Biagio**, JOSEPH, was awarded Res. Best Young in Show (see Howls). The kennel was awarded Res. Best Breeder Group in Show.

The following day at the International Dog Show, Vrtojba, under judge Mrs Y Gavrilova,

ROHAN was awarded the CAC (Slo), the CACIB, Best of Breed, and Group 1, which completed his Slovenian championship (see Howls). JOSEPH was again awarded Best Young. The kennel was awarded Best Breeder Group in Show.

At the Northern Breeds Specialty, Zagreb, held in November, under judge Mrs P Poduschka Aigner, JOSEPH was awarded Best Junior and Best of Breed.

The following day at the Zagreb CACIB show, under judge Mrs M Hamill, **BIS IT CH Clover Del Biagio**, CLOVER, was awarded the CAC (Hr), the CACIB, Best of Breed, Group 3, and qualified for Crufts 2013 (see Howls). STARLIGHT was awarded Best Junior and qualified for Crufts 2013. ZORAH was awarded the CAC (Hr) and the Res. CACIB. The kennel was awarded 3rd Best Breeder Group in Show.

The following day at the Zagreb CACIB show, under judge Mr F. Kovacev, CLOVER was again awarded the CAC (Hr), the CACIB, Best of Breed, and Group 3, which completed his Croatian championship (see Howls). ZORAH was awarded the CAC (Hr), the Res. CACIB, and BOS. The kennel was awarded Best Breeder Group in Show and Best Brace in Show.

The following week at the International Dog Show, Cremona, held in November under judge MR G Mentasti (It), ROHAN was awarded the CACIB and Best of Breed. **Uii-ock Del Biagio**, owned by E Fraboni, was awarded the CAC. ADDNEY was awarded Best Puppy. ZORAH was awarded the Res. CAC and the Res. CACIB.

Belgium member Gwen Guillaume has sent news: At the Eurodogshow, Kortrijk, held in November under judge Mr. Jan Meijerink, **Multi BISS CH Uyak Kalamals Bison Benjamin**, BEN, was awarded the CAC, the CACIB, and Group 4 (see Howls). **Chinanook's Lilly Rose**, LILLY, was awarded Best Puppy. Special thanks to the judges.

Dutch member Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer has sent news: "**Peace River Niviasar**, NIVI, our young girl, came with me to the Winners show in Amsterdam. NIVI was placed second with a grading of excellent in her Youth class. NIVI was handled by myself; at first, we both did a good job, but after a while, NIVI decided that she wanted to play and did the famous River Dance that her grandfather did at the National in Eugene a few years ago. NIVI had to be at the show for all of the days as I was involved in all kind of jobs, so she stayed with me in the hotel and slept in her crate. Everybody loved her and wanted to take her out, so she had a

good time. At home, she had her first time in harness with the team for a short run, and fortunately, she loved it!"

UK member Marina Page has sent some news: At the weight pull competition held at Allerton Park this month, both **Cedarcreek Exquisite**, TEXAS, and **Cedarcreek Enchantress For Nordicwinds**, KANSAS, gained their 3rd leg toward their WWPD titles. **Cedarcreek Endurance at Mountainglen**, HUDSON, gained his second leg toward his WTD title.

UK member Anna Darlow has sent news from the Allerton Park weight pull competition: **Sledog Forest Mist WPD**, MACKENZIE, gained his final leg toward his WWPD title with a pull of 1900 lbs and placed 1st in his class of 11; **Sledog Dream Seeker (A.i.)**, DENALI, pulled in the novice class and is doing very well.

News from UK members Sara and James Barstow: At the Allerton Park weight pull competition, **Sledog Dream Factory for Ayakulik (A.i.)**, XION, gained his third leg toward his WWPD title with a pull of 1600 lbs, which placed him 5th in his class. **Icy-cool North Peak at Ayakulik WTD WWPD WPDA WLD**, OAKLEY, pulled 2100 lbs, gaining another WWPD leg, which placed

him 2nd in his class. **Cinneli Ice Road Kiss at Ayakulik WLD WTDA WPDX WWPD**, KISKA, finished 3rd in her class.

French member Judith Gogibus has sent some valuable news: "I have been working to collect data about malamutes for more than 20 years. I have been inputting this data into my own program for about the last 10 years; however, I wasn't able to make the data available online to share this information.

"In 2000, Regine Michaudon spoke to me about the Dan Anderson program, so I got in touch with him and sent him the French dogs for his program. I had found someone to share my data with! The Belgium club had the same software as me, so Cécile Ruelle sent me the Belgium dogs' records to include. Valerie Privé had begun to create a database for herself, and her work helped me very much.

"This year, I wanted to find a program or a website that permitted me to share my data online. Finally, the webmaster of Pawpeds accepted this, so now all of the data is accessible online at <http://pawpeds.com/index.html>. Regine Michaudon and Delphine Denis have helped me to enter the dogs, which made it easier. My goal is to offer the European breeders some help when they

are planning a litter and hopefully more information in the future."

Well done, Judith; it is dedication like this that will ultimately help our breed in the future.

Our own news this month: We took **Sledog Mountainous Pass**, NATE, and **Hyteton Harvest Festival WPD**, MINX, along to the Allerton Park weight pull competition. NATE has pulled up to 1200 lbs at the practice events but decided that he would rather leave the shoot at the back and look for his dad on competition day. It was one of those days, but at least he enjoyed himself! MINX, on the other hand, did really well for her first time and happily pulled 800 lbs before deciding that she could get a big Ahhh reaction from the spectators if she lay down and did a bit of praying whilst in the middle of pulling the 900 lbs. She did finish the pull but unfortunately timed out. MINX is such a sweet girl.

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

### AT LARGE – S HEMISPHERE

Michelle White, Area Reporter  
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No report. Please send news to Michelle.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Introducing  
New  
Members

## Welcome, Elaine Walker!

Our very first member from Ireland, Elaine joins the AMCA from Ballyragget in Kilkenny, where she and her husband Darren own Lueldar Kennels ([www.lueldarkennels.com](http://www.lueldarkennels.com)). They

enjoy breeding, showing, and working both Alaskan

malamutes and Siberian huskies. Elaine says, "We are the first people in Ireland to import mals from the States and own the first Irish mals to earn AMCA working titles! We have four Working Pack Dog titles on our dogs, and five more working titles are pending."

Although they are justifiably proud of the achievements of their dogs, Elaine says, "First and foremost, each of our dogs is a family member and much loved pet."



Elaine hopes to attend a National Specialty in the very near future and appreciates all the help and encouragement received thus far from friends and mentors. She invites you to contact her at [elaine@lueldarkennels.com](mailto:elaine@lueldarkennels.com).

Highlighting  
Associate  
Members

## Welcome, Katy Flanagan!

Boise, Idaho  
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# SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

### BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

#### MULTI BISS GCH CAN CH U-GRCH NYRA-KYM SKYWALKER SAMALJANKAN, ROM (B)

Sire: Am/Int CH Malko's Wookie Of Kunek  
 Dam: Am/Can CH U-GRCH Nyrakym's Star Of Samaljankan  
 Breeder: Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo  
 Owner: Karyn Colman & Jari Nirhamo  
 Show: Palisades KC  
 Date: October 12, 2012  
 Breed: Ms Paula Nykiel  
 BVIS: Ms Linda M Riedel

### NEW GRAND CHAMPION

#### GCH ISTARI'S TUVEE OR NOT TUVEE, WTD, WWPDX (B)

Sire: CH O'Artic Wind's N Istari's Emrys WTD WWPDA ROM-WD  
 Dam: CH Yakutat's Epic Tayle WTD WW PDX ROM-WD  
 Breeder: Helen Schultz  
 Owner: John & Helen Schultz  
 Show: Kenosha KC  
 Date: September 9, 2012  
 Breed: Mr Joe Gregory

### NEW CHAMPION

#### CH WILD WIND'S HIGH NOON (D)

Sire: CH Poker Flat's The Life of Riley  
 Dam: CH Wild Wind's Dazed and Confuzd  
 Breeder: Bob & Jackie Glastetter, Mary & Jeannie Wild  
 Owner: Michael Nicholson & Jeane Nicholson  
 Show: Kankakee River Valley KC  
 Date: December 2, 2012  
 Breed: Ms Murrel Purkhiser

#### CH MASKARAIDNLUVSNO'S MAID'N TIFFNEY, CD, RE, CGC, WPD, WWP, WTD (B)

Sire: Sendaishi's Crossrdsaftamdnite  
 Dam: Mask A Raid's Which Witch  
 Breeder: David McClain & Lisa King  
 Owner: Jane & Vicki Palinkas  
 Show: Del-Otse-Nango KC  
 Date: November 16, 2012  
 Breed: Ms Shelia Balch

#### CH LAKOPAC'S KINGUYAKKII, CGC (D)

Sire: CH Yukon's Bull O'The Woods  
 Dam: Lakopac's Arctic Kaleidoscope  
 Breeder: Patricia A Bryce  
 Owner: Patricia A Bryce  
 Show: Ramapo KC  
 Date: October 15, 2012  
 Breed: Mrs Thora P Brown

#### CH BARVICS BETTER LATE THAN NEVER (B)

Sire: CH Banshee's Reign Supreme  
 Dam: CH Weir River's Sticks Like Magic  
 Breeder: Victoria Petrelli Darnobid & Mary Anne Cronk  
 Owner: Audrey Thomas & Victoria Petrelli Darnobid  
 Show: Chenango KC  
 Date: November 17, 2012  
 Breed: Mr Joseph Holava

### GROUP 2

#### WEIR RIVER'S STICKS 'N' STONES (D)

Sire: GCH Aluk's Carry A Big Stick  
 Dam: Malsus Won For The Money  
 Breeder: Mary Anne Cronk & Evie Olmem  
 Owner: Mary Anne Cronk & Evie Olmem  
 Show: Kankakee River Valley KC  
 Date: December 1, 2012  
 Breed: Mr Ralph Lemcke  
 Group: Col Joe B Purkhiser

### GROUP 3

#### GCH KENIA'S ROCK SOLID ADVENTURE, WWP, CGC (D)

Sire: CH Vykon's Chasing The Wind  
 Dam: CH Windstar's Midnight Hocus Pocus  
 Breeder: Karen Berry  
 Owner: Stacey Moore  
 Show: Concho KC (1)  
 Date: November 3, 2012  
 Breed: Mr Stephen J Hubbell  
 Group: Mr Stephen J Hubbell

#### GCH SHEKINAH STRONG WATERS (B)

Sire: CH Shekinah Corazon Hemi Magnum  
 Dam: CH Benchmark Street Of Dreams  
 Breeder: Jay Van Zandt  
 Owner: Amber Ross & Elizabeth Chism  
 Show: Brazoria KC  
 Date: November 17, 2012  
 Breed: Mr Clay Coady  
 Group: Mr James Frederiksen

### GROUP 4

#### GCH THUNDERKLOUD'S I'M NO SECRET (D)

Sire: CH Terrapin's Kasaan 'N' Stone  
 Dam: ThunderKloud's I've Got A Secret  
 Breeder: Pat & Tom McGovern  
 Owner: Pat & Tom McGovern

Show: Lake Shore KC  
 Date: November 25, 2012  
 Breed: Ms Meredith Reggie  
 Group: Mr Robert Shreve

### BEGINNING NOVICE

#### CH WILD WIND'S I CANDY OF POKER FLAT (B)

Sire: CH Wild Wind's Royal Mounty WM, ROM  
 Dam: CH Ringlore's Parental Advisory, ROM  
 Breeder: Jeannie & Mary Wild & Robin Haggard  
 Owner: Robin Haggard & James Kuehl  
 Show: Dog Training Club of Champaign-Urbana  
 Date: November 17, 2012  
 Judge: Mr Patrick J Higgins

#### LUV SNO'S UPTOWN GIRL, CGC, BN (B)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon  
 Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGC, WPD, WWP, WTD  
 Breeder: Jane & Vicki Palinkas  
 Owner: Jane & Vicki Palinkas  
 Show: Windham County KC  
 Date: November 23, 2012  
 Judge: Ms Ellen Adomolis

### COMPANION DOG

#### LUV SNO'S LIKING IT RUGGED, CGC, BN, RN, CD (D)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon  
 Dam: CH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RE, CGC, WPD, WWP, WTD  
 Breeder: Jane & Vicki Palinkas  
 Owner: Jane & Vicki Palinkas  
 Show: Nathan Hale Obedience Club  
 Date: November 4, 2012  
 Judge: Ms Denise LaCroix

### RALLY EXCELLENT

#### KLOUD BURST'S I'VE GOT MY GAME ON, BN, RE, AX, AXJ, OF, WWP (D)

Sire: GCH Kloud Burst's Strait From The Heart  
 Dam: CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Intoxication  
 Breeder: Roseann & Richard Deutsch  
 Owner: Barbara Pisch & Roseann & Richard Deutsch  
 Show: Penn Treaty KC  
 Date: November 15, 2012  
 Judge: Ms Nancy Withers



# SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

## NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED

### CH LAKOPAC'S KINGUYAKKII, CGC, NJP (D)

Sire: CH Yukon's Bull O'The Woods  
Dam: Lakopac's Arctic Kaleidoscope  
Breeder: Patricia A Bryce  
Owner: Patricia A Bryce  
Show: Skyline Agility Club  
Date: December 1, 2012  
Judge: Mr Don Wittke

## EXCELLENT JUMPERS PREFERRED

### CH AWANUNA'S BRAGI OF AESIR, RE, BN, EJP, OFF, CGC, TDI, WWP (D)

Sire: CH Awanunas Pfalkor Pfur Istari  
Dam: CH Palemoon's Vvanilla Twist O'Polynya, CD  
Breeder: Richard & Beverly Pfeiffer  
Owner: Steven & Margaret Anderson  
Show: AMCA Agility Trial  
Date: November 18, 2012  
Judge: Ms Linda Kipp

## FAST NOVICE PREFERRED

### UAGII, UCD, RO2, UKC/CKC/INT/NAT CH SPIRITRUN'S UPPIN' THE ANTE, CGC, TDI, CD, BN, RE, NAP, NFP, NJP, C-RN, C-PN, CTL1-R, CTL1-H, CTL1-S, CTL1-F, WPD, WTD, SAM, VAM (D)

Sire: CH Quinault's Catch Me If Yukon, WTD, WLD  
Dam: CH Spiritrun's Arctic Crystal  
Breeder: Jennifer & Edmund Remazki  
Owner: Colleen & David Belanger  
Show: AMCA National Agility Trial  
Date: October 23, 2012  
Judge: Mr Rick Fyfe

## NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED

Show: AMCA Agility Trial  
Date: November 18, 2012  
Judge: Ms Linda Kipp

## COURSING ABILITY

### OWYHEE'S SPIRIT IN THE NIGHT, CGC, TDI, TT, NTD, BN, RN, AX, OAJ, XF, CA (B)

Sire: CH Pekaboo's Woo Got Tu Me  
Dam: CH Staghorn Owyhee Stellar Styl  
Breeder: Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake & Klynn Hisatake  
Owner: Amy Novak  
Show: Bayshore Companion Dog Club  
Date: September 15, 2012  
Judge: Mr Jeff Bedrick

## WORKING DOG REGISTER OF MERIT

### CH O'ARTIC WIND'S N ISTARI'S EMRYS, WTD, WWPDA, ROM-WD (D)

Sire: CH Awanunas Pfalkor Pfur Istari  
Dam: O Artic Wind's Contesa Del Soul  
Breeder: Susan, Paul & Marnie Frenzel  
Owner: Helen Schultz

### CH AWANUNAS PFALKOR PFUR ISTARI, ROM, WTD, WWP, ROM-WD (D)

Sire: A/C CH Kipmik's Driving Force  
Dam: CH Istari's Ice Crush On Koyak, CD  
Breeder: Beverly Pfeiffer  
Owner: Helen Schultz

### CH YAKUTAT'S EPIC TAYLE WTD WW-PDX ROM-WD (B)

Sire: Kasaan's Pipaluk Fortune Bound  
Dam: Istari's Tayles O'White Wind Kethry  
Breeder: Dr Charmaine MacGregor & Grant Brewer  
Owner: Helen Schultz

## INTERNATIONAL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

## RESERVE BEST YOUNG IN SHOW

### JOSEPH DEL BIAGIO (D)

Sire: BISS IT CH Iron Butterfly Del Biagio  
Dam: BISS IT LUX HR CH Lera Del Biagio  
Breeder: Giuseppe Biagiotti  
Owner: M.Pizzolato  
Show: International Dog Show, Sempeter, Slovenia  
Date: November 10, 2012  
Breed: Mr C deGiuliani (IT)  
Group: Mr C deGiuliani (IT)  
BIS: Mr C deGiuliani (IT)

## NEW CHAMPION - SLOVENIA & GROUP 1

### BIS BISS HR IT INT CH ROHAN DEL BIAGIO (D)

Sire: Multi BIS BISS WW EW CH Giving A New Royal Star De J.N  
Dam: Kira Del Biagio  
Breeder: G Biagiotti  
Owner: G Biagiotti  
Show: International Dog Show, Vrtojba, Slovenia  
Date: November 11, 2012  
Breed: Mrs Y Gavrilova (Rus)  
Group: Mrs Y Gavrilova (Rus)

## GROUP 3

### CLOVER DEL BIAGIO (D)

Sire: BIS Multi CH Escalibur Martinez  
Dam: Saliyah Del Biagio  
Breeder: G Biagiotti  
Owner: G Biagiotti  
Show: Zagreb CACIB Show  
Date: November 17, 2012  
Breed: Mrs M Hamill (IRL)  
Group: Mrs P Poduschka Aigner (A)

## NEW CHAMPION - CROATIA & GROUP 3

Show: Zagreb CACIB Show  
Date: November 18, 2012  
Breed: Mr F. Kovacev (HR)  
Group: Mr F. Kovacev (HR)

## GROUP 4

### CH UYAK KALAMALS BISON BENJAMIN (D)

Sire: CH Kalamals Ray Of Light  
Dam: Uyak Jasper Jessica  
Breeder: Dr. Harold Schwartzapfel & Paula Honigman  
Owner: Gwen Guillaume & Anita Muspach  
Show: Eurodogshow, Kortrijk  
Date: November 20, 2012  
Breed: Mr Jan Meijerink (DE)  
Group: Mr Evgeni Rozenberg (RU)

## NEW JUNIOR CHAMPION - CROATIA

### STARLIGHT DEL BIAGIO (D)

Sire: BISS IT CH Iron Butterfly Del Biagio  
Dam: BISS IT LUX HR CH Lera Del Biagio  
Breeder: Giuseppe Biagiotti  
Owner: Giuseppe Biagiotti  
Show: Zagreb CACIB Show  
Date: November 18, 2012  
Breed: Mr F Kovacev (HR)



# Major Show Reports

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

## *Great Lakes (submitted by Janette Slusher)*

### **Grand Rapids KC 11-11-12**

Mr. John T. Connolly  
14: D=7 (3 pts) B=3 (1 pt) 4 (1D, 3B)  
BOB: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D) (Hausner/Das)  
BOW: Weir River's Sticks N Stones (Cronk)  
BOS: CH Kasaan's Fashion N Fortune (McMahon-Howen)  
WD: Weir River's Sticks N Stones (Cronk)  
RWD: Dreameatcher Kasaan's Ketch T' Fortune (McMahon/Warrichaiet)  
WB/BOH: Staghorn Ice Sprite of Hill Frost (Swire)  
RWB: Wolfsong's Weir River Tenakee Glacier (Szuhai/Olmen)  
SB: CH Iceberg Don't U Wish Yur Grrfriend Was Hot Like Me (Berg/EIDissi)

### **Lima KC 11-17-12**

Mr. David Bolus  
13: D=1 (3 pts) B=6 (3 pts) 6 (2D, 4B)  
BOB: GCH Illusion's Beyond Imagination (D) (Fusco)  
BOW: Sno Shire's Shadowfax at Sno Spirit (Carter)  
BOS: CH Atanik's Halle Berry (Meredith-Cavanna/ Cavanna)  
WD: Sno Shire's Shadowfax at Sno Spirit (Carter)  
WB: Onan's Encore Encore (Hazelwood/Becker)  
RWB: Illusion's Straight From the Jacket (Fusco)  
SD: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (Hausner/ Das)  
SB: CH Polaron's Stand By Me (Applegate/Kellar)

### **Central Ohio KC 11-18-12**

Mr. Roger D. Gifford  
13: D=1 (3 pts) B=7 (3 pts) 5 (2D, 3B)  
BOB: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D) (Hausner/Das)  
BOW: Sno Shire's Shadowfax at Sno Spirit (Carter)  
BOS: CH Polaron's Stand By Me (Applegate/Kellar)  
WD: Sno Shire's Shadowfax at Sno Spirit (Carter)  
WB: Onan's Encore Encore (Hazelwood/Becker)  
RWB: Car-Ben's Play Misty For Me (Benson/Carlisle)  
SD: GCH Illusion's Beyond Imagination (Fusco)  
SB: CH Atanik's Halle Berry (Meredith-Cavanna/ Cavanna)

### **Agathon KC 11-24-12**

Mr. Dana P. Cline  
11: D=3 (3 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 3 (2D, 1B)  
BOB: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D) (Donovan)  
BOW: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D) (Donovan)  
BOS: GCH Northern Lites Independence (Donovan/ McMahon)  
WD: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D) (Donovan)  
RWD: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
WB: Kasaan's Alaskan Fortune (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)  
RWB: Northern Lites Miss Glory (Donovan)  
SD: CH Arctic Hope's Double T'Taiga (McCormick)

### **Agathon KC 11-25-12**

Ms. Audrey Lycan  
10: D=2 (3 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 3 (2D, 1B)  
BOB: CH Northern Lites Patriot of Snowvale (D) (Donovan/Phillips)  
BOW: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
BOS: GCH Northern Lites Independence (Donovan/ McMahon)  
WD: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
RWD: Arctic Hope's Brave Under the Bar (Wanamaker)  
WB: Moon Song's Bumbles Bounce (Marks/Shreve)  
RWB: Northern Lites Miss Glory (Donovan)  
SD: CH Arctic Hope's Double T'Taiga (McCormick)

## *Mid-East (submitted by Mike Park)*

### **Fort Steuben Kennel Association 10-06-12**

Mrs. Nancy Dinkfelt  
14: D=4 (3 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 5 (3D, 2B)  
BOB: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D) (Hausner/Das)  
BOW: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (Donovan)  
BOS: GCH Northern Lites Independence (Donovan/ McMahon-Howen)  
WD: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (Donovan)  
RWD: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
WB: Arctic Hope's Brave Betsy of Taiga (McCormick/ Thomas)  
RWB: Arctic Hope's 1st in My Heart (Thomas)  
SD: GCH Bar-Vic's Chasin' a Dream (Komaromy/ Petrelli)  
SB: CH Thunderbay's Enchanted One (Komaromy/ Bee/Schmoyer)

### **Beaver County KC 10-07-12**

Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman  
15: D=5 (3 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 5 (3D, 2B)  
BOB: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D) (Hausner/Das)  
BOW: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
BOS: CH Thunderbay's Enchanted One (Komaromy/ Bee/Schmoyer)  
WD: Northern Lites Liberty G'Sum Justice (Lowers/ Donovan)  
RWD: Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (Donovan)  
WB: Arctic Hope's Brave Betsy of Taiga (McCormick/ Thomas)  
RWB: Kasaan's Alaskan Fortune (Donovan/McMahon-Howen)  
SD: CH Northern Lite's Patriot of Snowvale (Donovan/Phillips)  
SB: GCH Northern Lites Independence (Donovan/ McMahon-Howen)

## *New York/New Jersey (submitted by Karyn Colman)*

### **Palisades KC 10-12-12**

Ms. Paula Nykiel  
21: D=8 (4 pts) B=5 (3 pts) 8 (6D, 2B)  
BOB: GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D) (Hausner/Das)  
BOW: Sno Camps Iluq Frozen River (Boix-Llebaria/ Llebaria Puig/Boix Camps)  
BOS: GCH Nyrakym Skywalker Samaljankan (Colman/Nirhamo)  
WD: Sno Camps Iluq Frozen River (Boix-Llebaria/ Llebaria Puig/Boix Camps)  
RWD: Tru North's Buckaroo Banzai (Cathey)  
WB: Kalamals She's Like The Wind (Kalamaja)  
RWB: Weir River's Arc Magique Bar-Vics (Komaromy/ Cronk)  
SD: GCH Weir River's Building Your Dreams (Cronk)  
SB: CH Thunderbay's Enchanted One (Komaromy/ Bee/Schmoyer)

**Ramapo KC 10-15-12**

Mrs. Thora P. Brown

11: D=4 (3 pts) B=1 (0 pts) 6 (4D, 2B)

BOB: GCH Samaljankan's I'm The One At Nyrakym (Colman/Nirhamo)

BOW: Lakopac's Kinguyakkii (Bryce)

BOS: GCH Nyrakym Skywalker Samaljankan (Colman/Nirhamo)

WD: Lakopac's Kinguyakkii (Bryce)

RWD: Kasaan's Zeus's Fortune (Booth)

WB: Lakopac's Polar Aurorae (Bryce)

SD: CH Sno Camps Iluq Frozen River (Boix-Llebaria/Llebaria Puig/Boix Camps)

SB: GCH Tugar's Aces High (Hausner/Das)

**Southern (submitted by Marcia Wild)****Cahaba Valley KC 11-25-12**

Ms. Judith Brown

10: D=3 (3 pts) B=4 (3 pts) 3 (1D, 2B)

BOB: GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (D) (Mayberry-Welch)

BOW: Kumata Kasaan's About T' Label (Bedell/ McMahon-Howen)

BOS: CH Kumata's On The Label (Bedell)

WD: Kumata Kasaan's About T' Label (Bedell/ McMahon-Howen)

RWD: Kumata Kasaan Doin' My Thing (Thomas/Bedell/ Thomas/Hallock)

WB: WindStar's Delicious Surprise (Thomas)

RWB: Kumata Kasaan Helle Froze Over (Bedell)

SB: CH Ixa's Moonlight Stroke Of Midnight (Mayberry-Welch)



# TOP TWENTY

Standings through October 31, 2012



Hey, everyone!

While we are wrapping up the calendar year, the Top 20 qualifying period is in full swing. As a reminder, the Top 20 qualifying period includes all AKC shows through April 30, 2013. Below, you will find the Top 20 standings through October 31, 2012. As always, if you have any questions, comments, worries, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to the winners!

Stacey Moore

Top 20 Statistician

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Rank	The Top 20	Points	Area	Owner
1	GCH Tugar's America's Most Wanted (D)	405	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
2	GCH Catanyas Latin Lover (D)	383	WC	P Kendrick/A Martinez/A Syar/M Stone
3	GCH Nfoakixa Over The Rainbow (B)	372	SO	A Mayberry-Welch/R Roffey
4	GCH Nyrakym Skywalker Samaljankan (B)	217	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
5	GCH Alcan Come Snodanc With Me (D)	172	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
6	CH Peaceriver Silverice Summer Solstice (D)	121	WC	L Bryne/A Syar
6	GCH Illusions Beyond Imagination (D)	121	GL	P Fusco/J Fusco
8	GCH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym (D)	115	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
9	GCH Wolfmtn Luckysky Bze Be'N Fabulous (D)	105	PNW	S Spurling/P Jenkins
10	GCH Ootek's Game On (D)	99	WC	L Panelli/C Burke
11	GCH Wild Winds I Roc (D)	90	SO	G Box-Young
12	GCH Eagle Hill's New Moon Eclipse (B)	89	RM	L Hill/V Hill
13	CH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lives A Dance (B)	84	GL	M Peel/P Peel/S D'Andrea
14	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	83	IL/WI	J El Dissi
15	GCH Double T Outer Limit (D)	80	RM	L Hair
15	GCH Kloud Burst's Strait From The Heart (D)	80	ME	R Deutsch/R Deutsch
17	GCH Kasaan's Seize T' Fortune (D)	77	GL	B McMahon Howen
18	GCH Kasaan's Royal Fortune (B)	73	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill/B McMahon Howen
19	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	69	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
20	GCH Catera's Funfast N Worldclass (D)	67	IL/WI	A Volkomener/N Volkomener
20	GCH Northern Lites Independence (B)	67	GL	H Donovan/B McMahon Howen

**The Contenders**

22	GCH Kaviak's Lord Of The Dance (D)	61	SO	M Richards
23	GCH Aluk's Carry A Big Stick (D)	58	NE	M Cronk/M Chilinski/L Berg/L Hofer
23	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	58	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
25	GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (D)			

# AKC PERFORMANCE TOP 10 STANDINGS

## OBEDIENCE STANDINGS

JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

BEGINNER NOVICE	POINTS	OWNER/HANDLER	AREA
1. SPECTRE'S O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?	25	COLE, J	MW
2. LUV SNO'S LIKING IT RUGGED	17	PALINKAS, J & V	NE
3. POKER FLAT WAVE OF THE FUTURE	11	HAGGARD, R & KUEHL, J	IL/WI
SPIRITRUN'S UPPIN' THE ANTE	11	BELANGER, C	GL
WILD WIND I CANDY OF POKER FLAT	11	HAGGARD, R & KUEHL, J	IL/WI
6. AWANUNA'S BRAGI OF AESIR	10	ANDERSON, S & M	NY/NJ
BANSHEE'S OH MY DARLING	10	LEMON, B/ THAWLEY, V	ME
8. MALACZAR'S GET THE LED OUT	9	JANKOWSKI, C	GL
9. ABENAKI'S PIECE OF CYBERSPACE	8	RENOCK, P	NY/NJ
MOBEARS JUST CHILLIN	8	TAYLOR, L	ME
<b>NOVICE</b>			
1. ALUK'S FUR ELISE	15	SULLIVAN, K	RM
2. SNOBUC'S GENNY CREAM OF THE CROP	12	DINWOODIE, M & R	NY/NJ
3. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL	11	HINMAN, R	GL
4. POKER FLAT'S CHINNA THAMBI	4	GODFREY, G	GL
5. ARCTIC KNIGHT'S FANTASIA EMPRESS	3	KERR, K	IL/WI
<b>OPEN</b>			
1. ARCTICDAWN'S BOOTS R' MADE FOR MUSHIN'	33	HINMAN, R	GL
2. MTN. HOME'S AURA OF ARCTICDAWN	8	HINMAN, R	GL
3. IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY	4	REINHARD, C	NY/NJ
<b>UTILITY</b>			
1. ARCTICDAWN'S BOOTS R' MADE FOR MUSHIN'	57	HINMAN, R	GL
2. MTN. HOME'S AURA OF ARCTICDAWN	7	HINMAN, R	GL
<b>VERSATILITY</b>			
1. RAIN DANCE A TOUCH OF GRAY	15	SULLIVAN, K	RM

## RALLY STANDINGS

JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

NOVICE	POINTS	OWNER/HANDLER	AREA
1. GRANITE'S ONLY ON ISTARI STARRI NIGHT	30	HEFT, L	NY/NJ
2. MODAR'S YULE PIED COMET	22	SWINYER, M	WC
3. ARCTIC KNIGHT N ISTARI MAGIC	16	KERR, K	IL/WI
LUV SNO'S LIKING IT RUGGED	16	PALINKAS, J	NE
NORTHPAW'S ARRAKIS OF WINTERSTAR	16	O'BRIEN, T & BURGER, K	MW
6. SPECTRE'S O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?	12	COLE, J	MW
7. PALE MOON'S MAD ABOUT YOU OF SNO CHASER	9	HJERMSTAD, S & KIRTON, S	MW
8. ARCTIC HOPE'S BRAVE SPIRIT	6	THOMAS, L	GL
ARCTIC KNIGHT'S FANTASIA EMPRESS	6	KERR, K	IL/WI
10. POWDERHOUND'S THE IKE-MAN COMETH	5	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
<b>ADVANCED</b>			
1. AWANUNA'S BRAGI OF AESIR	19	ANDERSON, S & M	NY/NJ
2. MOBEARS JUST CHILLIN	10	TAYLOR, L	ME
POWDERHOUND'S SILVER LINING	10	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
4. SNOBUC'S COLD BREWED	8	DINWOODIE, M & R	NY/NJ
<b>EXCELLENT</b>			
1. SNOBUC'S GENNY CREAM OF THE CROP	15	DINWOODIE, M & R	NY/NJ
2. A'KNIGHT'S CAMPFIRE N MCKINL	12	CHRISTIANSEN, M & K	IL/WI
ALUK'S FUR ELISE	12	SULLIVAN, K	RM
4. SNOBUC'S COLD BREWED	11	DINWOODIE, M & R	NY/NJ
5. ALUK BUILDING A DREAM	9	JONES, V	SO
6. MEIMEI	5	GODFREY, G	GL
7. POWDERHOUND'S BLAZE OF GLORY	4	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI

# AKC PERFORMANCE TOP 10 STANDINGS

## AGILITY STANDINGS

JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

NOVICE STANDARD	POINTS	OWNER/HANDLER	AREA
1. PALEMOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (R)	26	WESTALL, B	WC
2. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL (R)	21	HINMAN, R	GL
3. ALUK'S FUR ELISE (P)	15	SULLIVAN, K	RM
4. KLOUD BURST'S I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING (P)	14	PISCH, B	ME
5. TSAWAKE ONAK DONT STOP BELIEVN (R)	12	CORR, W	WC
6. MALACZAR'S GET THE LED OUT (R)	8	JANKOWSKI, C	GL
SPIRITRUN'S UPPIN' THE ANTE (P)	8	BELANGER, C	GL
8. POWDERHOUND'S THE IKE-MAN COMETH (P)	6	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
9. SNO CLASSIC DANCIN ON THE PEDALS (R)	3	PICKETT, G	GL
10. LAKOPOAC'S KINGUYAKKII (P)	1	BRYCE, P	NY/NJ
<b>OPEN STANDARD</b>			
1. PALEMOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (R)	24	WESTALL, B	WC
2. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL (R)	22	HINMAN, R	GL
3. IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY (R)	20	REINHARD, C	NY/NJ
4. KLOUD BURST'S I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING (P)	10	PISCH, B	ME
5. ALUK'S FUR ELISE (P)	9	SULLIVAN, K	RM
KLOUD BURST'S I'VE GOT MY GAME ON (R)	9	PISCH, B	ME
7. ABENAKI'S PIECE OF CYBERSPACE (R)	5	RENOCK, P	NY/NJ
KASAAN'S YR WISH IS GRANITE (P)	5	HEFT, L	NY/NJ
9. BENCHMARK ECHO RIVER (R)	3	RENOCK, P	NY/NJ
<b>EXCELLENT STANDARD</b>			
1. HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER (R)	243	DOUKAS, T	WC
2. ARCTICDAWN'S BOOTS R' MADE FOR MUSHIN' (R)	225	HINMAN, R	GL
3. MTN. HOME'S AURA OF ARCTICDAWN (R)	177	HINMAN, R	GL
PALE MOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (P)	177	WESTALL, B	WC
5. DCMALS REBEL ALLIANCE-ZAYK (P)	162	MANASSA, K	IL/WI
6. ARCTICDAWN'S EAST OF ATKA (R)	147	HINMAN, R	GL
7. NANUKE'S TAKE IT TO THE BANK (R)	81	CORR, W	WC
8. IXA'S MISCHIEVOUS MUGGS (P)	75	REINHARD, C	NY/NJ
9. OWYHEE'S SPIRIT IN THE NIGHT (R)	36	NOVAK, A	NY/NJ
10. KLOUD BURST'S I'VE GOT MY GAME ON (R)	30	PISCH, B	ME
<b>NOVICE JWW</b>			
1. PALE MOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (R)	27	WESTALL, B	WC
2. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL (R)	24	HINMAN, R	GL
3. AWANUNA'S BRAGI OF AESIR (P)	12	ANDERSON, M & S	NY/NJ
POWDERHOUND'S SILVER LINING (P)	12	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
5. ECHO MTN MIDSUMMER NIGHT DREAM (P)	11	BUONO, P	NY/NJ
HAWK'S REST OF SNOW HOLLOW (R)	11	MCKEE, E	RM
KLOUD BURST'S I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING (P)	5	PISCH, B	ME
8. MALACZAR'S GET THE LED OUT (R)	6	JANKOWSKI, C	GL
9. LAKOPAC'S POLAR AURORAE (P)	8	BRYCE, P	NY/NJ
10. POWDERHOUND'S THE IKE-MAN COMETH (P)	6	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
SPIRITRUN'S UPPIN' THE ANTE	6	BELANGER, C	GL
<b>OPEN JWW</b>			
1. AWANUNA'S IDUN OF AESIR (P)	30	ANDERSON, M & S	NY/NJ
2. AWANUNA'S BRAGI OF AESIR (P)	24	ANDERSON, M & S	NY/NJ
3. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL (R)	20	HINMAN, R	GL
PALE MOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (R)	20	WESTALL, B	WC
5. IXA'S MESMERIZING MISS MICKEY (R)	15	REINHARD, C	NY/NJ
6. ALUK'S FUR ELISE (P)	9	SULLIVAN, K	RM
KLOUD BURST'S I'VE GOT MY GAME ON (R)	9	PISCH, B	ME
8. ABENAKI'S PIECE OF CYBERSPACE (R)	4	RENOCK, P	NY/NJ
9. POWDERHOUND'S WOO THE MASSES (R)	3	EFFLER-LEVEILLE, J	IL/WI
<b>EXCELLENT JWW</b>			
1. ARCTICDAWN'S BOOTS R' MADE FOR MUSHIN' (R)	219	HINMAN, R	GL
2. MTN. HOME'S AURA OF ARCTICDAWN (R)	207	HINMAN, R	GL
PALE MOON'S CALIFORNIA SKY (P & R)	207	WESTALL, B	WC
4. HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER (R)	177	DOUKAS, T	WC
5. ARCTICDAWN'S EAST OF ATKA (R)	159	HINMAN, R	GL
DCMALS REBEL ALLIANCE-ZAYK (P)	132	MANASSA, K	IL/WI
7. IXA'S MISCHIEVOUS MUGGS (P)	117	REINHARD, C	NY/NJ
8. NANUKE'S TAKE IT TO THE BANK (R)	111	CORR, W	WC
9. OWYHEE'S SPIRIT IN THE NIGHT (R)	66	NOVAK, A	NY/NJ
10. ARCTICDAWN'S BLACK PEARL (R)	33	HINMAN, R	GL



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# National News

# RESCUE AWARDS



**LOUISE WITH MYA**

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**LINDA WITH  
MOONBEAM**

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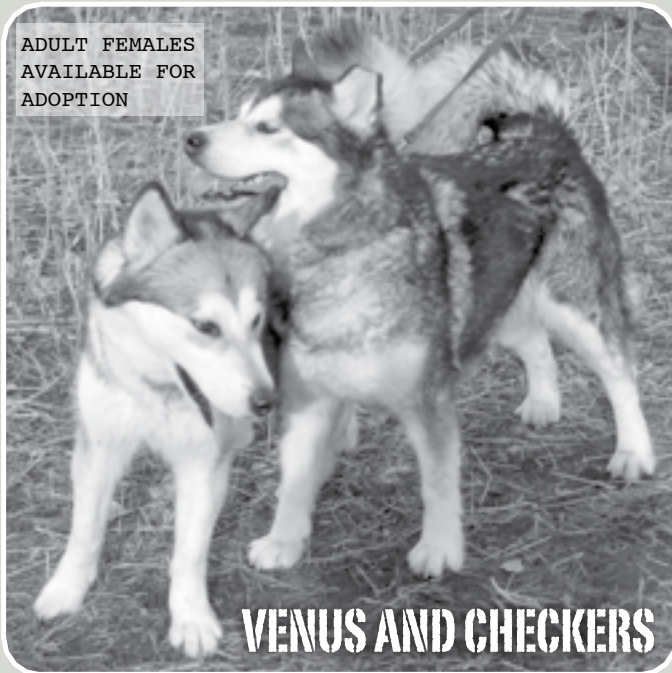
**TRIPLE PLAY**  
This year's Christenson Award is shared by deserving rescuers Louise Sturm (top), Linda Owen (center), and Jeanette Prevel (bottom).



TABITHA - ADULT FEMALE  
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

**JEANETTE WITH  
TABITHA**

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**VENUS AND CHECKERS**

**“Without our unsung heroes, we could not save the dogs who mean so much to us all.”**

**Presented annually at the AMCA National Specialty Banquet by the Alaskan Malamute Assistance League, the prestigious Christenson Memorial Award recognizes those rescuers who always work but are seldom in the limelight.**

**Celebrate the accomplishments of this year’s recipients: Louise Sturm, Linda Owen, and Jeanette Prevel.**

## **We Honor Dedicated Rescuers Louise Sturm, Linda Owen, and Jeanette Prevel**

**Editor’s Note:** *The Alaskan Malamute Assistance League and Moonsong Malamute Rescue nominated Louise, Linda, and Jeanette for the Christenson Award. Excerpts from their nomination letter are reprinted here with permission.*

Louise Sturm, Linda Owen, and Jeanette Prevel have been faithfully walking, grooming, and biking the Aluk malamutes at Malamute Village since March of 2012. We first met them when we made a visit to Helena to evaluate the dogs. With their unanticipated assistance, we were able to assess over 60 dogs in a couple of days! That weekend, we also experimented with taking a few dogs out for a short walk. The experience of having those dogs enjoy the freedom outside of their kennels must have struck a nerve; ever since then, these ladies have been spending any weekend they have free, volunteering to exercise and groom as many dogs as possible at Mal Village.

These wonderful ladies were also volunteers a little over ten years ago with a huge collie puppy mill bust in Northern Montana. They would drive from Helena north to “Camp Collie” as often as possible to work with the dogs - grooming, exercising, and just giving

them some much needed love and attention. Louise still has a rescue Collie from that seizure. Linda has quite the menagerie of dogs at her place, and Jeanette has mals that she shows and competes with in agility events.

Even with dogs of their own to care for, Linda, Louise, and Jeanette are truly dedicated to helping the Aluk malamutes enjoy their long stay at Mal Village, while everyone waits for the legal process to crawl along slowly. They have been wonderful about keeping in touch with us about their experiences each weekend, both to ask for advice and to make suggestions. We all have learned a lot in this process, and these three ladies have been especially gracious, always willing to try some of our ideas. We have noticed a wonderful change in the dogs each time we go to visit! With the mals getting more exercise, they became calmer and some of the shyer dogs seemed more confident. The example of dedication set by Louise, Linda, and Jeanette inspired others, and we noticed that other caretakers started taking time out of their busy schedules to get the dogs out for a walk or brushing.

It’s fun to be around these three when we visit the dogs - they are always willing to try walking new dogs or helping us out with whatever is the biggest need at the time. They were superbly organized, keeping cards on each dog’s progress every time that they took them out, which is an invaluable addition to the assessments that we have made. Their initiative to name all of the female dogs got the caretakers interested in naming all of the males. Louise has helpfully updated our huge master spreadsheet on all the dogs, adding dog names and recording progress that they have made since walking them on the weekends.

We don’t know what we would do without these three marvelous dog lovers! They have contributed immensely to the care of the Aluk mals and will continue to do so until the trial happens in October - and likely afterwards, as long as the dogs are still there and need the exercise and attention.

By their faithful dedication and hard work, Louise Sturm, Linda Owen, and Jeanette Prevel have made big differences to the lives of the Aluk mals. They deserve and indeed epitomize the spirit of the Christenson Award.

## NOBLE NAMES FOR NOBLE WORK

### LOUISE STURM COUNTERS FEAR WITH COMPASSION

My rescue experience began 10 years ago in Shelby, Montana, at a place that came to be known as "Camp Collie." A semi filled with 180 collies had been stopped and seized at the border between Canada and Montana. My sister called and asked if I'd like to help out. I didn't know anything about collies at the time, but I learned a lot, joined the grooming team, and ended up adopting one of the dogs. My Shasta is still with me today and is a certified therapy dog.

When my sister told me about the Aluk malamute rescue and asked if I wanted to help, I knew that I couldn't say no, because I had learned how important rescue work is. It didn't matter what breed these dogs were; they needed help. I didn't know a thing about malamutes, but with advice and encouragement from Katy Flanagan of Moonsong Malamute Rescue and Bob Sutherland of AMAL in Alaska, I became comfortable with and even enamored of these beautiful dogs.

It has been very rewarding helping at Malamute Village and experiencing the big hearts and loving nature of this breed. It is wonderful working with the dogs and watching them become who they were meant to be, and we have many stories of the amazing trust and resiliency that they have shown.

There was a female who caught my eye every time that I walked down the rows of dogs. She had the saddest face that I had ever seen, like she had given up on life, and my heart went out to her. She would lay crouched in her pen, as if hoping that no one would notice her, and her eyes would fill with fear if anyone opened the door to her pen. I began by talking quietly to her and tossing her treats, then giving them to her from my hand, petting her each time to get her used to touch. She eventually began to relax. We named her Elsa, which means "noble one," hoping that she would one day grow into her name. She was terrified of leaving her pen and would plant her feet, but over time I was able to coax her out. After only a couple of times out on walks, she opened up to trusting humans and became a different dog. The staff reports that she is now hard to keep in her pen while they are cleaning it because she gets so excited about the possibility of going outdoors. Her once sad face now expresses eagerness when people come near her, she takes treats readily, and she happily leads the way on walks.

It has been a longer road to recovery for Mya, one of the shyest females at Malamute Village. She has been so afraid of people that she developed a hot spot (healed now) on her back end from sitting so tightly in the back corner of her pen. She trembled whenever I came into her space and she would not look at me. For weeks, I offered her tasty treats, but she would only take them if I left her



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**ELSA**

pen and threw them to her. Eventually, she started taking them from the floor if I sat very still while near her. Recently, she made a breakthrough in accepting treats from my hand. Now when I call her name, she jumps around excitedly and comes to the front of her pen looking expectantly for her treats. She is still shy and hesitant about leaving her pen, but once outdoors, she perks up and enjoys her walks.

Then there are the "red" sisters, Roxie and Roca, who went from being terrified of leaving their pens to being excited youngsters anxious to go for walks. And Checkers, who we were told only holds her tail up on the days that we come to walk the dogs. Several dogs will even put their heads into the collar when we hold it up to them, so that they can get outdoors more quickly, and many of them have learned to sit for treats.

Words cannot express how touched and honored I am to be acknowledged by the malamute rescue community with the Christenson Memorial Award. There are so many good people working every day to better the lives of these wonderful dogs. I am proud to be a part of it all.



**ROXIE AND ROCA**

YOUNG ADULT FEMALES  
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

## KNEES, ELBOWS, AND LOVE

### JEANETTE PREVEL SHARES HER RESCUE ADVENTURES

The love of the breed drives me every weekend to the Malamute Village. I first fell in love with the breed when I was nine years old, after a local breeder gave a talk at my 4-H meeting one night. She brought this gorgeous big red male malamute that she and her husband ran in a team in the local Race to the Sky event. From that moment, I knew that one day I would own one of these gorgeous creatures.

In 1994, I got my first malamute, Nanook, from a breeder in Wyoming. I have owned six mals in the last 18 years, the majority living to ripe old ages. My dream is to one day be a responsible breeder of these great animals, to better the breed.

Katy Flanagan of Moonsong Malamute Rescue always likes to remind me of the events that led to her knowledge of the Aluk malamute seizure. I was literally lying in a hospital bed just after complete knee replacement surgery. An acquaintance who had firsthand knowledge of the seizure, which was imminent, called me. I called my malamutes' breeder, who called Katy. My breeder did not have much information and told Katy that she could call me, but that I might be heavily medicated. I don't remember much of the conversation, but Katy says that I told her to talk to Penny. Katy had no idea who Penny was, and I was unable to explain it! And that was the beginning.

It took me some time to be able to get up and move, but as soon as I could, I was out at Mal Village biking dogs. Against the advice of others, I took my own bike and started to test dogs, to see which ones were willing to run on a Springer. My first outing ended in a bloodied forearm. I told Linda and Louise that it really looked worse than it was, but gravel will do that to flesh.

Of course, I have my favorites among the Aluk mals, but when I look

out upon the sea of dogs, it just breaks my heart. I wonder what each of these beautiful animal's story is, what each of them has gone through and how they have survived.

I am currently fostering Gizmo. She is an interesting "little" girl; I say "little" facetiously. She is maybe 19 inches at the shoulder but is built like a brick you-know-what house. When the dogs were seized, Gizmo was as wide as she was tall and 83 pounds! My theory is that she had recently been returned to Mike's kennel and was not there long before the seizure. She is missing about a third of her tongue and both ear tips and has scars all over her face. She also has a huge lump on her head that makes the white hairs of her blaze stand up in a mohawk, hence her name "Gizmo."

When Robin Hug brought 2,500 pounds of dog food to Malamute Village, we did a walkthrough of the girls. We happened upon Gizmo's kennel. She looked miserable and very aged. Robin and I looked at each other and said, "She is not going to make it to a forever home." Later that night, I decided to contact Katy to see if Gizmo was one of the recent releases. To my amazement, she was scheduled for the next Moonsong transport to a foster home. I told Katy that I would foster her.

Every weekend that I am at Mal Village, there are a dozen more that I try to figure out how to make room for at home. Like this weekend, when Truman jumped up in the back of my pickup and looked at me as if saying, "Let's go!" I had just biked



him and took him over to my truck for my lunch break. As we walked by the open tailgate, Truman did a perfect "Load Up!" Then he would not get out. So we sat together and shared my lunch.

It amazes me that these dogs retain that ever-so-familiar malamute temperament, even with all that some of them have been through. This is why I do what I do and why this breed holds a special place in my heart and will forever.

Thank you for this award and for allowing me to be a part of something so great!



## IN LOVE WE TRUST

### LINDA OWEN CHRONICLES PROGRESS

It was a complete surprise to receive the Christenson Memorial Award and a real honor to be appreciated in such a wonderful way. I have always been more comfortable behind the scenes and find that helping with animal rescues is something that I truly enjoy. My husband, Dan, and I have had Golden Retrievers for many years, and I have also done a lot of dog-sitting for friends because of my love of dogs, no matter what breed. I am a member of the Helena Montana Kennel Club, and I was on the Lewis and Clark Humane Society Board of Directors for 10 years. Because of these organizations, I became aware of and involved in animal rescue.

The first rescue that I helped with was the Silver City dogs found just outside of Helena in the 1990s, about 53 mixed-breed dogs tied up in a warehouse with little to nothing to eat. Then there was the really large Montana Camp Collie rescue in 2002, about 180 dogs, all crammed in one semi-trailer on their way to Arizona. My past experience with rescues has taught me about the tremendous amount of work and dedication involved, and the Aluk Malamute Rescue ended up being an even larger rescue, but with fewer volunteers.

I remember the very first day that I went down to Malamute Village to see what kind of help was needed with the Aluk dogs. It was St. Patrick's Day weekend, and that's when I first met Bob Sutherland, Katy Flanagan, and other malamute rescue folks. Little did I know how my life was about to change, giving up every Saturday and some Sundays, for months to come. The sheer number of dogs was overwhelming, but once we saw how great the need was to exercise these

dogs, we were hooked. We just couldn't stay away, knowing that they were sitting in their pens waiting to go outside. My sister and I were not used to malamutes, and it was daunting knowing that we had to go into each pen to try to put collars on very energetic dogs. Sometimes we would have to help each other, but one way or another, we got the job done.



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In the beginning, a large number of the dogs were so terrified that we couldn't get them out of their pens. We started by exercising the ones who wanted to go out. Most of them did not know how to walk on a leash or were terrified when they got outside and would not walk. We decided that we would have to give each dog a limited amount of time so that we could get as many outside as possible. A little fresh air was better than none. We started keeping notes on each dog as we walked them because we were wasting valuable time trying to figure out each

time who was who, who liked what, who was scared of what, etc. Those notes helped us to see how each dog was progressing, and over time, it was amazing the changes that took place.

At least a third to a half of all the dogs cowered in their pens at first. Now, we can hardly remember which ones those were. There are still some who are shy or somewhat fearful, but they have all been outside for walks, and most have made incredible progress. In the beginning, we felt like we weren't accomplishing anything, but as we look back now, it is truly amazing what a little attention and exercise can do. Many went from shy and fearful to happy and fun to walk. To see a dog go from terrified to trusting was truly heartwarming, and we had many of those kinds of experiences.

It would have been very difficult to keep up all the work if it hadn't been for Moonsong Malamute Rescue and AMAL, Katy and Bob, encouraging us the entire time. We were overwhelmed with the size and energy of this breed, but we learned so much about the dogs and how truly wonderful they are. And once we started naming them, they became more than just dogs; they became friends and "favorites." If I had to do it all over again, I would be there in a heartbeat. The dogs are truly worth it, and it has been very rewarding working side by side with everyone involved in caring for the Aluk malamutes!

**Editor's Note:** To adopt, foster, or transport one of the Aluk mals, email: [montanamalamuteseizure@gmail.com](mailto:montanamalamuteseizure@gmail.com) or call 419-512-2423. Leave a message!

Include your NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION, HOME LOCATION, AND WHETHER YOU WANT TO ADOPT, FOSTER, AND/OR TRANSPORT.

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# CHD Working Group Update

## Greetings from Karyn Colman, your CHD Working Group Chairperson!

Our group is working hard! So far, we have:

- + Reviewed Dr Bell's seminar,
- + Shared experiences and views and had several lively discussions,
- + Developed and launched a preliminary survey via Facebook and email blast to AMCA members,
- + Reviewed over 230 survey responses.

## Tell Us What You Think

Taken online, our survey is completely anonymous and is how we are learning our member and breeder perceptions and opinions. It is important that we hear as many opinions and ideas as possible.

Thanks to all who have participated thus far. Most of our responses are from North America, with significant contributions from Europe and Australia/New Zealand. Chondrodysplasia is a global issue for Alaskan malamutes, so we would like more contributions from our "At Large" members.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Please Take Our Survey

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Malamute\\_Chondrodysplasia](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Malamute_Chondrodysplasia)

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE WEB ACCESS, e-mail survey answers to me at: NYRAKYM@COMCAST.NET  
or mail them to Karyn Colman, 2 Butterfly Lane, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804**

1. Do you believe Chondrodysplasia (ChD) is currently an important disease in malamutes?  
Yes, extremely important / Yes, somewhat important  
Not really very important / No, not all important
2. Should there be any AMCA recommendations/guidelines for the control of ChD prior to a DNA test?  
Yes / No / Undecided
3. If probabilities of the risk could be calculated with some accuracy from KNOWN carriers, would you use them to make breeding decisions? Yes / No / Not Sure
4. Would you be willing to participate in an OPEN database of known carriers?  
Yes / No / Undecided
5. Would you be willing to x-ray puppies at 6-12 weeks as a routine screen?  
Yes / No / Only if I knew they were from a "high risk" breeding  
What do you consider a "high risk" breeding?
6. Have you ever x-rayed puppies for ChD?  
Yes / No
7. If your answer to 6 is YES, please answer the following:  
How many? / From how many litters? / Why? / Please give year(s) (e.g. 1974, 1975) / Were any positive for ChD?
8. Have you ever produced a chondrodysplastic malamute puppy? Yes / No / Not Sure
9. If your answer to question 8 was YES or NOT SURE, please answer the following questions:  
How many? / How many litters? / How many different parents? / How many dogs produced total? / How many litters produced total? / Please give year(s)
10. Have you ever seen a chondrodysplastic malamute in real life? Yes / No / Not Sure
11. How would you rate your knowledge of ChD?  
No knowledge / Very little knowledge / A moderate degree of knowledge / Advanced level of knowledge, but would like more information / Superior level of knowledge and/or personal experience
12. In which part of the world do you live? North America (incl Canada) / Central - South America / Europe (incl Russia) / Middle East / Far East / Australia (incl New Zealand)
13. Any other comments?



Available -  
**NIKITA**  
Adult female



Available  
**CHIQUITA**  
Adult female



Available - Tess  
8 year old female



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Adult female



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female



Available  
**CUDDLES**  
1 year old female



Available  
**TANK**  
1 year old  
male



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2 year old  
female



Available  
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