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OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Steve Anderson
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Special Announcement: The Board has appointed PATTY ANN PEEL [GL] as our first new AKC Delegate in 25 years. The delegates from all member clubs meet quarterly, generally in NYC or Raleigh, to approve changes to show rules, amend the AKC bylaws, approve new clubs and new delegates, and elect members to the AKC Board of Directors. Our delegate must report what is said and done at these meetings and carry out the Board's instructions. She will be our eyes, ears, and voice at AKC.

We were fortunate to start with a strong "candidate class" of 8 interested members from around the country. Four of those elected to withdraw due to AKC's restrictions on professional judges/handlers/trainers, or because of AMCA's limited means to reimburse expenses. The 4 remaining candidates submitted statements of their qualifications and commitment, and the Board selected Patty Peel. We feel that she will give AMCA solid representation and a strong presence in the delegate body.

The Board will now submit her name to AKC for their required two month's publication in the *Gazette*. Our appointee must then be approved by the AKC Board and finally seated by the delegate body itself at the beginning of the March Annual Meeting. Also, in accordance with our own Standing Rule A-11, the AMCA membership will have the opportunity to ratify this appointment via online poll.

I said that the Board was fortunate to have strong member interest because this change in delegate comes at a critical time for AKC member clubs. As you should all know, AKC is proposing a major realignment of the Groups, which will have significant impact on all Working breeds. The full text of the proposal, which is still in flux, can be found on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4518>. At the March meeting, the delegates will be asked to approve the expansion to 11 Groups so the AKC Board can assign the current breeds and add new breeds as they are approved. If approved, this change is projected to become effective in late 2014 or early 2015.

Also on the agenda for the March meeting is the proposal to award 3-point majors to the RWD and RWB at National Specialties. Details of this proposal can be found in the online *Gazette* at <<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/33a5b92c#/33a5b92c/52>>.

The AKC Board has fast-tracked this proposal, and a vote is expected in March.

The AMCA Board needs membership input on these 3 questions in time for the meeting on March 12: ratification of the appointment of Patty Ann Peel as delegate; Group Realignment; and Points for Reserve. Around January 20, we will send a unique login to the poll to each member email. Since we have multiple members on many emails, the poll will accept multiple votes. The number—not content—of responses from each address will be logged, so one vote per person, please.

All members should vote; the interests of the Club are not properly represented if only those voting "no" are heard. The Standing Rule requires a majority of votes cast to ratify the appointment of the AKC Delegate. The new versions of both the Realignment and Reserve proposal contain major changes from earlier versions, so please read carefully before voting.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Willhauck at <frostfield@aol.com>.

Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause
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MOTIONS:

MOTION 03: 2011-12: AMCA loan \$150 to Public Education for the booth at Orlando, Florida, to be repaid later. (Anderson)

For: Anderson, Bedell, Benson, Coburn, Hug, Krause, Levesque, Pratt, Rogowski, Wells, Willhauck

Against, Abstain, No Vote: none

MOTION 04: 2011-12: The Board continue with the AKC Delegate search with the goal of naming an appointee in the January Newsletter and inviting membership ratification as required by SR A-11.

(Anderson)

For: Anderson, Bedell, Benson, Coburn, Hug, Krause, Levesque, Rogowski, Wells

Against: Willhauck, Pratt

Willhauck: In my opinion, we have not adequately explored all possibilities in our quest to seat a delegate who would be able to vote on the realignment question, an issue extremely important to our breed

and very important to our former delegate.

MOTION 05: WITHDRAWN

COMMITTEES:

**AAAM/VAM/ SAM: Charlene LaBelle

LIAISON: Suzanne Bedell

**AGILITY: Wendy Corr, Laura Heft

LIAISON: Ruth Levesque

**AFFILIATE CLUBS: Ruth Levesque

**AKC: Patty Ann Peel

LIAISON: Wendy Willhauck

**AKC GAZETTE: Dian McComb

LIAISON: Steve Anderson

**BREEDER/NEW MEMBER EDUCATION: Barb White

LIAISON = Robin Hug

**CCC/STUD BOOK: Dan Anderson

LIAISON = Laurie Wells

**CONFORMATION/MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS: Tina Robbins

LIAISON = Cindy Benson

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS: Pam Fusco

LIAISON = Laurie Wells

**FUTURITY/MATURITY: Pat Jenkins

LIAISON = Ruth Levesque

**HEALTH: Sandi Shrager

LIAISON = Wendy Willhauck

**HISTORY: Robin Haggard

LIAISON: Laurie Wells

**JUDGES EDUCATION: Sharon Weston

LIAISON: Wendy Willhauck

**MEMBERSHIP: Karina Burger

LIAISON: Michele Coburn

****NATIONAL SHOW SITE SELECTION/
AMCA EVENT COORDINATION ASSISTANT:** Bonnie Martin

LIAISON: Ruth Levesque

****NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING SALES-
PERSON:** Ronda Allen

****NEWSLETTER ARTICLES COORDINA-
TOR:** Karina Burger

****NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR/MEM-
BERSHIP FORUM:** Leesa Thomas

LIAISON for Newsletter Committees:
Cindy Benson

****PERFORMANCE AWARDS/STATIS-
TICS:** Muriel Dean

LIAISON = Cindy Benson

****PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Diana Edwards

LIAISON = Robin Hug

****TOP TWENTY:** Patty Carlisle and Jan
Slusher as co-chairs

LIAISON = Cindy Benson

****WAYS AND MEANS:** Julie Edwards

LIAISON = Laurie Wellks

****WORKING DOG:** Helen Schultz/Leesa
Thomas

LIAISON = Suzanne Bedell

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

SOUTHERN AREA REPORTER: Marcia
Wild

AKC DELEGATE: Patty Ann Peel

NOTE: The AMCA Board has appointed
Patty Ann Peel to be our AKC Delegate.
The next step in the process is approval by
the AKC Board and ratification by the AMCA
membership.

Jo Ann Krause, Recording Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**AMCA ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 26,
2010**

The 58th AMCA Annual Meeting was called
to order at 8:45 A.M. by AMCA President,
Steve Anderson. There were 109 members
in attendance.

****Julie Edwards and Kathy Raynes were
appointed as the Approval Committee for
the Minutes.
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OFFICERS REPORTS:

VICE PRESIDENT, RUTH LEVESQUE:

Ruth gave a brief overview of the plans for
the 2012 National in Chattanooga, TN, which
will be OCTOBER 21-27. More information
will be posted in the AMCA Newsletter.

**AKC DELEGATE, WENDY WILLHAUCK
FOR VIRGINIA GREFE:**

Wendy gave an explanation of the group re-
alignment proposal. Members are to email
Wendy with comments .

TREASURER, ROB PRATT:

Rob explained "where we were, where we
are, and where we are going." A sugges-
tion from the membership to advertise the
Purina Program.

AMAL UPDATE:

AMAL PRESIDENT, BOB SUTHERLAND:

Bob gave an update on the Montana situ-
ation and was waiting for additional infor-
mation. Homes, transportation, and money
will be needed, and AMCA will be kept in-
formed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports were given for the following:

****Health:** Sandi Shrager

****Performance:** Muriel Dean

****CCC (for Dan Anderson):** Robin Haggard

****History (Robin Haggard)**

****Ways and Means:** Julie Edwards

****Membership:** Karina Burger

****Breeders Education:** Barb White

****Website:** Pam Fusco

****Public Education:** Barb Salvatore

Note: These reports and those emailed will
be included in the committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION 01: 2011-2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Patty Peel's motion with the amendment to
change \$2.00 to \$1.00.

To change Standing Rule G-7 to the follow-
ing:

Non-licensed Affiliate clubs which use AM-
CA's AKC license may request/apply to hold
the following events: TWO "Specialty with
Sweepstakes Events" per year. An addi-
tional specialty event may be requested if
the affiliate club desires to host one of the
following events as provided for under AKC
policy. Strict adherence to AKC rules apply
to these events.

a. Two independent specialty events
held on the same day and same location,
OR

b. An in-conjunction specialty event and

an independent evening specialty event
held on the same day and same location,
OR

c. A concurrent independent specialty
event may be held in addition to either an
in-conjunction specialty event or indepen-
dent specialty event.

A rebate equal to \$1.00 for the first entry
of each dog shall be payable to AMCA for
each specialty event. Two additional "Sup-
ported Entry with Sweepstakes Events" per
year. Any additional shows may be "Sup-
ported Entry without Sweepstakes events.
No monetary rebate to AMCA is required for
supported entry events. All of the preced-
ing events require AMCA and AKC approv-
al; affiliate clubs should not proceed with
event plans until they have submitted the
required paperwork/ information to AMCA's
VP. (Sept 97/June06/Aug10)

AMENDMENT CARRIED/MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 02: 2011-2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Steve Anderson's motion.

Amend Standing Rule F-14 to read: Print
AMCA Constitution, ByLaws and Stand-
ing Rules annually in the April Newsletter.
(AM11)

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION RESULTS see below.

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ANNUAL MEETING ROLL CALL

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

Kim Adkinson
Leah Anderson
Terry S. Chaban
Jennifer Effler-Leveille
Karin Fischer
Andy Goba
Linda Goba
Robin Haggard
Sharon Kalous
Eileen Kinnas
James Kuehl
Patricia McGovern
Thomas McGovern
Joseph Missana
LeAnn Missana
Sherri Paris
Bev Pfeiffer
Kathy Raynes
Andrea Sautbine
Helen Schultz
Cheena Villano

SOUTHERN

Suzanne Bedell
Ruth Boenitz
Gena Box Young

Marilyn Curtis
Julie Edwards
Shari James
James Kornder
Stacey Moore
Tina Sanderford
Lisa Staley
James Welch
Maria Wells
Bruce Wells

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Cynthia Carriegan
Michele S. Coburn
Dorrit Evensen
Cynthia Neely
Tina Robbins
Sandi Shrager

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Twila Baker
Joseph Hug
Robin Hug
Pat Jenkins
Ron Pohl
Robert Pratt
Barbara M. White

GREAT LAKES

Colleen Belanger
Cindy Benson
Patricia Carlisle
Debbie Carter
Richard Carter
Holly Donovan
Denise Drummond
Pamela Fusco
Roger Gifford
Bonnie McMahon-Howen
Tim Muldoon
Tamara Newport
Martin Peel
Patricia Peel
Diane Phillips
Ronald Phillips
Noel Ramsey
Jennifer Remazki
Barb Salvadore
Lucille Sanders
Laura Swire
Leesa Thomas
Cindy Zehner
Paul Zehner

MID EAST

Dennis Collins
Richard Deutsch
Roseann Deutsch
Julie Kalamaja
Brenda Lemon
Michael Park
Nancy Racette
Valarie Thawley
Donna Woodman-Lamperski
Nancy Zinkhan
Conrad Zinkhan

MIDWEST

Eileen Barnes

Mike Barnes
Shilon Bedford
Katherina Burger
Julie Cole
Janice Croft
Jo Ann Krause
Timothy O'Brien
John Podolak
Michelle Podolak
Karen Taylor
Jeannie Wild-Campbell

NEW ENGLAND

Kathleen Corkum
David Gallagher
Susan Gallagher
Ruth Levesque
Joyce Matott
Jane Palinkas
Laurie Wells
Wendy Willhauck
Carol Williams

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

Margaret Anderson
Steven Anderson
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Karyn Colman
Kerry Congilosi
Maria Dinwoodie
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Laura Heft
Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake
Bonnie Martin
Laurie McAree
Pat Muchewicz
Jari Nirhamo
Sharon Robinson
Debra Rogers
Harold Schwartzapfel

WEST COAST

Wendy Corr
Muriel Dean
Thomas Dunn
Mike Stone
Alisa Syar
Terry Toussaint

AT LARGE

Griselda Boix Llebaria
Maureen Boyd
Kat Copley-Holland
Tanja Gube
Sharon Loades
Erna Hartveld-Upmeijer

GUESTS

Shirley Hendricks (AZ)
Kathleen Bray (MO)
Sabrina Czarapata (WI)
Arie Schwarz (Israel)
Silvia Bailey (WA)
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Due to an error on my part the sponsors in the last NL were incorrect. Please accept my apologies.

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Lori Hicks

Treasurers Report -November 2011

	<u>Oct-11</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	18,557.74	15,767.84	(\$2,789.90)
Investment Fund	<u>23,997.98</u>	<u>23,563.63</u>	<u>(\$434.35)</u>
Sub-total	\$42,555.72	\$39,331.47	(\$3,224.25)

Revenue

	<u>2010 Year</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>	<u>2011 Y-T-D</u>
Newsletter/Directory			
Advertisements	6,530.50	0.00	6,054.85
Subscriptions/Add. Newsletter	275.00	0.00	643.00
Mail/Delivery	2,922.00	0.00	3,116.00
Breeders List	2,740.00	0.00	2,620.00
Newsletter/Directory Total	12,467.50	-	9,317.85
Membership			
Application	1,218.00	0.00	1,399.00
Renewals	22,536.00	0.00	20,462.00
Late fee	809	0.00	794.00
Membership Total	24,563.00	0.00	22,655.00
Committee's Total			
	3,932.61	0.00	8474.12
Pass-throughs			
National Specialty	11,049.00	10563.61	11,977.13
AMAL Donation/Auction	2,793.62	0.00	3,784.00
Nat'l and Reg Trophy Donations	1,001.00	0.00	690.00
Legislative Fund	338.64	0.00	321.00
Pass-throughs Total	15,182.26	10,563.61	16,772.13
Other			
Affiliate Clubs	6.27	0.00	226.00
National Specialty	12,729.07	0.00	7821.00
Purina Partnership	1,267.27	0.00	957.62
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	775.27	2.41	551.65
Other Total	14,777.88	2.41	9,556.27
Subtotal Receipts	\$70,923.25	2.41	50,003.24
Investment Fund	\$1,647.92	(\$434.35)	(\$1,005.81)
Total Receipts	\$72,571.17	(\$431.94)	\$48,997.43

Expenses

	<u>2010 Year</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>	<u>2011 Y-T-D</u>
Newsletter/Membership			
Print-Basic	16,852.10	945.00	16,470.00
Print-Inserts	1,031.00	0.00	0.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	4,107.00	350.00	4,462.50
Mail/Delivery	2,078.86	40.32	1233.16
International Delivery	2,134.25	209.38	3,247.81
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	0.00	2,609.38
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,550.00	350.00	4,200.00
Newsletter artist fees	465.00	80.00	544.50
Newsletter Total	33,218.21	1,974.70	32,767.35
Officer/Board/Delegate	2,111.88	474.58	2,781.15
Pass-throughs			
AMAL Donations/Auction	2,793.62	0.00	7,334.00
National Specialty /10/11:	6,541.47	10,563.61	12,950.81
	9,335.09	10,563.61	20,284.81
National Specialty	10,986.81	0.00	3,827.98
Affiliate clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank/ cc processing fees	457.98	301.08	870.38
AMCA mem/AKC expense	128.11	25.00	19.95
Election Costs	1,686.62	0.00	2,407.91
Insurance	1,044.00	0.00	1700.00
External Financial Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	0.00	16.95	1,283.90
Miscellaneous/legal/other	143.06	0.00	4,929.80
Committee's	5,964.73	0.00	1,756.57
	20,411.31	343.03	16,796.49
Total Expenses	65,076.49	2,792.31	52,344.99
Change In Funds			
		(\$3,224.25)	(\$3,347.56)

- 1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 11/30/2011.
- 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. They are disbursed later to the owning entity-(AMAL).
- 3) Funds related to the 2011 National are not included in this report.

AMCA Calendar of Events

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

AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

ME AMCA Area in-conjunction with Lebanon KC WEIGHT PULL	4/13	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 3/28	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Laura Morehead, Show Chair 610-509-5360	Gena Box-Young TBD	C PS/VS
ME AMC Eastern Pa in-conjunction with Harrisburg KC WEIGHT PULL	4/14	PA Farm Show Complex Harrisburg, PA Closes 3/28	Jim Rau Dog Shows P O Box 6898 Reading, PA 19610 Laura Morehead, Show Chair 610-509-5360	James Taylor Pat Ford	C PS/VS
WC No. Calif. AMA TWO EVENTS (am & pm) WEIGHT PULL	5/11	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA Closes 4/25	MBF, Inc. P O Box 605 Pinole, CA 94565 Kymm Bass, Show Chair 205-285-9328	TBD TBD TBD TBD	C PS/VS C PS/VS
GL GLAMC Affiliate Club Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm) CGC	5/18	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI Closes 5/2	Cindy Benson, Show Secy P O Box 254, Eldorado, OH 45321 Fax: 937-437-2533 Janette Slusher, Show Chair 517-431-2471	Roseann Deutsch * Laurie Newburn * Lisa DeRoulet * David Osborn *	C PS/VS C PS/VS
RM AMCA Independent Specialties TWO EVENTS (am & pm)	5/20	Cache County Fairgrounds Logan, UT Closes 5/2	Onofrio Dog Shows Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Brock Powell, Show Chair 801-201-2038	Monica Canestrini TBD JoAnn Dutton TBD	C/JR PS/VS C/JR PS/VS

SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	
RM * Columbine Country AMC TWO EVENTS	2/17 2/18	National Western Complex Denver, CO Closes 2/1	Onofrio Dog Shows Barb White	Carmen Battaglia Christine Mann Linda Robey William Hargreaves	C PS/VS C PS/VS
NY/NJ Empire AMC Rockland Cty KC	2/26	Rockland Cty Comm College Suffern, NY Closes 2/8	Jim Rau Dog Shows Paige Buono	TBD TBD	C S
NY/NJ AMCA	3/31	NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY Closes 3/14	Jim Rau Dog Shows Steve Anderson	Muriel Purkhiser Carol Williams	C PS/VS
WC No. Calif. AMA TWO EVENTS	5/12 5/13	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA Closes 4/25	MBF, Inc. Kymm Bass	TBD TBD TBD TBD	C PS/VS C PS/VS
GL Great Lakes AMC TWO EVENTS Weight Pull	5/19 5/20	Shiawassee Cty Fairgrounds Corunna, MI Closes 5/2	MBF, Inc. Janette Slusher	TBD Mark Peterson * TBD TBD	C PS/VS C PS/VS
RM AMCA TWO EVENTS	5/19 5/20	Cache County Fairgrounds Logan, UT Closes 5/2	Onofrio Dog Shows Brock Powell	TBD TBD TBD TBD	C PS/VS 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.

Ruth Levesque, VP & Specialty Event Coordinator

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The Alaskan Malamute Club of America

2012 Membership Renewal Form

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 nonprofit 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.

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AMCA Bulletin

Message from the AMCA Board of Directors

Regarding the AMCA Newsletter and the MAXWELL MEDALLION

AMCA Newsletter recognized by Dog Writer's Association, 12/16/11

The Dog Writer's Association of America (DWAA) has announced that the AMCA Newsletter is one of four finalists in the annual competition for the coveted Maxwell Medallion for Excellence, in the Club Newsletter category. The winners will receive their medals at the annual awards dinner in New York City on February 12 (the Sunday prior to the opening of the Westminster Kennel Club Show).

This recognition is a tribute to the creativity and energy of our Newsletter staff: Leesa Thomas, Editor; Karina Burger, Articles Coordinator; and Betsy Davis, Advertising and Area Reports Coordinator. And of course our excellent Newsletter would not be possible if not for all the members and other malamute fanciers who contribute information of interest every month.

Congratulations, and keep up the good work!

Explanation of the Maxwell Medallion, by Charlene LaBelle

I have been a member of DWAA since 2003, and have entered the annual writing competition several times. My backpacking book even took runner up to the book that won book of the year, the year it was entered!



On behalf of the AMCA, I entered our Newsletter in the National Newsletter category, as well as for an AKC award. The Newsletter is a finalist in the National Newsletter category. DWAA reported that they received over 700 entries this year, in 61 categories.

The Maxwell Medallion

Editor's Note: The complete history of this award can be found on the DWAA website at www.dwaa.org.

The Maxwell Medallion for Excellence was established in the early 1970's by Maxwell Riddle - who wrote the *Complete Alaskan Malamute* book with Beth Harris. DWAA Historian Pat Santi reports, "Maxwell worked for 35 years for the Cleveland Press as a feature writer and reporter. His syndicated dog column ran for 30 years. A Past President of the DWAA, he wrote a column for Dog World for 50 years. He was an AKC Dog Judge and judged in Japan, South America, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Canada, Australia, and all over Europe. He was known all over the world as a dog expert."

The medallion was designed by Carol Lea Benjamin and is made in Kentucky. The finalists are referred to as nominees, and the awards are given out with an elaborate presentation similar to the Academy Awards, at the banquet that precedes the Westminster Kennel Club Show.

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AKC Performance Awards & Stats

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ANNUAL REPORT 2011:

For a number of years now, I have been adding to the database of companion and performance titles earned by our breed. This file will be available to our IT chair for inclusion in the Club's new and improved web site.

Fortunately, I was able to attend and subsequently report on the Obedience, Rally, and Agility trials held at the National and associated Regional in 2010 in Denver and am delighted to be here to do the same.

I continue to write a monthly column for the Club Newsletter. In it I announce and applaud the achievements of members of the Club and their dogs and occasionally relate tales of woe as my Malamutes and I interact with the world.

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 I hope you breeders will find some time to attend the trials, if not here, then at home, and cheer on these pups you have entrusted to us. We are your best advertisement for sound animals with superior temperaments; when you think about it, we are actually the best face Malamutes can present to the public.

This has been a good job for me, and I enjoy doing it. I thank the Board for appointing me and hope to be reappointed.

Monthly Report

As I mentioned last month, the Companion events at Ann Arbor were a tremendous success. Thirty-two dogs registered for both Obedience and Rally at the Regional; 34 at the National. Even starting at 7:30 in the morning and working through without a lunch break, the competition continued into mid-afternoon. Not only were the regular and optional titling classes offered, the new Wild Card classes were, as well. The latter

even had an entrant: Kim Manassa showed her clever boy **DCMals Rebel Alliance** in WC Utility.

Congratulations to Obedience Chair Colleen Belanger! She had to have been very pleased indeed.

Speaking as a ringside spectator, they were great trials: well run and well judged. While not all the entrants qualified in their particular class, it was obvious that they all belonged in the competition. They were very well trained and, their breeders will be pleased to know, well groomed, attractive malamutes, obviously the pride of their handlers. A number of them earned new titles, and next month I will, with a great deal of pleasure, list them in this column. Until then, let's at least acknowledge High in Trial in Obedience. Earning that distinction at *both* the Regional and the National was a young lady, viz., **Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey**, proudly handled by Cathie Reinhard (NY/NJ). Raissa Hinman and **AURA (Mtn.Home's Aura of Arctidawn)** were the high scoring combined Open and Utility, also both days, a particular honor in their home town.

On each day, the Rally trials followed immediately and were equally successful. Indeed, almost all entrants qualified, some moved up, and several earned new titles. Those will be listed next month. Meanwhile, let's turn to the Agility trials. As you know, these are held independently of our Club and have been organized by Wendy Corr and Laura Heft and paid for through their fundraising efforts. The facility in Ann Arbor was about five miles from the hotel and was first rate, though a bit tight on crating space. As it turned out, this was not a major problem since only 29 dogs, a surprisingly low number, entered on either day.

Of the 67 runs on Tuesday, 21 were qualifying; on Wednesday, there were 47 runs, and 18 were qualifying. The High Combined was captured by LIA, **Arctidawn's East of Atka**, handled by Gideon Hinman. High Scoring from the regular classes was Bootstrap (**Arctidawn's Boots R' Made for Mushin'**) handled by Raissa Hinman, while Cathy Reinhard and MUGGS (**Ixa's Mischievous Muggs**) earned that same honor from the Preferred classes.

A really fun thing that Laura did was to

purchase two small MACH poles, which were awarded for the following achievements: Most Promising Run (earned by MICKEY, **Ixa's Mesmerizing Miss Mickey**, and Cathie Reinhard) and Most Memorable Run (earned by DEUCE, **Spiritrun's Uppin' The Ante**, and Colleen Belanger). I'm certain the judge will remember the latter dog and his runs. Let's just say there was a bit of personal contact involved in the winning of that award.

Colleen also came through for Wendy and Laura in completing the "clean up" of the facility. Without her assistance, additional fees would have been added to the already staggering cost of staging these two trials, especially with the lower than anticipated entry.

Finally, I did want to add a few words about the new Beginner Novice class in Obedience. Although I had read about it, this was the first time that I had seen one in action. It is an absolutely perfect transition from Rally to the more structured Obedience. Rally signs are even used for the heeling portion of the class, and there is still not a group exercise. What was there was a truly impressive qualifying rate both days. If you are at all interested in Companion events for your dog, I urge you to consider starting with Rally and then moving through to Beginner Novice. Your success, like that of all those folks at the Regional and National, will be another story for another day.

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Chairman's Report - December 2011

- Highlights of 2011 -

It was a pleasure to be with many of you in Florida this weekend as we enjoyed the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational, AKC National Obedience Invitational and the surrounding festivities. We hope you enjoyed the incredible series of events that unfolded over the weekend.

We are all aware of the trying economic times and their effect on so many aspects

of our lives these days, and yet I can say unequivocally that we have a great deal to be thankful for as dog lovers and as members of the wonderful community we know as "the fancy." In 2011 we saw many exciting developments in our sports and in our organization's educational programs.

Many devoted dog fanciers got their start in the obedience ring, so it is fitting to begin a summation of the year's highlights by acknowledging a special milestone in that challenging and rewarding sport: In 2011, AKC Obedience celebrated its 75th anniversary. As one of our foundation sports, Obedience remains today what it was created to be - a proud demonstration of our dogs' instinctual capabilities and talents as companions, and the embodiment of the human-canine bond.

Our cherished traditions in Conformation saw an infusion of new enhancements in 2011. In April of this year we introduced the Grand Championship Achievement Levels to spotlight our highest achievers in the conformation ring. Over two thousand dogs have earned bronze, silver, gold and platinum Grand Championships to date.

We also conceived the AKC Owner Handler Series, a competition specifically designed to celebrate the joys of showing one's own dog. The series will comprise competitions at several dog shows across the country and will culminate with an award for the year's Best Owner/Handler. We feel this is an exciting way to recognize the hobby exhibitor and inspire more people to become involved in our sport.

In unwavering support of our breeders, who remain the backbone of our Registry and the sport of purebred dogs, AKC continued to provide enhanced services through our Breeder of Merit program. Now with more than 6,900 breeders participating in this important program, we are delighted to see growing numbers of breeders joining us in our quest to ensure the growth and integrity of our Registry.

In the world of AKC Agility, we introduced two new titles, the "Time to Beat" titling class and the Preferred Agility Champion title. By creating ongoing enhancements to Agility, we have seen the sport rise to new heights: In 2011 AKC logged its one millionth agility entry. Of course quantity cannot be outdone by quality. I am proud to say that our AKC agility team representing the USA won many accolades including a gold medal at the Agility World Championships in France this year.

It has been said by many a Performance fancier that there is nothing quite like the thrill of witnessing a dog do what it was originally bred to do. Naturally, most of

our performance activities are designed for specific breeds, with function and instinct in mind. But in 2011, the AKC Performance Department gave all dogs and their owners an "equal opportunity" program with the new Coursing Ability Test. This introductory lure coursing event is a fun, healthy activity open to all breeds and offers three new titles.

Adding another link in the chain of the human-canine bond, AKC brought our new Therapy Dog program to fruition in 2011. So far more than 1600 dogs have achieved our new therapy dog title which proudly recognizes those dogs who bring comfort and love to so many people in need.

AKC clubs did an incredible job of spreading our message about the joys of owning a purebred dog and the importance of responsible ownership. Together with our parent clubs, AKC welcomed over 40,000 people to the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds. Sponsored by Pet Partners, the event was a record-breaking success, thanks to our hardworking clubs and staff.

Clubs remained hard at work educating the public year round, with a terrific showing in September with our largest set of Responsible Dog Ownership Days to date. More than 600 RDO Day events were celebrated locally and a record-breaking number of Canine Good Citizen tests were a key part of the program. We are so grateful to our clubs for all your hard work and support.

I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday season. Here's to another year of great shows, quality dogs and wonderful friends. And please remember to watch the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on television if you couldn't make it to Orlando. The show will be broadcast on ABC during Superbowl Weekend, on February 4th.

Sincerely,



Ron Menaker

Chairman

Annual Report - Judges Education Committee

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National Specialty 2010: On Oct. 18th the judge's education seminar was given for breeder's education and over 40 exhibitors attended. On Oct. 22nd the judge's educa-

tion seminar was given by Nancy Russell, followed by the Hands On given by Robin Haggard and her committee. 23 student judges attended. 9 of those attending were from Europe. One judge requested a mentor on Mon. and another for Wed. We also had mentors on Friday and Sat. and most of the student judges attended. Wendy Willhauk helped organize the mentors on Fri. and Sat. Evaluation sheets were very positive for both the Seminar and Hands-On.

Dec. 5th a Seminar and Hands-On was given at the AKC Working Dog Institute in Cleveland, OH. by Nancy Russell. 22 Student judges attended.

In April a budget for the JEC was submitted to the Board as requested. No action was taken.

In June a request was put in the newsletter to vote on the issue of trimming. 38 voted to withhold ribbons on trimmed dogs. 20 voted to severely penalize trimmed dogs. 3 voted to penalize only if a dog of equal quality was untrimmed.

A notice was put in the AKC judges newsletter requesting that trimming be penalized.

In August the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute was held in Indiana, PA. The seminar was presented by Nancy Russell, assisted by Robin Haggard. 16 student judges attended. Robin arranged for the 7 dogs for the Hands-On. We received many very favorable comments.

Sharon has been working all year on a new Power Point program and it will be presented by her for the first time at the 2011 National Specialty.

Respectfully submitted;

Nancy Russell, Sharon Weston & Robin Haggard

Annual Report - Breeder Education Committee

Co-Chairs
Barbara M White
Kate Salvador

Mission Statement

To preserve the functionality and history of the Alaskan Malamute. To be aware and acknowledge health issues and work together to eliminate these issues from the breed through our breeding programs. To continue have seminars and other educational information at our National Specialties.

This year at our 2012 National Specialty we will have available on Friday October 28, 2011

Semen Collection - at 8:00am-2:00pm
Room Conference Room A

Reproductive Seminar – 2:30 pm - Conference Room A - Speaker's Dr John Wilson , DVM, Diplomate ABVP, Michigan Canine Reproduction Services, Wilson Veterinary Hospital, Washington, MI and Dr Elissa Kelley DVM , specializing in Canine Reproduction

Annual Report - Health Committee

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At the beginning of the year, we identified three main health concerns for our committee to address this year. Our top health concerns that we wanted to focus on were Chondrodysplasia, Polyneuropathy, and Epilepsy.

CHD: As you all know, this health issue has been an ongoing one in which we haven't seen a great deal of research progress. At the beginning of the year, we were told that the researcher at MSU who has been working on this project for years (Dr. Pat Venta) was willing to collaborate with another researcher who had more advanced technology in an effort to find this gene. Unfortunately, several months later we were informed that he had decided against this collaboration and wanted to pursue a grant on his own to do the research. We were advised by the Canine Health Foundation heads that since Dr. Venta is in possession of our samples to try to maintain a positive relationship with him. He has been quite responsive in his communications to me over the past year—unfortunately, each time there is no progress and as of yet he has not pursued the grant application. So while I have been trying to maintain this communication with Dr. Venta, we decided to try to pursue other options for this research. Dr. Hannes Lohi at the University of Helsinki discovered the gene for dwarfism in Norwegian Elkhounds, so we sent him a sample of Hera's blood to test against this gene. It was not found to be the same. However, his research team indicated that they would be willing to take on finding this gene in our breed—at no cost. We have gathered samples from all currently living dwarfs and dwarf carriers and have shipped the majority of these to their facility in Helsinki. Sometime within the next month or so they will be running these samples through the most advanced genetic analyses available, a whole exome scan. They hope to have the results from this in a few months, at which time they will look for abnormalities which may represent the gene for the disease. How long this will take depends completely upon what the genetic results look like, but we feel confident that this team is doing everything that can be done on this project as quickly as is possible. They have been extremely responsive to any ques-

tions we have, and have been very proactive in asking us questions as well as getting any samples into their lab. In summary, it seems as though we finally have the right researchers doing what is needed to move this project forward!

Polyneuropathy: We were focused on this disease not only because of its impact upon the individual dogs it affects as well as breeding programs, but also because Dr. Jim Mickelson at the University of Minnesota had identified the gene in Leonbergers and were eager to work with us in identifying it in Malamutes. We had samples from living and dead dogs with confirmed diagnoses through nerve/muscle biopsies sent to at their lab. The gene was not found to be the same one as in Leonbergers. We began talking with these researchers about doing a breed-specific study, and they further identified another 10 or so samples from a muscle tissue lab. At about the time that these were received, we were put into contact with researchers in Denmark who in collaboration with neurologists and veterinarians in Denmark and Norway (The Scandinavian Polyneuropathy Research Group) had identified a mutation which was promising as the one associated with polyneuropathy. Dr. Mickelson arranged for our samples to be sent to Scandinavia, and these confirmed their findings. They expect to have a manuscript out detailing these findings within a month, and are hopeful that a DNA test will be forthcoming within the next couple of months. This gene has been shown through their work to be a simple recessive one, so transmitted the same way that CHD and long coats are.

Epilepsy: Over the past year we have been reviewing the progress other breeds have made regarding epilepsy. Unfortunately we know that this will be a far more difficult disease to take on, as it does not just involve one gene but multiple ones, and these genes may differ based upon type of seizure, onset, and line. It is very likely different between breeds. Therefore we decided to look at doing a breed-specific study. This will probably involve using our contacts at the Canine Health Foundation and issuing what is known as a Request For Proposals, where we solicit proposals from researchers. This should attract the best researchers for the work. CHF has scientific advisory panels who will evaluate these research proposals and provide some guidance as to which will work the best for our breed. We're expecting that this will probably be a lengthy process, but for the time being feel it is the best approach of tackling this disease within our breed.

We have in the meantime continued to sponsor research on hereditary cataracts and hypothyroidism. We will likely see what we can do to help researchers take the next

steps for our breed with these two health concerns within the next year.

We are currently in discussions with AKC and CHF as to how to incorporate DNA test results into our code of ethics and CHIC certification. Once the Chd DNA has been found, our current concept of certification will be obsolete, so we need to prepare for how to alter our COE as well as how to incorporate test results into CHIC certification. Since the mode of inheritance is the same for polyneuropathy, these decisions are directly applicable to the test that will be available for this disease as well.

The other issue we wanted to focus on this year was examining the feasibility of implementing a breed health database. The Bernese Mountain Dogs have an excellent open health database that we were very interested in modeling. We have come up with some ideas and outlines as to how to implement this and would like to explore this further. Unfortunately, the setup costs are likely to be several thousand dollars, with annual maintenance as well. We are currently talking about how to make this a self-sustaining effort which can pay for itself, but this is obviously something that will take time and planning. It really is a project we as a breed need to make a priority as new health initiatives and DNA tests are developed.

Something we are EXTREMELY excited about is our upcoming health seminar at the 2012 National in Tennessee. Dr Jerold Bell, director of the clinical veterinary genetics course for the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and project administrator of genetic disease control programs for multiple national parent clubs, will be providing a seminar for us mid-week. Dr. Bell is very highly regarded and his seminars are in great demand—we are very fortunate that he has agreed to come to our National! We will be highlighting this event, and are making every effort to ensure that there are no conflicts within the schedule during the seminar timeframe. In addition, he will be speaking with all researchers involved with our health projects to gain a full understanding of the issues our breed is facing and the best methods of approaching them. He will also be available in an advisory capacity to our health committee as we have concerns about how to best approach disease and breeding management.

In preparation for his seminar, we are putting together a breed health survey, the results from which Dr. Bell will examine prior to coming to Tennessee. We'll have more information about this soon, but it is EXTREMELY important that we all participate in this survey. It will be anonymous, so no one should have concerns about privacy.

On Friday of this Nationals week we will
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be having a blood draw both for a mineral assay and DNA submission. Please come support this event. The mineral assay will examine levels of primary minerals in your dog's blood, and is particularly useful if you are noticing coat or skin issues or are concerned about whether the food you are feeding your dog supplies appropriate mineral content. Malamutes in particular have been historically sensitive to foods with lower zinc content. The cost is half of what it would be at a regular veterinary visit. Additionally, we will be having a blood draw for DNA collection and storage with the CHIC. This blood would be used for any and all research projects we become involved with in the future. It doesn't matter how many projects we start or sponsor, if we don't have DNA to send to researchers, we can't expect to see any results that pertain to our breed. Our goal is to collect DNA on 200 dogs while we are here—please help support this effort. We are keeping all costs to a minimum to cover shipping and the required fees by CHIC, which represents a significant savings over a clinic office visit. Come find us on Friday!!!

Finally, in order to accomplish many of our goals and projects....we'll need money. We have a Donor Advised Fund at the Canine Health Foundation and several projects lined up next year to help increase that bottom line. The Health Committee itself also is in need of funds to hire speakers for specialties, to buy supplies for DNA collection, postage/shipping, and to use as seed money for larger fund raisers for the Donor Advised Fund. We've had a couple of wonderful people volunteer to help this year, and that has been VERY much appreciated. But we do need more volunteers to raise funds, and creative ways of doing so. Anyone who is willing to help with a project or project ideas—no matter how big or small—PLEASE contact me.

Looking forward to another year of progress towards optimizing the health of our beautiful breed!

Annual Report - Public Education

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Public Education is having a Meet the Breed booth again at the Eukanuba Classic in Florida this year. Barbara White and myself along with Peg Moore will be creating a booth for Meet the Breeds. If you are going, your dogs are welcome at the booth and we would love help. Please contact one of us.

Also we are having a flea market this year at the Nationals. We hope you will all come by and support PE this year!

Also at the nationals, we will be doing some slide presentations. We hope you all enjoy them and thank you to everyone for their support on this. The goal is to make enough to pay for some much needed fold-out type literature to hand out for the meet the breeds all over the country.

I am also looking for someone to create a couple coloring sheets to give out to students, schools etc. If anyone is creative, or has something we could use, please contact me.

Thanks, Barbara Salvatore

Annual Report - History

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Hi- not much to say about the History committee this year- we will be having the History room at the National, but have not been able to get anything sent in to the AKC Archives. I am hoping that we can get some copies made of the most delicate records so that the originals can be sent to AKC.

Many of these records are in private hands, so we have to have the cooperation of the individuals that have them. I have been encouraging the older breeders to put together albums of their early dogs.

I hope to add these to our History room and send copies to AKC's archives as well. We welcome all contributions to the History room.

Thanks very much,
Robin Haggard

Working Dog Certification Committee

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Annual Report

Certificates issued October 9, 2010 - October 17, 2011:

Working Lead Dog	141 - 144	4
Working Team Dog	1142 - 1193	52
Working Pack Dog	652 - 679	28
Working Weight Pull Dog	621 - 653	33
Total		117

+ 2 WWPD, 2 WTD, and 4 WPD applications are currently in committee.

These certificates represent titles earned by malamutes with owners in Canada, Norway, the United Kingdom, as well as the USA. There were 30+ certificates issued to mals from the UK this year!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Fuller, Chair

Monthly Report

News from the 2011 AMCA National Specialty and Great Lakes Area Regional Specialty shows, which were held October 23 - 30, in Ann Arbor, Michigan:

A large and quality-packed Working Dog Showcase was judged by Carol Williams, Gaylene Robertson, and Sharon Loades. Congratulations to the winners!

- 1st Place: CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee, WTD, WWPD, owned by John and Helen Schultz
- 2nd Place: MACH2 Mtn.Home's Aura Of Arcticdawn, UDX, OM1, HIT, TQX, RE, WLD, owned by Raissa Hinman
- 3rd Place: GCH Istari's Epic Trilogee, WTD, WWPD, owned by John and Helen Schultz
- 4th Place: CH Winterstarz Ursa Major, CD, RN, WLD, WPD, WWPD, owned by Tim O'Brien and Karina Burger

Results for the Working Classes at the Great Lakes Area Regional Specialty, under judge Robin Hug:

Working Bitch

- 1. GCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N The Ruff, CD, RN, WPD, WTD, WWPD, owned by Vicki and Jane Palinkas
- 2. CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee, WTD, WWPD, owned by John and Helen Schultz
- 3. Arctic Hope's 1st In My Heart, TT, WTD, owned by Leesa Thomas
- 4. CH Powderhound's The Leading Lady, WWPD, owned by Carol Simon and Jennifer Effler-Leveille

Working Dog

- 1. Ice Age's Bust A Nut, WWPD, owned by Kim Adkinson and Connie and Luke Powell
- 2. CH Winward Jee Jac Chill'n With Flint, WTD, WLD, owned by Diana Edwards
- 3. Mask-A-Raid's Hokus Pokus, WWPD, owned by Lisa King and David McClain
- 4. Mask-A-Raid's Son Of A Witch, WTD, WPD, owned by Lisa King and David McClain

Results for the National Specialty Working Classes, under judge Nancy Russell:

Working Bitch

1. CH Catera's Cat Woman, WTD, owned by Sandra Pomes-Bohay and Amanda Kanzelberger-Volkomener
2. MACH2 Mtn.Home's Aura Of Arctidawn, UDX, OM1, HIT, TQX, RE, WLD, owned by Raissa Hinman
3. CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee, WTD, WWPD, owned by John and Helen Schultz
4. CH Kasaan's Yr Wish is Granite, NA, NAJ, JAP, OJP, WPD, WWPD, owned by Laura Heft

Working Dog

1. CH Aluk Building A Dream, RN, WWPD, owned by Vicky Jones
2. Mask-A-Raid's Hokus Pokus, WWPD, owned by Lisa King and David McClain
3. Mask-A-Raid's Son Of A Witch, WTD, WPD, owned by Lisa King and David McClain

Congratulations to all, and thank you for supporting the Working Dog classes! And big congratulations to the following newly titled working dogs and their owners!

#	Working Pack Dog	Owner(s)
669	Arctictreks Lunar Rising	Mark & Allison Smith
670	Arctictreks Lunar Light	Mark & Allison Smith
671	Hyteton Makka Pakka	Mark & Allison Smith
672	Hyteton Athina Galonn For Cherubini	Angela Anderson
673	Cinneli Ice Road Polar Bear	Mr. John & Mrs. Kay Botterill
674	Cinneli Delta Tag	Mr. John & Mrs. Kay Botterill
675	Cinneli Delta Zero	Mr. John & Mrs. Kay Botterill
676	Cinneli Kicsol Sky	Mr. John & Mrs. Kay Botterill
677	Sledog Forest Mist	Anna Darlow
678	Achak Come Fly With Me For Ataneq	Vikki Hodgson
679	Mountain Home's Powder Hound	Lara McDonald & Matt Mead
680	Mountain Homes Lead Dog At Packice	Ian Elliott & Aimee Campbell
681	Mountain Homes Packice Twisp	Ian Elliott & Aimee Campbell
682	Winterstarz Pleione Of The Pleiades	Tim O'Brien & Katherina Burger
683	Winterstarz Sassy Sterope Of The Seven Sisters	Tim O'Brien & Katherina Burger
#	Working Weight Pull Dog	Owner(s)
639	Edgemere's Jungle Love	Kathleen Corkum
640	Awanuna's Idun Of Aesir	Margaret & Steven Anderson
641	Sno Shire's Sahara Snow Angel, RN, NAJ	Tammy Doukas
642	CH Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider, AX, AXJ, RN	Tammy Doukas
643	Istari's On Myst Takable Won	John & Helen Schultz
644	Istari's Quoth Th'Rvn NvFurMor	John & Helen Schultz
645	A/C CH BearHug's Wonce Upon Istari	John & Helen Schultz
646	CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee	John & Helen Schultz
647	GCH Istari's Epic Trilogee	John & Helen Schultz
648	CH Winterstarz Sun Of Istari, RN	Tim O'Brien & Katherina Burger
649	Winterstarz Sassy Sterope Of The Seven Sisters	Tim O'Brien & Katherina Burger
650	Viakon's Vision-of-victory-one	Andrew Via
651	Viakon's All Things Are True	Tommy Austin
652	Viakon's TPH Show Me The Money	Trish Hanning
653	Abenaki's Piece Of Cyberspace, CGC, RN, NA, NF	Pamela F. Renock
654	GCH Vykon's License To Chill, CD, RE	Vicky Jones
655	Akiak's Strange Luck, CGC	Susan & Paul Reed
#	Working Team Dog	Owner(s)
1181	Nordiclight's Mystic Shaman	Marc-Andre Meunier
1182	Trap Line Tracking Rufus	Petter & Torhild Ringerike



1183	Trap Line Celsius Delta	Petter & Torhild Ringerike
1184	Istari's Jenl'Sand Rul	John & Helen Schultz
1185	CH Yakutat's Epic Tayle	John & Helen Schultz
1186	Istari's Xanthian Xethrex	John & Helen Schultz
1187	Istari's Neverending Auryrn	John & Helen Schultz
1188	Madd Maxx At Istari	John & Helen Schultz
1189	CH Istari's Th'Road Goes EvFurOn	John & Helen Schultz
1190	Istari's On Myst Takable Won	John & Helen Schultz
1191	CH Istari's TuVee Or Not TuVee	John & Helen Schultz
1192	GCH Istari's Epic Trilogege	John & Helen Schultz
1193	CH Winward Jee Jac Chill'n With Flint	Diana Edwards
1194	Kirakoo Against All Odds	John & Ruth Binding
1195	Kirakoo Bright Star	John & Ruth Binding
#	Working Lead Dog	Owner(s)
144	CH Winward Jee Jac Chill'n With Flint	Diana Edwards

WD Advanced/Excellent Certification

Helen Brott

The following dogs have successfully completed the requirements for Advanced and Excellent working titles:

Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

139	Yakutat's Epic Tayle	Helen Schultz
140	Istari's Thorin Tul-I-Mar	Helen Schultz
141	Madd Maxx at Istari	Helen Schultz

Working Pack Dog Advanced

7	Chayo Northern Lights within Archichribe	Natalie & Mark Lovegrove
8	Arcticwolf Spirit World of Koyukuk	Phil & Kirsty Terry
9	Blaiddeira Cast No Shadow of Koyukuk	Phil & Kirsty Terry

Working Weight Pull Dog Advanced

15	Yakutat's Epic Tayle	Helen Schultz
16	Istari's Thorin Tul-I-Mar	Helen Schultz
17	O Artic Winds N Istari's Emrys	Helen Schultz

For the year 2011: 17 hard working owners and malamutes earned 21 Advanced and Excellent titles. Congratulations to their dedicated owners.

ANNUAL REPORT - All Around Alaska Malamute committee

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We have been very busy this year. As we were preparing the certificates to be awarded at this year's National, we received a couple of last-minute applications.

Tammy Doukas nominated her two wonderful dogs, **Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider** and his pal **SnoShire's Sahara Snow Angel**. They are better known to their friends

as INDIANA and SAHARA. Tammy nominated both of them to be recognized as Serviceable Alaskan Malamutes. With their active background and cheerful public contact, they qualified easily.

Much to this committee's delight, at this year's National Specialty we awarded certificates to six outstanding individual dogs. Once again we offer our congratulations to DEUCE, MADDIE, SLATER, KWIN, INDIANA, and SAHARA.

This has been an active year for the committee. This spring the new committee met in a telephone conference. After long discussion, there were several changes or clarifications approved. The committee

broadened and defined several of the requirements. It also decided to ask for a fee to cover expenses and to set a due date for applications to be filed. For details of this, see the information on application as printed in the April newsletter for AMCA.

Early in the year we received applications for two really nice dogs. **Spiritrun's Uppin' the Ante** known to his friends as DEUCE and owned by Colleen and David Belanger, and **Spiritrun's Utter Madness** owned by Jennifer Ramazki with Colleen and David, were both nominated to the committee to be considered for a Serviceable Alaskan Malamute award. With the inception of new rulings both of them passed with flying colors.

Later this summer we received an application from Chris Hibner for her malamute **Yukonjack's Slater**. This nice fellow has been as busy as DEUCE and MADISON and also qualified easily for his own SAM.

Tammy Doucas applied for her **Halatsuu Indiana Snow Raider**, known as INDY, for a SAM. Of course, he was very well qualified, so this lovely boy will receive his title also.

Each of these dogs has been a wonderful ambassador for the breed and everyone on the committee wishes them well and hopes they continue in this wonderful manner. Perhaps they will also move forward in earning more titles from this committee.

This committee finally has had a successful applicant for the truly All Around Alaskan malamute! This is very exciting because we have never been able to award this title to a living dog before. The very first AAAM was awarded to a wonderful dog but unfortunately he was recognized for his achievements after his passing.

Now, Nicole Royer has successfully made application for this honor for her dog, **Wencinja's Out of the Kwestion**. She and his friends call him KWIN.

His committee is very excited about receiving so many wonderful applications. As far as any of us has figured out it seems that these are the highest awards made by AMCA.

*The titles surrounding the names of each of the dogs mentioned above have been omitted due to the fact that each set of them are so extensive.

Respectfully submitted by Jackai Szuhai, chair, All Around Alaskan Malamute committee

Ways and Means

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Monthly Report:

Happy 2012! Best wishes for everyone for a fantastic year!

Hopefully, everyone has heard the exciting news about the AMCA Capital One Credit card. Please check out the ad in this month's newsletter for details on this great opportunity to donate a small percent every time you use this card. The application is online and easy, taking only a few minutes to complete.

Half the funds donated will go to the AMCA General Fund and the other half will go to the AMCA Health Committee. With the recent discovery of the polyneuropathy gene and hopefully the soon to be discovered CHD gene, the timing of these funds going to Health couldn't be better.

Anyone can apply for this card, so spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. Puppy buyers are also great people to tell about the card. There are no limits!

The Café Press store will be closing this month. The prices have been dramatically lowered on the Café Press store as a "Final Blowout Sale," so be sure to buy before the store closes on January 15. The Zazzle store will completely take the place of the Café Press store, so please check out Zaz-

zle today! There are many great, customizable products available.

Also available on the AMCA Store are books, embroidered items from past Nationals, a link to the Zazzle Store, and a link to apply for the AMCA Credit Card.

Ways and Means would like to welcome a new committee member, Chari Whitney-Erickson, from the Rocky Mountain Region. Our committee is now composed of Julie Edwards, Kathy Raynes, Andrea Casterline, Sheila Koty, and Chari Whitney-Erickson. We always love new members and the ideas they bring!

In 2011, after a late start, the Ways and Means Committee has helped to raise approximately \$2000. Our goal is to double that in 2012.

Thank you to everyone that helped us to succeed in 2011, and thank you to those who will make 2012 even better!

Important websites:

AMCA Store: <http://alaskan Malamute.org/amca-store>

Zazzle Store: www.zazzle.com/amcalogo

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Where's the snow?



This leaf pile is history.



Where's my sled team?



Did someone say DINNER?



Ain't I purtty?

ANNUAL REPORT - Ways and Means

2011 General Summary				
Fundraiser	Price per Item	Gross	Expenses	Net Gain
St. Pawty's Day	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Meet N Greet	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Mary Kay	\$0.00	\$54.38	\$0.00	\$54.38
Calendar Contest	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
eBay	\$0.00	\$543.45	\$87.43	\$466.12
Book Sales	\$0.00	\$1,035.95	\$600.45	\$435.50
Café Press	\$0.00	\$287.00	\$0.00	\$287.00
Pay-Pal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.02	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$2,090.78	\$707.90	\$1,413.00

2011 Book Sales				
A.M. Yesterday & Today	Price per Book	Shipping Costs	Reimburse per Book	Profit per Book
FR	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
HL	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$22.95	\$25.05
RL	\$48.00	\$4.95	\$22.95	\$20.01
ADG	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
KK	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
KK	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$22.95	\$25.05
DW	\$61.95	\$13.95	\$22.95	\$25.05
BW	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
BW	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$22.95	\$25.05
JY	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
LC	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
RW	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
AA	\$48.00	\$9.35	\$22.95	\$15.70
ML	\$48.00	\$11.35	\$22.95	\$13.70
DH	\$48.00	\$4.75	\$22.95	\$20.30
DH	\$48.00	\$10.95	\$22.95	\$14.10
GG	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$22.95	\$25.05
GG	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$22.95	\$25.05
VM	\$48.00	\$4.75	\$22.95	\$20.30
CL	\$48.00	\$4.75	\$22.95	\$20.30
Totals	\$973.95	\$4,098.63	\$1,874.80	\$373.50
Backpacking Guide	Price per Book	Shipping Costs	Reimburse per Book	Profit per Book
JE	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00
HL	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
RL	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
SM	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00
Totals	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.00
Total Net Gain				\$435.50

2011 eBay Items				
Item	Donated By	Price per Item	Shipping Costs	Profit per Item
Painted Pony	Barbara Brooks	\$86.00	\$10.95	\$75.05
Gray Beaded Necklace	Virginia Viles	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$50.00
2 Glass Mugs w/ Malamutes	Barbara Brooks	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Wolf Lamp (funds to Health)	Barbara Brooks	\$66.00	\$12.96	\$53.04
Complete Alaskan Malamute, signed by Riddle & Seeley	Barbara Brooks	\$83.00	\$0.00	\$83.00
Alaskan Malamute Y&T, signed by Brooks and Wallace (funds to website)	Laurie Wells	\$148.45	\$13.25	\$135.20
Turquoise & Silver Necklace w/ Flower Clasp	Virginia Viles	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Totals		\$543.45	\$42.16	\$501.29
eBay Fees				\$45.27
Net Gain				\$466.12

AREA REPORTS

GREAT LAKES

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GREAT LAKES AREA

Submitted by Janette Slusher, Area Reporter

Not a whole lot this month, but many thanks to those of you who sent some news!

Ron and Diane Phillips report that **BEN, Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale**, went WD from the Puppy class both Saturday and Sunday at the Agathon K/C shows in Ohio for 2 more points. **KADEN, CH Keilins N Snowvales Still Rockin'**, took Breed on Sunday.

Holly Donovan reports that on 11/3/11, at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club, **FREEDOM** was WB and **INDY** was BOS under Judge Charles Olvis. Next day, 11/4, Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, **FREEDOM** was again WB and **INDY** was BOS under Judge Robert Stein. On 11/5, Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Judge Elizabeth Muthard awarded **INDY** BOS and **INDY** went on to win an OG4 in the Best of Opposite Competition held that day. On 11/6, Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, **FREEDOM** was awarded WB and BOS under Judge Carl Vitner. Couple days off, then on 11/10 at the Huntsville Kennel Club, **FREEDOM** again was WB and BOS before Judge Ronald Spritzer, **JUSTICE** was SD, and **INDY** was SB.

Laura Swire wrote and said she hadn't put anything in the Newsletter for a long time. We've been having some good conversations via email and had hoped to meet at the Nationals, but that didn't pan out. Hopefully, it won't be another year before I can meet Laura. Nationals seemed to go by like a whirlwind, but Laura had a wonderful time after all these years. She said she was impressed by the sportsmanship and friendliness of everyone she talked to and said it was great to reconnect with people she hasn't seen for many years. And it was especially nice to have her puppy **SPRITE, Staghorn Ice Sprite of Hill Frost**, win the 6-9 puppy bitch class at the National; actually, more than especially nice, it was thrilling! Laura sends a special thanks to all the people who do such a find job of making Specialties so "Special." (Laura and I caught up with each other at the East Lansing shows! Nice to meet you, Laura, sorry we didn't have much time to chat. Will look forward to doing that next time!)

Last brag has to be about our granddaughter,

Alexis (Lexi) Kunkel: We're so very proud of her and her dog handling skills! Lexi has shown Tex and Patty Peel's **MICKEY, SNO Klassic Kasaan Imagine That**, a few times over the past year or so. This past weekend, **MICKEY** was awarded his CH at the East Lansing show on December 3, before Judge Mrs. Lawrence J. (Janet) Sinclair - a 4-pt major to boot. Lexi did a fantastic job! On Sunday, **MICKEY** was bumped up to the specials ring, and Dr. Wanda V. Spediacci picked him and Lexi out for **BOB** over 5 other specials.

GLAMC News:

The Great Lakes Alaskan Malamute Club has back-to-back specialties planned again for May of 2012. Support will be given to the Genesee County Kennel Club's Sat/Sun shows following the specialties. We have just completed the judging assignments, and they are as follows:

Morning Specialty ~ 5/18/12

Breed & Jr. Showmanship: Roseann Deutsch

Puppy & Veteran Sweeps: Laurie Newburn

Afternoon Specialty ~ 5/18/12

Breed & Jr. Showmanship: Lisa DeRoulet

Puppy & Veteran Sweeps: David Osborn

Saturday Supported ~ 5/19/12

Breed: TBA

Sweeps: Mark Peterson

Sunday Supported ~ 5/20/12

Breed: TBA

Sweeps: Deborah Conradt

We look forward to a great show, and I will keep you updated on plans as they get finalized.

In closing, Bud and I would like to send out a *Happy New Year* to all AMCA members and their families!

Love this...hum along as you read the words to:

"Walkin in a Doggie Wonderland"

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?

In the lane, snow is glistenin'.

It's yellow, NOT white, I've been there tonight, Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.

It's a sign for wandering vagrants:

"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!

Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow, dad will build a snowman, following the classical design...

Then I'll lift my leg and let it go, Man,
So all the world will know that it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fence post, flows my natural incense boast:

"Stay off my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I marked it as my winter wonderland."

Unknown

Bud, **CHLOE, TUCKER**, and I wish everyone out there a very Happy 2012!

ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

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Holiday Season, and I'm late again with the article. But not much happened in the Wis/Il area this month, probably because of Thanksgiving. There were shows but no majors, and the Powers That Be have a Strict Policy about reporting minor shows, which Policy I Strictly follow unless it involves one of my dogs. For example, the Dog Training Club of Champaign Urbana put on its annual Fall obedience trial just before Thanksgiving. I was the grounds chairman, which meant that I made the coffee. (Here's a tip: If you ever are asked to be the Grounds Chair for a National Specialty - Don't. It is a thankless job for which you receive only ridicule and threats on your life from the people parked in campers.)

I mention this obscure obedience trial because Robin got two legs on **MARTY'S** Beginners Novice title. If you watched **MARTY** and me in Obedience at the National this year, then you saw **MARTY** ignore me on the recall and attempt to leave the ring when I showed him in the same Beginning Novice class. For the benefit of you Conformation People, that was a flunk. Our local obedience trial went well. The only problem, from my point of view, was that at the judge's dinner on Saturday night, I had to sit at the kids' table. T'was ever thus.

So last Friday, I got home from work and did what I always do - wrapped myself in a blanket and settled in the warmth of a glowing TV set and vegged out. A few hours later, Robin told me that part of the fence was down and **SPEEDE** (pronounced "Speedy") was missing. We searched for him that night and into the next afternoon. No body, no blood, but no dog. Kathy and Brendan came over to help look for **SPEEDE**. They got a message of a sighting of a dog from one of the farmers they talked to, but it turned out to be a coyote (pronounced "coyotie").

We all were back at Poker Flat around 4:00 PM. I checked our pig barn again, this time going all the way in. There was SPEEDE under the barn floor, which is three feet above the actual floor so the pig crap can be easily hosed out. No pigs have been in it for thirty years, though. Kathy, Robin, and I each had checked the pig barn earlier. All SPEEDE had to do was howl or bark or stick his head up, and he could have saved himself from an unpleasant night. From our point of view, when you don't know where your dog is, you can't help but imagine the worst, and the worse than the worst.

When I lifted him up onto the main floor of the barn, he looked at me. I thought that he would apologize for scaring us, for being so dumb as to get down where his old weak rear would not get him up, and for not helping in his own rescue; or would thank me for rescuing him. But he is a malamute. He looked at me and said: "I haven't eaten for two days. You got a cookie on you?"

MID-EAST

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Before we jump into the Nationals and goings on in Ann Arbor, I need to catch up on some news from earlier this fall from Bonnie Ferianc, who writes, "Here are a few brags: None of us have been out showing much in the heat. Saturday, September 24, at Butler County KC, WD was **Ice Cream's Yukon Gold Rush**, owned by Scott Kloes and bred by me; WB and BOW was **Ice Cream's Midnight Mischief**, owned by Scott and me and bred by me. BOB was **CH Ice Cream's Tip Of The Ice Berg**, owned by Deb Thieme and bred by me; and BOS was my girl **CH Ice Cream's Skye's The Limit**, bred and owned by me. Then on Sunday, September 25, at Butler County KC, WB went to **Ice Cream's Midnight Mischief**; BOB went to **CH Ice Cream's Skye's The Limit**; and Select Dog went to **CH Ice Cream's Tip Of The Ice Berg**. Personally, all this talk of ice cream is making me fondly remember Culvers back in Wisconsin.

One of the dogs I had the pleasure to see in action at the Nationals was Barb Pisch's BEEGEE, who earned his third leg toward his WWPDA on Sunday at the Mushin' to Motown weight pull. Not to be outdone, TRACE pulled enough weight for his fourth leg to complete his WWPDA title! A rightfully proud Barb also wrote, "On Monday, at the Regional obedience, TRACE earned his first leg toward his Beginners Novice B title, and in Rally Advanced B, he earned his second leg and placed 4th!!! Both boys did

well in agility, but no Q's. We had a lot of fun, and both gave me a lot of focus on the courses and made me very proud of them. On Thursday, at the Nationals obedience, TRACE was again my star. He earned his second Beginners Novice B leg, and in Rally Advanced B, he earned his third leg and 2nd place AND finished his Rally Advanced title (RA)!!!"

Val Thawley has shared some wonderful news from both the show ring and in weight pull: "**Northpaw's Power Plays** (RAIDER) has been doing quite well over the past couple of months. First off, in September we went to Port Clinton, PA, for our 1st weight pull of the season, where RAIDER pulled his all-time high of 3700 lbs and took 2nd place in his class.

"Then it was off to Kimberton, PA, for our first show since June. RAIDER again won his class, plus took Winners dog for another point.

"In October, the weekend before AMCA National Specialty, we went to another weight pull in Port Clinton, PA, and again RAIDER broke another record for himself, pulled 4460 lbs, taking 1st place in his class, and missing MWP by 1 pull. It was amazing to see him pulling that much weight.

"That brings us to the AMCA National Specialty held in Ann Arbor, MI. Boy, what a week we had. To start the week, RAIDER pulled 3002 lbs and is now considered one of the elite mals that ever pulled over 3000 lbs at a National Specialty. He took 2nd place in his class and took 3rd overall. After that, it was time to go into the show ring. For the Regional show, RAIDER didn't place, but that's okay - it gets better. Next came the Working Dog Showcase, in which, even though we didn't place, RAIDER did really well. Now for the great news that topped off the whole week, the National show!!! RAIDER took 1st place in Open Dog, and then took Winners Dog for a 5-point major!! Talk about surprised - I'm still on cloud 9!! So with that win, now we had to go in the Best of Breed ring, but first we had to do our final weight pull.

"For the National weight pull, the weights didn't get as high, but we came darn close. RAIDER pulled 2700 lbs, taking 2nd in his class and 3rd overall.

"As for the Best of Breed, RAIDER did really well. He made all the cuts and made it all the way to the end. He took 2nd behind Best of Winners! For me and him, it was a great honor to go as far as we did.

"After getting back from Nationals, there

was no break. We actually went to VA for another weight pull. RAIDER took 1st place in his class both days, missing MWP and Highest % by one pull. So now we are taking a break, at least till Thanksgiving weekend. Then we'll be going to Port Clinton for a weight pull, and in December, we'll be heading to Allentown for our last show of 2011.

"As for my puppy, **Banshee's Oh My Darling** (DARLA), she made her debut for weight pulling in September/October. We put her in Novice for the first weight pull, and she did well; the second weight pull, she did well, pulling ~800 lbs and earning her first leg toward her WWPDA title. She also made her debut in the Obedience ring, in Kimberton, PA. There she took 3rd place and also got her first leg toward her Beginners Novice A title!!"

For those of you who may not know, Val first substituted RAIDER's weight pull harness for a conformation show lead at Gettysburg, showing him in the Working Dog Showcase, and has been bitten by the "show" bug. Congratulations on all of your successes!

Jana and I had a very busy - but memorable - week at the Nationals. We barely had time for food, drink, and sleep, and someone has an incriminating photo of me with my arms full and Twila Baker shoving a large cracker with sausage and her homemade cheese in my mouth (which, by the way, was delicious!). The results for Winter Park at the Nationals are what dreams are made of: Grand Champion Select Bitch, 1st Place Brood Bitch, 1st Place Brace, Top 20 Award, Working Dog Showcase Award, BOB Award of Merit, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Futurity, two 1st Place and a 2nd Place at the National Sweepstakes, Best Senior in Sweepstakes, a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place at the Regional Sweepstakes, Working Legs to include two WWPDX, three WWPDA, and three WWPDA, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree...Oops - getting carried away with the Holiday spirit. Our sincere appreciation to Judges Nancy Russell, Tom Knoll, Robin Haggard, and Ron Pohl for these great honors.

Our AVA, **BIS Int/Am GCH Pale Moon's Lady's A Charm**, WTD, WWPDA, CGC, and her four kids - ABBY, MARTHA, GEORGE and THOMAS - did very well. AVA competed in both the Working Dog Showcase and the Top 20 Event, which meant that she endured eight separate individual judging examinations over about a 6-hour time span, but she was a GREAT sport about it and had fun, and then at the Nationals, received the Select Bitch Award, 1st in a very tough Brood

Bitch competition based on the merits of littermates GEORGE and ABBY, and 1st in Brace with her son GEORGE. Thank You to Jan & Bud Slusher's granddaughter, Alexis Kunkel (Lexi), who handled AVA beautifully for Brood Bitch, and Thank You also to Helen Schultz, who loaned me her coupler for handling in Brace.

ABBY, **CH Winter Park's First Time's A Charm, WTD**, won 1st Place in Futurity, 1st Place and Best Senior Graduate in the National Sweepstakes, and received an Award of Merit at just 15 months of age. Littermate MARTHA, **CH Winter Park's Marvelous Martha**, was awarded 3rd Place in Futurity and finished in 2nd Place to ABBY in Sweeps.

GEORGE, **CH Winter Park's By George He's Got It, WTD**, was awarded 2nd Place in Futurity and took 1st Place in the National Sweepstakes, and teamed up with his mom AVA to compete in the Brace and Brood Bitch competitions.

All four of the youngsters also participated in the weight pull events for their first times, and all of them earned legs toward Weight Pull titles. THOMAS, **CH Winter Park's Work Hard Play Hard, WTD**, earned a WWPD leg at his very first pull on Sunday, and then earned an Advanced leg on Friday by pulling over 1900 lbs. GEORGE earned two WWPD legs, while ABBY pulled for two Advanced legs with a maximum pull of over 1700 pounds or 28X her body weight! And MARTHA totally rocked! She pulled two Excellent legs, and at over 2000 pounds and 32X her body weight, finished at #9 overall in terms of percentage of bodyweight pulled.

We've finally caught up on our sleep from the Nationals, and it was our very great pleasure to finally meet a number of people personally and put names and faces together, and thank you for your kind words and encouragement, especially Paula Honigman (Uyak), Pat Jenkins (Wolfmountain), and Mary Cronk. It was a wonderful week.

As a final note, ABBY continued her run of success a few weeks later, completing her Grand Championship title the week after turning 16 months old by going Select Bitch (AVA was BOB) under Judge Cindy Benson in Columbus, OH, on November 20, and we are very appreciative to her for the award. And THOMAS earned his first Working Lead Dog leg on December 3, doing a fine job leading the team on a 10.4-mile run along the C&O Canal Towpath and responding well to the challenges of being out in front.

Our final report comes from Sandi Komaromy in PA, who writes, "I just have not had time to put anything in the newsletter, but I did decide to finally put together something. We have some exciting news to report. CHASE, our young boy, is now **CH Bar-Vic's Chasin' a Dream**. At only 14 months old, he completed his championship over the Thanksgiving weekend, at the shows in Springfield, MA. CHASE took two Reserves to Majors at the Friday and Saturday shows, and a Best of Opposite in Sweeps, before finishing the weekend and his championship with a 4-point major at the supported entry, under Judge Carolyn Herbel.

"A few weeks prior to completing his Championship, CHASE went W/BW under Judge Evie Sullivan for his first major, at the Ft. Steuben KC show in Aliquippa, PA. At the same show, our MORGAN, **Thunderbay's Enchanted One**, went WB, and WEBER, **GCH Benchmark Too Hot To Handle**, took a Major Select. On Sunday, MORGAN went BW. It was a good weekend for all!

"At the weekend shows in Salisbury, MD, in November, CHASE took Breed on Friday, over a special, under Judge William Shelton, and also went Breed on Sunday, under Judge Patricia Laurens. On Saturday, MORGAN went OS, under Judge Patricia Hundt.

"Finally, at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia benched show on Saturday, November 19, CHASE went BW under Judge Ruth Zimmerman. We are very proud of his accomplishments in such a short period of time and are looking forward to having much more fun with him in the future!!!!"

MID-WEST

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Another year gone... it does seem the years speed up as I get older. I hope everyone had a grand holiday season and made realistic New Year's resolutions. Realistic resolutions are the key to happiness.

Today marks the first truly cold day we have had this season, and I am fighting to make my dogs stay outside. Babies. I guess they missed the memo about being Arctic weather dogs. And it's not like it gets frigid in Oklahoma, it is only 28 degrees. Ah well, enough about me and my questionable malamutes. On with the show! Or show results to be more precise. Or show and working results to be even more precise.

SHOW NEWS: I received some National news from John Podolak regarding his

CUTTER and NAVI. Here's what he had to say about his fine boys: "CUTTER, **Ixa's USCG Overland Expedition**, took 3rd Place in Maturity. CUTTER's younger brother NAVI, **Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior**, took 4th Place in the Puppy Futurity (9-12 mos)." Congratulations, John and Michelle and CUTTER and NAVI!

The Oklahoma Sooner Circuit is held in Chickasha, OK, the third weekend in November. Now this circuit usually brings points but not this year. Despite the lack of points, I went anyway. I came home with a puppy who loves to show and a Canine Good Citizen. PETE EVERETT earned his CGC on Friday before we packed up to move to the Norman, OK, UKC shows. The real fun happened in Norman! PETE EVERETT earned his UKC Altered Championship with a Best in Show in Show 1 and a Reserve Best in Show in Show 2 on Saturday, giving him the new name of **U-ALCH Spectre's O Brother, Where Art Thou? RN, CGC**. Yes, I am still stupid proud of this boy. Not to be outdone by her partner in crime, NAOMI, **Spectre's Milagro por Windswept**, won the Group on Sunday! Not bad for a wee pup of just six months.

WORKING NEWS: John also sent results for CUTTER getting his weight pull groove on at the National. Here's what he had to say about his multi-talented boy: "CUTTER did very well in his weight pull debut at the 2011 AMCA National Specialty weight pulls. At the Motor City (Regional) Weight Pull, CUTTER pulled 1838#, or 19.55 times his body weight, and earned a WWPD leg. At the Motown Charity (National) Weight Pull, CUTTER pulled 2135#, or 22.71 times his body weight, and earned a WWPD leg.

"At the Motown Charity (National) Weight Pull, for the Service Dogs for Vets organization, CUTTER received a \$100.00 donation from the Saint Louis Police Veterans Association and a \$21.35 donation (penny a pound pulled) from the Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Saint Louis. A special thanks goes to Lucy Sanders, who made a \$500.00 donation in the memory of our 'puppy boy' ADAK, **Adak Attu Arctic Adventurer, WWPD, WWPD, CGC, IWPA - Working Dog Excellent Degree.**" Outstanding job, CUTTER and John, and to Lucy for your generous donation!

John reported that members of the Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Saint Louis were an important and integral part of the weight pull operations at the 2011 AMCA National Specialty. John wanted to thank the following people for their assistance: Mike Barnes (chute construction and weight

pull set-up), Eileen Barnes (weigh-ins and judging), Michelle Podolak (weigh-ins, registration, and timer), and Kathleen Bray (registration, computer score keeping, and final results score sheets). John served as the weight pull chairperson and the chief judge. It sounds as though they have a great group of people within their club! Kudos to all of you for making the National weight-pull event a huge success!!

John and CUTTER were busy in November as well: "On November 13, 2011, the Alaskan Malamute Club of Greater Saint Louis held a charity weight pull, in Eureka, MO, for the Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association. CUTTER pulled 2084#, or 21.70 times his body weight, and earned his second WWPDX leg." Go, CUTTER, Go!

John wanted everyone to know that NAVI is not being left out of the fun: "NAVI has started weight pull training, and it looks like he will be a natural. NAVI will start competition in January 2012." I am sure NAVI will be just as impressive as older "brother" CUTTER when it's his turn in the chute!

CORRECTION: December's newsletter contained some errors for which I am responsible. Shocking, I know, but I am only human and apparently my eyes don't work so well sometimes. The HOWLS for Joyce DeLay and HOTSHOT, **CH Totem's Black Hills Hotshot**, were missing some pertinent information. The breed judge for HOTSHOT's Group 4 on October 15 was Pat Hastings; she was also the Group judge. The breed judge for HOTSHOT's Group 2 on October 16 was Jerry Watson; the Group judge was Charles Olvis. Sorry for the omissions, Joyce.

TRIVIA: Another correction (wow, I'm on a roll this month): In the August 2011, newsletter, I incorrectly cited **CH Gripp of Yukon** as the first registered malamute. Now, it was true that he was the first champion, but he was not the first registered. **Rowdy of Nome** was the first registered malamute. Both ROWDY and GRIPP appear in the July 1935, AKC Stud Book, but ROWDY's registration number (998426) was listed before GRIPP's number (999568). Thank you, Ben Ogburn, for sending your kind correction.

Please send your news, brags, or anything else newsworthy to spectremals@earthlink.net. Until next month.

NEW ENGLAND

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Hello again I hope all of you are rested after the Nationals. It is nice that we can brag,

as viewing the wins online or by catalog is very impersonal. So here we go, New England, we did ourselves proud! The care of ourselves, the love and care for this breed, the food, exercise, and training brings success. Congratulations to you, and thank you for all the brags.

Joyce Matott checks in: "My 11-1/2 year old female, **Can. CH Kablunaqs Mustang Sally**, ALLIE, was awarded the 2nd award of merit at the Regional Specialty. Also, she was first in all of her Veteran Sweepstakes classes, as well as in the regular classes at the Regional and National. I am very proud of her!!"

From Jane Palinkas: "We had a wonderful time at the Nationals in Ann Arbor, MI, this past month. In the Rally ring, I had my girl **MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RN, WPD, WWP, WTD, CGC** in the Regionals in Advanced for her last leg. She qualified with a sad score of 84 and third place. That being said, I had her entered in Excellent for her first leg. She had been crated for 5 days and putting her in that big matted ring off leash was too much for her. Half-way through the exercises, she ran one large glorious round of the ring to get the 'skiddles' out. I got her back, and we earned her first excellent leg with a score of 76 and second place. On Friday, I put my puppies in for their CGC, and at the tender age of 7 months and one day, BOTH puppies earned their CGC. They are now **Luv Sno's Liking it Rugged, CGC**, and **Luv Sno's Uptown Girl, CGC**. I am proud of both of my puppies. Their sister was there, also, and earned her CGC title. I think that I have some more performance pups on my hands. TIFF also pulled 31 times her weight in the weight pull. Although the rules state you only need 23 times, she still did not earn an excellent leg. All in all, we had a good time and look forward to going to TN next year."

More from Jane: "On November 13, 2011, **UWPV, UGRCH MaskaraidNLuvSno's Maid'n Tiffney, CD, RA, CGC, WTD, WWP, WPD** went to the Obedience show Nathan Hale today and earned her second Rally Excellent leg with a score of 95. It was under Judge Lynda S. Moore. Not to be outdone by his kennelmate, **UWPCH Luv Sno's Nanuk of the North, CD, WWP, WTD, WPD, CGC, IWPA-WD, WDX, WDS** went with us and earned his Rally Novice title with a score of 90. He is almost 11-1/2 years old. He was also judged by the same Lynda S. Moore.

"Thanksgiving Cluster in Springfield, MA, brought a beautiful 4 days for a good time, perfect weather for this time of year meeting

old friends and new acquaintances. TIFFNEY (see above for her full name) finished her Rally Excellent title on Saturday, with a score of 94, under Judge Ellen Adomelis. Also this cluster weekend, on Friday, **GCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Ruff, CD, WTD, WWP, WPD, RN, CGC** (Jane co owns her with daughter Vicki) was awarded BOS, Select Bitch, Veteran BOB, and Veterans Group 1. On Saturday, RUFF was BOB Veteran and Veterans Group 2. To finish a successful weekend, RUFFY earned her GCH and BOS on Sunday.

"At the Ramapo/Palisades cluster, UGRCH, UWPCH Luv Sno's Dymnd N' the Ruff, CD, WTD, WPD, WWP, RN, CGC won Best Veteran in Show on Friday; on Saturday, won Select Bitch; on Sunday, went Best of Opposite; and on Monday, Best of Opposite."

As promised, says Mary Anne Cronk: "Updating my dog's activities from the National to the present: I was thrilled that MELANIE (**CH Weir River's Sticks Like Magic**) won the Regional Brood Bitch class with NEWTON and KONA. She then went on to win an Award of Merit at the National! Littermate COLT (**GCH Weir River's Licensed to Carry**) went to the Philadelphia dog shows after the National and won BOS one day and Breed the next. He came back to the Thanksgiving Cluster at Springfield and won Breed at the supported entry on Friday. That made him a GCH. MELANIE's kids have been busy, too. Her 15-month old daughter BAILEY won both Grand Sweeps plus two Reserves at Springfield. She is MELANIE's third puppy to be a multi-Grand Sweeps winner. Littermate CHASE was Reserve two days and finished his championship with a 4-point major. He's MELLIE's third puppy to finish."

Now my turn: At the Springfield Cluster on Friday and Saturday, **CH Chinooks' Kotzebue Spedition (MATTIE)**, in Veteran Sweepstakes over 10 yrs of age, won Best Veteran in Sweepstakes over her brother **CH Chinooks Kotzebue Speleclipse, BG**. This girl is something to show - always on, happy, and what a delight. I certainly love my dogs.

Don't forget to check Howls. Major Show Wins will wait until next time.
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NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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A short column this month (Yay, husar, you all cheer). I have only two brags from lo-

cal members to report, and now it's too late for the AMCC/Halifax trip write up – I can't remember what we did or what happened anymore... You're all saved!

First some brags from Masasyu Kennels in NY and a new show title on KAOS (see Howls). "While most people were getting stuffed on turkey and all the goodies that go with it, I was on the road to MD for the weekend shows. Michelle Frank showed my BIG K, alias **A/C CH Masasyu's Naughty By Nature, CGC, WWP**, to his American championship. K took WD, BOW, BOS over 2 specials to finish his title with another 3-point major. KAOS finished with 17 points, 15 of which were majors. Nice way to spend Black Friday. My puppy dog that I co-own with Michelle, **Masasyu's Anticipating Epona's Next Move (BISHOP)**, took RWD. Had a great time, and once again thank Auntie Pez Machine for all of her hard work." Congrats, Lori and Shelley on your wins.

We also went to MD for Friday through Sunday and had a very successful trip, finishing TYCHO's (**Am GCH Can Ch U-GRCH Samaljankan's I'm The One At Nyrakym**) Grand Championship (see Howls) with two BOB wins. He finished under Whitney Coombes, who also finished him for his Championship at Harrisburg in 2009. He even made the cut in the Group, too. SKYE (**Am GCH Can Ch U-GRCH Nyrakym Skywalker Samaljankan, ROM**) also continued her winning streak with a BOB win on Friday and made the cut in Group, with BOS wins Saturday and Sunday. We really went down to try to get PEARL's last major (she thinks she's a ma!!), as there was a Sammie Specialty at the show, but we'll take the Grand title on TYCHO J. Little PEARLY PEARL astounded us by not only finishing by winning WB for a 4-point major on Friday, but then going on to win Select Bitch at the Specialty on Saturday, as well as the All-Breed show on Sunday, getting her first points, both 5-point majors, toward her Grand title!! Not bad for our little 13-month old fluffball!

Some more working news from Maria Dinwoodie and her GENNY (she's the one who produced that WONDERFUL NY/NJ basket for the Nationals! Maria, that is, not GENNY, although GENNY might have helped her). This awesome twosome have been out and about this fall, with GENNY earning her first two Rally Advanced legs at the Regional/National this past October and then completing her RA title at the Syracuse shows (see Howls). **Snobuc's Cold Brewed, RN** earned his first leg toward Rally Advanced at the same Syracuse show on November 20.

We're off to the Eukanuba National in Florida next week – it will be our first time (can't be travelling all the way to CA!), and we

have four malamutes (plus one Sammie) qualified and entered! It'll be quite some trip, but it'll be fun!! Hope to see some other local folks there and will report back next month....

If you want to read something besides our escapades, don't forget to send in your activities, stories, and brags! HAPPY HOLIDAYS to you all and happy trails!!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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November in the PNW has certainly brought some colder weather. I noted on the way to the dog shows at Monroe (Whidbey Island Kennel Club Shows), both days had ice, and the parking lot was an ice skating rink as well on Saturday. On Sunday, the drive was somewhat stressful as we noted 5 cars in the ditch on either side of the freeway and traffic came to a slow pace in fear of joining those off the road. The fog disappeared as we traveled further north to the Monroe Fair Grounds, thank goodness.

Kathi and Dan Fraser wrote that they are very proud of CALI, **Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane**. CALI has been undefeated at her last few shows and closed out her show year with two more wins at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club Shows. On Saturday, CALI was Winners Bitch, and then on Sunday, she was Winners Bitch/BOS over the Specials bitch. Kathi and Dan are excited to get back to the rings with her in January to search for her final major to close out her championship. They note that it is almost Christmas, and they will be kicking back and enjoying the holidays with the family, especially the little ones. Kathi and Dan wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays!!!!

In addition, our boy SAM ADAMS, **Int'l CH Blumoon's Who Do You Love, CGC**, won WD/BOW and Best Bred By Exhibitor on Saturday at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club Shows, under Mr. Clyde R. Morris, and WD/BOW on Sunday under Mr. Thomson P. Stanfield, Jr. We are very proud of SAM. We had a great time and are looking forward to having a lot of fun in the new year.

While we were at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club Shows, we saw our friends Annette and Dave Milburn and their beautiful boy SUGAR RAY. I asked Annette to be sure and send in some news, so here goes. Annette and Dave have been campaigning SUGAR RAY this year, and so far, he has been the #1 Alaskan Malamute, #1 Working, and #6 All Breed, and battling it out right to the end of the year. "It has been

very busy and crazy as we have had to do so much traveling and holding down full time jobs... but SUGAR RAY seems to be having so much fun, just as TKO (his father) did the past few years, so he is, as they say, following in his father's footsteps!" SUGAR RAY, **Multi BISS BIS Can/Am GCH Mytuk's Technical Knock Out**, also won BOB both days at Whidbey Island Kennel Club and won Working Group 1 both days, under judges Dr. Alvin Krause and Mr. Ralph (Sonny) Ambrosio. Annette and Dave turned in a long list of Group placements and Bests In Show; please be sure to check out Something To Howl About.

Michele Coburn also shared that PUCK, aka **Peace River Silverice Summer Solstice**, has been doing his part to hold up the family name. In the last 6 shows, he has taken the points 5 times, one of them being his first major. "I am so, so proud of this young man and his accomplishments at just 8 months!!! My love and thanks to Mike, Collen, Alisa, and Lynda for their love and care of my baby boy."

I want to thank Thea Robinson for submitting some Major Show Reports from the Vancouver Kennel Club shows in October; please be sure to take a look.

Thanks, everyone, for your reports, and I wish all of you a very safe and happy holiday season! Look forward to hearing more reports in 2012.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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SOUTHERN

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I would like to begin the column report with a final note from Suzanne Bedell: "I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last 2 years as your area reporter!"

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the Holidays and rung in a NEW YEAR!!! I hope that everyone's holidays were festive, happy, and safe.

I would like to thank the people who supported me with letters and kind words by making the following statement: As of November 23, 2011, I, Marcia Wild, am the new Southern Area Reporter. For those who may not know me, I will tell you a little bit about myself. I am 34 and currently live in Charleston, SC, and have for 12 years

now. I am an accountant working for two companies currently, Room Mom, and PTA Class Representative. My first malamute was **CH Wild Wind's Future Star of Sulu**, STAR. I have owned malamutes ever since, dabbled with a few other breeds along the way, including Shiba Inus currently. I am a member of the Charleston Kennel Club, AMCA, and NSCA. I have one daughter, Rosie, who is 9. She has a love for the dogs, as well, and is beginning her Junior Showmanship career this year. We love this breed and never see the house complete without at least a pair and a spare; currently we have 4 malamutes and 2 Shibas that rule us.

On to some exciting news. On behalf of the Southern Area, I would like to congratulate Robin Haggard for winning the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Medal at this year's National. Robin has been in dogs for many years and fits the definition of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP to a T. She cares for the dogs and the people across the country and is always willing to help anyone when she can. Congratulations, Robin, and thank you for your continued dedication to the breed over the years.

In speaking of people, one of our Southern Area members has had some health issues and is fighting her way back to better health - Linda Gross-Hooks. She has been under the weather for a few months but has kept her sense of humor and positive outlook. Please join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

On to some shows news: I would like to congratulate my babies, well actually MARTY and MERCEDES' babies, **Windswept's The Games Afoot At Stormrunner**, WATSON, and **Spectre's Milagro Por Windswept**, NAOMI, for their very successful first weekends out! Congratulations to them, and I look forward to many more good reports in the future.

Julie Edwards had a brag and wrote, "Super Pull I, the 1st Annual Weight Pull of the Big Bend, was held in Alpine, TX, on November 19. It was a great success, raising money for the Texas Alaskan Malamute Association. Ric and Julie Edwards' COCHISE won 1st in his weight class and most body percent pulled with his 1145-pound pull. This also earned him his first leg towards his WWPD title!"

I also received notes from Edie Thomas. Edie wrote, "Liz, Gary & John Philippi's girl BELLA, **WindStar's Pick Your Poison For Fenrir**, went Best of Breed from the classes for points at the Cypress Creek KC show in Texas. Bella is handled by Linda Allen." Edie also sent me a note from this past weekend, "**CH Windstar's Going Out In Style**, ELLIE, finished her championship at the Anniston KC

show on November 25. ELLIE also gave her dam SIERRA, **CH WindStar's Moonlight Serenade**, her ROM. See Howl About.

Also received a note from Suzanne Bedell, "XANDER, **CH Kumata's Warning Label**, finished his championship on Black Friday at the tender age of 19 months. He is a Grand Sweepstakes winner and Specialty winner. XANDER was finished exclusively by yours truly!" See Howl About.

Please continue to send in your brags. I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start!

WEST COAST

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Did you know... The description of a recently found dog remains (30,000 years old) fits the Alaskan malamute very closely. Though not scientifically confirmed, the Alaskan malamute may be the closest living relative to the "First Dog."

Dorothea Ragsdale took **SnoDanc Have Mal Will Travel**, PALADIN, to his first real dog show the beginning of November. He was Best Malamute Puppy at the San Gabriel show and was Best Bred By at the Antelope Valley show. He went Reserve and on to a G3 in the BBE Working Group. Dorothea said he was well behaved, and it was a big thing for him to be at a real show and having to perform and not just play with his sister. Looks like Dorothea and PALADIN have a promising future in the show ring.

More news from Dorothea: **SnoDanc Have Mal Will Travel**, PALADIN, won the Working Group at the Los Encinos Kennel Club puppy match on November 13, 2011. Dorothea says he is doing okay for six months.

Quote of the month... Fact: Humans think they are masters of their malamutes. Malamutes KNOW they are the masters (Funny Things About Malamutes).

AT LARGE - N HEMISPHERE

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

News from Belgium member Gwen Guillaume: At the Eurodogshow Kortrijk 2011, held in November, **Chinanook's Keyush Jr.**, KENZO, was placed 1st VP in his class; he then went on to be awarded Best puppy in Breed and ultimately 5th BIS Puppy. Gwen of course, is very proud.

Italian member Giuseppe Biagiotti has sent news: At the FCI group 5 Specialty Show Zagreb (Hr), held in November, under judge Ms C Navarro, **BIS BISS JCH IT INT CH Rohan Del Biagio**, ROHAN, was awarded the Cachr, Best of Breed, and Best In Show (see Howls). **ARG CH Bookie Del Biagio**, BOOKIE, from the open dog class, was awarded the CACHr. **IT INT RSM JIT WW CH Eyara Del Biagio**, EYARA, from the champion bitch class, was awarded the CACHr. **Guara Junglanegra Del Biagio**, GUARA, from the open bitch class was awarded the CACHr and BOS. The kennel was also awarded Best Breeder Group in Specialty Show. With this BISS, Del Biagio have reached their 100th BISS awarded since being caretakers of the breed from the beginning of their breeding program in 1984.

The following day at the International Dog Show Zagreb (Hr), under judge Ms M Petersen, ROHAN was awarded the CACHr, the CACIB, Best of Breed, and Group 2. This also qualified him for Crufts 2012 (see Howls). BOOKIE was awarded the CACHr and the Res. CACIB. EYARA was awarded the CACHr, the CACIB, and BOS, and this also qualified her for Crufts 2012. GUARA was awarded the CACHr and the Res. CACIB. The kennel was also awarded Best Breeder Group in Show.

The following day at the International Dog Show Zagreb Winner 2011, under judge Mr P Stanton, ROHAN was awarded the CACHr, the CACIB, Best of Breed, ZAGREB Winner, and completed his Croatian Championship (see Howls). BOOKIE was awarded the CACHr and the Res. CACIB. GUARA was awarded the CACHr, the CACIB, and BOS. The kennel was also awarded Best Breeder Group in Show.

Giuseppe has released the details of the next SERAM event, which will be held over the last weekend in January 2012. The 8th annual Alaskan Malamute Sled Dog Event is scheduled to run over three days from the 27th to the 29th. There will be education, training, dog trekking, and fun in the snow. You can contact him for any further details.

Giuseppe wants to add that, after a problem with his computer, he has lost much of the emails that were pending reply. If you have sent an email and have not had a reply, please resend.

UK member Anna Darlow has sent news: **Sledog Forest Mist**, WPD, KENZIE attended his first weight pull competition in November, where he pulled in the novice class getting used to the discipline. At the

second November event, Anna put him into the competition class just to see how he would go, and he earned a leg toward his WWPDP title! What a great start for this dual purpose boy.

French member Judith Gogibus has sent news from the International of Saint Etienne, held in October, under judge Danny Meyer. **Kamelot's To Selawik River With Love**, from the intermediaire class, was placed 1st ex and was awarded the CAC and the CACIB. **Fine Romance Of Selawik River** again from the intermediaire class, was placed 2nd ex and was awarded the Res. CAC and the Res. CACIB. **English Man In New York Of Selawik River**, from the open class, was awarded the Res. CAC and the Res. CACIB. These two dogs are owned by Thomas Diedic and Delphine Thomas.

News from UK members Sara & James Barstow: The AMC UK Allerton Park weight pull events have started, and **Cinneli Ice Road Kiss at Ayakulik, WWPDX, WTD, WPD, KISKA**, and **Icycool North Peak at Ayakulik, WTD, WWPDP, WPDA, WLD, OAKLEY**, are thrilled to be back in competition. At the second November event, KISKA placed 2nd and Oakley placed 5th in the 81-100lb class. KISKA's pull earned her another leg toward her advanced title.

Our own news this month: **Sledog Dream Warrior (A.i.)**, **SPEK**, and **Sledog Dream Maker (A.i.)**, **DUNK**, have started their obedience classes this month. They attend a KCGCS puppy foundation class on Wednesdays and a general obedience class on Thursdays. Living where we do, which is very rural, we also take them into the local town on a Saturday to meet and

greet strangers, and we take them for one of their evening walks along the local high street once a week. They are really enjoying their social whirl!

From our breeding, at the Portsmouth & Southsea Open Show, **Sledog Forest Trail for Cherubini**, ZIVA, owned by Angela Anderson, was awarded Best of Breed and Group 2 (see Howls). In October, ZIVA completed her second leg toward her WPD title. At the Crystal Palace Open Show, held in November, under judge Mrs P Richards, ZIVA was again awarded Best of Breed.

Please remember to let me know your news.

AT LARGE - S HEMISPHERE
Michelle White, Area Reporter
Michellewhite@ozemail.com.au

No report. Please send in your news to Michelle.



TOP TWENTY



Hi, everyone -

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and didn't forget treats and presents for our lovely mals when you were out shopping. Following are the Top 20 standings as of the end of September 2011.

Just to give you a little head's up . . . next month will be my last month to post stats and standings for the Top 20. Stacey Moore will be taking over as of January 2012. I've been tabulating the Top 20 and Specials for about 10 years, and it's time to pass the baton. I'll be posting Stacey's contact information when I post for the last time next month.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or see any errors, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to all the winners.

Pat McGovern
Top 20 Statistician
maldad@att.net

#	NAME	POINTS	AREA	OWNER
1	GCH Nfoakixa Over The Rainbow (B)	286	SO	A Mayberry-Welch/R Roffey
2	GCH Catanya's Latin Lover (D)	253	WC	P Kendrick/A Martinez/A Syar
3	GCH Ice Fall's Rough Stock (D)	145	IL/WI	L Ryer/T Szabo
4	GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (D)	132	SO	A Mayberry-Welch
5	GCH Silverice's Making Waves (B)	131	WC	A Syar/M Stone
6	GCH Gryphon's Northern Celtic Moon (D)	109	PNW	C Rowe
7	CH Storm Runners Spirit of the Wind (D)	106	RM	L Rogowski
8	GCH Catera's Funfast N Worldclass (D)	101	IL/WI	A Volkamener/N Volkamener
9	GCH Illusion's Beyond Imagination (D)	99	GL	P Fusco/J Fusco
10	CH GGM's Street Smart (B)	88	GL	K Schmidt
11	CH Peace River's She's All That (B)	84	PNW	M Coburn
12	GCH Istari's Epic Trilogee (B)	83	IL/WI	H Schultz
13	GCH Storm Kloud's Kindred Spirit (B)	79	RM	N Russell
14	GCH Winter Park's First Time's A Charm (B)	76	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
15	GCH Awanuna's Tornado of Snow (D)	74	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
16	GCH Kaviak's Lord of the Dance (D)	63	SO	M Richards
16	CH Tugar's Aces High (B)	63	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
18	GCH Pale Moon's Lady's A Charm (B)	57	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
18	GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (D)	57	RM	P Jenkins/E Jenkins
20	GCH Joshua's Top Gun (D)	54	WC	C Sires/C Chauvie



SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES & AWARDS

NEW GRAND CHAMPION

GCH WINTER PARK'S FIRST TIME'S A CHARM WTD (B)

Sire: GCH Alcan Come SnoDanc With Me
 Dam: GCH Pale Moon's Lady's A Charm WTD WWPD CGC
 Breeder: Michael, Jana & Sean Park
 Owner: Michael, Jana & Sean Park
 Show: Central Ohio KC
 Date: November 20, 2011
 Breed: Ms. Cindy Benson

NEW CHAMPION

CH SNO KLASSIC KASAAN IMAGINE THAT (D)

Sire: CH North Face Sno Klassic Glory Days
 Dam: CH Powerpaw Kasaan Sweet'N T Fortune
 Breeder: Bonnie McMahon-Howen
 Owner: Patricia A. Peel & Martin E. Peel Jr.
 Show: Ingham County KC
 Date: December 3, 2011
 Breed: Mrs. Lawrence J. (Janet) Sinclair

CH BAR-VIC'S CHASIN' A DREAM (D)

Sire: CH Banshee's Reign Supreme
 Dam: CH Weir River's Sticks Like Magic
 Breeder: Victoria Petrelli Darnobid / Mary Cronk
 Owner: Sandra Komaromy / Victoria Petrelli Darnobid
 Show: Springfield KC
 Date: November 27, 2011
 Breed: Carolyn Herbel

A/C CH MASASYU'S NAUGHTY BY NATURE CGC WWPD (D)

Sire: Masasyu's Law And Order
 Dam: Masasyu's In Your Dreams
 Breeder: Lori A. Hicks
 Owner: Lori A. Hicks & M. Therrien
 Show: NorthEast KC
 Date: November 25, 2011
 Breed: M. Canestrini

CH IXA'S MOONLIGHT STROKE OF MIDNIGHT (B)

Sire: GCH Canute's U Talking To Me
 Dam: CH IXA's Moonlight Twist of Fate
 Breeder: Ann Mayberry Welch & Maria Wells
 Owner: Ann Mayberry Welch
 Show: Tuscaloosa KC
 Date: November 26, 2011
 Breed: Mr. Dana P. Cline

CH WINDSTAR'S GOING OUT IN STYLE (B)

Sire: CH Vykon's Hairy Potter RN RA CD CGC
 Dam: CH WindStar's Moonlight Serenade ROM
 Breeder: Edie & Keith Thomas
 Owner: Edie Thomas & Claire Thomas
 Show: Anniston KC
 Date: November 25, 2011
 Breed: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark

CH KUMATA'S WARNING LABEL (D)

Sire: GCH Kasaan's Rise 'N Up to T'Fortune
 Dam: CH Kumata's On The Label
 Breeder: Suzanne & Amanda Bedell
 Owner: Suzanne & Amanda Bedell
 Show: Anniston KC
 Date: November 25, 2011
 Breed: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark

CH SNO SHIRE'S SAHARA SNOW ANGEL OAJ RN CGC WWPD (B)

Sire: CH Illusions of Ice at Sno Shire
 Dam: Sno Shire's Sleddin Single Lead
 Breeder: Dr. Jocelynn Jacobs
 Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
 Show: Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.
 Date: August 6, 2011
 Breed: Mr. Bob Busby

GROUP 2

GCH NFOAKIXA OVER THE RAINBOW (B)

Sire: CH Taolan Traces Of The Cat
 Dam: CH North Face Don't Tread On Me
 Breeder: Cindy Uraynar & Robert Roffey & Ann Mayberry-Welch
 Owner: Ann Mayberry-Welch & Robert Roffey
 Show: Tuscaloosa KC
 Date: November 26, 2011
 Breed: Mr. Dana P. Cline
 Group: Mr. Houston Clark

GROUP 3

GCH KEN-DAR'S ARCTIC THUNDER CLOUD CGC RA TD TT (D)

Sire: CH Ice Cream's Winter Chill
 Dam: CH Amarak's Moonlit Tundra CD RA TD TT
 Breeder: Ken & Darlene Puhatch
 Owner: Ken & Darlene Puhatch
 Show: Laurel Highlands KC
 Date: October 21, 2011
 Breed: Mrs. Robert D. Smith
 Group: Mrs. Robert D. Smith
 Show: Laurel Highlands KC
 Date: October 22, 2011
 Breed: Dr. Robert D. Smith
 Group: Dr. Robert D. Smith

COMPANION DOG

CH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER MX MXJ RN CGC TT WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
 Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit Tulugaq
 Breeder: Bob & Karol Knopp
 Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
 Show: Freemont Dog Training Club
 Date: October 1, 2011
 Judge: Mrs. Linda Bianco

RALLY ADVANCED

KLOUD BURST'S I'VE GOT MY GAME ON RA NA NAJ NF WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Kloud Burst's Strait From The Heart
 Dam: CH Kloud Burst's Sweet Intoxication
 Breeder: Roseann & Richard Deutsch
 Owner: Barbara Pisch & Roseann Deutsch
 Show: AMCA National Specialty
 Date: October 27, 2011
 Judge: Mr. James Ham

SNOBUC'S GENNY CREAM OF THE CROP RN RA (B)

Sire: CH Adair-N-Hug S Wonderful Life
 Dam: Snobuc's Say GoodNite Grayci
 Breeder: Maria & Rolfe Dinwoodie
 Owner: Maria & Rolfe Dinwoodie & Elizabeth French
 Show: Del-Otse-Nengo KC
 Date: November 20, 2011
 Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Cooper

RALLY EXCELLENT

MASKARAIDNLUVSNO'S MAID'N TIFFNEY CD WPD WWPD WTD RE CGC (B)

Sire: Sendaishi's Lightfoot Gordon
 Dam: Mask A Raid's Which Witch
 Breeder: Lisa King & David McClain
 Owner: Jane Palinkas
 Show: Windham County KC
 Date: November 26, 2011

MASTER AGILITY JUMPERS

CH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER MX MXJ RN CGC TT WWPD (D)

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
 Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit Tulugaq
 Breeder: Bob & Karol Knopp
 Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
 Show: Irish Setter Club of America
 Date: September 24, 2011
 Judge: Terry Culley

SERVICEABLE ALASKAN MALAMUTE

CH SNO SHIRE'S SAHARA SNOW ANGEL OAJ RN CGC WWPD (B)

Sire: CH Illusions of Ice at Sno Shire
 Dam: Sno Shire's Sleddin Single Lead
 Breeder: Dr. Jocelynn Jacobs
 Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
 Show: Alaskan Malamute Club of America
 Date: October 29, 2011
 Judge: AAAM Committee

**CH HALATSUU INDIANA SNOW RAIDER MX MXJ
RN CGC TT WWPD (D)**

Sire: CH Icy's Majestic Fire n Ice
Dam: CH Silvrstrm Tricias Spirit Tulugaq
Breeder: Bob & Karol Knopp
Owner: Dr. Tammy Doukas
Show: Alaskan Malamute Club of America
Date: October 29, 2011
Judge: AAAM Committee

Date: September 24, 2011
Breed: Christopher Neilson
Group: Christopher Neilson
BIS: Dianne Miller
Show: Mount Cheam Canine Association
Date: September 25, 2011
Breed: Barbara Watt
Group: Barbara Watt
BIS: Robert Dawson
Show: Alberni Valley KC
Date: October 9, 2011
Breed: Jon Cole
Group: Jon Cole
BIS: Roberto Velez-Pico
Show: Red Deer & District KC
Date: November 25, 2011
Breed: Sandy Alexander
Group: Sandy Alexander
BIS: Thomas Alexander

NEW CHAMPION - CROATIA

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 Zagreb Winner
2011
Date: November 20, 2011
Breed: Mr P Stanton (S)

**CANADIAN KENNEL
CLUB TITLES & AWARDS**

BEST IN SHOW

**MULTI BISS BIS CAN AM GRAND CH MYTUK'S
TECHNICAL KNOCK OUT (D)**

Sire: Multi BIS BISS C/A GCH Mytuk's The
Ring Master CGN
Dam: C/A CH TaolanQuest Conspiracy Theory
Breeder: Dave & Annette Milburn
Owner: Dave & Annette Milburn
Show: West Kootenay KC
Date: July 20, 2011
Breed: Tim Doxtater
Group: Tim Doxtater
BIS: Tim Doxtater
Show: West Kootenay KC
Date: July 21, 2011
Breed: Annie Hennigan
Group: Annie Hennigan
BIS: Annie Hennigan
Show: Cranbrook & District KC
Date: August 27, 2011
Breed: John Rowton
Group: John Rowton
BIS: John Rowton
Show: Mount Cheam Canine Association

**INTERNATIONAL TITLES
& AWARDS**

BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW

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: FCI Group 5 Specialty Show Zagreb (Hr)
Date: November 18, 2011
Breed: Ms C Navarro (E)
BIS: Ms C Navarro (E)

GROUP 2

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 Zagreb (Hr)
Date: November 19, 2011
Breed: Ms M Petersen (DK)
Group: Ms M Petersen (DK)

SLEDOG FOREST TRAIL FOR CHERUBINI (B)

Sire: BJISS Mountain Home Sledog Pride
WTD WPD
Dam: Blaiddeira Soul Bossanova At Sledog
WPD
Breeder: Miss Nicola Singh
Owner: Mrs. Angela Anderson
Show: Portsmouth & Southsea Open Show
Date: September 25, 2011
Breed: Miss R Barber
Group: Miss R Barber



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)

Ingham County KC 12-3-11

Mrs. Lawrence J. (Janet) Sinclair

23: D=9 (4pts) B=9 (3 pts) 5 (1D, 4B)

- BOB: GCH Snopeak's Arctic Princess (White)
- BOW: Sno Klassic Kasaan Imagine That (Peel)
- BOS: GCH Inukshuk Klassic's Control (Donovan)
- WD: Sno Klassic Kasaan Imagine That (Peel)
- RWD: Spiritrun's Uppin' The Ante RE CD (Belanger)
- WB: Pale Moon's Bring Joy to Cahappes (Emanuelson)
- RWB: Staghorn Ice Sprite of Hill Frost (Swire)
- SB: CH Northern Lites Independence (Donovan)

Ingham County KC 12-4-11

Dr. Wanda V. Spediacci

23: D=8 (4pts) B=9 (3 pts) 6 (3D, 3B)

- BOB: Sno Klassic Kasaan Imagine That (Peel)
- BOW: Taolan Quest Fire In The Sky (Newburn/Pohl)
- BOS: GCH Snopeak's Arctic Princess (White)
- WD: Taolan Quest Fire In The Sky (Newburn/Pohl)
- RWD: Miatuk's Dark Knight (Conley/McLaughlin)
- WB: Sno Klassic Hot Lips (Newport/Peel)
- RWB: Staghorn Ice Sprite of Hill Frost (Swire)
- SD: CH Car-Ben's Make My Day (Carlisle/Benson)
- SB: CH Two Moons Kings Sakari of Nadia (White)

Pacific Northwest (submitted by Cindy Carriegan)

Vancouver KC 10-29-11

Mr James G Reynolds

11: D=5 (3pts) B=3 (1 pt) 3 (3D, 0B)

- BOB: GCH Gryphon's Northern Celtic Moon (Rowe/McCowan)
- BOW: Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane (Fraser)
- BOS: Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane (Fraser)
- WD: Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (Robinson/Coburn)
- RWD: Storm Swept's Legacy of Tamorok (Lucay/Staniszewski)
- WB: Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane (Fraser)
- RWB: Gryphon's Moon and Stars Align (Reiser)
- SD: GCH Wolfmtn Luckysky Bze Be'n Fabulous (Spurling/Jenkins)

Vancouver KC 10-30-11

Ms Carolyn I Alexander

11: D=5 (3pts) B=3 (1 pt) 3 (3D, 0B)

- BOB: GCH Wolfmtn Luckysky Bze Be'n Fabulous (Spurling/Jenkins)
- BOW: Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (Robinson/Coburn)
- BOS: Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane (Fraser)
- WD: Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (Robinson/Coburn)
- RWD: Aurora's Flying High (Reed/Lowrey)
- WB: Icicle Creek's Calamity Jane (Fraser)
- RWB: Gryphon's Moon and Stars Align (Reiser)
- SD: GCH Gryphon's Northern Celtic Moon (Rowe/McCowan)

Southern (submitted by Marcia Wild)

Anniston KC 11-25-11

Mrs Houston (Toddie) Clark

8: D=1 (0pts) B=5 (4 pts) 1 (1D, 1B)

- BOB: GCH NFOAKIXA Over The Rainbow (Welch/Roffey)
- BOW: Kumata's Warning Label (Bedell/Bedell)
- BOS: GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (Welch)
- WD: Kumata's Warning Label (Bedell/Bedell)
- RWD: None
- WB: Windstar's Going Out In Style (Thomas)
- RWB: IXA'S Moonlight Stroke Of Midnight (Welch)

Tuscaloosa KC 11-26-11

Mr Dana P Cline

7: D=0 (0pts) B=5 (4 pts) 2 (1D, 1B)

- BOB: GCH NFOAKIXA Over The Rainbow (Welch/Roffey)
- BOW: None
- BOS: GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (Welch)
- WD: None
- RWD: None
- WB: IXA'S Moonlight Stroke Of Midnight (Welch)
- RWB: Kumata's How Sweet It Is (Bedell/Bedell)

Montgomery KC 11-27-11

Mr Houston Clark

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

- BOB: GCH NFOAKIXA Over The Rainbow (Welch/Roffey)
- BOW: None
- BOS: GCH Canute's U Talking To Me (Welch)
- WD: None
- RWD: None
- WB: IXA'S Moonlight Stroke Of Midnight (Welch)
- RWB: Kumata's Designer Label (Thomas/Bedell)



Be prepared for Puppy Mayhem!



**PLEASE SEND IN MORE CANDID PHOTOS.
WE SURE DO ENJOY THEM.
SEND TO Betsydavis5812@frontier.com.**



2012 REGIONAL & NATIONAL SPECIALTIES Chattanooga, TN

Regional: October 21 – 23rd

Conformation: Roger Gifford

Sweepstakes: Bonnie McMahon-Howen

National: October 24 – 27th

Conformation: Burton Yamada

Sweepstakes: Michele Coburn

Host Hotel Reservations Information

\$99.00 + tax (1-4 persons per room); Railcar Rate: \$170.00 + tax

Special rates available for Studio & Parlors

AMCA rates can only be obtained by calling the hotel reservation desk directly.

Reservations open December 1st

Call 1-800-TRACK29 Use Group Code: AKM to receive special rate

\$35.00 onetime non refundable pet fee for all guests with dogs in their rooms

(up to 4 dogs allowed, no dogs allowed in Railcars)

AMCA has acquired exclusive use of Hotel #3. Each room in this building has either a balcony or patio area where dogs are allowed. Overflow or guests that wish to be in away from all the dogs should request Hotel #2.

Standard Hotel Rooms include spacious accommodations with either a king size or two double beds, free wireless high speed internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron, ironing board and voice mail system. Some hotel rooms adjoin; ask reservation agent for availability.

- RV parking with power will be close to exhibit hall (reservation form in this Newsletter)
- Reserved Indoor grooming will be made available on a first reserved basis
- Special Genetic Health Seminar by Jerold S. Bell, D.V.M. prepared exclusively for AMCA

Getting to Chattanooga

Chattanooga Metro Airport (hotel provides shuttle)

Nashville & Atlanta International airports are approximately 125 miles away

Getting around Chattanooga

Chattanooga offers a free electric bus shuttle service directly from the Choo Choo to Downtown which runs daily until 11pm offering visitors the opportunity to venture into town to dine, shop or even visit America's highest rated Aquarium.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AMCA'S DESIGNATED AREAS TO HELP SOLICIT TROPHY DONATIONS – PLEASE CONTACT RUTH or SUZANNE TO OFFER YOUR SERVICES.

Ruth Levesque, Show Chair

amcavp@comcast.net 860-871-9001 (evenings)

Suzanne Bedell, Assistant Show Chair

kumatamals@comcast.net 770-489-6310 (evenings)

*Special thank you to Kymm Bass
for designing our specialty logo.*



2012 National Specialty Chattanooga, TN

Proposed Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Regional Specialty: Sunday, October 21 – Tuesday, October 23rd

Sunday:	Hotel Check-In Weight Pull (late morning) Las Vegas Night Barbeque Welcome Party (evening)
Monday:	Sweepstakes (morning) Conformation & Jr. Showmanship (afternoon) Obedience (late afternoon following portion of Conformation)
Tuesday:	Conformation conclusion (all day) Determination of evening event pending

National Specialty: Wednesday, October 24 – Saturday, October 27th

Wednesday:	Genetic Health Seminar by Jerold S. Bell (morning) Annual Meeting (afternoon) Obedience/Rally (late afternoon)
Thursday:	Working Dog Showcase (evening) Weight Pull (morning) Futurity/Maturity (morning) Sweepstakes (immediately following Futurity/Maturity) Top Twenty (evening)
Friday:	Conformation – Dogs & Bitches (all day) Judges Breed Education Seminar & Hands On Hospitality Social Event & Auction (evening)
Saturday:	Conformation conclusion & Jr. Showmanship (all day) Banquet (evening)
Sunday:	Hotel Check-Out

AMAL Rescue Parade schedule pending. Due to the lack of participation in the past few years, we may consider not offering the Parade of Title Holders. Additional information seminars are in the planning stages. Scheduling of the Agility Trial(s) has not yet been confirmed by the AMCA Agility Committee.



2012 National Specialty Chattanooga, TN RV Parking Reservation Form

There are two options for RV parking at the 2012 National Specialty. All parking will be on pavement and within close proximity to the show building.

Premium Stalls (limited to 30 recreational vehicles):

Includes 30 amp power hookups and will be closest to the show building.

Secondary Stalls: Does not include power, however, generators will be allowed between the hours of 7a.m. and 10p.m. This area is further away from the show building but still within a very reasonable distance.

All RV's must be self contained. There is easy access to a RV dumping station on site. Water for tank fill up will also be available.

Rates: Premium Space: \$65 per night (includes 30 amp power)
Secondary Space: \$40 per night

Send reservations to: Keith Thomas

230 Three Oaks Dr

Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6477

Email: Windstarmals@charter.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ email: _____

Size/Type of Vehicle (& Trailer) _____

Reservation Request:

____ Premium (\$65 per night) X _____ # of nights = \$ _____

____ Secondary (\$40 per night) X _____ # of nights = \$ _____

Type of Payment: _____ Check enclosed (Payable to AMCA 2012)

_____ Credit Card

Credit card payment will be accepted through PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to use this form of payment. If you wish to use a credit card you will receive an electronic invoice after your reservation is received. Reservation will not be guaranteed until payment is received and processed.

STAND UP FOR THE CHAMPIONS

SECOND IN A SERIES, COMPARING PATHS TO CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES



LEFT: DUTCH/INT'L CH KATAUM INUA'S TIKITTUNGA (FEMALE).

INSET: DUTCH CH STORMCHASER PHANTOM MENACE (MALE).

Breeder Judge Erna Upmeijer explains Dutch Beauty Champions



To be eligible for the title of Dutch Beauty Champion, dogs must obtain four Certificate d' Aptitude au

Championat (CAC) under at least two different judges.

The CAC's can be obtained at National Beauty shows, International Beauty shows, or at Breed Champion shows, in the country of origin, in this case the Netherlands.

The CAC is only awarded when the dog has been chosen as the

best of female or male, with the qualification "excellent."

The second best dog (male or female) with rating "excellent" earns the Reserve CAC.

Dogs entered in youth, intermediate, open, working, champion, and veteran class may obtain the CAC.



ERNA UPMEIJER

About the Author

Erna Upmeijer met her first malamutes, along with AMCA Charter Member Natalie Norris, in the 1970's while living in Alaska. When Erna later met her husband Cees Hartveld, he already had a working team of malamutes in the Netherlands and had owned Kataum Inua kennel since 1977 (www.kataum-inua.nl). Together, Erna and Cees are the breeders of National and International Champion malamutes, as well as BISS winners.

Erna has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alaskan Malamute Club of the Netherlands for 12 years and is the current editor of the Dutch Malamute Magazine.

An FCI judge for the Northern breeds for 15 years, as well as a Group V FCI judge for two years, Erna serves as the Chair for the Northern Breed National Dog Show and Chairs the Regional Dog Club. Erna also participates in the Judges Education Committee for the Dutch Kennel Club. An AMCA member for 13 years, Erna especially enjoyed judging the Working Dog Showcase at the 2008 AMCA National in Olympia, Washington.

The last CAC should be won after the dog is 27 months old. A Dutch Beauty Champion cannot be crowned until it is at least 27 months of age!

If the dog who wins the CAC is already a National Champion, the CAC point goes automatically to the reserve dog. Four reserve CAC's counts as one whole CAC.

The best male and best female at the Winner Show (held annually in Amsterdam) and at the breed Specialty Champion Show (held once annually) win a double CAC.

To illustrate different ways to earn the Dutch Beauty Champion title:

- Four CAC's make a Dutch Champion.
- Four reserve CAC's and three CAC's make a Dutch Champion.
- One double CAC and two CAC's make a Dutch Champion, as long as the CAC's were awarded by at least two different judges.
- If the dog has won all the required CAC's before the age of 27 months, it only needs to earn a reserve CAC after 27 months old, to become a Dutch Champion.

International Beauty Champions

Awarded by
Federation Cynologique International

To be eligible for the title of International Beauty Champion, the dog must obtain:

- in three different countries, under three different judges, four Certificats d'Aptitude au Championat International de Beauté (CACIB), no matter the number of dogs entered;
- between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed; for example, from January 1, 1996 to January 1, 1997.
- CACIB's may only be won by dogs who receive the qualification "excellent" while being judged in intermediate, open, working, and champion class.
- The CACIB can only be won at an International show, by the best male and female of the breed.

Judging and Ring Procedure

A judge who accepts an assignment to judge in the Netherlands should be aware that all participants will receive a written report indicating the qualification given the dog. These reports are dictated by the judge to a ring secretary. A judge should not be expected to judge more than approximately 20 dogs per hour and up to 80 dogs per day.

Qualifications given by the judge correspond to these criteria:

- **EXCELLENT** may only be awarded to a dog that comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, that is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class, and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; however, it must have the typical features of its sex.
- **VERY GOOD** may only be awarded to a dog that possesses the typical features of its breed, that has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows "class."
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- **SUFFICIENT** must be awarded to a dog that corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves something to be desired.
- **DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog that does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; that shows a behavior clearly not in line with its standard or that behaves aggressively; that has

testicular abnormalities; that has a dental flaw or a jaw anomaly; that shows a color and/or coat imperfection, or that clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. Furthermore, it should be awarded to dogs that show eliminating faults in regard to the breed standard.

Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating **CANNOT BE JUDGED**. This rating is to be given to any dog that does not move, that constantly jumps up and down on its handler, or that tries to get out of the ring; that makes it impossible to assess the gait and movement; or that constantly avoids being examined by the judge, making it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles.

The judge also gives this rating if s/he observes evidence of surgery or treatment that seems to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect surgeries were performed to correct the original condition of a feature (such as eyelid, ear, or tail). The judge must include the reason that the dog was rated **CANNOT BE JUDGED** in his/her report.

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded a "VERY GOOD" qualification or better. The only dogs that can be considered for the CAC/CACIB are those that have been awarded "EXCELLENT," and best male or female of the breed.

Lastly, the exhibitors at both National and International Dutch dog shows enter the show ground before 10 o'clock in the morning and pass the veterinary gate for a vaccination certificate check. Unlike most shows in the US, exhibitors are expected to stay inside the show ground until the Group Judging starts in the main ring.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Welcome,
Torhild Ringerike!**



Torhild joins AMCA from her home near Oslo, Norway. Owner of Trap Line Kennel (www.trapline.no), she enjoys working with the breeders at Royal Canin dog food.

A malamute owner since 1991, Torhild says her family fell immediately in love with their first wonderful boy. They chose this breed because they love to mush and spend time outside in the wilderness, especially during the wintertime. Now they go mushing in winter and train their team with a cart during the summer. Torhild enjoys showing her mals and taking long walks in the forests and mountains in the summer, as well.

The current President of the Norwegian Alaskan Malamute Club, Torhild also belongs to the Norwegian Shiba Club and has served dogs through several volunteer positions in multiple dog organizations.

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Welcome, Lara McDonald!

Originally a Canadian from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Lara joins AMCA from Anchorage, Alaska, where she has resided for five years. Lara says her job



description is "a social worker with the Anchorage School District working in the alternative high schools - but what I really do is hang out with my dog in the snow!"

A mal owner as a child and now for the past two years, Lara enjoys spending every possible second outside. Her desire to find a dog that could keep up led her to choose a malamute! An avid skier, backcountry skier, backpacker, mountain biker, rafter, and camper, Lara's mal has accompanied her and already earned multiple working titles! Lara appreciates the goofy nature of our breed, as well as their independence.

A member of the Anchorage Skijor Club, Lara and her mal also do agility with Catch the Wind Agility. Lara invites you to contact her at laramcd@yahoo.ca.



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Welcome, Izabela Nawrocka!

Originally from Poland, Izzy now lives in Farnham-Surrey in the United Kingdom, where she owns Monikoona Kennel (www.monikoona.com). Izzy says her journey with Alaskan malamutes began in 1999, "when the breed stole my heart and completely changed my life. From studying management, I went on to study Animal Husbandry, earning my Masters degree!"

Izzy moved with her malamutes to the UK in 2006, and introduced Dog Assisted Activities and her mals to the care company that employed her. Dog Assisted Activities are a natural form of rehabilitation, less formal in nature, using a system of games and exercises between the client and the dog; the goal is to support, stimulate and promote the physical, social, emotional, and mental condition in people. Now self-employed, Izzy provides a variety of dog services, which leaves her enough time to work with her dogs and enjoy their company!

A proud breeder of some very accomplished mals, Izzy says "my mallies

are my passion, my drive, my happiness and pride. I show them with joy and work them for fun and exercise."

A member of the Alaskan Malamute Clubs of the UK and Poland, Izzy believes this quote by Gilda Radner says it perfectly: "I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive."

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Welcome, Gery Allan!

Gery lives in the midst of a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest just outside Flagstaff, Arizona, on the north side of the San Francisco Peaks (elevation 7400 feet). Despite living in a remote area, he commutes daily to Northern Arizona University, where he has worked as a biology professor for the past nine years.

Gery initially became interested in malamutes as pets, then as working sled dogs. Today, he and his partner Dave Koerner own Nuvakachina Kennel, which is a Hopi word that means "Snow Maiden." Gery and Dave train their 16 malamutes for mushing, weight pulling, and backpacking.

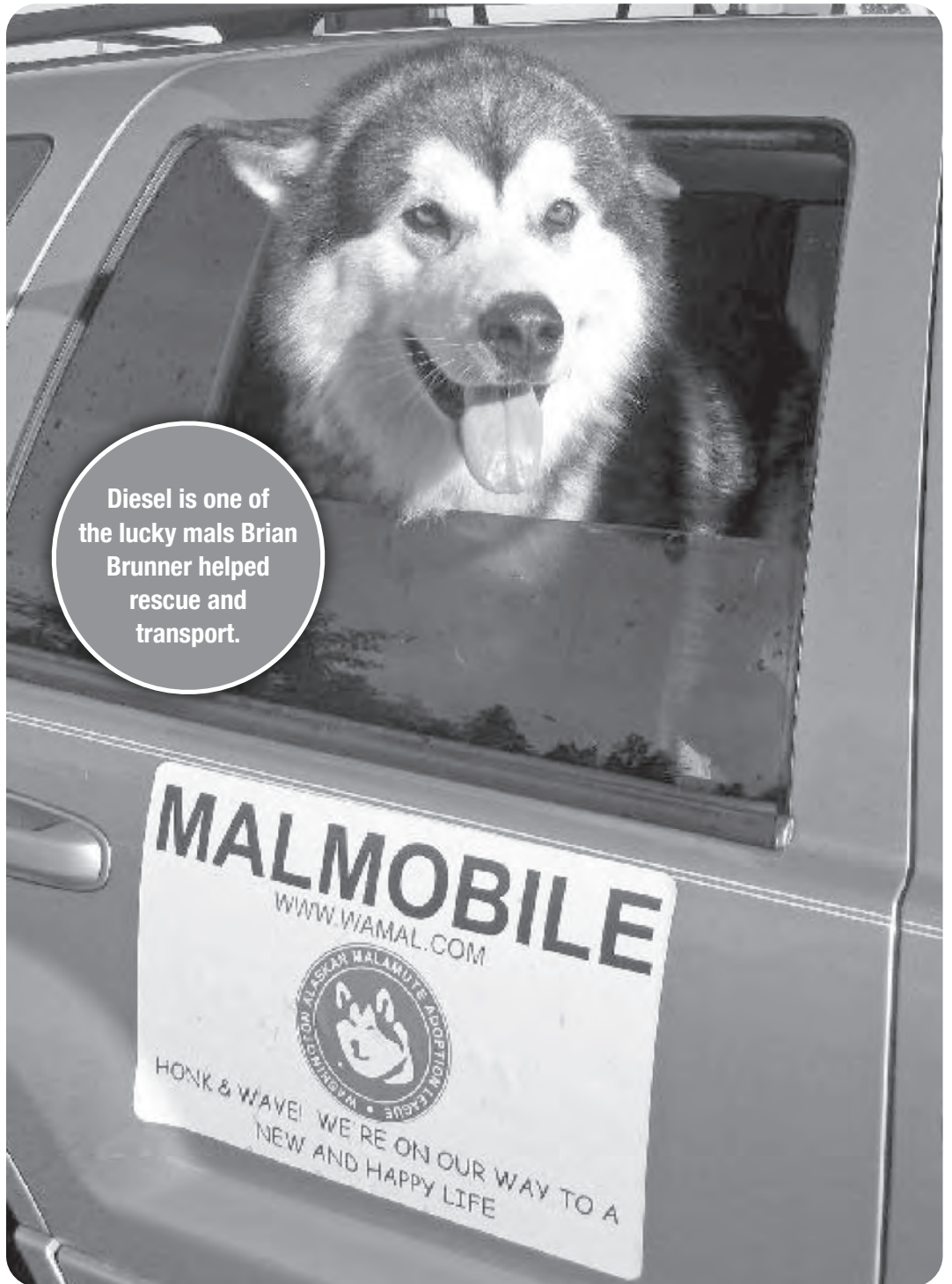
Gery says, "We initially chose the malamute breed simply because they looked like one of the most amazing dog breeds on the planet! True to our initial perceptions, we still think they are fantastic animals and enjoying working with them everyday at our ranch, which we like to call 'Malamute Ranch' (<http://www.sirtf.nau.edu/~koerner/malranch/>)."

Currently serving as the Vice President of Arizona Mountain Musers (www.azmm.org), Gery has helped put on weight pulling events and sled dog races. He invites you to email him at Gery.Allan@nau.edu.



National News

RESCUERS ALWAYS GET AWARDS

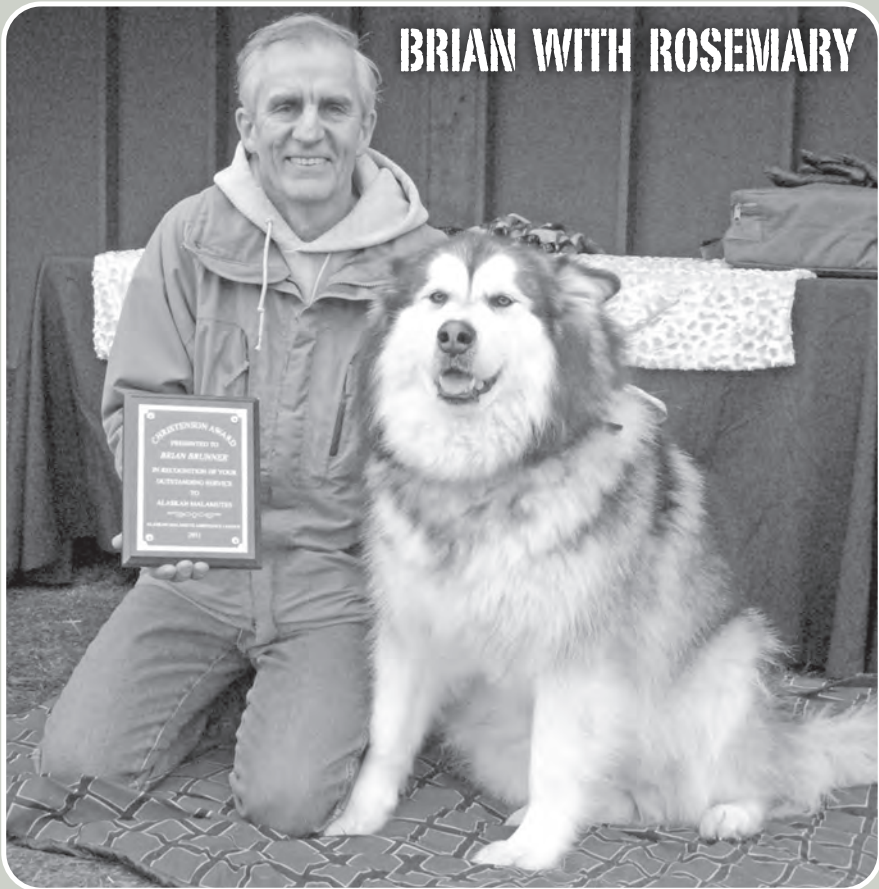


Diesel is one of the lucky mals Brian Brunner helped rescue and transport.

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“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. Meet this year’s dual and deserving recipients: Brian Brunner and Colleen Belanger.



Congratulations Brian Brunner, Malamute Rescuer and Transporter Extraordinaire!

Editor's Note: The Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League (WAMAL) Board of Directors nominated Brian for the Christenson Award. Excerpts from their nomination letter are reprinted here with permission.

Brian has been a volunteer for WAMAL since about 2002, but has been involved with malamutes one way or another for most of his life. From Cheena, his first malamute at age five, to his current pack of five rescue dogs, Brian has known and loved the breed his entire life. The mal that really started it all though was Kira, who came into the lives of Brian and his family in 1994, at a time when both the family and the dog needed rescuing.

In June of 1994, Brian and his wife Barb tragically lost their 12-year old son Ryan in a rafting accident on the Wenatchee River. In August of that year, Barb and their other son Troy were leaving QFC Grocery Store and saw a big, dirty, scruffy looking female mal sitting there just looking around watching people with a blank emotionless stare, the one that says the dog is tired, has seen too much, and not all of it was good. The managers were nervous about her and were going to call animal control, so Barb called the dog, and she followed them to the car. They got home, called Brian at Boeing, and told him the story, and he said,

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“Color her Gone!!” Knowing about mals, he knew that this was not the time to have a destabilizing, unpredictable, stubborn, independent minded force of nature in their lives, but Kira worked her way into their hearts and stayed with them for four years, until she died of a malignant tumor. Brian told us, “Well, Kira, who rescued our family when we needed it, in her own way was a very special mal in so many ways...”

Brian has become indispensable to WAMAL since he became an active volunteer. He plays a key role in our volunteer organization by coordinating and leading most of the cross-state transport efforts. In fact, he's so involved, he's now known – probably statewide – as The MalMobile Man. He also coordinates with other rescue groups in the state and will transport any dog of any breed needing re-location; in one transport he had a malamute, a Siberian, and a poodle, all coming from Spokane and Idaho to their new homes in western Washington. He's always able to magically get a transport together in an emergency situation, saving the lives of many dogs that would otherwise have been euthanized. This year alone, he's put 4900 miles on the MalMobile, getting dogs to their new homes.

One of our favorite stories is when he transported six malamute puppies - appropriately called The Snowflake Puppies - and a young male mal named Russell over I-90 at Snoqualmie Pass in mid-April. Traffic came to a dead stop as a result of a surprise snow storm, and there he was stuck in traffic with six puppies in the back of the MalMobile. The pass was closed for a couple of hours, so he had to get the puppies out for a bit of exercise and, unsurprisingly, drew quite a crowd. Being Brian, and always on the lookout for a chance to talk about malamutes and rescue in general, he used the opportunity to not only educate about the breed but to promote the rescue as well. In his words, "I could have adopted all of them out from the back of the truck, right there on the freeway!"

Brian is also one of our Volunteer Mentors, providing training to our Cohort of Dog Walkers, the team of volunteers that makes sure our kenneled rescue dogs get enough exercise and socialization until they move on to their forever homes. He is always available to provide assistance and insight to foster homes and new adoptive families while they work through the first few tough weeks of having a new dog in the house.

Brian consistently amazes us with his willingness to drop whatever he's doing to help and with his dedication to the dogs. He walks them, takes them to the vet, the groomer, to meet prospective adopters, does supply runs for dog food and kennel supplies, drags equipment - kennels, fencing, crates - all over the state to foster homes and new adopters, and of course, transports dogs.

He also has an incredible soft spot for the hard-luck mal, the one that can't catch a break, has been mistreated or misunderstood and needs that little bit of extra time and attention to become the dog it's meant to be. He's worked miracles with a few of the worst cases



SNOWFLAKE PUPS

IN HIS OWN WORDS

BRIAN BRUNNER SHARES STORIES OF SURVIVAL AND HOPE

Diesel was an AKC/CKC registered two-year-old mal who was surrendered to a shelter. A people lover with an absolutely wonderful personality, he jumped out of the truck and met our pack of five, and we all went for a hike in the woods. He had no issues with anything. Ironically, we get these kinds of mals quite often, and you can't understand why.

Arctic was a purebred one-year-old male Siberian picked up as a stray. Just a drop-dead show ready boy, and he knew it! I kept him overnight for a transport connection the next day. Sibe transports always remind me of why I really love my mals. Arctic was a nuclear reactor core of energy! He NEVER stopped. He drove 400 pounds of mals to the back bedroom to get some peace and quiet and REST! I ended up sleeping on the couch with him tethered to the leg, and he FINALLY laid down to sleep!

Max was one of the survivors from a "dog hell" in North Central Montana. Fortunately, there were only eight mals there. My wife Barb and I made two



pups would wander out of their mother's protection, they were killed or eaten by other starving/malnourished dogs. A few were quite timid and shy because of being unfamiliar with people in any context. Not abused physically, but neglected emotionally, socially, and in terms of their health/nutrition/medical care.

I called Max "Five Ears" because they were both split from dog fights. He was a 110 pound social butterfly when he filled out. Max would jump up on my son's shoulders to "wash his face." All six of these rescued dogs went to homes and really have had no issues fitting in with people and other pets.

Successfully rescuing and rehoming mals from such traumatic/horrible circumstances shows me the survivability, resilience, and intelligence of the breed, to adapt and adjust to loving homes, regardless of their inhumane start in life.

The transports I do are the greatest opportunity to see such great mals and to wonder about where they have been, what they have experienced, and what they are thinking. Some want to get an upgrade to "First Class" and jump up in the front seat.

trips to Wallace, Idaho, to get three mals each time they were released. The dogs were all chained out to various junk cars/vehicles on the property. When

and been able to see them move on to a new home. He's also held a couple we couldn't save while they traveled over the Bridge.

When asked about why he does this, Brian said, "Because they trust us, believe in us, and rely on us to keep them safe and ensure they are taken care of properly, and to be their voices when this is not the case. A footnote on an email we may have all seen at times quotes Roger Karas saying, 'Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole!' Somewhere there may be another Kira out there in need of rescue, a dog that helped make our lives whole again when we needed rescue."

*-Sylvia Bailey, WAMAL President
For the Board of Directors of WAMAL*

Clyde would push his head up between the head rest and door pillar and rest his chin on my shoulder when we would go through towns. He seemed to be telling me, "Hey, it's lunch time, and I can see and smell those golden arches over there. I could use a burger!"

Some are quite normal and well behaved, some fairly wild and untrained, and then there are the ones scared spitless that curl up in a ball at the very back of the car and have that wide-eyed look, "What is gonna happen to me now?" And you try to reassure



them, that from now on only good is going to happen to them - because they're with WAMAL and mal rescue.



Congratulations, Colleen Belanger, Outstanding Behavior Trainer and Rescuer!

I would like to express my great appreciation for being given the 2011 Christenson Award. It is an honor to be selected for this award, and I would like to thank those who recommended me.

I was told that I received this award for my behind the scenes work with rescues. I like to do behavior training with the dogs; however, I have little patience in working with owners who wish to give up their pets. I feel that in many cases, there was little thought given before the dog was purchased. Often, it is better if I stay home with the malamutes! I do like to answer questions and help owners who are sincerely trying to find ways to keep their dogs.

I got started in the malamute world wanting a dog who could pull me on skis and carry my backpack. In my late 40's, I contracted middle-age asthma but did not wish to give up my outdoor lifestyle. My husband bought me my first malamute, Ace, for Christmas in 1998. In 1999, Ace was followed by his brother Indy, and then Stoli. Our first rescue mal, Cheeko, moved in in October of 2000.

Cheeko was found tied in the woods with another malamute, with no food, water, or housing. Both had collars grown into their necks and were in really bad shape. Cheeko was part of a big rescue of sled dogs from a so-called commercial sledding business. He is a sweetheart and is still with us at 15 years young!

By July 2001, Cheeko had been joined by rescues Mystic, Rowdy, and Spirit. Sadly, Mystic died in 2009, but the other rescues are still with us. My work with our four rescue dogs made me aware of the plight of other rescues. I was soon in touch with Shirley at Golden Years Alaskan Malamute Rescue and initially helped to transport dogs. I was then asked to foster a rescue, and it blossomed from there. Shirley, Carol, and everyone at Golden Years have been wonderful to work with over the years.

We have fostered many malamutes in the past ten years. They all have stories; I would like to recount two of my favorites.

Remington: A partially blind mal, Remi had peripheral vision only, that

Bear now serves as an assistance dog for a disabled veteran!



was limited at best. Training Remi was like a Helen Keller story gone bad. I had the inspiration to use cooking extracts to teach Remi where the doors and stairs were. He was doing really well, and it looked like a great plan for a couple of days - but suddenly his training went out the window, and he could not find anything. It seems that Stoli, the female that we paired him with, was going around and licking off all the extracts! Remi did eventually learn to get around the house and the grounds - in spite of Stoli. He loved swimming in our pond; we called him a mala-rat. Remi was adopted by a couple in Alberta, Canada. We drove him to the border of Alberta and British Columbia where he met his new family.

Bear: Bear came from the local Humane Society. Big ole Bear was a naughty dog. He would steal any food that was left out on the counter, but he specialized in bread. He would yell at the other dogs. He refused to move when asked to and would grouse and grumble when forced to move. I was asked if I could get Bear used to a scooter, because a disabled veteran who used a scooter wanted Bear. Hmm, where to get a scooter? My bright idea was to use the riding lawn mower! If he could tolerate that, he could do a scooter. So every day, Bear and I roamed the property with the riding mower. Bear has been with his owner for about three years now, and they are getting along famously - although he still steals the bread!

As anyone involved in animal rescue can tell you, it has been challenging at times - but, malamute rescue has also been very rewarding. We have fostered many great and deserving dogs and met some wonderful adopters.

A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

Colleen has been working with Golden Years Alaskan Malamute Rescue for about nine years now. She's pulled dogs from the east side of Michigan and either fostered them or transported them to us. One dog Colleen fostered several years ago was a young boy they named Remi. He was slowly losing his vision to retinal disease. We normally don't place dogs outside of our geographical region, but Golden Years was contacted by a couple up in British Columbia, Canada. Colleen and Dave were driving up to that area for a dog event, and they took Remi to meet these folks. After many thousands of miles in travel, Remi stayed in Canada. Now, that is real dedication to rescue dogs!

Another rescue Colleen helped to train and place was Bear, now owned by Karen and Rod VanKampen, who adopted him in July 2009. I had the happy job of taking Bear to his new family after Colleen had trained him to pull Rod's scooter. Bear couldn't wait to get out of my SUV, and the smile on Rod's face was priceless. The funniest "Bear story" happened when Rod and Karen went to an appointment one day, leaving Bear at home with their two cats. When Karen walked in the door, there was rice everywhere, thanks to Bear's pantry raid. Karen told Bear, "I didn't know the cats were getting married!" The work Colleen did to train Bear has clearly touched many lives.

Colleen also fosters for the Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association and Closer to Home Animal Advocates and does evaluations for all of us. She and her husband Dave are committed to our breed, and we are so glad to have them as volunteers in our program.

*~Carol Januszewski , Vice President/Treasurer
Golden Years Alaskan Malamute Rescue*

Golden Years Alaskan Malamute Rescue nominated Colleen for the Christenson Award



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Ads are due at the end of April.
Contact Betsy for availability
(see inside front cover).

Be sure to send in your renewal forms with
all your updated information to Leneia.
(See renewal form inside.)



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