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President's Letter

Happy New Year! We are kicking off 2026 with our first edition of the year. There is so much packed into this edition for you to enjoy, discover, and celebrate together as a community.

A Heartfelt Note of Gratitude

First, a massive **THANK YOU** to **Olivia** for the incredible dedication and care she pours into bringing this newsletter to life. Her commitment to the Siberian community shines through every page.

Want to be part of the next issue? Olivia is looking for:

- 🏆 Win Advertisements
- ✍️ Engaging Articles
- 📸 Photos from your Regional Specialties

Reach out to her at **nl@oshvah.com** to share your stories and successes!

Celebrating Our Winners

A huge congratulations to all the winners of the **2025 National Specialty in Erie, PA!** We are thrilled to feature many of our winners in the following pages; your hard work and dedication continue to inspire our entire community.

Sharing Kindness: The Sunshine Committee

Our community is a family. If you know of an SHCA member who is ill, hospitalized, or experiencing a loss, our **Sunshine Committee** is ready to help. Please reach out to **Barb Horsey** at **haftaplaysiberians@gmail.com** so we can send a little extra light and kindness when it's needed most.

🏁 **Mark Your Calendars: The 2026 National Specialty!**

Prepare for our biggest event of the year! The **SHCA National** is heading to the stunning **Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, OH**, from **October 26–31, 2026**.

- **Stay Informed:** The official page is now **LIVE** at national.shca.org. Check it regularly for schedules, events, and major announcements.
- **Book Now:** Rooms at the host hotel are expected to go fast—don't wait to secure your spot for what promises to be an unforgettable week!

Cheers to the Road Ahead

Whether you are stepping into the show ring, hitting the trails, welcoming a new litter, or simply enjoying a quiet snuggle with your favorite Siberian companion, we wish you a successful, fulfilling, and joyful 2026.

Sincerely,

Stephanie

Editor's Corner

Hello, Winter! Hello, Snow!

We recently lost a dear friend, Terry Sigler. Our sympathies go out to Jan, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to know Terry with his wonderful sense of humor!

This past October, Vern and I were both delighted to attend the National Specialty. It was well-organized and so much fun to see our friends, the Siberian Clan!

At this year's National I was invited to judge the Top 20! All I can say is, "Wow! La crème de la crème!" It was extremely rewarding to see that our breed is so well represented! Thank you for this honor

We were also fortunate to welcome Siberian fanciers from all over the world! The note below was posted on FaceBook and I received permission to reprint it. Enjoy!

"I have never been to any National Specialty, much less one for a breed I have grown up adoring, so when I saw that the SHCA was having their 2025 National just two hours away from me I knew I had to make it!

First, I want to thank everyone who was kind and welcoming to me! Thank you Demi Flowers for putting on an awesome breed history trivia night with wonderful prizes, it was super cool to be in the presence of so many influential people and get to take home some amazing new books! Thank you Katie Allan Sample for introducing me to your dogs and teaching me about some of what went into your program! And thank you Karen Pajestka for letting me help you out with your three, I love to have hands on experience with the breed! Also thank you to everyone else who said hello or discussed the breed with me, it makes me feel happy to be welcome!

Secondly, congratulations to all of the winners - I feel lucky to have seen so many nice dogs in person!

There were many dogs that caught my eye, win or lose, and I made sure to make note of them as a new fancier. I totally recommend everyone go to their National if they can, there is so much to learn from the experience!"

- Lauryn G D

This issue also includes several articles of interest:

Blast From the Past: 1921 Alaska Railroad Commission Inspection Trip
Doc Cera: Preventing the Next Pandemic
Jerold S Bell, DVM: Breeding Quality, Healthy Dogs
AKC Gazette article: Conditioning Siberians for the Show Ring
Upcoming Specialties is back! Thanks Lisa for all your hard work!!

Thank you to Anne Palmer for helping me to identify many of the Winner's pix!

Thanks to the Siberian TEAM! You guys are rockin' it!

Olivia

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

By: Bob and Pam Thomas

1921 Alaska Railroad Commission Inspection Trip

We usually associate Leonhard Seppala with sled dog racing, but the vast majority of his miles with dog teams were not spent competing. One must remember that until the mid 1920's, Sepp's Siberians were owned by the Pioneer Mining Company and their job description was "work team." Sepp was very proud of the fact that his Siberians held unofficial records on the trail from Nome to Fairbanks (670 miles) in 13 days with a 180 pound passenger and baggage, and from Nulato on the Yukon River to Nome (332 miles) in 4 1 /2 days. The latter is part of the northern route of today's Iditarod Trail race - it took Doug Swingley's Iditarod 2000 winning team a little over 3 days to cover that distance. Including the fact that Sepp wasn't "racing", he was traveling with cargo, and the trail was most likely not broken by trail help as it is today - his time is certainly respectable.

Sepp's greatest trail journey took place in the winter of 1921. This was a time in Nome when there were few big sled dog races anymore (the All Alaska Sweepstakes ended in 1917). Sepp was considered to have the best team in Nome at this point, and arguably the best team in Alaska. His Siberians were tough, well trained, and very dependable. Led by his not yet famous leader Togo, Sepp's team was often called upon for the most difficult sledding duties.

The Alaska Railroad Commission wanted to inspect areas of Alaska that could only be accessed by winter trails. One of the planned inspections involved a journey that would be long, and would start in Manley Hot springs, about 550 miles from Nome. Not surprisingly, Sepp was asked to provide the Transportation. He took a 15-dog team for this trip, which included a passenger (Major. J. C. Gotwals) and gear. In the early 1920's there were roadhouses all along the trail, so Sepp didn't have to carry a large amount of food for the dogs or camping gear.

It is interesting to note in the series of pictures of this trip (taken and labeled primarily by Gotwals) that Togo was in single lead in virtually every photo, and in loose lead in at least one picture. Additionally, in several team photos, there is at least one other loose Siberian. The dogs wore the standard horse collar harnesses of the time.

The section of today's Iditarod Trail considered the most difficult - going over Rainy Pass and down the Dalzell Gorge - was traversed backward by Seppala and Major Gotwals after leaving the Kuskokwim area. They ascended Dalzell Gorge, crossed Rainy Pass, and ran on to Skwentna and Susitna Station. It was on this section of the trail that Sepp encountered the party of Dr. Beeson returning to Anchorage from the town of Iditarod. When the group arrived at Susitna Station, it was learned that Dr. Beeson was needed in Anchorage immediately. As Sepp's team was in the better condition, the doctor was sent on to Anchorage with Sepp, arriving the next day. Gotwals followed later as the passenger traveling with the doctor's team.

The entire trip took something over 3 1/2 months, and Sepp made several other long journeys - but this was his longest. Of course, Togo would eventually receive recognition for his part in the Serum Run - but that was still 4 years in the future .



. On the trail at Poorman, which is about 50 miles south of Ruby Sepp and Gotwals were enroute to the Kuskokwim area around McGrath. *from the collection of Sigrid Seppala Hanks*



Sepp and Maj. Gotwals crossed Rainy Pass from west to east. This photo was taken at the summit on February 15, 1921.
The sign reads: "Summit Rainy Pass. Nome 669 mi."
from the collection of Sigrid Seppala Hanks



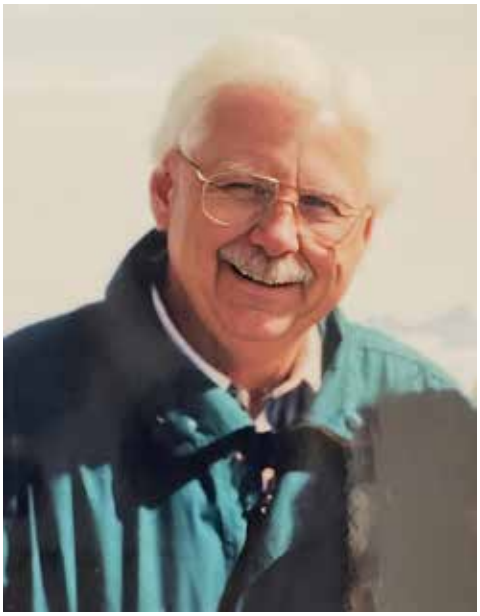
Taken on March 13, 1921, Togo is in single lead on the trail between the Knight and Anderson roadhouses. This trail is north of the Kantishna, the end of the road in today's Denali Park. ***from the collection of Sigrid Seppala Hanks***



Bridge at Nenana. Sepp's team on the east side of the bridge, south bank of Tanana River. Togo in single lead. Sepp still has to mush home to Nome, a 600+ mile trip.
from the collection of Sigrid Seppala Hanks

Terry Allen Sigler

July 28, 1947 – November 3, 2025



Terry Allen Sigler was born in Henderson, Kentucky, in 1947 to Henry Allen and Mary Virginia Sigler. Around 1960, the family moved to St. Louis when Henry took a job with Chrysler. Terry graduated from Southwest High School before heading to Central Missouri University, where he earned a degree in history in 1969.

That same year, he began his career with the Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools, assigned to Paseo High School during a time of educational and social transition. The school's modular scheduling system—without traditional classrooms or schedules—wasn't for everyone, and when many veteran teachers opted out, a wave of young educators stepped in. Among them was a young social studies teacher named Jan Cowan.

At first, Terry and Jan shared an office. Three years later, they shared a classroom as part of the American history teaching team. In 1978, they shared vows.

Terry was quick, witty, and charming—sometimes bold, occasionally brash—but always dependable, steadfast, and deeply supportive. He adored Jan and took great care of her, never minding her self-proclaimed lack of domestic skills. He loved women, and women loved him—but Jan was his heart and his home.

After their marriage, Terry moved into educational administration, serving in a variety of central office and secondary school leadership roles. He retired from KCPS in 2000, after more than 30 years of service.

Both Terry and Jan shared a deep love of travel throughout their marriage, and dog shows became their favorite excuse to see the country. From coast to coast, they explored the highways and backroads of America, often with a van full of Siberian Huskies and a weekend show on the calendar. What began as a hobby for Jan quickly became a shared pursuit, and the man who once joked that they should "cut down on dogs" was soon fully immersed in the sport himself.

Together, the Siglers built a small but successful breeding program that produced multiple AKC champions and countless memories with friends made along the show circuit. Terry was endlessly supportive of Jan's passion—encouraging her to pursue her judging license—and eventually decided to step into the ring himself. His "one last dog," a little gray Siberian named Buffy, became his pride and joy. Terry finished her championship and proudly campaigned her to the #1 Siberian in 2003.

To help fund that adventure, Terry came out of retirement briefly as the coordinator of graduate studies at Central Missouri State University. When the time came to retire from showing dogs, the Siglers found a new way to stay involved: judging. Terry earned his own AKC judging license in 2012, and together they expanded their travels beyond dog shows to destinations around the world—often with their dear friends Karen and Bob McFarlane.

Terry's quick wit and sharp humor could fill any room, but it was his steadfast heart that left the greatest impression. He cared deeply—for his family, his friends, and every dog who shared his home. He lived life with warmth, courage, and an unshakable sparkle in his eye.

The world feels a little less bright without him, but the laughter, love, and loyalty he shared will stay with all who were lucky enough to call him a friend.

LEASH SPECIALTY



BEST OF BREED
NOHS BOB
GCH HIGHLANDER'S
FLIGHT COMMANDER



BEST OF WINNERS
MILKY WAY M.K. JP HYPERION



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
12GCH KAYENTA'S XCYLON



SELECT DOG
CH HIGHLANDER'S GOING THE EXTRA
MILE



SELECT BITCH
GCHP MYLA'S DANCING BY THE BOOK



AWARD OF MERIT
*GCH NORTH NODE'S EVENING RO-
MANCE



AWARD OF MERIT
GCH HIGHLANDER'S WINDS OF CHANGE
&
GCHS HIGHLANDER'S PRIDE & JOY



AWARD OF MERIT



AWARD OF MERIT
CH HIGHLANDER'S GOING MY WAY



WINNERS BITCH
KAYENTA'S XOLAR XSCAPE



BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
SIERRA WINSLOW

PRE-SPECIALTY



BEST OF BREED
GCHS CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUER-AYAT SNOEBEAR



BEST OF WINNERS
CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN JP LAVENDER IN AIR



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
BEST OF BREED NOHS
GCH ANTARA'S FREE YOUR MIND AND REST WILL FOLLOW,



SELECT DOG
GCHTOPAZ SCARAMOUCHE,



SELECT BITCH
GCH ICEWIND'S I CAN'T DRIVE 55 AT POLAR STAR,



AWARD OF MERIT
GCHG CEDARWOOD'S BE STILL MY HEART BCAT FITB



AWARD OF MERIT
GCH OLGIVAN SHOW YADROGON



AWARD OF MERIT
*HIGHLANDER'S FLIGHT COMMANDER

AWARD OF MERIT
GCH KAYENTA'S XCYLONE,



AWARD OF MERIT
DOXHOBBI'S MEDICINE WOMAN OF KA-DIAN CGC



OWNER HANDLER BEST OF BREED
CH KAYENTA'S GO WITH THE SNOW



WINNERS DOG
SNOWMIST'S ENDEAVOR @ JALERRAN

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OLIVIA HARVEY

BEST OF BREED

GCHSCRYSTAL FOUNTAINTANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR
. Breeder, Hiroyo Shimizu.
By CH Kristari's Oscar Kingdon Navjord —
CH Snoebear's Champagne Crystal Fountain.
Owner, Hiroyo Shimizu & Megan & Tim Terella,
(Tim Terella, Agent).



BEST OF WINNERS/ WINNERS DOG

* **NINKASI'S THE NAVIGATOR,**
Breeder, Laura Anderson & Romil Limson.
By CHSnowmist's Yachtsman —
CH Nankasi;s Black Magic Woman.
Owner, Laura Anderson & Romil Limson.



BEST OF OPPOSITE

TOPAZWILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM
Breeder, Cheryl French.
By Shadetree's The Cowboy Rides Away —
Topaz Pearl Jam.
Owner, Randee McQueen & Lauren House.





SELECT DOG

*** CH PRIDE ROCK'S WE ARE ONE TKN RN FITB**
Breeder, Ashlee Pezzuto & Joseph Pezzuto.
By CH Pride Rock's The Chosen One BCAT — Priderocks Can You Feel The Love Tonight CGC BCAT.
Owner, Ashlee Pezzuto & Joseph Pezzuto & Hailee Pezzuto.



SELECT BITCH

NOHS BEST OF BREED
*** GCHB NORTHERN LIGHT'S FEMME FATALE D'ARGENT**
Breeder, Sheila, Charles & Ryan Blanker.
By Northn Light's Moonlit Gryffon RN — CH Northen Light's When Sparks Fly,BN RN.
Owner, Sheila & Charles Blanker & Ryan Blanker.



WINNER'S BITCH

*** SUGARRUN'S SWEET DREAMS,**
Breeder, Marie & Timothy Mohns & Megan Terella. By Ch Snowmist's Zeo — Ch Snoebear's Astrid at Sugarrun.
Owner, Rachel Plante.



AWARD OF MERIT

* GCH LODGEPOLE'S FRIZZEN STRIKE CDX PCD BN GN RM,
Breeder, Carol & KE Preble & Sheryl Phelps.
By GCHB LOdgepole's Flintolock CD PCD RN RM2 RAE2 NA — GCH Lodgepole's Brown Sugar BN RI CGCA CGCU ATT. Dog. Owner, Carol & KE Preble & Sheryl Phelps.



AWARD OF MERIT

* CH NANOOK'S SET THE NIGHT ON FIRE,
Breeder, Carreen Pacht-Ralsky, Marc Ral & A.Dionne, G.Kilpatrick.
By Innisfree Kreeko — Ch Nanook's On Wings Of Fire.
Owner, Pamela Kanzler & Correen Pacht, Marc Ralsky & Annette Dionne



AWARD OF MERIT

GCHS MIDNIGHT WHITE'S FLY ME TO THE MOON BCAT CGC,
Breeder,Liane Tofani & Tina Harbert.
By Gch Tiji's Get Your Smooth On — Pvt Stk-Tiji Draw Down The Moon.
Owner, Liane Tofani & Chris Winslow.



AWARD OF MERIT

GCHG TOPAZ DARK SKY
Breeder, Cheryl French.
By Topaz Hot Space — CH Topaz Pearl Jam.
Owner, Dawn Thompson, (Darcey Foulkrod, Agent).



AWARD OF MERIT

GCHTOPAZ SCARAMOUCHE,
Breeder, Cheryl French.
By Ch Topaz Shadow Hunter — Ch Topaz Killer Queen.
Owner, Cheryl French & Darcy Foulkrod.



AWARD OF MERIT

* **GCHP MYLA'S DANCING BY THE BOOK, WS**
Breeder, P. Benincasa & D. Studwell.
By Gch. Mylas Point of Reference —
Gch. Takoras In The REd Again.
Owner, Marie Ann Falconer.



AWARD OF MERIT

CH KALURA FUSION SO DIVINE,
Breeder, Shawna Garrettson Carl Tan & Kendra Garrett-son. By Gch Kalara's Triple Jack —
Ch Dance With Me Of Deboraska.
Owner, Carl Michael Tan.



AWARD OF MERIT

CH TOPAZ A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Breeder, Cheryl French.
By GCH Shadetree's The Cowboy Rides Away — Quiet Storm Of Inner Vision.
Owner, Carolyn & Frank Rizzo,
(Darcey Foulkrod, Agent).



AWARD OF MERIT

*** GCH HIGHLANDER'S WINDS OF CHANGE**
Breeder, Anne & Brian Palmer & Sheila Qualls.
By Gchg. Highlanders Take It To The Limit —
Gchb. Indigos In Loving Memory. Bitch.
Owner, Anne & Brian Palmer & Anita Riley.



AWARD OF MERIT

*** GCHS OLGIVAN SHOW ESCAPE FROM REALITY RI CAN BCA,**
Breeder, Olga Chichirko.
By Olgivan Show Funky Gummybear —
Olgivan Show Haru.
Owner, Sarah Kujawa.



BEST PUPPY

SNOEBEAR'S SUNSPELL BY HIGHLANDER
Breeder, Anne & Brian Palmer, & Anita Riley,
Sheila Morgan.
By GCHS Crystal Fountain Tanqueray At Snoebear —
GCHG Highlander's Winds Of Change.
Owner, Megan & Tim Terella & Hiroyo Shimizu
& Brian Palmer.



BEST VETERAN

GCHP MYLA'S DANCING BY THE BOOK,
Breeder, P. Benincasa & D. Studwell.
By Gch. Mylas Point of Reference —
Gch. Takoras In The REd Again.
Owner, Marie Ann Falconer.



BEST BBE

LASKAROAD'S RAFALE OF BLUEBERRY
Breeder, Caroline Desbiens & Dominque Firetto.
By Bellahusky X.O. Doster — Trinacria's Mlle Bretzel.
Owner, Caroline Desbiebs.



BEST SLED DOG

*** GCHB KADIAN'S YOU CAN DO MAGIC AT DOXHOBBI SD FC, Breeder,**
Delinda & Jim Davis & Johanna DuWaldt Coutu.
By Gch. Amorok's Light Brigade At Kadian —
Ch. Doxhobb's Dark Witch BN RE.
Owner, Anita G Tench & Debra & Joe Fitzgerald &
Jim & Delinda Davis.

DOGS



6-9 MONTH PUPPY 365
SNOEBEAR'S SUNSPELL BY HIGHLANDER,
Breeder, Anne & Brian Palmer
& Anita Riley, Sheila Morgan. By GCHS Crystal Fountain Tanqueray At Snoebear — GCHG Highlander's Winds Of Change.
Owner, Megan & Tim Terella & Hiroyo Shimizu & Brian Palmer.



9-12 MONTH PUPPY 7
LIVEWIRES KICKBACK,
Breeder, Samantha Rubinson.
By CH Livewires A Dash Of Thyme —
Andaman Sneaky Mischief At Cinotara.
Owner, Lauren House.



12-18 MONTH PUPPY 15
*** HIGHLANDER'S TURN ME LOOSE WITH CHAKA,**
Breeder, Anne & Brian
Palmer. By CH Highlander N Marytuk I Am L:egend — CH Highlanders Going Witch Way. Owner, J. Charles & Kathryn Crabb &
Anne & Brian Palmer.



AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER 29
*** NINKASI'S SAFE HARBOR,**
Breeder, Laura Anderson & Romil Limson. By Snowmist's Yachtsmas — Ninkasi's Black Magic Woman. Owner, Kelli Clark.



BRED BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY229
*** TAJA'S NOT TODAY, SATAN,**
Breeder, Melissa AArab. By GCHS Midnight White's Fly Me To the Moon BCAT CGC — GCHB Taja's Save The Drama For Yer Mama FCAT CGC.
Owner, Melissa A Arab.



BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT 315
WINNERS DOG
LASKAROAD'S RAFALE OF BLUEBERRY, JE
Breeder, Caroline Desbiens & Dominque Firetto.
By Bellahusky X.O. Doster — Trinacria's Mlle Bretzel.
Owner, Caroline Desbiebs.



AMERICAN-BRED / RESERVE WINNERS
DANCING WINDS 'N SHAMOKIN GAME ON JOKAR CGC,
Breeder, Agnes
Maggie Toth & Courtney Herzing. By CH Jalerran's Origins — Dancing Wind's Heaven's Essential.
Owner, Karen Potts, (Tim Terella, Agent).



OPEN DOG
LIVEWIRES DONUT WORRY BE HAPPY,
Breeder, Cheryl French.
By CH Livewires Nine Lives @ Britestar — CH Livewires Social Graces.
Owner, Lauren House.



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Breeder,Liane Tofani & Tina Harbert.
By Gch Tiji's Get Your Smooth On — Pvt Stk-Tiji Draw Down The Moon.
Owner, Liane Tofani & Chris Winslow.



VETERAN
11-13 YEARS
GCH SHADETREE'S THE COWBOY RIDES AWAY,
Breeder, C. Gamble & T. & J. Harbert.
By Gch Trillium Blues Yippee Ki Yea — Gch Tijis Packed With Peanuts.
Owner, Cheryl French & Catherine Gamble.



STUD DOG
GCHSCRYSTAL FOUNTAINTANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR,
Breeder, HiroyoShimizu.
By CHKristari's Oscar Kingdon Navjord— CH Snoebear's Champagne Crystal Fountain.
Owner, Hiroyo Shimizu & Megan & Tim Terella, (Tim Terella, Agent).



BRACE CLASS
*** AOI'S NO KOI YOKAN BCAT,**
Breeder, Michelle Bigelow. By GCH Aoi's Kuro No Keiyakusha BCAT — Aoi's Hikaru Desu Ga?. Dog. Owner, Michelle Bigelow.
*** CH AOI'S KURO YUKI NO OUJI BCAT,**
Breeder, Michelle Bigelow & Dr. Mary Kraus.
By GCH Aoi's Kuro No Keiyakusha —
CH Royal Star's Resistance Is Futile.
Owner, Michelle Bigelow.



BITCHES



6-9 MONTH
*** SUGARRUN'S SWEET DREAMS,**
Breeder, Marie & Timothy Mohns & Megan Terella.
By Ch Snowmist's Zeo — Ch Snoebear's Astrid at Sugarrun.
Owner, Rachel Plante.



9-12 MONTH 452
JALERRAN'S STATE OF GRACE AT SNOEBEAR,
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By GCHJadlerran & Snowmist's Slow Horses — CH Jalerran's Originals.
Owner, Megan & Tim Terella.



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By CH Kadian's Spellbound At Doxhobbi —
GCHB Liyaza's Silver Pixiedust.
Owner, Johanna Coutu & Debbie Studwell.



AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER 382
*** AOI'S OKAMI NO SENSHI AT NINKASI,**
Breeder, Michelle Bigelow. By GCH Aoi's Kuro no Keiyakusha BCAT —
Aoi's Saikyo No Onigoro -TAI.
Owner, Laura Anderson & Romil Limson & Michelle Bigelow.



BRED BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY 46
ANTARA'S OKAMI AMATERASU,
Breeder, Tedi Devlin, Mary Groth & Erin & Will Criqui. By GCHG Antara's
Homey Don't Play Dat! — CH Highlander's Celtic Siofra.
Owner, Jamie Outlaw & Tedi Devlin & Erin Criqui.



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LIYAZA'SSOMETHING WICKEDTHIS WAY COMES,
Breeder, Johann Coutu
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Liyaza's Silver Pixiedust.
Owner, Johanna Coutu & Debbie Studwell.



AMERICAN-BRED 32
LIVEWIRE'S PARTY IN THE U.S.A.,
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Owner, Joseph Scott & Eric Scott & Lauren House.



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CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN JP LAVENDER IN AIR, HU010921/21, 07/01/21.
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Ghcp Highlander's Take It To The Limit — Crysal Fountain JP Rare Port Ellen. Owner, Hiroyo Shimizu.



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*** GCHP MYLA'S DANCING BY THE BOOK,**
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VETERAN 11-13 YEARS 112
GCH ANTARA'S FREE YOUR MIND AND REST WILL FOLLOW,
Breeder, T Devlin & T Oelschlager & A & S Davis.
By Ch Antara's Disco Inferno OAOAJ NF — Ch Koda's All Things Considered. Owner, Tedi Devlin & Erin Criqui.





VETERAN 13+ YEARS TREPAK N' SUMAC Z VARIETY OF SPICE,
Breeder, Eileen Gacke, Stoffel Reitsma & Sandra & Annalise Reitsma. By
CH Trepak's Quidditch Player — CH Sumac's Vesper Martini For Trepak.
Owner, Yvonne Cook & Eileen Gacke a & Annalise Reitsma.



SD DEGREED 304
*** GCHB KADIAN'S YOU CAN DO MAGIC AT DOXHOBBI SD FC,**
Breeder,Delinda & Jim Davis & Johanna DuWaldt Coutu.
By Gch. Amorok's Light Brigade At Kadian —
Ch. Doxhobb's Dark Witch BN RE.
Owner, Anita G Tench & Debra & Joe Fitzgerald & Jim & Delinda Davis.



BROOD BITCH
GCH SNOEBEAR'S A NEW HOPE,
Breeder, T & M Terella & S Qualls.
By GCH Highlander's Take It To The Limit —
Ch Indigo's If I Could Only Cook.
Owner, Tim & Megan Terella.

RESCUE PARADE



Audrina, Willow and Holley Stoddard, Spirit, Gunner, Noel and Mike Dagley, Gwendolyn and Mercedes Sabatini ,Randee McQueen, Sylk, Kymber, Wynter and Rich Casper

At the 2025 SHCA National show in Erie Pennsylvania, we held the 22nd Parade of Rescued Siberians. We had 11 entries and 8 were able to attend. They have ended up in rescue, usually from no fault of their own, but because owners didn't research the breed, something happened and the owners were no longer able to care for them, a medical issue an owner couldn't deal with or just found and ended up in a rescue. The dogs this year were not only rescued locally but from Georgia, New York, Adopt a Husky and even California. Many of the dogs this year have multiple titles including but not limited to obedience, Rally, Scent, Flyball, Barnhunt, Trick and Agility.

We recognize the dogs with a beautiful Rosette and a walk around the ring. They all receive a bag of gifts for the dog and human along with a specially printed catalog that includes the dog's picture and tells everyone briefly about the dog. All of this is paid for through donations for the Parade. We greatly appreciate everyone that donated to the Parade this year. This year we had more people attending around the ring for the parade which was appreciated by all.

Rich Casper brought three dogs and didn't have help holding them, but they didn't need it. He made them all sit and as each one was called he walked that one around the ring and had them sit in the ring. Went and got the next one and finally the last. All of the stayed as they were told. Rich has participated many years in our parade.

We have picture of the event at - https://bayareasiberian.org/photo-album.phtml?album=SHCA%20Rescue%20Parade%202025.

SHCA 2025 Rally High Triple Q

Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX MXJ XF DCAT SWE SCM SIM SBM CGC TKP ATT



The moment I learned that Luke had earned the Rally High Triple Q at the 2025 Nationals was truly unforgettable. As the first of my dogs to achieve this distinction at a Nationals, the accomplishment carried special meaning, and it is a privilege to stand among the many legendary teams who have earned this honor before us.

Luke approaches every sport with enthusiasm and heart, finding joy in training and competition no matter the venue. He has been invited twice to the National Obedience Invitational and for three consecutive years to the National Rally Invitational, an incredible honor and a thrilling opportunity to compete alongside the very best teams in the country.

Luke entered my life more than seven years ago as an unexpected surprise. At the time, I had no plans to add another dog to my pack. I was still grieving the loss of two senior dogs after long-term medical challenges and was totally focused on addressing behavioral issues with two dogs I had acquired the year before. But sometimes the universe has other plans. In what felt like a blink of an eye, three and a half days, to be exact, I went from finally finding peace and structure in my home to welcoming the joyful chaos of an energetic eight-week-old puppy. I have never once looked back.

Sweet, happy-go-lucky, fun-loving, and wonderfully laid-back, Luke has a personality that is determined to make friends with every person he meets. His natural joy for learning and working makes training him on my own a true pleasure, especially as we continue to grow and succeed together. A versatile and accomplished competitor, Luke is currently training and excelling in agility, nose work, obedience, rally, and FastCAT, while also holding advanced titles in tricks and several other venues. He is also my lead dog in sledding, a position he was determined to claim from the very beginning.

When he isn't training or competing, Luke is just as content chilling out as he is running, jumping and playing for hours, often with his paws barely touching the ground. His happiness shines through with anything he does, whether he's playing, training or competing. The smile on his face and the energy he brings are evident every time he steps into the ring. I am full of pride with everything Luke has accomplished, and I enthusiastically look forward to seeing where we will go from here.

SHCA 2025 Rally High Combined

Siberpaw's Heaven On Earth CDX PCD BN GN RM RAE MX MXJ XF DCAT ACT2 SWM SHDN CGC TKP ATT



What a thrill it was to learn that Spirit had earned the Rally High Combined at our 2025 Nationals. This was especially meaningful, as she became the first of my dogs to achieve this award at a Nationals event.

From the very beginning, Spirit has been a force of nature. A whirlwind of energy and enthusiasm, she lives for attention, training and competition. Her journey, however, started under less-than-ideal circumstances. Surrendered to a shelter at just eight and a half weeks old, only two days after being given as a Christmas gift, Spirit's boundless energy and severe resource guarding proved overwhelming for her first family. By ten weeks of age, her stamina was already off the charts, staying awake for nearly eleven hours straight with only a brief fifteen-minute nap.

Today, that boundless energy has found the perfect outlet. Spirit is never shy about voicing her strong opinions when things don't go her way, thrives as a lead dog while sledding, and pours her drive into an impressive array of sports. She excels in FastCAT, agility, rally, obedience, nose work, Flyball (ranked 5th for Siberian Huskies), barn hunt and tricks, always eager to learn and constantly ready for the next challenge. Spirit exemplifies just how versatile the breed can be and proves that there are truly no limits to what they can achieve.

With over 100 titles earned across multiple venues, Spirit's accomplishments speak volumes. I could not be prouder of all she has achieved, and I look forward to seeing which goals she will achieve next. She is opinionated, determined and full of sass, but is also loving, dependable and utterly unforgettable. Life without this extraordinary ball of energy is simply unimaginable.

TOP 20 for 2023 and 2024



JUDGE'S CHOICE
GCHS CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR



PEOPLE'S CHOICE
*** GCHS OLGIVAN SHOW ESCAPE FROM REALITY RI CAN BCA**



GCHS ArticPride Champagne N Whiskey



GCHG Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart NOHSP BCAT FITB



GCH Crystal Fountain JP Bring Us Future



GCH Demavand's Amorok Kiowa FCAT TKN



GHCB Fu Imoon's Koba's Crazy Little Thing Ca led Love NOHSP



GCHS D'Toledo El Navegante (Blanco)



GCHG Highlander's Winds Of Change



GCHG Highlander's Blame It A I On My Roots



ABSENT GCHG Husker Du's Dirty Martini



GCHS Highlander's Pride and Joy



GCHS Lilie Hils Do You Believe In Magic NOHSP



GCHS Highlander's You' I Accompany Me To Chaka



GCHS Livewire's Hocus Pocus



ABSENT GCHP Karnovanda's Desperado



GCHG Karnovanda's Foggy Night



GCHB Taja's Save The Drama For Yer Mama CGC DCAT



GCHS Midnight White's Fly Me To The Moon BCAT CGC TKN ATT



GCHB Topaz Don't Stop Me Now



GCHS TreeLine's Succession, SD



GCHG TOPAZ DARK SKY



122 GCHG Tri lium Blue's Raining Glitter And Gold At Sibifox



123 GCH Wyndglo Play The Game

Competing dogs were ranked in the Top 20 for 2023 and for 2024. Congratulations to all dogs for their achievements!

Performance Place

BY:Theresa Pryzbylski

Companion Events at the 2025 SHCA National
Erie, Pennsylvania 10/13/25 – 10/18/25

Companion events started on Monday October 13th with the morning Back Pack Hike and 2 Agility Trials at Countryside Agility. Monday and Tuesday were the All-Breed FastCAT at McKean Community Park. Tuesday 2 Rally Trials were held. Wednesday 2 Obedience Trials were held.

FastCAT: Several Siberians earned titles and were awarded beautiful Title Ribbons.

AGILITY: The facility, Countryside Agility, was awesome! There was plenty of space for crating in a separate room. Sunday afternoon we could set up our crates and agility run throughs were available as well as pizza! Monday the fun began. There was a total of 156 entries. Mandy Moller, our judge, provided some wonderful courses. A total of 63 runs were qualifying runs! High In Trial for the 1st Trial was Jan Larsen's Winters Run Codebreaker RM AX MXJ XF DCAT SCN SIN TKA FITG – Paabo from the 24 inch Master Standard Class. High In Trial for the 2nd Trial was Kari Watson's CH Suska's Interstellar Exploration RN MX MXJ MJB MXF DCAT SIN CGC TKI from the Master Standard 20 inch class. The day finished with a "Glory Run". This is for retired dogs who run the Novice Jumper course at whatever jump height you want. I had the privilege to run my dog, MACH PACH Snowquest's In High Gear BN RAE MXC MJS MXP10 MXPC MJP9 PAX2 NF NFP TKN, Shelby. It was very special with everyone cheering and when we finished, we were presented with a beautiful ribbon with her name and titles on it.

RALLY: Rally was held at the Bayfront Convention Center on Tuesday. There were 2 Trials. The first trial had 85 entries, and the second trial had 79 entries. For the first trial 70 Siberians earned qualifying scores. Highest Triple Score in ADVB/EXCB/MASTER was earned by Rick Casper's MACH4 Spirit Of Mischief BN RE MXB2 MJB2 MFG TQX T2B3 CGCA CGCU. Highest Combined Score in ADVB/EXCB was earned by Noel Dagley's Siberpaw's Heaven On Earth CD PCD BN GN RM RAE MX MXJ XF DCAT ACT2 SWM SHDN CGC TKP ATT. For the second trial 49 Siberians earned qualifying scores. Highest Triple Score in ADVB/EXCB/MASTER was earned by Noel Dagley's Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX MXJ XF DCAT SWE SCM SIM SBM CGC TKP ATT. Highest Combined Score in ADVB/EXCB was earned by Sharon Wendelgass's Tsaji's Girl On Fire Of The Midnight Sun UD PCD BN RM OA OAJ AX AJP OF XFP BCAT TKN.

ODEDIENCE: Obedience was held at the Bayfront Convention Center on Wednesday. There were 2 Trials. Trial 1 had 31 entries and 9 Siberians earned qualifying scores. HIT was earned by Sharon Wendelgass's OTCH2Yetieska's Silver Lining Of Tshaji UDX5 OM8 BN RE CGCA CGCU TKA from the Open B Class. Trial 2 had 27 entries and 5 Siberians earned qualifying scores. HIT was earned by Sharon Wendelgass's OTCH2Yetieska's Silver Lining Of Tshaji UDX5 OM8 BN RE CGCA CGCU TKA from the Utility B Class.

AWARDS:
Awards were presented Wednesday Evening to the following teams:
Title Awards:
Award: Rally Advanced Excellent

CH Icewind's Broken Halos BN, P-CD, CD,GN,RAE, TKA, NJP, NAP, NFP, CGCA, CGCU
Kim Sullivan

Award: Rally Advanced Excellent
Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX, PCD, BN GN, RAE, AX, AXJ, XF, DCAT,SWE, SBM, SCM, SIM, CGC, TKP, ATT
Noel Dagley

Award: Rally Master
GCH Whispering Pines Forged In Fire CD, PCD, BN, RM, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, TKA, ATT, FITS
Darleen Plourde

Award: Rally Master
GCH Snoebear's Silver Mist CD, PCD, BN, RM, RAE2, CGCA, CGCU, ATT
Sheryl Phelps & Carol Preble

Award: Rally Master
GCH Lodgepole's Frizzen Strike CDX, GN, PCD, BN, RM, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, ATT
Sheryl Phelps & Carol Preble

Award: FAST CAT
GCH Whispering Pines I'm Bringing Sexy Back RI, FCAT, CGC, TKN, ATT, FIT
Darleem Plourde

Award: Scent Work Interior Master Elite
MCH NNCH ACH EN RATCHX SCH EHDS Athena Tundra RN NA NAJ NF CAX4 FCAT SWME SHDM SEME2 SCME2 SCEE SEEE SBEE SWAE SWNE RATCHX3 CZ8P3B CGC TKP NW3 NW3-V NW3-I NW3-C NW3-E CCSS-LCH CL-1 CL1-R SDA AQV BID SSB ETD
Bonnie Smagacz-Starnes

Award: Scent Work Master Overall
MCH NNCH ACH EN RATCHX SCH EHDS Athena Tundra RN NA NAJ NF CAX4 FCAT SWME SHDM SEME2 SCME2 SCEE SEEE SBEE SWAE SWNE RATCHX3 CZ8P3B CGC TKP NW3

NW3-V NW3-I NW3-C NW3-E CCSS-LCH CL-1 CL1-R SDA AQV BID SSB ETD
Bonnie Smagacz-Starnes

Award: Master Excellent Preferred
RACH 3 Christopher's Sitka CD RM7 RAE7 MXP MJP2 XFP CGCA
Ruth Christopher

Award: Master Excellent Agility & Master Jumper Agility
Sylki Blue Eyes of the Storm MX MXJ MJB XF T2B CGC
Rick Casper

Award: Preferred Agility Champion
PACH Eira Wynter Grianstad RI AX MXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP6 MJPS PAX OF CGCA CGCU TKN
Mary Raye Casper

Award: Master Excellent Preferred
GCH CH RACH Liyaza's Next Edition BN RM5 RAE3 AX AXJ MXP2 MJP XF T2BP ACT2 TKN
Delinda & Jim Davis

High Scoring Title Awards:
Obedience Awards:
Award: Companion Dog
Lodgepole's Judge & Jury CD PCD BN RAE BCAT CGCA CGCU TKN ATT
Kathy Kaminski

Award: Beginner Novice
Alkasiber's Tshaji Sprit of the Fire CD BN RN CGCA CGCU TKN
Sheron & Jim Wendelgass

Award: Preferred Companion Dog
Lodgepole's Judge & Jury CD PCD BN RAE BCAT CGCA CGCU TKN ATT
Kathy Kaminski

Award: Companion Dog Excellent
Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX AXJ XF DCAT SWE SBM SCM SIM CGC TKP ATT
Noel Dagley

Award: Graduate Novice
Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX AXJ XF DCAT SWE SBM SCM SIM CGC TKP ATT
Noel Dagley

Rally Awards:
Award: Rally Novice
CH Northern Light's TTFN Aylin RN BCAT
Sheila & Ryan Blanker

Award: Rally Intermediate
GCH CH Etah's April Showers of Doxhobbi RI DCAT CGC TKN ATT FITS
Suzie McDougall & Delinda Davis

Award: Rally Excellent
OTCH2 Yetieska's Silver Lining of Tshaji UDX5 OM8 BN RE CGCA CGCU TKA
Sharon & Jim Wendelgass

Agility Awards:
Award: Novice Agility & Novice Agility Jumper
Antara's Rock Around the Clock CD BN RE AX AXJ OF BCAT
Carolyn Brown

Award: Open Agility & Open Agility Jumper
Antara's Rock Around the Clock CD BN RE AX AXJ OF BCAT
Carolyn Brown

Award: Novice Agility Preferred
Highway From The Danger Zone BN RE NAP NFP DCAT SWN SIA SBA CGC TKA ATT
Noel Dagley

Award: Excellent Agility & Excellent Agility Jumper

Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX AXJ XF DCAT SWE SBM SCM SIM CGC TKP ATT
Noel Dagley

Award: Excellent Agility Jumper
Antara's Rock Around the Clock CD BN RE AX AXJ OF BCAT
Carolyn Brown

Top Scoring Awards:
Award: Top Scoring Obedience
OTCH2 Yetieska's Silver Lining of Tshaji UDX5 OM8 BN RE CGCA CGCU TKA
Sharon & Jim Wendelgass

Award: Top Scoring Rally
GCH Snoebear's Silver Mist CD, PCD, BN, RM, RAE2, CGCA, CGCU, ATT
Sheryl Phelps & Carol Preble

Award: Top Scoring Agility
MACH3 Kymber Spirit Of Mischief BN RE MXC MJB2 MFG TQX T2B3 CGCA CGCU
Rick Casper



Rally Ring ribbons



Agility Glory Ribbon





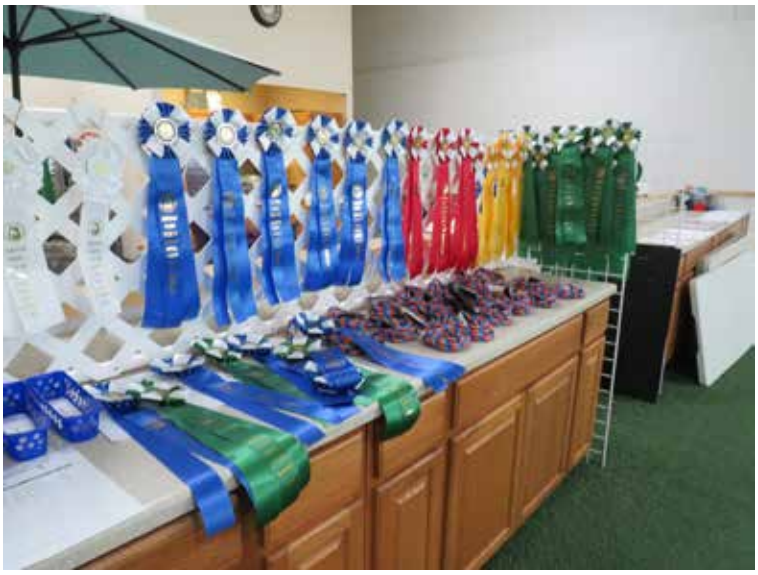
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Agility HIT Ribbon



Obedience Ribbons



Agility Ribbons



Obedience ring ribbons

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP



TOP JUNIOR HANDLER

Sierra Winslow #83006407001

*** GCH MIDNIGHT WHITE'S BLINDING LIGHTS,**
Breeder, LianeTofani & Chris & Sierra Winslow.
By Sophie's Pearl Dream On "Tyler" At Belukha — Midnight White's La Vita E Bella. Owner, Liane Winslow & Chris Winslow & Sierra Winslow.

2024 TOP JUNIOR HANDLERS



Sierra Winslow



Norah Procunier



Moira Jamtgaard



Jacob Alexander

Top 20 Juniors In Ranked Order

1. Carson Hayes
2. Camryn Hayes
3. Sierra Winslow
4. Hailey Gillotti
5. Kaitlyn Kraus
6. Norah Procunier
7. Alyssa Glastre
8. Averie Delgado
9. Moira Jamtgaard
10. Isabella Eaton
11. Lynnea Nelson
12. Jacob Alexander
13. Daley Fadden
14. Abigail Strain
15. Sophie Schaffert
16. Gracelyn Spires
17. Angela Campos
18. Brianna Hutchins
19. Skylar Claycomb
20. Emma Cloud



Skylar Claycomb

2025 SHCA National WPD Hike

BY: SHEILA MORRISSEY

The day dawned brisk and clear for the 15th 2025 SHCA National WPD Hike held on Monday, October 13, 2025. The group consisted of 9 hikers and their well behaved dogs. The dogs were all Siberian Huskies with the exception of Fuze, an Australian Shepherd owned by Jamie Outlaw who was our honorary Siberian for the day. We explored the trails of the Erie Bluffs State Park which offered nice wide trails that led around fields and through black oak forests. The last section of our hike followed along the lake bluffs giving us panoramic views of Lake Erie which at one point included watching a mature bald eagle soaring over the lake. Two dogs, Ricco and Binx, earned their first 5 mile hike towards their WPD degree. I continued on with my dog, Aylin, to get her first miles, a first 10 mile hike, towards her WPD degree. There were a couple of minor obstacles - a log bridge to cross over a stream and a large downed tree that we had to navigate over and around - that the group met head on and passed the challenge. It was a great day with a great group of people and their dogs who had a fun time. Consider joining a hike next time as they are a fun low stress activity.















ANNUAL AWARDS

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR

GCHG CH TOPAZ DARK SKY

Owner: Dawn Thompson



Titan is a sweet and typically mischievous Siberian. Titan's show career began when he was 18 months old. Within 2 months, he completed his Championship (undefeated) and his Grand Championship.

Because he finished in the top five in breed points in 2023, 2024 & 2025, he received an invitation to enter the Westminster Kennel Club show each of the following years. In 2024, he received an Award of Merit; in 2025, he was awarded Best of Opposite Sex; and the 2026 show has not yet occurred as of this writing.

Titan has been awarded a Best in Show, multiple Reserve Best in Show, multiple Specialty wins, and multiple group wins. My appreciation goes to Darcey Foulkrod and Zack Helmer for showing Titan and to the judges for recognizing him.

SHOW BITCH OF THE YEAR

GCHG CH ARTICPRIDE CHAMPAGNE N' WHISKEY

Owners: Tim & Megan Terella, Hiroyo Shimizu



Asti was bred by Rob & Bobby-Lee Lloyd of ArticPride Siberians and imported from Australia in August of 2022. Her very first show in the USA was just a few weeks later, at the 2022 SHCA Pre-National Specialty, where she went Winners Bitch her very first time in the ring on US soil. Asti quickly picked up 2 more majors at Specialties under breeder-judges in early 2023. After 6 months of patiently waiting, Asti was awarded Winners Bitch at the 2023 SHCA National Specialty to finish her championship.

After some time off, we entered Asti on a whim at a 5 day show over Memorial Day weekend in 2024 with the intent of finishing her Grand Championship. In her typical crazy, red-headed fashion, Asti swept all 5 Groups that weekend, as well as 2 Reserve Best in Shows and a Best in Show! The fever dream continued with Asti picking up 35 more group 1s, 6 Best in Shows, 8 Reserve Best in Shows and 8 Best in Specialty Show wins in barely 6 months of showing. She finished 2024 as the #1 Siberian all Systems, and the #6 Working dog (DN).

The icing on the cake was Asti's Best of Breed win at the 2025 Westminster Kennel Club dog show. Her short campaign left us all speechless and we couldn't be more in awe of our Thunder from Down Under. We look forward to Asti continuing her legacy with little dingos in 2026.

Breeders Rob & Bobby-Lee Lloyd, Owners Tim & Megan Terella, Hiroyo Shimizu

OWNER-HANDLED SIBERIAN OF THE YEAR

GCHS OLGIVAN SHOW ESCAPE FROM REALITY BCAT CGCA CGCU

Owner: Sara Kujawa



that feels far- fetched, we end up fulfilling it! She's won multiple best in show owner handlers, places regular groups, won two award of merits at the National, a best in special show and now we're venturing into collecting back end titles. Our journey has been so rewarding and there is still so much I want to do with her!

It is funny to think back that I imported Stevie to the U.S. because of the happenstance that I saw a cute video of her wiggling her whole body with her paws up in the air to ask for more belly rubs on Instagram. Sometimes your heart just knows when there is something special about a dog, even when she's on the other side of the world. She is from Olgivan Show Siberians in Russia and out of OlgivanShow's Funky GummyBear and OlgivanShow's Haru. I bought her knowing I wanted to try showing and, not long after she landed in the U.S., I entered her in a specialty show. We both had a lot to learn! I started attending conformation classes and worked tirelessly to become a better handler for her and strengthen our partnership. So many people have helped lift us up to get to where we are and I am forever grateful.

At the end of the day, the thing that Stevie does best is being my best friend. She sleeps on my pillow every night, always makes me laugh, and has took me on the most incredible journey that I hope will continue for many years to come.

STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

GCHS CH CAN CH HIGHLANDER'S PRIDE AND JOY

(BIS, BISS AM GCHP / Can CH Highlander's Take It To The Limit x Am GCH Indigo's In Loving Memory)

Owners: Anita Riley, Nathanial Adams, Anne & Brian Palmer



Stevie and his top-winning littermates descend from five generations of Highlander Siberians honored by the SHCA as Top Producers. He went to live with Kristen and Nate Adams, and the rest is history. Thank you so much for your expert care and conditioning of Stevie and for handling him to multi-BISS and group placements in the US and to his Canadian Championship. Stevie also ran wheel on Nate's team in the New Hampshire mountains. Thank you to Anne and Brian Palmer for trusting me with Stevie. Anne knows her dogs; she picked him for me when he was three days old. He is my Pride and Joy!

BROOD BITCH OF THE YEAR

GCH CH Snoebear's High Priestess

(BIS, BISS AM GCHP / Can CH Highlander's Take It To The Limit x Am GCH Indigo's In Loving Memory)

Owners: Kristen Neufelder & Nathanial Adams



We were very picky when thinking about starting our own breeding program, not looking to breed our dogs just to breed them, it had to be the right combination of health, soundness and temperament. We found exactly what we were looking for in Simone. She finished her Championship with two 5pt majors and a 4pt major all at specialties. We have always joked that she is our "Golden Retriever"- she loves everyone, is happy to just sit in your lap getting belly rubs or to lounge on the couch but then can immediately get up and hike to the top of Mount Madison or pull a sled through the White Mountains. She is great in harness, often running in lead for our sled team. She is a very focused, dependable, hard worker. She has passed her amazing temperament and drive on to her offspring, all of which we just love so much. We can't thank Tim + Megan Terella enough for the perfect foundation for Polaire Siberians.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR

KRISTEN NEUFELDER & NATHANIAL ADAMS
POLAIRE SIBERIANS



Truly such an incredible honor to be recognized as Breeder of the Year.
We have quickly learned that being a breeder is equally the most rewarding and heartbreaking thing imaginable.

We are so fortunate to have amazing mentors & friends along with us on this journey.

We couldn't have achieved any of what we have without their support, guidance,
and of course the dogs we were so fortunate to be entrusted with as we started in this sport.

SHCA 2024 High Scoring Graduate Novice, Companion Dog Excellent, Excellent Agility and Excellent Agility Jumper

Windswept's The Force Awakens At Siberpaw CDX PCD BN GN RAE AX MXJ XF DCAT SWE SCM SIM SBM CGC TKP ATT



It is a great honor to have Luke receive the Siberian Husky Club of America's 2024 Graduate Novice, Companion Dog Excellent, Excellent Agility, and Excellent Agility Jumper Awards, an extraordinary collection of accomplishments for a dog who entered my life in the most unexpected way.

At the time, I was not looking for a puppy. I was extremely focused on working through behavioral challenges with two newly acquired dogs and was still grieving the recent loss of my two senior dogs after long-term medical struggles. But sometimes the universe has plans of its own. Late on a Friday night, I received a text from a close friend in Alaska asking a simple question: Do you want a puppy? After countless phone calls, messages, the help of amazing friends, and some intense scheduling, that question was answered quickly. By Wednesday morning, Luke was stepping off a plane at Chicago's airport—and into my life.

From the start, Luke revealed exactly who he was: sweet, happy, fun-loving and wonderfully laid-back, with a personality that seems determined to make friends with everyone he meets. He has a natural joy for learning and working, and he is the first of my dogs to earn advanced obedience titles, an achievement made even more meaningful because he is also the first dog I trained at this level entirely on my own.

Luke is a versatile and accomplished competitor, currently training and excelling in agility, nose work, obedience, rally, and FastCAT, while also holding advanced titles in tricks. He is also my lead dog in sledding, a role he took to instinctively, proving himself a complete natural from the very beginning.

When he isn't training or competing, Luke is just as happy snuggling as he is running, jumping, and playing for hours on end, preferably from the highest object he can find, or at least with his paws barely touching the ground. Whether in practice or in the trial ring, Luke's happiness is unmistakable. The joy on his face and the pride in his work are evident every time he steps out to compete. I couldn't be prouder of everything Luke has accomplished, and I eagerly look forward to seeing where his journey takes us next.

SHCA 2024 High Scoring Novice Agility Preferred

Siberpaw's Highway From The Danger Zone BN RE NAP NJP NFP DCAT SWN SIA SBA CGC TKA ATT



It is a tremendous honor to have Gunner receive the Siberian Husky Club of America's 2024 Novice Agility Preferred Award, an achievement that reflects not only his talent in the ring, but the extraordinary journey that brought him there.

Gunner is sweet, fun-loving, and brimming with personality, but his path to this moment was anything but easy. Found as a stray on the south side of Chicago, he survived on his own for an extended period of time before tragedy struck. Life on the streets left him severely injured, shot twice, once in the ear and once in his side, with both entrance and exit wounds. He underwent multiple surgeries and, despite exceptional veterinary care, ultimately lost the injured ear.

After more than five weeks in the clinic recovering from his injuries and fighting serious infections, Gunner was finally strong enough to begin a new chapter. He came to me as a foster, and within four months, it was clear he was home for good, becoming a permanent and deeply cherished member of my family.
The transition was not without challenges. Gunner carried the instincts of survival with him, fiercely guarding resources, particularly paper products he had relied on while living on the streets, using his mouth to communicate in less-than-ideal ways, and becoming overstimulated almost instantly. Through patience, consistency and unconditional love, he slowly learned trust, self-control and the joy of belonging.
Today, Gunner stands as a powerful testament to resilience. He is an accomplished competitor, actively training and excelling in agility, nose work and FastCAT, and has previously earned titles in obedience, rally and tricks. Last year, at 11 years old, the decision was made to move him to Preferred so he could jump 20 inches, allowing him to compete more comfortably while still doing what he loves most.

Every time Gunner steps into the ring, the joy on his face and the pride in his accomplishments are unmistakable. I could not be prouder of everything he has overcome and achieved, and I eagerly look forward to seeing where his his journey takes us next.

2024 HS Siberian in Rally Novice 2024 SHCA Highest Scoring in Rally Novice

CH Northern Light's TTFN Aylin, RN, BCAT
"Aylin"



CH Northern Light's TTFN Aylin, RN, BCAT is our Ever-ready bunny. She loves working whether it be in harness, in the breed ring, running FastCat, on the trail backpacking or in the obedience ring. Her puppy name was Tigger hence the TTFN reference in her registered name and just like her namesake she is up for anything - and she bounces!! Aylin is another homebred and raised and owner/ breeder handled by Sheila in the performance venues. We are looking forward to continuing our teamwork with our cheerful redhead.



SHCA 2024 Top Agility Award

MACH3 Kymber Spirit of Mischief BN RE MXC MJB2 MFG TQX T2B3 CGCA CGCU



I couldn't ask for a better dog to have as my partner in my journey through AKC competition. I remember when I picked her up from the rescue, the rescuer telling me she thought she would be good in agility. She was so right on!

I brought her home at the age of 11 months and she began her agility training shortly thereafter. She has been so much fun to work with in training and in trials. She is enthusiastic and accurate and is definitely not afraid to let me know when I've made a mistake. She's well known for singing in the ring, particularly in obedience and Rally.

Kymber achieved her first MACH title in December 2022 and has been on a roll ever since. She has taken me to the Agility Nationals twice (and could have gone a third time, if I had wanted). She has been the number one Siberian Husky in AKC Agility Invitational rankings for the past three years and as a result we've been to the Invitational all three years.

In 2024, we made finals and finished 3rd in the 20" jump height out of 135 of the best dogs in the country. That was one of the most exciting experiences of my life and I was so proud of her.

We were even invited to compete in the exclusive Premier Cup in 2024.

I am so lucky to have this dog as my companion in agility and my partner in life and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for us!

Rally Advanced Excellent Award for 2024.

Ch. Icewind's Broken Halos, BN, CD, P-CD, GN, RAE, NJP, NAP, NFP, TKA, CGCA, CGCU



"Embree" owned by Kim Sullivan, Weatherford,Texas. Breeders-Angie Luna/ L. Halpain/ T. Galle/R. Chaffin--Recipient of Rally Advanced Excellent Award for 2024.

Bree has been busy over the past few years earning several titles and awards. She loves to work, but also loves to be a cherished house dog.

She is currently working in Open obedience, with one CDX leg, Open AKC and NADAC agility.

She was High Combined Rally at our national 2024 in Estes Park, Colorado. For the year 2023, she was the top scoring Rally Excellent Siberian. Bree enjoys our frequent trips to Montana, but is always glad to return to our home in Texas.

2024 HIGHEST SCORING AGILITY

ANTARA'S ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK, CD, BN, RE, AX MXJ, XF, BCAT



2024 NOVICE STANDARD, NOVICE JUMPERS, OPEN STANDARD, OPEN JUMPERS, EXECELLENT JUMPERS SHCA HIGH SCORING AGILITY AWARDS

It is my pleasure to accept these awards on behalf of Rowdy (Antara's Rock Around the Clock). He has been a wonderful training partner and has given me more pleasure in working with him than I could ever describe in such a short article. He has always been a willing partner and a versatile, all around dog who has been ready to go and do whatever the next thing on agenda might be. He is loved by all who come in contact with him!

I want to thank the SHCA for offering the awards for performance events as I feel that these awards show the true intelligence of our breed, and agility, in particular, is able to showcase the athletic ability that our wonderful dogs possess. In addition, I want to thank Tedi Devlin for making it possible for me to own Rowdy.

Scent Work Master Elite Overall



Athena Tundra SWME 2024
Scent Work Master Elite Overall
Owner/Handler Bonnie Smagacz-Starnes
MCH NNCH ACH MN EN RATCHX SCH EHDS Athena Tundra RN NA NAJ NF CAX4 FCAT SWME SHDM SEME2* SCME2* SCEE SEEE SBEE SWAE SWNE RATCHX3 CZ8P3B CGC TKP NW3 NW3-V NW3-I NW3-C NW3- E CCSS-LCH CL-1 CL1-R SDA AQV BID SSB ETD

Everyone has personal goals that are set with the hopes of achieving them. Priorities, schedules, finances, responsibilities and situations all help contribute in forming what they are. The passion of Scent Work runs strong within Team Athena, which consists of Athena, Bill and I. We enjoy competing in various organizations: AKC, UKC, CPE, NACSW and PSD. Over the years, goals were set in each organization, all of which helped formulate what our ultimate goal came to be: The AKC Master Elite Overall. 40 Q's at the Master Level covering all the elements. It would be the perfect definition of us, of Team Athena.

In 2024, we had a fantastic year across the board. In Barn Hunt, Athena earned her RATCHX3 and her CZ8P3B, on the same day, on the weekend of her 13th birthday. Retirement soon followed. In Scent Work, Athena shined throughout the year. In NACSW, she earned her NW3. In CPE, she earned her CCSS-LCH Level 5 Championship Title. In PSD, she earned 4 out of 5 Advanced Element titles: Buildings (PSD-AB), Containers (PSD-AC), Distance (PSD-AD) and Exteriors (PSD-AE).

UKC Nose work was all over the map! Athena earned the following: her Excellent Handler Discrimination Supreme Title (EHDS), Elite Interior Title (EI), Superior Championship (SCH), Advanced Championship (ACH), Master Vehicle (MV) which gave her the Master Overall (MN) and Novice Championship (NNCH), in that order.

In 2024, AKC was about the big titles. She started off with her Scent Work Buried Master Elite (SBME), a leg in Detective, followed by Scent Work Handler Discrimination Master (SHDM). After which, she reached the Scent Work Container Master Elite 2 (SCME2). On October 20th, Athena became the first Siberian Husky to achieve the SWME. Her final leg earned her the Scent Work Interior Master Elite Title (SIME) and gave her The Scent Work Master Elite Overall (SWME)! It was a most incredible and spectacular day that came full circle. Emotions ran so high! Athena gave a final gift of the day, our 20th leg in Master Exterior Elite (SEME2).

At age 13, 2024 was just a fabulous year. After her SWME, the thought of retirement crossed our minds. However, Athena enjoyed what she did. It gave her purpose, stimulation and enjoyment. We decided to continue the journey in AKC at the lower Elites and pursue other organizations' paths when possible.
The year 2025 arrived and challenges manifested with it. Age related issues caused our plans to change. Athena's search style changed. My handling skills had to change and still are evolving. This journey felt different. It was about helping her keep her identity and happiness as much as possible. It was endearing and puppy-like at times. Other times, issues and age were in the forefront, having us cutting the day short or not even go.
Throughout it all she gave her best and a sense of sweetness prevailed. She earned her PSD Advanced Speed Title (PSD-AS) which gave her the PSD Advanced Overall Title (SDA). And Athena is the first Siberian to do so. She made progress in CPE, working halfway through the EX/C Level.

UKC was just amazing. In 2024, she ranked #6 out of the Nordic Breeds nationwide in the UKC Nose Work Hall of Fame. Our ultimate UKC goal was also realized: the Elite Overall (EN). Athena earned her Master Championship (MCH) afterwards, which was an added bonus. We were late to the game in pursuing Championships. Each one earned was precious.

AKC, once again, became a very special time for us. Going backwards in levels did her a world of good. It helped her confidence and drive. At age 14, the Qs may not be as plentiful. Even one is precious, regardless of level, and each one a party. In 2025, Athena finished her Novice Elite Overall (SWNE) along with her Advanced Elite Overall (SWAE). To date, she has her Excellent Elite Containers (SCEE), Buried (SBEE) and Exteriors (SEEE) Titles. Two more legs in Excellent Interiors would finish it all….

Athena is my legacy dog, a once in a lifetime dog, my heart dog, my novice A dog. She is a veteran, a super-senior who will soon be 15. She still has that Siberian sass that we know all too well. The day I saw her for the very first time, I knew she was meant for me. Never did I think that when I first laid eyes on this little, blue-eyed puppy that she would give me the journey of a lifetime. I hope that Athena can inspire those on their Scent Work journeys and those contemplating starting one.

The memories we have made over the years are priceless. The memories made are even better when shared with friends. As a proud member of the SHCA, thank you for giving me this opportunity to share our journey with you. Thank you to everyone who supported our journey. Special thanks to the Garden State Siberian Husky Club who has been there every step of the way.











HYDRODASH



Lodgepole's Life Finds A Way BCAT DM DS HDN DDB CGCA CGCU TKA ATT VHMA VSWB

"MALCOLM"

Hydrodash is a timed retrieval game through the North American Diving Dogs organization. The dog must jump off the dock, swim to the end of the pool, dislodge a toy hanging above the water, and swim back to the handler.

Malcolm is the first Siberian to earn a Hydrodash title (Novice being a division, rather than an entry-title) and the first Siberian to have qualified 5 HD runs in a season to rank.

He ended his 2025 diving year as Best of Breed in Distance Jumping and Hydrodash.



Upcoming Specialties for 2026

Month	Date	Club	Location	Conformation Judge	Closing Date
February	14-Feb	Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club	Manchester, CT	Mrs. Barbara A Pessina	28-Jan
	14-Feb	Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club	Manchester, CT	Ms. Cheryl Tice	28-Jan
	20-Feb	SHC of Greater Chicago	Madison, WI	Ms. Pamela S. Lambe	4-Feb
	21-Feb	SHC of Greater Chicago	Madison, WI	Maria Arechaederra	4-Feb
	28-Feb	Chesapeake SHC	Point of Rocks, MD	Mr. John P. Linnehan	11-Feb
March	1-Mar	Chesapeake SHC	Point of Rocks, MD	Ms. Nancy S. Amburgey	11-Feb
	14-Mar	Lone Star SHC	Terrell, TX	Mr. Zhida Duan	25-Feb
	14-Mar	Lone Star SHC	Terrell, TX	Jeanne Ellen Stiner	25-Feb
	15-Mar	Lone Star SHC	Terrell, TX	Mr. Delbert L. Thacker	25-Feb
	27-Mar	SHC of Greater Cleveland	Wilmington, OH	Mr. Roger Gifford	11-Mar
	27-Mar	SHC of Greater Cleveland	Wilmington, OH	Mr. Neil T. McDevitt	11-Mar
April	2-Apr	Lower Columbia SHC	Albany, OR	Grace M. Fritz	18-Mar
	2-Apr	Lower Columbia SHC	Albany, OR	Ms. Kim LeBlanc	18-Mar
	11-Apr	SHC of Greater Atlanta	Perry, GA	Mrs. Karen MacFarlane	25-Mar
	11-Apr	SHC of Deleware Valley	Harrisburg, PA		25-Mar
	11-Apr	SHC of the Twin Cities	Lake Elmo, MN	Ms. Julia B. Rylander	25-Mar
	12-Apr	SHC of the Twin Cities	Lake Elmo, MN	Mr. Roger Gifford	25-Mar
	12-Apr	SHC of Greater Atlanta	Perry, GA	Mr. James A. Moses	25-Mar
	24-Apr	Rocky Mountain SHC	Brighton, CO		
	24-Apr	SHC of Greater Detroit	Corunna, MI	Carol Cooper	8-Apr
	24-Apr	SHC of Greater Detroit	Corunna, MI	Mrs. Wendy G. Willhauck	8-Apr
	25-Apr	Rocky Mountain SHC	Brighton, CO	Lynne Dagan	1-Apr
	25-Apr	Rocky Mountain SHC	Brighton, CO	Sandy Weaver	1-Apr
	26-Apr	Rocky Mountain SHC	Brighton, CO	Ms. Lisa Rose Toth	1-Apr
May	2-May	SHC of Greater St. Louis	Gray Summit, MO		
	15-May	Seneca SHC	Batavia, NY	Mr. Edward Hall	29-Apr
	15-May	Seneca SHC	Batavia, NY	Mrs. Ann Moriah Cook	29-Apr
	16-May	SHC of Niagara Frontier	Batavia, NY	Tami Rose Bradford	29-Apr
	24-May	Garden State SHC	Freehold, NJ		
	29-May	Yankee SHC	Wrentham, MA		13-May
	29-May	Yankee SHC	Wrentham, MA	Dr. David Qualls	13-May
	30-May	Puget Sound SHC	Elma, WA		13-May
	30-May	Puget Sound SHC	Elma, WA		13-May
June	6-Jun	SHC of Greater Cleveland	Canton, OH		20-May
	7-Jun	SHC of Greater Cleveland	Canton, OH		20-May
July	11-Jul	Central North Carolina SHC	Concord, NC		24-Jun
	12-Jul	Central North Carolina SHC	Concord, NC		24-Jun
October	10-Oct	SHC of Greater Chicago	Huntley, IL		23-Sep
	10-Oct	SHC of Greater Chicago	Huntley, IL		23-Sep
	11-Oct	SHC of Greater Chicago	Huntley, IL		23-Sep
	10/26-10/31	**Siberian Husky Club of America**	**Newark, OH**		

DOUBLE PLATINUM

GCHP2 CH Topaz Wildfire for Umunhum THDN TKN



The first (and currently only) Siberian Husky to be awarded the Grand Champion Double Platinum title is GCHPP Ch Topaz Wildfire for Umunhum (Emburr). The title was awarded on July 13, 2025 at the Del Monte Kennel Club show in Carmel California. Emburr's breeder is Cheryl French (Topaz Siberians). When I first started to show her during Covid, she was 10 months old. I was pleasantly surprised when in her first two shows she was awarded 2 majors. Emburr then obtained her championship quickly and her first Best of Breed was also her first Best in Specialty win in Oregon at the Lower Columbia Siberian Husky Club in 2021. That weekend Emburr also received back to back Best in Show awards at the Clackamas Kennel Club. Emburr has not stopped since then. Lauren House has shown her beautifully to win 27 Best in Shows by 26 different judges and 15 Best in Show Specialties. In 2022 at the Siberian National in Michigan she was awarded Best Opposite Sex and both the Top Twenty Invitational Award and the People's Choice. At the 2025 National in Erie she was awarded Best Opposite Sex. In 2021 she ended the year at #2 Siberian Husky in All Breed and #4 in Breed. In 2022 and 2023 she was #1 in All Breed and # 1 Bitch in Breed. She took off 2024 to have a litter of pups. Along with confirmation she has a Pet Therapy title and when not showing for confirmation she goes to the local hospital to "lick loneliness" in the Pediatric ward. She also does Reading Buddies where children read to the dogs to gain confidence in reading.

What's Happening?

Area Club Reports

by Karen Shaner



CONNECTICUT VALLEY SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

Congratulations to SHCA and the show committee, especially Stephanie Barnhill, for a wonderful and successful national specialty in Erie, PA. Some of our club members enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year. At the same time, CVSHC was represented at the IFSS Dryland World Championships. Congrats to all the competitors and thank you to SHCA for helping to sponsor the event.

CVSHC is looking forward to the fall and winter seasons, as well. We are organizing Thanksgiving weekend hike and our winter racing season. Keep an eye out for event announcements to dates and details.

Our February back-to-back specialties will be held February 14th at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, Connecticut. The day will start with obedience judge Amy Stevens from Massachusetts. Our confirmation morning judge will be Cheryl Tice from New Jersey. Sweepstakes will be judged between the two shows by Robin Matthews of South Plainfield, New Jersey. The afternoon show, including junior showmanship, will be Barbara Pessina of Putnam Valley New York. Please plan to join us!

Submitted by Suzanne McDougall

LONE STAR SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

The Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas has a new name and a new coverage area, encompassing all of Texas east of Dallas and north of I-20.

The club just finished up its annual FastCAT trials in Mesquite, Texas (at the excellent site, incidentally, where the 2027 SHCA national specialty FastCAT trials will be held). Attendance was outstanding, and lots of fun was had by competitors as well as club members.

Next up: our independent specialties, to be held March 14-15 at Paws Up Training Center in Terrell, Texas. We'll have two specialties on Saturday, March 14, with ZhiDa Seven Duan judging the morning specialty and Jeanne Stiner judging the afternoon specialty. Saturday morning will also include obedience classes through Open and all Rally classes under judge Kenneth Kozak. Sunday's judge will be Delbert Thacker. There will be lots of fun, including casual dress themes, and some great Texas hospitality.

Submitted by Karla Wall



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

The board and members of the NCSHC met via Zoom on October 21, 2025. A low number of entries on our past sanctioned match prompted a new proposal. Sarah Chichester Koontz has suggested we hold a working dog group match after judging at an all-breed show. One option proposed would be the Hangtown Kennel Club in May 2026. Pros and Cons were discussed and further investigation will be looked into.

Also at the meeting, Velocity K9, Luis Perez, presented a slide presentation on FCAT. They have proposed holding a FCAT event with revenue sharing. Some members have already titled dogs in this fast-growing popular sport. Siberians with their love of running are a natural.

Our Nov-Dec meeting will be December 6th with election of officers and board, potluck and gift exchange at our annual Holiday party. This year being held at Judy Tamagni's home from Noon to 1 pm. Feasting and gift swiping to follow.

Submitted by Nancy K. Mead

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER CHICAGO

Another great SHCGC Specialty is in the books! It was a great weekend! Fun to see friends and all of the beautiful dogs. We were even able to get everyone on their way early to the National on Sunday! Look for show results and pictures on the SHCGC website. www.shcgc.com

Once again, on February 20th – 22nd, 2026, our club will be one of many clubs supporting the Renaissance Cluster in Madison, Wisconsin. Check this website for more info: https://renaissancecluster.org/

March is The Iditarod month! The Iditarod starts on March 7, 2026. Best Wishes to all of the mushers and their teams of athletes.

On an early note, our Specialty this year will be October 10th and 11th, 2026. Mark

your calendars!
Judges: Conformation: Dawn & Bob Eisele and Robette Johns; Rally & Obedience: Diane Allen

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and safe Holiday Season and a better New Year!
Enjoy Winter with your furry friends!
Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Hanner



ROCKY MOUNTAIN SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB
As the lazy days of summer draw to a close, it seems there is little to report from the Rocky Mountains. No new litters by any of us, though some of us have acquired puppies from beloved breeders in other regions. Gardening and grooming, play dates and training occupy the space in between.

After our delightful picnic at the end of June, we next gathered for an outdoor meeting that featured a homegrown dog show. Judge Susan Lavin always makes this an especially fun event, with armbands and classes, and familiar patterns blocked out on a basketball half court. This has been an "all-breed show" in the past, by virtue of club members bringing their non-Siberians. This year it was a Siberian Specialty in the Park, with lots of laughter and some unique prizes donated our talented seamstress, Kandy Tigerman.

Preparations for our April Specialty continue, despite some location challenges which have been overcome. Our show chair this time out is Julie Fadden. We are accepting trophy donations via julie.fadden@comcast.net, or anyplace an RMSHC member is found.

By the time this goes to press, the National will be in the books and the holidays will be close ahead. Wishing everyone a peaceful end to the year and as always, great good luck, in the ring and on the trail.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Doss RMSHC



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland is in swing with our Winter Programs and Events. We kick off the season with Tree Lighting in Middleburg Heights, a small-town tradition for the public to see and meet our beautiful Siberians! Lite Up Lakewood Parade in December followed by our Annual Holiday Party! January and February are filled with Library, School and Public Events that our club has been invited to share our expertise on the Siberian Husky and provide meet and greets for those guests! We will host 2 Specialties in Wilmington, Ohio and 2 Specialties in Canton Ohio in 2026 in addition to the Pre-National Specialty in Newark Ohio! Our Annual 5K Idid-a-Run is scheduled in April again and is always a big hit! Feel free to visit our website as we are always adding fun photos.
www.siberiancleveland.org

Sincerely,
Shelley Kacenski
President



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
The Siberian Husky Club of Middle Tennessee joined the Southern Comfort Cluster in McDonald, Tennessee, for two concurrent Siberian Specialties and four supported entries on September 11-14, 2025. All four all-breed shows and both specialties drew majors, and several Siberians went home as new champions. Sandy Jessop donated beautiful collectible art and plates as trophies in memory of Joe Jessop.

SHCMT is grateful to every exhibitor who entered our shows, and we greatly appreciate Show Chair Karen Pilkay; our judges; members and guests; trophy donors; and the North Georgia Kennel Club and Chattanooga Kennel Club for making the 2025 SHCMT specialties possible. Like so many other clubs, we face ever-increasing costs, loss of venues, and the break-up of clusters, which makes hosting events increasingly challenging. We couldn't do it without your support.

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Results, Judge Kathleen Farlow:
Best Puppy In Sweeps STONE FOX WILD IS THE WIND AT SWEETGRASS. Breeder M Rice. Owners R Silveria, M Rice.
BOS In Puppy Sweeps PANDORA'S TRUTH. Breeders/Owners K Stephens, H Stephens.
Best Veteran In Sweeps GCH CH NANOOK'S HALO ON FIRE. Breeder A Dionne. Owners L Hall, A Dionne.
Saturday Specialty Results, Judge Jon R. Cole:
BOB GCHG CH CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR. Breeder H Shimizu. Owners H Shimizu, M Terella, T Terella.
WD/BOW CH DOXHOBBI'S NORTH NODE NIGHTCAP RN CGC TKN. Breeders/Owners D Davis, J Davis.
BOS/OHBB GCHB CH SWEETGRASS TRILLIUM BLUE'S A JOURNEY ALL MY OWN RI CGC TKN. Breeders R Silveria, L Morin. Owners R Silveria, L DeMartino, L Morin.
SEL DOG GCHG CH TOPAZ DARK SKY. Breeder C French. Owner D Thompson.
SEL BITCH CH STONE FOX BLESS YOUR HEART. Breeders E DeMartino, L Morin, M Rice. Owner M Rice.
RWD STONE FOX THE BOSS. Breeder M Rice. Owners S Pilkay, K Pilkay.
WB AASIL'S REIGN WITH A SPARK OF CHAOS. Breeders L Payne, K Payne. Owner K Runyan.
RWB KRISTARI'S SHITZ AND GIGGLES. Breeders S Osharow, D Maris. Owner S Osharow.

AOM GCH CH HIGHLANDER'S ONE FOR THE ROAD AT KASIQ RN CA FCAT SWE CGC TKN ATT FITB. Breeders A Palmer, B Palmer, A Riley. Owner P Van Sicklen.
AOM GCHB CH TRILLIUM BLUE'S HE'S THE ONE. Breeders E DeMartino, L Morin, M Rice. Owners S LaPeccerella, L DeMartino, L Morin.
Sunday Specialty Results, Judge Marie Ann Falconer:
BOB GCHG CH CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR. Breeder H Shimizu. Owners H Shimizu, M Terella, T Terella.
WB/BOW STONE FOX WILD IS THE WIND AT SWEETGRASS. Breeders M Rice. Owners R Silveria, M Rice.
BOS/OHBB GCH CH POLAIRE & INDIGO'S BLUE MOON OF KY. Breeders K Neufelder, N Adams. Owners, A Riley, S Morgan, A Palmer, N Adams.

(SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE, CONT.)
SEL DOG GCH CH HIGHLANDER'S ONE FOR THE ROAD AT KASIQ RN CA FCAT SWE CGC TKN ATT FITB.
Breeders A Palmer, B Palmer, A Riley. Owners P Van Sicklen.
SEL BITCH GCHB CH SWEETGRASS TRILLIUM BLUE'S A JOURNEY ALL MY OWN RI CGC TKN. Breeders R Silveria, L Morin. Owners R Silveria, L DeMartino, L Morin.
WD MARITIME'S CATCH ME IF YOU CAN. Breeders M Groth, P Kanzler, E Gacke, S Reitsma. Owners K Dills, M Groth.
RWD PANDORA'S TRUTH. Breeders/Owners K Stephens, H Stephens.
RWB STONE FOX FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC. Breeder/Owner M Rice.
AOM GCHB CH TOPAZ WATCH YOUR SIX, I'M MAKIN' TRAXX ATT. Breeder C French. Owners T Bradford, D Bradford.
AOM GCH CH HIGHLANDER'S FLIGHT COMMANDER. Breeders A Palmer, B Palmer. Owners A Palmer, B Palmer, M Groth, A Riley.
AOM NORTH NODE'S EVENING PRIMROSE RN CGCA. Breeders J Saproni, C Benway. Owners K Sample, J Saproni.

Sending big thanks to all who brought out their wonderful dogs! We look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Submitted by Bill and Joy Steadman

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER DETROIT
In June we gathered for our annual awards picnic at Anne and Brian Palmer's home and the following awards were presented to:
Top Winning Bitch: GCHS CH Olgivan Show Escape from Reality
Top Winning Dog: Karnovanda's Foggy Night
Class Dog: Karnovanda's The Highwayman
Class Bitch: Highlander's Norse Goddess
Top Winning Puppy: Karnovanda's Treasure Island
Outstanding Worker: Kim Alsbury
FAST CAT Plaques:
FCAT2- Naqada's Midnight Dream
FCAT- Faolan's Slayer of Midnight Dream's
BCAT- Faolan's Lost Treasure in Midnight Dream's

A wonderful time was had by all from SHCGD at the 2025 SHCA National in Erie, PA. Our own Sarah Kuwaja had a great show. She was Top Winning NOHS Siberian for 2024, she also won The People's Choice Award at the Top Twenty Celebration with the amazing "Stevie" and showed wonderfully in the LEASH Specialty and SHCA Pre-National Regional Show.
Our annual Christmas party will be December 20th at Chris and Alex Schram's home in Owosso, MI. Club members will gather to eat prime rib, exchange gifts, play games and partake in general merriment.

(SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER DETROIT, CONT.)
The agility trials will be April 10-12 at All Dogs Can in Lapeer. Work is underway for our upcoming Spring Specialties. Our conformation judges are: Mr. Jay Richardson and Mrs. Wendy G Willhauck, our rally judge is Ms. Teresa Czaplinski and our obedience judge is Ms. Lynn Tamms.

Regards,
Cheryl Owens

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
Club members are mourning the passing of one of our own. Longtime SHCGKC member and AKC judge emeritus Terry Sigler, husband of Jan Sigler, passed away on Monday, November 3rd after a brief illness. Terry was a true gentleman with a wonderful sense of humor and will be greatly missed by all. We hope to meet for a celebration of life in his honor in early January. Following is a poem written in his honor by another one of our longtime members, Cindy Harris, mother of the new SHCA President Stephanie Barnhill.

ONE EMPTY CHAIR
As we go through our lives after losing someone we love,
We ask for comfort and guidance from our Lord up above.
We ask to hear their laughter, dream we'll see their smile,
As we continue on with heavy steps, mile after mile.
We will cherish the memories, and pray they won't fade,
But weep when there were still promises made.
We will ask for strength from the many who care,
When it's wavering from staring at that one empty chair.
We know we are never alone as others have felt this same pain,
But right now, there's no sunshine, we're drowning in rain.
We ask as the days turn into years,
We finally feel joy, instead of these tears.
We pray we will see their face, when our last day is here,
And ask for reassurance for now, they will always be near.
We ask to feel their love their presence as we stand and stare
With a feeling.
Could they be sitting in that ONE EMPTY CHAIR!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Shaner





T*he Chesapeake Siberian Husky Club had our Christmas party 12/14/25*



New Jersey is a busy place… As are the GSSHC members! From Showing to Companion Events, Performance Sports to Social Events, the Members and their Siberians do their best to cover all the bases.
Our May Specialties and Picnic were very enjoyable times. One of our own, Rose Bucci and Snowmist's Hurricane doubled their fun. Saturday and Sunday, they won both Specialties in the Puppy 6-9m class! Great to see our Hospitality / Trophy Chair have a fabulous weekend!

Not to be outdone, the Harings' Siberian team kept busy. In the show department, Flower finished her Grand Championship at the Oaks in PA. Congratulations to Jan and Len! After a 25 year hiatus from Obedience / Rally, Keeper earned his Beginner Novice Title and his Rally Novice Title. They were working double time. What else was on their agenda? Some fast times. Not only did Molson earn his DCAT, Tinker earned her FCAT5! She finished the year in the Top 20 Fastest Siberians!!!!!

The GSSHC is also home to Athena Tundra, the first Siberian Husky in AKC to earn a Scent Work Master Elite Overall Title! She also earned her Master Handler Discrimination Title in the same year. An incredible feat! Athena recently retired from Barn Hunt on a high note. She earned both her RATCHX3 and her CZ8P3B on the same day! Fun Fact: Athena is the first Siberian in AKC to earn a CAX, CAX2, CAX3 and CAX4!!!! She is owned by Bonnie Smagacz-Starnes and Bill Starnes.

The GSSHC had a haunting good time at our Fall Social, held at The Haunted Theater. Two new members were also welcomed, Sue Duerscheidt and Susi Jacobs, who bring Breed, Companion, Rescue and Therapy Dog to the table. Here's to looking forward to a bright 2026.
Cheers to a Happy New Year! Warmest Regards, Bonnie Smagacz- Starnes & GSSHC



ATHENA TUNDRA RATCHX3 BARN HUNT CHAMPION X3



HAUNTED THEATER



SNOWMIST'S HURRICANE



Flower



Keeper



Molson



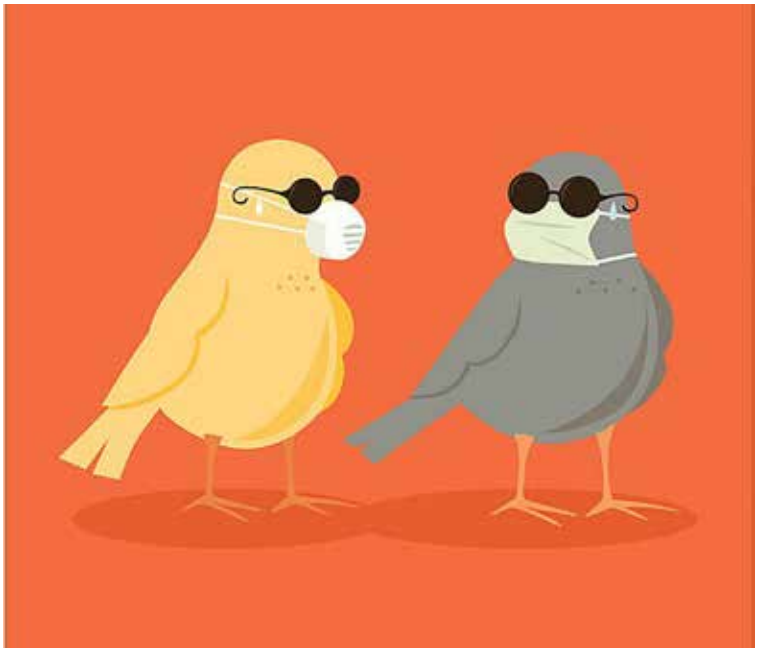
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PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC

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I believe it was in the summer of 1999 that a good friend of mine, a veterinary pathologist, called from the Bronx Zoo. We spoke about an unusual number of dead crows she noticed on land surrounding the zoo. She wondered if we had noticed similar circumstances in Chicago. Then, over the Labor Day holiday, the zoo in New York lost cormorants, a pheasant, a bald eagle, and several flamingos. The culprit was an unknown encephalitis virus- not one of the usual viral suspects.



In early fall of that year, human cases with associated deaths caused by an identical virus were reported. The pathogen was identified as West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne virus which infects both birds and humans. This was a disease no one expected to see in North America. The dead crows were harbingers of the disease. The fact that corvids (birds like crows and ravens) were the most affected bird species was the fact that made our veterinary pathologist solve the puzzle.

Those of us in Chicago were suddenly aware that zoos and exhibitions where animals are brought together are sentinels of disease. In prior papers we have discussed the fact that many new human diseases have an origin in animals. After West Nile, animal and human health experts, wildlife management individuals, and public health officials initiated centralized data gathering, training workshops on detection and management of diseases, drills for crisis management and discussions on viral genetic mutations which make jumping from one species to another easier.

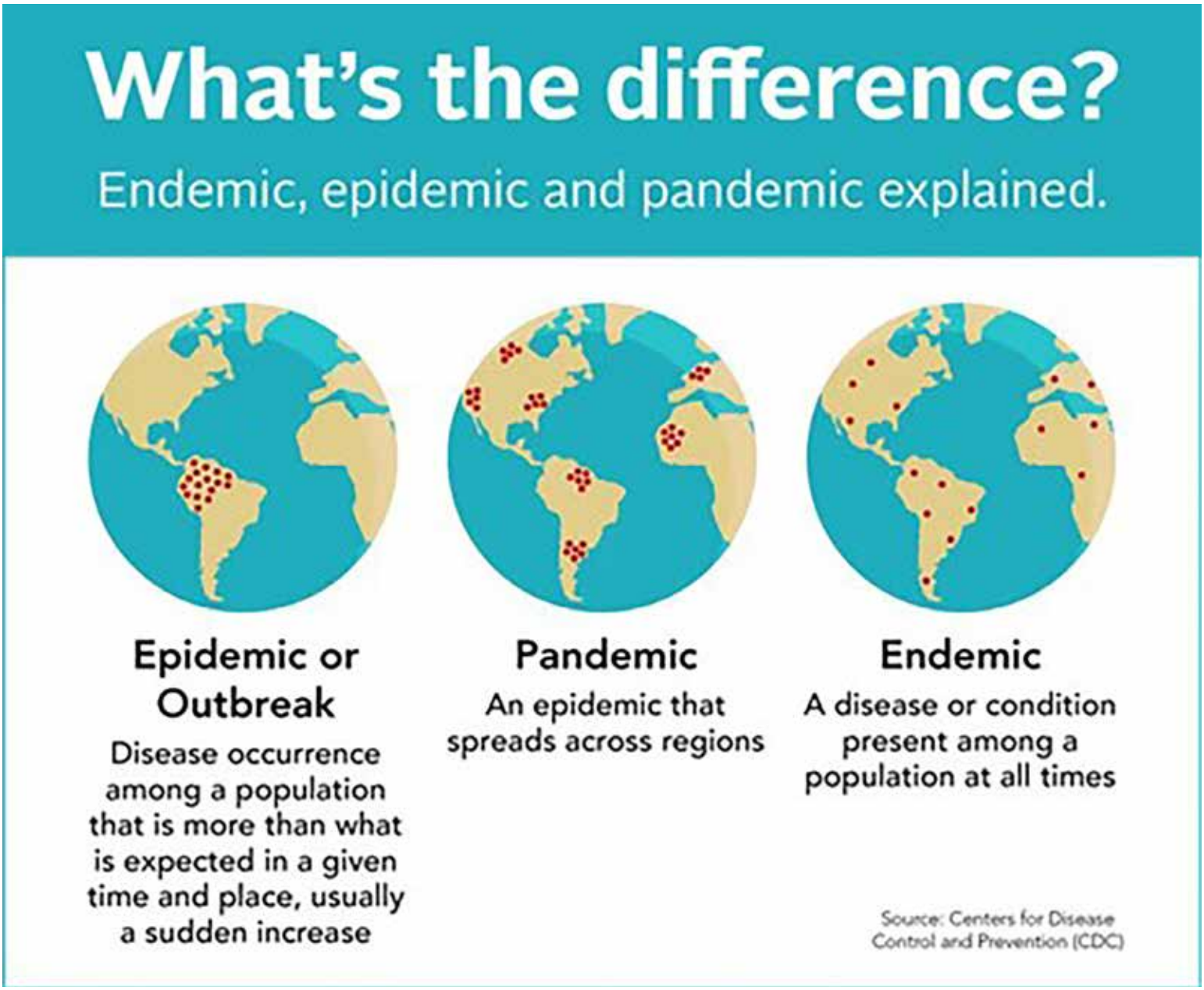


With such knowledge, we assumed we would be ready for future disease spread. COVID proved us wrong. Who would have thought that an animal disease could bring a strong nation to a halt. Schools closing, people working from home, it seemed like a strange dream at first. At the zoo, we learned which animal species were susceptible. We were forced to make decisions with limited information.

That brings us to today and H.P.A.I.- highly pathogenic avian influenza. Bird flu has been around for decades, but suddenly the news is full of stories about this disease. Poultry and egg prices are soaring and according to some reports, over 50 million birds have been euthanized. News of the disease affecting cattle and cats surprised many of us. Foxes seemed to be susceptible, so we wondered about our dogs. To date, the disease has not been identified in our canine companions. The good news is that the news media has kept the public informed.

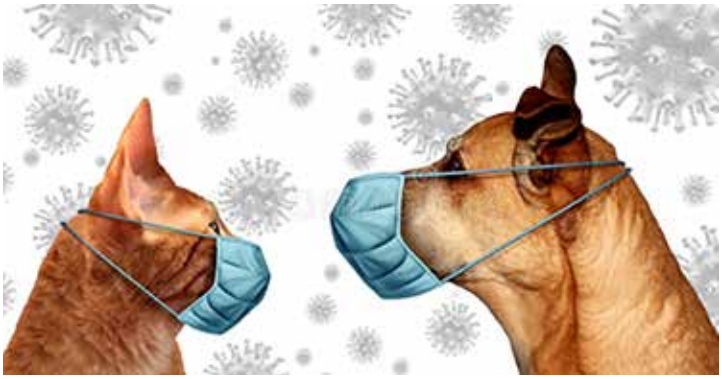
Dairy farms started to look like science fiction pathogen laboratories with farm workers wearing protective gear. Then human cases were reported. To date, there is no indication that H.P.A.I. has the ability to go from human to human, and the general risk for humans remains low. But the message is to be aware and remain vigilant.

We use the words epidemic, pandemic, and endemic constantly, and the cartoon below explains the difference.



We talked about the "One Medicine/One Health" programs. This is a way of thinking about the interconnectedness of human health, animal health, and the planet. It is a way of taking complex concepts and making them easier for the public to understand.

Personally, the change we have seen in health professionals' attitudes is remarkable and rewarding. It is an absolute privilege for my colleagues and I in the veterinary profession, to teach our young human medical students and young physicians. The collaborations we see developing bode well for teams of professionals to be ready to tackle potential pandemic diseases. In collaboration, there is strength. Our young students are enthusiastic and have high levels of energy. Can a society ever be ready for another pandemic? Well, there is certainly hope that we will be more prepared.



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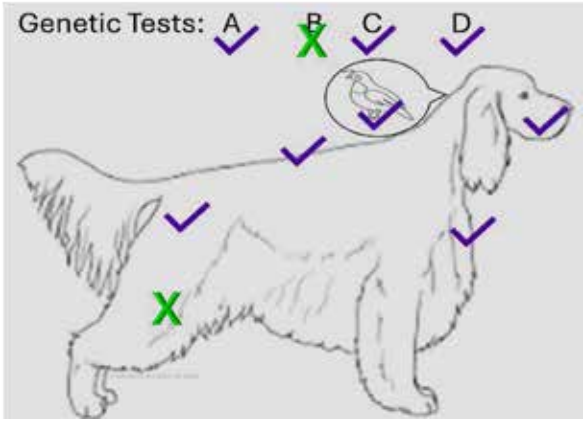
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Every breeder wants to produce that special dog that epitomizes the breed, is healthy, robust, and has a desirable temperament. Do our mating choices improve our chance of achieving this goal? All prospective breeding dogs should undergo evaluations to determine their worthiness for reproducing themselves through their offspring. These include conformational, behavioral, and working aspects (for breeds involved in hunting and working), as well as health evaluations. All of these aspects have strong genetic components that are inherited from one generation to the next.

Selection is the most powerful tool of dog breeders. It has created over 400 breeds worldwide demonstrating the genetic flexibility of the domestic dog species. Each dog breed was developed according to standards, based on specific roles, physical traits and behaviors. Through constant generational selection, breeds reproduce consistently through the accumulation and homozygous pairing of genes producing these traits. Breeders should consider the selective pressures behind their breeds. Working breeds have a drive to perform, and without tasks may become bored and develop bad habits. Even if not used for their original purpose they should be provided an outlet for their innate behavior. Through careful selection of dogs for desirable traits and against undesirable or disease-related characteristics, overall canine health and quality can be achieved. If undesirable traits or disease-related genes are not removed through selective breeding, the causative genes become more common in breeds.



Positive and negative aspects of prospective breeding dogs should be recorded and compared against each other.

As only a small portion of the breed gene pool ever reproduces, it is like a genetic bottleneck with each generation. The selection of breeding dogs is the most important aspect in shaping the quality and health of the breed. Quality traits should not be lost through the absence of selection or the abandonment of quality “lines”. Breeding quality dogs from different lines and areas of the gene pool maintains breed wide genetic diversity. If a quality dog is no longer going to be used for breeding, you should consider preserving his genes through the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (www.akcppb.org).

Occasionally, selected traits in certain breeds are genetically linked to disease-related genes. In some cases, the inheritance of the desirable trait and genetic disease can be separated through breeding. However, others may be tightly linked or even caused by the gene(s) producing the selected trait. Even more frequently, breed-specific anatomical traits get selected to be more extreme over time until they cross a threshold and predispose to disease. These include the brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS), excessive skin, excessive skin folds, excessive angulation, excessive size (both large and small), excessive coat, dome-shaped skulls, and eyelid abnormalities. In all instances, decisions must be made that favor health over anatomy. Moderation of anatomical extremes to the point where the desired anatomy is still present but no longer

predisposes to disease should be a goal of breeding as well as judging.

Considerations based on a realistic evaluation of the positive and negative aspects of prospective breeding dogs should be recorded and compared. Breeders should break down each prospective breeding dog's characteristics into separate categories reflecting desirable traits, undesirable traits, and both general and breed-specific inherited health conditions. The health history of dogs should be reviewed to identify genetic tendencies that cannot be screened for. These include health episodes of allergies, seizures, gastric dilatation/volvulus (bloat), chronic recurrent GI issues of vomiting or diarrhea, or inappropriate behaviors of aggression or timidity. Breed-specific health conditions include hip dysplasia, patella luxation, inherited eye disease, BOAS, and other genetic disorders (both with and without genetic tests). Evaluate breeding dogs based on scientifically validated criteria. Breed-specific pre-breeding health screening requirements are listed in the OFA-Canine Health Information Center (www.ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/) and the AKC Bred with HEART website (www.akc.org/breeder-programs/breed-health-testing-requirements/). Greater consideration should be given to selecting against disease liabilities, as they can result in illness, suffering and death. Select a dog that represents your goals for the next generation.

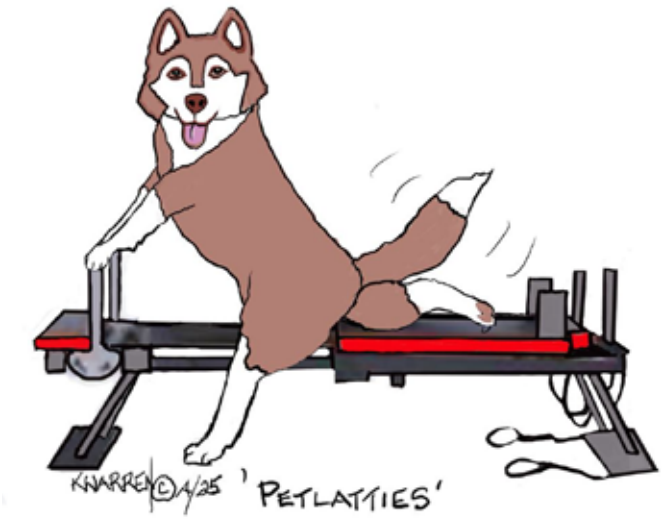
Once you have selected a breeding dog (or bitch) your next consideration is the selection of its mate. Prospective mates should be assessed using the above criteria. Strong consideration should be made in correcting or enhancing the traits that your chosen breeding dog needs for improvement. This process is called grading up. Improve what you have by breeding to one that is better. When evaluating mating choices, you may also consider the inheritance of particular traits. Complex or polygenically inherited traits typically require more generations to change than simple one gene-pair traits that can be changed in a single generation. Breeders can rarely achieve all their goals in one generation, so they must decide which traits to prioritize in the next mating.

Traits with dominant or additive gene inheritance are easier to control as the genotype is observed in the dog's phenotype. For recessive traits, selection involves the development and use of genetic tests that reveal the carrier state, validation of phenotypic tests, and/or the identification of lines with carrier risk (pedigree analysis). For a penetrant recessively inherited disorder with a valid test for carriers, two carriers should not be bred together. However, if a quality dog that is a carrier is going to be bred, it should be bred to a normal-testing mate to prevent affected dogs from being produced. The carrier parent should be replaced for breeding with a quality, normal-testing offspring. Carrier-testing offspring will not develop the genetic disorder and can be placed in pet homes. It is not advisable to select carrier offspring for breeding as this continues to propagate the causative gene in the population.

We all want to have the best quality dogs, but no one wants or wishes others to have unhealthy dogs. Official genetic screening results should be made available to prospective breeders, and to the pet and breeding-stock purchasing public. This is facilitated through open genetic health databases like the OFA-CHIC (www.ofa.org). OFA vertical pedigrees show health conditions in a prospective breeding dog's close family (siblings, parents, siblings of parents, grandparents) and provides more information on the range of liability genes and genetic risks for disorders that a dog can carry. Not testing for documented breed-related hereditary diseases is irresponsible and unethical breeding. Pre-breeding health screening should become as standard as equine pre-purchase examinations. All dogs deserve to live healthy lives, and we have the means to help achieve this.

AKC Gazette Article
by Karla Wall

Does Muscle Really Matter?
Conditioning Siberians For The Show Ring



This issue's guest columnist is Sandy Weaver, longtime Siberian owner and exhibitor, author, consultant, professional speaker and AKC judge of the Working and Non-Sporting Groups, a Toy breed, and Junior Showmanship. She also works with clubs and training centers across America, presenting seminars to help people win more in the conformation ring. When she's not traveling to consult, speak or to judge, she's spoiling her Siberian Husky and Standard Poodle.

When most people talk about a "show conditioned" Siberian, they're talking about maturity and coat. Some do recognize the need for good muscle tone, so they use a treadmill or roadwork their dogs. For most dogs in the ring, muscle condition seems to be an afterthought on the part of their owners. Dogs go into the show ring with muscle tone that comes from lounging, not working, and the judge never really gets to see their full potential.

Muscle condition is the key to your dog being able to hold a beautiful show stack and gait to their maximum ability. If you want to showcase your Siberian to their best advantage, you need to create and stick to a plan to get them into condition and keep them in condition. It doesn't have to be the rock-hard condition of a dog that spent the winter putting in miles every day in front of a rig or sled. It does have to be condition that produces strong, flexible muscles, especially in the topline, abdomen and pelvic girdle, and you can achieve that condition in the comfort of your own home and yard.

Do you ever see your dog nail a perfect stack on their own? Built correctly, many dogs do – and it doesn't last very long when it happens, right? They get excited about something – maybe a squirrel or a cat or a leaf blowing in the next county – and they pull themselves up into full alertness. Once the fascination fades, which nearly always happens before you can get a picture of it, the beautiful free stack is gone.

A show ring stack is a hard position for a dog to hold. Elbows under withers, rear pastern (hock) perpendicular to the ground is a position dogs use only briefly in real life, yet in the show ring we ask them to hold it for long periods of time. Dogs being dogs, most of them will try. Because it's hard and because most dogs don't have the muscle condition to hold it, they often step out of the stack before you're ready for them to move. Then you get frustrated, which can have a negative effect on the dog's attitude, and now you're not having fun in the ring and neither is your dog.

Conditioning Siberians for the show ring, especially for the show stack, is as easy as playing specific fun games with them. You can create most of what you'll need easily and inexpensively, and there are also companies that specialize in fitness equipment for dogs. Be sure you're starting with a dog in healthy physical condition – if they're overweight or have an injury, get them well and in proper weight before starting this conditioning work.

Here are some of the things you can use with your dog to "play" their way into better stacking and gaiting condition:

Balance pad

Bosu ball

Donut ball

Stacking blocks or stacking frame

Klimb table

Here's how you can put together a home-made version of most of the above tools:

High-density upholstery foam

Wobble board

You're on your own for this one – the donut ball is a very specific, very useful tool that's tough to replicate

Cinder blocks for big dogs, bricks for medium/small ones, and tuna cans for toys. Get some peel-and-stick carpet squares and apply to whatever you're using so the dogs get good footing, and then place the items on a surface where they won't slide. The idea is to elevate the dog slightly so they don't feel quite so secure in the stack.

An old end table or other small table, again with peel and stick carpet on top. Try to make it smaller than your grooming table, not large enough for them to feel comfortable turning around. Shorten the legs if the table is more than about a foot high.

Once you have your arsenal of fitness tools, here are three rules to remember:

Never let the dogs interact with your training tools unless you are there with them, actively training. Put them away or keep them in a room your dogs can't access.

Keep your training sessions short – stop before your dog gets bored.

Never train when you're feeling grumpy or out of sorts. If you're not ready for fun, don't train your dog.

If your dog is a puppy, here's one additional rule – NEVER ask a puppy to hold a show stack for more than about 7 seconds. Puppies are made of toothpicks, rubber bands, and dreams. Until their bones and muscles are full-grown, it's insanely difficult for your puppy to hold that position, even if they're willing to try.

Does your dog know any tricks? Use those and teach more – tricks will be the basis for most of your conditioning work. Here are some good ones to use:

Puppy push-ups – this is random transitions between sit, down, and stand. Keep it random so you're working their muscles in a different order as you go. For instance, if your dog is laying on the kitchen floor, grab a handful of tiny treats and ask for a stand, sit, stand, down, sit, down, stand. Doing this quickly and paying for each change of position will keep your dog engaged and may just keep you laughing.

Sit pretty, or the Lassie sit – this works abdominals, topline, and some of the pelvic girdle as they work to hold their balance. In the advanced version, transition from sit pretty to standing on hind legs – in other words, they push up into a two-legged stand directly from the sit pretty. This will add pelvic girdle and thigh muscles into the workout. Not all dogs are built for this one – dogs with more than just a slight drop-off to the croup may not be able to do a sit pretty.

Spin and twist – moving in a tight circle in both directions helps to tone and strengthen the back muscles while adding flexibility to the spine.

Leg weaves – again, the dog is moving in a continuous curved line, which strengthens small hip flexors and the topline while building flexibility.

Foot touches – teaching your dog to specifically reach out or back to touch something with their foot is the basis for using the elevated fitness equipment. Most dogs will easily learn to touch something with their front feet – the rear is a little harder. Use a towel or small rug as their target to start with, and once they have the idea, you can then introduce the equipment.

Back up – moving backwards works very different muscles than moving forwards and has a focused, positive effect on the pelvic girdle muscles. The straighter the backwards movement the better, so start off against a wall or in a narrow space to help them learn to go straight backwards.

Lateral movement – dogs rarely choose to step sideways, especially with their rears, and this is a great move for creating strength in the small muscles around the hip joints.

As you've probably already figured out, a lot of this doesn't need equipment, so if you don't have equipment or it doesn't fit your budget right now, no worries – just use tricks to give your dog short little workouts throughout the day. You can do puppy push-ups, sit pretty, spins, twists, leg weaves, foot touches, backing up, and lateral movement moves with nothing but you, your dog, their favorite tiny training treat, and a little bit of time. Try to keep your workout sessions short and happy – 5 minutes is plenty – and mix up what you're working on. Plan on doing two or three different exercises in each session – this keeps things fresh for both you and your dog.

When you're ready to add equipment here are some ideas you can use:

Using a fitness mat, rigid upholstery foam, stacking blocks/frame or the homemade equivalent, ask your dog to stand on whatever you're using. Get them into a show stack, or as close as you can manage, and then use a training treat right in front of their nose to slowly lure their head from one side to the other. This will cause them to engage muscles in the back, abdomen, and hips to hold their balance. Go slowly so they leave their feet in position.

Cavaletti or the homemade equivalent are raised bars parallel to the ground and evenly spaced that you will guide your dog to walk over. Ideally only one foot should touch the ground between each bar, so a set of four bars will get you a complete footfall rotation. Cavaletti help the dog learn where their back feet are, and in the process of lifting each foot, helps build back, abdominal, and pelvic muscles. Keep them just high enough that the dog is lifting, and not so high that they struggle to lift high enough.

Using a Bosu ball or a wobble board, ask your dog to put their rear feet on the center. To begin with, reward them for balancing on the equipment. You can slowly lengthen the time you ask them to balance before treating them. Once they understand how to use their muscles to hold their rear balance, slowly lure their head from side to side to engage more muscles and work the pelvic girdle muscles even more.

The donut ball is challenging for a dog to balance on because every surface curves in two directions. Ask them to put their front feet on it and achieve something approaching a show stack – elbows under withers, rear pasters perpendicular to the ground. Admire their beautiful face as they work to hold this and be ready to start over as often as they need to.

Using a Klimb or other small, elevated platform, ask for slow-motion tricks like sit pretty, spin, and twist. You want these to be slow and deliberate so the dog doesn't fall off the platform.

Using a small block, table, or upside-down rigid rubber bowl, ask your dog to put their front feet on it. Using a training treat, you begin slowly stepping sideways around the platform, encouraging your dog to mirror your movement. They'll be stepping with their rear feet while balancing with their front, and this lateral movement will strengthen their pelvic girdle muscles.

When you accomplish at least one 5-minute training session a day with your dog, you'll be building up the muscles they need in order to shine in the show ring, both in a stack and on the move. And you'll be building something even better – you'll be building a great working relationship between the two of you that'll last a lifetime.

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18 YEARS YOUNG



Braeburn's Flying Phoebe, call name "Phoebe", AKC WS24801605 - was born November 17, 2007 here at our kennel. We are a working kennel (run recreationally and ran a tour business for 13 years) and so she spent her life as a sled dog before retiring at age 14.

~KATHY BENNETT

How to Navigate Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season is here, but a few simple tips can go a long way to keep yourself and others healthy. A family medicine doctor explains.

CLEVELAND - With cold and flu season here, it's important to remember how we can protect ourselves and others from getting sick.

"Make sure to get vaccinated so you can prevent the spread of certain illnesses, regularly wash your hands and keep your environment clean," explained Neha Vyas, MD, a family medicine physician at Cleveland Clinic.

When it comes to vaccines, Dr. Vyas recommends checking with your primary care provider to see which ones are right for you.

Frequently washing your hands and disinfecting high-touch surfaces also helps protect both you and those around you from getting sick.

Dr. Vyas adds that stocking up on some essential medicines at homeis key as well.

This includes over-the-counter remedies for pain, fever and cough.

If you do start feeling sick, Dr. Vyas said there are a few things to keep in mind.

"If you have a cough, make sure you cover it with a mask, turn your head to the side or cough in your sleeve," Dr. Vyas said. "You should also consult with your doctor if your symptoms last longer than a week or if they're not getting any better."

Dr. Vyas said staying home when you're sick and taking these small steps can help prevent the spread of the flu and other viruses.

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SIBERIAN HUSKY OPTHALMIC REGISTRY



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You will receive the original back with the number written on it.

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