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"Sully" soars to new heights!



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Dam:
CH Highlander's Ginger Snap

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President's Message

As I write this, New England is emerging from a late start to a very wet and rainy summer, with that dreadful pattern of rain every weekend. Hopefully that pattern will go away soon!

But on a brighter note, the information booklet for the Erie Specialty in October is now available on the SHCA website. Please look at it carefully because there are many changes to the traditional Specialty format, and a lot of activities and events to fit into your schedule. A nearby Agility facility is a big positive change, and the Working Pack Hike and FastCAT events though not on-site are both nearby as well. Carrying forward with the change instituted last year, the Erie Specialty will also include two pre-National specialty shows, one hosted by a regional club and one hosted by the SHCA. Premium lists will be posted as they become available.

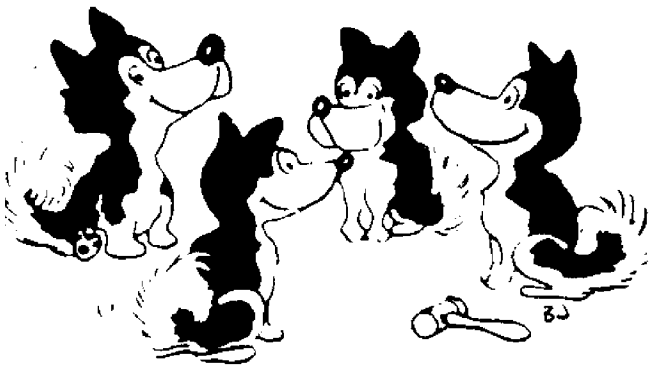
The Top 20 event on Wednesday has an expanded format this year which will include 2023 and 2024 candidates, a new addition of top Owner Handled dogs, and most importantly the presentation of the SHCA Annual Awards due to there not being a banquet this year. It will be interesting to see how well this format works. Thursday brings a valuable educational seminar as well as the Annual Meeting and the introduction of the new Officers and Board of Directors.

Which brings me to my final point regarding this year's elections which I outlined in my last message. Nominations from the floor have now closed and members will need to review all of the candidate profile forms which will be posted on the SHCA members only section of the SHCA website as well as being published in the next Bulletin. Voting will be both by electronic ballot and paper ballot depending upon your preferences with the opt-in balloting. Every vote is important. The SHCA membership is a talented and experienced group of individuals with diverse backgrounds and areas of interest. As the SHCA moves forward in a difficult climate for all dog clubs to succeed, it is all that much more important to put together a board of directors that has the expertise and creativity to deal with the modern-day challenges of declining revenue, member engagement, genetic testing guidelines, support for new AKC exhibitor programs and titles, and the climate change that affects Siberian working events. If you have questions for the candidates, please speak to them directly to be satisfied that they are your choice to keep the SHCA vibrant and able to support all the areas of interest of our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cook

President SHCA









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CH Thesewoods A Toast to Alkas'iber SDX, CGC, PCD,CD,RM, BCAT, TKI
(CH Yetieska's Knight Before Christmas SD, CGC, PCD, CD, RE, TKI x Thesewoods Caledonia Spirit)





Alkas'iber Kennel George and Ann Mariah Cook,
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Katie Gocher DESIGN



MBIS MBISS GCHS CH CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR

1 *Siberian Husky*

4 *Dog Among All Breeds*

10 *Bests in Show*

From the Editor's Desk

2024 FINALIST





Hello, my dearest friends! Siberian Husky fanciers are truly a rare breed. We form a very strong bond that endures. It endures both wins and losses and time. As you go about your busy Summer schedules, please take a moment to check in with some of older members, who no longer get out to attend the shows. We would all love to hear from you.

The National Specialty is fast approaching, and I'm sure that there are many of you hoping to have dogs ready and primed for winning. When we ran a team in Tucson, we put about 40 miles in harness on our dogs per week during the Winter months. Then we were forced to seek alternative means of exercising them the rest of the year. But truly, our dogs were so hard-bodied that they retained their muscles during the long, hot summers of the Arizona desert. And, now we have 2 couch potatoes! Ah, great memories!

This issue includes some fantastic historical photos from Bob and Pam Thomas--thank you so much! It is such a trip to see Togo and Balto in the same team!

Doctor Cera has written a very thought-provoking article on "Dire Consequences." Be sure to check it out!

I hope to get the Autumn issue out before the National, so if you're thinking about advertising, please get your ad in early. The **theme for our next issue will be Junior Showmanship**. So, dig out a photo and write an article. Particularly, if that is how you got your start!

Sunshine News by Mike Headle



Please send me notice of any member illness, so that I may send out a card from the Club.

Thanks very much! Email: mmheadle@gmail.com

2025-2027 SHCA Officers and Directors Election Status Update

The SHCA's 2025-2027 Election of Officers and Directors will be managed by Election Buddy. Balloting will occur both electronically and via USPS mail. ElectionBuddy will handle the distribution and counting of all ballots—both electronic and paper.

2025-2027 SHCA Election Timeline

- **Nominations by Petition: Closed** (as of May 30, 2025)
- **Electronic Ballot Authorization:** Close (Due June 30, 2025)

Per our Constitution & Bylaws, members who do not provide authorization will receive all materials via first-class mail. Members may opt out of electronic ballot anytime.

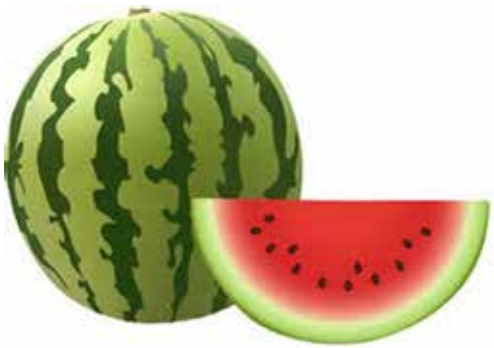
- **Nominee Profiles Published: Not Started** (Will appear in the May/June 2025 Bulletin and online)
- **Voting Process:** Not Started
  - **Ballot information submitted to ElectionBuddy:** By July 21, 2025
  - ***Ballots distributed:*** Between August 4 and August 14, 2025
  - **Election results finalized:** By September 13, 2025 (more than 30 days before the October 16, 2025 meeting)

If you have any questions about the election process or your ballot delivery options, please contact Mary Groth, SHCA Recording Secretary (mgrothshca@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation in this important process!

* As we move through this important process, we ask all members to uphold the values of sportsmanship and civility that are central to SHCA and the American Kennel Club. The AKC's Social Media and Sportsmanship policies prohibit inappropriate comments or attacks on individuals or clubs on any platform. Violations may be subject to disciplinary action by the club or the AKC.

Additionally, the SHCA Code of Ethics expects all members to refrain from any activity that would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club and the breed. We encourage members to focus on the qualifications and contributions of candidates, and to direct any questions to candidates personally and respectfully.



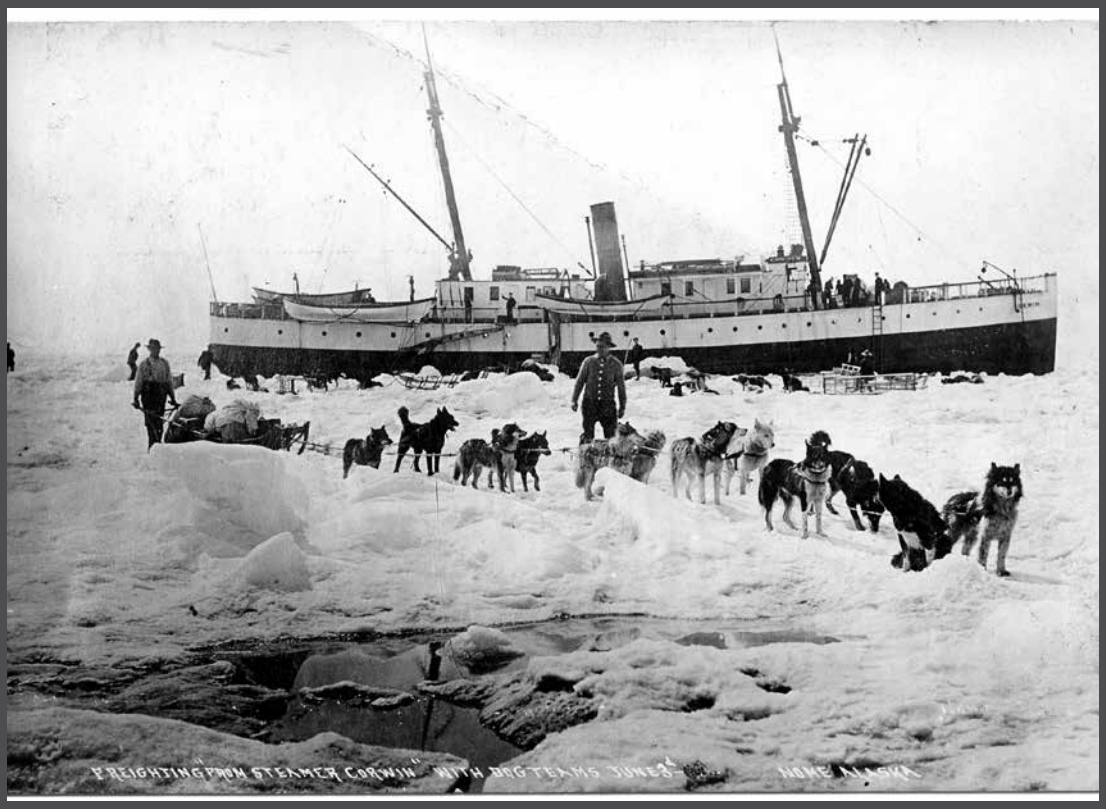
BLAST FROM THE PAST

By: Bob and Pam Thomas

Siberians At Work Around Nome

Although famous for their exploits on the racing trails of Nome and the Seward Peninsula area, the Siberian teams of that part of Alaska spent most of the winter hauling freight and people on the trails, mainly in support of the Pioneer Mining Company. There were Siberian teams assigned to four Pioneer locations: Little Creek, Cape Horn, Chinik Mining Camp, and Frank Shaw Mining Camp. The teams occasionally transported people and high value cargo as far as Nenana and Fairbanks. Much of the late winter/early spring trips involved hauling supplies to Cape Horn, where the company housed the main summer camp for the ditch supervisor (Leonhard Seppala) and his repair crew.

1. One of the earliest photos of a Siberian team at work in Nome, here we see Charley Johnson's Siberians freighting from the steamer Corwin in early June 1911-1912. Nome had no harbor, requiring all ships to anchor offshore. The earliest arriving ships tied off to the remaining sea ice and dog teams were used instead of boats to transfer everything ashore. R. H. Thomas Collection



Charley Johnson Team in Front of Corwin

2. Leonhard Seppala's team circa late teens. It appears that this is a 21-dog team with seven 3-dog hitches. It isn't known if this was a onetime hookup or if Sepp used the arrangement occasionally for heavy loads. In lead are Scotty (R), Lucky Swede (L), and an unidentified dog. At point are Russky (R), Jeds/Jens (L), and at left swing is Whitey.
Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



Leonard with his 21 dog team, Scotty & Lucky Swede at front, Russky & Jeds_Jens at point, Whitey behind Russky

3. Constance Seppala and a Pioneer Mining Company employee hauling supplies to Cape Horn in late winter (note snow melting and dogs panting!) In lead are Russky and Luck Swede; at point are Scotty and Togo. Circa early 1920s.
Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



Constance & Pioneer Employee, 2 heavily loaded sleds_ Togo & Scotty at point_ Russky & Lucky Swede at lead

4. This photo was taken in the area of Cape Horn. Here was have a who's who of notable Siberians – from the driver's view: In lead Russky and Togo; at point Lucky Swede on right; at team are Fox and Pete; behind Fox is Whitey and, in the back with his head sticking up is Scotty. Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



Togo & Russky lead, Lucky Swede at point, Fox & Pete at Team, Whitey Behind Fox, Scotty in Back

5. Constance with a passenger not far out of Nome, and mining structures seen in back. In lead is Fox, with Fritz at nearest point. Behind Fritz is Balto. Note the Siberian sitting inside the sled's front bow! Circa early 1920s. Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



Constance with Passenger. Fox in Lead, Fritz at Right Point, Balto at Right Swing, circa Early 1920s

6. Pioneer Mining Company team alongside the Nome River between Nome and Cape Horn. If you look carefully, there is a loose Siberian on the left side of the hill. Circa early 1920s.
Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



A Pioneer Mining Co. Team Along the Nome River Early 1920s

7. Togo in single lead of a 17-dog team outside Nome. Sepp normally did not use necklines on his dogs as seen here. From driver's view, Fritz is at left swing and Scotty at right team. Circa early 1920s.
Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



Siberian Team with Togo in Lead, Fritz at Left Swing, Scotty at Right Team c Early 1920s

8. This photo was taken on the Bering Sea ice offshore Nome, which is visible in the distance. There were several teams (Sepp is on his sled in the middle) involved in what was a photo shoot of Seppala and some of the local Eskimos. The man on the right, with a tripod and camera in his sled, was one of the photographers. Sigrid Seppala Hanks Collection



A dog team train returning to Nome (in background) on the Bering Sea Ice circa mid 1920s



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Jamesa Maulden, SHOR Chairperson,
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You will receive the original back with the number written on it.

•Make checks in US Funds drawn on a US Bank payable to: Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc. (SHCA, Inc.).

This registry will soon be accessed online at https://www.shca.org/shor
We will no longer be printing the updates in the Newsletter. This information is available on the OFA Website.

PERFORMANCE PLACE

BY:Theresa Pryzbylski

Summer Training & Showing

If you don't have an area inside at home that you can use for training, summer provides the opportunity to train outside. If you don't have a separate fenced area that you can use for training one thing you might want to do is make some ring gates to use to gate off a training area. These can be easily made with pvc and lattice and will be useful to familiarize your dog with gating as many clubs use these as ring gating. If that is not an option one thing to remember is that if this is new to your dog, who may be used to having your yard as a place to wander on its own, you will need to introduce them to an area where you want them to pay attention to you and not go off on their own. If working in Obedience or Rally consider starting on leash even if they are in an advanced class where they are off leash. Using some real high reward treats will help with focus and attention. If your dog goes off on its own, then take a step back and work on focus and attention using those high reward treats. If working on agility keep the sequence short and work on skills. Keep these sessions short. Morning or evening sessions are best in areas that see high temperatures during the summer.

Depending on your area, summer shows present their own challenges. Some areas hold shows outdoors during the summer, even all year. If this is the case be sure you have access to shade at the show site, an easy-up for shade or fans you can use in your vehicle for air flow if there is no air-conditioned indoor crating. The thing to remember is if you choose to use indoor air-conditioned crating you should acclimate your dog to the heat before running them. It's not a good idea to take a dog from an air-conditioned environment and then immediately run them in high temperatures. Be very conscientious regarding heat and humidity when showing your dogs in the summer. Be sure to keep you and your dog hydrated! Many areas now have air-conditioned show sites, which is wonderful. Many of us use soft-sided crates and while they are convenient, they can be warm for our dogs as they are not as open for air flow as a mental crate. There are some nice fans which use rechargeable batteries that can be used to help with keeping your dogs cool in these crates. It is beneficial to use these with your soft sided crates all year long to keep your dog comfortable.

Traveling to shows or training classes in the summer presents their own challenges. Whether it is a local show or training facility or one that requires longer travel, be sure to have plenty of water for you and your dog. Be sure to check the weather. If storms are forecasted have a way to get severe weather notices. Be aware of any changes to the weather. It's always a good idea to have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Be sure your dogs are chipped, the information is updated, and you have current photos in your phone of your dogs. It is also a good idea to have collars with information tags on your dogs. Another important thing is to have something on each dog's crate with emergency information and authorization for emergency treatment in case you are incapacitated. There is a nice vehicle magnet that says "In case of emergency check vehicle for pets" that can be ordered online.

In closing make this a great summer, enjoy the time with your dogs training, showing or just hanging out.

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Doc Cera

DIRE CONSECUENCES-

WILL WE SEE DIRE-DOODLES IN A SHOW RING NEAR YOU

By: Lee M. Cera, DVM, PhD

Since movies and television programs gave us a fantasy of bringing prehistoric animals back to life, scientists have debated the ethics surrounding the possibility. As scientists, we often wrestle with the can we/should we conundrum. First, so we are all on the same page, what gives us the belief that we can bring the wooly mammoth or T. Rex into our present time. The answer lies in fantastic advances in gene editing technology.

The current gene editing technology is called CRISPR (short for clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats). This technology is used to selectively modify the DNA of living organisms. It is a phenomenal tool and has many wonderful uses. An enzyme (Cas9) is used to cut apart DNA. This tool is quick and efficient at tweaking almost any gene in a living organism. It is a low cost, easily used tool which has been used to fix genetic diseases, alter and combat viruses and it is used in many other wonderful ways. You can find many examples of such use on the internet.



The most recent splash has come from the use of this technology to “de-extinct” the ‘dire wolf’. There certainly was a prehistoric animal referred to as a dire wolf (Aenocyon dirus). This creature is thought to have become extinct roughly 10,000 years ago. The ancient DNA was apparently extracted from a tooth that is roughly 13,000 years old which came from Sheridan Pit in Ohio and a 72,000-year-old inner ear bone from American Falls in Ohio. Just the recovery of genetic material from these specimens is astounding.

Once the DNA is recovered from the ancient specimen, it can be compared to the genome of wolves, foxes, jackals and other animals which we believe might be closely related. As you can see, the dire wolf has its own genus, it is not in the genus canis like dogs and wolves. In a 2021 study, some scientists have given the opinion that the dire wolf is more closely related to the African jackal than the wolf. That is truly a predatory animal.

However, the current animals in the news required an egg from the gray wolf to hold and grow the genetic material the scientists selected to “insert”. It has been reported that some 20 genes were edited into the gray wolf cell to create the animals which are current celebrities. The canine genome consists of at least 19,000 genes, so a 14-20 gene edit (14 modifications in 20 genes) is considerable, but may not be sufficient for what is currently being called “de-extinction”. In addition to the science of what defines an animal, Princeton scientists working on this project with the genetics company have cautioned that cloned animals have always had unpredictable health problems. Thus, the animals are being closely monitored in a large wild preserve.

These animals will not be released into the wild so that their health and development can be studied. Admittedly, they are adorable pups and handsome adults. They are GMO or genetically modified organisms -genetically modified wolves. The animals have large size, pale or white thick dense coats. This is a very interesting experiment which the company insists is not meant to recreate an exact replica of an extinct species, but to create an animal which can fill the void created when the species disappeared. The general reporting has been misleading in describing these animals as real dire wolves.



Experts are having interesting discussions on the exact nature of the creatures which have been developed. Some scientists have theorized that the modern creation called a dire wolf is more like the television version than the extinct animal. Scientists have noted that an investor in the company which brought us these animals was part of the television series. Thus, the white coats of the current animals mirror the television concept of the animal.

Science will sort all of this out in time. Peer-review will take time to sort out the exact nature of these animals. It is thought that the dire wolf had robust limbs, stronger bites, larger size, and teeth evolved for crunching bones. It is felt that they were likely brown or grey to better suit their environment, except for those animals living in northern regions which were likely pale or white to blend in with snowy habitat.

Interestingly, the dire wolf likely vocalized differently than modern canids. Their hyoid bone is larger and more robust than current canids. They likely had very deep, sonorous voices. Their skulls were developed for an exceedingly strong bite force. Admittedly, that would be wonderful to hear in the wild.

Absolutely adorable as pets!!!! The worrisome aspect is that there have already been many requests for such pups. People want to keep them as pets envisioning owning a piece of the wild. That is a very bad idea.

Well, thankfully, that is not going to happen any time soon. I had nightmares of Dire doodles in the working dog ring. Good grief, the working group is getting larger each year and adding a 150–200-pound apex predator and independent thinker to the group would bring total chaos. Having worked around African spotted dogs, I learned that they were not at all like the dogs I am usually with.



This beautiful African wild dog is a true Apex predator and formidable for certain!

Having had many Siberian Huskies over the years, I can only think in horror of handling a 200-pound animal with the features we described. My Siberians are independent enough for me, as any of you who have seen me in the agility ring over the years know. They love entertaining the crowd and think the A frame was intended for a good howling session.

These would not be animals that most of us could handle nor, in my opinion, should we. Genetic tools are both wonderful and scary. It is a dream to be able to prevent the extinction of animals currently on the endangered list. But my problem is that we must save their habitats first. The living space is utmost in a fight for survival.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Lee M Cera, DVM, PhD went to Veterinary School at the University of Illinois followed by Medical School and a PhD at The University of Chicago. Her training is in Comparative Medicine and Pathology and since graduation she has worked at The University of Chicago, Pathology Associates, and Loyola University of Chicago. She has been associated with the One Health initiative with Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos and is currently an Assistant Dean, Stritch School of Medicine, Director of Comparative Medicine and a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacology. Her current areas of research interest includes zoonotic diseases, particularly the recently emerging or reemerging diseases.

AKC Gazette Article
by Karla Wall

Allow me to introduce myself. I've been an exhibitor and breeder of Siberians for around 20 years and an SHCA member for around 15 years. I live in Lake Charles, La., in the southwestern-most corner of the state near the Texas border. I've participated in conformation, agility, obedience and rally.

When I was approached about taking over as coordinator of this column, my first instinct was to say no — call it stage fright; call it a reluctance to put something extra on my plate. However, I've long believed that at a certain point in our dog show and breeding careers it's important, even necessary, that we begin giving back to the sport and the dog world. In fact, that was going to be the gist of my first column.

However, I just realized that we're only a little over 60 days away from the beginning of the 2025 hurricane season (the five or six months of the year during which we here on the Gulf give back to the pharmaceutical company that produces Maalox).

There's already a low-pressure system off the Eastern coast, so we're already seeing our first dreaded "yellow blob" on the weather map. There are wildfires reported in California (and in winter, not the usual spring or summer), as well as Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and the Carolinas. North Carolina experienced actual hurricane conditions last summer, something previously unheard of.

Rainfall, flooding, wind, fire, heat, cold and snow records are being broken on a seemingly daily basis. (We had six inches of snow on the Gulf Coast in January, something that has happened only once, in 1889, I believe.) Weather is no longer routine or predictable.



All that to say this: **Planning on how you'll get your family and dogs to safety in the event of a natural disaster is more important than ever.** And I felt this would be a great time to encourage you to formulate, evaluate and review your emergency plans and have them ready to implement at a moment's notice.

Evacuating from a natural disaster with your pets requires some intense planning, especially if you have a full kennel of Siberians who need space, daily exercise and freedom.

It begins with deciding on a destination. That's not something you want to have to do as a fire or flood is threatening; make this decision well in advance. Check out hotel pet policies and do some research on area boarding kennels. (No, they're not ideal, but many offer adequate exercise yards and free-time schedules that will suit Siberians at least temporarily.)

If you have a friend or family member willing to take you in, are they knowledgeable about Siberians? Do they fully understand the breed and its needs and, shall we say, proclivities? What are their limitations as far as pets in the house? (Will you have to keep your dogs in crates at all times?)
Address all of that well before you have to hit the road. Know where you're going and how you'll care for your dogs once you're there.

Check out vets in the area you've chosen to evacuate to, particularly if you have an older dog or one with special needs.

Lean on friends. One of my first steps when that low-pressure blob shows up in the Gulf is to get in touch with my Siberian club members to ask who might be able to board a dog or two for me until it's okay for me to bring the dogs back home. Check with Siberian clubs, all-breed clubs and close show friends. It's not a time to be too proud to beg, and having your dog with a friend who's knowledgeable about the breed is far better than boarding. I can't tell you how much it eases your mind.

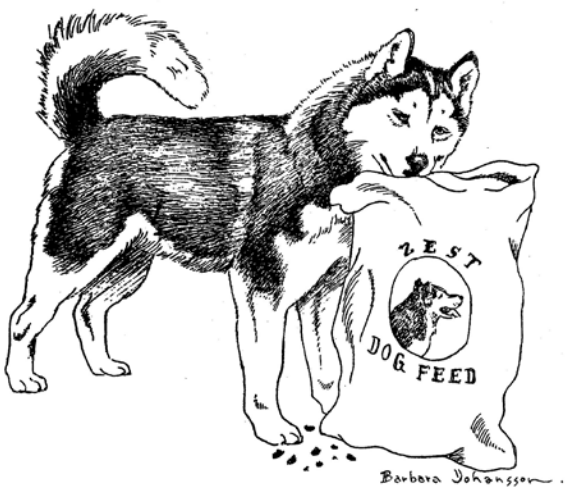
It's all about making things as easy as possible during a stressful situation, right down to looking up phone numbers. Aside from your insurance company's contact information, make sure you have numbers for veterinarians in the area you've chosen to evacuate to, as well as rescue groups and animal shelters in the area. Whether you write it on a sheet of paper or save it in a file on your tablet, make sure looking up those numbers is as easy as possible.

Microchipping — a good idea at home, an absolute must on the road. Collars and tags fall off, and etching on tags can fade. Make sure all dogs are chipped and the chip registration is current. Keep current photos of your dogs and other pets ready to print out in case you need to create those dreaded "Lost Dog" notices or post on lost dog social media groups. Things happen on the road, as we well know, and you want some way to identify and publicize a lost dog.

We are a big fan of "emergency packets" down here in Louisiana, and that goes for the dogs, as well. Extra copies of AKC registration papers, medical records, etc. are kept in a packet I can grab and throw in the suitcase. Same with medica-

tions. Keep a bit overstocked on medicines, and place the extra with your “go kit.”

Those of you with a large show kennel usually stay stocked with enough food to last weeks, but it should be said that having a bit extra on hand if you think you may have to evacuate is a good idea.



I remember well my first experience with evacuating with Siberians — Hurricane Rita in 2005. I’d let myself get low on food but didn’t sweat it because the forecasts had the storm moving ashore well east of us. I could stop in and pick up food in a couple of days. Rita made an unexpected turn about 24 hours before landfall — and headed straight for us. I was busy packing and loading. I suddenly remembered that I needed dog food and also realized that stores were closing left and right. I slid into the Petsmart parking lot just as they were closing the doors. Thanks to a very understanding employee who unlocked the doors he’d been locking as I walked up, I had enough food when we left to last a week or two.

It all comes down to planning. Take the time now to sit down and come up with a workable plan you can put into action quickly. With multiple Siberian athletes to worry about, it’s not a simple matter of grabbing your suitcase.

FYI

AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program

Storms, flooding, and wildfires across the country have been devastating for people and their pets. AKC Reunite has donated funds to support the work of shelters and rescues that are saving and reuniting pets with their owners during such disasters. But, it is after tragedies like these, the need for emergency preparedness is evident.

Each AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer is stocked with essential supplies to house at least 65 pets during the critical first few days after a disaster is declared. The trailer has lighting and is wired for electricity to run off either a generator or a 110v power supply.

The program’s genesis was in response to the devastation after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when many people stayed in harm’s way because emergency response plans did not accommodate pets. AKC Pet Disaster Relief’s life-saving trailers enable local Emergency Management organizations across the country to plan, prepare and respond to disasters that impact people and their pets.



Photo submitted by Karen Pajestka

Area Club Reports
by Karen Shaner

Siberian Husky Club of Middle Tennessee

We are happy to report that the Siberian Husky Club of Middle Tennessee is alive and well. We survived another winter in the frozen tundra of the southeast U.S. (just kidding) and are now entering the dogs' favorite time of the year where the low temps are in the 90s and the humidity is about 150% (just kidding again). On a serious note, our club members continue to enjoy life with our magnificent dogs and have enjoyed success in the show ring and the performance world. Our membership is growing, and we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining our club that lives in the Middle Tennessee area or the surrounding states. We have been conducting most of our meetings via Zoom, so attendance is easier than ever. Just contact Bill Steadman at acesiberians@gmail.com if you would like to get a membership application and attend our next meeting.

We are also excited about our upcoming shows with the Chattanooga and North Georgia Kennel clubs at the "Mountain Comfort Cluster" in McDonald, Tennessee which is just a few minutes north of Chattanooga. We will have supported entries at the all-breed shows all four days as well as concurrent specialties on Saturday 9/13 and Sunday 9/14. So, there will be 6 chances to put those highly coveted majors on your furry friends. The judges for the specialties are Saturday: Jon Cole and Sunday: Marie Falconer. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or the AKC events page to get the premium list when it becomes available. We hope that you will make plans to join us at our new show site and look forward to seeing you so we can show some of that famous southern hospitality. See y'all soon!!

Submitted by Bill Steadman

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland

Spring has been a very busy month for the SHCGC. We held our Annual 5 K Run / 1 mile walk at Edgewater Park in Cleveland Ohio with over 150 Runners and Walkers! The race has been named the "IDIDARUN" and over the years and runners have come to enjoy this event with the majority of dogs in the race being Siberians, which we are so very happy to see!

We also held our first Regional Specialty (SHCA) in Wilmington, Ohio in March at the beautiful Roberts Center! There were two specialties on Friday and Supported entries on Saturday and Sunday. This venue also hosted a Regional Owners Handler Series on Friday, where we had a very nice group of Siberians wrapped around the ring!

This summer we will hold a Fit Dog Walk and a Summer Picnic!

Our Designated Specialties are in Canton Ohio, home of the NFL Hall of Fame. These will be held on June 7 & 8 in conjunction with the McKinley Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows. There is an NFL Team Theme and all Judges and exhibitors are encouraged to wear their favorite Team attire!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Summer!

Respectfully,
Shelley Kacenski
President

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago

Recently several club members, along with their dogs or a foster dog, joined Adopt-A-Husky's annual Husky Hike to raise funds for huskies in need. The weather was a perfect May day for a 2-mile hike around a beautiful lake. Afterwards we had lunch, demonstrations, games, auctions and vendor shopping. Wonderful day for all Huskies!

Our club will once again, along with the SHCA, sponsor 3 days of all breed agility trials on August 8-10, 2025, in Huntley, IL. This is limited entry and being all-breed will fill up fast! Kathy Guerra is judging all 3 days.

Just a reminder, on your way to the National in Ohio this fall, stop at the 3 Chicago shows in Huntley, IL. October 11-12, 2025.
Entries close September 24, 2025. Judges: Conformation: Anne R Palmer, Brian Palmer, Jeanne Ellen Stiner
Obedience/Rally: Loretta C Lazzara

Enjoy Summer with your furry friends!

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Hanner
www.shcgc.com

Seneca Siberian Husky Club

At the time of this writing, plans are fully underway for our spring specialties, with trophy sponsorships in place and a new show organization to assist with entries. 2025 is notable as it marks our 50th specialty, that's right 50 YEARS of hosting this western NY tradition!!! We look forward to another successful show in what we believe to be an ideal location, just off the NYS Thruway in the town of Batavia. This year we again will be raffling off a Siberian-themed quilt, designed and assembled by some very talented members. Some lucky person will be very happy!! Be sure to plan on attending in 2026 if somehow you missed us in 2025. We continue to explore ways to attract new members. In addition to our Facebook page and website, we have informational flyers that members have been distributing at vet clinics, pet stores and dog events.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Leight

Northern California Siberian Husky Club

Winter rains turn California hills and valleys into a lush Oz like green. Despite snow in the mountains at this time of year the foothills and valleys have mild temperatures, the best weather for dog shows. And so, it was for this year's NCSHC's three biennial specialties on April 25-26, 2025.

Friday AM Judge: Delbert L. Thacker
BOB/BOW/WB/NOHS BOB/Best BBE: Kayenta's Go With The Snow
BOS: CH Kalara's Lightning Thief BCAT DN CGCA
WD: Zvezda's The Need For Speed
Select Dog: CH Kayenta's Wildestar Mountain Music
Select Bitch: CH Kayenta's Xyclone
AOM: CH Debaly's The Trifecta AT Zarnia CGC TKN ATT
GCH CH Charlyn's Partner in Crime RN RI TKN CGC BCAT

Friday PM Judge: John P. Linnehan
BOB: GCH CH Kayenta's Solar Eclipse
WB/BOW: Yetieska's Jennifer Grey RI CGCA CGCU TKN
BOS/NOHS BOB: CH Kalara's Lightning Thief BCAT DN CGCA
WD/Best BBE: Arcticgrace's Dragon Of The Knight
Select Dog: CH Olgivan Show Scowling Wampus DCAT CGCA CGCU ATT TKP VHMA VSWE
Select Bitch: GCH CH Kayenta's Xuper Nova
AOM: CH Kalara Fusion She's Like the Wind CGC
CH Yetieska's Wind Dancer BCAT CGC TKN

Saturday Judge: Rosalind Hack
BOB/NOHS BOB: CH Zarniva's The Trifecta At Zarniva CGC TKN ATT
WD/BOW: Kayenta's Dark Energy
BOS: CH Takhari's I Believe in the Koz
WB/Best BBE: Kayenta's Go With The Snow
Select Dog: CH Olgivan Show Scowling Wampus DCAT CGCA CGCU ATT TKP VHMA VAWE
Select Bitch: CH Kayenta's Wildestar River Song (veteran class)
AOM: GCH CH Kayenta's This Ain't My First Snowdeo
GCH CH Kayenta's Solar Eclipse

Congratulations to all the above canines and their owners and handlers receiving recognition. Many thanks to the show committee for taking on their tasks: Show Chair Judy Tamagni; Event Secretary Kelly Collins; Trophy Chair Lori Chou; Hospitality Kelley Leedy; Raffle Diane Willett and Randee McQueen. Many thanks for all the wonderful photos both candid and show by Loren Perez of Toplines and Talons Photography.

A wonderful return to the past after Friday's judging, the club had a bar-b-que and potluck for all. This gives folks a chance to mingle and relax and eat together. Many thanks to Kim Thomsen, Michael Williamson, Kathy and Glenn Henderson for bringing this back to our specialty events.

Submitted by Nancy Mead





Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities

The Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities hosted our Specialty April 12th and 13th. We had lovely weather. It was great seeing everyone and their beautiful dogs. We hope you all had a great time. Here are the results for both days. Thank you to everyone that came out and we hope to see you next year!

Show: Sweepstakes on Saturday under judge Gary Griffin
Puppy Sweeps:
Best Puppy: Echoing Wind's Best of My Love
Best Opposite: Liberty's Gunna Light It Up
Veteran Sweeps:
Best Veteran: GCH CH Freon's No Self

Control
Best Opposite: GRCHS Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart

Show Saturday under breeder Judge Olivia Harvey
BOB: CH Highlander's Flight Commander
BOW: Echoing Wind's Thick As Thieves
BOS: CH Lodgepole's Makin' A Splash
SD: CH AOI's Kuro Yuki No Ouji
SB: GCH CH Dynasty Rc So Far Away
WB: Marlytuk's N Highlanders Della Rosa
AOM: CH Sumac N' Trepak's Non Negotiable
AOM: CH Barynuk's Black Magic Woman
Best Veteran: GCHS CH Echoing Wind's All My Love to Kansa
Best Bred By Exhibitor: Echoing Wind's Thick As Thieves

Show Sunday under judge Shilon Bedford
BOB: CH Sumac N' Trepak's Non Negotiable
BOW: Sidra's Code Of Honor
BOS: GCH CH Kansa Hey Look At Me
SD: GRCHS Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart
SB: CH Barynuk's Black Magic Woman
WB: Sumac N' Trepak's Peak Performance
AOM: GCH CH Dynasty Rc So Far Away
AOM: GCHS Echoing Wind's Bauer Hawkey
Best Veteran: Nikaluk's Indian Jade
Best Bred By Exhibitor: Sumac N' Trepak's Peak Performance

Respectfully submitted,

Briana Klecker

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit

Another weekend of successful agility trials is in the books! Several club members pitched in, even though none were running dogs. Hopefully next year a few Siberians will participate.

The club's annual awards will be presented at the June 22nd annual picnic at The Palmer's in Dexter, MI. Traveling trophies include top winning dog, top winning bitch, class dog, class bitch and top winning puppy for 2024. Photo plaques for new champions and performance titles will also be awarded.

The Ann Arbor Kennel Club (AAKC) will hold its annual dog show July 4th - 6th in Monroe Michigan at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Attached are a few pictures from the agility trials.

Regards,

Cheryl Owens

Rocky Mountain Siberian Husky Club

The first few months of any year in the Rockies are a period of rest and rejuvenation – a constant blanket of snow in the mountains for our watersheds, cool clear days and nights in the city for our walks, and alternating couch time and brisk play sessions for our beloved Siberians. During this time, RMSHC members hit the road for different activities.

Many of us hosted a corner of Meet the Breeds at the Denver Kennel Club show in February. Lucky visitors were treated to husky kisses and plenty of dog hair, while having their questions answered by our knowledgeable local exhibitors. This is an annual offering by our membership, and as always, very well attended.

Snowpack held for a decent racing season, with the highlight for Siberians being the purebred Rendezvous in Wyoming in March. Several folks on our club roster came home with SHCA medals and purse money, sponsored and donated by RMSHC and individual supporters. What a special memento for all!
On the horizon, we have our yearly awards gathering, where certificates of recognition are presented to any and all new titles within the club. Also, despite key club members on the move to new digs, plans proceed for our regional specialty in April 2026. Watch for updates as time progresses.

Now as we gear up for spring shows and outdoor competitions, wishing great good luck to all, in the ring and on the trail.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Doss

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Kansas City

Mark your calendars for our annual August specialties, held in conjunction with the Topeka and Manhattan Kennel Club shows in Topeka, KS Thursday, August 21, 2025 through Sunday, August 25 2025. Our specialties will be held on Friday and Saturday, with Puppy & Veteran Sweeps offered on Friday and Junior Showmanship offered on Saturday. Our Judges are as follows:

Friday: Breed - Sandy Weaver, Marietta, GA and Sweeps – Nancy Sedlacek.
Saturday: Breed and Jr Showmanship – Jessica Breinholt, Willow, AK.

Judges for the all-breed shows are as follows:

Thursday: Breed – Eric Liebes/Group – Dana Cline
Friday: Breed – Karen Hynek/Group – Joan Luna Liebes
Saturday: Breed - Bridget Brown/Group – Jean Pero
Sunday: Breed – Chris Ann Moore/Group – Bridget Brown

Plans are in the works for a dinner/get together on Friday evening. Hope to see everyone there!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Shaner

Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas

As of this writing, the Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas is getting the final preparations done for our inaugural designated specialties and concurrent specialty in late June as part of the Oklahoma Summer Classic cluster in Oklahoma City. We're excited to be part of one of the biggest all-breed clusters in the country and looking forward to seeing the Siberian community take part.

We're also busy planning our second annual all-breed FastCAT trials, to be held November 14 to 16 in Mesquite, Texas. We'll offer two trials each day for a total of six runs, so plenty of opportunity for titles. We were thrilled to have an incredible turnout last year and hope to build on that success this year.

And we're also planning our annual March specialties, set this year for March 14 and 15 in Terrell, Texas. There'll be two specialties on Saturday, as well as obedience and rally trials; and a specialty on Sunday with sweeps. Everyone always has a great time at our spring specialties, and we hope to see you all there. I'll have all the details in the Fall issue.







Siberian Husky Club of Greater St Louis

The Siberian Husky Club of Greater St Louis would like to thank everyone that came to our 2025 Specialty held on May 3, 2025. Here are the results:

BISS: GCH CH KANZA'S TALK ABOUT A STAR. BREEDER: Ruth A Lloyd & Emma Ewing. OWNER: Ruth A Lloyd

BOW/Best Bred-By: FULLMOON'S RISING FROM THE ASHES. BREEDER: Kevin E & Laurie Bailey. OWNER: Kevin E & Laurie Bailey

BOS: CH SNOWMIST'S YACHTSMAN. BREEDER: KIM RAMEY-LEBLANC. OWNER: KIM RAMEY-LEBLANC TEDI DEVLIN ERIN CRIQUI.

Select Dog: Ch HIGHLANDER'S FLIGHT COMMANDER. BREEDER: Anne & Brian Palmer. OWNER: Anne & Brian Palmer Mary Groth Anita Riley

Select Bitch/Best Veteran: CH PRIMUS A'S SKYRAIDER BCAT THD CGC. BREEDER: Vicki L Limbaugh & Robert Limbaugh. OWNER: Vicki L Limbaugh & Robert Limbaugh & Sandy Becraft

Winners Dog: MARITIME'S CATCH ME IF YOU CAN. BREEDER: Mary Groth/Pamela Kanzler/Eileen Gacke/Sandra Reitsma. OWNER: Kathy Dills / Mary Groth

As most of you know, we have changed our date to the spring instead of the fall. We are going to keep it in the spring for 2026. Hope you can all join us!

Submitted by Laurie Bailey

North Jersey Siberian Husky Club

May 9 was our annual Eye Clinic. We had 58 dogs examined, only one Siberian Husky. According to our vet, there were no inherited eye cataracts or any other inherited problems in any of those dogs. He indicated that over the last few years this has been the trend that he has seen, especially at our eye clinics, and that breeders are doing a good job.

Submitted by Irwin Linker

Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club

As you may have heard…The University of Connecticut women once again won the NCAA Championship. As we have done in the past, we had the honor of celebrating with them by participating in the victory parade through our state capital, Hartford. We had a great representation by a number of club members and even more dogs. We were just hoping the 1966 VW bus in front of us didn't need us to hitch up the dogs and pull them along. It was a bit touch and go for a quick moment!

By the time you read this, we will have held our annual awards dinner and we will all be enjoying the dog days of summer. We look forward to fall hikes, the beginning of the racing season and planning our next specialty. Come check us out if you're out our way this fall or winter.





Siberian Husky Club of Greater Atlanta

A sincere thank you to our Siberian supporters who attended the 35th Peach Blossom Cluster to help us commemorate our 50th year as a club. We had an entry of 44 on Saturday judged by boxer breeder Bridget Brown, which included 4 veterans and 1 junior handler, and 40 entries judged by breeder Sharon Padula along with 9 sweepstakes judged by Samoyed breeder Ken Granacki.

The weather was fabulous, and exhibitors participated in various activities such as chasing plastic bags, leaping and spinning in Agility, and hunting rats in Barn Hunt. Additionally, 3 of our Siberians were represented in Rally. The overall entry at the Peach Blossom in all events offered was 13,000 over the 5 days, making it a successful show week, despite being fewer than last year's record.
We also paid tribute to two members who passed away during the past year: Roseanna Gregorich, our former treasurer and board member, and longtime member Peggy Yundt.
Many members have performed well in show and performance rings this year, and we look forward to more achievements in the upcoming season.

Best of Breed winner for both Specialties was: GCHP Ch TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM. BREEDER: Cheryl A. French. By GCHCh Shadetree's the Cowboy Rides Away-Ch Topaz Pearl Jam.
OWNER: Randee McQueen Lauren House.

Please view the rest of our show winners in the photo section of the bulletin. Show results listed on www.Onofrio.com

Thanks once again to all the support given to the SHCGA by our Siberian friends. We look forward to seeing some of you again in 2026 where the show grounds will add their new Fairfield Inn and Suites hotel offering accommodations with bar and restaurant located on the show grounds and adjoining the main MMH building but make your reservations early. The hotel offers regular rooms and also a wing for Suites that are great for sharing.
Our show dates will be April 8-12, 2026.

Please like our Facebook page for more information as it is available

Peach Blossom website is www.peachblossomcluster.org – www.onofrio.com
SHCGA Show Chair is Cathy Wilcox – photodog68@gmail.com

Chesapeake Siberian Husky Club

The CSHC had a busy first quarter with our three Specialties the first weekend in March. We thank all the exhibitors for our successful shows! We would especially like to thank Frank Polimeni, Mardee Ward, and Ed Hall for judging our Specialties. And thanks to Ron Swiatkowski for judging our sweeps; you all did a great job!

Ron Gagne and Ashlee Pezzuto both did sled dog presentations in the month of March. Ron does one every year in late March at C.M. Crockett Park, Midland VA. He gets a great turnout and does a wonderful job. Ashlee did a sled dog presentation for the second-grade class at T. Clay Wood Elementary school, Nokesville VA. Ashlee had a lot of fun and said the kids had great questions!

We had a few club members finish off great racing seasons, both snow and dryland. Great job Tracy Smith, Ron and Terri Gagne!

Club members have been busy at pursuing championship titles and grand championships titles for their dogs.

We are already beginning work on next years' Specialties and are looking forward to the National Specialty this fall! Happy Spring everyone!

Thank you,
Mary Lewis
CSHC Secretary



Lower Columbia Siberian Husky Club

The Lower Columbia Siberian Husky Club held their specialties April 3rd & 4th, 2025. Results are as follows.
Specialty #1 Judge: Pamela S Lambie
Best of Breed
GCHP CH TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM THDN TKN. Bred by: Cheryl A French. Owners: Randee McQueen/ Lauren House.
Best of Opposite Sex, Best Owner Handler
GCHS CH KARNOVANDA'S FOGGY NIGHT. Bred by: Judith M Russell/Donna Beckman/Sarah N Hubbach. Owners: Julia B Rylander/Donna Beckman/Judith M Russell/Sarah N Hubbach.
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best Puppy
LILLIE HILLS CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS. Bred by: Kelli L Olander. Owners: Lisa McMillan/Susan Parraga/Kelli Olander
Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor
SUNDANCE & STORMSTRUCK'S WHISPERS IN THE SKY. Bred by: Carolyn Bonner/Nicole Barrozo/China Lewis. Owners: Carolyn Bonner/Nicole Barrozo/ China Lewis

Select Dog
GCH CH SILVERFALLS MEANT TO BE. Bred by: Annie Oster/Michael Patton/. Owners: Annie Oster/Ryan Barber.
Select Bitch
CH KALARA FUSION SO DIVINE. Bred by: Shawna Garrettson/Kendra Garrettson/Carl Michael Tan. Owners: Carl Tan.
Best Junior Handler
Alyssa Glastre/MAJAKAI'S FIRST THINGS FIRST. Breeders/Owners R. Glastre/J. Glastre/A.Glastre

Puppy Sweeps – Judge: Ms Shanan Streweler
Best Puppy
REIGNING'S PLAYING FOR KEEPS. Bred by: Dorothea Zilke/Raymond Zilke/ Margaret Leopold. Owners: Dorothea Zilke/Ray Zilke Margaret Leopold
Best of Opposite
LILLIE HILLS PROPHECY. Bred by: Kelli L Olander. Owners: Kelli Olander.

Veteran Sweeps – Judge: Ms Shanan Streweler
Best Veteran
GCH CH SILVER FALLS WAYMAR HOWDY PARTNER. Bred by: Michael S Patton. Owners: Wayne Stenlund/Karen Stenlund/Michael S Patton
Best of Opposite
GCHB CH MELROSE WALK LIKE A LADY. Bred by: Leslie A Carpenter/Jody E Carpenter. Owners: Kelly Collins And Leslie Carpenter.

Specialty #2 - Judge: Mrs. Tami Bradford
Best of Breed
GCHP CH TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM THDN TKN. Bred by: Cheryl A French. Owners: Randee McQueen/ Lauren House.
Best of Opposite Sex
GCHS CH KARNOVANDA'S FOGGY NIGHT. Bred by: Judith M Russell/Donna Beckman/Sarah N Hubbach. Owners: Julia B Rylander/Donna Beckman/Judith M Russell/Sarah N Hubbach.
Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Bred by Exhibitor
STORMSTRUCK'S STEELE'N FIRE. Bred by: Nicole Barrozo. Owners: Nicole Barrozo.
Winners Bitch, Best Puppy
LILLIE HILLS PROPHECY. Bred by: Kelli L Olander. Owners: Kelli Olander.
Select Dog
CH STORMSTRUCK'N SUNDANCE REYN'N THUNDER. Bred by: Nicole Barrozo/Carolyn Bonner. Owners: Nicole Barrozo/Carolyn Bonner
Select Bitch
CH AASIL'S NOT AN OPAL, BUT A PEARL. Bred by: Lisa A Payne/Kenny W Payne. Owners: Lisa Payne/Kenny Payne.
Best Veteran
GCHB CH MELROSE WALK LIKE A LADY. WS44532001. 2013-05-05. By GCHS CH Melrose Walk The Line - CH Melrose Isabella Swan. Bred by: Leslie A Carpenter/Jody E Carpenter. Owners: Kelly Collins And Leslie Carpenter.
Best Junior Handler
Alyssa Glastre
MAJAKAI'S FIRST THINGS FIRST. Bred by: Robert Glastre/Jami Glastre/Alyssa Glastre. Owners: Robert Glastre/Jami Glastre/Alyssa Glastre

The Yankee Club has been able to offer a wide variety of activities to the membership and the Siberian community over the past 5 months. Starting back on the weekend of January 25-26 and in conjunction with the North Country Mushers organization YSHC, put on a two-day snow race in Jefferson NH. There were 10 teams in the 12- mile 8-10 dog class and 13 teams in the 6-dog 9-mile class. Excellent snow conditions and favorable temperatures made for a fun weekend of racing, followed by a get together at George and Ann Cook's house just down the road from the race site.

On May 10, the Club put on a fun match and a sanctioned all-breed AKC ATT test. Stalwart competitors braved rainy weather for the match, judged by Nate Adams, and there were many successful completions of the two ATT tests, which were judged by Corina Alexander and Deb Kreider.

The YSHC Regional Specialty was held on Friday May 30, with Angela Porpora judging the morning show, and Brian Palmer judging the afternoon show. The conformation shows drew an entry of over 50 dogs, and the morning show included our third annual Working Group rally trial and Siberian only obedience trial. The rally trial drew 27 entries and quite a lot of volunteer effort was required to set up the course since MB-F neglected to bring any of the companion event equipment. Aided skillfully by judge Patty Neale, sign holders were fabricated from wire frames used by Ladies Dog Club for their parking signs. The bar jump was created from a regulation bar retrieved from a member's van, and couple of grade stakes driven through cones. The bar was duct taped in place at regulation height which was then verified by the judge. Despite these delays, exhibitors were patient, and the trial was a success!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Homan Conway, Secretary

ATTENTION REGIONAL CLUBS:

WE HAVE A SPECIAL SECTION RESERVED FOR COVERAGE OF REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

WE ARE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS:

1. **Best of Breed**
2. **Best of Winners**
3. **Best of Opposite Sex**
4. **WD/WB**
5. **Select Dog**
6. **Select Bitch**
7. **AOM's**
8. **Best Junior Handler**
9. **High in Trial for any Performance Events**

To be included the photos must be clearly marked as to what the win represents. I will also need a list of Winners and Owners to include as a caption (this can be obtained from AKC's website). All photos must be at least 300 dots per inch resolution, otherwise they will not be included--they are too blurry).

ALSO, REGIONAL SHOW CHAIRS
PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING A FULL PAGE AD TO YOUR BEST OF BREED WINNER AS PART OF THEIR TROPHY!
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE A FULL PAGE AD FOR ONLY $50 WHEN IT IS PRESENTED AS A TROPHY!

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES



AND THE WINNERS ARE:

JUDGES ♦

Saturday – Rally and Obedience – All Regular & Non-Regular (Obedience)
Mr. Charles W. Kline

Sunday – Rally and Obedience – All Regular & Non-Regular (Obedience)
Mr. Charles W. Kline

Saturday – Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes
Gary Griffin

Saturday – Junior Showmanship and All Conformation -- Regular & Non-Regular
Mrs. Olivia A. Harvey

Sunday – Junior Showmanship and All Conformation – Regular & Non-Regular
Mrs. Shilon L. Bedford



BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES
ECHOING WIND'S BEST OF MY LOVE.
Breeder: ROBIN MALCHOW, CHARITY REGER.
By: GCHS CH ECHOING WIND'S ALL MY LOVE TO KANSA - CH ECHOING WIND'S KICK START MY HEART. Owner: CHARITY REGER ROBIN MALCHOW, ANNA HARMON.



BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS
GCH CH FREON'S NO SELF CONTROL BCAT. . Breeder: THOMAS A, THOMAS L, & DR MARY KRAUS. By: GCHS DIAMONDT'S SHARP DRESSED MAN - GCHB PLAYMOR'S ACT OF FAITH. Owner: THOMAS A, DR MARY KRAUS.



BEST OF BREED
CH HIGHLANDER'S FLIGHT COMMANDER Breeder(s): ANNE & BRIAN PALMER. BY: GCHP CH HIGHLANDER'S SNOW PILOT X CH HIGHLANDER'S SNOW PILOT. Owner(s): ANNE & BRIAN PALMER & MARY GROTH & ANITA RILEY



BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS DOG
ECHOING WIND'S THICK AS THIEVES
Breeder(s): CHARITY REGER, ROBIN MALCHOW, JULIE LAMONSKA. BY: GCHS ECHOING WIND'S BAUER HAWKEY X ECHOING WINDS REFLECTION OF KANSA. Owner(s): RACHEL ROYER, CHARITY REGER, ROBIN MALCHOW



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
CH LODGEPOLE'S MAKIN' A SPLASH BN RI CGCA CGCU ATT Breeder(s): SHERYL PHELPS / MS. CAROL PREBLE. BY: GCH CH LODGEPOLE'S FRIZZEN STRIKE CDX PCD BN RM RAE CGCA CGCU ATT X GCH CH SNOEBEAR'S SILVER MIST CD PCD BN RM RAE2 CGCA CGCU ATT. Owner(s): SHERYL PHELPS & K E PREBLE & MS. CAROL PREBLE



SELECT DOG
CH AOI'S KURO YUKI NO OUJI BCAT Breeder(s): MICHELLE BIGELOW & DR. MARY KRAUS. BY: GCH CH AOI'S KURO NO KEIYAKUSHA BCAT X CH ROYAL STAR'S RESISTANCE IS FUTILE. Owner(s): MICHELLE BIGELOW & DR. MARY KRAUS



AWARD OF MERIT
BARYNUK'S BLACK MAGIC WOMAN Breeder(s): BARRY BRUNNER, BRIAN FLORY, SHAWNA BROOKER. BY: GCH CH WHITE SUNDAY'S ONE TWO PUNCH X CH BARYNUK'S LOOK AT ME. Owner(s): JILL ARMENTROUT, BARRY BRUNNER, BRIAN FLORY, SHAWNA BROOKER



AWARD OF MERIT
CH SUMAC 'N TREPAK'S NON NEGOTIABLE Breeder(s): EILEEN GACKE & SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA. BY: GCH CH TREPAK N'SUMAC'S YUKI SAN X CH TREPAK N'SUMAC'S ORORO MUNROE. Owner(s): SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA & EILEEN GACKE



WINNERS BITCH
MARLYTUK'S N HIGHLANDERS DELLA ROSA Breeder(s): ANNE & BRIAN PALMER & ANITA RILEY. BY: MARLYTUK'S FOR PETE'S SAKE SDX X GCH CH HIGHLANDERS WINDS OF CHANGE. Owner(s): ANITA RILEY, CAROL NASH, JOHN LINNEHAN, ANNE PALMER



BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
KAITLYN KRAUS 50521355001
GCH CH FREON'S THE BEST IS YET TO COME DCAT Breeder(s): THOMAS A, THOMAS L, & DR MARY KRAUS. BY: GCHS DIAMONDT'S SHARP DRESSED MAN X GCHB PLAYMOR'S ACT OF FAITH. Owner(s): THOMAS A, DR MARY & KAITLYN KRAUS



BEST STUD DOG
GCHS ECHOING WIND'S BAUER HAWKEY 7 Breeder(s): CHARITY REGER. BY: KANSA KISS MY COUNTRY AHH X TLC'S A SLICE OF HEAVEN. Owner(s): RACHEL ROYER,



BEST VETERAN IN SPECIALTY
NIKALUK'S INDIAN JADE. Breeder: KARLA WALL & STEPHEN A WALL. By: CH PLAYMOR'S PLAYBOY CASANOVA - GCHS CH HIGHLANDER'S ALL THAT GLITTERS. Owner: EDWARD HEINEMAN.



HIGHEST SCORING DOG IN RALLY
Excellent B & Advanced B & Master Classes (Triple)
GCH CH SNOEBEAR'S SILVER MIST CD PCD BN RM RAE2 CGCA CGCU ATT Breeder(s): TIM TERELLA / ANNE PALMER / BRIAN PALMER / MEGAN TERELLA. BY: CH INNISFREE R U JUSTA NOTHER DRIFTER X CH HIGHLANDER'S CONSPIRING AT SNOEBEAR BN CGC TKN. Owner(s): SHERYL PHELPS & MS. CAROL PREBLE

SUNDAY SPECIALTY



BEST OF BREED
CH SUMAC 'N TREPAK'S NON NEGOTIABLE WS73136305 (Male) 6/27/2021 Breeder(s): EILEEN GACKE & SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA. BY: GCH CH TREPAK N'SUMAC'S YUKI SAN X CH TREPAK N'SUMAC'S ORORO MUNROE. Owner(s): SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA & EILEEN GACKE, 25575 184TH ST NW, BIG LAKE, MN 55309



BEST OF WINNERS
ECHOING WIND'S THICK AS THIEVES. WS82771802. 12/3/2023. Male. Breeder: CHARITY REGER, ROBIN MALCHOW, JULIE LAMONSKA. By: GCHS ECHOING WIND'S BAUER HAWKEY - ECHOING WINDS REFLECTION OF KANSA. Owner: RACHEL ROYER, CHARITY REGER, ROBIN MALCHOW. 6242 MCQUADE RD, DULUTH, MN 55804.



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
GCH CH KANSA HEY LOOK AT ME WS77331403 (Female) 7/26/2022 Breeder(s): JULIE A LAMONSKA & MYA M LAMONSKA. BY: BISS GCHB CH KANSA SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF BCAT X CH KANSA YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCING BCAT. Owner(s): JULIE A LAMONSKA & MARY KAY YARNE, W7202 - BROWN RD, FOND DU LAC, WI 54937



SELECT DOG
GRCHS CEDARWOOD'S BE STILL MY HEART BCAT WS56397902 (Male) 1/25/2017 Breeder(s): RITA L. MONTGOMERY & EMILY JACKSON. BY: GRCH FULLMOON'S SILVER SHADOW AT MOONSTAR X GRCH CEDARWOOD'S SOUTHERN BELLE. Owner(s): EILEEN M. GACKE, SANDRA REITSMA, ANITA RILEY & RITA MONTGOMERY,



SELECT BITCH
BARYNUK'S BLACK MAGIC WOMAN WS76978802 (Female) 4/27/2022 Breeder(s): BARRY BRUNNER, BRIAN FLORY, SHAWNA BROOKER. BY: GCH CH WHITE SUNDAY'S ONE TWO PUNCH X CH BARYNUK'S LOOK AT ME. Owner(s): JILL ARMENTROUT, BARRY BRUNNER, BRIAN FLORY, SHAWNA BROOKER



WINNERS/BBE
SUMAC 'N TREPAK'S PEAK PERFORMANCE WS81134501 (Female) 6/25/2023 Breeder(s): SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA & EILEEN GACKE. BY: GCHS CH CEDARWOOD'S BE STILL MY HEART BCAT X SUMAC 'N TREPAK'S JIBBER JABBER. Owner(s): SANDRA & ANNALISE REITSMA & EILEEN GACKE



AWARD OF MERIT GCH CH DYNASTY RC SO FAR AWAY WS77855501 (Female) 8/14/2021 Breeder(s): XUWEN TANG. BY: GCHP CH SHARIN NICK OF DYNASTY RC KENNEL X DYNASTY RC AS GOOD AS IT GETS. Owner(s): LUQU SHI & RON TANG



BEST STUD DOG
GRCHS CEDARWOOD'S BE STILL MY HEART BCAT WS56397902 (Male) 1/25/2017 Breeder(s): RITA L. MONTGOMERY & EMILY JACKSON. BY: GRCH FULLMOON'S SILVER SHADOW AT MOONSTAR X GRCH CEDARWOOD'S SOUTHERN BELLE. Owner(s): EILEEN M. GACKE, SANDRA REITSMA, ANITA RILEY & RITA MONTGOMERY



BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
KAITLYN KRAUS 50521355001
GCH CH FREON'S THE BEST IS YET TO COME DCAT WS49937302 Male 4/4/2015 Breeder(s): THOMAS A, THOMAS L, & DR MARY KRAUS. BY: GCHS DIAMONDT'S SHARP DRESSED MAN X GCHB PLAYMOR'S ACT OF FAITH. Owner(s): THOMAS A, DR MARY & KAITLYN KRAUS

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SIBERIAN HUSKIES
JUDGE: Ms Bridget Brown

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SIBERIAN HUSKIES
JUDGE: Ken Granaki

REGULAR CLASSES
SIBERIAN HUSKIES
JUDGE: Ms Sharon M Padula



BEST OF BREED
GCHP Ch TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM. BREEDER: Cheryl A. French. By Gch Ch Shadetree's the Cowboy Rides Away-Ch Topaz Pearl Jam. OWNER: Randee McQueen Lauren House.



BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS BITCH
TOPAZ & DARDAN BE TEMPTED. BREEDER: Darcey Foulkrod & Cheryl French. By GCh Ch Shadetree's The Cowboy Rides Away-Ch Topaz Don't Stop Me Now. OWNER: Kristen & Alastair Murray & D Foulkrod & C French.



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
GCH CH TOPAZ WATCH YOUR SIX I'M MAKIN' TRAXX. BREEDER: Cheryl French. By CH Topaz Shadow Hunter-CH Topaz Killer Queen. OWNER: Tami R Bradford & David Bradford.





WINNERS DOG
SNOEBEAR'S SHEKELA REVIVAL. BREEDER: TIMOTHY TERELLA MEGAN TERELLA HIROYO SHIMIZU. By GCHP CH HIGHLANDER'S SNOW PILOT-GCH CH SNOEBEAR'S A NEW HOPE. OWNER: LESLIE RICHARDS FRED RICHARDS JALEY NORWOOD.





BEST OF BREED
GCHP Ch TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM. BREEDER: Cheryl A. French. By Gch Ch Shadetree's the Cowboy Rides Away-Ch Topaz Pearl Jam. OWNER: Randee McQueen Lauren House.



BEST OF WINNERS
CLOUDPEAK'S SLEEPY HOLLOW. BREEDER: Melissa Edwards. By CH Mirage's Red Carpet Appearance- CH Cloudpeak's Evening Primrose. OWNER: Kelley White.



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
GCH CH OLGIVAN SHOW YADROGON. BREEDER: Olga Chichirko. By Karj-alaine Generated Thunder-Olgivan Show Renesmee. OWNER: Sandra Alvarez & Jose Soares.



WINNERS BITCH
MILEKA'S DIAMONDS AND RUST. WS807082/01. 01/19/2023. BREEDER: Sally O'Connell. By GCH Kunu's Bold Warrior-CH Mileka's Calamity Jane. OWNER: Sally O'Connell.



SELECT DOG
GCH CH TOPAZ WATCH YOUR SIX I'M MAKIN' TRAXX. BREEDER: Cheryl French. By CH Topaz Shadow Hunter-CH Topaz Killer Queen. OWNER: Tami R Bradford & David Bradford.



SELECT BITCH
CH SHANNARA'S DANCING QUEEN. BREEDER: LYNN GARNER & MARK GARNER. By GCHP CH HIGHLAND-ER'S GAME SET MATCH AT FANTA C RN-GCH CH SHANNARA'S LET'S DANCE. OWNER: LYNN GARNER & MARK GARNER. AGENT: Adam Peter-son, AKC Reg. Handler.



WINNERS BITCH
GCHP Ch TOPAZ WILDFIRE FOR UMUNHUM. Bitch. BREEDER: Cheryl A. French. By Gch Ch Shadetree's the Cowboy Rides Away-Ch Topaz Pearl Jam. OWNER: Randee McQueen Lauren House.



BEST IN SWEEPS
SUN ELANOR SNIEGO SUNYS. BREEDER: Ingrida Gudmoniene. By Art-istry Of Wolf Point-Absollutely Fabulous Of Santa Sniego Sunys. OWNER: Cheryl French & Kristen Murray.



BEST VETERAN
GCHB BAHARI'S RESPECT MY AU-THORITAH! RN NAP NFP C. . BREED-ER: Timothy & Lana Dorn & R & C Stansell. By GCHS Diamondt's Sharp Dressed Man CA CGC-Rocyn's Tora! Tora! Tora!. OWNER: Jennifer Rast & Tim & Lana Dorn.

Northern California Siberian Husky Club,Inc.

Friday, April 25, 2025
AM SPECIALTY JUDGE: MR. JOHN P. LINNEHAN
PM SPECIALTY JUDGE: MR. DELBERT L. THACKER

Saturday, April 26, 2025
JR. SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE: MRS. R M HACK
SPECIALTY JUDGE: ROSALIND HACK



Best of Breed or Variety
Kayenta's Go With The Snow (B),
K Ireton/L Demmin/S Morgan/W Warren



Winners Dog
Zvezda's The Need For Speed DCAT
R Barnes/B Barnes



Best of Opposite Sex
CH Kalara's Lightning Thief BCAT DN
CGCA CGCU TKN FITB (D),
J Putzier/C Putzier



Select Dog
CH Kayenta's Wildestar Mountain Music
K Currey/K Ireton



Select Bitch
CH Kayenta's Xyclone
K Ireton/S Morgan/W Warren







Best of Breed
Kayenta's Go With The Snow
K Ireton/L Demmin/S Morgan/W Warren



Best of Winners
Kayenta's Go With The Snow
K Ireton/L Demmin/S Morgan/W Warren



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CH Kalara's Lightning Thief BCAT DN
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Select Dog
CH Kayenta's Wildestar Mountain Music
K Currey/K Ireton



Select Bitch
CH Kayenta's Xyclone
K Ireton/S Morgan/W Warren



Winners Dog
Zvezda's The Need For Speed DCAT
R Barnes/B Barnes



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Best of Winners
Kayenta's Dark Energy
K Currey/K Ireton/W Warren



Best of Opposite Sex
CH Takhari's I Believe In The Koz (B),
S Streweler/S Streweler



Select Dog
CH Olgivan Show Scowling Wampus
DCAT CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA
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L Perez/L Perez



Select Bitch
CH Kayenta's Wildestar River Song
K Currey/K Ireton



Winners Bitch
Kayenta's Go With The Snow
K Ireton/L Demmin/S Morgan/W Warren



BEST JUNIOR HANDLER: Taylor Holden
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AKC FIT DOG 101: How to Get Started

By Sassafras Patterdale, CPDT-KA, CTDI
https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/akc-fit-dog-101-get-started/
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The AKC FIT DOG program began in January 2023 and has continued to grow in popularity ever since. This program is designed to encourage dogs and their owners to be active together through titles. As an AKC FIT DOG Instructor and organizer of a FIT DOG Club hosting virtual events for dogs and people across the country, I've seen firsthand how my clients and club members (both dogs and people) of all ages have benefited from this program by becoming more motivated to exercise.

A core component of the AKC FIT DOG program is walking with your dog, something most of us do with our dogs every day. Walking is a gentle exercise that can help to improve circulation, muscular strength, improve overall health for both dogs and people, and now walking the dog can put you on the path towards new titles.

Who can participate in AKC FIT DOG?

To earn AKC FIT DOG titles, dogs can be purebred dogs registered with the AKC, or mixed-breed dogs registered with the AKC Canine Partners program. To earn a Bronze AKC FIT DOG Title, dogs must be at least 6 months old, but keep in mind there may also be other age-related rules that handlers must follow for higher-impact sports, such as agility or Disc Dog.

When participating in AKC FIT DOG activities, dogs may wear slip collars, buckle collars, martingales, and body harnesses, or head collars. Dogs may not wear training collars such as prong collars, or e-collars. Dogs should be on 4- or 6-foot leashes made of fabric or leather unless participating in a sport that requires a dog to be off-leash. Dogs with disabilities are welcome and encouraged to participate in FIT DOG titling, so long as they can safely perform the events. Handlers with disabilities can use any mobility aids and assistance necessary.

AKC FIT DOG Levels

There are three levels of AKC FIT DOG titles that dogs can earn: Bronze, which is the novice level, and then Silver, and, at the most advanced, Gold. To earn these fitness titles, dogs must earn a specific number of activity points which varies based on the type of activity, and title level.

To earn the Bronze FIT DOG title, a dog will need to earn five points, at the Silver, the dog needs 10 points, and for the Gold title, a dog needs 20 points. These points are earned by completing different fitness activities which are broken into seven categories and worth different points at each title level. The titles are consecutive, so dogs must earn the Bronze title before earning Silver, and so on. When dog-handler teams have completed enough points to earn a title, the handler can apply for the title in the AKC portal, where you'll be able to upload the title checklist, and all associated forms documenting the activities your dog has completed.

Components of AKC FIT DOG

Below is a breakdown of each fitness category and the associated points available to be earned at each title level. Be sure to check the FIT DOG participant guide and the title checklists for specifics of what the requirements are for each title level.

Category A: AKC FIT DOG Courses

Point Value: Bronze – three points; Silver – six points; Gold – three points (level one), six points (level two), 12 points (level three)

AKC Fit Dog courses are six-week-long classes taught by AKC Approved FIT DOG Instructors. The courses have three consecutive levels and can be taught in-person or online. They're designed specifically for healthy adult dogs and aren't appropriate for dogs with orthopedic injuries. These classes help handlers to improve their dog's flexibility, form, balance, and overall fitness. A focus on canine fitness can improve health and sports performance for dogs, in addition to counting towards earning FIT DOG titles.

Category B: Community Runs

Point Value: Bronze – three points; Silver – six points; Gold – 12 points

This category is designed to get dogs and handlers out moving together. The AKC's annual Turkey Trot is just one example of a community-run event that you and your dog can participate in. Category B runs (which can be walked or run) are organized by FIT DOG clubs, online virtual events, or community groups. To count towards a title, community runs must be a minimum of one mile in distance. To document completion of the event, you'll want to have data from a wearable activity tracker, like a Fitbit or Apple Watch, or phone app. Once completed, the documentation

form should be signed by a race official or a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Evaluator.



Category C: Walks and Hikes
Point Value: Bronze – three points; Silver – six points; Gold – 12 points

This category has two options: independent walks or club walks. To earn points in this category, dogs and handlers can either go on independent walks or hikes documented weekly over a series of weeks. The other option is participating in group walks connected to an AKC FIT DOG club. These FIT DOG club walks can be organized in-person or virtually and must be at least one mile long each time.

Category D: Unique to You and Your Dog:
Point Value: Bronze – two points; Silver – four points; Gold – eight points

For this category, handlers can choose between a variety of fitness activities they may already do with their dog to count towards FIT DOG titles. Unique activities that can be used include independent swimming or therapeutic swimming with a veterinary physical therapist. Other "Unique to You and Your Dog" sports include dog parkour titles earned via the In**ternational Dog Parkour Association or All Dogs Parkour, or mushing, as documented through completing an International Sled Dog Racing Association-sanctioned race or an International Federation of Sledding Sports-accredited race**. Biking, canine biathlon, and backpacking are other options which can be utilized for points in this category.

Category E: AKC Fitness Related Title
Point Value: Bronze – two points; Silver – four points; Gold – two points (level one), four points (level two), eight points (advanced level)

To earn points in this category, your dog will get points (the number of points is based on FIT DOG title level) for earning titles in certain AKC sports.

AKC sports that can be counted for FIT DOG titles include:

- Agility and Agility Course Test (ACT), including virtual titles
- Coursing Ability Test (CAT) and FAST CAT
- Field trial or hunting tests
- Herding
- AKC Lure Coursing
- AKC Rally and obedience, including virtual titles
- Tracking
- Diving Dogs
- Flyball
- UpDog Disc Dog



You will use an AKC title certificate to verify a title was earned. These titles can have been earned at any point, including those earned prior to participating in the AKC FIT DOG title program. Note: for earning the Gold level of FIT DOG titles, your dog will need to have achieved an AKC fitness-related title.

Category F: AKC Parent Club Performance Titles
Point Value: Bronze – two points; Silver – four points; Gold – four points

This fitness option is designed to recognize the fitness achievements of dogs who have earned titles measuring a dog's ability to perform the work their breed was first developed to do. These titles are issued through the national breed club and, depending on breed, include sports like carting, coaching, draft dog, and other titles. A full list of parent club titles recognized for AKC FIT DOG can be found on pages 40-41 of the AKC FIT DOG Participant Guide.

Joining an AKC FIT DOG Club
While you can complete your dog's AKC FIT DOG titles mostly through independent activities, the program can be a great way to connect with other dog lovers in your community or online. AKC FIT DOG clubs host a variety of events including community runs (category B), club walks (category C), and FIT DOG classes. Clubs can be organized by independent dog training schools, AKC Clubs, breed clubs, or other dog-related clubs and organizations. The goal of the FIT DOG clubs is to promote the health and fitness of dogs and their owners. You can also get your own local group or club recognized as an AKC FIT DOG Club by completing an online application.

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Mushing
by Natalie van der Merwe

SUMMER FUN AND DOG ACTIVITIES

There are many activities that you and your dog can enjoy in the hot Summer months. Be sure that you do it early in the morning when the temperatures are typically cooler.

Andre & I founded CTC Dog Gear SA in Cape Town, South Africa in 2006 - based on a consumer need for locally manufactured, quality dog exercise gear. We founded a club and our focus was, “Getting dogs out of backyards...onto a trail”. *Exercised dogs are happy dogs.*



All the CTC Dog Gear designs came about through our personal experiences exercising our dogs - CTC designs have constantly evolved to what is available today - *professional, quality equipment*.

CTC proudly became an international company in June 2011 when Andre & Natalie relocated to USA. CTC Dog Gear caters to all clients who are committed to exercising their dogs.

CTC Dog Gear makes exercising your best friend a pleasure - not a chore! Our products are multi-purpose - from:

- Canicross (running with your dog/s)

- Bikejoring / Mono Sports

- Hiking with your dog/s

- Walking with your dog/s.

- Dryland Mushing

The opportunities are endless and only 1 set of gear is needed for everything!

CANICROSS/HIKING/WALKNG

Do you enjoy running? Why not bring your dog/s along with you to share the time on the road/trail?

CTC Dog Gear needed for this activity are:

- CTC Shoulder Harness / CTC Hip Belt (for the human) / CTC 6ft bungee lead for 1- or 2-dogs



Bikejoring/Mono Sports

Got a mountain bike or a scooter? Perfect way to combine your exercise and your dog/s....!

CTC Dog Gear needed for this activity are:

- CTC Shoulder Harness / CTC 6ft Bungee Lead for 1- or 2-dogs / Bike Tyre Guar

There are also so many other activities one can take part in **WITH** your dog… Dock Diving / Agility / FastCat / Scentwork / Tracking / Canine Biathlon / Skijoring / Dryland Sledding. All give your dogs physical and mental stimulation, so necessary for their overall well-being and health. Our CTC Dog Gear USA dog gear is designed so that your dog will only need **ONE** set of gear for **ALL** activities!

DRYLAND MUSHING

Training your dogs for dryland mushing can be both rewarding and challenging. Here are some useful tips to help you get started:

1. Begin with Basic Commands: Before getting into the specifics of mushing, ensure your dogs are comfortable with basic commands like “sit,” “stay,” “come,” and “go.”

2. Introduce the Harness: Allow your dogs to wear the harness for short periods to get them used to it. Use positive reinforcement, such as treats and praise,.

3. Short Runs: Start with short runs to gauge how your dogs respond to mushing. Gradually increase the distance as they become more comfortable and capable.

4. Building Endurance: Focus on increasing their stamina with regular training sessions. Just like human athletes, dogs need time to build their endurance.

5. Socialization: Encourage your dogs to socialize with other dogs during training sessions to promote teamwork and prevent anxiety during races.

Participating in Dryland Mushing Events

Once you and your dogs have trained sufficiently, participating in dryland mushing events can be an exciting way to take your passion to the next level. Look for local clubs or organizations that host events, allowing you to meet fellow enthusiasts and discover more about the sport.

Many communities hold races and recreational events throughout the year, catering to various skill levels. Joining a dryland mushing club can provide you with valuable resources, training opportunities, and a supportive network of fellow dog lovers.

Additional Resources for Aspiring Mushers

For those interested in diving deeper into the world of dryland mushing, several resources are available:

1. Books: Look for books focused on dog training and mushing techniques to enhance your skills.

2. Online Forums: Join online communities and forums to discuss experiences, challenges, and successes with fellow mushers.

3. Workshops and Clinics: Attend workshops organized by experienced mushers who can provide insights into training techniques and safety measures.

Embracing dryland dog mushing activities can be a thrilling avenue for you and your furry friends to explore together. With the right equipment, training, and community support, you will enjoy plenty of exhilarating and memorable experiences year-round. Whether you are navigating local trails or competing in events, dryland mushing offers a unique bond between you and your four-legged companions. Prepare to harness your dog's energy and enthusiasm for an adventure unlike any other!

Health & Happiness

An exercised dog is a happy dog... it is as simple as that.



CLIENT REVIEW : PET OWNER OF MULTIPLE SIBERIAN HUSKY HOUSEHOLD

I have been a customer of CTC Dog Gear since 2016 - I was searching for the perfect harness for my husky.

I was looking for specific qualities; a harness with reflective tape, water resistance, one that would be long lasting, and with multiple attachment points.

I considered comfort, durability and practicality.

I found that here with CTC! Dog Gear can even custom make your harness to ensure the perfect fit!

The padding is comfortable and dries quickly when wet.

The extra D-rings on the shoulders are invaluable to me.

Having the ability to tether dogs by shoulder ties is life changing for someone with multiple dogs.

Soon after I purchased my first harness from CTC, I also purchased several bungee lines, a running belt and a few more harnesses.

By 2018, I found myself with 6 rescued huskies. I needed a way to be able to comfortably and safely walk/run them all at the same time.

This company truly answered prayers for me. I was desperate to find something that worked for all of my dogs AND provided safety. My lines and carabiners have held up very well, my harnesses are slightly sun-faded from years of use but are otherwise in perfect condition, and my belts are all still up and running - I have 3 now.

I truly cannot express how grateful I am to have found CTC and I will continue to recommend them to anyone and everyone! Thank you again, Natalie and company, for making my daily life possible.

Terra Bussey, BSN, RN : May 2025

CLIENT REVIEW : COMPETITIVE DRYLAND MUSHER

CTC Dog Gear USA – Built for Champions, Designed with Heart As a competitive dryland musher, every piece of gear matters—and that's exactly why I trust CTC Dog Gear USA for my dogs' harnesses, lines, collars, and leashes.

From start to finish, working with Natalie was an incredible experience. She was meticulous in helping me measure and fit my dogs, taking into account not just their build but also the classes we compete in and the level of performance these athletes demand.

Something I realized early this year was that the harnesses I thought were so wonderful actually did not fit my dogs the way I thought they did.

So we got to talking and Snowdrift Siberians Natalie Andre said let's find the best fit. She sent me harnesses after harness to try on the dogs.

Taught me how to properly measure each one and listened to me tell her my likes and dislikes of all of the harnesses we have tried. We finally settled on a fully padded H back harness.



Remember, each dog is built different, what works for one doesn't always work for all. Check your sternal notches , ensure your pulling points are correct. Small variations can shave seconds off your times.

The custom H-back harnesses she crafted are a perfect match for my team.

You can tell they're designed with both comfort and efficiency in mind—streamlined, secure, and perfect for high-speed racing.



I also run with CTC's Dyneema "Iron Rope" bungee lines, and I'll be honest—I don't worry about them. Period.









These lines are incredibly strong and reliable, and Natalie even took the time to walk me through exactly where and how to check for breakdown over time.

That kind of care and education is rare and so appreciated in this world of automated communication.

And when it's time to take one of my dogs to the podium? The Quick Heel leash is my go-to. It's perfect for keeping my dogs calmly and securely at my side during award ceremonies or crowded events where I need a little more control without compromising their comfort.

CTC Dog Gear USA is built with the working athlete in mind—canine and human. Natalie's attention to detail and genuine passion for what she does shows in every stitch. This isn't just gear—it's gear you can trust when it matters most.

Danielle Usher

Competitive Dryland Musher : May 2025

We are blessed to have amazing clients who have used our gear for many years. If you need advice on how to get started adventuring with your dog/s – drop us an email and we will mentor you and get you started on this amazing journey.

Natalie van der Merwe

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Editor's Note: In highlighting this vendor, I hope that we have given you some great exercise ideas and helped to explain the gear needed for each form of exercise.

Canine Summer Safety Tips

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Health Tips

We may know our canine companions better than anyone else, but it is important to remember most of us are not medical professionals. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. It is important to keep the following information in mind with the arrival of summer:

Have your dog's vaccinations updated if necessary. Diseases such as rabies, distemper and parvo are ever-present dangers and necessary precautions should be taken.
Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.
Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.
Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.
Most lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.
The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.
No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.
General Summer Safety Concerns
Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.
Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water.
All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.
Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.
Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.
Beach Tips
Taking your dog to the beach can be a great way to spend a beautiful summer day. However, as a responsible dog owner there are certain precautions you should take:

Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.

Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.
Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions — dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.
If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.
Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.
Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water.
Not all beaches permit dogs. Check local ordinances before you begin your excursion to the beach.

Best DIY Frozen Dog Treats

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When I was a child, I never ate an ice cream cone without giving the final bite to my dog. He loved sharing my cold treats, but at the time, I didn't realize it wasn't the best choice for his health. Ice cream can be hard for dogs to digest because milk and cream are the base of most ice cream recipes. And for some dogs, the lactose in dairy can cause stomach upset and other digestive issues like gas or diarrhea. Not to mention that too many sweet treats can lead to weight gain.

Instead of leaving your dog out of the frozen fun at the dinner table, family picnic, or trip to the beach, here are some recipes for ice cream alternatives that your dog is sure to lap up with joy. Feed these treats in moderation, adjust your dog's everyday food calories accordingly, and feel free to modify the recipes with other dog-safe foods.



Hide-and-Seek Ice Cubes

Any dog-safe tasty liquid can be turned into a frozen treat. Simply pour into an ice cube tray and freeze so your dog can have a cube or two whenever you like. Consider your dog's taste buds and try something meat-flavored, like no-salt-added beef or chicken broth.

For an extra-special indulgence, create hide-and-seek treats. First, only fill the trays halfway before freezing the liquid. Once frozen, place a small treat like a blueberry or piece of freeze-dried liver in the middle of the cube, then fill the rest of the tray with the remaining liquid. Once the entire cube is frozen, there will be a tasty surprise waiting inside when your dog licks or chomps the ice.

For a longer-lasting treat, consider filling your dog's hollow rubber toy. (Just be sure to block all the openings but one before pouring in the liquid. You can use a hard treat like a dog cookie as a cork or plug holes with dog-safe peanut butter.) After filling, stand the toy upright in the freezer until the liquid has frozen. Not only will the chilly toy cool down your dog on a hot day, but the work it takes to get every last drop of broth will keep your dog occupied for longer than other types of treats and provide mental stimulation.

Soft-Serve Treats

For an ice cream alternative with the same texture and consistency as the real thing, try blending frozen fruit with plain, unsweetened yogurt. Watermelon is safe for dogs and most pets love it, so it makes a perfect choice for this recipe. Cantaloupe chunks are another excellent option. Be sure to remove the rind from either melon, and always feed sweet fruit treats in moderation, taking the calories they provide into account with your dog's regular diet.

First, cut the fruit into bite-size chunks, removing any seeds as you go. Then place the fruit in the freezer for at least four hours until frozen. If you spread out the chunks on a cookie sheet or in a freezer bag, it will prevent them from freezing into a single clump. Once the fruit is frozen, place it in a food processor or blender with about ¼ cup of plain, unsweetened yogurt for every 2 cups of fruit. Blend until smooth, tweaking the amount of fruit and yogurt until you have the thickness you would like. Place in a separate dog bowl, or on top of your dog's dinner, or stuff in a hollow rubber toy and serve right away. (For more of a challenge, stuff this mixture inside a hollow rubber toy, then pop it back in the freezer to solidify.)

Feeding frozen yogurt may seem no different than feeding your dog ice cream. However, unless they suffer from lactose intolerance, plain yogurt is safe to eat for most dogs. It's usually better tolerated than ice cream, and the bacterial cultures in yogurt are great for intestinal health. Just be sure to choose plain yogurt without any added flavors, fruit, added sugars, natural sweeteners, or artificial sweeteners. Read the label carefully to be sure the product does not contain toxic xylitol.

If your dog doesn't handle yogurt well, consider other options like lactose-free, dairy-based yogurt, or dairy-free yogurt made from plant products. Coconut milk can also be used if liquid is needed to thin out a recipe. Always read the label to avoid any unsafe additives or ingredients.

Dog-Friendly "Popsicles"

For a frozen fruit smoothie on a stick, make bananas the foundation of your dog's treat. Slice a few bananas, then freeze the pieces for several hours. Next, mix the fruit with a few spoonfuls of plain yogurt in a food processor until you have a smooth base with the thickness of a milkshake.

Now you can blend in whatever mix-ins your dog would love. Consider bacon bits for a meaty treat, frozen strawberries and blueberries for a red, white, and blue celebration, or pumpkin puree. When all the ingredients are blended together, pour into ice pop molds or paper cups, then freeze.

To release the "popsicles" from the molds, let them sit at room temperature for a few minutes or run warm water over the mold for a few seconds. If you use paper cups, simply peel the paper off before serving. If you have a toy breed, try mini-water cups instead of full-size drinking cups.

Don't use real, wooden popsicle sticks, which might be a choking hazard for your dog. Instead, try dog-safe alternatives. You can use bone-shaped dog biscuits, salmon skin treats, bully sticks, or any other stick-shaped, edible chew. For a safe yet non-edible stick, consider nylon chew bones. The stick will give your dog something to hold on to while licking and chewing the "popsicle." Plus, chewing the stick will provide even more fun for your dog when the smoothie is gone.

Cold and Sticky
Peanut butter is safe for dogs and unsalted, no-sugar-added varieties are a great addition to frozen dog treats, so long as you read the label to confirm there's no xylitol listed. The stickiness of the peanut butter gives recipes a thick, ice-cream-like texture. Mix a small amount with plain yogurt and fruit, or blend it with mashed bananas to add extra flavor and density to the final treat. If the peanut butter is too thick for the blender, warm it first or add some liquid such as meat broth to the mix.

You can also make peanut butter the star ingredient. Simply layer peanut butter in the bottom half of ice cube trays, ice pop molds, or paper cups. Then top off with a layer of yogurt or meat broth and freeze. Pop the layered frozen treat out of the tray or mold or peel off the paper cup before serving.

For fun icy treats, consider using silicone baking molds in exciting shapes like dog bones or dinosaurs. The peanut butter should slide right out of the mold once it's frozen, and your dog will love cooling down with a cold and sticky treat.

Red, White, and Blue Yogurt Popsicles Recipe for Dogs
Made with fresh berries, these patriotic popsicles make a great treat for your dog on the Fourth of July or really an hot day. As a plus, they're quick and easy to make.

Ingredients
1 cup whole blueberries
1/2 cup chopped strawberries (use a smaller amount if your dog is diabetic)
1 cup plain yogurt (don't use yogurt containing xylitol, which is poisonous to dogs)

Directions
Gently mix all ingredients together in a bowl
Pour mixture into ice cube tray or large mold
Freeze for at least 4 – 5 hours
Remove one popsicle, and let your dog enjoy!



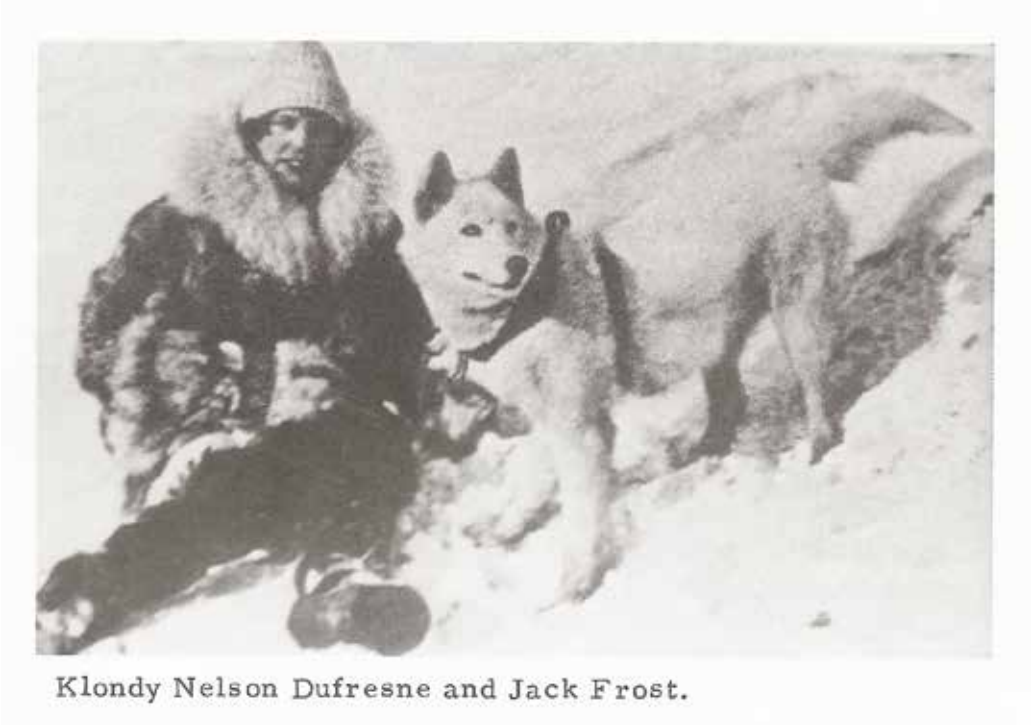
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SUPER DOG OF THE NORTH!

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Along in he year 1908, when the famous 408 mile All-Alaska Sweepstakes race was enjoying its greatest popularity, and the staghounds, bird dogs, and various cross-bred types were battling for supremacy, the steamer *Corwin* shoved her way through the ice-fields from East Cape Siberia into Nome and unloaded a hundred or more sprightly little plume tailed dogs. Their owner, Goosak, a Cossack fur buyer, announced with conviction that these short-legged roly-poly pygmies were going to make our long-limbed hounds and fleet-footed setters look both "seeck and crippled" in the next big race.

They came near to doing it, too. They beat our best dogs so often and so decisively that we decided the only way to compete against them was to send over to Siberia and get more just like them. To abbreviate, we have been importing them ever since, until today, these gay little immigrants rule the windblown trails of northwestern Alaska.

From the Kamchatka Peninsula and the boreal Lena River in bleak, barren Siberia came these wonderful dogs. In a country of magnificent distances where neighbors are a hundred miles away across the treeless, trackless tundra they developed to their present-ay miraculous power of endurance. It is said that nay dog failing to run a hundred miles at a good fast clip is summarily shot by its Russian master. Yet the Russians love their dogs and value them highly. An ordinary dog on the Siberian side will cost five white-fox skins or about $150; good lead dogs often bring ten or more white-fox skins.

No amount of cold fazes them. In Siberia, their harnesses go on in the fall and do not come off until Spring. At the end of ten, twelve, or sixteen hours of a day's travel the sled is anchored, the tow line stretched taut, and the dogs are left to sleep in the open for the night. If the owner has a pound or two of seal meat to toss to each dog, all well and good, but if this is not forthcoming they lose no time fretting or whining, but curl themselves into tight, fuzzy balls and go soundly to sleep until times are better. There are many instances of dogs traveling three or four days without food without appreciable loss of vigor. Siberia is a lean, hungry country and it has developed a dog with more stamina than any other domesticated beast.

An outstanding trait in the Siberian dogs is its sunny, genial disposition. There is none of the fierce fighting and throat slashing so common to the native Alaskan dog. Instead they dwell amiably together and have genuine affection for one another. With man the are slow to make friends, but once having been won over, they serve with a cheerful loyalty that cannot be surpassed. They are what is known as "one man's dogs."

The speed they make is remarkable; their endurance marvelous. In the 408 mile All-Alaska Sweepstakes they hold the record by covering the distance in 74 hours, 14 minutes, and 22 seconds. This is not going time but is all the time elapsed between the hour the team left Nome until it returned, including all the time the driver and dogs rested at roadhouses. The actual running speed for the distance is more than ten miles an hour. In the shorter races they travel like an express train and

have averaged better than eighteen miles an hour in some of the races around Nome. Contrast this with the five or six mile speed of the ordinary trail dog.

Occasionally among these dogs is found one with blue, or "glass" eyes, colored like the summer sky. Dog men look with favor upon this peculiarity and it does seem that these blue-eyed dogs nearly always possess special vigor and intelligence. The dogs themselves come in a mixture of blacks, grays, and white but never a taint of red, brown, or yellow.

ON the Alaskan trails on the winter days, I have used about every type and breed of sled dog and have encountered the usual amount of cold weather, blizzards, and wind storms that fall to the lot of every dog musher. I have traveled for miles in timbered interior where every foot of the way had to be won through waist-deep snow, light as down, and have skirted the Arctic Coast line, where the crusted sow is packed in sharp windrows, hard as ice. Pound for pound my Siberians were always the better dogs.

It is true, however, that the Siberian dog is preeminently at its best on the hard, wind-packed trails on the coast sections. They can scamper for miles, it seems, without showing the least sign or weariness. The regular thirty-mile run from road-house to roadhouse is nothing for them when trails are good. If time presses the Siberians will carry you to the second--or to the third roadhouse in a day. Give then an eight or ten-hour rest and they are ready and eager to go again.

The Siberians have a peculiar, bounding lope that carries them over the ground like a low-flying bird. Their feet seem scarcely to touch the ground. There is no jolting or jarring of the body as in the heavier dogs. The years of careful breeding in a land where their endurance is continually being tested to the limit has evolved them into perfect running machines.

One of the secrets of their swift gait is the abnormal length of the humerus bone. Racing men claim that this long upper arm gives them a powerful, straight ahead, trail covering reach. I have noticed that no dog, however perfect in other ways, ever finds its way into a Siberian race team unless it has this long stretch from shoulder to elbow.

The short, blocky body of these dogs makes for pulling power and endurance. Dogs of the greyhound or allied species may travel very fast but they do not carry the weight in their loins so necessary in a draft animal. Offhand I can recall a dozen other varieties of dogs that might travel a hundred yards faster than Siberian dog unhampered by any burden, but harness these same dogs to a sled and they would scarcely be dragging out a weary fif**ty miles when the Siberians breezed jauntily past the hundred mile mark.**

Dogs are neither playthings nor pets in the Northland. They are partners. Without their cooperation northern Alaska would exist only as a number of widely scattered hermitages. When winter closes down upon us in November and holds us fast in its chilly grip until the next June, the dogs are our connecting links from cabin to village and from village to city. The long stretches from thirty to fifty miles between stations are too much to attempt on snowshoes or skis. The reindeer, though valuable as a food product, has not yet demonstrated its value as a driving animal. It is to the dogs that we turn and the faster they go the less we are exposed to the often unfriendly elements.

When the weather is fair, travel on the trail holds a zestful charm even in midwinter but storms have a way of picking up from nowhere at all in almost no time at all. These frigid gales carry death in their teeth for both man and beast. The sooner sheltered the better.

One winter day I left the shelter cabin at bleak Cape Douglas in company with another team and drove twenty-four miles across the open tundra and sea ice to Teller. It was cold--forty-two below, as I recall it--a strong north wind blew directly in our faces al the way over and made the experience anything but pleasant. I urged my dogs to make speed and they responded by battling their way into the wind across the twenty-four miles in less than three hours. Other than minor frost-bite or two I suffered not at all. The other team, however, composed of the old fashioned malamutes more or less cross-bred with "outside" dogs required six hours for the same journey. In the last hours, four of his dogs froze to death and the driver himself was seriously frostbitten. Had the trip been ten miles longer the Northland would have claimed another victim. This incident shows the extreme value of time and the urge for faster dogs.

The Siberian dog comes to us from across the Bering Sea like a gift from the gods. He comes to us an efficient, case-hardened, highly polished master of the winter trails. He is the toughest, sunniest, "peppiest" little stouthearted super dog that I have ever known.

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Any Siberian Husky is entitled to one paid $25 Group Placing picture during its entire show career. Additional ads will be at the regular price.

Any Siberian Husky is entitled to one FREE photo and accompanying story (as supplied by the owner) upon winning a first Best In Show or Highest Scoring Dog in All-Breed Trial.

1. Back issues of the Newsletter may be available upon request.
2. The Newsletter will publish photos of the following National Specialty winners: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Awards of Merit, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Sled Dog, Best Veteran (if given), Best Junior Handler, High in Trial(s), High in Agility Trial(s), High Combined, and FIRST place in all breed and companion events. (6/6/81, amended 4/28/96, amended 10/7/12)
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