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Meet the SHCA Social Media Team

One of the goals of the SHCA Board this year was to strengthen our presence on social media and create a more engaging way to connect with members, educate the public, and celebrate all aspects of our breed. To accomplish that, a dedicated Social Media Team was formed consisting of **Demi Flowers, Katie Sample, Linsey Feldman, Sarah Kujawa,** and **Suzie Schwalbach**.



Since April, the team has been hard at work implementing a comprehensive strategy designed to showcase the many facets of the Siberian Husky while creating a consistent and engaging online presence.

A Strong Start

In just three months, the team's efforts have produced impressive results.

Content increased from just **five posts during the first quarter** to **44 posts in the second quarter**, while engagement improved dramatically. During that time, SHCA's social media generated nearly **144,000 impressions** and approximately **5,500 interactions**—almost **13 times more engagement** than the previous quarter.

The growth didn't stop there. Visits to SHCA's Facebook and Instagram pages increased by more than **200%**, and the organization gained nearly three times as many new followers as in the previous quarter. Just as importantly, members are interacting more with SHCA's content through comments, shares, and conversations.

New Content Series

To create consistency and give followers something to look forward to, the team introduced several recurring features, including:

- **Specialty Wins** – Celebrating winners from specialty and designated specialty shows across the country. Owned by Sarah
- **Race Highlights** – Showcasing dryland and sled racing while emphasizing the Siberian Husky's working heritage. Owned by Linsey
- **Monthly Achievements** – Recognizing dogs and members earning new titles in conformation, performance, companion, and working events. Owned by Demi
- **Versatility Spotlight** – Highlighting the many activities Siberian Huskies enjoy and connecting them to the breed's purpose and standard. Owned by Katie
- **History Highlights** – Sharing influential dogs, kennels, and important moments in SHCA history.
- **Breeder Spotlight Reels** – Short video clips adapted from SHCA's breeder interview series to make valuable knowledge more accessible.
- **Earning Recognition** – Explaining SHCA awards, programs, and titles and how members can participate. Owned by Linsey
- **Member Spotlights** – Introducing the people and dogs that make up our community. Owned by Suzie
- **National Specialty Updates** – Keeping members informed about deadlines, events, and opportunities surrounding the National Specialty.

These features are helping tell the complete story of the Siberian Husky—not just in the conformation ring, but in working events, performance sports, history, education, and the people who dedicate themselves to the breed.

Guided by Four Content Pillars

Every post is planned around four key content pillars that help ensure SHCA's social media reflects the full breadth of our organization:

- **Education** – Providing trusted information about the breed, responsible ownership, and life with a working dog.
- **Recognition** – Celebrating accomplishments across conformation, performance, racing, juniors, and other activities.
- **Community** – Highlighting the people, friendships, and experiences that make SHCA such a special organization.
- **Club News & Events** – Sharing official announcements, deadlines, programs, and organizational updates.

Together, these pillars create a balanced approach that informs, celebrates, and connects members while introducing new audiences to the Siberian Husky.

Looking Ahead

The Social Media Team has ambitious plans for the coming months. Future priorities include expanding educational content, continuing timely recognition of member accomplishments, building excitement for the National Specialty, sharing more historical features and breeder interviews, and using performance data to continually improve the content being shared.

Most importantly, the team wants SHCA's social media to represent the entire Siberian Husky community. That means member participation is essential.

Whether it's specialty wins, racing results, performance titles, historical photos, memorable moments, or stories about your dogs, your submissions help showcase everything that makes our breed and our club so special.

We'd Love to Hear From You

We welcome photos, accomplishments, and story ideas from members.

Facebook: *Siberian Husky Club of America – SHCA*
Instagram: *@siberianhuskyclubofamerica*
Email: shcasocialmedia@gmail.com

Together, we're building a social media presence that celebrates the history, versatility, and future of the Siberian Husky while strengthening connections across the entire SHCA community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Palmer, SHCA Social Media Chair

2026 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Oct 26-31, 2026

CONFORMATION EVENTS
JUDGES
Breed: Donna Beckman
Dogs: Jessica Breinholt
Bitches: Kim LeBlanc
Puppy/Veteran Sweeps: Karen Mammano
Sled Dog Sweeps: Dominic Dibalsi

NATIONAL SPECIALTY
Top 20 Gala
Winners Extravaganza
Pee Wee Showmanship
Junior Showmanship
Farewell Party

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SHCA PRE-NATIONAL SPECIALTY
JUDGE – Cindy Stansell

SHCGC Pre- SPECIALTY
JUDGE – Vicki Allenbrand

CHECKLIST FOR ATTENDING A NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Dog Needs

- Dry Food w/scoop
- Supplements
- Individual medications
- Food bowl
- Water bucket (bldg. & hotel)
- Treats, bones, chews
- Water from home – 2 gallons
- Bait- food/squeaker
- Crate toy
- Basic dog meds to have on hand
    - Flagyl
    - Benadryl
    - Ear Cleaner-Aloe based

Dog show equipment

- 2 Wire Crates, 2 cloth crates, lock for crate

- Crate pan/dog cushioning
- Grooming table
- Grooming box
- Clips/clamps/bungee cords
- Bull snaps
- Trash bags/poop bags
- Chair
- Extension cord

Dog show extra items

- Fan/crate fan
- Collar
- Leashes- show/casual
- Flexi-lead
- Spray cleaner/disinfectant
- Paper towels
- Towels
- Rags
- Water Spray bottle
  Shampoo items
- Smock/apron
- Forced air dryer

Personal needs

- Show outfit
- Casual clothes
- Sleep wear
- Show Shoes
- Casual shoes
- Jacket
- Rain gear
- Jewelry
- Make up
- Toiletries
- Pillow
- Dirty clothes bag
- Human medication (plus immodium)
- Safety pins
- Wipes

Personal extra items

- Purse/wallet
- Cash
- Phone and charger
- Judge's schedule
- Hotel reservation
- Dog shot/OFA records binder
- Computer and charger
- Business cards
- Books on tape
- Cooler-food/drinks
- Snacks
- Drinks
- Water
- Emergency kit
- Room freshener

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President's Letter

As you are reading this, another National will be upon us. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Charles and his incredible team for the monumental effort, passion, and care they poured into the Ohio National. It is sure to be an extraordinary event! Preparing for a week like this is a massive undertaking—one that you truly only grasp once you have walked in those shoes—I know they will handle it with absolute grace. A pre-congratulation goes out to all our upcoming winners, and to everyone who will be participating. It will be a magnificent week dedicated to celebrating our beloved Siberian Huskies, renewing old friendships, making wonderful new ones, and forging priceless memories that we will share for years to come.

For me, the National usually marks the closure of the show season, a time when I turn my focus toward the warmth of the holidays and wrapping up the work year. Yet for so many in our community, this season is just getting started! Training is underway, races are on the horizon, upcoming shows await, and perhaps there is a new litter in the works or a new puppy about to join your pack. Whatever this fall and winter hold for you, embrace every moment and make the best of it. Above all, remember why we have devoted our lives to this incredible breed and what it means to be part of this passionate family. We are here to safeguard and preserve the Siberian Husky—its rich heritage, unyielding integrity, working functionality, and breathtaking beauty! We are also here to lift each other up, because no one understands our unique joys, challenges, and heartbreaks better than a fellow Siberian lover. Cherish that bond, nurture it, and let us always protect the strong foundation our club's founders built for us.

Finally, I want to share a heartfelt thank you to our Board and to every single volunteer who so generously gives their time and energy to the SHCA. Your dedication, hard work, and love for the breed are the very lifeblood that keeps this club vibrant for generations to come. Wishing you all the absolute best—whether you are out on the trail, stepping into the ring, watching over the whelping box, or simply cozying up at home with your favorite fuzzy foot-warmers as we close out another wonderful year together!

Happy Holidays, stay safe, and enjoy your dogs!

See you soon!

Stephanie

President, Siberian Husky Club of America

Editor's Corner

Greetings, everyone!! Can't wait to see you at the National Specialty! Vern and I will be there on Friday and Saturday, sooner if we can swing it.

This issue includes some very important articles:

What to do in case of an accident - Accident Preparedness

The Competitive Edge, Doin't Leave Home Without It

Bob and Pam Thomas's colulmn includes some very special photos of Harry Wheeler's team

Theresa's Performance Place covers SHCA All Breed Agility Trial:

Karla Wall's Gazette article addresses Educating Without Pushing Away

Suzanne Clothier's article includes 10 Tips for Problem Behaviour

Karen Shaner keeps us up to date with Area Club happenings

Andrew Brace's article on The Advantages of Free Standing

Doc Cera sent in an updated article about the Screw Worm

Safe travels and good luck at the National!

Olivia

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GCHG Husker Du's Dirty Martini

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We are truly honored and would like to thank BIS Judge Donelle Richards, Group Judge David Peat, Breed Judge Del Richards and the Hangtown Kennel Club of Placerville for putting on a Great Show!



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Dam: GCH Husker Du's Inspiring Princess Leia

Bred & Owned by: Sheila Laughton and Sarah Koontz

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IN CASE OF ACCIDENT...



By Caroline Coile Ph.D.

"I'm sorry, dogs." These were my last thoughts right before slamming head-on into a concrete interstate barrier at 65 mph. This being my first try at high speed collisions, I wasn't sure if I would live, but I was sure my loose dogs would not. Yes, I knew they should have been riding in crates, not lounging on the bed in the back of my camping van. But they had looked so comfortable…

There was only a fraction of a second to regret my choice; in case you are curious, it's quite a jolt when you hit a concrete wall at that speed. Then we were airborne, flipping, over and over and over, then spinning and sliding on the van's side, the dotted lines passing by my face until we finally came to a stop. Seconds passed. A pair of golden legs stood on my head. One of my dogs was alive! Another pair, then another! All three dogs! People were pulling out the windshield to rescue us, but I knew the crisis wasn't over. "Stop! Don't open it!" I yelled. They surely thought I must be suffering from a concussion, but my thoughts were crystal clear.

I had three panicked dogs with me, and all I could think of was the vision of an interstate accident I'd come across a few months earlier. A small accident, but the car door had popped open, and the dog, panicked, had sprung from the car and fled down the roadway, oblivious to his owner's cries as she chased behind, finally sinking to her knees in tears as he disappeared from sight.

My dogs would also flee if they got out. "I have to find leashes," I called out. The leashes had been by the rear door, but now they were lost in the rubble. I rummaged around frantically and finally fished out two just as the rescuers decided to ignore me and pull open the windshield anyway. I had three dogs. I found a show lead hanging from the rear view mirror as I made my way out with the last dog.

My head was bloody and both the dogs and I had assorted cuts and bruises. The paramedics wanted to take me to the hospital, which meant the dogs would have to go to the shelter. Fortunately, I wasn't so badly injured that I couldn't say no, and after some arguing, the dogs and I got to ride in the fire truck rather than them being carted away in the animal control truck. I knew I was lucky. I also had a few lessons drummed into my battered head:

1: Dogs should always ride in crates. I KNEW that. But again, I was tired, they looked so comfy, and I was only driving a hundred miles or so. I'd driven thousands without an accident. But not this time. The unexpected happens, in my case, a car ricocheting off the concrete barrier and into my van's rear. My dogs were thrown into the sheltered midsection of the van before it started rolling. That sort of luck doesn't happen often. And yes, some crates are better than others—the high-impact types are especially safe but expensive—but any crate is better than none.

2: Leashes should be readily accessible. Hanging by the door doesn't work in a wreck. When you flip, nothing stays where it was. My van looked like the inside of a kaleidoscope. My leashes needed to be clipped onto something, preferably each dog's crate, or by my side. Extras wouldn't hurt; in fact, I'd had extras in there and that was how I finally found a total of three out of the nine or so that were probably in there.

3: Provisions should be made for the dog's care in case you can't talk. I saw stars, but I wasn't knocked out. What if I had been? My rescuers would have let the dogs loose because they weren't in crates. Back to that crate thing. And what if the dogs had been hurt? On each crate, and in my purse, should have been emergency instructions for them, listing their required medications and giving a release and payment assurance for emergency veterinary treatment. Plus, of course, an emergency contact number. Several, in fact.

4: Dogs should always wear identification. I did do one thing right: the dogs were wearing collars with identification, and they were all microchipped. Never take a car trip, whether cross country or cross town, without this simple precaution.

5: Our accident took place in Texas, in July. My three dogs and I ended up trying to find shade in the middle of the hot Interstate (yes, they closed the road). There's no air conditioning on the Interstate—no water fountains or ice machines either. At this point the biggest threat to my dogs' safety was overheating. I needed an emergency kit with towels I could soak for them to stand on, or act as cool coats, plus of course a bowl and at very least a gallon of water. An ice chest would have been a godsend. As would a battery fan or two or three. And all this needed to be buckled in place somewhere I could reach it. The same concept goes if you're traveling in frigid temps. Blankets and hand warmers and dog coats—remember your dogs could be injured or in shock and may not be able to handle temperature extremes as they normally would.

I lucked out. But LUCK is the operative word. I'm now one of those people whose dogs ride in crates to go to the end of the block. I've read too many sad tales of dogs killed as they hit the dashboard from a wreck occurring at 30 mph, or dogs escaping an Interstate wreck only to run into traffic and be hit—or off into oblivion never to be found. Every time I read such stories I know I should have been one of them. And my heart aches for their owners who also thought it would never happen to them.

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July 2026 Update to Clubs

Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Event

At its July meeting, the AKC Board approved adding a new offense under the Inappropriate Treatment of Animals category for violations of the American Kennel Club's Unattended Dogs in Vehicle Policy. The new offense and penalties take effect July 29, 2026.

The inclusion reads as follows:

Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

Violation of AKC's Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy1

Mitigated: 1 yr/$1,000 Standard: 5 yr/$2,000 Aggravated: Up to life/up to $10,000

1 For purposes of this provision, dogs shall not be left unattended in a vehicle that is fully enclosed or sealed from outside airflow. A vehicle containing unattended dogs must provide continuous ventilation and conditions reasonably sufficient to protect the dogs from heat-related injury, illness, distress, or death. The use of electronic monitoring devices, remote alerts, fans, or climate-control systems shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this provision.

Additionally, the AKC Board approved a change to Section VII Preliminary Investigation to require Event Committees to conduct a hearing when a dog is seriously injured or dies in connection with their event. The is effective July 29, 2026.

Individual Examination of Dogs

The AKC Board voted to revise the examination policy for dogs a judge has already examined at the same event. Effective July 29, 2026, Group and Best in Show judges will no longer be required to re-examine those dogs for standard and rules disqualifications or to check males for two normally descended testicles. Judges must still individually gait all dogs.

AKC National Champion Title

At its July meeting, the AKC Board approved the creation of the AKC National Champion title (ANC), a prefix title awarded to the dog that wins Best in Show at the annual AKC National Championship. This new title is consistent with the 11 other Companion and Performance titles AKC currently offers for dogs that earn a national championship win.

Past Best in Show winners at the AKC National Championship will be grandfathered into the title.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be found here.

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.



The Competitive Edge
DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

by William Given

Competition comes in many forms and on different levels, and while not everyone is looking to compete at the highest level, I believe it is important to find some level of competition in conformation–or in the companion or performance events–for everyone that wishes to participate in the sport of purebred dogs. Competition on any level is healthy; it gives our training purpose and structure, and leads to positive results.

Aside from your basic feeding and conditioning routine, grooming skills and handling abilities required to master the art of handling, what's going to set you apart from the competition may be mental toughness. Having a competitive advantage is not a permanent thing. If you are to maintain your competitive edge, you must continue to adapt, adjust, learn new skills and refine old techniques. You must position yourself to respond to the changes occurring within yourself, changes in breeding trends and judges' preferences, and challenges from competitors.

Challenges Brought By Competitors

It is the challenges brought by competitors that you will most likely experience first and most often. You must understand, your competitors want to win also, and some of them will have been working hard to find ways to make that happen. They will practice daily with their dog and they will learn to get the very best out their ring partner.

Some will finally admit that they will never get the performance they have been working hard to achieve and will choose to purchase a much better dog. This time, instead of buying a dog that the breeder promised was finishable, they purchased a young, show quality dog whose sire, dam, and grandparents all have great pedigrees, as well as being properly constructed, nice moving with soundness, and all having winning records in the show ring.

There are those competitors out there who have never excelled because they got too nervous in the ring. They always believed that if they did just one thing wrong, they would fail their dog and he would lose, and (the self-fulfilling prophecy being what it is) that is exactly what happened. Possibly, practice yielded a vast improvement in their handling skills, and this has given them an immeasurable boost in their confidence. That can make a competitor feel unbeatable, and they will be hard to beat.

No competitive advantage is safe for long, you have to be prepared for that. Concentrate your efforts on what you do best, focus on highlighting your dog's strengths and do it better than any of your competitors. Your competitors may have made strategic errors and tactical blunders over the years, but they get refocused and they want to win. Everyone taking a dog into the conformation ring today needs to take time to discover what it is that makes them and their dog unique, and sets them apart from their competitors. Use that knowledge to your advantage.

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Changes In Judges' Preferences

The judge, who does not let any of the disqualifications get past him or her, can pretty much serve his or her own taste. And, though this is meant as an exaggeration, it is not far removed from the truth. Poorly written standards invite personal preferences, but even the most detailed standards will be open to interpretation. That allows for preferences.

It is my belief that every judge has his or her preferences. These preferences may be deeply rooted and long-held, or the opposite. They form naturally, I believe, over many years and are based (in a large part) on the ease or difficulty experienced building strengths and eliminating weaknesses in their breeding programs. For example: maybe his or her problem was light eyes. If, as a breeder, the judge spent a great deal of time, money and energy into breeding light eyes out of his or her line, it is reasonable that they might penalize light eyes more heavily.

And, not all personal preferences are bad because many of them are founded in breed standards. For example: Whether inside or outside the ring, I cannot begin to guess the number of times I have heard an exhibitor say, "The standard allows for up to four missing teeth." The breed standard for the Doberman Pinscher lists as a disqualifying fault, "Four or more missing teeth," so, to an extent (limited), they are correct, however, the judge was not contemplating disqualification. Additionally, it reads, bite: 42 correctly placed teeth, 22 in the lower, 20 in the upper jaw. Now, the standard does not directly state full dentition is preferred, but it is implied, and I am okay if a judge prefers full dentition.

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We are in agreement; judges should not penalize an exhibit for any trait, characteristic or quality if the dog falls within the standard. And, let us remember, that judges are human and even with their preferences, they do labor diligently, I believe, to maintain objectivity. The personal preferences of judges can and do change, and those changes are very often for the better of the sport. However, to be successful, it is important to know what a judge's personal preferences are today. The best way to gain insight is by observation. Spend time watching the men and women who judge your breed and your group, learn their preferences and make notes that you can refer back to from time to time.

Long before you enter a show, you will know who is judging your breed and you will also likely have a very good idea of what the competition will be. If you know your dog's strengths and weaknesses and those of the competition, and if you know the judge's preferences, you can use that knowledge to give the judge a nudge in the direction of your dog. It isn't cheating, it is showing smart.

Changes In Breeding Trends

In a previous article titled, "Understanding Standards," I stated, "If a trait, feature, or characteristic is desirable, it should only be present in the proper measure." As my wife was proofreading this, she reminded me of an Oscar Wilde quote, "Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess." For those who are not familiar with the works of Oscar Wilde, he was an Irish novelist, poet and playwright, most known for his work, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

To the point, Wilde was indeed correct. There is, of course, always the ever-present danger that a breeder might be prone to exaggerate some feature of their stock to display more of a breed trait or characteristic. The breeder will, naturally, want to get this animal into the show ring as soon as possible, but only under the right judges. The man or woman judging at one of the big prestigious shows or at a National Specialty could go down the line selecting dogs which, in some characteristic, vary from what has been winning. It is, then, most understandable when their owner bursts out with advertising spreads, then more breeders respond, and a new "type" is launched.

Changes Coming From Within

Sometimes, the loss of a competitive advantage occurs as a result of changes taking place within us. These changes can, if left unattended, have a great impact on a person's ability and desire to compete and win. These changes can be something direct with a rapid onset or they can be more subtle and slow. More often than not, people change in ways that are seemingly imperceptible, and this has an influence on their competitive edge as well.

These changes can be physical, mental or emotional. Physical changes are more readily noticeable. We see them, for example, when the fine lines we first see in our forties are often well-developed wrinkles in our sixties. The physical changes in our bodies become much less positive because, over time, we begin to feel them.

Psychological and emotional changes may also take place. Changes that are most likely to have a negative impact on maintaining your competitive edge are likely to be the result of something like problems at work, marital strife, children growing up and leaving home, the sudden loss of a child or sibling, or the mounting health concerns or death of a person's parents.

No matter what the internal changes happen to be, continuing to live each day positively is one of the best ways to weather the storm. Another way is to stay connected, with family and friends, with members of your all-breed or specialty club, and with breed colleagues. Try not to make changes unless you know the change is something that will benefit you and help maintain your competitive advantage.

Warning Signs Of Burnout

Breeders and exhibitors who have a strong drive for success, a passion for their breed, or who set perfectionist standards for themselves are the most susceptible and often the hardest hit. If we combine that with a lack of attention to self-care, one can soon find

himself or herself without the energy or interest to keep up the pace. If left unchecked, burnout can pose serious physical and mental health concerns. The following are ten warning signs of burnout that may help indicate we are on a path leading to burnout and need to make the necessary changes to avoid it.

Loss Of Enjoyment

Probably, the most defining characteristic of burnout for an exhibitor is the loss of pleasure received from participating in our sport and, if not treated, enjoyment may be lost in all aspects of life. If we reach burnout, we will cease feeling excited in our preparation for a show and even the fun felt when receiving a big win. If we lose our enthusiasm and passion for the sport, the sport becomes more of a chore for us and feels like something we "have to do" rather than something we really want to do. This will likely be seen in our approach to preparing for a show. When we near burnout, we are no longer excited about dog shows. Instead we feel a sense of dread about having to go to another show and while we are at the show our mind will be filled with thoughts of "when will all of this be over."

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Loss Of Purpose

The closer an exhibitor gets burnout, the more he or she will find themselves asking questions like, "why am I doing all of this?" and "what is the point?" We might experience difficulty in finding meaning in continuing to exercise our dog for optimum weight and fitness, to maintain his closely adhered to schedule for coat care, and all of the things we once did to maintain our competitive advantage. It is as if we have lost touch with our long-established goals, and even those elements of the sport that attracted us to it and once ignited our passion.

Difficulty Focusing

An exhibitor who is struggling with the emotions associated with burnout will experience difficulty maintaining focus, and many people find the sudden loss of concentration to be quite frustrating. Whether preparing for a show or at a show, one may find himself or herself, mentally, all over the place, and will likely perform at a much lower level. This is because one's concentration is continually being interrupted by nagging thoughts of wanting to be anywhere other than a dog show.

Physical Fatigue

It is one thing to feel a bit fatigued due to a sleepless night, but quite another thing to become fatigued at the mere mention of dogs and dog shows. If this sounds familiar, you could be well on your way to becoming burned out. Exhibitors who are well on the way to becoming burned out seem to feel tired almost all of the time. They go to bed exhausted and they lack any feeling of being refreshed the following morning when they wake up. Because they continuously overwork both mind and body, they never allow for themselves to completely regenerate. A person can carry a base level of exhaustion that consistently interferes with show preparation, competing at dog shows, and day-to-day living. Despite being in good physical condition, the person suffering from burnout consistently complains about a lack of energy and limited endurance.

Health Issues

The onset of burnout can also have a debilitating effect on our physical health. Exhibitors could expect to experience general muscle aches and back pain. Also common are gastrointestinal issues, fluctuations in weight and a significant lowering of the immune system. Sadly, if burnout reaches this phase, the only thing a person can really do is "stop." If we do not attend to these physical symptoms, they will likely get worse and non-action would be inviting more serious health concerns in the immediate future.

Mental Health

I am sure it is not surprising to anyone that burnout and depression are strongly related to each other. The generally accepted difference between burnout and a diagnosis of depression is in the remedy. If an exhibitor is challenged with depression due to burnout, the key would be to minimize or eliminate the cause of burnout. If one is suffering from depression and burnout is not a factor, there may be a wide range of causes. Seeking the support of an experienced professional is a great way to determine an appropriate course of action.

It is important to understand that we are more susceptible to the changes coming from within when we are driven to excel. The key to avoiding this is to develop a self-care routine that includes time for rest, recuperation and recreation. This might be as simple as taking a long, hot bubble bath a couple nights a week (works for my wife) or a nice, long three-day weekend away (also works for my wife) but, no matter what you choose that works best for you, taking regular breaks in your schedule to do something special for you can truly be the number one preventative for burnout.

Takeaway Message

Finding and holding a competitive edge originates in the desire to excel and win. Winning is better than losing, and I make no apologies for saying it; but make no mistake, our passion for the sport and our drive to achieve cannot be allowed to override the need for self-care.

Change is inevitable, and in the sport of purebred dogs it sometimes feels as though it is changing faster than ever. Staying with what has worked for you in the past simply isn't going to cut it anymore, especially if you are seeing a decline in your win-loss ratio. You need to stay vigilant to keep ahead of the curve and protect your competitive advantage.

Reprinted from The Canine Chronicle September, 2020

BLAST from the PAST

By Robert and Pam Thomas

HARRY WHEELER

In the early 1990s we took our team out east, mid-distance racing in New York, Maine, and New Hampshire. After the New York race, we went up to Grey Rocks Inn where Harry Wheeler had his kennel. Of course, there weren't any Siberians there anymore, but there were many photographs of the dogs adoring the walls in the building. We inquired if Lucile Wheeler Vaughn, Harry's daughter, lived nearby. At the time, she was wintering in Florida! We did get her contact information, and called her when we returned to Wisconsin. Thus began a friendship with Lucile of many years. She graciously allowed us to copy and scan all the photos and articles concerning her Dad's Siberians. This article, with the two photographs, covers the material on the acceptance of the Siberian Husky into the Canadian Kennel Club.

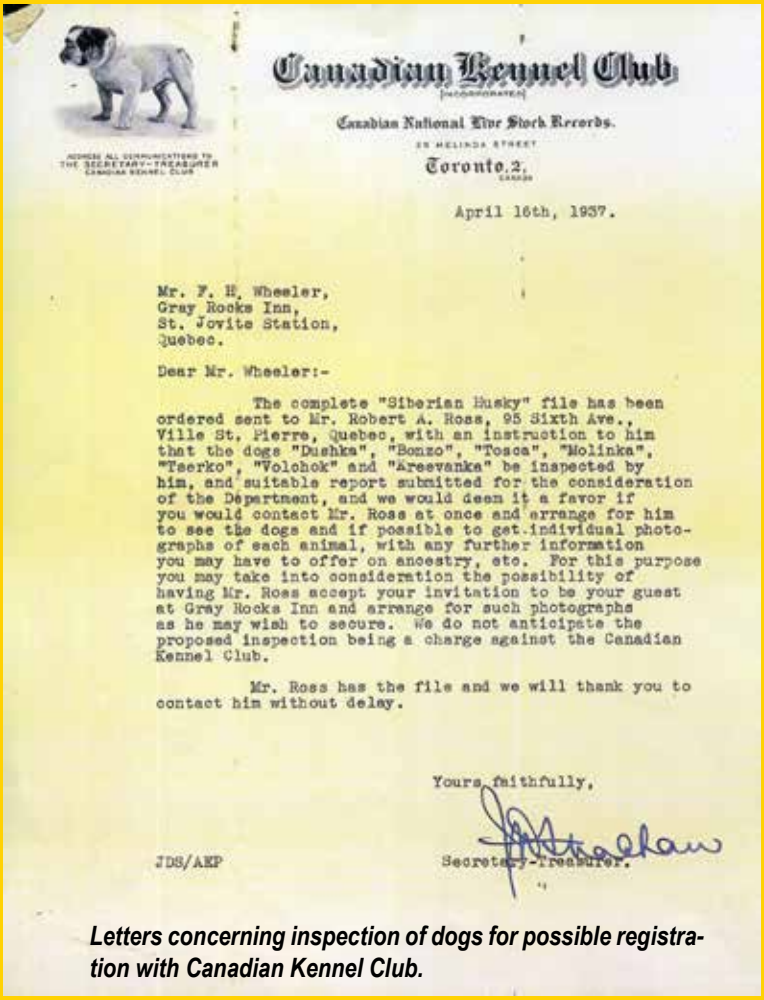
(all photos and articles in the collection of Lucile Wheeler Vaughn)



Bonzo and his mates pose strikingly with their trophies (Bonzo at left.)



Dogsled ride at Grey Rocks Inn, Bonzo in lead.



Canadian Kennel Club

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Canadian National Live Stock Records.

Toronto, 2.

April 16th, 1937.

Mr. F. H. Wheeler,
Gray Rocks Inn,
St. Jovite Station,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

The complete "Siberian Husky" file has been ordered sent to Mr. Robert A. Ross, 95 Sixth Ave., Ville St. Pierre, Quebec, with an instruction to him that the dogs "Dushka", "Bonzo", "Tosca", "Molinka", "Tserko", "Volchok" and "Areevanka" be inspected by him, and suitable report submitted for the consideration of the Department, and we would deem it a favor if you would contact Mr. Ross at once and arrange for him to see the dogs and if possible to get individual photographs of each animal, with any further information you may have to offer on ancestry, etc. For this purpose you may take into consideration the possibility of having Mr. Ross accept your invitation to be your guest at Gray Rocks Inn and arrange for such photographs as he may wish to secure. We do not anticipate the proposed inspection being a charge against the Canadian Kennel Club.

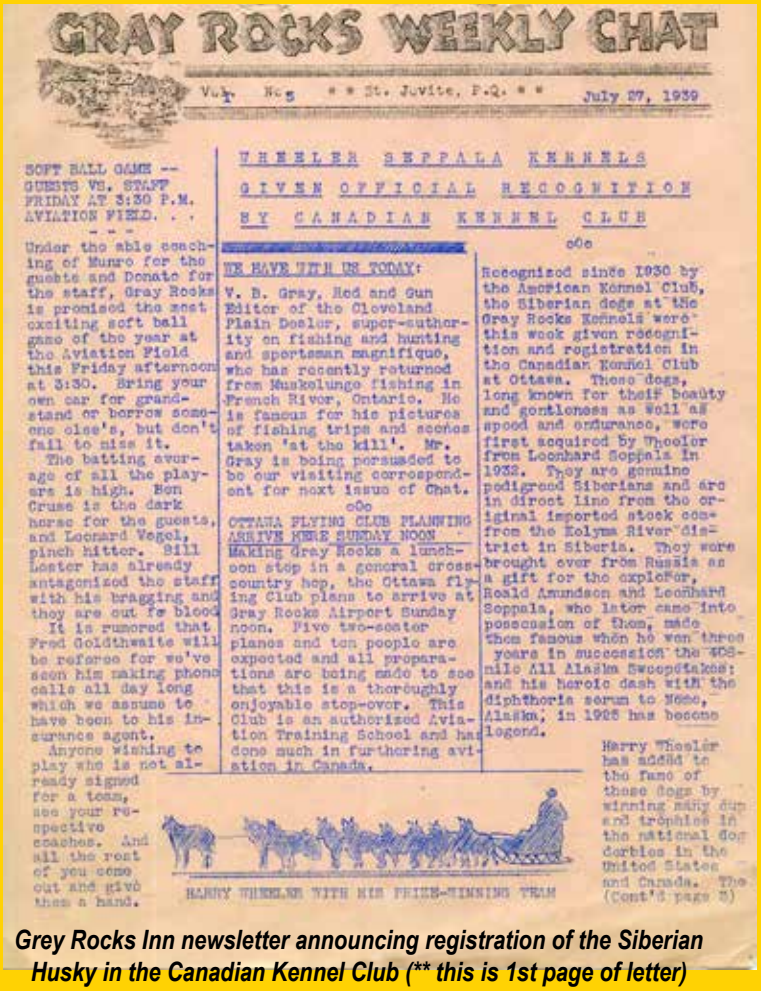
Mr. Ross has the file and we will thank you to contact him without delay.

Yours faithfully,

JDS/AKP

Secretary-Treasurer.

Letters concerning inspection of dogs for possible registration with Canadian Kennel Club.



GRAY ROCKS WEEKLY CHAT

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SOFT BALL GAME -- GUESTS VS. STAFF FRIDAY AT 3:30 P.M. AVIATION FIELD. . .

Under the able coaching of Munro for the guests and Donato for the staff, Gray Rocks is promised the most exciting soft ball game of the year at the Aviation Field this Friday afternoon at 3:30. Bring your own car for grandstand or borrow someone else's, but don't fail to miss it.

The batting average of all the players is high. Ben Cruse is the dark horse for the guests, and Leonard Vogel, pinch hitter. Bill Lester has already antagonized the staff with his bragging and they are out for blood.

It is rumored that Fred Goldthwaite will be referee for we've seen him making phone calls all day long which we assume to have been to his insurance agent.

Anyone wishing to play who is not already signed for a team, see your respective coaches. And all the rest of you come out and give them a hand.

WHEELER SEPPALA KENNELS GIVEN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB

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Recognized since 1930 by the American Kennel Club, the Siberian dogs at the Gray Rocks Kennels were this week given recognition and registration in the Canadian Kennel Club at Ottawa. These dogs, long known for their beauty and gentleness as well as speed and endurance, were first acquired by Wheeler from Leonhard Seppala in 1932. They are genuine pedigreed Siberians and are in direct line from the original imported stock come from the Kolyma River district in Siberia. They were brought over from Russia as a gift for the explorer, Roald Amundson and Leonhard Seppala, who later came into possession of them, made them famous when he won three years in succession the 408-mile All Alaska Sweepstakes and his heroic dash with the diphtheria serum to Nome, Alaska, in 1925 has become legend.

Harry Wheeler has added to the fame of these dogs by winning many cup and trophies in the national dog derbies in the United States and Canada. The

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WE HAVE WITH US TODAY:

V. B. Gray, Rod and Gun Editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, super-authority on fishing and hunting and sportsman magnifique, who has recently returned from Muskelunge fishing in French River, Ontario. He is famous for his pictures of fishing trips and scenes taken 'at the kill'. Mr. Gray is being persuaded to be our visiting correspondent for next issue of Chat.

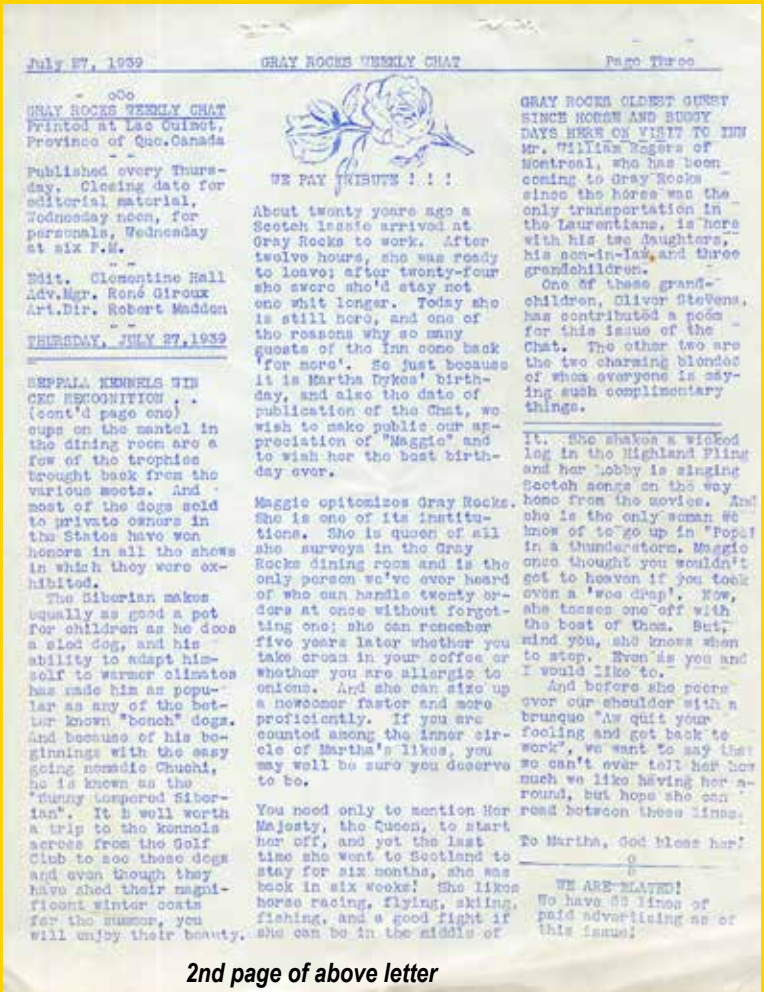
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OTTAWA FLYING CLUB PLANNING ARRIVE HERE SUNDAY NOON

Making Gray Rocks a luncheon stop in a general cross-country hop, the Ottawa flying Club plans to arrive at Gray Rocks Airport Sunday noon. Five two-seater planes and ten people are expected and all preparations are being made to see that this is a thoroughly enjoyable stop-over. This Club is an authorized Aviation Training School and has done much in furthering aviation in Canada.

HARRY WHEELER WITH HIS PRIZE-WINNING TEAM

*Grey Rocks Inn newsletter announcing registration of the Siberian Husky in the Canadian Kennel Club (** this is 1st page of letter)*



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SEPPALA KENNELS WIN CKC RECOGNITION . .

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cups on the mantel in the dining room are a few of the trophies brought back from the various meets. And most of the dogs sold to private owners in the States have won honors in all the shows in which they were exhibited.

The Siberian makes equally as good a pet for children as he does a sled dog, and his ability to adapt himself to warmer climates has made him as popular as any of the better known "bench" dogs. And because of his beginnings with the easy going nomadic Chuchi, he is known as the "tamest tempered Siberian". It is well worth a trip to the kennels across from the Golf Club to see these dogs and even though they have shed their magnificent winter coats for the summer, you will enjoy their beauty.

WE PAY TRIBUTE ! ! !

About twenty years ago a Scotch lassie arrived at Gray Rocks to work. After twelve hours, she was ready to leave; after twenty-four she swore she'd stay not one whit longer. Today she is still here, and one of the reasons why so many guests of the Inn come back 'for more'. So just because it is Martha Dykes' birthday, and also the date of publication of the Chat, we wish to make public our appreciation of "Maggie" and to wish her the best birthday ever.

Maggie epitomizes Gray Rocks. She is one of its institutions. She is queen of all she surveys in the Gray Rocks dining room and is the only person we've ever heard of who can handle twenty orders at once without forgetting one; she can remember five years later whether you take cream in your coffee or whether you are allergic to onions. And she can size up a newcomer faster and more proficiently. If you are counted among the inner circle of Martha's likes, you may well be sure you deserve to be.

You need only to mention Her Majesty, the Queen, to start her off, and yet the last time she went to Scotland to stay for six months, she was back in six weeks! She likes horse racing, flying, skiing, fishing, and a good fight if she can be in the middle of it. She shakes a wicked leg in the Highland Fling and her lobby is singing Scotch songs on the way home from the movies. And she is the only woman we know of to go up in "Pops" in a thunderstorm. Maggie once thought you wouldn't get to heaven if you took even a 'wee drap'. Now, she tosses one off with the best of them. But mind you, she knows when to stop. Even as you and I would like to.

And before she peers over our shoulder with a brusque "An quit your fooling and get back to work", we want to say that we can't ever tell her how much we like having her around, but hope she can read between these lines.

To Martha, God bless her!

GRAY ROCKS OLDEST GUEST SINCE HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS HERE ON VISIT TO INN

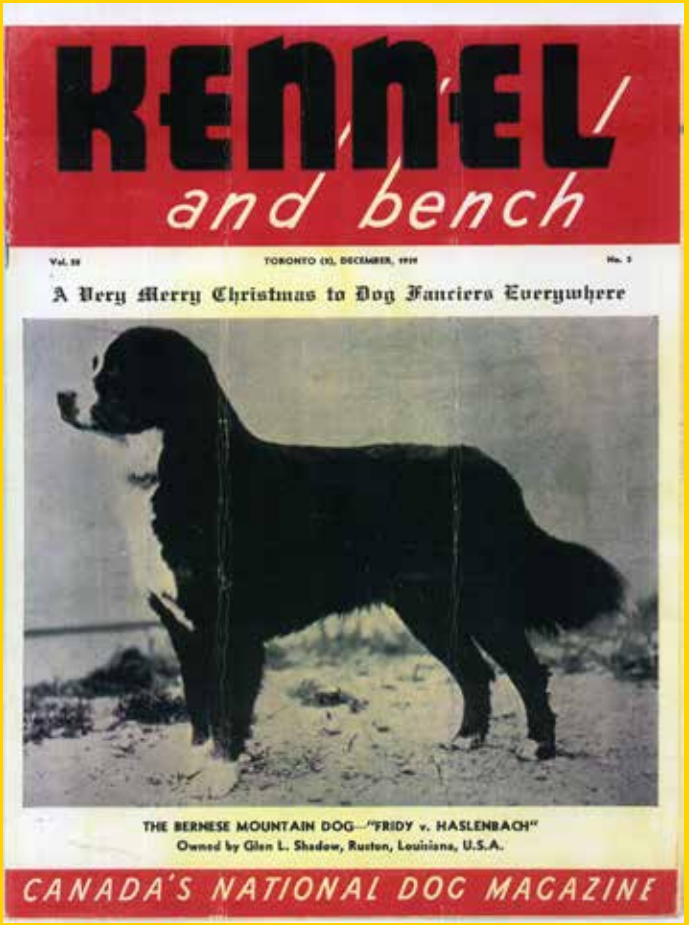
Mr. William Rogers of Montreal, who has been coming to Gray Rocks since the horse was the only transportation in the Laurentians, is here with his two daughters, his son-in-law, and three grandchildren.

One of these grandchildren, Oliver Stevens, has contributed a poem for this issue of the Chat. The other two are the two charming blondes of whom everyone is saying such complimentary things.

WE ARE PLEASED!

We have 88 lines of paid advertising as of this issue!

2nd page of above letter



KENNEL and bench

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A Very Merry Christmas to Dog Fanciers Everywhere

THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG—"FRIDY v. HASLENBACH"
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CANADA'S NATIONAL DOG MAGAZINE

"Kennel and Bench" article covering the Siberian Husky (1st page of article)



KENNEL AND BENCH

SIBERIAN HUSKIES

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Seppala has returned to the north but the strain of Siberians introduced by him has been carried on by Mr. Henry Wheeler at Grey Rocks Inn whose fame as a mecca of dog teams is well known to all who follow this sport. The dogs in the Seppala Kennels at Grey Rocks have won many cups in international events with Mr. Wheeler as their driver.

Owing to the affectionate nature of the Siberians they have become extremely popular in the past few years as pets. A considerable number of Americans who have been guests at Grey Rocks Inn have returned home with Siberian puppies.

CANCELLATIONS

Edmonton Dog Fanciers' Club Show
Boston Terrier. "My Little Timmy". 2nd Senior Puppy Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, not nine months of age on day of show.

Saint John Exhibition Show
Fox Terrier (Wire). "Garwood Mixer". 1st Senior Puppy Bitches cancelled. Ineligible, not being nine months of age on day of show.
New Brunswick Kennel Club Show
Spaniel (Cocker). "Ginger". Sweepstakes Bonnie Boy". 1st Senior Puppy Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, not being nine months of age on day of show.
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Hamilton Kennel Club Show
Spaniel (Cocker). "Spy of Mount Vernon". 1st Novice Bitches cancelled. Ineligible, was 1st in Canadian bred class, Toronto Kennel Club (1938).
Western Fair Show
Setter (Black). "Modern Son of Blue Bar". 1st Puppy Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, over one year old on day of show.
Vancouver Island Dog Fanciers'
Association Show
Spaniel (Cocker). "Bloomfield's Gem Boy". 1st Novice Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, was 1st in Novices at the Vancouver Island Dog Fanciers' Association May show.
Spaniel (English Springer). "Tinkmoor Donald". 1st Novice Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, having won a Winners ribbon at the Duncan Dog Club show.
Ladies' Kennel Club of Canada Show
Bull Terrier. "Miller Tim". 2nd Senior Puppy Dogs cancelled. Ineligible, not nine months of age on day of show.
Scottish Terrier. "Craigside Cutie". 1st in Senior Puppy Bitches cancelled. Ineligible, not nine months of age on day of show.
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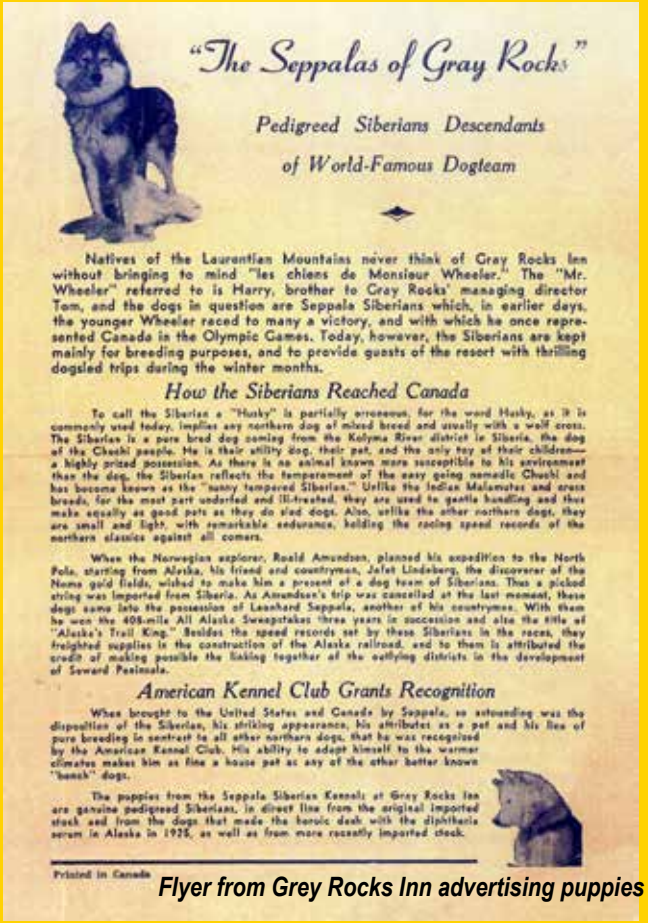
Canadian National Exhibition
Doberman Pinschers—Winners Dog and Best of Winners, Max of Rosebury, Best of Breed, C. Thill, van der Engelsberg.
Shetland Sheepdogs — Winners Dogs, Alford Classmate; Res. Winners, Alford Golden Gold. Point rating for Females—4 bitches, 3 points.

VALUABLE RECORDS REMOVED

Emphasizing the precautionary methods being adopted in the Motherland at the present time is the removal from the Kennel Club offices, 84 Piccadilly, London, to the country home in Kent, of Major F. N. Pickard, and the minute books of the Committee from 1874 onwards, Dog Show catalogues, Gazettes and Stud Books.

Vodka and Nick take in the proceedings while their team is halted for a rest. Two of the well-known Siberian sleigh dogs which make up several teams included in the Seppala Siberian Kennels at Grey Rocks Inn, St. Jovite, Que., Canada.

2nd page of Kennel and Bench article



"The Seppalas of Gray Rocks"

Pedigreed Siberians Descendants of World-Famous Dogteam

Natives of the Laurentian Mountains never think of Gray Rocks Inn without bringing to mind "les chiens de Monsieur Wheeler." The "Mr. Wheeler" referred to is Harry, brother to Gray Rocks' managing director Tom, and the dogs in question are Seppala Siberians which, in earlier days, the younger Wheeler raced to many a victory, and with which he once represented Canada in the Olympic Games. Today, however, the Siberians are kept mainly for breeding purposes, and to provide guests of the resort with thrilling dogsled trips during the winter months.

How the Siberians Reached Canada

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Printed in Canada

Flyer from Grey Rocks Inn advertising puppies

UPCOMING SPECIALTIES FOR 2026

Date	Club Name Name	Breed Judge	City	State	Superintendent/Secretary Name
10/12/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago	Mr. Bob Eisele	Huntley	IL	Jolie Jurcak
10/12/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago	Ms. Dawn Eisele	Huntley	IL	Jolie Jurcak
10/13/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago	Ms. Robette Johns	Huntley	IL	Jolie Jurcak
10/23/2026	Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills	Mrs. Janice L. McClary	Perris	CA	Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows
10/27/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland	Vicki Allenbrand	Newark	OH	Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd.
10/28/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland	Cindy Stansell	Newark	OH	Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd.
10/29/2026	Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.	Ms. Donna Beckman	Newark	OH	Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd.
11/14/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Delaware Valley, Inc.	Kimberly Cardona	Oaks	PA	MBF, Inc.
11/15/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Delaware Valley, Inc.	Stephanie Hamblin Barnhill	Oaks	PA	MBF, Inc.
12/5/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Delaware Valley, Inc.	Bridget Brown	Oaks	PA	Jim Rau
12/6/2026	Siberian Husky Club of Delaware Valley, Inc.	Chris A Moore	Oaks	PA	Jim Rau

Siberian Husky Club of America Trust

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Jon Van Zyle Original



SILENT AUCTION ITEM

AT THE SHCA TRUST'S BOOTH
Siberian Husky Club of America's National Specialty
October 26-31, 2026
Newark, OH

Starting bid: $500, with $25 incremental increases

All net monies/proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit the Trust's Rescue efforts.
The Trust thanks Jon Van Zyle for his generous donation and
Olivia Harvey for facilitating this ad.

Performance Place

Jump! Weave! Go Tunnel! Go Siberians!

BY: Theresa Pryzbylski

SHCA All Breed Agility Trial:

On August 8 & 9, 2026 the SHCA held the Sixteenth All Breed Agility Trial at Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Center in Huntly, Illinois. The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago held an All Breed Agility Trial on Friday making it a 3 day weekend! We offered Standard, Jumpers and FAST on Saturday and Standard, Jumpers and T2B on Sunday. While the trial did not fill, in the end, the Trial turned a profit of $4,107.27. This money helps cover the cost for Agility, Obedience & Rally Events at the SHCA National.

SHCGC & SHCA Members in attendance who worked tirelessly to make the Trials successful were Noel Dagley, Mike Dagley, Mary Hanner, Sheryl Phelps, Carol Preble and myself. Sheryl and Carol did an awesome job with worker hospitality.

There was plenty of celebration MACH & PACH Cakes as well as Cookies and Dog Treats all weekend! Three dogs finished their MACH's and one dog finished it's PACH over the weekend.

There were 6 Siberians entered on Friday and 7 entered on Saturday & Sunday.Hannah Brown & Allison Hill from the St. Louis area came with their Siberians and they also took awesome photos all weekend.

Noel's Gunner got to play on Friday where he had some good runs and a few near misses, however he ended the day qualifying with 2nd Place in Open Preferred Standard to finish his OAP Title. Noel's Luke ran all 3 days where he earned a QQ on Friday, qualified in Jumpers and Fast on Saturday and Jumpers and T2B on Sunday earning some nice MACH points and 1st Places. Noel's Spirit also ran all 3 days and she qualified in 10/10 runs earning 3 QQ's along with qualifying twice in both Fast and T2B taking 1st in T2B.

Allison Hill's Dakari earned a Master Double Q on Friday with a 2nd Place in master Standard. Saturday Dakari Q'd in Master Jumpers. On Sunday Dakari earned another Master Double Q with 3rd Place in Master Standard. Hanna Brown's Wrath earned a Novice fast Q with 1st Place Friday. Wrath also earned An Open Q Saturday & Sunday with 1st Places.

Cody Dickinson from the St. Louis area also came with Diego & Kairos. Kairos, his young Siberian who got ring exposure. On Sunday Diego earned a Master Double Q with 4th Place in Master Standard.

Unfortunately I was not able to run Trigger due to a soft tissue injury. He was with to cheer on all the Siberians, model his leg braces and get treats. It was also 2 years ago at this trial I noticed the bump on Shelby's muzzle. A trip to the vet after the trial resulted in her being diagnosed with Gingival Squamous Cell Carcinoma and given 2 months to live. At 13 I wasn't going to do any surgery and put her on Chinese Herbs & Galliprant. Shelby has beaten the odds and is still with us, thriving and was at the trial cheering on all the Siberians! Oh, and getting lots of treats!

It was a good showing for our breed.

The dates for the 2027 Trial are August 13, 14 & 15, 2027. Any members who might want to come out and help next year contact me! The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago will hold an All Breed Agility Trial on Friday and with the SHCA All Breed Agility Trial on Saturday & Sunday it will be a 3 day fun filled agility weekend!!








Autumn



AKC Gazette Article

Tightrope Walk: Educating Without Pushing Away

by Karla Walla

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You've got four or five eight-week-old little monsters (that were so very recently adorable, cuddly, harmless bundles of fur) running around your house. You know which one is staying home; you have a couple of show homes lined up for those future stars you're not keeping; and you're now looking for that perfect companion home that wants nothing more than a family pet to love.
You receive a text, and, deep joy, it's someone looking for a pet. You arrange the phone call and subsequent Zoom visit with the pups.

They're delighted with the pups you have available — crazy about the idea of bringing one home. And you're enjoying watching them enjoy the puppies and their antics. That's all wonderful, but there's work to do now. So, you take in a deep breath, let it out, and ask **THE QUESTION.**

"Are you familiar with the breed?"

There's a pause, perhaps an "umm…" followed by:
"We haven't really read up on them or anything. We just love the way they look; they're simply beautiful."
Palm-to-face time. Another deep breath, and then you begin the tight-rope walk.

How do you properly educate and prepare a potential puppy buyer who has no prior knowledge of or experi-ence with the breed — without scaring them away from the breed? Without forcing them to resort to a less-than-reputable breeder who'll take their money without asking any of those pesky questions and booming those dire warnings over the phone like Mo-ses issuing the 10 Commandments?

I bred my first litter almost 20 years ago now, and there are times I get it wrong. In fact, I was talking to a couple about placing an adult male with them a few years ago. They already had an adult male, and I wanted to make doubly sure they understood that, though I thought this male would be fine with their dog, I couldn't guar-antee it and that they would need to be careful, i.e., not just place the two dogs out in the yard and see what happened. They hung up and called the breeder who referred them to me and told her I'd basically talked them out of the dog. I wanted to be honest with them — it truly was a question mark and a legitimate concern. But …
Sometimes you fall off the tight-rope.
Placing a puppy (or adult, for that matter) in a home that's unprepared for a breed's specific characteristics is a huge risk; it can mean disaster for both pup and its potential family. On the other hand, you don't want to fall into the role of grand inquisitor and harbin-ger of doom. Not to mention the fact that any future home may one day discover that that "showing thing you do" might be fun. And we certainly want to avoid driving potential new exhibitors away from the fancy.
How do we walk that tightrope? What does the balance pole look like? First, in my opinion, it involves support; the future owner should know right off the bat that you'll be there to answer any and all questions and help solve all problems. Let them know they won't be alone and that they'll have the cush-ion of your experience and knowledge to fall back on. And, goes without say-ing: They need to know that you'll take the puppy back if insurmountable problems crop up.

Another important principle: em-powerment in addition to warning. Yes, tell them that Siberians shed and blow coat twice a year; also tell them how weekly bathing and using a forced air dryer and a brush will help maintain a shedding coat, bring the coat back in more quickly, and keep the mess to a minimum.

Yes, tell them Siberians can and do escape; also suggest patio blocks or concrete along the bottom of the fence to prevent digging, electrical wire or "coyote rollers" along the top of the fence to prevent climbing, and the im-portance of microchipping — even tell them about GPS trackers. Don't just tell them Siberians need a lot of exercise and "busy work;" tell them about all of the things you can do with a Siberian and help them find classes for rally, obedience, barn hunt or scent work in their area.

In short, don't just list "draw-backs," or reasons only a chosen few are adequate to own Siberians (or any other breed). Tell them how they can become one of those successful own-ers.

Point them to resources. Tell them about literature and information avail-able to them. Point them to the Siberian Husky Club of America website. Help them find trainers and classes in their area.

Forego the horror stories. Yes, if you're a longtime breeder, you have experienced or have heard of incidents of dogs escaping and getting hurt or lost forever; of those two males that didn't get along and ended up fighting and the resulting emergency vet visit. If you've been in dogs long enough, you've either experienced or heard about things that would cause the less-hardened to swoon. The potential puppy owner needs to know the possibilities, but you don't have to be the Stephen King of the Siberian world.

And, as a potential owner, you also have a role in this balancing act. First and foremost, before you even talk to a breeder, do some research. As with any other topic, there's an overabun-dance of information out there. Go into that initial call armed with some knowledge, particularly the knowledge that you do indeed want this particular breed, with all that can entail.

And, especially if you're talking to an AKC breeder/exhibitor who's dealt with the breed for years or even dec-ades, listen to them. If they tell you such-and-such publication or website is a good idea to read, read it. If they tell you that getting into rally or scent work is a good idea, it's because they know that first-hand. Listen to them, and find a class once the puppy's old enough.

And be honest. If they ask you about your fencing situation or your home, answer honestly. Be truthful with them about your current dog, if you have one. If they ask about your lifestyle, activity level and hobbies, be truthful. It's not an inquisition; it's to ensure you get the right puppy for you and live a long, harmonious life with it.



What's Happening?

Area Club Reports

by Karen Shaner

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The SHCGC has been planning our very first Fast Cat Trial. It will be held on September 26 & 27, 2026 at Youngstown All Breed Training Club in North Jackson, Ohio. We are very excited to host this Inaugural Trial in hopes to be an annual event. Our Trial is open to all breeds and we will run 2 consecutive trials on both days! We are expecting an amazing turnout!

In October the club will attend the Howlin Husky Hike sponsored by Kaleidescope K9's. This annual event seeks donations for adoptable pets and finding loving forever homes, of which many are Siberian Huskies.

November boasts the start of our event season with Tree Lighting in Middleburg Heights and our annual march in the Lite Up Lakewood Parade !

We are most excited to host the Pre National in Newark, Ohio on Tuesday, October 27th, 2026. Our Judge is Ms Vicki Allenbrand. A specialty Junior Showmanship competition will be held with the Grand Prize of $100 gift card.

Stay tuned for our new Specialty location in April 2027 in Columbus, Ohio!

See Everyone at the SHCA National Specialty in our beautiful Buckeye State!

Submitted by,
Shelley Kacenski
President

LONE STAR SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

At press time, members of the Lone Star Siberian Husky Club are braving late-summer Texas heat to show our dogs. But we're also looking forward to November and gearing up for our third annual Fast Cat trials, to be held November 13 through 15 at Rodeo Center Ranch in Mesquite, Texas. This is a beautiful spot close to the Hampton Inn Mesquite, the site of the 2021 national. And Rodeo Ranch happens to be where the Fast Cat trials for the 2027 SHCA national will take place. (The national will be held in the Mesquite Convention Center, attached to the Hampton Inn.)

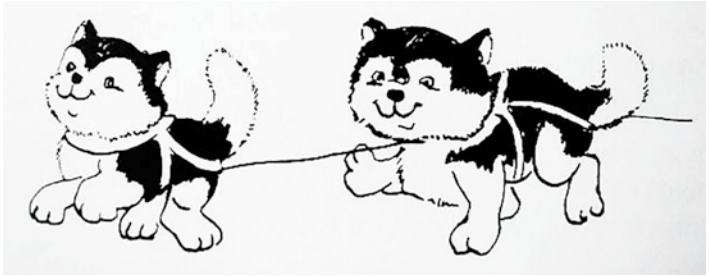
We're also turning our thoughts to our annual March specialties, which will take place March 20 and 21, 2027, at the Paws Up training facility in Terrell, Texas. Conformation judges will be Chris Ann Moore, Marie Falconer and Karen Shaner. Bruce Barnes and Chris Ann Moore will judge juniors. Sweeps judge will be Doug Jones. Rally judge will be Mary Swindell. We look forward to seeing you there for a weekend of great dogs and great Texas hospitality.

PUGET SOUND SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

Specialty Results

Saturday May 30, 2026 Show 1 - Judge Ms. Shanan L. Streweler
BOB/BOBOH: GCHB Highlander's Flight Commander
BOW/WD/BBE: Tovik's Tea. Earl Grey. Hot.
BOS: GCHB Karnovanda's Stevie Nyx BCAT CGC TKN
SEL D: Snoebear's Akai Kiseki at Sumiro
SEL B: CH Lillie Hills We Vibe Like That
AOM: GCH Zvezda's Artemis FCAT3
AOM/BVET: GCHG Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart FITB
RWD: Lillie Hills End Game
WB: Lillie Hills Prophecy
RWB: Silverfalls Lunar Light

Saturday May 30, 2026 Show 2 - Judge Ms. Angela J. Porpora
BOB/BOBOH: GCHB Karnovanda's Stevie Nyx BCAT CGC TKN
BOW/WD: Polaire's Where's My Jett? At Maru STR VHMP
BOS: CH Wolvereen's Stardust of Syntari
SEL D: GCHB Highlander's Flight Commander
SEL B: GCH Zvezda's Artemis FCAT3
AOM: CH Polaire's Light 'Em Up
AOM: CH Lillie Hills We Vibe Like That
RWD/BBE: Poku's Fly Away To Mars
WB: Canace's Queen of the Forest
RWB: Charlyn's True Crime
BVET: Vanaca's Magnutic Seduction



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER CHICAGO

Once again, the three days of All Breed Agility Trials, hosted by our club and the SHCA, were successful! The SHCGC sponsored the first show on Friday, August 7th. The SHCA then sponsored the shows on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th. Our club served bagels and donuts for breakfast and tacos, sloppy joes and chicken for lunch. Each run was full all 3 days. All different breeds, big and small. I don't have results but I do know there were some impressive scores!

Enjoy Autumn with your furry friends!

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Hanner
www.shcgc.com

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA
Not a lot going on but beginning to plan our April 14-18, 2027 shows!
Hoping to hire either Glenn or Rebecca Lycan to judge one day
as they just received approval from AKC as Provisional judges and
we think people will really love showing to them as former handlers

of 2 # 1 Siberians.

The Working group club is also joining our Cluster giving 2 more opportunities
for Siberians giving us a total of 8 possible majors in one week. Hope to see everyone there!

Ginger Aldrich
Corresponding Sec
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Atlanta





Submitted by
Nancy K. Mead

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

Members and friends had an in-person potluck and potluck meeting at the Saturday June 6 "Woofstock" Contra Costa show in Anderson California. It was an 8:00 am judging time (groan) but great for our Siberian entry as it was still relatively cool. Major breed and select points were won by each of the winners in both dogs and bitches. Best of Breed line up and the corner gallery of outside the ring (or corner for alternate judging). (Thank you for the photo Kathy Miyoshi.)

The next board and membership meeting will be held August 25, 2026 via Zoom. AA designated specialty will be held September 12th at the Sir Francis Drake show in Woodland Calif. Judge is Manuel Queijeiro.
Plans are beginning for our Specialty in 2027. Donna Beckman has offered to be the chair with Sarah Koontz and Kelley Leedy serving as cochairs. So far plans are to hold it at the same fairgrounds and location in Vallejo as in the past.



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER DETROIT

Our annual summer picnic was a success. Fun was had by all.
Our July Designated Specialty in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Kennel Club that was to be held July 4th and 5th ended up being cancelled after some devastating storms rolled in on Friday night. We will be back next year
Rita Radzilowski's Ninkasi's Hear Me Roar call name Leo completed AKC championship -pending CH title.
Christmas potluck will be here before we know it, check our Facebook page for more information: https://www.facebook.com/SHCGDetroit
Regards,
Cheryl Owens

SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF THE TWIN CITIES

Celebrating 50 Years of Dedication: Dan Moll and the Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities
For 50 years, Dan Moll has been a devoted member of the Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities, sharing his knowledge, experience, and deep love for one of the most remarkable breeds in the world. His five decades of involvement represent not only an extraordinary commitment to the club, but also a lifelong dedication to the Siberian Husky.

The Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities was established in 1972 with the goal of promoting the highest ideals among Siberian Husky owners and breeders and encouraging the continued improvement of the breed. Over the years, the club has brought together people who share a passion for Siberians through conformation, obedience, racing, sledding, rescue, and many other activities.

Dan has been part of that history for half a century. During those 50 years, he has gained an incredible depth of knowledge about Siberian Huskies—their structure, temperament, movement, working ability, and, perhaps most importantly, their unique character. His experience has made him a valuable resource to fellow club members and to anyone fortunate enough to learn from him. Dan's involvement with the breed has also been demonstrated through his participation in the show and performance world. His name appears with Siberian Huskies in American Kennel Club records, including dogs earning advanced obedience titles. In 2025, Dan and Catherine Moll were listed as owners of a Siberian Husky ranked first in the breed for the AKC Utility Class ranking by score.

His dedication is about much more than titles and accomplishments, however. It is about understanding what makes the Siberian Husky special and helping preserve those qualities for future generations. The club's own objectives emphasize responsible ownership, education, soundness, temperament, and the protection and advancement of the breed.

Over five decades, Dan has witnessed changes in the breed, the sport, and the club itself. Yet the foundation has remained the same: a genuine love for Siberian Huskies and a desire to see them thrive. His years of experience provide a connection between generations of club members, allowing the knowledge and traditions of the breed to be passed along.

Reaching 50 years with one organization is a remarkable milestone. Reaching that milestone while continuing to contribute to the breed that inspired the journey is even more meaningful. Dan Moll's five decades with the Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities are a testament to his commitment, his knowledge, and his love for Siberian Huskies.

The club was celebrating its own 50th anniversary in 2022, marking five decades since its founding. Dan's personal 50-year journey is a fitting reflection of that same history—a lifetime of memories, friendships, experiences, and, above all, Siberian Huskies.
The Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities is fortunate to have someone like Dan Moll as part of its history. His dedication is an example of what it means to truly love a breed and to give back to the community that surrounds it. After 50 years, Dan's knowledge and passion continue to be an important part of the club's legacy and its future.

Respectfully submitted by: Briana Klecker



NORTH JERSEY SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB
On August 15 we had our Annual Club Picnic during which 2025 Achievement Awards were handed out to Club members.

Congratulations to the following members for their accomplishments with their Siberian Huskies.
Panda Bear at Two Rivers Panda
Owned by Elaine Barone
WCRL Rally Intro

UCH SnoSky Could It Be Magic at SnoArch CD RAE BCAT SCN SIN CGCA
Owned by Ruth Henningsen & Elaine Barone Merlin
AKC Rally Advanced/Excellent RAE

CH SnoSky The Legacy Continues CGC BCAT RL-Intro
Owned by Ruth Henningsen & Elaine Barone Lacey
WCRL Rally Intro RL-Intro

GCHS CH Snoebear's Ramblin' Man CDX BN RAE NA NAJ CGCA TKA FT1 UD-C SPJ APJ
Owned by Irwin & Lois Ann Linker Casey
AKC Rally Advanced/ Excellent RAE

CH Highlander's Conspiring at Snoebear CD BN CGC TKN
Owned by Irwin & Lois Ann Linker Karma
AKC Companion Dog CD

CH Lanuk's Back to the Future BN RAE CGC SWE SBM RATO TKN NW2 ASN-C WCRL2 FL1
SWEM CD-CCH
Owned by Kathleen & Paul Murarik
AKC Scent work Exterior Master SWEM Marty
Companion Dog Sports Program CD-CCH
National Association of canine Scent Work Level 3 titles
Interior, Vehicle, Exterior, Containers
NW3I NW3-V NW3-E NW3-E

Also, during the Club Picnic we welcomed a new NJSHC member.

Irwin Linker
NJSHC

CHESAPEAKE SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

CSHC members have been busy over the summer going to dog shows. We will be having our next club meeting in September. CSHC members are excited for the upcoming SHCA National Specialty in October!

We are in the process of organizing our first hike so members can begin to work towards Working Pack Dog titles. CSHC has a Fast CAT event November 7th & 8th in Walkersville MD. For more information you can go to www.Sugarloafmountainracing.com

We will be having our annual Christmas party in December which is always a lot of fun! It is hard to believe we are at the end of summer and fall is upon us. We look forward to seeing everyone at the SHCA National Specialty; please travel safely and we will see you there!

Thank you,
Mary Lewis
CSHC Secretary



SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
Our club just wrapped up our annual specialties, held in conjunction with the Topeka/Manhattan all-breed shows in Topeka, Kansas. Thanks to all who attended!

Friday, August 21, 2022 -Sweepstakes – Judge Teresa Nash
Best Puppy in Sweeps – Mirage's We're All Mad Here – Jason & Elizabeth Chism
Best of Opposite Puppy Sweeps – Liberty's Kickin Up Dust – Kennedi Wrezzes & Julie Lamonska
Best Veteran In Sweeps - GCH Kayenta's Phoenix Rising DCAT CGCU – Kathey Currey, Wolf Warren, Kendra Ireton & Scott Barbe
Best of Opposite Veteran Sweeps – GCH Sno-Magic's Pants On Fire FCAT

Specialty Show – Judge Sheri Wright
BOB/OHBOB – GCHB Highlander's Flight Commander – Brian and Anne Palmer, Mary Groth, Anita Riley
BOS – GCHS Nykiska's Autumn Spice – Stephanie Barnhill, Doug & Cindy Harris
Select Dog – GCH Wolvereen's Born Of Fire At Sno-Magic FCAT – Mike Lavin & Cindy Foggitt
Select Bitch – GCHB Icewind's I Can't Drive 55 At Polar Star – Karen Shaner
AOM – GCH Kayenta's Phoenix Rising DCAT CGCA
AOM – GCH Sno-Magic's Pants On Fire FCAT
WD - Kayenta's The Gun Slinger – Kendra Ireton, Wolf Warren, Susan Morgan
WB/BOW – Kristari's Glimmer – Sharon Osharow
RWD – Antara's Storm Warning – Tedi Devlin, Will Criqui, Erin Criqui
RWB – Liberty's N Naturez Blue Star – Rebecca Renaghan, Kennedi Wrezzes

Saturday, August 22, 2022 – Judge Olivia Harvey
BOB/OHBOB – GCHB Highlander's Flight Commander
BOS – GCHB Icewind's I Can't Drive 55 At Polar Star
Select Dog – GCH Wolvereen's Born Of Fire At Sno-Magic
Select Bitch – GCHS Nykiska's Autumn Spice
AOM – GCH Kayenta's Go With The Snow – Kendra Ireton, Susan Morgan, Wolf Warren
AOM/Best Veteran – GCH Sno-Magic's Pants On Fire
WD/Best Puppy – Myla's Kareokie At Ashka – Marie Falconer
WB/BOW – Mirage's We're All Mad Here
RWD – Kayenta's Dark Matter – Kendra Ireton, Susan Morgan, Wolf Warren
RWB – Kristari's Glimmer
Best Junior Handler – Emma Cloud
Reserve Best Junior Handler – Addalyn Avila

We also held a PeeWee handling event. It is always such fun to see the little ones handling their Siberians!

Speaking of our younger set, our club is also very proud of our own Angelina "Lina" French who won Best Junior Handler from the Open Junior class at the Heart of America Kennel Club show in Kansas City on March 7, 2027. This qualified her for Orlando in December. Congratulations, Lina!



Our PeeWees

Once again, several of our club members are making plans to attend the SHCA National Specialty in October. If you see us, be sure to say hello!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Shaner



Trophy Table

Save the date, as usual we are having our specialty at the Linn County Fair & Expo in Albany Oregon on Thursday, April 8, 2027 We hope you can join us. Breeder Judge: Judge Kim Thomsen, All Breed Judge: Gayle Denmen, Sweeps: Janet Olson and following that is 3 all-breed shows.

"We would like to thank everyone for coming to Oregon. Until next year....."

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SIBERIAN HUSKY SPECIALTY CLUB IS REPRESENTED HERE.

THIS COUMN IS DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU TO BRAG ABOUT YOUR EVENTS AND TO STAY CONNECTED TO OTHER CLUBS.

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JUNE 1

SEP 1

DEC 1

PLEASE SEND YOUR COLUMN TO OUR AREA CLUB COORDINATOR:

KAREN SHANER
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Lower Columbia Siberian Husky Club

Summer is coming to an end in Oregon, and while it always seems short to me, lots of folks want it finished now. This year Oregon had over 2.4 million acres burned, surpassing the previous record. Severe drought conditions affected a vast majority of the Pacific Northwest fueled the rapid spread of fires. And in one thunderstorm alone we had something like 1100 lightning strikes. A lot of fires blew up from that storm. Here in Central Oregon, we had many friends who were on level 1, 2 & 3 evacuations notices with their cars packed and essentials for their dogs packed as well. We had firefighters from Australia, New Zealand, Tennessee & San Diego to name a few here to help fight the fires.
Last year we did a Zoom Educational Dry Land Mushing Presentation. We are working on one for this year too. We'll fill you in as we have plans laid out.

Why Advertise Your Dog in a Breed Club's Magazine

Advertising your dog in a breed club's magazine is a targeted way to connect with the most relevant audience for your breed — people who already share your passion, knowledge, and commitment to the breed's health and future

1. Reach a highly engaged, breed-specific audience

Breed club magazines, such as Today's Breeder or the AKC's breed club publications, are read by professional breeders, handlers, competitors, and serious owners who follow the breed standard, health issues, and training needs This means your ad is seen by people who are more likely to be interested in your dog than the general public.

2. Build credibility and trust

These publications are official or semi-official channels of the breed's parent club, which is the recognized authority on the breed's standards and welfare

. Advertising in their magazine signals that you are a legitimate, responsible breeder or owner, and that you are part of the breed's community.

3. Promote responsible breeding and education

Breed clubs focus on responsible breeding, health, and education

A. Your ad can be paired with your breeder's credentials, health testing, and breeding philosophy, helping prospective buyers make informed decisions. This aligns with the club's mission to "promote responsible dog ownership" and "provide accurate, honest education"

4. Leverage the club's authority and reach

Many breed clubs have national and local networks, plus access to social media, email lists, and event connections

. Advertising in their magazine can also link to these resources, giving you multiple channels to reach potential buyers or partners.

5. Stand out in a competitive market

Because the audience is so specific, your ad is less likely to be ignored. Breeders and owners in the same niche are more likely to respond to a well-crafted, breed-focused advertisement than to generic pet ads

In short: Advertising in a breed club's magazine is about precision marketing — reaching the right people, with the right message, in a trusted environment, while reinforcing your credibility and aligning with the breed's community values



10 TIPS FOR PROBLEM BEHAVIOR

BY: SUZANNE CLOTHIER

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At one time or another, every owner has to deal with problem behavior. Understanding why your dog does what he does, and how to handle the situation correctly can help resolve problems quickly.

Here are some basic guidelines that apply to nearly all problem situations:

Control the dog and you control the situation. By putting on a training collar and lead, you can control the dog. For many dogs, their training equipment means business, not playtime, and this can help in a problem situation. A dog who is on lead cannot run away or chase people or other animals, and his owner has a chance to help him understand what he should do by guiding him with the leash and collar.

Be positive. Instead of saying "NO", try giving your dog something positive that he can do for you, such as "Sit", or "Heel". This positive approach means you can praise generously for his good actions, instead of simply yelling at him. For example, a dog who jumps up can be told to sit, and helped if necessary, then praised for sitting.

Allow a dog to be a dog. Often, what owners consider problem behavior is simply normal dog behavior that they find unpleasant or annoying. For example, digging is a natural canine activity but distressing to a garden proud owner. Instead of scolding for what comes naturally, it might be kinder to set up an area in which you have buried small treats to make it more attractive than the rest of the yard, and praising your dog for digging in "his" garden.

Whenever natural behaviors conflict with what you might like, be creative and see if you can find an outlet for those interests and activities that is suitable for you both.

Be consistent. It is unfair to the dog to change your rules depending on what you're wearing, who's visiting or the kind of day you've had. If your dog is allowed on the furniture, he will be confused when you yell at him because Aunt Bess is visiting and she doesn't think dogs should sit in chairs! If he's allowed to jump up when you're wearing jeans and a sweatshirt, don't be surprised if he can't tell the difference between that and your best evening gown. Whatever your rules are, keep them consistent.

Have your dog earn what he wants. While everyone needs a few freebies now and then, your dog will not think you are a wonderful owner if you play with him, walk him, feed him and pet him whenever he demands it. In fact, this often creates problems since from the dog's point of view an owner who can be "trained" this well is not one who deserves much respect. Teach your dog to say "please" by sitting, laying down or following some other command before he gets what he wants.

Be clear. Owners often confuse dogs by changing the words or commands, repeating them over and over again without showing the dog what is meant, and worst of all, assuming that the dog understands.

When in doubt, gently show your dog physically exactly what you mean, giving the command at the same time so that he can associate the two. Use clear, matter of fact commands when addressing your dog, and be sure that your praising tone is excited, enthusiastic and upbeat.

Remember that while we use words to communicate, dogs are masters of reading body language. If your body language tells the dog one thing, but your voice tells the dog something else, chances are he will believe your body language. This is why people who bend towards their dog and shake a finger at them while scolding "No, no, no" often receive a playful bark – their body posture is much more like a dog inviting play than a dog who is annoyed or angry.

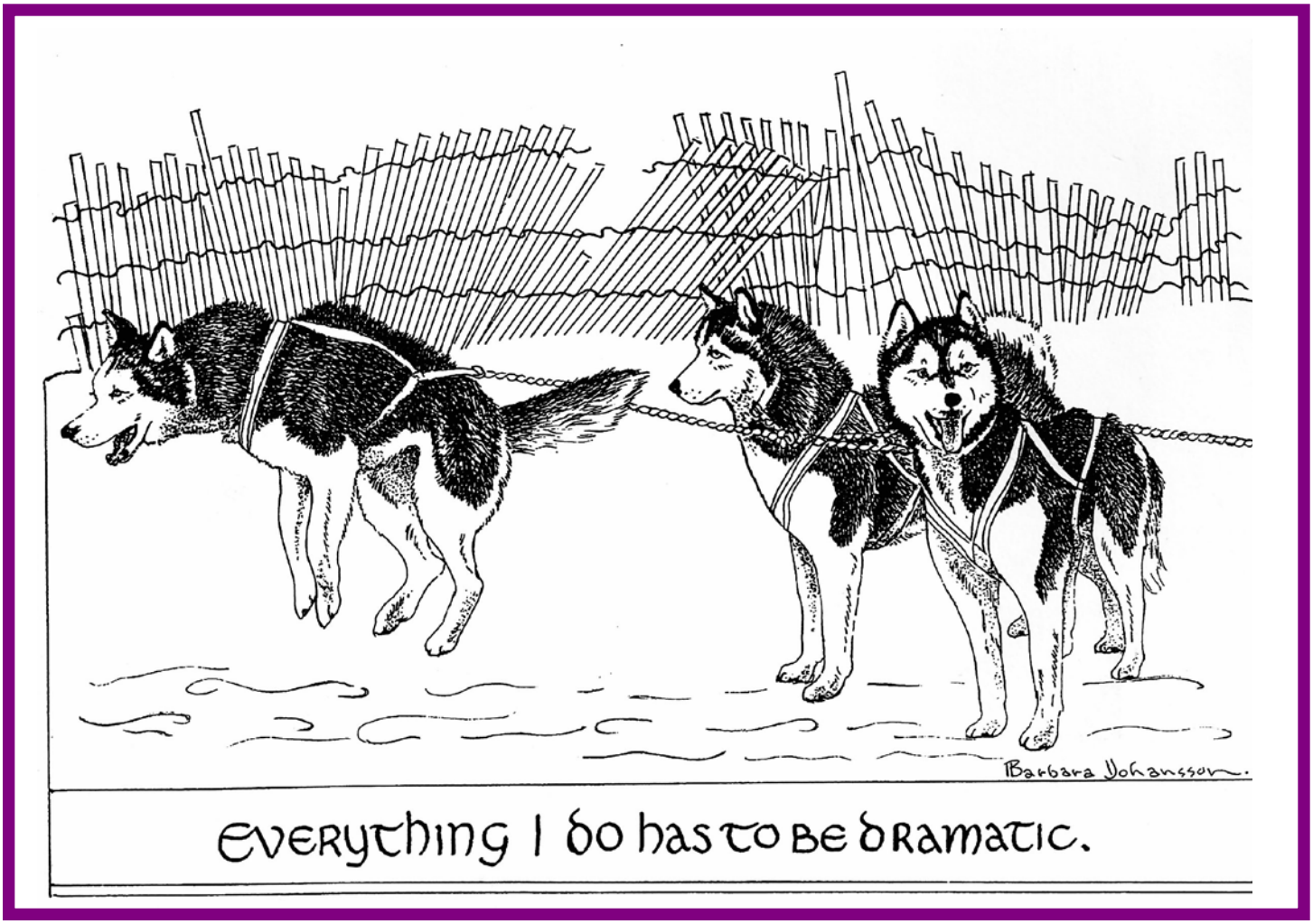
Exercise, exercise, exercise! The most common cause of problem behavior is boredom and a lack of sufficient exercise. While you work or go out, your dog has little or nothing to do, and his need to exercise will not go away. A familiar yard or house is boring, and few dogs exercise on their own without interaction with

their owners. Take the time to play with your dog, jog with him, walk in the woods, swim or take long brisk walks each day. A tired dog is always a well behaved dog!

Provide mental stimulation. Dr. Roger Abrante's suggestions regarding using 1/3 of your dog's diet for treats to be earned during training, 1/3 to be given as usual in a food bowl, and 1/3 to be "hunted" (try a Buster Cube, an ingenious toy which the dog must persistently work with to receive a few kibble at a time. Even a border collie will be amused by this for hours! Buster Cubes are available from your local pet store or from DogWise.com.) This "home alone" 1/3-1/3-1/3 program helps your dog expend some energy and provides much needed stimulation.

Understand your dog's genetic heritage. Whether you own a Doberman or a Beagle, a Samoyed or a Westie, it is important to understand what your dog was bred to do. Owners often forget that the behavior that prompts a dog to run or stay close, hunt or guard, chase and kill or herd, work with people or work independently are all the result of generations of carefully selected traits. Research your breed's history, and talk to people who understand your breed's characteristics. You may find that Rover's tendencies, while annoying or amusing, are precisely what makes him what he is. You can then decide how best to work with your dog's instincts and where you need to concentrate training efforts.

Train your dog. Every dog should have basic manners, but dogs are not born knowing how to behave. Take the time to train your dog on a consistent basis using kind, positive methods. Find a class near you whose methods and philosophies you like. If faced with a behavior problem you can't solve, ask people you trust for a recommendation of an experienced trainer and get professional help fast. The sooner you begin working on a problem the sooner you will have it solved.



The Advantages of Free Standing

By: ANDREW H. BRACE

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At a time when there is much talk of exaggeration in our breeds, much of it in my opinion unjustified, we should always remember the importance of moderation in the context of the various breed standards. So many of our more straightforward functional breeds require balance that stems from moderation in most aspects – skull to muzzle ratio, height to length, and angulation front and back. This is not applicable to all breeds but it is to the vast majority. No breeds actually require excessive rear angulation with undue length of first and second thighs or noticeably sloping toplines, yet these are faults that are becoming commonplace in so many breeds, notably within the Gundog group, even when the relevant breed standard calls for a level topline and moderate angulation.

One of my major bugbears about the modern show dog is the proliferation of sickle hocks seen across many breeds, and it would appear that many judges and handlers do not even realise the fault is present! Even if a handler tries to disguise a sickle hock by over-stretching his dog, when the dog moves it will be all too apparent as the dog's construction is such that it is incapable of moving with the necessary rear drive. In extreme examples of sickle hocks the forward part of the rear pads and the nails are actually off the ground; this is a faulty and inefficient construction whichever way you look at it.

Much of the perception of "modern" breeds is down to the stacked outlines that now dominate our rings, the fashion for topping and tailing originating in the USA
where professional handlers tend to outnumber the amateurs. So many of our breeds that were once shown free are now automatically strung up and rigidly stacked for the judge's final assessment so that they are faced with a line-up of clones. Not only does this take away much of the dogs' individuality, but it also tends to mask their character and personality. Furthermore, not all dogs are happy at being manhandled into position and they can react by tensing their topline, stiffening behind or dropping into a rocking-horse position, none of which do them justice.

All judges are different and most of us have learnt from a variety of elders and betters, some of us being fortunate in having great mentors who were always happy
to share their knowledge and their thoughts on the whole judging process. The actual logistics of judging will vary from judge to judge. From a personal standpoint I

always like to first study the line-up when a class comes into the ring, seeing if there is something that instantly catches my eye. On occasions there will be dogs set up
that have great appeal but instinctively you feel that they are not really standing to advantage, and this happens more often in the breeds that are now traditionally
stacked. Then I like to see the class moving around the ring at least once (preferably on loose leads, but that is a lot to ask for these days) when I can check if those dogs that I felt were not being done justice to when stacked have relaxed and are impressing on the move. After the hands-on examination when all should be revealed I like to see dogs move straight up and down and then stand completely free for me. For me this is one of the most important aspects of the whole judging process as in these brief moments I can see the dog standing naturally, its feet in the most comfortable position, and this is the picture I try to keep in my mind – rather than the one that the handler will later create when he or she has screwed the dog into position.

When it comes to moving dogs, I have never been a fan of the Great British TriangEle, preferring to have dogs go straight up and down, stand free, then move around in a circle before re-joining the line-up. Why? Think about it … triangles have corners so a dog will have to slow down and change direction twice when executing a triangle. Consequently they will never have the chance to get into their stride and "flow", and this is especially true in the case of the physically larger breeds given the size of so many of our show rings. With a circle on the other hand dogs can open up and circuit the ring without having to negotiate corners and

break stride, so their action will automatically become more fluid and as free as their conformation allows. To me it is perfectly logical.

The positioning of the lead is also important. These days most dogs are shown with the lead high up behind the ears, presumably in an attempt to not break the neck line. This is all well and good if the lead is not too tight. If it is, the dog will often react by throwing its front unnecessarily. For that reason I often find myself asking handlers if they will repeat the up-and-down on a loose lead if a dog's action coming at me has bothered me. In many cases there will be a marked improvement with the loose lead. When on a loose lead a dog will move in a much more even and balanced manner than when it is fighting a lead that may be causing discomfort.

Speed again is an area where moderation should be considered. Far too many of our breeds are flown around the ring at breakneck speed which is not compatible with their construction or purpose. And how many times do you see dogs being shown when the handler is noticeably ahead of the dog? The clever handlers are those who allow their dogs to set the pace and they merely follow. Nothing is more impressive that a dog flowing around the ring at its own pace on a loose lead with the handler seen as a mere accompaniment. I wish I had a pound for every time I have asked a handler to move again but at half the speed – and this is by nomeans confined to the UK – when the dog looks so much better. This is not a race!

Whilst extremes and "flash and dash" dogs may catch the eye superficially there is so much beauty in moderation, when a dog is perfectly constructed with its forelegs well under its torso, demonstrating sufficient layback of shoulder and length of upper arm, its body well ribbed back, correctly coupled, with hindquarters well let-down and correctly angulated. Firm toplines and correct tailsets are also part of the equation as is the correct length of neck for the breed. Few breeds require giraffe-like necks.

The sheer pleasure of finding a dog who exudes breed type, is virtually perfectly constructed and is not overdone in any way (including coat) and moves effortlessly, carrying itself with serenity and style is one of the high points of judging and it is not often that judges find all the component parts in one total package, which is why judging is invariably a matter of compromise. When such a dog does appear however it creates an unforgettable moment. As is my custom I try to take photographs of all my CC winners when I judge. Not only did they enhance my column in DOG WORLD before its tragic demise, they can be shared with Facebook friends and create a historical record that will be full of memories when I decide to quit.

At one Scottish Kennel Club show after I had finished my last breed I took the winners outside to get some pictures. The dogs were set up in traditional show poses and I got some decent shots. However I had a feeling that my English Setter BOB winner was the kind of dog that would benefit from a free-standing shot as I considered her to be outstandingly constructed and she seemed to have the temperament that would cooperate. Apparently her owner, Jane Dennis, was unable to be at the show (a great shame as she bred both the CC and RCC winning bitches) so Suzy Roffey had handled Mariglen Xanthe for her to gain her title. Of course Suzy has been involved with the sport since her junior handling days and has in adulthood been highly successful with various dogs, notably Setters and Tibetan Terriers. She is a highly capable handler with great hands who never gets flustered. When I asked that she should humour me for a moment as I wanted to try to get a free-standing shot she was clearly sceptical and pointed out that Jane might not be happy if the photograph was not satisfactory. Suzy was however in biddable mood and agreed to try for the shot that I am sure Xanthe was capable of. So Xanthe was walked into a natural stance, we lost the lead, Suzy got her attention and I clicked away.

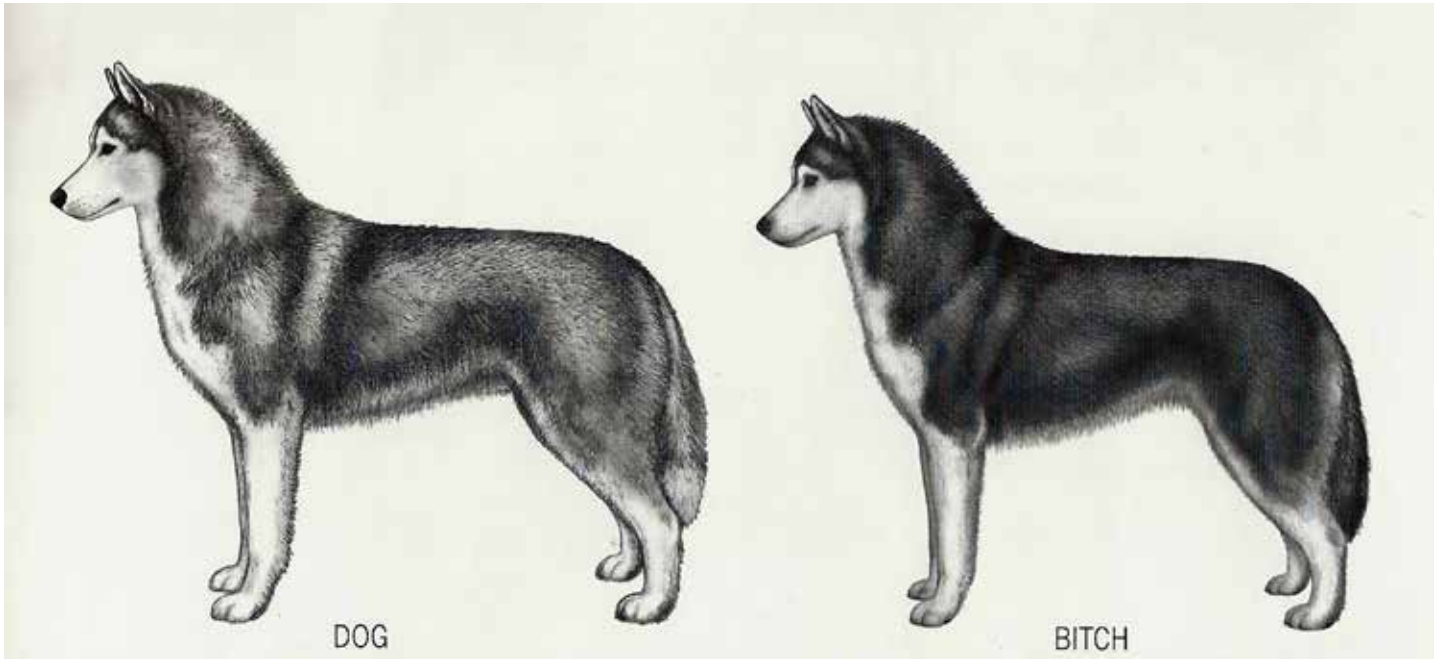
I was delighted with the result but was sure to let Jane Dennis see it before it was published anywhere! Thankfully she approved, so much so that it was soon on the Mariglen website! I do feel that with so many of our breeds puppies are from a very early age drilled into submission and automatically stacked long before their owners have ever given them the opportunity to prove if they have the construction and attitude to show free on a loose lead. Many of them do, and if exhibitors just capitalised on this fact and adopted a more natural way of showing they would probably have more than a head start under many judges; they could even help to change fashion.

After I had photographed my English Setter BOB winner at a Scottish Kennel Club show in a tradi-

tional stacked pose I asked her handler Suzy Roffey if I could attempt to get a shot of her standing naturally off the lead. After some persuasion Suzy agreed to humour me and this is the result.

(Unfortunately the photo did not have sufficient resolution to reproduce here, so it is not included).

Instead, I am including a graphic from our Illustrated Standard to illustrate how a Siberian Husky should appear in silhouette. I have darkened the scan to make the outline more visible.





32 CONFIRMED NEW WORLD SCREWWORM INFESTATIONS: TEXAS TRACKER AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By: Lee M. Cera, DVM, PhD

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed 32 New World screwworm infestations, including 31 in Texas and one in New Mexico, as federal and state officials continue working to contain the flesh-eating parasite.

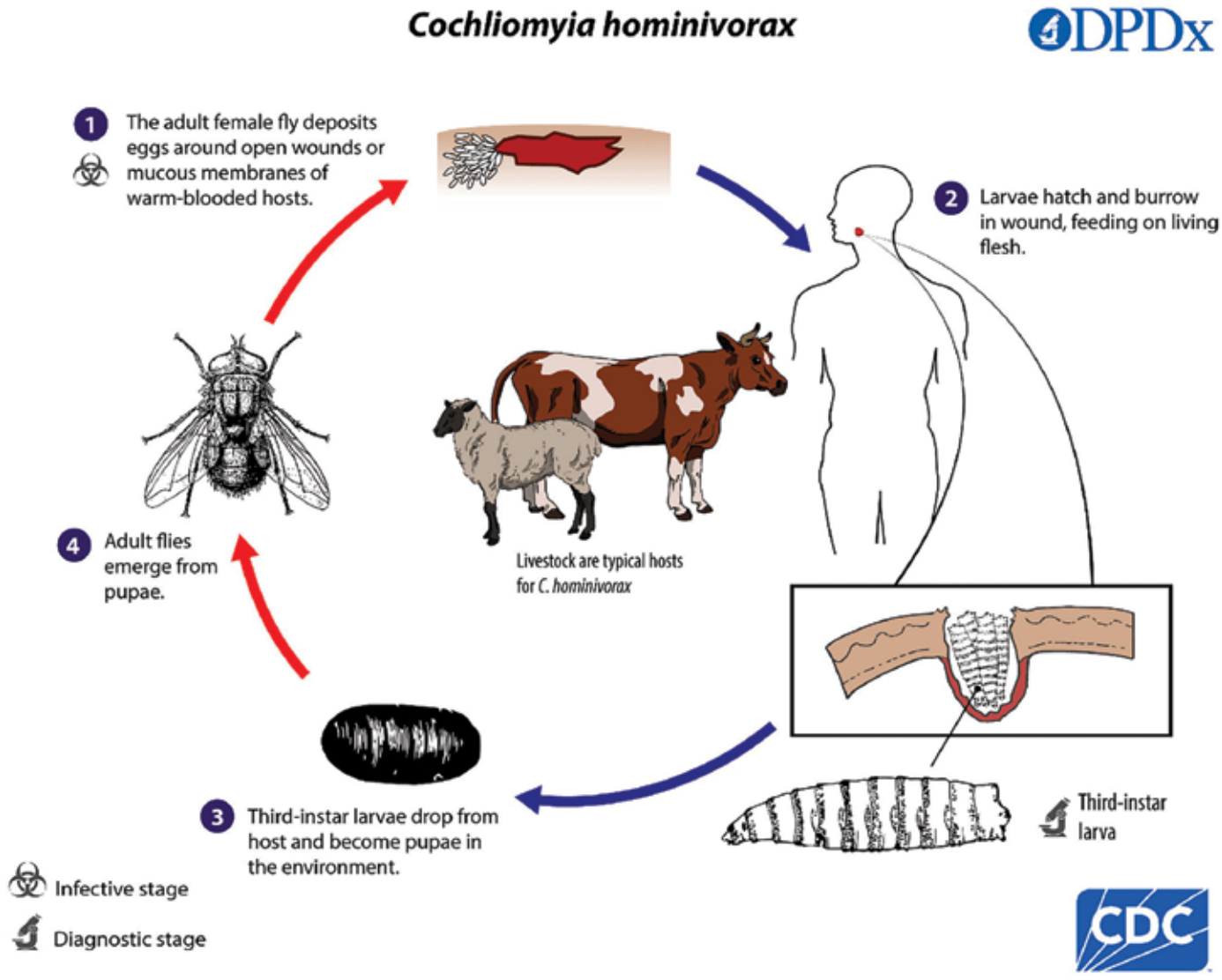
The newest confirmed Texas case was found in a sheep in Crockett County on July 3.

This tracker is updated as new infestations are confirmed. It also answers common questions about how infestations begin, which animals are at risk and what Texans should know.

What is the New World screwworm?

Despite its name, the New World screwworm isn't a worm. It is the larval stage of the fly (Cochliomyia hominivorax), a parasite that feeds on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals.

Infestations begin when an adult female screwworm fly lays eggs in an open wound or natural body opening. Within hours, the eggs hatch and the larvae begin feeding on living tissue, unlike common maggots, which feed on dead or decaying tissue.



As the larvae burrow deeper into tissue, wounds become larger and often infected. Without treatment, infestations can be fatal.

Which animals are at risk?

The screwworm primarily threatens livestock and wildlife, making it a major concern for Texas ranchers and animal health officials.

Animals at risk include:

Cattle
Horses
Sheep and goats
Pigs
Deer and other wildlife
Dogs and, less commonly, cats

Can people get New World screwworm?

Human infestations are rare. Most occur when untreated wounds are exposed in areas where the fly is circulating. The current outbreak primarily affects livestock, wildlife and pets.

Is it safe to eat beef and other meat?

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, New World screwworm is not considered a food safety threat. The parasite feeds on living tissue in open wounds — not meat intended for consumers — and animal health and inspection systems are designed to keep infested animals out of the food supply.

Symptoms to watch for:

Early detection is critical. Animals infected with screwworm may show:

- Wounds that continue to worsen instead of heal
- Bloody, thick or foul-smelling drainage
- Swelling around an injury
- Visible larvae moving inside a wound
- Signs of pain, restlessness or unusual behavior

Veterinarians recommend inspecting animals regularly after injuries, surgical procedures, branding or any condition that creates an open wound.

Why it matters in Texas

Texas has one of the largest livestock industries in the United States, along with extensive ranchland and abundant wildlife populations, particularly white-tailed deer. That combination makes the state especially vulnerable if screwworm becomes reestablished.

A widespread outbreak could lead to:

- Rapid spread through livestock and wildlife
- Increased veterinary and inspection costs
- Economic losses for ranchers and producers
- Potential impacts on livestock trade
- Threats to wildlife, particularly white-tailed deer
- Greater demand on veterinary and animal health services

The Texas Animal Health Commission and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have expanded surveillance, increased monitoring of animal movement and encouraged rapid reporting of suspected infestations.

How was it eradicated — and could it come back?

The United States eliminated screwworm using one of the most successful pest control programs in history: the sterile insect technique.Scientists bred and released millions of sterile male flies. Because female screwworm flies typically mate only once, breeding with a sterile male produces no offspring, gradually collapsing the wild population.That strategy eradicated screwworm from the United States and much of North America. However, the parasite remains present in parts of Central and South America, meaning the risk of reintroduction never fully disappears.

What should Texans do?

For most Texans, there is no reason to change their daily activities. The greatest risk remains to livestock, pets and wildlife.

Animal owners should:

- Inspect wounds on pets and livestock regularly.
- Contact a veterinarian immediately if a wound worsens or contains larvae.
- Avoid transporting animals with suspicious wounds until they have been examined.
- Report suspected infestations to state animal health officials.

Hunters should also inspect harvested game for unusual wounds or signs of infestation and report suspected cases to wildlife officials.

If you suspect an infestation, contact your veterinarian immediately before transporting the animal.

Where to learn more

For the latest information and guidance, visit:

- Texas Animal Health Commission: New World Screwworm resources
- USDA Screwworm.gov
- USDA Current Status dashboard and confirmed detections
- Your local veterinarian
- Your county extension office

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THE COUNTDOWN TO ORLANDO BEGINS: ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE 26TH AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Entries are now open for the 2026 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin, which returns to Orlando's Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) North/South Concourse this December 12th and 13th. Entries are also open for the AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes, taking place on Friday, December 11th at the OCCC, and the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals, which will take place on December 12th and 13th also at the OCCC. The three premium lists and all event updates can be found by visiting the AKC National Championship event page.

Now in its 26th year, the AKC National Championship stands among the world's premier celebrations of canine excellence. As the largest dog show in the United States and the only conformation event hosted by the American Kennel Club, it brings together exceptional dogs, breeders, handlers and exhibitors from across the country and around the world. At the culmination of the competition, one outstanding dog earns the sport's highest distinction on this stage: America's National Champion

The excitement extends well beyond the conformation ring, with Championship Week showcasing the breadth of AKC sports and competition. The week features the AKC Agility Invitational, AKC Obedience Classic, AKC RACH (Rally Champion) Invitational, Junior competitions in Conforma-

tion, Agility, Obedience and Rally, as well as the always popular diving dogs special attraction. Leading into the National Championship, the OCCC will also welcome Specialties and Group shows, along with events hosted by the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club, creating a full week of competition featuring outstanding dogs across a wide range of disciplines.

Hotel room blocks are open for those traveling to the event to compete. Visit the AKC National Championship Hotel and Travel page for more information.

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	GRP2	GRP3	GRP4	BOB	Owner
1	GCHP CH Crystal Fountain Tanqueray At Snoebear	M	828	18	44	22	11	3	10	1H Shimizu/M Terella/T Terella
2	GCHS CH Livewires Donut Worry Be Happy	M	542	0	7	7	6	6	1	66L House/R McQueen
3	GCHS CH Snowmist's Yachtsman	M	338	0	0	1	2	6	1	26K Ramey-LeBlanc/T Devlin/E Criqui
4	GCHB CH Highlander's Flight Commander	M	246	0	0	0	0	0	1	11A Palmer/B Palmer/M Groth/A Riley
5	GCHP CH Topaz Dark Sky	M	199	0	2	3	0	3	0	30D Thompson
6	GCHS CH Livewires Mint To Be	F	163	0	0	1	4	0	0	40L House
7	GCHB CH Northern Light's Born With The Fire TKN	M	122	0	0	1	2	0	1	14S Blanker/C Blanker/R Blanker
8	GCHG CH Husker Du's Dirty Martini	F	117	1	3	3	0	0	0	12S Koontz/S Laughton
9	GCHB CH Topaz I Beg Your Parton	F	114	0	2	1	0	0	0	10L Lehman/M Lehman
10	GCHB CH Sweetgrass Trillium Blue's A Journey All My Own BN RI BCAT CGC TKN	F	111	0	0	0	1	0	0	06R Silveria/L Morin

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1	GCHP CH Crystal Fountain Tanqueray At Snoebear	M	19688	18	44	22	11	3	10	101H Shimizu/M Terella/T Terella
2	GCHS CH Livewires Donut Worry Be Happy	M	2872	0	7	7	6	6	1	66L House/R McQueen
3	GCHP CH Topaz Dark Sky	M	991	0	2	3	03	3	0	0D Thompson
4	GCHG CH Husker Du's Dirty Martini	F	912	1	3	3	01	0	0	2S Koontz/S Laughton
5	GCHS CH Snowmist's Yachtsman	M	778	0	0	1	21	6	1	6K Ramey-LeBlanc/T Devlin/E Criqui
6	GCHS CH Livewires Mint To Be	F	519	0	0	1	43	0	0	0L House
7	GCHS CH Snowmist's Vantage Point BCAT CGC TKN	M	507	1	1	2	10	6	1	8M Schonberger/S Elliott/T Schonberger
8	GCHS CH Dynasty Rc So Far Away	F	471	0	3	0	11	0	0	8L SHI
9	GCHS CH Taja's Save The Drama For Yer Mama FCAT CGC ATT	F	470	0	1	1	12	0	0	20M Arab
10	GCHB CH Topaz I Beg Your Parton	F	440	0	2	1	01	0	0	10L Lehman/M Lehman

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Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCHG CH Husker Du s Dirty Martini	Sarah Koontz Sheila Laughton	Siberian Husky	730
2	GCHS CH Dynasty Rc So Far Away	LUQU SHI	Siberian Husky	530
3	GCHS CH Karnovanda s Stevie Nyx BCAT CGC TKN	Susan M Maggio Judith M Russell Sarah N Hubbach	Siberian Husky	425
4	GCH CH Topaz & Dardan Be Tempted OHB	Kristen Murray Darcey Foulkrod Cheryl French Alastair Murray	Siberian Husky	375
5	GCHS CH Olgivan Show Escape From Reality OHP BN RA CA BCAT CGCA CGCU TKA	Sarah Kujawa	Siberian Husky	365
5	GCH CH Maskarade s Sikoia Sahiyena BCAT	Robert de Crevecoeur Mary Lynn de Crevecoeur Karen Davis	Siberian Husky	365
7	GCHB CH Midnight White s Blinding Lights ATT	Liane Winslow Chris & Sierra Winslow	Siberian Husky	335
8	GCHB CH Highlander s Flight Commander	Anne Palmer Brian Palmer Mary Groth Anita Riley	Siberian Husky	325
9	GCHS CH Snowmist s Vantage Point BCAT CGC TKN	Mary E Schonberger Samantha Elliott Mr. Thomas Schonberger	Siberian Husky	310
9	GCHB CH Barynuk s Takin Care Of Business OHG DCAT	Barry L Brunner Brian Flory Shawna Brooker	Siberian Husky	310
11	GCH CH Echoing Winds Bright Star Solar Flare	courtnee ward christopher ward Charity Reger	Siberian Husky	300
11	GCHS CH D Toledo El Navegante (Blanco) BCAT	Kenedi Wrezzes Maria Jose Blanco	Siberian Husky	300
13	GCHG CH Cedarwood s Be Still My Heart BCAT FITB	Anita Riley Rita Montgomery Eileen Marie Gacke Sandra Reitsma	Siberian Husky	295
14	GCHB CH Northern Light s Born With The Fire TKN	Sheila E Blanker Charles Blanker Ryan Blanker	Siberian Husky	290
15	CH Arkinlight s Caramel Macchiato	Binh Pham Maria Phan	Siberian Husky	285
15	GCH CH North Node s Evening Blues RN FCAT CGCA CGCU TKA ATT	Claudia B Hess	Siberian Husky	285

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