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**2007**



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**Owners: Scarlett & Tim Sanders of Foxhunt White Shepherds**  
**Breeder: Rhonda McMahan of SureFire Shepherds**

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Hello everyone,

Well the new year is here and you know what that means, renewal time! Please don't forget to renew your memberships!! Every renewal will receive a free full page ad in the newsletter, what a deal! Please get your renewals in asap.

The new year also is the time to begin your planning for the UKC Premier, Top Ten Finals & our National Specialty! It's just around the corner and will be upon us before we know it. Of course we will also have our annual club meeting & BBQ at Premier. Please plan to attend if you can.

UWSC is starting out the new year with a wonderful new addition to our newsletter staff. Cate Helfgott has joined us and we will be working together to bring you a great newsletter. This will be my final letter to you as Cate will be taking over the Letter from the Editor. I'm very excited about Cate and her wonderful new ideas she will be bringing to our newsletter. Please begin sending all your brags, birthdays, new litters, new titles, etc. to Cate at [Newsletter@UnitedWhiteShepherdClub.org](mailto:Newsletter@UnitedWhiteShepherdClub.org) Thank you for your cooperation. However, I will continue to design your ads, please send your information and photos to me at [NewsletterEditor@UnitedWhiteShepherdClub.org](mailto:NewsletterEditor@UnitedWhiteShepherdClub.org) as you have in the past and we will work together to design an ad that appeals to you.

We will also be holding our annual photo contests again this year. If you would like for these contests to continue, please support them by sending in your entries when the flyer's are posted.

We will be working hard to promote UKC this year. Both conformation and performance. Please don't forget to send in your brags and stories about your endeavors obtaining your titles. We will also be working diligently toward our Parent Club status this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your past

support of our newsletter and I hope you will continue your support this year as well. Remember the ads you place in your newsletter supports your club and allows us the opportunity to expand our events and to hold new events among other things.

Your friend in the WS,

Scarlett Sanders

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DIANA UPDIKE

**H**appy New Year! And, what a great year this is going to be!

We have already booked our annual National Specialty show in conjunction with the '08 UKC Premier. A judge has been secured, Miranda has processed the paperwork, and Scarlett has once again found some very nice prizes. You won't be disappointed!

Kathy Lorentzen, a UKC judge and friend to the White Shepherd, asked our club to prepare a White Shepherd presentation for the upcoming Judges Breed Seminar that will be hosted in Perry, Georgia this May. Kathy also sent to us a couple of other club's Power Point Presentations to assist us with the format desired. Over the holidays, Scarlett prepared a presentation and forwarded a copy to Kathy for her review. She indicated it was excellent. I am hoping that we will be able to make this beautifully crafted presentation available on our website as it is very informative and educational.

We will be proactively seeking a Nomination Committee Chairperson for the upcoming elections to be held in June. The positions available are Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP. Your assistance with this matter will be most appreciated.

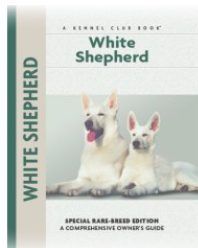
We plan to have Regional Vice President elections sometime in the upcoming year. By implementing Regional VP's, it helps get our club another step closer to being recognized as the official National Breed Club for the White Shepherd. We will be encouraging Regional VP's to host at least one Conformation event or Obedience Trial each year which should be an easily achievable goal.

Our newsletter continues to be a great source of information, facts, and fun! Scarlett has performed a stellar job as Newsletter editor for the last few years. As of recent, Cate has graciously volunteered to give Scarlett a hand as assistant editor. Between these two creative forces, look out!

To thank-you for your ongoing club support, the Board would like to extend the following offer. For those of you that renewed or become new members prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, a FREE full-page ad is being offered for your consideration. You can use this to showcase your dog(s), your kennel, or your personal dog related business anytime throughout the year. Again, it's our way of saying "thank-you"!

Yours for the White Shepherd,

Diana L. Updike



# White Shepherd Genetics Project

“For the White Shepherd”

WHITE SHEPHERD GENETICS PROJECT, LLC

As of February 4, 2007

By Judy Huston

## \*WEBSITE\*

Ruut Tilstra from the Netherlands is doing a great job in keeping our website up to date. Besides the obvious on-going updates of the disorders charts. The last thing added to the website was the wonderful article, “The Genetics of Coat Color in the White (German/Swiss) Shepherd Dog” by Michael Handley. Ruut was recently married and we extend our congratulations to her and her husband, Peter.



## \*PennHIP Project\*

We used some of our funds for PennHIP research. Some people believe that PennHIP is superior to OFA or OVC as a tool to breed dogs with tighter hips and reduce the incidence of HD in our breed—this work may give us the answer. An excel spreadsheet was prepared with approximately 115 dogs that have had this procedure. Seven Geneticist's Pedigrees were prepared. This information was submitted to Dr. Gail Smith at PennHIP last week for analysis.

In order to have first-hand knowledge about whether or not PennHIP was a viable and valuable tool for our breed, I launched the PennHIP project. It was clear that the majority of dogs that had already had PennHIP came from a family of dogs that would be fairly easy to track. The request was put out to anyone with dogs with relationships to this family that had not had the PennHIP procedure yet, to please join us.

A lot of people who had not reported their dogs' PennHIP scores came forward and gave me information to include in the project and this was fantastic. We ended up with about 115 dogs.

The kennels that participated and that received up to \$200 per dog reimbursement.

\*Note\* that Kim King and Mona Persson donated the amount they received/or would have received back to the Genetics Fund. I included my dog, Kole, in this family of dogs, but I paid for his PennHIP procedure myself. And, in order to have the first family of dogs where ALL the dogs had PennHIP, I paid close to \$700 of my own money for Kole's sister, Tati, to have the procedure. Tati's breeder and I are so grateful that her owner agreed to do this. This is a pet dog

and there was no reason for her to go through all this trouble and risk beyond our request that she go through this process. Her vet required the dog to spend the night so this owner really went the extra mile for the breed.

I'm just going to list the name of the person participating and the number of dogs--I'm including the kennel name of the person if I know it offhand. Detailed information will eventually be posted to the website on an excel spreadsheet and Geneticist's Pedigrees. These are in the order I received their request and/or information.

- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| -Celestial/Becky Joyce 1 dog    | -Keslie Joyce Shepard 1 dog      |
| -Hallmark/Mandy Phillips 1 dog  | -Stellar/Pam and Michelle 2 dogs |
| -Hallmark/Mona Persson 3 dogs   | -Surefire/Rhonda McMahan 3 dogs  |
| -Royal/Jean Reeves 3 dogs       | -Warkings/Kim King 1 dog         |
| -Regalwise/Ronda Beaupre 6 dogs | -Beth Borchardt 1 dog            |
| -Judy Huston 2 dogs             | -Alicia Lips 1 dog               |
| -Robin Davey 1 dog              | -Terry Dalla Valla 1 dog         |
| -Von Tasz/Diana Updike 1 dog.   | -Julie Sanchez 2 dogs            |

## \*DM FLASH TESTS\*

We are still trying to rule out DM as a cause for spinal and rear end problems in our white dogs. We recently had one dog recently with a positive DM Flash Test, but at necropsy DM was ruled out.

## \*GENETICS LIST\*

There are currently over 500 people subscribing to this list managed by Debbie Martin.

## \*RESEARCH\*

We recently made the decision to donate \$10,000 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation for research to help prevent disease in the White Shepherd Dog. The \$10,000 will become \$20,000 since they match the funds.

## \*GENETICIST'S PEDIGREES\*

Currently, we have GenPeds on the website for Megaesophagus and EPI. After we receive our information from PennHIP, we will post seven more GenPeds on a family of dogs that have had PennHIP. Both Lynda Proulx and I offer our assistance to anyone who asks for a GenPed for their dogs. How fast you get them depends on how much work we have ahead of you.

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**\*NECROPSY\***

Necropsies have been performed on over 20 dogs since we made the request and started subsidizing the costs. The information we get reinforces conditions that were diagnosed that owners might have been unsure about. They tell us the definitive cause of death (in most cases); they tell us everything else that was going on with these dogs. We don't know just how beneficial this information might be to researchers, but we encourage anyone who loses a dog suddenly, anyone who loses puppies, and anyone who decides that their dog can go Above and Beyond and reveal all of their secrets for the good of the breed to allow a necropsy. A number of owners submitted their beloved dog for necropsy in 2007. The Memorial section of the website will be updated soon to reflect all of these wonderful dogs.

Mona Persson has volunteered to do the work to get the letters and forms we use for necropsy set up in outline format with instructions for people to follow posted on our website. I've wanted this for a long time. It has worried me considerably that a call might come through from someone who has lost a dog and wants instructions and paperwork and I might not be available to send it to them.

In the near future, we plan to publish a Data Analysis Report designed to graphically show the value of doing necropsies on certain dogs at this point in time. You will see what we knew before the necropsy and what we learned as a result of it.

The first dog on this list is also the first dog Dr. George Padgett helped us with. Dr. Padgett happened to be back in the pathology lab doing a necropsy on a dark shepherd when Pamela Anderson's (Hovind) bitch, Jaz, was taken in for necropsy.

All of these procedures were paid for by the White Shepherd Genetics Project with the exception of the following which were paid for by the owner: Pam Hovind's, Jaz, my Kyra, and the Martin families' Diva. Emma's owners donated \$150 to the WSGP after the results were published (more than we spent on the necropsy).

We would like to extend thanks to the following owners and dogs who have participated in Necropsies :

- *Jazmond Crystal's Hovind "Jaz"*\* owned and loved by Pamela Hovind. This was a "cause of death necropsy" only so it was not as comprehensive as later procedures although we did gain information for the database. Paid For By Owner. Bred by Pam and Larry Koons. Michigan State University.
- *Diamond Ice Von Tasz "Ice"*\* owned and loved by Larry and Linda Rosick. This was the case where I learned how tough this is on owners and staff alike. My husband and I picked Ice up and watched their owners say goodbye to her. We took her for euthanization--the gurney had to be brought out to take her in because she couldn't walk. Bred by Lori O'Doherty. Michigan State University.
- *Hoofprint Cosmic Raja v Hylowe "Raja"*\* owned and loved by Tiffany Tittl. Bred by Joanne Chanyi. Michigan State University.
- *Hylowe's Moonlight Storm "Storm"*\* owned and loved by Gloria Erskine. Bred by Julie Tittl. Michigan State University.

- *Crystal's Mrs. Peel "Emma"*\* owned and loved by Joe and Lucille Jasinski. Bred by Pam and Larry Koons. Michigan State University.
- *Crystal's Lady in Red "Kyra"*\* owned and loved by Judy Huston. Paid For By Me. Bred by Pam and Larry Koons. Michigan State University.
- *O'Leavy's Frieda of Tumbledown "Frieda"*\* owned and loved by Pat and Don Malinowski Bred by Leslie Kruprikoff. University of Minnesota.
- *JTee's Patrick of Ladnig*\* owned and loved by Terri Vest. Terri and her husband drove Pat to University of Missouri-Columbia for blood tests to help researchers with the diagnosis and their research. Bred by Terri.
- *Betsuns Akaytez Bontrap "Katie"*\* owned and loved by Bette Gordon. Bred by Bette Gordon. Edgemont Veterinary Clinic, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- *Crystal's Chancellor*\* owned and loved by Linda and David May. Bred by Pam and Larry Koons. Michigan State University.
- *Juel's Christmas Reka "Reka"*\* owned and loved by Mary Anne P-Rogers. Bred by Judy Grumdahl. University of Minnesota.
- *Juel's Lily*\* owned and loved by Shelley Stone. Bred by Judy Grumdahl. University of Minnesota.
- *Crystal's Li'l Pistol Von Tasz*\* owned and loved by Michelle Koons. Bred by Pam and Larry Koons. Michigan State University.
- *Hylowe's Cosmic Tygre*\* owned and loved by Brad and Julie Hansen. Bred by Julie Tittl. University of Iowa.
- *Hoofprint Red Lake Cruiser "Diva"*\* owned and loved by The Martin Gang (Debbie Martin's brother and family, especially "Real"). Paid By The Martin Family. Bred by Joanne Chanyi. Yager-Best Histovet/Histological and Cytological Services.
- *-Koenigs A Jake "Jake"* owned and loved by Kitty Mohs. Bred by Kathryn Mohs. University of Minnesota.
- *-Moonlight's Quest*\* owned and loved by Gloria Erskine and Richelle Spencer. Bred by Gloria Erskine. Michigan State University.
- *-Royal Von Tasz Classic "Polo"*\* owned and loved by Diana Updike. Bred by Jean Reeves. Michigan State University.
- *-Tumbledown's Buddy "Buddy"*\* owned and loved by Deb and Jim Zafiratos. Bred by Jonathon Peck. University of Illinois.

I either took the dog myself or was with all of the owners and dogs taken to Michigan State University with the exception of Pam's Jaz and Michelle's Luger. Luger died at night and Michelle's dad took them in the morning. The process prior to necropsy is emotional and draining for all concerned and usually requires a lot of telephone contact between me and the owners and the universities. (None of the costs associated with supporting these owners or the numerous telephone calls involved were ever charged to the WSGP. Postage involved in mailing reports and checks, etc., is also paid by me and not charged to the WSGP.)

Write-ups and pictures for Luger, Diva, Jake, Quest, Tygre, Buddy, and Polo will be added to the website Memorial Section, Above and Beyond, in the very near future.

We particularly would like to see necropsies done on puppies. Any genetic diseases or other condition they have that could be responsible for their deaths can only be guessed at. Dogs that die suddenly are candidates for necropsy. If the reason for death is a

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heart condition, that is valuable information for the good of the breed. The research and gathering of data concerning possible spinal conditions is on-going and those dogs with rear-end problems, potential Lumbosacral Stenosis, a diagnosis of DM, etc.. are candidates.

We've learned through necropsy that quite a few of our dogs have conditions that we're unsure about and that in time may be helpful to researchers working with our breed. (Such things as cardiomyopathy, the dural osseous metaplasia, some calcium problems, and diagnosis of elbow dysplasia or hip dysplasia in dogs that were never diagnosed while living, etc.)

Even though the procedure for getting a necropsy will eventually be on our website thanks to Mona Persson, there MUST be prior approval by the WSGP and there must be an understanding that the report and the results go to the WSGP with the understanding they can be used in any way that helps the breed.

### **\*DATA ANALYSIS\***

Diana Updike has volunteered to do another phase of work for the project in the form of Data Analysis. Working with analysis and with Access and Excel is right up her alley so we welcome her input and look forward to what she can bring to the WSGP.

### **\*BREEDER'S ASSISTANT PEDIGREE PROGRAM\***

We are still working collectively and individually to keep this program up to date. I'm not sure it has been mentioned previously, but when we run into difficulty with filling in a pedigree, we use funds from the WSGP to buy pedigrees on line from the AKC. We now have about 65,000 colored and white dogs in the B.A. database and keep adding more. Often this information for the White Shepherd is taken from our show catalogs, but recently Ronda Beaupre, Mona Persson, and Diana Updike were kind enough to give me information on their current litters. It sure is more efficient for those of us trying to keep up this program. We still owe Debbie Martin a debt of gratitude for the enormous amount of work she put in on this program to get us started.

This program gives us not only the pedigree of a given dog, but the ancestors, descendants, full littermates, half-sibs, etc. It is only as good as the information we can add to it.

### **\*DIAGNOSTICS\***

Earlier in the year, the WSGP paid for advanced diagnostics on a pup diagnosed at a young age with Megaesophagus (Halo, owned by Robin Davey). The bitch matured and had no symptoms so for the sake of accuracy in our database, Robin consented to have her retested by a specialist at the request of the WSGP. The early condition was diagnosed as esophagitis and the results of the most current test is that this girl is healthy and free of both megaesophagus

and esophagitis. Another advanced diagnostic was Judy Grumdahl's (known by many as Juel :- ) bitch, Dreamer. She was thought to have Degenerative Myelopathy. We have an on-going study to determine whether our dogs diagnosed with DM have it or really have either Lumbosacral Stenosis or Intervertebral Disc Disease. University of Minnesota confirmed after an MRI that Dreamer has IVDD and not DM. Another dog, Brock--8 years old, owned by Jennifer Stairs and bred by Heather MacLeod has had spinal problems and the WSGP paid for a CT scan that diagnosed Lumbosacral Stenosis. If I forgot any, and I probably did, I'll include them in the next update.

### **\*GENETICS FUNDRAISING\***

We are very happy that we have a crew of people coming on board to take over fundraising for the WSGP. So far there have been discussions with Kim King and Robin Davey. They are talking to other people who may want to get involved. More on this when we know something specific. Kim is busy studying on the subject :-).

Today I had a discussion with Patrick Currey of Currey Family Pet Care. He has dock diving at his place. He said he would do one fundraising activity at his place this year and asked me if I wanted it to be for WSGP. I told him, ABSOLUTELY! I'm hoping that I can get it set up so that anyone in the WS world planning to do dock diving as an activity at Premier would have an opportunity to practice. Michigan isn't that far for some of the people from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Canada. It will be open to all breeds.

### **\*501 (3) (c) Nonprofit Status\***

We have been discussing this for quite some time--ever since we received the large amount of money from the Cesar seminar in August 2006--\$20,000.

At that time, in order to even receive the check, we "had" to have a tax ID number which I applied for through the LLC process and which we got. We appointed a Treasurer, Susan Ewart, who has been doing quarterly reports which, after the latest surge of interest, will be posted in the files section of the WSGP genetics list. The 501 (3) (c) is in process and we should have it before too long. There is a ton of work involved in this but we're plodding along one step at a time.

Warm regards,

*Judy Huston*

# WHOSE PAID THE PIPER???

By Barbara Lee Williams  
Santana Shepherds

Every German Shepherd, American and German, carries some undesirable genes, and some even carry deadly diseases, in their Genes. It is impossible to expect or demand Perfection from anything, be it canine or human. That is true... But with the canines, breeders are controlling the breedings through their selections for mates for them, and as breeders they should and must be obligated and responsible to exercise every precaution to prevent the introduction of such deadly diseases and debilitating ones, to the existing gene pool for their breed. When encountered in a breeding, then every step required to stop the deadly genes from passing on to future generations must be taken immediately and announced as existing in a particular breeding, to the Fancy at large...so that everyone can take heed and control the spread of these undesirable and often dangerous genes..

In the whelping box, EVEN WHEN we do our homework (and study the pedigrees, often only barely scratching the surface) and indulge our fantasies of the expected progeny, full of the praises and recommendations of the stud dog owners who elaborate further with high praise from his previous litters, if such exist.. Or listen to the breeder's glowing words of the close to perfect progeny of those sires and dams and siblings, of the dam of our expected litter.

We embark upon this Grand Adventure...certain we can expect miraculously wonderful progeny....and we have prepared for any and all emergencies or unexpected set-backs!!!!!!!

BUT: 'We are what we are and that is all that we are, ' to paraphrase Popeye's famous statement..' I am what I am and that's all that I am.'

What we truly and honestly and bare-bones are, is just this: great dreamers and gamblers and deeply thoughtful and serious students and dilettantes and an entire mish mash of human beings, working to create the perfect purebred dog of our choice.

In this case, OUR choice, is the German Shepherd Breed, which, like all intelligent lifeforms, is a basically made up of an extremely complex genetic galaxy, ...full of twists and surprises...

A few dedicated students understand the most basic genetic calculations based on Mendel's study and we can even sometimes quote the most obvious of these... and make some sense of them...and feel rather full of ourselves and our knowledge, which often throws us incredibly amazing curves in the whelping box...and bring's rise to such questions as: "My stud dog has never produced that problem, it must be coming from your bitch"; "Where in the devil did that come from?????"; "Which one of the parents is responsible for that???" ; "Call that Stud dog owner and demand an explanation!!!!"; "Our Champion Sweetie pie never produced THAT PROBLEM Before!!!"

**SO...? Enter the Dragon:'**

The human owner quotient into the picture. The fragile, ever

vulnerable human ego,.. seeks and demands, immediate recognition and awards and adoration and absolvment of any crimes.. or culpability, or . responsibility..

What they REALLY know, exists genetically, in their breeding stock or is produced by their past, present or future Mr. Wonderful's, ...usually will never see the light of day.. or be spoken of or even whispered of...covered up as soon as it surfaces..hidden and protected forever in the deep recesses of their guilt and crimes against the breed. .as they are excusing the terrible genetic whelping box revelation as a 'quirk', a totally 'unknown presence' whose 'unknown' and heretofor 'non-existent plague,' has never before in the history of their breeding program, been seen or experienced!!

Quickly now, circle the wagons!!!!!!! All of this excruciating damning information must be buried so deep, that no one can misinterpret this 'quirk of nature' as a genetic defect ..produced by 'Perfect' Mr Wonderful' or out of the bloodlines, of the 'Perfect Princess.'

So the human 'involved have completely wiped their mind's slate clean of their remembrance of any serious defective diseases or conditions or problems in their own bloodlines. Especially, those chronic conditions that are treated daily with medications and potions and special diets, and the surgically corrected and perfected ones...

They choose not to admit or consider, or dwell upon the problems: SO..ally -kazzam' they do not exist, and they shall flatly deny any existence of Genetic Health or Conformation problems, that have been surgically corrected.....After all, THEY ALL HAVE AND THROW FAULTS!!!!!!!!!!!! By repeating that mantra over and over to themselves.

They have brain-washed themselves into a very pleasant place and now their very wonderful stud dog can strut his hour upon the stage and bring glory to them as his breeder and/or owner... Miss Perfect Princess can be bred back into her seriously disease-compromised line, because, here comes that mantra again, "After All, they all throw faults,' and in this line we get winners in every litter! So whatever it takes!! That's what we'll do. Look at Mr. Wonderful!!!! They are so proud of him!! After all!!!!!! Look how beautiful he is!!!! 'Look how he moves!!!! That is what counts!!! That is what matters!!!!!...

By God !!THEY ALL THROW FAULTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Never mind that the faults this adored one throws, result in death for some of his tragically affected progeny, sometimes the death being an agonizing one, or a long lingering painful one... robbing them of any kind of quality of a life filled with robust health and action... or perhaps an early euthanasia...

How many heartbroken masters and mistresses of these highly-touted adored progeny will never again give their hearts or pocketbooks to keep these beloved ones alive?

How many will be sacrificed at Mr. Wonderful stud dog's altar to get the champions from him???

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How many more will be whelped by Mrs. Perfect Princess..whose sire and/ or dam and/or siblings were affected with severe diseases, even resulting in death or euthanasia? Their answer?????????????????

### ALL THAT IT TAKES!!!!!!!!!!!!

How does this help the breed exorcise these genetic disasters of ever-growing proportions and consequence??? simply stated: It DOESN'T..

Too many are all involved in the charade of only paying lip service and professing undying love to their chosen breed...

They exist inside the circled wagons and share lots of laughter and fun and socialization and after all, that is the purpose of this 'Sport' to provide pleasure and social interaction and fun, with their peers...any one who dares question their methods and purpose is 'drummed out of the corps' and banished to an isolated position...

When disaster strikes in one of their litters, all their accomplices bemoan the 'Fickle Finger of Fate' which has pointed in their direction.. offering condolences as they plan another disastrous mating...disasterous for the tragically affected whelps which will pay the painful and sometimes ghastly painful price...

After all, we are gamblers and we must take a gamble to produce these WINNERS!!! If that's the price we must pay, with some affected littermates, so be it!!!! We are, after all, not breeding pets!!! God Forbid!!! Even though we quickly seek out pet homes for those who do not measure up to the show scene!!! OR, all the rejects are taken to the Vets with so many problems, they are euthanized...The breeder leaves these unfortunate victims with the Vet, and goes back to his or her remaining, surviving ones, because of their beauty and promise of conformation and gait...THE STARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Then the ballyhoo really starts and all the dead and dying ones are forgotten and blamed on the 'Fates' as sad, but are QUICKLY and

conveniently put to rest...Unavoidable, because the breeder bred, knowing full well of the risks, but gambled and took them anyway... 'After all, they all throw faults!'...

Later on, with the new surviving stars and winners being paraded in the show ring to the Oh's and Ah's of the adoring crowd and swelling head and chests and ego's of the breeders, all seem's worth it to them...

Now, these beautiful star's and winner's will be bred, often very close breedings, setting in concrete the genetic dynamics and terrible diseases they carry. Some of these stars and winners will die young, as their genetic dragons overtake them...some will survive and produce more genetic dragons...

So you may ask; "Who will pay the piper???"

The answer is, tragically, "The breed pays the piper!!!!"

The breed pays in its popularity...in it's capacity to perform as beloved, healthy, robust, happy companions and/or healthy, strong and willing working companions...it pays with the tears and sadness of those whose owners have suffered as they lost the ones they had such high hopes for, and they gravitate to other breeds or sports...the breed struggles on dragging behind a terrible weight of the load of genetic dragons it bears... Who is responsible??? THE BREEDERS are RESPONSIBLE!

Next time you plan a breeding, look long and hard into the health and longevity and reproductivity of those you plan to mate together...give a serious thought to the first generation sires and dams and siblings and aunts and uncles of these partners...stress the HEALTH and longevity, as seriously as you stress the conformation and movement, of the pair.

Become a deadly gene...dragon slayer...and work for your breed, not against it!!! You KNOW in your heart... "Who pays the piper!!!!"

## ASCA ACCEPTS THE WHITE SHEPHERD

By Becky L Joyce

Earlier this year I started corresponding with the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) about accepting the White Shepherd as one of their "Accepted Breeds." It first went to the ASCA Board and after they reviewed it they passed it on to the ASCA Stockdog Committee. Along with my email I sent articles regarding the WS and herding. In July I received an email back saying "At this time we see no reason to change from GSD to WS." They also mentioned if we were looking for recognition as a breed distinct from the GSD, then the Stockdog Committee would require documentation that shows that the White Shepherd is a breed that was developed for working livestock. If the Committee makes a determination that the White Shepherd was developed for working livestock, then it would be added to their list of accepted breeds.

Well I ran with that comment. I gather up additional

articles, UKC Breed Standard, AHBA's Breed list and AHBA Herding Event results that we had at the AWSA 2006 Nationals.

In November Luna and I were at a AHBA trial and I saw a couple of people that belong to ASCA. They mentioned there was a lot of talk about accepting the White Shepherd and even forwarded some of the posts to me. Plus they also told me not to give up because the Committee moves very slow.

On December 30, 2007 I received an email saying that ASCA had accepted the White Shepherd. Then on January 3<sup>rd</sup> I received an email from Mike Bryant, ASCA SDC Chair saying "I am pleased to inform you that the ASCA Stockdog Committee has added the White Shepherd to the list of accepted breeds. It will appear in the upcoming Jan 1<sup>st</sup> revision of the rule book."

This is another great accomplishment for our beautiful White Shepherds. This gives us another avenue where we can show our dogs not only in herding but in obedience, agility and tracking. To learn more about ASCA go to [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org).



# UKC Sports Highlight

"The Total Dog"

## GOT DOG?

By Christine Gajda

UKC Protection Sport :  
**UKC®**  
**SERVICE DOGS OF**  
**AMERICA**

**A** visionary organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of working dogs brings titles to the United Kennel Club - with something for everyone!

The German Shepherd Dog became recognized as a breed nearly 100 years ago. Central to the original purpose of breed was its use as a working dog - in military, police, search and rescue, and detection. In a short century the breed has split into many factions - some based on structure, others based on working ability, and others based on color. As a result, many organizations have been formed to promote the various "lines" and styles of dog. Service Dogs of America and the UKC have paired up with a revolutionary working dog program that welcomes all - regardless of line, color, or structure! All that's needed is a willingness to work and a dedicated owner.

Are you just interested in having a well mannered family dog? If so, the Family Obedience is the title for you. It can be done as early as 9 months old, and involves on lead basic obedience - heeling, sits, downs, and a recall. After passing the obedience portion, the dog and owner team moves to the practical portion, where the dog must heel through a gate, load and unload from a vehicle, and hold a down stay while the owner prepares food. The title can be earned in a single showing. Regardless of whether this is your ultimate goal, or a stop along the way, it's a fantastic title for everyone due to the practical applications for family life.

The Family Obedience title is the prerequisite to all other SDA/UKC Dog Sport titles. After this you can enter full protection titles, which involve passing obedience and protection on the same day, or you may continue with obedience titles only. There

are six stand alone obedience titles available in this program! SDA is also developing a Search and Rescue program, and a Tracking program, both which will also require the Family Obedience as a prerequisite.

Are you interested in having a dog that will protectively respond to a threat, yet you are hesitant to train in protection work? The Protection Alert title is a perfect opportunity to train your dog to stand up to threats, but the title itself contains no grip. The obedience requirement for the Protection Alert is the same as the Family Obedience, and the Protection Alert can be earned on the same day. Your dog must respond appropriately to friendly greetings, waiting quietly by your side, and then also respond with fierce barking when you are threatened. It's an excellent way to be involved with protection work without any grips.

The protection titles that involve grip work are Protection 1, 2, and 3. Because the decoy wears a bitejacket rather than a sleeve,

this presents a more realistic picture to the dog as compared to a traditional Schutzhund test. Again, the dog must pass the corresponding obedience routine at the same trial, and must possess excellent temperament, control, and courage in the protection routine. The P-1 title is on leash, while the P-2 and P-3 titles are off lead. They are exciting to watch and challenging to the competitors. The decoys must be convincing actors, at times even arguing with the handlers during the routines!

There are 2 Police Dog titles available, PD1 and PD2, which mirror much of what is required in the K9 certifications in many

states. After passing the extensive obedience routines, in protection the dogs must react appropriately to friendly greetings, sudden attacks, and work under "gunfire" (blanks). In the PD-2 protection routine there is even a building search and muzzle engagements, which closely resemble advanced K9 work. It is

a superb way for breeders to test the genetic capabilities of their breeding stock, and promotes the developing home bred police and military K9s. As an added bonus, often real working K9s can be seen competing with their handlers at SDA trials!

The proposed Search and Rescue certifications and titles are to identify candidates for Search and Rescue work and promote public awareness of how SAR dogs are trained and tested. The proposed Tracking titles will be structured in a way that they will have practical training applications for real world work, such as K9 tracking and trailing, and SAR dogs. SDA is even developing Detection titles!

Whether your goal is to have a super family dog, a family protector, or a dog proven to withstand the rigors of K9 style testing, the SDA/UKC Dog Sport program has something for you! SDA trials are fun, family affairs, and open and welcoming to everyone. For more information on SDA and the UKC Dog Sport program, visit [www.servicedogsofamerica.com](http://www.servicedogsofamerica.com). SDA looks forward to your participation in the program!



Fritz taking a bite on the bite jacket



Performing the Fuss exercise for PDOB1

Christine Gajda is an SDA Judge, a member of Rock River Dog Sport Club and resides with her husband (the club decoy) and her two sons in Rockford, IL.

# MY LOVELY LITTLE MISSY



BIMBS, RBIMBS, GRCH  
Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz of FS,  
CGC, HCT, JHD, TDI

This is a subject that is very close to my heart and one that I could talk about for hours to anyone willing to listen. I purchased Missy as a bouncing, bright eyed 12 week old puppy from Rhonda McMahan at SureFire Shepherds. I had been searching for a new female puppy to add to my breeding program here at Foxhunt White Shepherds. I had actually already placed a deposit the day before on a yet unborn puppy from an upcoming litter from another breeder, when I happened into a conversation with Mona Perrson of Hallmark Shepherds. She told me she had heard that I was getting a SureFire puppy. Being a big fan of Rhonda's stud dog Tumbledown's Super Sonic, I had already visited Rhonda's site the week before and hadn't found what



Eight Weeks old at Surefire Shepherds

I was looking for. I told Mona "no" that I was getting a puppy from another breeder. A few days later Mona's words were still at the fore front of my thoughts and I decided to visit Rhonda's site again. I looked at her available litters, but to no avail. Even though I had just looked a little over a week ago, I went to her Available Older Puppies and Adults page. There, at the top of the page was a new pup listed, I immediately knew this was the pup I had been searching for. With a spark of mischief in her eyes so bright it reach right out of the pictures and grabbed me! I contacted Rhonda and informed her I was interested in this pup, dutifully I asked her several questions and requested that she send me a few more photographs. I then contacted the other breeder and explained my situation to her, she was very

understanding and allowed me to back out of the puppy sale. I again contacted Rhonda and began making the necessary arrangements, when suddenly Rhonda was called away to care for her elderly parents in another state. She put me in contact with Keslie Joyce of Starr Shepherds as she was to handle the details for us. In a few days my new little girl was on her way home to Florida. I was so excited it seemed forever before she finally arrived. My husband Tim and I made the trip to the airport late one evening to pick up our little girl off the last flight of the day. Everything went smooth as clockwork and within 20 minutes of our arrival I had our new baby in my arms. She came bouncing out of the airline crate happy to have human contact again. After a quick trip to the grass to potty we were on our way home. As Tim drove, Missy and I got acquainted. She was more beautiful than even her photographs had revealed. By the time we arrived home Missy and I had already formed a strong bond that still remains between us to this day.

I began puppy kindergarten and showing Missy in UKC Novice Puppy classes and she did very well taking home several Best Novice Puppy wins. When she turned 6 months old her show career took off like a shot with Missy taking home many of the the Best of Breed wins and placing in at least the top three spots in Group. I couldn't believe it, this little puppy was on a roll! She easily finished her Championship at the tender age of 9 1/2 months. She loves showing and prances around the ring with movement that screams "Look at Me!" with the attitude to match, she manages capture the attention of almost every judge we have had the pleasure of showing under. Living up to her name - Surefire Lil' Miss "Tasz"

of FS, she is a little whirlwind in the show ring.

Sadly, Missy injured her elbow playing in the creek near our home. With only 2 majors toward her Grand Championship, her show career came to an abrupt standstill. I was heart broken, not only for what I figured would be her missed chance to be a Grand Champion (a title she truly deserved), but for all the other adventures we hadn't even had a chance to venture into. Missy was a good hunter and I knew because of her hunting drive that she would have proved to be a good herding dog. Something I had never done before and wanted desperately to have a



Missy's Champion win at nine and a half months.

chance to learn about. After all, White Shepherds were bred to herd and I so wanted us to have that chance together. I tried everything my vet recommended and researched the Internet for as much information about this type of injury as I could find. Among other things, I massaged her leg several times a day and whenever we were sitting quietly watching television. Amazingly, her leg began to heal, she began moving better and better. After completing her AKC Canine

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Good Citizen Test, passing her Therapy Dog International Certification and doing several Therapy Dog visits, I finally decided I would try putting her back in the show ring. Our first weekend back showing didn't go well, Missy began slightly limping again and the judge excused us from the ring. I wasn't about to give up, she had come a long way in her recovery and I think we were both just as determined to beat this injury. We went home and took it easy and continued the massages. Our next show would be in June, the 2006 UKC Premier. Florida to Michigan was a long trip, but an enjoyable one. Missy won an Award of Merit in the Champion Class and best of all she didn't limp once! In October 2006 we attended a 4 show weekend in Perry, GA. where Missy shown brightly in the show ring again and earned her Grand Championship. She went on to win Best of Breed almost every show we attended and numerous Group 1 and 2 wins. I was ecstatic, my girl was back! Missy finished out the 2006 show season as the #7 top ranking White Shepherd in UKC after only showing about half of the show season. She also ranked #8 in the American White Shepherd Association Top Ten for 2006. In June of 2007 we attended the

wonderful news with someone I knew would be as excited for her as I was, I called Rhonda as soon as we got back to the campgrounds. We left Premier for the long trek back home with Missy's rosettes proudly displayed in the window of our motor home.



Missy in Daleville, AL, November 2006

In November of 2006 our dream came true and Missy and I attended our first Herding event in Daleville, AL. we went with the hopes of earning her Herding Capability title over the weekend event. To my surprise Missy did better than I could have ever imagined, completing not only her Herding Capability title, but also earning her Junior Herding Dog title and was given the award for the Most Promising New Herder! I couldn't have been more proud of my wonderful little girl, she never ceases to amaze me.

Missy continued showing in conformation throughout 2007 earning multiple Best of Breed and Group wins. She managed to earn enough points to stay ahead, gaining enough points to not only reach the Top Ten ranking, but to hold the #1 position for the entire year. What a great feat, there are so many really beautiful White Shepherds that compete for Top Ten ranking throughout the year. In April of 2007 Missy had the honor of winning Best in Multi Breed Show, I had wished for this magnificent win for her and there are no words to express how I felt that glorious day! In May of 2007 she took the honorable win of Reserve Best in Multi Breed Show in Perry, GA. Missy finished out 2007 as the #1 Ranking

White Shepherd for UKC.

In November we bred Missy to our top Grand Champion stud dog, Starr SureFire SuperHero of FS (Hero), on January 10th my little Missy who is all of 60 lbs. and 23" at the shoulder delivered 4 large beautiful, healthy puppies ranging in birth weight from 1 lb. 4 7/8 oz. to 1 lb. 2 1/8 oz. Everything this little girl does, she does Big!

As soon as she's finished nursing her babies, we will be busy working to get her back in show condition, we will be attending the 2008 UKC Premier in June in Kalamazoo, MI. where Missy will be competing in the 2007 Top Ten competition...Even with all of her wonderful accomplishments she is still just my "Princess", my most beloved, loyal & faithful friend.

My Lovely Little Missy.



Missy and her four wonderful little babies at one day old!



Archer, FL, Missy wins Best in Multi Breed Show

UKC Premier and competed in the 2006 Top Ten competition with Missy earning the Award of Excellence. What a prestigious win, I couldn't have been happier for my little girl!! I just had to share this



Missy & I watch herding events

*Written with love by:*  
Scarlett Sanders  
(Missy's Mom)  
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# LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS

## PAY IT FORWARD!

Most of us have heard this saying. It is a very simple concept that when some one does some thing nice for you, you in return do some thing nice for some one else. We all try hard to be a good examples and live our lives the best we can and helping others when we get the chance.

But have you ever thought about how this applies to our dogs? Our dogs give us unconditional love, joy, and some even fame. For most of us they are the ultimate companions and joys of our lives. Have you ever paid it forward for your dog?

Well now is your chance.

By adding your data to the genetics database on your dog, or even writing up your experiences with a medical problem you have encountered, you are not only helping other owners deal with heart ache

much easier, you are helping the dogs; by quicker diagnosis, better breeding of less genetic traits, a healthier breed in the future.

Now maybe you are one of the lucky ones that have had no real health issues with your beloved furry friend. All the more reason for you to act and help others that are not so blessed. Make a contribution to the White Shepherd Genetics Project.

There are many ways to do this: help out with a project, make a monetary donation, collect DNA samples of you dogs and send them in to labs with on going projects to help our breed. Or maybe even having a small fundraiser. It doesn't have to be a show, or even anything big, a bake sale will do. Every dollar counts, even if only a single dollar. This is the wonderful part about this project, if we all just do a little, the end result will be huge.

You are not just helping our dogs – you are helping every dog, mixed

breed or purebred, White Shepherd or Pomeranian. That research will help all dogs, not just ours, or our breed. And may be will even help you down the road or a person you know. Gene research goes across the board to all living things. Help for many human health issues have been found by starting with animals, even cancer.

So the next time Fido gets that win or title you so wanted, or even just makes you smile on a bad day please do your part;

Pay if Forward,  
**For our Dogs!!!**

When making your donation please make payable to WSGP and mail to the below address.

**White Shepherd Genetics Fund, LLC**  
**Susan Ewart, Treasurer**  
**75 Old Albany Road**  
**Greenfield, MA 01301**

Submitted by : Arleen Ravanelli

## KEITH LENDER - NEW TREASURER



My wife Linda and I reside in Evansville, Indiana where Linda was born and raised. I was born and raised near Pittsburgh, PA. I served six years in the US Army then changed branches with 17 Years in the Navy. I am retired from military with 23 years of distinctive service and currently teaching disadvantaged youths with the Job Corps. I have spent countless hours working with groups such as Indiana PAWS and German Shepherd Rescue Groups pulling and transporting rescued animals. My White Shepherd Sady just turned 9 last December. I love the breed as my sister loves the Black and Tan Shepherds. We both have had a Shepherd during our adult lives. I also have a black mix (rescue) named Abby; approx. 3yo and a red fox lab by the name of Sophy; 7yo.

Submitted by : Keith Lender

Warking wishes a happy Third Birthday to our baby girl, Beauty, and all of her litter-mates!

Submitted by Kim King



A Happy Birthday to Halo!  
Halo Royal Von Tasz  
DOB : 1 - 13 - 2006

Submitted by : Robin Davey

# UKC DOCK DIVING

UKC has now made Dock Diving a companion sport with in UKC, soon to become a full performance event offered through their registry, open to all who wish to try titling in it.

For those of you who got the chance to see this sport at last years Premier you know how fun it can be just to watch :-)

Although I doubt I will ever be able to persue this new event, due to location, I am once again impressed with UKC that they have taken a once-thought-of group/breed sport and opened it up to all breeds to compete and excel in. They are continually striving to meet thier goal of "Our dogs do stuff" and once again have given each of us the chance to prove them right !!!

I hope the White Shepherd can show the world how they can fly in the coming year :-)

Submitted by Arleen Ravanelli



Happy Birthday to Cristal  
Jamrs Roederer Cristal Rose of FS  
DOB: 1-21-05

Submitted by : Scarlett Sanders

# HELLO MEMBERS

**M**y name is Kim King and I reside in New York with my husband Rob, and two kids. Rob and I have been together since 1984 when I was in high school. We have one son graduating this June who is 18 yrs and a 14 year old, daughter. I have been employed by the NYS Legislature, for one of New York's State Senator's for the past 12 years.

I've been involved with White Shepherds since 1999 when I acquired my first male, Reno from Tumbledown/Regalwise in Indiana. Today we have 3 white shepherds Reno, Beauty, and Sirius. We are expecting our fourth in the spring.

Rob & I have been members of AWSA since 2002 and joined UWSC in 2005.

I volunteer my time on multiple White Shepherd web committee's. I decided that it might be fun and educational to try something different. You know, put my self out there more, so here I am.

I've agreed to take on the board ap-

pointed position of Membership Chair for UWSC in addition to my web duties and look forward to serving our members and recruiting and welcoming new members.

Reno, Beauty & Sirius are shown in UKC events as White Shepherd and our spring pup will also be shown to the UKC White Shepherd Standard.

We enjoy Rally-O, Agility, Obedience & Therapy work on behalf of Therapy Dog International, Inc.

Certificates earned are: CGC, TDI, TDIA - Titles earned are: RN, and UKC Championships.

Health clearance certificates my dogs have earned are PennHip, OFA h&e, Thyroid, & MDR1.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim King  
UWSC 08 Membership Chair

## MANY THANKS

Dear Readers and Members,

I just wanted to write a brief note on how excited I am to be working on this newsletter! Some things have changed - some are new, some altered and some things gone (but some are sure to come back!). This is very much a learning experience for me and as such this newsletter will continue to improve and evolve as I continue to learn and gain experience.

I would like to hear from you all as members what you think of the new layout, what you would like to see added, changed, and removed. If you have any suggestions for me - please feel free to let me know - this newsletter is for the members, and as such is something I would like to satisfy the membership as a whole. Anything constructive

will be well recieved.

I also wanted to make a couple of brief apologies. As I gain the experience necessary to work on this project the newsletter will start coming out earlier. Additionally, the Brag section will improve and grow exponentially by the time the next issue comes around.

If there is anything in this issues that someone sees that is incorrect or is a typo - please let me know and I will dedicate some space (I am sure it will be a page of corrections from this issue!) to make amends.

I want to thank you all again (especially Scarlett and Diana) for this wonderful experience to work with our breed and the UKC, and I look forward to hearing from everyone and growing as the newsletter does.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Catherine E. P. Helfgott*



# WHITE SHEPHERDS IN THE UKC

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### Conformation and Junior Showmanship

- 07 March 2008 - Rancho Cordova, CA : UKC Licensed Event
- 07 March 2008 - Aurora, CO : American Norweigan Lundhund Association
- 07 March 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : All American Bulldog Club
- 07 March 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : Michigan Gun Dog Club
- 08 March 2008 - Phoenix, Az : Russel Terrier Foundation Club
- 08 March 2008 - Aurora, CO : High Plains Kennel Club
- 08 March 2008 - Salina, KS : French Brittany Gun Dog Association
- 08 March 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : UKC Michigan Classic
- 08 March 2008 - Denton, TX : North East Texas American Eskimo Dog Association
- 14 March 2008 - Racine, WI : Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 15 March 2008 - Modesto, CA : Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 15 March 2008 - Racine, WI : Blackhawk Labrador Retriever Club
- 22 March 2008 - Cheleis, WA : Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- 28 March 2008 - Hickory, NC : UKC Carolina Classic
- 29 March 2008 - Mandeville, LA : Great Southern Kennel Club
- 29 March 2008 - Minneapolis, MN : United German Shepherd Dog Alliance
- 29 March 2008 - Lansing, MI : Midwest Papillion Association
- 05 April 2008 - Long Beach, MS : Great Southern Kennel Club
- 05 April 2008 - Warrenton, VA : Shanendoah Belgian Shepherd Dog Association
- 05 April 2008 - Dunbar, KY : Unitd Irish Red and White Setter Society
- 12 April 2008 - Modesto, CA : Central Valley Rate Terrier Club
- 12 April 2008 - Hollywood, FL : Mid-Florida Dog Club
- 12 April 2008 - Whitmore Lake, MI : Michigan Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 18 April 2008 - Wapakoneta, OH : Ohio Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 18 April 2008 - Chesterfield, VA : Mid Atlantic Kennel Club
- 19 April 2008 - Archer, FL : Earthworkers, Inlimited
- 19 April 2008 - Tonganoxie, KS : Heartland Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 19 April 2008 - Minneapolic, MN : Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Associaton
- 19 April 2008 - Sparks, NV : Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - St. Helens, OR : American Eskimo Dog Association of Oregon
- 19 April 2008 - Racine, WI : Glen of Imaal Terrier Club
- 20 April 2008 - Racine, WI : Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 25 April 2008 - Jayess, MS : Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 26 April 2008 - Westfiled, MA : Apple Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 26 April 2008 - Elburn, IL : K9 Petiquettes
- 26 April 2008 - Edwardsburg, IN : Echo Club
- 26 April 2008 - Salisbury, NC : United Labrador Retriever Association
- 26 April 2008 - Norman, OK : Oklahoma American Eskimo Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Lucerne Valley, CA : Desert Trails All Breed Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Laporte, IN : Trail Creek Dog Training Club

## BRAGS!



UKC CH Royal Adonis goes BIMBS under judge Karen Johnson at Laporte, IN

UKC CH Royal Adonis took Best of Breed and Group 1 in 3 of 4 shows

Royal Wish Upon a Star wins Best Bitch and Best of Winners in 1 show, Reserve in 3 at Laporte, IN

Royal Take it to the Limit (Tater) took Best Bitch and Besr of Winners in 3 shows, reserve in 1 at Laporte, IN



Vivid Daydreams Dionna took Best Bitch and Best of Breed in all 4 shows at Warrenton, VA

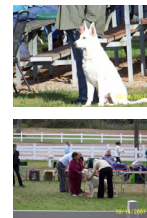


## Conformation and Junior Showmanship Cont...

- 10 May 2008 - Modesto, CA : Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 10 May 2008 - Locke, NY : Finger Lakes American Eskimo Dog Association
- 10 May 2008 - Eufuala, OK : Performance Events Trials and Shows
- 10 May 2008 - Shelton, WA : Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- 15 May 2008 - Dunlap, IL : Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 15 May 2008 - Perry, GA : Middle Georgia Kennel Club
- 16 May 2008 - Randolph, OH : Carnation City Kennel Club
- 17 May 2008 - Claremont, CA : South Bay Dog Fanciers
- 17 May 2008 - Dunlap, IL : Illinois Tou Fox Terrier Association
- 17 May 2008 - Kyoto, Japan : J Taz Kennel Club
- 17 May 2008 - Belair, MD : Old Line State United Dog Club

## Obedience Events

- 17 May 2008 - Long Beach, MS : Catahoula Owners, Breeders, and Research Association
- 01 March 2008 - Dayton, OH : Gem City Dog Obedience Club
- 01 March 2008 - Mechanicsburg, PA : Obedience Training Class of Harrisburg
- 01 March 2008 - Amherst, WI : Timber Ridge Dog Training Club
- 07 March 2008 - Alberta, Canada : Rose County Canine Association
- 08 March 2008 - Aurora, CO : High Plains Kennel Club
- 08 March 2008 - Tulsa, OK : Companion Dog Club of Tulsa
- 09 March 2008 - Schiller Park, IL : For Your Canine Sports Club
- 15 March 2008 - Monticello, FL : Canopy Roads Crew
- 15 March 2008 - Lowell, IN : Paw Power Blues Dog Club
- 15 March 2008 - Southgate, MI : Great Lakes Obedience Club of Michigan
- 15 March 2008 - Auburn, WA : Puget Sound K-9
- 22 March 2008 - Douglas, AK : Capital Kennel Club of Juneau
- 28 March 2008 - Hickory, NC : UKC Carolina Classic
- 28 March 2008 - Hickory, NC : United Poodle Breeds Association
- 29 March 2008 - Warrenville, IL : Smack Dab's Obedience Training
- 29 March 2008 - Staten Island, NY : Staten Island Dog Training Club
- 29 March 2008 - Sante Fe, NM : Enchantment Training Club
- 05 April 2008 - Anchorage, AK : Alyeska Canine Trainers
- 05 April 2008 - San Diego, CA : All Breed Obedience Club
- 05 April 2008 - Jacksonville, FL : First Coast Dog Obedience Training
- 06 April 2008 - Franklin, MA : Weston Dog Training Club
- 12 April 2008 - Yukon Territory, Canada : Whitehorse Woofers Dog Club
- 12 April 2008 - Ocala, FL : United Marion Dog Training Association
- 12 April 2008 - Loves Park, IL : Rock Valley Kennel Federation
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - Minneapolis, MN : Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association
- 19 April 2008 - Hillsboro, OR : Northwest Oregon Dog Training Club
- 19 April 2008 - Fountain Inn, SC : Carolina Obedience and Agility Trainers
- 26 April 2008 - Edwardsburg, IN : Echo Club
- 26 April 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 03 May 2008 - Pottstown, IL : Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 03 May 2008 - Lucerne Valley, CA : Desert Trails All Breed Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Laporte, IN : Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 17 May 2008 - Longmont, CO : Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 17 May 2008 - Flanders, PA : Pennjy Obedience Club



Tumbledown's King Reno's Star took Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best Male at the UKC Connecticut

Halo Royal von Tasz takes 1st Place and Best Female at the UKC Connecticut Classic

Prince Royale Kaufman 'Prince' took Best Puppy in the NLC Class at the UKC Connecticut Classic

Dear Officers of the United White Shepherd Club,

Our local Belgian Shepherd Dog club here in Maine is including White Shepherds in our July 2008 shows. We are hoping that you will spread the word and perhaps put us in touch with White Shepherd owners in New England and the Maritime Provinces so that we might contact them. If there is a local club to contact that would be great too. We hope to have a nice entry of White Shepherds. Thanks, Sue Morlan - Show Chair

Sue Morlan  
Coda Belgian Shepherd Dogs  
[www.midcoast.com/~classic](http://www.midcoast.com/~classic)



Vivid Daydreams Dionna took Best Bitch and Best of Breed in both shows in Beltsville, MD

Vivid Daydreams Dionna took Best Bitch and Best of Breed in all 4 shows at New Kent, VA

## Weight Pull Events

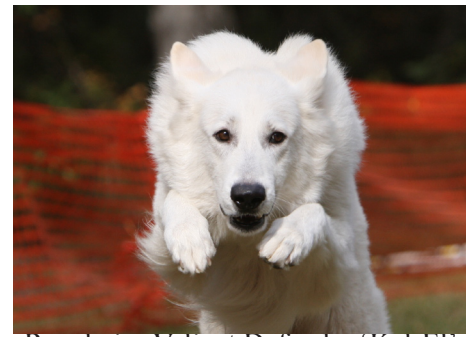
- 01 March 2008 - Leslie, MI : Mid West Weight Pullers
- 07 March 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : All American Bulldog Club
- 08 March 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : UKC Michigan Classic
- 08 March 2008 - Oceanside, CA : Rip Curl Weight Pullers
- 15 March 2008 - Shakopee, MN : Minnesota Mixed Breed Dog Club
- 22 March 2008 - Barkhamstead, CT : New England Pullers Association
- 12 April 2008 - Leslie, MI : Mid West Weight Pullers
- 12 April 2008 - Dallas, NC : Tar Heel Kenne Club
- 12 April 2008 - Longview, WA : Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - Denton, TX : United National Weight Pull Association
- 25 April 2008 - Jayess, MS : Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 03 May 2008 - Virginia Beach, VA : Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club
- 03 May 2008 - Oceanside, CA : Rip Curl, Weight Pullers
- 09 May 2008 - Reno, NV : Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 17 May 2008 - Belair, MD : Old Line State United Dog Club

## Agility Events

- 01 March 2008 - Amherst, WI : Timber Ridge Dog Training Club
- 03 March 2008 - Laporte, IN : Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 03 March 2008 - Manville, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 15 March 2008 - Monticello, FL : Canopy Roads Crew
- 29 March 2008 - Spring Grove, WI : WI-IL Agility Group
- 05 April 2008 - Warrenville, IL : Smack Dab's Obedience Trainers
- 12 April 2008 - Ocala, FL : United Marion Dog Training Association
- 12 April 2008 - Henderson, KY : Lincoln Trail Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
- 12 April 2008 - New Hill, NC : Autumn Winds Agility Club
- 12 April 2008 - Ixonia, WI : Bark River Dog Club
- 19 April 2008 - Manville, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 26 April 2008 - Grand Blanc, MI : Dog Sports of Genesee County
- 26 April 2008 - Lewisburg, PA : Trained N' Talented Canines
- 26 April 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 26 April 2008 - Spring Grove, WI : WI-IL Agility Group
- 03 May 2008 - Pottstown, IL : Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 03 May 2008 - Chesapeake, VA : Tidewater Dog Performance Club
- 10 May 2008 - Escondido, CA : San Diego Dog Fanciers
- 10 May 2008 - Lakeland, FL : United IPOC
- 17 May 2008 - Cornell, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 17 May 2008 -Lansing, MI : MI Dog Agility
- 17 May 2008 -Mishicot, WI : Liberty All-Breed K9 Club

## Dog Sport Events

- 03 May 2008 - St. Johns, MI : Capital City Dog Sport Association



Regalwise Valiant Defender 'Kal-El' ended 2007 ranked #32 in the country in Agility 2 in the UKC



Regalwise Born to BeA Scalawag 'Sparrow' ended 2007 ranked #46 in the country in Agility 2 in the UKC

## Congratulations to the 2007 Top 10!

1. GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz of FS
2. GRCH Royal Spasz Von Tasz
3. FO GRCH Shylo's Galaxy Star
4. GRCH Royal Goddess of Love
5. GRCH Royal Day of Providence
6. GRCH Royal's Elite Advantage
7. GRCH Starr Hallmark Hemi Supercharger
8. CH Royal Adonis
9. GRCH Hallmark's Wynnter Moon for Neil
10. CH Lyons Royal Scott

## Current Top 10 Standings!

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| 1. CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa | 8 |
| 2. CH Tumbledown's King Reno's Star | 2 |
| 3. Halo Royal Von Tasz              | 2 |
| 4. CH Hollybrook's Bodacious        | 1 |
| 5. Royal Prairie Wind               | 1 |



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



## Missy Lee

My name is Missy Lee, and I am a new member of UWSC

I work for the US Army as a management analyst, and a base closure in Germany brought me to my current assignment in Warren, Michigan. My family and I settled down in a small town of St. Clair, 50 miles north of Detroit. My husband Cliff, who also works for the Army as an IT specialist,

and I have 2 kids, Kayla 4 and Aidan 3.

My husband, a former military police officer, always loved German Shepherds. Although he was never a K-9 handler, he had a team of K-9 units under his operation. Needless to say GSD is the dog of his choice and he owned several GSDs himself. As for me, my childhood family dog was a big German Shepherd who took care of me as I was her "puppy". So after returning to the USA and settling down, first thing we wanted to do was to get a GSD puppy. While we were looking, we came across some White Shepherds web sites and we fell in love with them!

Now we have 3 dogs - Sasha (Black & Tan GSD), Faith (White Shepherd) and our new addition Snow White (Von Tazs White Shepherd) - they all get along nicely.

As for the plan for our dogs, Sasha is very high energy (loves agility) and thrives to work. My husband is thinking about being a SAR volunteer and Sasha might be a good candidate to be his partner. Faith is very loving but not exactly high energy. She enjoys cuddling and taking care of Snow White and my 2 little kids. She is working on her CGC and hopefully she can go on to be a therapy dog someday. Of course our new shining star, Snow White is still too young -- so we shall see. I know her mom Kyla was a "natural" herding dog, so maybe she could give it a try in herding too. That's the fun part of owning a GSD - they are so all-around perfect dogs - the possibility is endless.


Although we have a long way to go - when we retire from the government service we want to move to UP and breed/rescue GSDs.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Missy Lee

## Elena Ralston

Hi Everyone!



I am a new member of UWSC and would like to introduce myself. My name is Elena Ralston, or simply Lena. I live in Buffalo, NY with my husband, Doug, our very old cat and our new WS puppy, Faith. I am originally from Belarus and came to the United States in 1994. I am a professional illustrator and educator. You can check my professional artwork at [www.childrensillustrators.com/lenaralston](http://www.childrensillustrators.com/lenaralston). I teach art part-time at Daemen college locally, and at Pittsburgh Institute of Arts On-Line division through the internet.

I love dogs and have many since my childhood. My third dog was a German Shepherd, Bishka, (black&tan). She was trained in the Russian canine sport that closely resembles what in America called Schutzhund I, II and III (as I have learned lately). She was a show dog as well and produced high quality pups that won many titles. I was really into all that dog's show and training business back then. I left the show business in Belarus after experiencing much of unhealthy politics, jealousy and an unfair competition. My whole life I only had female dogs and almost never the same breed after they die. All my dogs that passed away were such individuals that I just could never make myself to believe that I could get another one like them if I dare to get a pup of the same breed. Here in America, my first dog was Gracie, Flat Coated retriever, who died last Summer from cancer at age 7. It was devastating to loose such a young dog. Gracie wasn't a show dog, but fully trained in

obedience. I have never showed a dog in American shows and don't quiet know the rules. Me and my husband bought each other a WS puppy as a Christmas gift to each other last December. Her name is Regalwise Victorious Faith, Dam: Regalwise Irene, Sire: Regalwise Roy Rogers V Juel, breeder: Ronda Beaupre. She is our long-coated WS marvel as she survived over 16 hours trip to us since she got lost in Chicago and missed her connection flight. She has not only survived, but arrived clean (no poop, we figured she probably cleaned after herself) and happy to leak our faces. She was totally house-trained in a week and rings her potty bell ever since with the consistency and intensity that only GS can do 😊. She is a little over 4 months old now and starting to look more like an adult dog.

My interest is in long-coated WS breeding. I would like to concentrate on showing and breeding long-coated WS. I am still learning and I am sure a lot of you will be my guides in the future. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in person some day. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of your group.

Lena Ralston

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*Many thanks to everyone who submitted to this  
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*I couldn't have done it without you all!!!*