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Pictured is a photo of the original painting done by our UWSC member, Lena Ralston. The original painting is going to Dolly Harmsen of Vivid Daydream kennels in the Netherlands.

Picture is courtesy of Lena Ralston

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Letter from the President

Diana Updike

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Mark Your Calendars: April 14, 2009, will mark the 10th anniversary of the UKC White Shepherd breed. I can't believe that much time has passed – a whole decade!

Some History: Before our breed was recognized, many of the founding UWSC members exhibited their beautiful whites in the UKC German Shepherd Dog breed ring. My very own Polo was the first white-coated German Shepherd Dog to earn a UKC Champion title that included a notable Best of Breed win over the top (colored) GSD of that time. Many others also went on to earn their GSD Champion titles as well. Then, in April 1999, when the UKC White Shepherd was recognized, we had to re-register our dogs with the new breed and had to compete, all over again, for our dogs' Champion titles. (Please note: Performance titles did not have to be re-earned, only the conformation titles.)

Over the Last Ten Years: Our White Shepherds have made their mark in the UKC breed ring as well as in the performance arena. They have earned notable Best In Shows, Reserve Best In Shows, Herding Group top placements, a #1 Best of Top Ten honor (over all breeds!), advanced obedience and agility titles, and many Total Dog Awards. We should all be very proud of what we have done to make this breed shine.

2009 Elections: Miranda Reeves has been appointed to the Nomination Election Committee Chair position. She may be seeking you out for assistance and I hope that you will oblige. ((smile))

2009 Premier National Specialty Show: As with years past, we will be hosting the show on the Thursday prior to the UKC Premier weekend. And, I am thrilled to inform you that Scarlett and Tim Sanders have again volunteered to provide the show prizes! (For those of you that didn't have the honor of seeing what they came up with last year, you simply must attend and check it out. You won't be disappointed!)

Respectfully submitted,

Diana L. Updike



Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone,

Well a new year is before us and I for one am looking forward to a great one! The show season is gearing up, Spring is just around the corner and plans for our National Specialty show at Premier are underway! Congratulations to all of the Top Ten WS's for 2008! I hope to see each of you at Premier this year! This years National Specialty is shaping up nicely. Diana Updike & I have again this year stepped up and agreed to Secretary & Show Chair our Specialty. We have some wonderful prizes to offer this year! Helena Engelauf has contracted to judge our show & Diana Theilgaard has volunteered to be our Ring Steward. Thank you Diana!

I hope everyone who is attending Premier will make plans to join us for the Annual Meeting & BBQ dinner on Saturday afternoon following the shows. It's a great chance to visit with fellow club members and we always a fun time.

I would like to take this chance to welcome Lena Ralston to our Newsletter staff! Lena worked hard on this issue of the Newsletter and she did an awesome job! Thank you Lena! I am in great hopes that with 3 of us on the Newsletter staff now that we will be able to get all of the issues needed this year to accomplish our Parent Club status by 2010.

I would also like to take a moment to Congratulate Cate on her Graduation!! You go girl!! We are very proud of you!

We still have several members who have not renewed their memberships for 2009. I hope that those that haven't renewed will please take a moment to do so. Remember, your memberships help to support our club, our wonderful dogs & events! Please take a moment to renew!! Of course new members are always welcome!

Please remember to support your Newsletter by sending in your ads, brags, WS birthdays, new titles, litter announcements, etc. and any articles you may want to submit. Remember, we count on you guys! I also hope that all of you will join in the fun and participate in our WS photo contests this upcoming year!

UKC has released their 2008 Top 50 breeds and the White Shepherd is #47! Let's work together to make this the best year ever for our wonderful White Shepherds!! :0)

Your Newsletter Editor,
Scarlett Sanders

Thank you for your support!
Your UWSC newsletter Staff
Scarlett Sanders
Cate Helfgott
Lena Ralston

WSGP UPDATE

as of March 1, 2009

Prepared by Judy Huston

Database

January 26, 2009

Great news to report. Melanie flew in from PA to MI on January 26 and flew out on the 5:00 flight on the 28th. We made enormous progress in terms of knowing exactly where we need to go with this project, who is going to do it, how we are going to get there, how it will be funded, and how long it will take.

She left with a ton of work and left me with as much.

Intuitively I felt that Melanie could guide us to the next level for our work. She has the knowledge, the drive, the passion, and the commitment to get the job done.

February 5, 2009

I met with Dr. Mary Cardecchia (our consultant and Board member) to go over necropsy reports and to discuss various reporting aspects for the new professional database. She confirmed some of the ideas we already had and came up with a couple of her own. She reminds us to view the database from the point of view of all possible users to make sure it is as good a fit as possible for everyone.

Database Submission Sheet

Clearly the submission sheet is the bridge to what goes into the database. We are not going to recreate the wheel and duplicate work already done by other breed clubs, so we have a couple of models to review for our own personal use. The great news is that the two databases we are looking at both uses the same developer.

The Berner people started with Dr. Padgett probably years before we did. So, their structure is more similar to what we are used to. The Lab people do a similar format, but they approach collecting the data slightly differently.

Donations and Dr. Padgett's books

Honoring:

- McCoy owned by Pat and Don Malinowski from Peggy Novisky from Minnesota.
- Kelly owned by Robin Davey from Judy and Dick Huston
- Ben owned by Michael Wright from Judy and Dick Huston
- Cantik owned by Esther Cohen and Avia Klein from Judy and Dick Huston
- McCoy owned by Pat Malinowski from Judy and Dick Huston
- Nicole Harmer purchased Dr. Padgett's book.
- Michael Wright purchased Dr. Padgett's book.
- Kyra from Kate Huston (Auntie Katie ☺)

Ronda Beaupre donated a box of books and many boxes of trophies to use for the WSGP fundraisers. Thank you Ronda.

Fundraising

- The date and place for the 4th Annual WSGP Fundraiser is September 26 and 27 at Currey's Family Pet Care in Romulus, Michigan. The same location as last year.
- I wrote a letter for Pat Currey acknowledging his site donation to us so that he has the possibility of a tax write-off.
- I have learned that Michigan allows charity gambling and The Shark Club (2 miles from our home) is one of the participants. I have been told that once we get our nonprofit status approved, we could be eligible to do fundraising four times each year that could bring as much as \$2,000 each time. I'll keep everyone posted.
- The donations to honor dogs that were made in early January, and the written requests I have had from people wanting to know if their dog could be honored on the website got me to thinking that this could be a good on-going idea for fundraising. For a minimum of \$25 a person could donate in their own dog's name, or someone else's dog's name. The site would have the dog's picture, the owner's name, who donated and how much was donated. The dog's picture would remain on the website during the year in which the request and donation was received. Thoughts, ideas, comments? Contact me.

Geneticist's Pedigrees

I am starting to work on a personal pedigree request from one of our breeders.

Necropsy Reports

Information on Cantik, McCoy, Kelly, and Benjamin has been given to Dr. Mary Cardeccia for her to write her report for the website.

Dr. Cardeccia met with me here on Feb. 5 and left with a new notebook with all the reports and checklists for all dogs not yet entered in the database and to the website for her to complete.

Not-For Profit Status

Latest information from IRS is that the application has been turned over to the appropriate department, but has not yet been assigned to an agent. It can take 120 days once it is in a department. I was told that applications received last July have still not been processed.

Research

In the last report I listed the research areas the AKC Canine Health Foundation sent us that are most relevant to our breed. There has been no discussion about which conditions to support so no additional funds have been earmarked for specific research, yet.]

The WSGP wrote a check for \$5,000 to fulfill our pledge to support research. It was due by February 1.

Treasury Report and funds

The fourth quarter report was prepared and posted by Treasurer, Susan Ewart on February 3, 2009. I deposited an additional \$327.81 from PayPal donations into our account.

Website Manager

Ruut Tilstra agreed to stay on as our Website Manager. Ruut is currently working on the Memorial section of the website. Within a very short period of time, we will have:

- All of Dr. Cardeccia's reports on the website, including replacing those that were written by me during the interim period we were without a consultant.
- Write-ups and pictures for the dogs and owners who went above and beyond will also be completed.

WSGP UPDATE
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Brag!

Upcoming Shows

Conformation and Junior Showmanship

- 03/14/2009 – Modesto, CA: Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 03/21/2009 - Lucerne Valley, CA: Desert Trails All Breed Dog Club
- 03/07/2009 – Aurora, CO: High Plains Kennel Club
- 03/07/2009 – Mulberry, FL: Florida Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 03/28/2009 – Muscatine, Iowa: Brittany Gun Dog Association of America
- 03/13/2009 – Kalamazoo, MI: K9 Fanciers
- 03/14/2009 – Kalamazoo, MI: UKC Michigan Classic
- 03/28/2009 – Minneapolis, MN: United German Shepherd Dog Alliance
- 03/20/2009 – Hickory, NC: UKC Carolina Classic
- 03/21/2009 – Milford, OH: Clermont County Dog Training Club
- 03/07/2009 – Denton, TX: North East Texas American Eskimo Dog Association
- 03/14/2009 - Big Springs, TX: Bluebonnet All-Breed Dog Club
- 03/21/2009 – Shelton, WA: Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- 03/20/2009 – Racine, WI: Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club

- 04/25/2009 – Modesto, CA: North -Western American Eskimo Association
- 04/11/2009 – Hollywood, FL: Mid Florida Dog Club
- 04/18/2009 - Schiller park, IL: For Your Canine Sports Club
- 04/25/2009 – Elburn, IL: Kay-9 Petiquette
- 04/25/2009 – Tonganoxie, KS: Heartland Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 04/25/2009 – Westfield, MA: Apple Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 04/04/2009 - Whitmore Lake, MI: Michigan Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 04/25/2009 – Buchanan, MI: Echo Club
- 04/18/2009 – Minneapolis, MN: Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association
- 04/04/2009 - Long Beach, MS: Great Southern Kennel Club
- 04/24/2009 – Jayess, MS: Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 04/18/2009 – Sparks, NV: Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 04/10/2009 – Dallas, NC: Tar Heel Kennel Club
- 04/17/2009 – Wapakoneta, OH: Ohio Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 04/25/2009 – Norman, OK: Oklahoma American Eskimo Dog Club
- 04/04/2009 - St Helens, OR: American Eskimo Dog Association of Oregon
- 04/25/2009 – Lewisberry, PA: Trained n' Talented Canines



NEW CHAMPION!

Foxhunt's King of WarKings "Kinger"

Host: Sleeping Giant Kennel Club

Date: Jan 10, 2009

Show 1 - Judge - Beth Jones: **1st place, BM, & BOB** (Championship finished)!

Show 2 - Judge - Donna Sullivan:

Champion

of Champions ribbon and BOB!

Breeder: Scarlett Sanders

Owners: Kim King & Scarlett Sanders



Happy 1st to Kinger on 1/10/09 !

Conformation and Junior Showmanship (Continued)

- 04/18/2009 – Athens, TN: Great Smoky Mountain Dog Club
- 04/18/2009 – Denton, TX: North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 04/04/2009 – Warrenton, VA: Shenandoah Belgian Shepherd Dog Association
- 04/17/2009 – Chesterfield, VA: Mid-Atlantic Kennel Club
- 04/25/2009 - Roanoke, VA: United Labrador Retriever Association

- 05/09/2009 - Santa Barbara , CA: Catahoula Owners, Breeders and Research Ass.
- 05/15/2009 - Rancho Cordova, CA: Nor Cal APBT club
- 05/22/2009 – Claremont, CA: American Pit Bull Terrier Club of Southern California
- 05/23/2009 – Lakeland, FL: Sunshine Terrier Club
- 05/23/2009 – Hollywood, FL: Mid Florida Dog Club
- 05/15/2009 – Perry, GA: Middle Georgia Kennel Club
- 05/14/2009 – Dunlap, IL: Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 05/16/2009 – Dunlap, IL: Illinois Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 05/02/2009 – Laporte, IN: Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 05/16/2009 - Bel Air, Maryland: Old Line State United Dog Club
- 05/01/2009 – Belleville, MI: Michigan Gun Dog Club
- 05/01/2009 – Belleville, MI: United Hungarian Wire-Haired Vizsla Association
- 05/02/2009 – Belleville, MI: Michigan American Pit Bull Terrier Association
- 05/08/2009 – Centreville, MI: K9 Fanciers
- 05/08/2009 – Locke, NY: Empire State Dog Club
- 05/09/2009 – Locke, NY: Finger Lakes American Eskimo Dog Association
- 05/16/2009 – Ravenna, OH: Carnation City Kennel Club
- 05/29/2009 – Wapakoneta, OH: Ohio Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 05/09/2009 – Warner, OK: Performance Events Trials and Shows
- 05/02/2009 – Hutto, TX: National American Eskimo Dog Association
- 05/02/2009 - Virginia Beach, VA: Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club
- 05/30/2009 – Chehalis, WA: American Eskimo Dog Association of Washington
- 05/30/2009 – Ixonia, WI: Wisconsin Boston Terrier Association
- **06/11-14/2009 – Kalamazoo, MI: United Kennel Club Premier Dog Show**

Obedience Events

- 03/28/2009 – Douglas, AK: Capital Kennel Club of Juneau
- 03/06/2009 - Spruce Grove, Alberta: Rose County Canine Association
- 03/07/2009 – Aurora, CO: High Plains Kennel Club
- 03/08/2009 - Schiller park, IL: For Your Canine Sports Club
- 03/21/2009 – Warrenville, IL: Smack-Dab's Obedience Training CHECK DATE!
- 03/22/2009 – Franklin, MA: Weston Dog Training Club
- 03/14/2009 – Southgate, MI: Great Lakes Obedience Club of Michigan
- 03/28/2009 - Santa Fe, NM: Enchantment Training Club
- 03/28/2009 - Staten Island, NY: Staten Island Dog Training Club
- 03/07/2009 – Tulsa, OK: Companion Dog Club of Tulsa
- 03/07/2009 – Fredricksburg, VA: Stafford Dog Club
- 03/14/2009 – Auburn, WA: Puget Sound K-9's
- 04/04/2009 - San Diego, CA: All Breed Obedience Club
- 04/18/2009 - Georgetown Ontario, Canada: Maple Leaf Kennel Club
- 04/04/2009 – Jacksonville, FL: First Coast Dog Obedience Club
- 04/11/2009 – Ocala, FL: United Marion Dog Training Association

CONGRATS TO THE 2008 TOP 10!

1. GRCH Royal Spasz Von Tasz
2. GRCH Royal Adonis
3. CH Royal Wish Upon A Star
4. CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers
5. CH Regalwise Oreo
6. GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr
7. CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
8. GRCH Kyra's Kin--King Kole Von Tasz
9. GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs
10. CH Royal Prairie Wind



SureFire's Enchanted Izzy took **BF** in Show 1 and 2 on November 22,08. On November 23 in Show 1 she took **BF and BOB!** Show Two –**BF!**

Owner: Nicole Harmer & Rhonda McMahan

Breeder: Rhonda McMahan/Keslie Joyce

Obedience Events (Continued)

- 04/11/2009 - Loves Park, IL: Rock Valley Kennel Federation
- 04/18/2009 – Minneapolis, MN: Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association
- 04/18/2009 – Sherwood, OR: Northwest Oregon Dog Training Club
- 04/08/2009 - Fountain Inn, SC: Carolina Obedience & Agility Trainers
- 05/16/2009 – Longmont, CO: Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 05/30/2009 - St Petersburg, FL: United Dog Training Club of St Petersburg
- 05/02/2009 – Pottstown, IL: Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 05/02/2009 – Laporte, IN: Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 05/15/2009 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa: 4RK9's Inc
- 05/02/2009 – Dexter, MI: Run For Fun
- 05/30/2009 – Springfield, Missouri: Competition Dogs of the Ozarks
- 05/16/2009 – Flanders, NJ: Pennjy Obedience Club
- 05/16/2009 – Ravenna, OH: Carnation City Kennel Club

Weight Pull Events

- 03/13/2009 – Kalamazoo, MI: All American Bulldog Club
- 03/14/2009 – Shakopee, MN: Minnesota Mixed Breed Club
- 03/20/2009 – Hickory, NC: UKC Carolina Classic CHECK THE DATE!
- 03/14/2009 – Morristown, TN: Working Dog Association
- 03/27/2009 – Roy, WA: Rainier Weight Pullers Association
- 04/04/2009 – Oceanside, CA: Rip Curl Weight Pullers
- 04/11/2009 – Leslie, MI: Mid West Weight Pullers
- 04/24/2009 – Jayess, MS: Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 04/25/2009 – Jayess, MS: United National Weight Pull Association
- 04/04/2009 – Niota, TN: Athens Tn SDA Association
- 04/18/2009 – Denton, TX: North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 04/11/2009 – Longview, WA: Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 05/15/2009 – Perry, GA: Middle Georgia Kennel Club
- 05/16/2009 - Bel Air, Maryland: Old Line State United Dog Club
- 05/08/2009 – Centreville, MI: All American Bulldog Club
- 05/08/2009 – Reno, NV: Silver State APBT Club
- 05/22/2009 – Niota, TN: Athens TN SDA Association
- 05/02/2009 - Virginia Beach, VA: Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club
- 05/15/2009 – Roy, WA: Rainier Weight Pullers Association

Agility Events

- 03/14/2009 – Monticello, FL: Canopy Roads Crew
- 03/07/2009 – Manville, IL: United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 03/28/2009 - Spring Grove, IL: Wi-Il Agility Group
- 03/07/2009 – Laporte, IN: Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 03/28/2009 - New Hill, NC: Autumn Winds Agility Club
- 04/11/2009 – Ocala, FL: United Marion Dog Training Association
- 04/04/2009 – Warrenville, IL: Smack-Dab's Obedience Training



NEW CHAMPION!

Foxhunt's Enchanted Yaschek

Became Champion on 11/22/08!

Owners: Nicole Harmer
Breeders: Scarlett & Tim Sanders



CH Foxhunt's Enchanted Yaschek
earned his **CGC** title on January 31,
2009!



Happy 1st to Yaschek on 1/10/09 !

Agility Events (Continued)

- 04/25/2009 - Grand Blanc, MI: Dogsports of Genesee County
- 04/04/2009 – Dayton, OH: Gem City Dog Obedience Club
- 04/25/2009 – Montpelier, OH: Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 04/25/2009 – Lewisberry, PA: Trained N’ Talented Canines
- 04/11/2009 – Ixonia, WI: Bark River Dog Club

- 05/09/2009 – Escondido, CA: San Diego Dog Fanciers
- 05/09/2009 – Lakeland, FL: United IPOC
- 05/30/2009 - St Petersburg, FL: United Dog Training Club of St Petersburg
- 05/02/2009 – Pottstown, IL: Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 05/16/2009 – Cornell, IL: United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 05/30/2009 – Lawrence, KS: United Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club
- 05/02/2009 – Dexter, MI: Run For Fun
- 05/16/2009 – Lansing, MI: MI Dog Agility
- 05/02/2009 – Chesapeake, VA: Tidewater Dog Performance Club

Dog Sport Events

- 05/08/2009 – Loomis, CA: Iapc Sport Club
- 05/02/2009 - Saint Johns, MI: Capital City Dogsports Association

Goldfield Question Authority (Quest)

participated in an AKC agility trial on Feb. 1. He got a **Second place Q in Excellent A – Standard!** He now only needs one more Q to title!



Owner: Betty Tanner

The weekend of December 13-14:

Wynnter and Amanda Phillips competed at the AKC Crown Classic in Cleveland, and completed Wynnter's **Rally Excellent title!**

CH Regalwise Victorious Faith, HIC(d), CD



Took **First Place in Novice B** category and **High in Trial GSD** in AKC Obedience trial held by Kennel Club of Buffalo at Hamburg, NY on January 9, 2009!

Owner: Lena Ralston
Breeder: Ronda Beaupre

NEW CHAMPION!



Regalwise Victorious Faith

took Best Female, **BOB and Group 2d** in both shows at Caledon, Ontario on November 15, 2008 under judges Al Orwin and Maurice Baighn.

Owner: Lena Ralston
Breeder: Ronda Beaupre

THE SHOW MUST GO.... SOMEWHERE!

Facts about PETA asking USA Network not to air Westminster

By: Linda Machorro, UWSC K9 Legislative Liaison

You can trace the history of the Westminster Kennel club back to the 1800's. It's show, aired every year in February, has been a favorite among people and dog fanciers alike and many dog lovers look forward to it every year. But now there is controversy over whether the show will go on at all. The group PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), in a letter dated December 26, 2008, has asked the USA Network not to air the Westminster Dog show.

In order to understand this situation clearly one must know the facts surrounding this controversy. This all started when Passionate Productions, released a film titled, Pedigree Dogs Exposed, directed by Jemima Harrison. The show was aired on the BBC in August of 2008. The 60 minutes film raises many concerns, which focus around two topics: 1. The use of inbreeding in programs and the genetic effects it has on purebred dogs, and 2. The fact that the dog show world has become obsessed with using beauty alone to judge dogs, thus causing many breeds to cosmetically change so much over the years that it impairs the dogs overall health and ability to work.

After two years of research, the documentary was made with the intention to ask the breeders in the United Kingdom and Brittan's Kennel Club to take a good long look at the genetic disorders that have been tracked in purebred dogs.

The airing caused quite a stir in the United Kingdom and resulted in the BBC decision to pull its airing of the UK's Cruft's Dog Show. According to an article posted on line in The Times (UK), the BBC met with a panel of experts and demanded that the British Kennel Club ban 12 breeds, many of them mentioned in the movie, from being shown on air. The Kennel Club refused so the plug was pulled on the dog show. Upon hearing this news, PETA quickly jumped on the bandwagon, and asked USA Network to follow suit.

News of PETA asking USA Network to pull Westminster is causing just as much of a stir here in the states and has caused producer Jemima Harrison to speak out against PETA, saying that she is horrified that PETA is citing the movie to further their own agendas. In the letter written to Bonnie Hammer, president of USA Network, PETA seems to be using the language and ideas from the movie when they state "Since dog breeders routinely use incestuous inbreeding and genetic manipulation to achieve a certain "desired" trait like a slanted back or a concertina face, its not surprising that as many as one in four purebred dogs is plagued with a serious genetic problem." The letter further goes on to mention last's year Westminster Best In Show winner, UNO, and the genetic disorders that plague the Beagle breed...much like the way the documentary allegedly exposed a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel breeder who supposedly bred her Best In Show winner even though it was suggested she knew the dog had Syringomyelia, a neurological disorder that is wide spread in this breed. The statements from PETA bring up a lot of questions in dog fanciers minds. Could PETA have enough influence to get USA Network not to air Westminster?

Perhaps the underlying question most dog fanciers and breeders alike are asking after reading such news is: Can PETA influence my rights as a dog breeder/owner? Before anyone can answer any of these questions, it is important to educate ourselves as to who the producer, Jamima Harrison is that made the documentary, what the documentary raised as questionable practices, and study PETA the same way.

In my research, it became very clear the Jemima Harrison wanted this film to discuss animal welfare NOT animal rights. She has spoken out boldly against PETA and is very upset that it has used her film as ammunition against Westminster. The LA

times Unleashed reports her as stating that she feels pedigreed dogs are of tremendous value to society but that something needs to be done about the genetic disease caused in dogs. As stated before, the film pointed out many genetic disorders that can be linked to tight inbreeding and called for reform in this practice as well as reform to breed standards that are harming rather than helping dogs. Both points I think any breeder with ethics would agree are issues that should be addressed continually in any breeding program. The documentary was very well done and in my opinion everyone should take the hour and watch it. The film did a fine job exposing problems in purebred dogs and pointing out breeding mistakes but they did little more than mention how some breeders are doing things right. So I fault them for not taking enough time to interview breeders who are bannin together to try and fix the problems their breeds face. One other thing this film never mentions is if any of the health issues in dogs could be linked to other factors outside of a breeding program; for example, the feeding of poor quality foods, or over vaccination of dogs. Let's face facts though...the media tends to only show one side of a story or at least leans heavily to the side they want represented. So from what I have learned about Jemima Harrison and her film, I genuinely believe that she was trying to better the welfare of purebred dogs so they would always be around for people to enjoy.

THE SHOW MUST GO.... SOMEWHERE!
(CONTUINUE...)

I did not, however, get the same feeling when I began to research PETA. For those of you that don't know the organization, their main objective is to take away your right to own animals. In short, they are a well-organized group with millions of dollars to spend for their agendas. The group was founded in 1980 by Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Panheco. Search Google for co-founder Alex Panheco and you will very quickly stumble onto his biography which highlights the following quote attributed to him from the associated press in January, 1989: "Arson, property destruction, burglary, and theft are 'acceptable crimes' when used for the animal cause." A statement, which makes me ask if this man or his organization values any life? PETA is frequently called a radical group and radical they are! They have reported links to two groups: the Animal Liberation Group and the Earth Liberation Group, which are reported to be responsible for over 600 crimes since 1996. This is what you will find written on Ingrid Newkirk's bio when you visit PETA site: "Ingrid and PETA believe that animals deserve the most basic rights—in particular, consideration of their own best interests regardless of whether they are useful to humans. Like humans, they are capable of suffering and have interests in living their own lives. Therefore, they are not ours to use—for food, clothing, entertainment, experimentation, or for any other reason." Now no one will argue with the fact that animals deserve to be treated humanely but to state that they are not ours to use? Excuse me but when I look in the Bible, The Good Lord Himself states right in Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Is PETA going to argue with God? They may just think they can.

THE SHOW MUST GO.... SOMEWHERE! (CONTINUE...)

There is a big difference between animal welfare and animal rights. Animal welfare groups work towards ensuring the humane treatment of animals when used for whatever reason. Animal rights groups work towards eliminating all use of all animals by people

whether for food, clothing, critical medical research, or the enjoyment of animals. They often use violence and intimidation to achieve their goals. Make no mistake, PETA is an animal rights group and they are working very hard to take away your rights to own animals.

When I was just about finished researching PETA I stumbled upon a web site www.petakillsanimals.com and found their "Kill Rates" for the last five years...yes you read this right...PETA's kill rates on shelter dogs and cats. According to PETA's records they have put down 19,200 dogs, cats, and other companion animals which makes their "kill rate" 90% and their adoption rate 1%. I can honestly say that I was shocked to find this out. I think we can all agree that there is a certain amount of the animal population that cannot be rehabilitated and may to sick to go on, but only finding homes for 1% of companion animals is just a gruesome statistic! No wonder why Jemima Harrison is making it clear that she does not support this group and even goes as far as to call them crackpots who care about nothing but publicity and making money!

So now that we are all acquainted with the issues at hand do we as breeders need to be worried about PETA pulling the plug on Westminster? I think yes. Can they force an issue to the point of forcing a network to crack? It's not out of the realm of possibility given their organization and funding. But back to the big question...Are they looking to take away your rights as a dog owner, breeder, animal fancier and can unplugging Westminster help their cause? Clearly yes, this is exactly what they are hoping for to further their warped mission.

But do not despair my friends for the power of education will always be on our side. Learn more about PETA and other animal rights organizations agenda's. Take notes and be prepared to fight for your rights when they come knocking on your city or town councils door. Keep in mind that because of PETA and other animal rights groups there is growing support to ban Pit-Bulls around the country. They know if they can get one breed banned they can work on others. They are working on putting into place mandatory spay and neuter laws so when they die we will no longer have any companion animals, and they are now working on getting laws passed to close puppy mills and commercial breeders that have their animals living in inhumane conditions. We all agree that puppy mills and kennels that treat their animals inhumanely should be shut down but be careful about what they are proposing because underneath it all is their agenda to take away humans right to own animals.

Keep on breeding and showing your dogs and keep on educating others about our lovely breed. We know what we are doing with the genetic project to better our breed, but let us all keep an eye on these animals rights groups and make sure that we are just as strong and can combat their hidden agendas with clear statistics about what we are doing to breed healthier purebred dogs. Call the USA Network: Phone #: 212-664-4444 ask to leave a message on the USA Network viewer hotline. State your concerns about PETA and tell them THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

**By: Linda Machorro
UWSC K9 Legislative Liaison**



Meet The New Member!

I will go ahead and tell y'all a little about myself. My name is Tara Tippit, I am married to Justin Tippit and we live in Houston, TX! We lived in Indiana for 3 years and in that time I met Jean Reeves and worked for here the last year I was there. I guess you can already assume that is where I fell in love with WHITE SHEPHERDS!

When I worked there my husband and I fostered one of Jean's pups for 6 weeks that was going to the PACCK program in Canada. Well, needless to say, we fell in love and knew one day we would have get a white shepherd of our own. While spending so much time at Royal Acres I fell in love, again, with the biggest teddy bear, ZEUS!

After we moved back to Texas (May '08) I would frequently ask Jean about future litters, with one exception, Zeus had to be the daddy. Jean informed me that she had bred Zeus to Lexi (Shylo Star Kennels) so I quickly went and looked at pictures of Lexi and got as much information on her as possible. I really liked the way she looked and liked what Jean, Miranda and Arleen had to say about her temperament & personality. I guess that's all I really have to say about that b/c now we have Porter from that beautiful litter!!

Arwen, owned by Becky Joyce, received fantastic OFA results - **Elbows - Normal, Hips - EXCELLENT!**

Luna's Thyroid from OFA came back **Normal!**

Results from UKC Thanksgiving Weekend Longview Show:



SureFire Aragorn of Dunedain (Strider), nine months old long coated pup owned by Rhonda McMahan, was placed BM in three shows, BOB and Group 2d in two!

Royal Raphael v. SureFire, also owned by Rhonda McMahan became a new **UKC Champion!** He was placed BM, BOB and Group 3d in both show on November 28, and BM in the last show!



CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers, CGC (Pirate), owned by Betty Tanner, was places BOB and Group 2d on both shows on November 30th!

Meet The New Member! (Continued)

Porter has 2 big sisters at home that he has to play with. We have a Shar-Pei/Pit Bull mix that is 11 1/2 yrs old and her name is Sable. Our other girl is, Aberdeen, she is a 3 1/2 yr old Siberian Husky. Porter and Aberdeen run each other ragged and Sable is the fun police if they get out of hand, or if they just seem like they are having too much fun. Sable's nickname is "grandma!"

I am looking forward to getting to know y'all and learning more about this crazy & fun world of White Shepherds! My husband and I just LOVE Porter, he has been such a wonderful addition to our little family.

We don't have kids at this point, so our dogs are our kids. We have lots of exciting plans for Porter in the future, so I will keep you posted on everything as he gets older.

I have to say a "big thanks" to Jean and Miranda Reeves for introducing me to white shepherds and teaching me a lot about the breed while I was there (probably b/c I asked SO many questions) and thanks to Arleen Ravanelli for all the hard work you did for the first 8 weeks of Porter's life and for chatting with me and answering ALL my questions during those 8 weeks.

Again, I really look forward to getting to know all of you! I will put some recent pictures of Porter up some time soon. The ones I have up right now are from the day we got home from our big day of traveling from Wisconsin all the way back to Texas!

Tara Tippit :)

The rest of the furry Tippit Family!



CH Royal Ready Set Go (Raider), the 19-month-old male that is co-owned by Susan McGrath and Jean Reeves, received great PennHip and elbow OFA Prelims. OFA Elbows Prelims: clear on both left and right and PennHip:100%!



CH Royal Ready Set Go (Raider) took **BOB the Champion class, Group 1st** and **BEST OF SHOW** in the first show at Elburn, IL!

Owners: Susan McGrath, Jean Reeves
Breeder: Jean Reeves



Royal Wish Upon a Star (Leah) took the Champion class & BOB, and Group 4th in the second show at Elburn, IL!

Breeder/Owners: Jean Reeves



Meet The New Member!

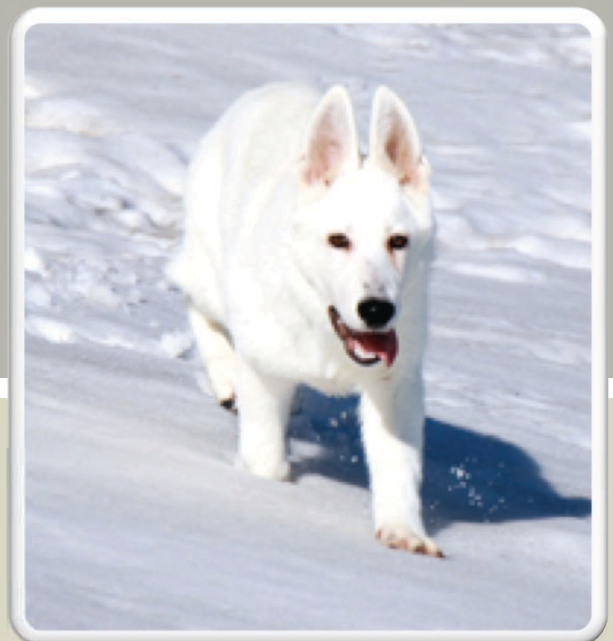
Hi Everyone! I am excited to be a member of the UWSC! I love showing and the UKC is a great club to show in for our White dogs that have recognition as White Shepherds! I have been showing whites for about 8 years now. German Shepherds have been a part of my life since I was a kid. We started with and still show/breeding and train German Shepherds and do AKC and SV conformation, therapy, schutzhund etc with our German Shepherds as well. We love the dogs and all parts/colors. We become involved with whites when we met several members of the WGSDCA and at that time became a part of the WGSDCA. Over the years we decided for many reasons that the whites should be their own breed, White Shepherds and are no longer members of the WGSCA and are members of AWSA.

We love to show and are very excited to do more showing in the near future. We haven't been in the ring as much as we would have liked to be the past couple years because we decided to take time off to start our human family before it was too late (we aren't getting any younger! ha-ha!). We only finished 2 dogs Championships in 2008, before that we used to go to shows twice a month so it was a big change and I really miss showing! We welcomed our son Drake to the world May 07, and our son Jaego November 08. We have been busy! The boys love the dogs and the dogs love the boys. Its wonderful having kids and dogs together and well worth the time we had to take off to have our boys.

We look forward to getting to know you all!

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UKC/GRCH Vschrader Blue Sky Ahead of FS, CGC - Sky, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 3 on Oct. 20th!

BPIMBS, BPIS Foxhunts It's All About Me, CGC - Mia, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 1 on Jan. 10th!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WHITE SHEPHERDS!



UKC/GRCH Proud's Winslow N' Easy of FS, CGC, Seisure Alert Dog – Easy, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 4 on Nov. 9th!



UKC/CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr – Riza, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 2 on Dec. 13th!



Regalwise Zion Pearl of Foxhunt - Pearl, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 1 on Jan. 15th!



UKC/GRCH Jamrs Roederer Cristal Rose of FS, CGC - Cristal, owned by Scarlett & Tim Sanders, turned 4 on Jan. 21st!

Birthday Corner



Zehra (Sandhill's Twist of Fate), owned by Cathy Wasman, turns 7 on Feb. 24!



Sassy Ivory Lady, owned by Cathy Wasman, turned 13 on Feb. 6!



Royal's Enchanted Katja. Owned by Nicole Harmer, turned 1 on December 8!



King Kole turned 3 on Jan. 14!
Owned by Judy Huston



Happy 4th to Beauty on 2/15/09!
Owned by Kim King

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

UKC CH REGALWISE VICTORIOUS FAITH, HIC(d), CD

Faith competed in 10 UKC conformation shows during 2008 year with great results:

10 times Best Female

6 times Best of Breed

2 times Group Fourth placements

1 time Group Third placement

2 times Group Second placements



In ten months old Faith received her AKC CD title with excellent results:

1 High In Trial GSD

4 Qualifying Scores

4 First Places

Novice A First Place in the Western New York as announced by GSDCA Review, November issue of 2008.

Go my WHITE girl!



Faith participated in two White Shepherd Specialty shows in Canada. In the second show she took First Place in her class, Best Puppy and Reserved Winners Bitch. I am so proud of my beautiful baby!

Loving mom: *Lena Ralston.*

UKC GRCH, WSCC, AWSA CH

KYRA'S KIN--KING KOLE VON TASZ,

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HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY KOLE!

Loved by: Judy Huston



We miss you Halo but won't forget you!

Howl-O-ween WS Photo Contest Entries



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Betty Tanner



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Mona Persson

Howl-O-ween Ws Photo Contest Entries



Submitted by Scarlett Sanders



Submitted by Mona Perrson



Submitted by Nicole Harmer



Submitted by Nicole Harmer



Submitted by Robin Davey



Submitted by Nicole Harmer

Howl-O-ween WS Photo Contest Winners!



**Best Winner
Robin Davey**



**Scariest Winner
Betty Tanner**



**Funniest Winner
Mona Perrson**



**Most Original Winner
Nicole Harmer**

NEW FAMILY ADDITIONS!



Enchanted White Shepherds has a new family member!

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Owners: Nicole Harmer and Scarlett Sanders

Breeder: Scarlett Sanders

Jazmond's Jems would like to introduce -

Jazmond's Radiant Ruby! "RUBY"

She's got remarkable Personality.

Submitted by Pam Anderson,

Ruby's Breeder and Owner.



New addition to Tippit's Family!

Introducing - **Porter!**

Breeder: Arleen Ravanelli



New addition at Shylo Star Kennels:

Introducing - **Shylo's Star Keely Belle "Keely"!**

Breeder/Owner: Arleen Ravanelli

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Send your entries to:

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- 1. Photos must be the property of the person entering them**
 - 2. Photos must be of a White Shepherd or White German Shepherd in Easter/Spring content**
 - 3. All photos must be submitted with:
~ Owner's name & the dog's name ~**
 - 4. Photos may be of past or present dogs**
 - 5. By entering your photo you are giving UWSC permission to publish your photo in the UWSC Newsletter and to use your photo for club promotion or profit**
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Come join in the White Shepherd Fun!

SHOW CHRONICLES!

CANADA

July 25, 2008

Show One - 1 Entry - Judge: Marilyn O'Neill

GRCH BOB Group Three UJJ GRCH Lyons Royal Scott - Robert Crawford

July 26, 2008

Show One - 2 Entries - Judge: Patricia Young

Female Puppy BF BOB Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston

GRCH UJJ GRCH Lyons Royal Scott - Robert Crawford

Group Three - Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston

Show Two - 2 Entries - Judge: Richard Klatt

Female Puppy BF Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston

GRCH BOB UJJ GRCH Lyons Royal Scott - Robert Crawford

Group Three - GRCH Lyons Royal Scott - Robert Crawford

MICHIGAN

July 26, 2008

Show One - 4 Entries - Judge: Sandra Shaw

BHM BM BOW CH Von Tasz Born To Win - Diana Updike

Female Puppy BF Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee

CH BOB GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

RCH CH Royal Von Tasz Pi Swirl - Diana Updike

Show Two - 4 Entries - Judge: Nancy Eilks

Female Puppy BF Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee

CH BOB GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

RCH CH Royal Von Tasz Pi Swirl - Diana Updike

July 27, 2008

Show One - 4 Entries - Judge: Gene Reynolds

Female Puppy BF Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee

CH BOB GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

RCH CH Royal Von Tasz Pi Swirl - Diana Updike

Group Three - GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

Show Two - 4 Entries - Judge: Nancy Eilks

Female Puppy BF Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee

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July 27, 2008

Show One - 4 Entries - Judge: Gene Reynolds

Female Puppy BF Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee

CH BOB GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

RCH CH Royal Von Tasz Pi Swirl - Diana Updike

Group Three - GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston

MICHIGAN (continue)**July 27, 2008****Show Two - 4 Entries - Judge: Deb Bean****Female Puppy BF** Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee**CH BOB** GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston**RCH** CH Royal Von Tasz Pi Swirl - Diana Updike**Group Two** - GRCH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston**PENNSYLVANIA****August 30, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge: Tina Camp****CH** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**RCH** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**GRCH BOB** FO GRCH Hollybrook's Little Bit Acharm - Nancy DeGarmo**Group Two** - GRCH Hollybrook's Little Bit Acharm - Nancy DeGarmo**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge: Joseph Camp****CH BOB** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**RCH** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**GRCH** FO GRCH Hollybrook's Little Bit Acharm - Nancy DeGarmo**Group Four** - CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**August 31, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge: David Arthur****CH BOB** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**RCH** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**GRCH** FO GRCH Hollybrook's Little Bit Acharm - Nancy DeGarmo**Group Two** - CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**TEXAS****September 6, 2008****Show One - 1 Entry - Judge: John Booth****NMP BP** Gw Collins Mighty Tyson Phenom - Carol Walton and Ron Collins**September 7, 2008****Show One - 1 Entry - Judge: Patricia Young****NMP BP** Gw Collins Mighty Tyson Phenom - Carol Walton and Ron Collins**Show Two - 1 Entry - Judge: Diane Raymond****NMP BP** Gw Collins Mighty Tyson Phenom - Carol Walton and Ron Collins**GEORGIA****May 16, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Sonja Ostrom****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**Jr. Female BF BOW** CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group One** - GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Robert Collins****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**Jr. Female BF BOW BOB** CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group Second** - CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders

GEORGIA (continue)**May 17, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Avril Black****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**Jr. Female BF BOW CH** Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group Four** - GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Herbert Rosen****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**Jr. Female BF BOW CH** Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group Three** - GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**May 18, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Dan Crutchfield****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**CH** CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group Two** - GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Dennis Morgan****Male Puppy BM** Surefire Ruff's Gust Of Wind - Scarlett Sanders/Rhonda McMahan**CH** CH Foxhunt Cristal's Rizin' Starr - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**Group One** - GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of Fs - Scarlett/Timothy Sanders**MINNESOTA****June 7, 2008 - 3 Entries - Judge Judy Jones****BHM BM BOW BOB** Regalwise Nobel Denver Alpha - Ronda Beaupre/Alicia Lips**Female Puppy BF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female RBF** Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**Group Three** - Regalwise Nobel Denver Alpha - Ronda Beaupre/Alicia Lips**Show Two - 2 Entries - Judge Jim Jones****Female Puppy RBF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF BOB** Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**Group Three** - Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**June 8, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Diane Raymond****BHM BM** Regalwise Nobel Denver Alpha - Ronda Beaupre/Alicia Lips**Female Puppy RBF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF BOW BOB** Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**Group Three** - Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Karen Shivers****BHM BM BOW BOB** Regalwise Nobel Denver Alpha - Ronda Beaupre/Alicia Lips**Female Puppy RBF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF** Starrs Regalwise Reflection - Ronda Beaupre**Group Four** - Regalwise Nobel Denver Alpha - Ronda Beaupre/Alicia Lips

OHIO**May 16, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge Phyllis Lambert****Jr. Male BM BOW BOB CH** Kaufmans Brutal Reality - Julie Cornelius**Female Puppy BF** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**Group Four** - Kaufmans Brutal Reality - Julie Cornelius**Show Two - 2 Entries - Judge Patricia Young****Jr. Male BM BOW BOB CH** Kaufmans Brutal Reality - Julie Cornelius**Female Puppy BF** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**Group Three** - Kaufmans Brutal Reality - Julie Cornelius**May 17, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge Tim Parr****Jr. Male BM BOW BOB CH** Kaufmans Brutal Reality - Julie Cornelius**Female Puppy BF** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**May 18, 2008****Show One - 1 Entry - Judge Ronald Lambert****Female Puppy BF BOB** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**Group Four** - Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**OKLAHOMA****May 10, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge J.D. McNutt****Male Puppy BM BOW BOB CH** Surefire Regalwise Rodeo Starr - Ronda Beaupre/Rhonda McMahn**Jr. Female BF** Regalwise Mariah - Ronda Beaupre**BHF RBF** Regalwise Noroda - Ronda Beaupre**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Katherine Short****Male Puppy BM BOW BOB CH** Surefire Regalwise Rodeo Starr - Ronda Beaupre/Rhonda McMahn**Sr. Female RBF** Regalwise Elisharuth - Ronda Beaupre**Adult Female BF CH** Regalwise Tetris - Ronda Beaupre**May 11, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Malinda Julien****Male Puppy BM BOW BOB CH** Surefire Regalwise Rodeo Starr - Ronda Beaupre/Rhonda McMahn**Jr. Female BF** Regalwise Mariah - Ronda Beaupre**BHF RBF** Regalwise Noroda - Ronda Beaupre**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Debra Mitchell****Male Puppy BM CH** Surefire Regalwise Rodeo Starr - Ronda Beaupre/Rhonda McMahn**Jr. Female BF BOW BOB** Regalwise Mariah - Ronda Beaupre**BHF RBF** Regalwise Noroda - Ronda Beaupre**WASHINGTON****May 31, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Francis Geiger****Sr. Male BM BOW BOB CH** Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**Jr. Female BF** Listed Entry**GRCH GRCH** Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**NON-LICENSED CLASSES:****NFP BP** Starr's Not Fade Away V Surefi - Cathy Norlin/Keslie Joyce**Group Two** - CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce

WASHINGTON (continue)**May 31, 2008****Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Ronald Sacca****Sr. Male BM BOW** CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**Jr. Female BF** Listed Entry**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**NON-LICENSED CLASSES****NFP BP** Starr's Not Fade Away V Surefi - Cathy Norlin/Keslie Joyce**Group Two** - Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**May 10, 2008****Show One - 3 Entries - Judge Nina Marie Sherrer****Male Puppy BM BOB** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Sr. Male RBM** CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**GRCH** GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**Group Two** - CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Show Two - 3 Entries - Judge Joyce Lea-Hanson****Male Puppy RBM** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Sr. Male BM** CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**Group Two** - GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**May 11, 2008****Show One - 1 Entry - Judge Alan Krenek****Male Puppy BM BOB** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Group Three** - CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Show Two - 1 Entry - Judge Ruth Kramer****Male Puppy BM BOB** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Group Two** - CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**WISCONSIN****June 1, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge Carlos Rodriguez****CH BOB** CH Royal Hale Koa's Makai - Jacqueline O'Connor**RCH** CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa - Jacqueline O'Connor**Group One** - Royal Hale Koa's Makai - Jacqueline O'Connor**Show Two - 2 Entries - Judge J. Ray Johnson****CH BOB** CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa - Jacqueline O'Connor**RCH** CH Royal Hale Koa's Makai - Jacqueline O'Connor**COLORADO****July 18, 2008**

Show One - 6 Entries - Judge Sonja Ostrom

Male Puppy BM Regalwise Zion's Rapture - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female RBF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**BHF BF BOW** Regalwise Noroda - Ronda Beaupre**CH BOB** CH Regalwise Orion - Ronda Beaupre**RCH** CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**Go White Dogs!!!**

COLORADO (continue)**July 19, 2008****Show One - 7 Entries - Judge Maureen Gargan****Male Puppy RBM** Regalwise Zion's Rapture - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Male BM** Regalwise Noble Denver Alpha - Alicia Lips/Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female RBF** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**BHF BF BOW** Regalwise Noroda - Ronda Beaupre**CH BOB** CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**RCH** CH Regalwise Orion - Ronda Beaupre**Group Three** - CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**Show Two - 5 Entries - Judge Sandra Drake****Male Puppy BM** Regalwise Zion's Rapture - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF BOW BOB** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**CH** CH Kerstone Regalwise Rolls-Royce - Alicia Lips**RCH** CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**July 20, 2008****Show One - 5 Entries - Judge Donna Locke****Male Puppy BM** Regalwise Zion's Rapture - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF BOW** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**CH BOB** CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**RCH** CH Kerstone Regalwise Rolls-royce - Alicia Lips**Show Two - 5 Entries - Judge Sally Davidson****Male Puppy BM** Regalwise Zion's Rapture - Ronda Beaupre**Jr. Female BF BOW** Surefire Ravelle Regalwise - Ronda Beaupre**CH BOB** CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**RCH** CH Kerstone Regalwise Rolls-royce - Alicia Lips**Group Three** - CH Regalwise Oreo - Alicia Lips**ILLINOIS****July 5, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge Mary King****Jr. Female BF** Starr's Ocean Splash Of Hallmark - Mona Pearson**Show Two - 2 Entries - Judge Jeanne Heger****Jr. Female BF** Starr's Ocean Splash Of Hallmark - Mona Pearson**July 6, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge John Davidson****Jr. Female BF** Starr's Ocean Splash Of Hallmark - Mona Pearson**NEW JERSEY****July 12, 2008****Sow One - 2 Entries - Judge John Booth****BHM BM BOB** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**CH** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**June 28, 2008****Show One - 2 Entries - Judge Karen Shivers****BHM BM BOB** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**CH** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**Group One** - Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**Show Two - 2 Entries****BHM BM** CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**CH BOB** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**Group Three** - CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo

NEW YORK**July 19, 2008****Show One - 1 Entry - Judge Betty Umberto Wells****Female Puppy BF BOB** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**Group Four** - Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**Show Two - 1 Entry - Judge Ronald Lambert****Female Puppy BF BOB** Regalwise Victorious Faith - Elena Ralston**WASHINGTON****July 19, 2008****Show One - 5 Entries - Judge Dianne McConnell****Female Puppy BF** Starr's Not Fade Away V Surefire - Cathy Norlin/Keslie Joyce**Jr. Female RBF** Listed Entry**CH BOB** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner
RCH CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**GRCH** GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**Group Two** - CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**Show Two - 5 Entries - Judge David Kittredge****Female Puppy RBF** Starr's Not Fade Away V Surefire - Cathy Norlin/Keslie Joyce**Jr. Female BF** Listed Entry**CH** CH Starr Shiver Me Timbers - Betty Tanner**RCH** CH Hallmarks Help On The Way V.starr - Keslie Joyce**GRCH BOB** GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**Group Two** - GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr - Keslie Joyce/Winter Shepard**MICHIGAN****June 12, 2008 - UWSC SPECIALITY****24 Entries - Judge Dorothy Jacobs****Male Puppy RBM** Von Tasz Born To Win - Diana Updike**Jr. Male** Proud That I'm The One - Jen Proud**Adult Male** Marikes Lil Wil Vontasz Junior - Christine Maluzhinsky**BHM BM BOW** Hollybrook's Ghost Of a Chance - Nancy DeGarmo**Female Puppy RBF** Von Tasz Konstanze - Clifford and Missy Lee**Jr. Female BF** Royal Hyjinx Aurora Dee V Marike - Christine Maluzhinsky**CH** CH Kyra's Kin-King Kole Von Tasz - Judy Huston**RCH** CH Royal Prairie Wind - Nancy DeGarmo**GRCH BOB** GRCH Royal Adonis - Miranda Reeves**NON - LICENSED CLASSES**

Puppies - 5 Entries

NMP Marike's Puppy Louie**NFP** BP Foxhunts It's All About Me - Scarlett and Timothy Sanders**BROOD BITCH**

1 Entry

Brood Bitch FO UCD GRCH Royal Shylo's Nashira - Arleen Ravanelli

“WE MUST BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER WHEN WE BREED.”

It happened again. A topic of discussion on one of the lists struck a chord and started me thinking. Scary stuff, this thinking. But when you reach a certain age, you need to exercise the brain cells and clear out the cobwebs now and again!

This discussion was born from another one about Toxic Gut Syndrome. As usual there were questions and comments regarding the heritability of this potential killer. At some point a lister posted (with the breeder's permission) the letter she'd sent to the breeder when TGS felled her young stud dog some years ago. There was no assigning of blame, no recriminations, just a straightforward presentation of the research on this ugly problem, its causes, effects and suggestions for things that might reduce the likelihood of its occurrence. That email was very honest and included the call names of the dogs (no longer living) in the pedigree that were known to have produced dogs that later died of TGS.

Naming names kicked off a whole new discussion. The very first response chastised the lister for having named names and it snowballed from there. The list admin eventually started a poll, asking listers to identify what information, if any, they thought would be appropriate to be shared in a public forum.

I'll tell you what I think. I believe it is my responsibility to share whatever health information I have for the good of the breed. If my dog dies of an apparently heritable condition, or one of those to which German Shepherd Dogs are predisposed, the GSD world needs to know about it. In fact when a dog that I bred died suddenly, with not a whisper of a problem beforehand, his owner and I announced it to the list along with the cause of death. No room for speculation, no secrets to be hidden. He torsioned, survived the surgery, but died later that day. We were devastated, but keeping his cause of death a secret wouldn't ease our pain. It wouldn't make me, as his breeder, feel any better if no one knew how he died. So far as I knew I had made a well-informed decision when I did the breeding five years ago.

When we decide to breed we take on a number of responsibilities. First among them is to do our homework – research, research, research. Create a pedigree for the breeding we're considering. It is easier to see where we're going when we look back at where we've been. Think about the longevity of those dogs and what the causes of death were, what their siblings died of, and so on. But wait! What if we don't know the answers to those questions? We'll have to inquire of those who do know, most likely the owners or the breeders of those dogs. Ideally they'll be truthful in their responses, we hope. If they're not, if they don't tell us what lies hidden in that gene pool, well then, we could very well be headed for trouble.

We as breeders bear an enormous responsibility to the breed, to maintain its health, to work toward reducing or eliminating the incidence of serious genetic problems. We must be honest with each other when we breed. Stud dog owners have to tell bitch owners what they know their stud dog has produced. Just as importantly, bitch owners must be honest with themselves about what is behind their bitch and what they should avoid when breeding.

Many of us know people who are less than honest when queried about their dog's genetic history. It is as though they think a physical fault in their dog makes the dog less important. But the truth is this: there is no perfect dog. Every dog walking the face of the earth has shortcomings. Every dog has genetic abnormalities. Every combination of bitch and dog is capable of producing less than desirable traits.

If we are straightforward about our dogs' genetics, the majority will respect us for our honesty. As a result, a little dose of honesty can almost certainly improve our breed's health. What good is it to study the genetics of the German Shepherd Dog if we don't know or choose to ignore the genetic history of the individual dogs in question? How can anyone "build a better dog" if the truth of the foundation remains unknown?

If we truly love and respect the German Shepherd Dog, our goal should be to reduce the genetic problems in the breed, but to do that we must acknowledge their existence. The only way to make a change in the health of the breed is to make a change in ourselves and the way we look at our dogs.

Susan Casey, Editor

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2009 ELECTIONS

Our By-laws indicate that we need to elect Vice President and Secretary this year. However, due to the changing of Treasury and the Presidency not being voted on in the past two years the board has decided to hold elections for all four positions this year.

Our current President, Diana Updike, has decided to step down from her position. She has been a board member with this club since the beginning and we thank her for her dedication and hard work to get this club to where it is today.

The Treasury position is currently board appointed and thus needs to be voted on in this election to be official. This also opens the Secretary position for a new board member. We will start taking nominations on March 15th and close the nomination process on March 31st. Expect to see your ballots in your mailbox sometime in April!

I'll continually send out reminders on the list with all of these deadlines!

Miranda

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