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UKC #3 Top Ten White Shepherd for 2005



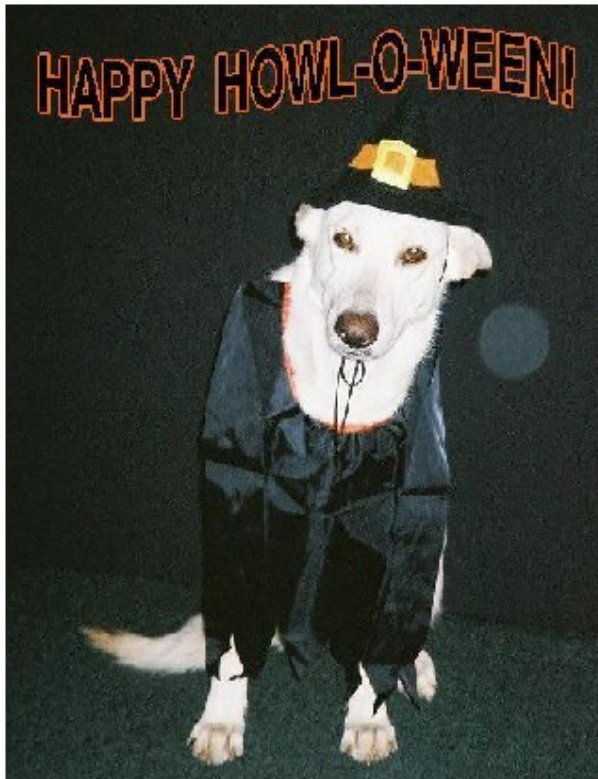
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

A lot of our club members have been keeping busy attending several shows. What a pleasure it has been doing the new titles in this issue with several new Champions and a new Grand Champion! WooHoo, Go White Dogs!!

We're looking forward to our first WS specialty show here in the south! It will be in Perry, GA. Oct. 1, 2006. We're hoping for a good turn out of WS's. Be sure to watch for the Oct. issue of the UWSC Newsletter for the results.

The time for membership renewals is approaching soon, please take a moment to renew your membership. Our wonderful President has again this year offered a free full page ad to those who renew by Dec. 15, 06.

Don't forget to get your fur babies photos entered into the UWSC WS Howl-O-Ween Photo Contest! We have already received a few entries with some cute costumes. I hope everyone joins in the fun!!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new club member, Julie Sanchez! I hope you will enjoy the club.

Please everyone... remember to send in show results, new titles, WS Birthdays, New Arrivals, WS brags ect... and don't forget your photos! Thanks for supporting your UWSC Newsletter!! ;o)

Your new letter editor,

Scarlett





Hello All,

Between weekend trips to our cottage and squeezing in a herding lesson here and there, I have had only one show weekend since the Premier. The first weekend in August, I attended the White Shepherd Club of Canada's annual National Specialty weekend. Many of our UWSC members were in attendance and, as with past years, it was a most enjoyable event. There was a Genetics Seminar, two shows on Saturday, the National show on Sunday, an obedience match, Ducking Herding Instinct testing all weekend long, two huge raffles as well as White Shepherd Genetics raffles, a dog costume contest, the annual "agility" course, lots of really good food, and, of course, lots of FUN. I encourage our membership to try to attend this event in August 2007. You won't be disappointed!

The Cesar Milan Seminar in Michigan was a HUGE success for the White Shepherd Genetics Project. Unfortunately, it was the same weekend as the WSCC Nationals so I did not attend, however, I am anxiously looking forward to seeing pictures and hearing all about it!

In the upcoming year, I'd like to see the United White Shepherd Club become one of the very first UKC clubs to pro actively host Herding events. Ideally, we could host AHBA sanctioned tests and trials in conjunction with our UKC breed shows. This would potentially draw non-UKC registered dogs to the event, however, if we offered UKC Temp Registration right at the show site, we may be able to convince some of these exhibitors to join in the UKC fun!

Just a last reminder, the September 9th and 10th Hamlet Indiana show weekend is our second annual UKC All Breed show (less BSD). Please attend!!

Yours for the White Shepherd,
Diana L. Updike



United White Shepherd Club

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS

~ Longmont, CO. ~

July 14 - 16, 2006



Reprise - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Show 1 - 7/14/06

Judge: Alan Krenek

BM,BOW,BOB,Grp.3 - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBM - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

BF - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBF - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

BOBP,PHGrp.2 - Kerstone's Heart of Africa

Owner: Alicia Lips

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ Longmont, CO. cont...~



Rival - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Show 2 - 7/14/06

Judge: Karen Johnson

BM,BOW,BOB - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBM - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

BF - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBF - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

Show 3 - 7/15/06

Judge: Sonja Ostrom

BM,BOW,BOB - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBM - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

BF - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

RBF - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ Longmont, CO. cont...~



Renegade - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Show 4 - 7/15/06

Judge: Ann MacKay

BM,BOW,BOB,Grp.4 - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBM - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

BF - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBF - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

Show 5 - 7/16/06

Judge: Walter Pasco

BM - Regalwise Unrivaled, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

RBM - Regalwise Reprise v Juel, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

BF,BOW,BOB,Grp.4 - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

RBF - Regalwise Renegade v Goldfield, OFA h&e

Owner: Rhonda Beaupre

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ Longmont, CO. cont...~



**Kenya - Kerstone's Heart of Africa
Best of Breed Puppy & Puppy Hreding Grp. 2
Go Baby White Dogs!!!**

~ La Porte, IN. shows ~

August 19 & 20, 2006

Show 1 - 8/19/06

Judge: Jeanne Heger

PM - Hallmark's Kahuna Hana-Ho Koa

Owner: Jackie O'Connor

JM,BM,BOW,BOB,Grp.2 - Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

BHM,RBM - Royal Adonis

Owner: Miranda Reeves

JF,BF - Royal's Brilliant Moment

Owner: Margaret Keller

BHF - Royal Day of Desire

Owner: Jean Reeves

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...



New Champion Wyatt
Shewana's Wild, Wild West



Hemi
UKC CH Starr Hallmark Hemi Supercharger

Show 1 cont... - 8/19/06

CH - UKC CH - Hallmark's Wynnter Moon For Neil

Owner: Amanda Phillips

Res Ch - UKC CH Starr Hallmark Hemi Supercharger

Owner: Mona Persson

GRCH - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves

Show 2 - 8/19/06

Judge: Pat Young

PM,RBM - Hallmark's Kahuna Hana-Ho Koa

Owner: Jackie O'Connor

JM - Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

BHM,BM,BW -Royal Adonis

Owner: Miranda Reeves

JF, RBF - Royal's Brilliant Moment

Owner: Margaret Keller

BHF,BF - Royal Day of Desire

Owner: Jean Reeves

CH,BOB,Grp 3 - UKC CH Starr Hallmark Hemi Supercharger

Owner: Mona Persson

Res Ch - UKC CH - Shewana Midsummer's Eve

Owners: Scarlett Sanders, Jean Reeves, Mona Persson

GRCH - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ La Porte, IN. shows cont... ~



Pro - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence



Britta - Royal's Brilliant Moment

Show 1 - 8/20/06

Judge: Nancy Beeman

PM,RBM - Hallmark's Kahuna Hana-Ho Koa

Owner: Jackie O'Connor

JM,BM,BW - Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

RCH - Royal Adonis

Owner: Miranda Reeves

JF, RBF - Royal's Brilliant Moment

Owner: Margaret Keller

BHF,BF - Royal Day of Desire

Owner: Jean Reeves

CH - UKC CH Shewana Midsummer's Eve

Owners: Scarlett Sanders, Jean Reeves & Mona Persson

GRCH, BOB - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves

Show 2 - 8/20/06

Judge: Donna Rommelfaenger

PM, RBM - Hallmark's Kahuna Hana-Ho Koa

Owner: Jackie O'Connor

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ La Porte, IN. shows cont... ~



New Champion Dee Dee - Royal Day of Desire

New Champion Adonis - Royal Adonis

Show 2 cont... - 8/20/06

JM,BM,BW,BOB, Grp. 4 - Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

JF, BF - Royal's Brilliant Moment

Owner: Margaret Keller

BHF,RBF - Royal Day of Desire

Owner: - Jean Reeves

CH - UKC CH Royal Adonis

Owner: Miranda Reeves

GRCH - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves



**New Grand Champion
Eve - UKC CH Shewana Midsummer's Eve**

UWSC CLUB HAPPENINGS CONT...

~ Stevensville, MI. shows ~

August 27, 2006



UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence - "Pro"

Show 1 - 8/27/06

Judge: Pam Moore

CH - UKC CH Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

Res Ch - UKC CH Royal Adonis

Owner: Miranda Reeves

GRCH/BOB/GROUP 1 - UKC GrCh Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves

Show 2 - 8/27/06

Judge: Marsha Shively

CH - UKC CH Shewana's Wild, Wild West

Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price

Res CH - UKC CH Starr Hallmark Hemi Supercharger

Owner: Mona Persson

GRCH/BOB/GROUP 1/RESERVE BEST IN MULTI-BREED SHOW - UKC GRCH Royal Day of Providence

Owner: Jean Reeves

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United White Shepherd Club's
First Speciality Conformation Show**



in our Southern Region!!

- One show only -

**To be held in conjunction with the
Middle Georgia Kennel Club's
multi breed conformation show**

Sunday October 1, 2006

**Following the Middle Georgia Kennel Club's
multi breed conformation show**

**Esonolodge Motel * 102 Valley Dr. * Perry, FL.
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- Show is at the Motel -

Show Judge: Elenor Main

**Rosettes & Trophies will be awarded to:
Best of Winners, Champion, Gr. Champion &
Best of Breed**

**Show Chairperson: Scarlett Sanders
foxhuntshepherds@earthlink.net**

Pre-entry only: Entry fees: 5.00 Non licensed, 15.00 Licensed classes, 10.00 GRCH

Entry deadline: September 18, 2006

Mail entries to event secretary:

**Joann Heda 3733 Penrick Dr. Holiday, FL 34691
727-848-4052 jheda@msn.com**

New UKC Titles & Certificates

~NEW GRAND CHAMPION~



Eve - UKC CH Shewana Midsummer's Eve
Owners: Mona Persson, Jean Reeves & Scarlett Sanders

~NEW CHAMPIONS~



Dee Dee - Royal Day of Desire
Owner: Jean Reeves



Adonis - Royal Adonis
Owner: Miranda Reeves

New UKC Titles & Certificates

~NEW CHAMPIONS CONT...~



Wyatt - Shewana's Wild, Wild West
Owners: Jean Reeves, Margaret Stafford & Cindy Price



Rival - Regalwise Unrivald, OFA h&e
Owner: Rhonda Beaupre



"Sailor"
Owner: Keslie Joyce-Shepard

New UKC Titles & Certificates

~NEW CHAMPIONS CONT...~



"Wynnter"

Owner: Amanda Phillips

Kande - IABCA/CH Regalwise Oreo, HIC, OFA h&e, MDR1

Owner: Alicia Lips

Other New Titles & Certificates

Herding Instinct certificate

Kole - Kyra's Kin--King Kole Von Tasz

Owner: Judy Huston

Congratulations New Title
Holder!!

Royal Acres Announces our 3 NEW CHAMPIONS!!!



DeeDee
UKC CH Royal Day of Desire



Wyatt
UKC CH Shewanna's Wild Wild West,
CGC, TDI, OFA pre



Adonis
WSCC/UKC CH Royal Adonis
CGC, HIC

Reeves Royal Acres
Jean and Miranda Reeves

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Kids Corner

Hi it is me Taylor Phillips again to tell you more!! I just went with my Mimi and her dog Wynnter to our 6th dog show. I just got signed up for junior showmanship. I showed in the ring for junior showmanship I received 2nd place with a Standard Poodle. My friend Gabby showed Wynnter they got 3rd place. Next we are going to Dayton Ohio on Saturday July 22, 2006. Oh I almost forgot to mention the most important news of the show from Randolph, Oh on July 9, 2006 Wynnter earned Championship status too!!!



Taylor showing Wynnter in JR. Showmanship

We went to Premier up in Michigan on June 15, 2006 and it was awesome! There were White shepherds every where. It was so fun. While there I got to experience showing two different dogs. The first one was owned by a couple her name was Annie and his name was Dan he works for ESPN and her name was Sam. I did pretty well until I had to show her bite because I did not know her that well I was scared to open her mouth up. Then Mona let me show Axel he is the easiest dog to show he already knows what to do I just had to stand next to him and look cute. While showing Axel I learned that you really need to listen to your dog if they know what

Kids Corner cont...



Taylor showing Mona Persson's Axel at the UKC 2006 Premier

to do so that way you do not go one way and the dog goes the other way with a pole in the middle of you. All I can say to that is America's Funniest Home Video's here I come. I learned so much up there from everyone. Next year if you are bored and looking for something to do and you happen to be in the area stop by and join in the fun and good food. Hope to see you at the next show just look us up we are the ones with all the pink!!!!!!!!!!

Till Next Time,

Taylor A. Phillips



When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Kids Corner cont.,,

~Junior Showmanship~

La Porte, IN.

Show 1 - 8/19/06

Best Novice Jr/Best Junior in show

Taylor Phillips with Wynnter

Show 2 - 8/19/06

Best Novice Jr/Best Junior in show

Taylor Phillips with Wynnter

Show 1 - 8/20/06

Best Novice Jr/Best Junior in show

Taylor Phillips with Wynnter

Show 2 - 8/20/06

Best Novice Jr/Best Junior in show

Taylor Phillips with Wynnter

IS HAGAR PLANNING STRATEGY, OR LUNCH?



Hagar with owner Ann Nowak at herding classes

Photo submitted by: Mandy Phillips



White Shepherd Brags

**Lexi wins Best of Breed at the UKC Premier on Sunday
in Kalamazoo, MI.**



Lexi - GRCH Shylo's Galaxy Star Owner: Arleen Ravanelli



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We're very proud of "Sailor" & "Wynnter" and their owner/handlers Keslie Joyce-Shepard & Mandy Phillips who both earned Championships in July 2006 at 7 months of age!

Mona Persson * Hallmark Shepherds * Email: hallmarkshepherd@aol.com

Website: www.hometown.aol.com/hallmarkshepherd/home.html

~PennHIP Versus OFA~

By Judy Huston

It is often difficult to know where to focus our energy to make the most improvement and do the most good for our breed. The White Shepherd is a herding and working breed and most people will agree that one of the major hereditary problems is Hip Dysplasia. Since we now have PennHIP which is an alternate method of assessing hips, this article is an attempt to clarify the differences and to suggest that PennHIP could help breeders produce dogs with tighter hips. I look at PennHIP as a possible tool breeders could utilize to reduce affected dogs and carriers of HD in our breed.

It seems, to paraphrase Fred Lanting who wrote *Canine Hip Dysplasia and Other Orthopedic Disorders* that using OFA and OVC instead of PennHIP is like using an axe to cut down a tree when you have a chain saw sitting on the trunk of your car. OFA and similar hip-extended methods use a grading system of Excellent, Good, or Fair, or a Pass/Fail. Some would argue that these methods have not reduced the incidence of Hip Dysplasia as much as expected. There are some breeders happy with their results, but there are many from our breed and others who have become disillusioned. We have heard our own breeders lament the fact that they bred two excellent dogs and still produced HD. It is interesting that in the ten necropsies we have on file as part of the White Shepherd Genetics Project research, two dogs with OFA clearances had HD. In another case in our Open Registry, a dog had an OFA score of Good at the age of two, but was diagnosed with mild hip dysplasia at the age of five. Their owners thought they were “clean” but they were not.

The Distraction Index (D.I.) as measured on one of the views taken by PennHIP is the *predictor of a sign of risk* for eventual HD/DJD (HD and DJD both signify Hip Dysplasia). A D.I. of 0.28 is the “magic threshold” for the GSD. This is the D.I. under which it is virtually certain there is no Hip Dysplasia/DJD. Over 0.70, there is a very high risk of HD/DJD. The higher the number the higher the risk. The lower the number the tighter the hips. The closer the numbers are to 0.70, the higher the risk of Hip Dysplasia.

We’ve been conditioned to believe when we have a dog that passes OFA or OVC that they are free of HD—or clean, but according to the PennHIP method of evaluating hips, this is not always the case. Some of the dogs that have passed with the hip-extended method really have a false negative. In other words, their hips look good with legs extended, but when the measurement is taken to see how tight the socket is in the hip (the Distraction Index), the dog may have a higher than average risk of developing Hip Dysplasia or may already have H.D.

PennHIP states that the way to improve the hips in any breed is to only use dogs in the top 30% (70th, 80th, or 90th percentile). Don’t let the D.I. index numbers or the percentiles confuse you. Just remember the lower the D.I. number, the lower the risk, and the higher the number the higher the risk. If a dog was evaluated as having HD/DJD on the PennHIP report, that information is given along with the D.I. otherwise the dogs are free of H.D. The percentiles indicate where a dog stands in relation to the rest of the breed. In the 90th percentile means these dogs have tighter hips than 90% of the breed.

When a report is received from PennHIP, it shows the number of dogs in the breed at the point in time the test was submitted. It shows the median number which for our breed is 0.40 (as many dogs under this number as above it), and it shows the percentile which can change over time. We have one male who was in the 60th percentile when his x-rays were submitted, but is now in the 80th percentile.

PennHIP is an advanced tool and the conclusions listed in Lanting’s book state:

- ✓ Tighter is better (agreed on by PennHIP, OFA, and other groups)
- ✓ Position and technique can discover covert laxity (PennHIP) and it is the covert laxity that you can’t see on the OFA/OVC views
- ✓ Creating open registries and using Breed Value Data will result in faster progress, and
- ✓ PennHIP is the best diagnostic-predictive tool currently available.

At the PennHIP/OFA seminar at my home on August 29, eleven breeder/owners had the privilege of seeing a PowerPoint presentation by a PennHIP certified vet, Dr. William Schultz of Okemos, Michigan. He pointed out that with OFA, the hip-extended position is not a normal resting position and that extending the legs causes tightening of the joint capsule (which

~PENNHIP VERSUS OFA CONT...~

could make the joint look better than it really is) and there are repeatability concerns. While with PennHIP, the doctors are certified and continually evaluated. The dogs are under full anesthesia and there are three views required: the OFA view, the compressed view, and the distracted view—and all MUST be sent in, unlike with OFA—if the hips don't look like they will pass, they often aren't sent in. In Doctor Schultz' view, PennHIP is the smart way to go to improve the hips of any breed.

Attached is a Geneticist's Pedigree created using Progeny software. It shows a family of dogs with about 30 of them evaluated by PennHIP. The majority of White Shepherds that have had PennHIP are in this group of dogs. There are a few more but they are not closely enough related to appear on this family's GenPed. This group of dogs is a fabulous start to "proving" in our own breed that PennHIP is the tool that can make the difference. PennHIP needs to be done on parents and siblings when possible and on offspring and siblings as well. For now, I'm sure some of us will continue to do both PennHIP and OFA/OVC just to become comfortable with the new method and to show that dogs with scores on PennHIP that may not be in the top 30% can still pass OFA and OVC in many instances. The important thing is that we can "know" exactly where our dog stands and make an informed decision to breed or not and it appears that we can make a better decision with the PennHIP D.I. numbers than with the subjective scoring from OFA and OVC.

A final quote from Lanting's book (and which was also Dr. George Padgett's philosophy) states that: "Hip quality, as important as it is, is not the whole dog. A stud with 0.35 may benefit the breed more than one with a 0.28 DI because of a combination of other phenotype features. Better breeders keep the whole dog in mind, while at the same time they know that the increasing DI means increasing risk of HD."

As a result of the almost \$20,000 received from the Cesar Milan seminar, the WSGP is in a position to do some research in the PennHIP area. I'm currently corresponding with PennHIP and with Fred Lanting to come up with a protocol indicating where we could best focus in our family of dogs to get positive proof that PennHIP is the way to go. We may be offering some financial assistance so if you have dogs that tie in to the dogs on the attached pedigree and are willing to have the PennHIP procedure performed on them, contact me at houstonjudy@gmail.com.

One way to start incorporating PennHIP into your breeding program is to add the price of the PennHIP into the sale price of the puppy. Make doing PennHIP at 4-6 months a requirement of your contract and tell your puppy buyer you will pay for it. Sell pups on a no breeding contract until you know their score. Over a relatively short time, we should be producing dogs with tighter hips and be confident that this is one disorder that we have under control. After all, our dogs are from the herding group and working is what they are bred to do. They need to be sound to do the jobs they were made for.

Whatever your personal opinion is on the information presented in this article, the truth is that we do have an opportunity to see if PennHIP can really help us improve the hips of our breed. Even if only a few set their goals to find out for themselves, in a few generations, we'll have the data that we need to reduce carriers in the White Shepherd and that can only be a plus.



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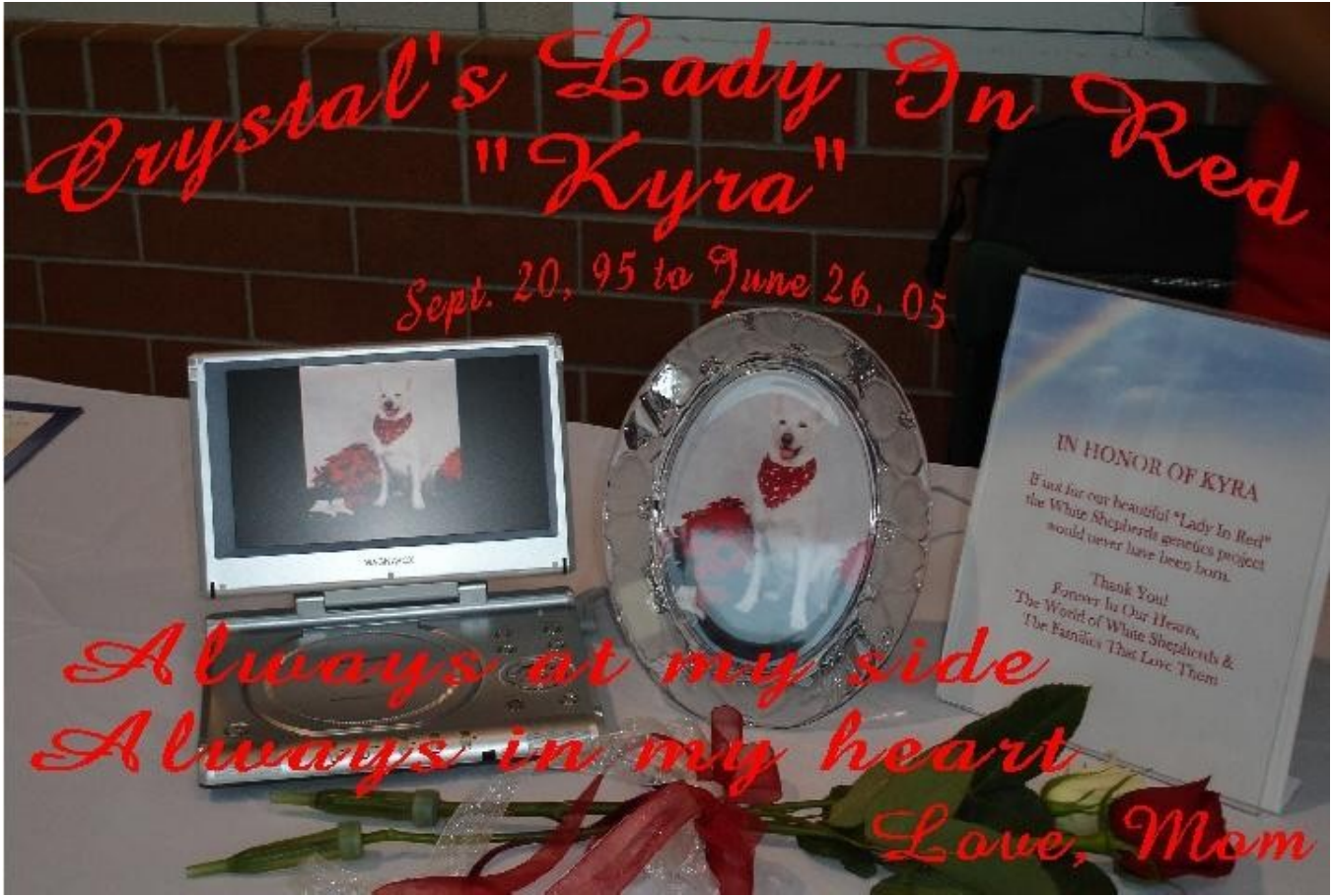
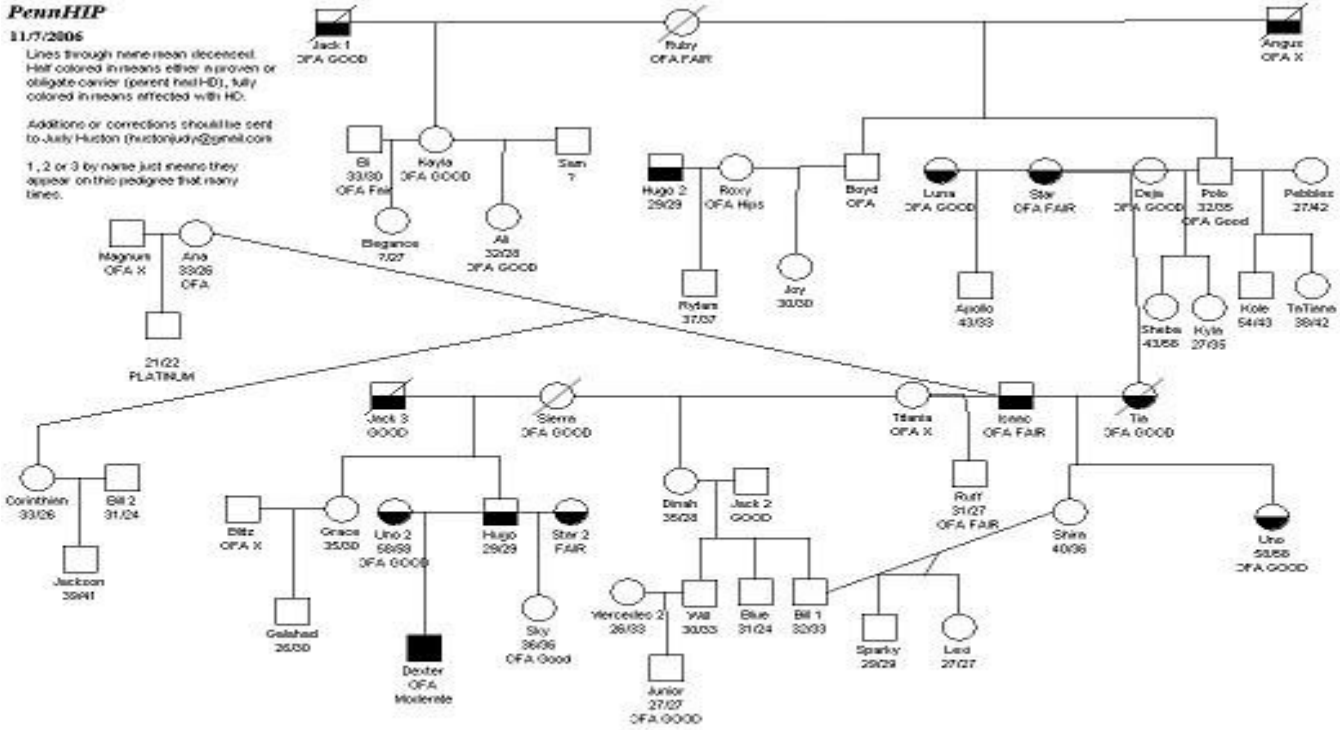
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11/7/2006

Lines through name mean deceased.
Half colored in means either a proven or obligate carrier (parent had HD), fully colored in means affected with HD.

Additions or corrections should be sent to Judy Huston (hustonjudy2@gmail.com)

1, 2 or 3 by name just means they appear on this pedigree that many times.



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It's time for the 2nd Annual UWSC White Shepherd
Howl-O-ween Photo Contest!

HURRY!!!
Entry DEADline is
October 27th 2006!

Catagories are:

- * Scariest Costume
- * Best Costume
- * Funniest Costume
- * Most original Costume

UWSC will award
certificates and ribbons to the winner's!

Dress up your WS/WGSD for Halloween
and send in your pictures!

Send your entries to:
Newsletter@UnitedWhiteShepherdClub.org

UNITED WHITE SHEPHERD CLUB WS COSTUME CONTEST RULES

1. Photo's must be the property of the person entering them.
2. Photo's must be of a WS/WGS Dog.
3. All photo's must be sent with the following information:
" Owner's name, dog's name and age, email address. "
4. Photo's may be of past or present dogs.

**ALL PHOTO'S WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN THE UWSC NEWSLETTER!**



**UWSC WELCOMES OUR
NEW MEMBERS**

~Julie Sanchez~



Thank you so much for allowing us to join the UWSC! We feel very blessed to be a part of such a great collection of people.

We currently have two White Shepherds. A female named Shelby, and a female named Jazmin. Jazmin was whelped Jan. 10th 2006 and Shelby Feb. 6th 2006. Jazmin is from Starr Shepherds, although I actually bought her from Rhonda at Surefire. Jazmin was Rhonda's pick of the litter, but Rhonda let me purchase Jazmin from her after the untimely death of my first WS Bodhi. Thanks Rhonda!! Shelby is from Surefire Shepherds as well. We are very excited to have these new pups become part of our family!

These are the first White Shepherds that we have owned. Our family now consists of me, Julie, my husband and fellow White Shepherd lover, D.J., and my two children Faith and Christian. Of course, don't forget the new pups. So far the pups don't have any points or anything of the like. We are starting obedience training in early August. We hope to try out several different option with the dogs including obedience, rally, and agility. We just can't resist all of the fun that those agility people have!

We hope to give a lot and learn a lot from the United White Shepherd Club. We appreciate everything that you all do!

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UWSC Presents
White Shepherd Spotlight
Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr

As a Mother, we do everything for our Children. So when my daughter Winter came to me and said that she wanted a White Shepherd, I thought it was a wonderful idea. I had been raised with Shepherds myself, shown in 4-H (dogs as well as horses) as a young girl and had thought for a long time about wanting to start a breeding program. This is it, I thought, what a wonderful opportunity for my Daughter and I to start a hobby that we can be involved in together. Even down to naming the kennel after her, "Starr Shepherds". Winter's middle name is Starr, named after her dear Uncle. And so it began....



Sugar at 6 weeks

The search for the right puppy was long, I wanted to find just the right one for the start of our breeding program, but the pup needed to be much more than that, she needed to be a best friend to my daughter, a protector of our home, a mother to puppies, a contributor to better the breed.

WS Spotlight cont...

I was lucky to find many reputable breeders of White Shepherds, however I wanted to find one close to our home so that we could meet the parents, or at least the mother and the puppy in person before purchasing. My long search brought me to Longview, Washington to the home of Rhonda McMahan of Surefire Shepherds. After talking with her through email and phone, Rhonda welcomed us to her home and kennel. It was amazing to see all the beautiful dogs that she owned. While I had done my research on the breed standard, it was Rhonda's impeccable knowledge of the breed that led me to the litter that we got the girl that started it all for us. The only white female in a litter of 8, Sugar stood out amongst her litter mates as being special from the start.

We brought Sugar home at 8 weeks and it was then that all of our dreams began to be realized in regards to a breeding program and the raising of White Shepherds. She was wonderful with Winter and so smart. They quickly became inseparable. She even went to school for story time.



Sugar at School for Story - Time

Sugar whizzed through her puppy pre-school classes and obedience classes as a puppy. She was always at the top of her class, while sometimes being a little challenging; it just made us want to learn more about training. We became more educated as a family about this breed and ways to train and she became a better dog. We were all the better for it. Rhonda contacted us and said that there was a big show coming up, the UKC Washington Classic and that we should try and come to it. Sugar was now 6 months old and ready for the puppy classes for points. We had been to many shows to watch Rhonda and her dogs compete, but I was not sure that we were ready for the ring.

WS Spotlight cont...

Rhonda told us to come up to her place that weekend and she would give us some tips that we could work on before the show. She helped us with stacking, gaiting and how to show the teeth. How wonderful to have a breeder who would take the time out of their weekend to explain to us the fine points of showing.

Sugar's first show was the UKC Washington Classic. I handled her in the breed ring with much nervousness. She did very well for a young pup. She took her class, she was the only female pup entered, but I did not care, we were all ecstatic to have the ribbons. My Husband Terry ended up ringside holding 3 to 4 White Shepherds at a time for folks he did not even know. Little did he know at the time this would become "dog show family" and this is just what you do when you come, help out as much as you can. As we were standing chatting with our new found friends, a woman approached us and asked Winter if she would like to show in Jr. Handling. At the time, I did not even know what the program was, they said it was free that day and that she could wear my number and it would be going on soon in the next ring. Winter said she wanted to do it. So I told her to go for it. When I told the others that she had never handled before, lots of advice was given. She went out in the ring and took 1st place and then got Best Junior Handler! What an honor for her first time in the ring! Well, needless to say, we were hooked!!

We continued to show Sugar that year and before we knew it, we had a Championship. Sugar went on to take many Best of Breeds and worked her way into the UKC Top Ten. Winter showed Sugar in many Jr. Handler classes with much success. As we had also by this time acquired other White Shepherds, Winter also liked to show Sugar in the breed ring so that she could win with Sugar and "kick her Mom's butt". They make a Starr Team!

Sugar was soon able to obtain her Grand Championship and kept in the UKC Top Ten for 2004 & 2005. In June of 2005 we traveled to Kalamazoo for Premier. It was a wonderful experience that our family will never forget. We met a wonderful new "dog show family" as well as seeing some of the most gorgeous White Shepherds. As a bonus to the great experience, our girl Sugar amazed us by winning the Best of Breed at the UWSC Specialty show held on Thursday. She caught the eye of the judges on the following days and got a Grand Merit of Excellence on Sunday's show.

Sugar has surpassed our expectations in the show ring. What she has done in the whelping box has amazed us even more! Only having had two litters, they have been outstanding.



Winter & Sugar at their First Show - UKC WA Classic 2003



Winter & Sugar resting after a dog show

WS Spotlight cont...

Sugar had her hips and elbows evaluated by the OFA with good on hips and normal elbows. She has also had pennHIP done with 90%. Sugar has great structure that meets the breed standard; beautiful flowing movement, excellent black pigment - thick coat; a courageous outgoing temperament. She loves her family and is very willing to please. She is passing these qualities along to her puppies. In 2004, we went to Rhonda at Surefire Shepherds to seek her advice on a stud dog to best suite Sugar. She suggested her male Obi (UKC CH Surefire Obi-Wan Kinobi ofa, PennHIP 90%). Sugar whelped 12 puppies - 10 boys and 2 girls. Wow! A first litter for Sugar and Starr Shepherds - What a start! Those puppies have gone onto surpass our expectations as their Mother before them, with PennHIP scores of 80%, 100%, ofa Good, 4 Champions and they are not even two years old yet. In 2005, again we went to Rhonda for breeding advice for Sugar. She suggested using UKC GRCH/IABCA CH Tumbledowns Super Sonic ofa, PennHIP 80%. Sugar gave us a bundle of boys - 9 of them! These beautiful boys had breeding prospects among them as well as wonderful family companions. At only a year of age, there is already Champions and one boy has OFA pre-lim of Good.



Sugar wins the Champion Class, Best of Breed & Group 1!

We are excited to see what more Sugar has in store for us and her further contributions to the White Shepherd breed.

Have you heard of the UKC Herding Program?

In June 2004 a small group formed a UKC HERDING yahoo list
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ukcherding/>

The group was formed and began revising a herding program that earlier had been written, the list has grown to over 200 and the revisions to the program have been completed and submitted to the United Kennel Club, Inc. for approval

To learn more about UKC Programs & Events go to:
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MEMBER MEMO

Fall is in the air! That means Renewal Time Is Here!

It is time to renew your membership for our club.

Membership fees for 2007 annual memberships are

due by December 31, 2006 All of our current

members have a working email address and receive this newsletter. *So this is your official reminder!*

This year, we are tightening our record keeping. Our new membership chairman as of September, 2005, is

Laurie Malony. She is asking that all renewing members this year complete the long application form usually used for new members so we can update all your information and dogs/titles/etc. There are several ways to send your ***LONG*** renewal application.

1. Do it all online at our web site including paying by ***PayPal***

2. Print out the application from the web site, complete it & mail it with your check or Money Order to Laurie Malony.

3. Fill in the application online and then pay by check or Money Order

Those renewing before December 15, 2006 will receive a **FREE FULL PAGE AD** in our newsletter during the 2007 calendar year!!!

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