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White Shepherds in the



Good luck to everyone at the upcoming shows! To find upcoming shows please click the link below:

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M&Month=82011>



Brags

Arleen Ravanelli and Max

New Lure Coursing Title



Victorious Peace of Faith, AKC S.T.A.R., "Pax" graduated from Pre-Novice class with First Place!

Owners: Kenzie and Josh Liss

Breeders: Lena Ralston/
victoriouswhiteshepherds.com



Journey was awarded his UKC Degree of Show Champion

Journey was awarded his AKC CGC - Canine Good Citizen Certificate

He received both of these in June 2011



Kevin and Truck'r

New Dock Diving Title!

Brags



Ramsey - Premier Sunday Show -
Herding Group 2nd



TRIPLE HIT
in two obedience trials!
Open B class

RE TITLE
with First and
Second Places!

AKC Obedience/Rally trials
at Hamlin, NY
July 8 and 9, 2011

NEW TITLE
RALLY EXCELLENT
RALLY
OBEDIENCE
HIGH SCORE IN
OBEDIENCE TRIAL

GENESEE VALLEY
KENNEL CLUB, INC.
July 9, 2011
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Regalwise Victorious Faith

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PARSONS CREEK SHEPHERDS

IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

UKC Grand Champion Parsons Darling of Sapphire



UKC Top Ten ranked #2 as of June 24, 2011

UWSC 2011 Howl-O-Ween Photo Contest



COME JOIN THE FUN....
IF YOU DARE!!!!

CATEGORIES:

**BEST
SCARIEST
FUNNIEST
MOST ORIGINAL**

**Certificate and
a free ad
will be awarded
to each winner**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:
OCT. 1ST**

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO:
NEWSLETTEREDITOR@UNITEDWHITESHEPHERDCLUB.ORG

2011 UWSC HOWL-O-WEEN PHOTO CONTEST RULES



- ❖ PHOTOS MUST BE THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON ENTERING THEM
- ❖ ENTRIES LIMITED TO 3 ENTRIES PER DOG
- ❖ PHOTOS MUST BE OF A WHITE SHEPHERD OR WHITE GERMAN SHEPHERD IN COSTUME
- ❖ ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH:
~OWNER'S NAME AND DOG'S NAME~
- ❖ PHOTOS MAY BE OF PAST AND PRESENT DOGS
- ❖ 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

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE UWSC NEWSLETTER

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



FAITH

a story of a dog who has stolen my heart

The blessing and curse of owning a natural born retriever.

Everyone who has ever owned a natural born retriever knows how much fun it is to play with such puppies. These pups do not need any special instruction how to play fetch. They are born knowing and loving this game! Faith was born a natural retriever. This fact soon transformed our house into a toy-retrieving factory with piles and piles of toys of all shapes and sizes that were constantly in the business of being squeaked, tagged, tossed, thrown and retrieved. We all were very enthusiastic about the fetch game and eagerly tossed toys for our puppy admiring how fast and agile she is in catching them in the air and bringing them back to us. I think after about four weeks my family started showing the first signs of fatigue from constantly playing fetch and almost the entire tossing workout fell on me since I was home most of the time. My natural born retriever was never tired of this game and toys were brought back to me all day long with brief intervals when she was sleeping and eating. I was stared down, barked at and poked with a wet nose if my hand would not grab a retrieved toy and send it back in the air. Of course I used this retrieving obsession to my advantage and constantly asked my puppy to do things for me in return for a tossed toy. Oh, how easy and fun it is to train a natural born retriever! All I had to do was play.

Outside, during our walks, Faith's retrieving obsession took a different form – grabbing and carrying things.

One day I noticed she was carrying something inside of her mouth that I couldn't see. I said: "leave it", and she dropped a small round rock. I panicked inside thinking what could happen if she swallowed it. Clearly this habit had to stop. Explaining to a puppy why rocks are dangerous to carry is an impossible task. All I could do was to watch her like a hawk and tell her to drop it as soon as I saw her grabbing rocks. I'm sure from Faith's point of view my demands appeared strange and unreasonable, so she began to be creative in grabbing rocks so skillfully that it was hard to detect. She must have developed some kind of vacuum suction technique because she could grab a rock without even opening her mouth. I would only be able to see her mischief when it was too late and her cheeks were as wide as a hamster's cheeks full of collected rocks.

The "leave it" command started to become very stressful for my puppy and me. I felt an urgency to solve this problem before it did any harm to her. I decided to try taking one of her toys with us on walks. That seemed to work and she was focused on carrying her toy. I thought that finally I found a "pacifier" for my puppy that occupied her mouth and mind. What I did not take into consideration is that my puppy had a completely different value system from mine and she was in a constant business of trading her toys according to that system. Often leaving our home with a beautiful rubber ball I would only discover half through our walk that Faith traded it in for a dirty plastic Coca-Cola bottle she encountered and considered it worth keeping. Beautiful plush toys often were traded in for sticks, paper plates, metal cans or even old plastic spoons. Sometimes trading was done very quickly and sometimes Faith would take a few minutes to make up her mind.



Usually it happened when she would stumble on an old tennis ball while carrying her brand new brightly colored squeaking ball. She would drop her ball next to a newly found one and sniff each ball back and forth as if deciding which ball had the more valuable scent. Then she would grab each, taste it and toss it back on the ground, finalizing her decision. Often an old tennis ball would win by reasons unconceivable to me, but obviously clear to my puppy. It is only when she took time to make up her mind that I would notice the exchange and pick up the abandoned toy. It was getting obvious to me that Faith's trading system was becoming a very costly habit that I was getting tired of supporting. The pile of collected recyclable bottles of all shapes, cans, sticks and garbage material that Faith traded in on our walks was growing in our backyard at an enormous rate while Faith's toy basket at home was getting skimpy on toys. That is when a simple idea came to my mind. If my puppy puts so much value on the things that are of no value to me why bother taking expensive toys outside - I asked myself. Why not to let her play with what she picks, if the objects are not dangerous to her like rocks of course. This is how we first developed a system of taking collected objects of her choice from a pile in the backyard each time we went for a walk. Little by little the backyard pile started to go down. Some objects got dropped during our walks and never got a trading match; most bottles got recycled or returned, sticks burned and other items got simply thrown in to the garbage. Little by little the backyard pile started to go down. Some objects got dropped during our walks and never got a trading match; most bottles got recycled or returned, sticks burned and other items got simply thrown in to the garbage.

Little by little the taste of my puppy for toys got refined. Toys that were at home were more appreciated. Weeks later, not without help from my husband, she finally decided that her favorite toy is a simple rubber ball made in China. It is for that ball she would do anything in the world with enthusiasm that makes me smile every time I see her play and work. It is for that ball she would jump like a rocket in the air just to grab it before it hits the ground. It is that ball that would be her life saving comfort during our first long term separation when bad news came from South Carolina that my mom broke her hip and I had to leave to help her out.

There is no way to explain to our dogs that we will be back when we leave them. Dogs live in the present moment and every moment is what life is to them in its full totality. After I left, it was Faith's new life without any resolution, or hope for my return. My husband took the tough job of taking care of our grieving and deeply depressed puppy on his own. The only entertainment she responded to was fetching her favorite rubber ball. Most of the day she was just laying on our bed motionless and looking out of the window. Every day after work Doug would throw the ball for her to keep her spirit up. In a couple of weeks Faith perfected her fetching skills and reaction to the point that the ball could not pass her no matter how much Doug tried to trick her. She was fast enough to grab it in the air from any position and angle.

By the time I returned home I could hardly recognize my puppy - she had grown so much! My natural born retriever greeted me at the door with her favorite ball in her mouth. She dropped her most valuable possession at my feet only to be able to cover my face with her slobbery kisses. My sweet exuberant puppy was back being herself, rolling on the floor, jumping, yodeling and bouncing off the walls! Our life was back to normal.

(continue in the next issue)

- *Lena Ralston*

The White Shepherd Breed Racks In the UKC Premier 2011 Top Ten Competition!!



*UGRCH Celestial Crescent Moon vHallmark "Celeste" PT, JHD, HIC (s, d),
CGC, 2010 UKC #1 White Shepherd, 2010 UKC Top Ten #9 All Breed --
DOB 06/20/09*

Huge congratulations to Becky Joyce!!



UKC Premier 2011 Conformation

Friday:

Best of Breed Altered - ALCH Rolling Oaks Woes of
Jeremiah/ Dianne Massey



Saturday

Best of Breed Altered - ALCH Rolling Oaks Woes of
Jeremiah/ Dianne Massey

BOB - GRCH Royal Take It to the Limit/ Miranda
Reeves

Sunday

BOB - GRCH Von Tasz Born to Win/ Diana Updike



2011 UWSC Specialty Show



Altered Champion
CH Rolling Oaks Woos of Jeremiah
Owners: Bob & Diane Massey



Champion Winner
"Matthew" - CH JayDee's Tax
Collector at PHS
Owner: Jen Proud



Best Puppy
"Cedric" - Kerstone Top Secret
Worrywort
Owner: Linda Liptford



Best of Breed, Grand Champion Winner
"Phalen" - GRCH Royal Born To Be Wild
Owners: Dee Wilusz and Jean Reeves



Brood Bitch
"Pebbles" – GRCH Royal Spasz Von Tasz (with Ramsey and Ziva for her progeny)
 Owner: Diana L. Updike

Reserve Best Female
Hollybrook Bodacious By Design
 Owner: Nancy DeGarmo

Specialty Show cont...



Reserve Best Male
"Rudy" - Thornvalley's Against All Odds
 Owner: Melanie Fuellgraf

Reserve Champion Winner
"Quila" – CH Bahr-S Royal Tequila Sunrise
 Owner: Jean Reeves



*Best of Winners, Best Female, NEW Champion
"Ziva" - Von Tasz Ziva With Spirit
Owner: Pam Horner*

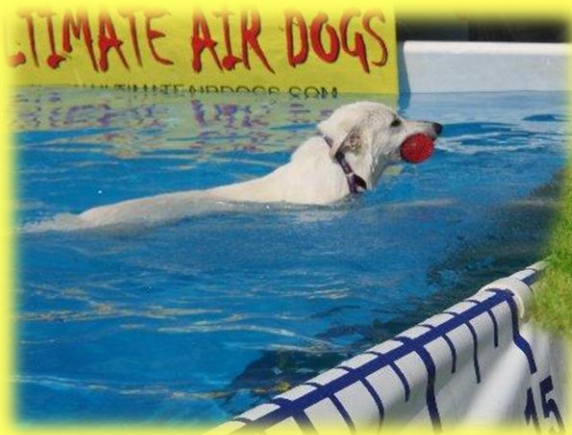
*Best male
Hale Koa Pandora's Kahu
Owned by Shannon O'Connor*

*"If dogs could talk it would take a lot of
the fun out of owning one."*

- Andy Rooney

Qualifiers in UKC's 2011 Premier Performance events

Shylo's Titanium Star/ Arleen Ravanelli & Kevin Connor - Dock Diving
Shylo's Tri-Max Star/ Arleen Ravanelli - Lure Coursing
Royal Ready Set Go/ Jean Reeves & Susan McGrath - Weight Pull, Rally, Lure Coursing
Hollybrook Bodacious by Design/ Nancy Degarmo - Rally
Rolling Oaks Woes of Jeremiah/ Diane Massey - Rally
Von Tasz Ziva with Spirit/ Pam Hornor - Rally



The following dogs not only qualified but received new titles at Premier !!

Shylo's Titanium Star - Dock Diving
Shylo's Tri-Max Star - Lure Coursing
Royal Ready Set Go - Rally



More Performance pictures from UKC's 2011 Premier



Performance Awards

UWSC Performance Awards
2010 -2011

Arleen Ravanelli -----Shylo's Star Keely Belle

CCC VCC

CCC VCCX

Shylo's Tri-Max Star

HIC (d)

CCC VCC

Basic Obedience 101

Royal Shylo's Nashira

HIC (d)

Shylo's Galaxy Star

HIC (d)

UKC URO1

Nosework Intro Class 101

Elena Ralston ----- Regalwise Victorious Faith

AKC CDX

AKC RN

AKC RA

Surefire Victorious Joy Estel

AKC CD

AKC RN

UKC URO1

HIC (d)

Miranda Reeves ----- Royal Take it to the Limit

UKC U-AG1

Jean Reeves -----Royal Day of Providence

UKC U-AG1

Royal Goddess of Love

UKC U-AG1

Bahr-S Royal Tequila Sunrise

CGC

Betty Tanner -----Goldfield Question Authority

AKC Excellent Preferred

AKC Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred

CPE Enthusiast Level 3 Standard

K9 Nosework Beginners

Starr Shiver Me Timbers

Beginner K9 Nosework

Intermediate K9 nosework

Surefire Far & Away of Highland Myst

Beginner Obedience

Performance Awards

Kevin Connor ----- Shylo's Titanium Star

CCC VCC

CCC VCCX

Laura Connor ----- Xcalibur's Lady of the Lake

AKC STAR

AKC CGC

Agility Class

CCC VCC

Melanie Fuellgraf -----Lyon's Honoring Dexter

USCA – OB1

Susan McGrath ----- Royal Ready Set Go

UKC CA

CCC VCC

CCC VCCX

UKC UWP

Rainbow's Maggie May the Magnificent

CCC VCC

CCC VCCX

Sharyl Sadowski-----Ambrozia's Memphis Starfyre

AKC CGC

Jennifer Marchand – Jillians Promise of Grace V Marchand

Starter Puppy

Start Right Course

Zoom to Zen

Surefire Otto the Great V Marchand

AKC CGC

Michelle Liu ----- Surefire's Charlie the Hidden Jewel

Beginning Nose Work

Puppy Class

Scarlett Sanders --- Foxhunt's Lil' Miss Sas-A- Fras

AKC STAR

Foxhunt's Blowin' In The Wind

AKC STAR

Diana Updike ----- Royal Spaz Von Tasz

HIC (d)

Congratulations to all of our winners!! Our WHITE DOGS are really shining out there!!!!!!

United Kennel Club



Rally-O

The UKC concept of Rally Obedience is that all handlers, regardless of physical abilities, and all dogs, regardless of physical structure, should have the opportunity to participate and experience success in Rally Obedience. The overall performance should convey an image of fun, enthusiasm and the ability of the team to work in partnership.



"RAMSEY"

UKC Grand Champion, AWSA Champion, WSCC Champion
VON TASZ BORN TO WIN, HC
OFA certified Hips & Elbows, AKC DNA, MDR1 N/N, OFA DM Negative



Ramsey is such a joy. I just love this "little" guy!

UKC Best In Show
AWSA #1 Ranked Best of Breed Winner (2010)
UWSC Top Ten Best of Breed Ranked (2010)
WSCC National Specialty Best of Breed (2011)

*** Stud Service available to approved bitches ***

Diana L. Updike, 14800 Fairlane St., Livonia, MI, USA 48154, Email: vontasz@yahoo.com

www.vontasz.com

Happy
Birthday!

"Max" (GRCH CA URO1 Shylo's Tri-Max Star CGC
HIC(d) VCC) turns 2 on August 7th :-)

Owner: Arleen Ravanelli



Happy Birthday Journey!S urefire Far & Away of
Highland Myst

Will be 1 year old on August 31, 2011

Owner: Betty Tanner

Wanted to wish my Maggie Mae (Rainbow's Magnificent
Maggie Mae) a happy 6th Birthday, July 1st!
This is the first picture we took of her (just brought her
home)

Susan McGrath



Lulu will be 3 years old on August 20 2011

Owner: Robin Davey



It's my party and I'll bark if I want to!

Royal Acres White Shepherds Congratulates our Premier 2011 winners

Owned/ Co-Owned by Royal Acres:

Royal Born to be Wild (Phalen)



Royal Ready Set Go (Raider)
Weight Pull and Rally-O Titles



Royal Take it to the Limit (Tater)



Sired by and bred by Royal Acres:

"Truck'r" - Dock Diving



"Max" - Lure Coursing



Royal Acres grandkids:

Von Tasz Born to Win (Ramsey)



Hallmark's Erika von Phenom (Rikki)



UWSC 2011 Summer Photo Contest entries



Entry #1: Betty Tanner



Entry #2: Betty Tanner



Entry #3: Betty Tanner

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES CONT..



Entry #4: Robin Davey



Entry #5: Ken Makowski



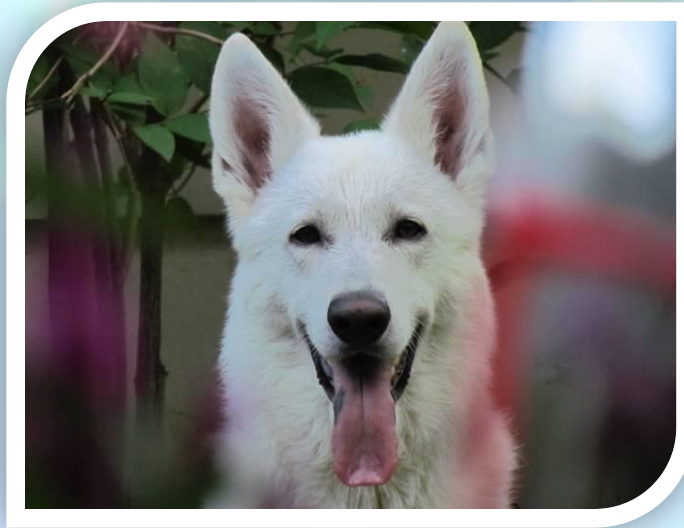
Entry #6: Robin Davey



Entry #7: Ken Makowski



Entry #8: Robin Davey



Entry #9: Ken Makowski

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES CONT...



Entry #10: Diana Updike



Entry #11: Diana Updike



Entry #12: Diana Updike



Entry # 13: Arleen Ravanelli



Entry # 14: Arleen Ravanelli



Entry # 15: Arleen Ravanelli

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES CONT...



Entry #16: Zoie McDonald



Entry #17: Zoie McDonald



Entry #18: Zoie McDonald



Entry #19: Arleen Ravanelli

Thank you to everyone who participated in our summer photo contest! All the entries were wonderful and sure captured the essence of summer!!

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

A special thank you to our judge, Courtney King! Courtney emailed and said they were all wonderful pictures and just could not pass up the adorable puppy picture!



Water fun
Entry #2
Betty Tanner and Pirate



Action
Entry #19
Arleen Ravanelli

Congratulations!



Playtime fun
Entry # 10
Diana Updike

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Thank you so much to everyone who submitted to this newsletter issue, if it was not for you, there would be no newsletter. Keep all the wonderful things coming!!



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