



# United White Shepherd Club Newsletter



*Our Dogs do Stuff!*

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# Letter from the Editor

Howdy!

I hope everyone is starting to see warmer temperatures, some green grass and some beautiful Spring flowers!

My name is Tara Tippit and I have worked on the newsletter for quite a while now and I wanted to introduce myself to those that don't know me, which is probably many of you! I was born and raised in Houston, TX. I went to Texas A&M University where I met my husband and married after we both graduated. After graduating my husband's job brought us to NW Indiana, where I met and became good friends with Jean and Miranda Reeves. Clearly, that is where my love for the White Shepherd breed began! We lived in NW Indiana for a little over 3 years and are now back in the Houston area. We stay extremely busy with our 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  month old baby, Ella and our 4-legged fur-babies Sable, 14 yrs old, Aberdeen, 6 yrs old, and Porter who is 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs old. Dogs have always been a passion of mine and always will be!

I enjoy working on the newsletter and getting to know many of you that way. Good luck to everyone and all the White Shepherds in all the upcoming events...I know that our breed will shine out there!



## Upcoming Shows

Good luck to everyone at the upcoming shows in 2011! To find where the nearest show locations are to you please go to:

[http://www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView?Open&Group=DogEvents  
&Type=M&Month=52011](http://www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M&Month=52011)

## Current Top Ten

1.	UAGI GRCH Royal Take It To The Limit	Jean or Miranda Reeves	11
1.	CH Bahr-s Royal Tequila Sunrise	Jean Reeves	11
3.	CH Shylo's Star Keely Belle	Arleen Ravanelli or Zoie McDonald	6
3.	GRCH Shylo's Tri-max Star	Arleen Ravanelli or Zoie McDonald	6
3.	UAGI CH Royal True Test Of Will	Miranda Reeves	6
6.	URO1 CH Hollybrook's Ghost Of A Chance	Nancy DeGarmo	3
7.	CH Worrywort Egypt Jewel Of Nile	Linda Lipford	2
8.	Hollybrook Bodacious By Design	Nancy DeGarmo	1

# Easter Photo Contest Entries



Entry #1 Melanie Fuellgraf



Entry #2 Melanie Fuellgraf



Entry #3 Melanie Fuellgraf



Entry #4 Mona Perrson



Entry #5 Mona Perrson



Entry #6 Melanie Fuellgraf

# Easter Photo Contest Entries

Entry #7 Melanie Fuellgraf



Entry #8 Robin Davey

Entry #9 Robin Davey



Entry #10 Robin Davey

Entry #11 Maggie Keller



Entry #12 Sydney Taylor



Entry #13 Sydney Taylor

# Easter Photo Contest Entries

Entry #14 Cathy Wasman



Entry #15 Cathy Wasman



Entry #16 Cathy Wasman

Entry #17 Betty Tanner



Entry #18 Tara Tippit



Entry #19 Tara Tippit



Entry #20 Tara Tippit



# Easter Photo Contest Winners

*\*Cutest\**

*Entry #6 Melanie Fuellgraf*



*\*Best\**  
*Entry #17*  
*Betty Tanner and*  
*Quest*



*A special thank you*  
*to our judge,*  
*Kayleigh Finley!*

**Congratulations!**

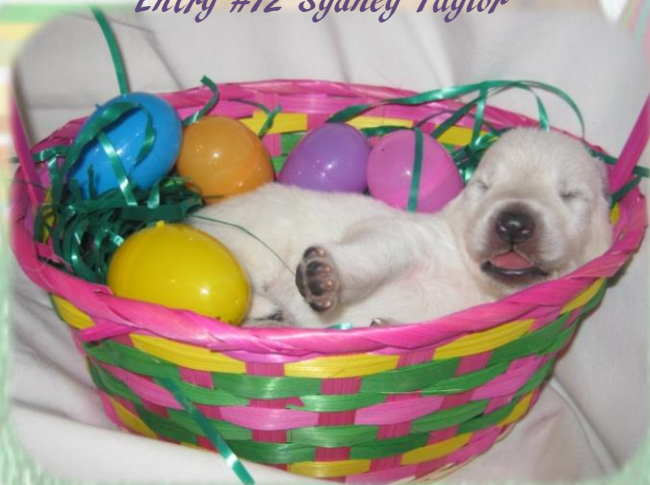
*\*Funniest\**

*Entry #10 Robin Davey,*  
*LuLu and Prince*



*\*Prettiest\**

*Entry #12 Sydney Taylor*





One Weekend  
Four Dogs  
Four UAG1 titles!

*Pro*



*Tater*



*Venus*



*Willow*



# 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.



# Meet the Character Charlie



Charlie is my sweet “little boy” even though he is already 7 months old, and weights 73 lbs.

When I first saw him, he was a little white fur ball. He was standing in the crate with his siblings, excitedly watching me enter the room. It was love at first sight. I was a little bit nervous the day we flew back home. Will he be car sick? Will he be fine while we are flying? Will he be frightened by so many people at the airport? It ended up that all my worries were unnecessary. Charlie calmly rested during the entire trip. He was so good, that I was allowed to hold his carrier on my lap, and keep the carrier’s “window” open; the flight attendant even brought him some water, and patted him.

Charlie is named after my last white shepherd, whom I loved so much. When he suddenly passed away, my parents were so worried about me, and they actually moved in and watched me for a month.

Charlie has finished his puppy I and puppy II classes. He knows many commands like sit, down, stay, wait, come, leave it, drop it, etc. Like my last dog, this little Charlie is also very attached to me; he follows me everywhere, always sits on my feet, or lays down right next to them. So though he did very well in his puppy classes, the teachers never could use him as a demo dog, because he would not leave me, or he would cry like a bloody murder. Now you must guessed Charlie does very well on “Come”, but very bad on “Stay”. This sounds like very bad separation anxiety, however, Charlie has no issues staying at home or in the car by himself. When I go to work, I leave him alone with free access to everywhere inside the house. He always keeps everything intact.

He does not destroy or mess-up anything. The neighbors told me they never know if Charlie is home or not because they never hear him barking. What a nice puppy! So after all, I don't really worry about his "separation anxiety", I think he just loves me so much.

I taught him some dancing movements; he is very smart and easy to train. We may later take a freestyle class, and go “ball room” dancing.



Kirsten Muskat - Good Dog Photo

# Charlie cont...

Charlie is a very loving and friendly puppy, he remembers everyone he meets on the street, who has treats, who patted him, who is mom's friend... he will drag me to them as soon as he sees them. Charlie loves to sniff other dogs. The sentences I have said the most recently are "Is your dog friendly?" "Can I let my puppy say hi to your dog, he's very friendly too". I need to make sure he only meets the dogs that want to meet him. And that makes our next encounter much easier and relaxed.

One month ago, Charlie passed a series of evaluations and became a volunteer therapy dog paying visits to senior centers, juvenile halls, and hospitals. He is very good with the handicapped, people on crutches, in wheel chairs, walkers, you name it. He's good about letting people touch him. He is also a big kisser, if you lower yourself, you will get his sweet kisses for sure. We joined a GSD meeting group the end of last year. Many of the group members like to hike together. All our dogs behave so well. They don't bother other hikers or their animals (dogs, horses), or bikers. People are so amazed when they see us, they keep asking us if they are police dogs.



Charlie is a very brave "little" puppy, he barks at anything suspicious to him outside on our walk, as if telling it "Stay away, no matter what you are." I always tell him "let's go check it out", after careful inspection, he lets it pass, and then does not worry about it anymore. Charlie likes to pick up a stick on his walks, then he holds his head high with his chest popping out and walks proudly in the neighborhood. He looks so cute, many people stop their cars to watch and praise him.

Charlie is a healthy eater, he likes blueberries very much. I actually use them as his training treats. He also likes strawberries, apples and oranges. Charlie likes seaweed, and he also likes fish, especially steamed tuna and salmon. Those foods can make him "stay" for a long time. One of his instructors gave him a nick name of "the sushi dog".

Everyone in our family loves Charlie, and Charlie loves everyone too, I'm his favorite, but he listens to all of us. He is our little angel and we are so grateful to have him. He has great temperament and structure. Thanks very much to Rhonda of Surefire Shepherds who brought such a wonderful puppy into my life. He came to me at the hardest time of my life. I was drowning by the sadness of losing my beloved first Charlie. He brought me back to life and brought happiness to our family once again. I also want to thank Betty Tanner who helped raise Charlie and his siblings, and gave me so much invaluable advice. She recommended me joining the UWSC. I am so glad I did, as I have learned a lot from this group.

Michelle Liu



# Max is running with the Big Dogs Now !!

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*Willow*



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# Betty's "Tails"

## BUSY NOSES...

We started a new class today. It is called Nose Sport. It was so much fun. Our new instructor is very nice and so knowledgeable. She works with everyone so well.

Pirate, Quest and Spirit had taken K9 Nose work classes before and they loved it. Then we found out that the Essential Oil, Birch, that the organization uses as one of the search odors is dangerous for dogs. We notified one of the founders of the organization, that we were concerned about having our dogs breathe it, or come in contact with this oil and the only answer we got was that "like chocolate, a little would not hurt". After checking with five different veterinarians we could find no acceptable reason to subject our dogs to this unnecessary danger when there are so many other safe choices. So we are now in our own class and the odor we are using is vanilla. Everyone is happy with it and the dogs are doing great! We will not be able to compete in trials, but the safety and health of our dogs is more important to our group than competition. So we will be using safe odors that are approved by our veterinarians until or unless what we consider better thinking prevails with the K9 Nose work organization.



# Betty's "Tails"

Today was our first class. I took Journey in first, as he had never tried it. He was so cute. He sat beside my chair so straight and tall. He was very interested. When it was his turn to search the boxes for the first time, he took it very seriously. The boxes were spread out around the room and he quickly found the box with the small metal tin which contained vanilla scent. We had a "party" of praise and treats and then he got to try it again. He is thoroughly convinced that he is just as amazing as I told him he was.

As other dogs took their turns, I switched dogs and brought Pirate in. He is sort of an expert, as he has been doing this for quite a while. He has never used vanilla though and I was wondering how easy it would be to switch him to a different odor. I let him sniff the odor and he then went to the boxes and found the right one almost immediately.



Quest was just as good. He was actually a little less distracted and the second box he went to was the one with the vanilla. Spirit just could not be left out, and although he needs a little help going up the entry stairs, once he was inside he headed for the boxes immediately. After sniffing two boxes, he found the odor. He may be elderly, but there is nothing wrong with his nose. It is wonderful to see him working again and so interested in performing. He was very proud of himself each time he was successful. He only did two searches today, but possibly he will do more as he works up to it. This is a wonderful sport and I especially like it because the dogs are the only ones who know how to do it. Humans make the rules, but the dogs are the only ones who really know what they are doing. There is no way we could do it. This is truly their game!

It's back....

# UKC's Premier 2011 in Kalamazoo, MI June 17, 18 & 19!

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June 17, 18, and 19

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# FAITH

## a story of a dog who has stolen my heart

### Difficult craft of naming a puppy.

I am not sure why my family always has such a hard time naming our puppies. We have only three members – my husband, my daughter, and I and yet it is so hard for us to agree on one name. Perhaps it is because each of us seeks for something different in a name. I look for a short name that easily rolls off the tongue. Sound and meaning are everything to me. A name should mean well and sound strong, serious and bright. My daughter favors goofy names that sound silly, something like “Slinky” or “Lollypop”. She thinks names should make people smile. What my husband seeks in a name is a totally different story all together. He thinks that a name should reflect our beliefs and have a deep spiritual meaning. Our family is deeply rooted in the Christian faith and we belong to a very respected protestant Church that stresses holiness. Our previous dog was named “Grace” - the word that reflects one of God’s best gifts for humanity. Although we are protestant, Doug has always sympathized with Catholic spiritual traditions and sainthood. He is particularly fond of Saints that lived amazing lives of sacrifice, purity, and demonstrated tremendous inner strength. He has been seriously studying those Saints’ lives. Given that biography is his favorite literature genre our huge library is packed with books of various Saints’ biographies and I must say that Doug has read them all. He also has a terrific memory and by now he is

pretty much a living encyclopedia on Christian Theology, the life of Saints and Church history. I love to hear him sharing mystical stories from the books he reads because I am either too busy or too lazy to read them myself. If you asked him if dogs go to heaven he would say with a smile – “Well, St. Bernard made it.”

All his fascination with Saints is fine with me as I too admire Mother Teresa and a few others. I have a special admiration for St. Francis due to his exceptional ability of being able to talk to animals and understand them. Things got rather complicated however when my husband announced that our new puppy should bear a name of a Saint. This idea met a strong opposition from me. There was no way I could give commands to a dog with Saint’s name. How foolish would I look in the ring shouting: “Mother Teresa, down!” or “St. Barbara, jump!” It sounded more like a mockery of those Saints to me. I made my case and gave my husband many solid reasons why I will not allow our puppy to be St. Veronica even though this name starts on “V”, which was a required name letter of our puppy’s litter. This time my daughter took my side and added her voice to strengthen my opposition. Our heated debates continued, but since I had two voices in my camp against one my daughter and I were clearly winning. Still we could not find an alternative name that we all liked. Our puppy has been with us for over two weeks and was making a remarkable progress in learning many words, and yet she still did not have a name.

# Faith

## a story of a dog who has stolen my heart (continue)

During the third week we had to take our puppy to the vet as she was having runny stools for a couple of days. Sitting in the waiting room at the vet Doug, following his nervous nature he inherited from his mother, began nagging me that the puppy is probably gravely sick and I should have never gotten a pup from the Internet just like he told me to. I was getting really upset. He knew I did plenty of a research on breeders before making my decision so there was no need to repeat the same fact. "Have some faith, will you?" – I said appealing to a better side of his character. That quieted him down for a minute. "Hey, what if we name her *Faith*? Everything about this dog seems to require a leap of faith?" – he mentioned in an apologetic tone. By that time I was pretty grouchy and ready to oppose anything he would say. "No!" – I replied, "It has this terrible sound "th" that I have such a hard time to pronounce."

I must say that I learned English in my early thirties and sound "th" was and is my biggest challenge. No matter how hard I try it never sounds as it suppose to and only emphasizes my heavy accent even more. I never got a decent explanation from my teacher at the English Second Language School what the purpose of this strange sound composed by two letters is. No one knows. It is one of many mysteries of English that has no logic. I like logic. My native language is very logical and every sound is formed by a single letter. We have a couple of silent letters of course but they serve a very logical purpose.

The next morning our pup was throwing up and clearly feeling pretty bad. I was in the kitchen making her special food. After cleaning up her mess I kneeled down to comfort her. She looked at me with her deep dark eyes full of simple unconditional trust. Without a slightest doubt she believed that I have a power to heal her. She buried her head in my knees trusting me to do my magic and get her better. I gave her Keopectate and the other medicine that her vet prescribed for Giardia. That was all the magic I had so I prayed it worked.

It did. The next day our puppy got her name. She was *Faith*. And not just *Faith*, she was *Victorious Faith* because we had to keep that "V" of her litter. But as they say a name makes a mark on a person's, or an animal's personality. Being true to her name, she latter proved to come out victorious from many tough situations in her life. But lets not go too far ahead and allow the story take its course.

(continue in the next issue)

- Lena Ralston





# Birthday Corner

Hugo turns 11 years old on  
May 17<sup>th</sup>!



Kyla turns 7 years old on  
May 8<sup>th</sup>!



Pebbles turned 8 years old on  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>!



Hidden Hill's White Rose  
"Rose" turned 2 on March 28!  
Owner: Cathy Wasman



Do I smell cake!?!  
 



# Birthday Corner



Missy's Grandson, "Knight"  
Enchanted Foxhunt's White Knight  
Happy 1st Birthday to my handsome  
boy!  
3/04/2010  
I love you! Mom & the Foxhunt Gang



BIMBS, RBIMBS,  
GRCH Surefire Lil' Miss Tasz Of  
FS  
Happy 6th Birthday to my  
wonderful little Princess!  
4/30/2005  
I love you! Mom & the Foxhunt  
Gang

## Happy Birthday White Shepherds!

*The White Shepherd was recognized by the  
United Kennel Club on April 14, 1999!*





The purpose of the UKC® Junior Program is to encourage young handlers to become fully involved with the world of dogs, by encouraging participation in conformation and performance events, breeding dogs, and promoting responsible dog ownership.

The UKC® Junior Program is intended to promote the achievements of Junior Members, to reward both participation and excellence in various aspects of the sport of dogs, and to establish uniform requirements for judging junior competitors. Juniors will be given specific recognition for participation in Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Agility and Weight Pull events.

# Junior Memberships



Anyone under the age of 18 that has a family member in the club is eligible to join. Please email Miranda Reeves at [mirandalreeves@gmail.com](mailto:mirandalreeves@gmail.com) with the junior members name, address, and birth date.

# Meet the Character

Marsh  
Mel  
Oh



## MARSH-

Marsh, like his name suggests is a big mush. He grew rapidly and now at 10 months weighs in at 92 lbs. He loves playing w/his housemate, Taloose, who is a mini piebald doxie who weighs 15 lbs. and is as big as Marsh's head. Marsh is the gentlest giant and is the one who usually cries "uncle" first when running and wrestling with Taloose. Marsh is also never without the mandatory squeaky ball in his mouth but still hasn't learned the art of dropping it. We absolutely adore him.

Maryann



# Puppies



GRCH, CA, UTWP, Royal Ready Set Go, CGC,  
VCC, VCCX, HIC (s)



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# Summertime Fun WS Photo Contest

COME JOIN THE FUN!

## Categories:

Best Action Shot  
Water Fun  
Playtime Fun

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2011



All winning photos will get a winners certificate and a free ad in the UWSC newsletter.

See contest rules for more information.

Send entries to:  
[newslettereditor@unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org](mailto:newslettereditor@unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org)



# Summertime Fun WS Photo Contest Rules

1. Photos must be the property of the person entering them
2. Photos must be a White Shepherd/White German Shepherd in Summer content.
3. All photos must be submitted with:  
\* Owner's name and dog's name \*
4. Photos may be of past or present dogs
5. **Entries are limited to 3 pictures per dog**
6. By entering 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!**

# Important Information...

Friendly reminder: All performance accomplishments for the club need to be submitted to Arleen by May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be recognized and receive awards at our Nationals show in June at Premier. Please send them to: [aravlli@yahoo.com](mailto:aravlli@yahoo.com).

## UKC Rule Changes

There have been various changes in the rules for Rally, Agility, Conformation, etc. So, please click on the link below to see all the changes.

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/3d2cbf732a58bf628525735b005fdb4f/ef3af8a7ae177d448525780a00522eb8?OpenDocument>

## Premier Date and Location has changed

Please click the link below for additional information

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Many thanks to everyone who submitted to this newsletter!

We couldn't have done it without you!!

Arleen Ravanelli and Tara Tippit