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The White Shepherd in Profile

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Please bear with me as this is my first letter, and I seem to have the distinct ability to be able to prattle on occasionally.

I want to start with saying I am very excited to be working on this newsletter. I have a lot of ideas, and I am looking forward to trying to put them in place to improve and evolve an already amazing newsletter. I am excited about the UWSC becoming a parent club and to helping to get information about the UKC and it's events out to our members and others who read our newsletter issue..

I thought I would tell you all a little about my idea for this issues theme –White Shepherd in Profile. I wanted to do a profile on breeding and showing dogs from different angles. The two articles on Judging the White Shepherd, one by Miranda Reeves and one by UKC judge Don Wells, show two different angles from two people involved in different ways with our breed; Miranda as a breeder and owner, and Mr. Wells as a Judge. I thought both would provide interesting perspective. The article “Bettering the Breed” was one I came across online and thought was very well written, and seemed to go well with the idea of both showing and breeding.

For this issue I am including many of the kinds of articles I ran last issue. The White Shepherd Genetics Project, UKC Sports Highlight, Future Shows/Braggs, and a White Shepherd Spotlight. While I hope you all enjoy this issue of the newsletter, I also hope you will also give me feedback and critiques to let me know what I could do better to make this Newsletter better for everyone involved. I also wanted to mention that anyone who has any ideas or thoughts that they would like to get out in writing, any ads to be published or any pictures or articles they might like to share, please send them to Scarlett or myself and we will see about running them in following issues.

I also wanted to say a sincere thank you to Diana and Scarlett for giving me this opportunity to work with you and the members of the club. I also wanted to thank those members who have helped me with all my new experiences in this breed.

I hope everyone enjoys this newsletter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Catherine Helfgott

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Easter Contest

Winner : Cathy Wasman



Photographs of Easter and Spring





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DIANA UPDIKE

Dear Members,

I don't know about you but I'm ready for some warm weather and our upcoming show season. I'm also looking forward to white dogs again... (The melting snow, rain, and loads of mud are something else in this neck of the woods!)

Our annual White Shepherd Specialty, in conjunction with the upcoming UKC Premier, will be hosted in Kalamazoo, Michigan – spanning the dates of Thursday, June 12th through Sunday, June 15th. For all of the details surrounding all 4 shows, performance events, camping, hotels, etc., please visit www.ukcdogs.com.

This year's annual UWSC meeting will be on Saturday, June 14th. We will review old business, new business, announce the officer election (Secretary and Vice President) and voting results, and discuss ideas that will get us closer to our National Breed Club status.

If you know of a UWSC member that you think would make a good Secretary or VP, please secure their nomination and forward to me by April 15th. Additionally, if you would like to assist the club in a capacity other than an officer, please let me know. We're always looking for assistance in one way or the other and every little bit helps.

At this time, I'd like to highlight some talented members...

Kim King - If you haven't checked out the new fresh look of our website home page, please do! (www.unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org) Kim performed a great job at giving it a lift. Notably, this is in addition to her role as our Membership Chair.

Scarlett Sanders - While you're checking out our website, please take a look at the White Shepherd PowerPoint presentation that Scarlett created for an upcoming UKC Judge Seminar. The link can be found on the right side (under the Newsletter Link). The presentation has been converted to PDF and can be opened directly or saved to your hard drive for reference now and/or in the many years to come. This gets us one step closer to our National Breed Club status. Additionally, Scarlett (again) was the driving force behind locating all of this year's special prizes for our upcoming specialty show.

Cate Helfgott – If you liked the look of the last UWSC Newsletter, then Cate is the one to give kudos to. Actually, as I'm writing this, I can't wait to receive my next issue!

These are just three of the many talented and wonderful members within our club and I'd like to personally thank them for their time, energy, efforts, and talent.

Yours for the White Shepherd,

Diana L. Updike



White Shepherd Genetics Project

"For the White Shepherd"

WHITE SHEPHERD GENETICS PROJECT, LLC

As of March 20th, 2008

By Judy Huston

WEBSITE

- Most of the information for the Memorial section has been sent to Ruut and she will announce when updates have been made. Still waiting for information from :

- Diana Updike for Polo
- Marion Lopizzio for Lazarus
- Bette Gordon for Blizzard and Caprice

- We have established a separate page for Puppy Necropsy.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

- We have entered Phase II of the application process and Ken Makowski, Board member, is currently reviewing our proposed Bylaws.

WSGENETICS PROJECT DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- The Canine Health Foundation has established a Donors Advised Fund in the name of the White Shepherd Genetics Project as a result of our recent \$10,000 donation.

- It is exciting to know that now there are two White Shepherd organizations listed with the Canine Health Foundation. The first organization to set up a fund is the United White Shepherd Club Donor Advised Funds initially set up by Diana Updike.

DATABASE / OPEN REGISTRY

- We have been working to create a document outlining the entire process of updating the database beginning with the data submission form by an owner or breeder to the final result appearing in the Open Registry.

- Goal is to correct any errors to the existing database
- Establish consistency so that data analysis can be performed
- Add any new columns that could be helpful such as "call names, and cause of death," etc.

- This outline will be sent to the people within the White Shepherd community who are known to have database experience. I'll be asking for their feedback and suggestions on how to proceed

GENETICIST'S PEDIGREES

- Prepared Buyer's GenPeds for both Kim King and Scarlett Sanders.
- Working with Scarlett Sanders to answer any questions she has as she enthusiastically learns to create the pedigrees on her own

NECROPSIES

- Condolences to Rhonda McMahan on the loss of her beloved, Super (Tumbledown's Super Sonic). We are waiting for a necropsy report from Oregon State University.

PENNHIP

- The WSGP has extended an invitation from the American White Shepherd Association to PennHIP to speak at the AWSA National Specialty Show to be held in Fowlerville, Michigan on September 19. They have agreed. More information will be published in the near future.

- Both PennHIP and Fred Lanting currently have the Excel spreadsheet and PennHIP GenPeds for their comments and/or analysis.

FUNDRAISING

- We have set the date for the 3rd Annual Genetics Fundraiser to be held in Romulus, Michigan at Currey Family Pet Care on August 16 and 17. There will be two WSCC shows, two AWSA shows, dock diving, and possibly a Rock and Roll K-9s demo. Agility run-throughs and dock diving fees to go toward WSGP fund. There will also be food, an auction, and a raffle. More information to be announced at a later date.

Warm regards,

Judy Huston





A JUDGES PERSPECTIVE

BY DONALD WELLS

Impartial observations, suggestions and perspective from a UKC Judge to the White Shepherd Breed and Breeders.

When initially contacted by Catherine Helfgott to write an article for this newsletter, I was to say at the least surprised. I am not a breeder of the White Shepherd. My experience has been limited to judging them in the conformation ring based upon the breed standard.

As in judging all dogs it is important to know the breed history. Where the breed originates will generally have an impact on what it was bred to do. The White Shepherd is a herding dog, and as such movement is an integral component to judging the animal.

The gait of the White Shepherd is poetry in motion with economy of movement. That is to say, at a walk or a trot, the movement is smooth and rhythmic with coordination and balance, with feet close to the ground. This should translate into a straight line movement, which is not crablike,

With structure, size and proportion all being within standard, the question remains, how do we achieve the desired movement? The White Shepherd is an alert, agile, strong and well muscled animal where fore and hindquarters should be equally developed. In this breed there is no substitute for exercise. But with any exercise program there must be variety. A diversified exercise program is essential, as the White Shepherd is intelligent and easily bored. On a personal level my preference is swimming as an excellent means of developing firm muscles with suppleness and elasticity of tendons or ligaments. For those of you who are more athletically inclined, biking, jogging, fetch, or Frisbee with your dogs also works as well.

When judging the White Shepherds over the last few years I have noticed a departure from the standard as regards to temperament. The White Shepherd's personality should be fearless but aloof, self confident but not hostile. I have seen timidity and shyness in a breed that has heretofore been known for its directness. A dog must stand for examination. If an animal is fearful of strangers, the examination will be difficult at best. Here socialization is the key. When I have puppies to socialize, I socialize them early. I introduce the puppies to a variety of people, especially children, as well as loud noises. The stereo is on and there is generally a war movie or a western; James Bond is also good (lots of shoot 'em up) on the TV. I would also recommend temperament testing as an excellent evaluation tool. I have found you cannot over socialize your dog.

If you are planning for the conformation ring, early socialization is essential. I personally begin collar and light leash work at four weeks old, also stand for exam. The owner or handler may decide the preference for stacking the White Shepherd, though I personally do not endorse the extreme in posing a dog.

The other concern I have is eye color and pigmentation of the eye, rim, nose, and lips. I have seen lightness of pigmentation in some entries, while not a disqualification; it is not the darkness I prefer. I would strive for dark pigmentation. This begins with the selection of breeding stock and is also addressed in environment and nutrition. We are what we eat and we adapt to our surroundings. For example, longer, colder winters necessitate thicker coats.

As previously stated, I am not a breeder of the White Shepherd, nor an expert in this breed. I am merely a judge who appreciates the White Shepherd, and a judge who can read the standard. It has been my pleasure to judge the White Shepherd in shows throughout the country. I look forward to seeing more of these noble and intelligent companions in years to come.



THE WHITE SHEPHERD DOG

BY
MIRANDA REEVES
AND
CATE HELFGOTT

The White Shepherd Dog emerged from white coat lines of the German Shepherd Dog. Currently, it is only separately recognized as a breed by the United Kennel Club in the United States.

The White Shepherd is a direct descendant of the German Shepherd Dog and the two breeds share common roots and are similar in appearance. However, the White Shepherd evolved from a continuous selection for a working companion dog with that exclusive color, beauty and elegance as seen both standing and in motion. His high degree of intelligence and sense of loyalty have allowed him to become one of the most versatile working dogs serving mankind.

White Shepherd Dog breed, recognized by both the UKC and the FCI, is a medium-sized, well-balanced, muscular dog, slightly longer than tall, with a medium length, pure white coat, erect ears, and a low-set natural tail that normally reaches to the hock and is carried in a slight curve like a saber. The White Shepherd is solid without bulkiness and should be shown in lean, hard physical condition. The outline of the White Shepherd is made up of smooth curves rather than angles. When trotting,



the White Shepherd moves with a long, efficient stride that is driven by a powerful forward thrust from the hindquarters. The rear leg, moving forward, swings under the foreleg and touches down in the place where the forefoot left an imprint. Gender differences are readily apparent.

The White Shepherd should be evaluated as an all-around working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they deviate from breed type; and how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work.

The head is proportional to the size of the dog.



Males appear masculine without coarseness, and females feminine without being overly fine. The skull and muzzle are of equal length, parallel to one

another, and joined at a moderate stop. There is little or no median furrow.

The White Shepherd has a weather-resistant double coat. The outer coat is medium length, dense, straight, harsh, and close lying. The UKC standard is the only White Shepherd standard to fault the long coat, though there is a motion in progress to change the standard to allow for the long coat. The undercoat is short, thick, and fine in texture. At the neck, the coat may be slightly longer and heavier, particularly in males. Ideal coat color is a pure white. Colors ranging from a very light cream to a light biscuit tan are acceptable but not preferred.



Dogs that lack total pigment on their noses are a disqualification. Dark pigment is preferred.

The tail is set on low in a natural extension of the sloping croup. The tail extends at least to the hock joint and usually below.

The breed has a distinct personality marked by direct and fearless, but not hostile, expression. The ideal dog is self-confident and maintains a certain aloofness. It is eager and alert when needed, willing to serve in its capacity as a companion, guard, guide dog, herding dog, or whatever the circumstances may demand. The dog must be approachable, quietly standing its ground and showing confidence and willingness to meet overtures without itself making them. Lack of confidence under any surroundings is not typical of good character. Any dog that exhibits unprovoked aggression and attempts to bite any person, dog or other animal must be disqualified and removed from any dog show event.

White Shepherds are very loyal, very protective dogs. They are especially protective of those designated as 'pups'. These dogs enjoy running, playing fetch, or any activity with their 'family' or 'pack'. They are loving, and very good with children. These canines are very good companions if raised in a good home. They can learn various tricks (depending on the dog), but are usually intelligent animals.

There are several ways to judge your dog to this standard in order to understand what challenges might come out of your dogs structure, and what perhaps the judges might really like.

When looking at puppies you have to keep in mind that for the most part they are going to change, and in a very big way. Many breeders will say that looking at the puppy between six to eleven weeks (depending on the pup) is the best time to judge what they will look like in the future, though sixteen weeks has also been suggested.



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When evaluating the structure of the puppy you will want to be more cautious with how you put your hands on them in order to evaluate their structure, and truthfully, at that age a physical exam is going to be about as accurate as a visual exam. At a young age however one of the easiest things to evaluate is pigment. Pigment should be



strong in the leather of the dog from a very young age. As a puppy you can also

begin to evaluate the temperament of the dog using puppy tests in order to discover what strengths or weaknesses your pup might have. Looking at the temperament early can help you determine what needs to be socialized more heavily than others, and may lead to your pup being a better show or performance dog in the future.

When looking at adolescent puppies, again you need to keep in mind that the puppies are still growing and changing, now perhaps in a more gangly fashion. In puppies of this age you might see more toeing out in the front, which may begin to decrease as the dog matures, during which time the chest drops and the rib cage springs. In females you might see a certain amount of cow hocked-ness that wasn't there before that may disappear as the pelvis widens with age and maturity. Ears or nose might briefly grow to astronomical proportions, but, no worries, the pup will eventually grow into them! At this age however you can begin to evaluate the angles of the dogs.

One way is to visually evaluate the angles, another is to physically as the judges do in the show ring. A third way, which is more common in the horse world, but a good teaching method with dogs as well, is to purchase colored dot stickers and place them on the points of the dog to



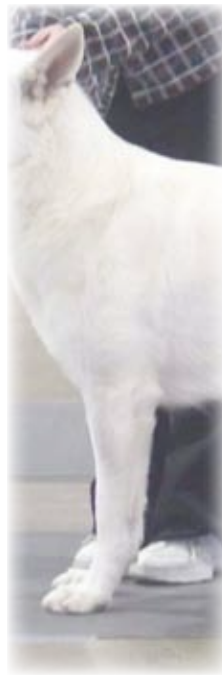
look like visually on the dog using the dots.

You can begin to judge the movement in the dog at this age – how they power their movement, at least. Straightness of movement might still be changing some as the pup begins to grow out instead of up. However – you should be able to tell how the puppy drives their movement, whether it be through the rear or not, and how much power it potentially has. Some dogs will have a more calm, restrained gait while others will have a very powerful, driven gait. Also, keep in mind that good conditioning can also affect this.

Temperament at this age is also still changing. It is important to continue socializing, and also to perhaps start introducing the dog to shows and sports so that they might become more calm in those situations. Nerves become a little more apparent, as do some of the different drives that our breed is known for.

When looking at older dogs, the visual, physical and dot methods all work. Depending on the dogs lines they may mature anywhere from two to four years. Upon maturity the dog should fit the standard as closely as possible (while growing it is understood that the dog is going through changes that may cause them to deviate from the standard for a time). Legs should be straight, secondary sex characteristics should be evident, and the overall appearance of the dog should be ideally as

evaluate from both the side, front and rear of the dog. I have found that this method is excellent for teaching the eye to look at the dog because you physically look for the points and then you learn what those points



close to standard as is achievable.

In terms of temperament, there are some deviations between the different dogs within this breed because in general versatility and ability to do it all is important. What might be more appropriate in a SchH/Sport dog might not be appropriate for a more family or service driven dog. In general however, White Shepherds should have solid nerves and temperament. They should be environmentally sound and watchful. If startled they should not shirk behind their owner, but rather should recover quickly. The dog should have a watchful air around them, but not an aggressive one. Temperament can be evaluated in many venues, from different sports to a temperament test by the American Temperament Test Society.

The dogs movement should be powerful but easy, not wasting much energy as the original shepherds were expected to trot all day in herding. Legs should move straight without winging in or out in the front or the rear, swinging easily from the shoulder or the hip.

The key thing to remember through this is that at the end of the day is what you feel about your dog that is what is important. Different people and judges might look at different aspects of your dog and base their judgements off of those. But they only get a small snapshot of your dogs whole life. Looking at the big picture is key in this as well!!



Some information provided by Wikipedia.org



I was at a dog show last weekend, and, not unusually, the topic of discussion among several breeders and handlers during the lunch break was responsible breeding and the idea of “bettering the breed”. One Gordon Setter breeder contended that this idea has proven to be the undermining of the integrity of many breeding programs, and a Sheltie breeder went so far as to say it has caused the ruination of a number of breeds over the past thirty years. An all breed handler noted that the big winning dogs of thirty years ago were not so much campaigned to their status as they were simply deserving of it, and even those defensive of the “bettering the breed” idea were in full agreement with that pronouncement.

For those who have been active in the dog fancy for a number of years, the controversy between “bettering” and “maintaining” the breed is not new. What IS new, or at least fairly new, is that little is heard anymore from the “maintaining the breed” camp. It seems newcomers to the fancy who have arrived within the past ten or twenty years or so are fully indoctrinated with the “bettering” theory, and are not even cognizant of the “maintaining” side of the argument - or even of the fact that any argument exists!

“The great winning dogs of the 1970’s were not, by far, improved on. Their outstanding qualities were lost to the breeds by a concentrated effort to produce reliable mediocrity. This is not bettering the breed, it is bettering the chances of any and every litter producing dogs that are decent enough to win. Such mediocre champions are being campaigned against each other to attain great show records, as though it were the number of wins, and not the quality of the dogs that is important.”

That statement was made by a judge who declined to have his name attached to it on an internet blog, and perhaps that refusal is testament in itself to the problem of the general deterioration of breed quality in show dogs.

The dog fancy, once comprised of individuals and families devoted to what every breed club’s code of ethics still defines as the promotion and preservation of the breed, has lately broadened it’s membership to include the player of the

dog show sport. In the well considered opinion of many, it is this player who has brought a whole pack of unwelcome cards to the table. While everyone prefers to believe that the competitive nature of dog shows bodes for the end result of the best of the best rising to the top, what we wish to believe is in sad conflict with what we know to be fact. The top winning dog in one non sporting breed, a dog that won both the national specialty and Westminster, crosses over in the front and peddles in the rear. In one sporting breed, hocking out has become the usual mode of rear movement (NOT per the standard!) and a judge who seeks a dog with a correct rear end assembly will not be asked back for another assignment. At one breed national last year, the winning dog was so structurally deficient that the handler refused photos to be taken except for head shots. All of these dogs have been heavily campaigned, widely advertised, and despite their deplorable lack of conformation quality, used in breeding programs designed to “better the breed” by creating similarly unsound but politically connected “show dogs”.

Does this mean that purebred show dogs have gone to hec in a hand basket? As the puppy millers are finding it increasingly difficult to register their mutts with the AKC, and have thus turned to admitting the unregistrable status of their “designer dogs” with the twist of attempting to capitalize on their mongrel status by claiming it to be “superior”, the fancy may well understand the incongruity, but the public is not so perceptive. Dog showing was never meant to be a sport, and to the conscientious breeder / fancier, it is still not. The disgruntled group of breeders, handlers, and judges I had the privilege to converse with last weekend are not tossing in the towel and turning over the future of their breeds to the heavy campaigners and cookie cutter champion producers. They are representative of a solid core of reputable dog people who WILL maintain and preserve the breeds. They will even finish champions, and now and again take home a big win. They will represent their dogs both knowledgeably and honestly, placing the majority of their puppies in appreciative homes where they will do the work they were responsibly bred to do as exemplary sporting dogs, watch dogs, hunting dogs, herding dogs, and companion dogs *par excellence*. They will keep puppies which best represent the breed standard - Not the current fad - for their own enjoyment of the breed, contribution to the future, and yes, appearances in the show ring. Those appearances will be for the purpose of exhibiting their honest contribution to the maintaining of the quality of their chosen breed, and when the judges are confident enough to look hard, they will both see and select them. Bettering the breeder, bettering the fancier, bettering the purpose of showing dogs, and bettering the education of the public who love dogs as we do is the goal of those who strive to maintain the breeds.

Terry is a breeder/owner of Collies, Am. Eskimos, and Shelties. Her service dog, Skyloh, is a Coated White GSD.



UKC Sports Highlight

"The Total Dog"



UKC® ULTIMATE AIR DOGS

A brief overview of the world of dock jumping and the White Shepherd and German Shepherd Dog's involvement in the sport

For Ultimate Air Dogs (UAD), one of the premier dock jumping organizations in the country, dock jumping is nothing new. The organization, owned and operated by former Detroit Tiger's pitcher Milt Wilcox and his son, Brian Wilcox, has been hosting events since 2004. And, while it may not be entirely new, the sport still holds just as much, if not more, of the fun and excitement experienced by both participants and spectators as it did upon its creation. Events regularly draw crowds in the hundreds to thousands... filling stands with cheering fans and competitor lines with exuberantly barking dogs and equally animated handlers. The easy going, family atmosphere UAD strives to promote and maintain, along with the fast paced dynamics of the sport itself, definitely make it one of the most positive and enjoyable around.



Aro and the author competing in UV in Imlay City, MI, 2007 (A)

over the United States. Even with all this expansion, UAD still works hard to make every team involved feel important and acknowledged... from the highest flying to the smallest puddle jumpers. In order to stress this mood even further, UAD has established several divisions, so that every jumper (regardless of their overall scores or ability) has a chance to shine.

UAD has three different competitions within the sport: Ultimate Air, Ultimate Vertical, and Catch It. Just recently, UAD partnered with the United Kennel Club (UKC) in order to bring the sport to an even larger crowd.

While continuing to host events and title dogs within their own system, many of the jumps will now also be UKC sanctioned, allowing UKC registered teams to earn titles through their organization as well. UKC will be offering competitions and titles in both Ultimate Air and Ultimate Vertical.

Ultimate Air (UA) is the chief and first developed form of dock jumping. UA competitions are divided into "Splashes." Each Splash is a round of jumping used to qualify teams for the divisional Finals. Depending on the event size and length, the number of Splashes offered will vary. During Splashes, dogs run down a 40' dock and launch themselves, as close to the dock's end and as far out as they can, into a pool. The distance jumped is determined by where the base

of the tail enters the water. UAD employs this measurement system because it allows for a bit more fairness when jumping, say, a Jack Russell Terrier against a Great Dane. If judged to the nose, for example, the Dane would have an obvious



Beth Crawford's Indy competing in UA in Kalamazoo, MI, 2007. (B)

body length advantage. Each team is allowed two jumps per Splash, with the longer of the two serving as their score. At the completion of an event's Splashes, all the scores are tallied and compared to determine the top five jumps per division. Those top five will then go on to compete in the Finals, within their respective divisions. The divisions are defined as follows: Novice

(0'1"-9'11"), Junior (10'0"-14'11"), Senior (15'0"-19'11"), Master (20'0"-22'5"), and Ultimate (22'6" and up). The qualifying teams are then allowed two more jumps in Finals, with the farther of the two again counting as their score. And, of course, the longest jump wins!

It is interesting to note that, originally, although the Novice division was always present in the Splash placements, it did not have its own Finals round. However, after two GSDs by the names of Ice and Aro (both owned by the author) began their dock jumping careers



Baako learning UA with the author in St. Clair, MI, 2007 (C)

at UAD's first event in Milford, MI, they became regulars with the group. At the time, both were consistent Novice jumpers and the UAD staff, again trying to find ways to encourage and acknowledge everyone

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involved, decided to add the Novice Finals and make it a permanent fixture in their UA setup. Ironically, at the event of its addition, Aro earned a new personal best of 10'4" for his second jump in the last Splash. Thus, it created a somewhat comical moment when they were told by UAD staff, "we made Novice Finals for you!" Yet they still did not get to participate, due to that last Junior jump! Still, it certainly made five other Novice teams at the event happy and proud to finally be included in Finals.

Ultimate Vertical (UV)



Aro and the author competing in UV in Imlay City, MI, 2007 (D)

is another thrilling sport which, unlike the others, is not based on distance, but rather the height jumped. UV competitions employ a device which suspends a bumper eight feet out from the end of the dock, allowing its height to be adjusted. The lowest height allowed for a successful jump to count towards UKC titles is 4'8". Dogs must run down the dock, jump, and bring the bumper down, taking it with them into the water below. While most handlers prefer a clean catch, it is not required and teams may advance if the bumper is simply knocked down by the dog, rather than grabbed and pulled off. Each team is allowed two tries at each height. If a dog misses both times, that team is out. The bumper is moved up in 2" increments and the competition continues until only one dog remains. However, if more than one dog tops out at the same height, the winner is determined by which team had the fewest misses throughout all their attempts. There are two divisions in UV. The Supreme division includes heights of 5'11" and under, while the Radical division includes heights of 6'0" and up.

Although this is definitely a sport highly populated by retrieving breeds,

it is open to any and all dogs, regardless of breed or mix thereof. Additionally, the most commonly seen breeds are not always the biggest jumpers! While the White Shepherd is not yet heavily represented, there are a few who have and do participate. The first WS to ever compete in dock jumping, Lazar, owned by Michelle Koons, is also the first and only WS to earn a UAD title and the breed's UA record holder. Lazar



Michelle Koons and Lazar competing in UA in Imlay City, MI, 2006 (E)

has competed at a few events, with a top finish of 2nd place in Novice Finals. He holds a Novice UA title, although his best jump is just into the Junior division. Tight on his heels for the record is Indy, owned by Beth Crawford. Indy competed with UAD at UKC Premier 2007, with a top jump of 8'6" earning a place in the Novice Finals,



Beth Crawford's Indy competing in UA in Kalamazoo, MI, 2007 (F)

where the team placed 5th. Since then, Beth and her husband have stayed active in the sport and Indy has achieved a new personal best of 11'8". Beth has also started jumping Trooper, who has a great deal of enthusiasm for the sport, flying to the distance of 6'. Kole, owned by Judy Huston, is another WS of note. While Kole has not yet officially competed, he has attended a couple events for practice and regularly works at perfecting his jumping skills both at home and at a dock training facility in Romulus, MI. Kole will definitely be one to watch once he does start his competitive career, as some of his practice jumps in Romulus were measured at around 20'!

Hopefully, we will see more White Shepherds soon. Until then, some of

their German Shepherd Dog relatives are quite active in the sport. The first GSD to ever compete and be titled in the sport is Ice, who was a consistent Novice and occasionally lower Junior jumper. Ice was owned by the author and, as mentioned above, is one of her two dogs who inspired the addition of Novice Finals. Aro, the second of those two dogs, is a consistent Junior/Senior jumper, the second GSD to earn a UAD title, and also the first of the breed to compete and title in UV. Aro holds the breed UV record with a two-time best of 6'2" and also

held the UA record for several years. In June of 2007, however, Moxie, owned by Sandy Glassford, broke and still holds the record with a jump of 19'8". A few other well known GSDs in the sport are Jack Tar, who is just now moving into the Senior division after starting out late last year (also owned by the author); Navarre, a consistent Junior jumper owned by Marcia Cavan; and Oz, another Junior jumper owned by Nichole Howard.



Sandy Glassford's Moxie competes in UA in Ionia, MI, 2007 (H)

While the sport may seem simple, don't let that fool you... not only can it take more time and effort to get your pup used to, but it also has a lot of valuable benefits. For one, the sport is a great confidence builder. Many dogs do not jump (or, at least, not particularly far) their first event. The most often given and stressed precautionary advice from the sport's veterans is, "Do not be discouraged if your dog does not jump well, or at all, in their first few events." The noise, crowds, and hectic pace are sometimes far more than a lot of dogs are used to. Dock jumping can most definitely be a



Judy Huston's Kole practicing for UA in Romulus, MI, 2007 (G)

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loud sport. Expect there to be lots of excitement and many driven, energetic dogs present, many of whom will express their enthusiasm through an assortment of barks, yips, and howls. Another factor to consider is that, while many dogs are used to jumping off a dock (often no more than a foot above the water) at home (a familiar environment) into a lake or pond (more open and easily recognized as water) with an easy and clear exit route (swim to the shore), the normal competitive dock jumping setup is quite different. Dogs are jumping off a much larger dock that also stands two feet above the water. They are jumping into a pool which, sometimes, can actually appear unfilled to the dog, due to the clearer, differently reflecting water. Because of this, UAD encourages that new dogs be introduced to the pool via the exit ramp, so that they realize what exactly is in there. Taking them on the exit ramp first also helps solve a problem which can scare first-time dogs... after they jump in and then cannot easily tell how to get out. If they already know of the ramp's presence, however, there is less chance for confusion. All these things take time to get used to. But, once the dog starts building confidence in the sport and themselves, you're sure to see a bigger, more consistent jumper. The self-assurance they gain alongside you is also a wonderful bonding experience, helping to create and solidify trust between the human and canine teammates.

The sport is also a great conditioner. Since it is so fast-paced and energetic, the dogs burn lots of calories and work a lot of muscles they normally wouldn't in other sports. It is also a particularly good sport for older dogs or those with joint issues, as it is low impact and the swimming is a great resistance exercise. Many multi-sport competitors comment on how their dogs have gained a lot of positives from the sport, including better overall health, endurance, and even knowing and adjusting their stride as needed for sports like agility and fly-ball.

While there are certainly more

perks that come along with the sport, one of the most cherished among competitors is the aforementioned family atmosphere that UAD inspires. Seeing teams cheer their direct competition on while they wait in line for their own turn is a common sight at these events. Equally frequent are the offers of help and support for the organization from its membership. The UAD forum is always abuzz with new ideas, congratulations messages, and more. The same open, accepting attitude is shown with newcomers to the sport as well. There is always someone willing and happy to help get your dog jumping at their first event or answer questions you may have. So, with all that in mind, if you and your pup are interested in getting starting in the crazy sport of dock jumping, there's certainly no reason to wait! Please feel free to visit our website, forum, and also view the list of upcoming events to find one in your area! Best of luck and we look forward to seeing you on the dock!

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For anything regarding UAD specifically, please visit the UAD website at:

<http://ultimateairdogs.net/>

There you will find links to the UAD forum, general sport information, past event results and an upcoming events schedule, the official rules and policies governing the sport, including title requirements, a contact info section for UAD staff, and more!

For three additional dock jumping articles, written by Sara Chisnell-Voigt, UAD's UKC rep, please see: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/> and follow the dock jumping link located in the "Feature" section in the upper right corner of the site.

A Profile of Dock Diving



Beth and Indy compete at the Cottage Life Show in 2008 (I)



Michelle Koons and Lazer compete in UA in Imlay City, MI, 2006 (J)



Beth's Indy competing in the Binbrook show in 2007 (K)



Nichole Howard's Oz competes in UA in Traverse City, MI, 2007 (L)



Marcia Cavan's Navarre compete in UA in MI, 2006 (M)



Heather Mehi's Nykie is presented with a plaque for her retirement from the sport (P)



Aro and the author competing in UV in Imlay City, MI, 2007 (S)



Beth and Trooper at the Cottage Life show in 2008 (N)



Beth and Indy competing at the Cottage Life show in 2008 (Q)



Judy Huston and Kole practice for UA in Romulus, MI, 2007 (T)



Jack Tar and the author compete in UA in St. Clair, MI, 2007 (O)



Sandy Glassford's Moxie competes in UA in Ionia, MI, 2007 (R)



Aro and the author competing in UA at the UKC Premier 2007 (U)

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LEXI'S STORY

BIMBS, RSINMS, GRCH, FO, Shylo's Galaxy Star, CGC, VCC, VCCX, HIC, TDI, RN, OV, SD Certified

Lexi was born in Shira's second litter. She was born from an unplanned father (last minute change of studs), and out of 9 pups was the only female. The boys were all I could have asked for – but this little female was such a little brat. She could

get out of any thing. I would find her every morning in different room of the house, chewing up some thing. She picked on her brothers, drove her mother insane. And didn't have a spec of Shira's looks in her anywhere.

She got the name "Mutant Child" by the time she was 4 weeks old, and rightly deserved it!!!

By 7 weeks of age all the boys were spoken for and

I still could not decide on the female pup's new owner. I jokingly said to my family that she was going to have to stay here – I could not disappoint just one buyer, it would have to be all of them, after all 2 of the buyers were good friends. The response I got floored me – "Yeah we already knew she was staying". Now remember I did not like this pup, she is NOT what I wanted! But truthfully I think it was not the thought of disappointing friends, it was that this little girl had won my heart with out me even realizing it .

We headed out with what I thought would be a fair to middle of the road pup to the show ring. Well Little Miss

Mutant Child would have no part of being middle of the road. Her first show out she took Best Puppy, her second one Best Puppy in Multi Breed Show. Gee, maybe I was wrong about her; nope she still was a pain in the butt and still had no bone or coat. We waited and waited, breeders kept tell me "give her time to mature ". She kept winning, but still looked like a baby to me and not even close to what I wanted

in my line. She took Premier by storm in 2006; every one commented that she was "nice". I was in love with her brother and kicked my self for not keeping him – think they would trade? Nope.

My life took a tough turn about then and I had to move out of the house to take care of my mother and Lexi was left alone to be cared for by her mother, Shira (NOT a good thing). When I returned home I decided to breed Shira again and finish up some titles on her, I really didn't pay much attention to Lexi (bad owner).

2007 – Lexi was finally going to get my attention and some training – actually time to un train what her Mother had taught her in my absence. I will never forget that day. I looked down at the end of the leash and said "who are you?" My little Mutant Child had grown up!!! There before me stood a dog that I could not only like – but be proud of. She gave me the funniest look, kinda like "Gee you finally noticed ". Seems turning 2 was the magic number for Lexi.

Today Lexi is still my mutant child,

and will be forever but this little fur ball has more than proven herself in the show ring – taking Top Ten Best of Breed and Total Dog at this years Premier, and holding the UKC record for most BOB and BIMBS in the breeds history. She has also proved herself as a wonderful therapy dog and not to bad of obedience dog either. She is very fast becoming a wonderful service dog for me with the added thing her mother just didn't have in her - protection, Shira is just too people friendly !!! She is well on her way to passing her mother in titles, some thing I never thought could happen.

Lexi is all I could have hoped for in a pup, well almost, there is that coat issue . She has been featured in ads, on bags, blankets, and is the poster child for our genetics project. But one has to wonder – did the name "Mutant Child" make this little girl try harder? Did that snotty puppy decide to prove me wrong? Not sure we will ever know – But Shira is her mother after all – so there is a good chance of it being true!!!



Lexi stacked



Lexi with her Dam, Shira



Lexi performing Therapy Dog Work



Lexi taking off!

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LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“I wish I could line them [Judges] all up and place them according to what I think of them, explaining why I placed each and every one of them where I did”

~Diana Updike



Missy turns 3 yrs. 4/30/05

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

UKC Top Ten 2006 & 2007

Breeder: Rhonda McMahan, SureFire Shepherds

Owners: Scarlett & Tim Sanders



Dixie turned 2 on 3/4/06

Foxhunt's Proud tobe from Dixie

UKC/CH Pointed

Breeder/Owners:

Scarlett & Tim Sanders

Falconara Wishes a very happy first birthday to Vivid Daydreams Dionna aka Ruby

Submitted by Cate Helfgott

Things Seem to be Going Right!

I have been desperately trying to increase my show experience since this past December when I started. I love showing, and I make a point to ask every judge what they think of my dogs, and occasionally I get something more. At the Carolina Classic, a Judge who was exhibiting gave me some handling advice that was beyond priceless. But with that he also complimented the White Shepherd as a breed and it's functionality. This is the second Judge who has said this to me, and it just makes me think more and more we are going in the right direction with our dogs!

Submitted By : Catherine Helfgott

Mentors

This was something else I thought I would mention. I've noticed that the membership of the UWSC has been incredibly kind towards mentoring new members. I just wanted to say thanks as one of those new members, and also hope that all of you who are helping us continue to do so in the future! Without your help I would have been...well...lost. Thanks again!

Submitted By : Catherine Helfgott

Do Yourself and Our Breed a Favor Participate in Breed Booths!



To anyone that has ever thought of hosting or attending a Breed Booth at a Pet Expo, you really need to go forward with that thought and I guarantee that you will be happy you decided to participate. We have had the opportunity to do

just that many times over the years and have never regretted our decision. It is so easy to set up an attractive booth and display wonderful pictures and information about the dogs we love so much and are so dear to our hearts, the White Shepherds.

Though we had a lot of positive experiences with the last booth we did in Grand Rapids, I just wanted to share with you a very special moment we encountered. During a time when some of the others that were helping with the booth that weekend talked to people who were stopping to enjoy our beautiful dogs, I happened to notice a woman come up to our area and immediately start to cry. The tears were running down her face and she put her hand over her heart and patted it as I have done hundreds of times when I think about our incredible boy Luger who we lost not so long ago. She turned and walked away and I watched her stop a few booths down and try to wipe away the tears. I went down to the booth and put my arms around her shoulder and told her I knew what she was feeling and I was sorry she had to go through that. She hugged me back, now crying even harder and told me she had just lost her beautiful White Shepherd a year ago and the shock of seeing our dogs was overwhelming for her. She tried to apologize for not being able to meet Lazer and Kimber, but she felt that it would be much too difficult to do so.

We talked for awhile and I told her the enormous pain we still feel when we think about our special guy, Luger, and how much we miss him every day. After a few minutes, she took my hand and said that now she felt strong enough and would like to come meet the two wonderful dogs at the booth that looked so much like her special boy she said good-bye to last year. She spent time with Kimber and Lazer, petting and talking with them for awhile. When she left she thanked us again for helping her get through the first time she had seen a White Shepherd since the day she lost her boy, and told us how comforting it was to touch the soft white fur that she longed to feel once again.

Another memory I have of running a booth for the White Shepherds occurred during the American Family Pet Expo (Novi) in November 2006. Michelle and I took Luger, Lazer and

Kimber. Luger was 13 1/2 years old and couldn't participate in many events anymore. He absolutely LOVED all the attention he received from the people passing by. He had a large stuffed turtle that he proudly carried around. With his tail wagging, he would show anyone his toy that was interested. This was the last event Luger had the chance to do before we lost him in December, 2006. It does my heart so much good to know that he had one more weekend in the spotlight before making his journey to heaven.

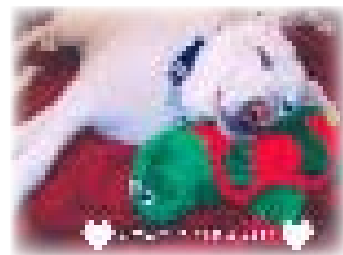
You receive a great feeling of accomplishment and pride when you can spend quality time with your beautiful fur babies as you share them with crowds of people, many that have no idea what incredible dogs the White Shepherds truly are. It is a marvelous way to educate people about the pros and cons of making these amazing dogs a part of any family as well as answering all their questions about the myths that they have heard about the breed



We have experienced every kind of emotion possible while attending these expos....laughter, sadness, anger, surprise, shock, and joy just to name a few. We have always come away learning something new from every breed booth we have worked, some good/some bad, but always educational. It never fails to amaze us to discover how others perceive the German Shepherd dogs in general, not just the White Shepherds, with so many misdirected concerns and misunderstandings. We find it very rewarding and satisfying when we are successful in helping educating them on the truth. These opportunities serve as a wonderful tool in allowing people to get a chance to know the White Shepherds up close and personal for the type of dogs they really are

I would like to thank Pam, Michelle, Sheri and Gloria for attending the expo and helping with the booth over the whole weekend. We had a great time visiting with each other, meeting a ton of new people, spoiling our dogs and just hanging out doing something we love to do, talk about the best breed in the world, the White Shepherd.

If the opportunity arises, don't pass it by; participate in hosting a breed booth!!!!



Submitted by : Pam Koons

WHITE SHEPHERDS IN THE UKC

UPCOMING SHOWS

Conformation and Junior Showmanship

- 05 April 2008 - Long Beach, MS : Great Southern Kennel Club
- 05 April 2008 - Warrenton, VA : Shanendoah Belgian Shepherd Dog Association
- 05 April 2008 - Dunbar, KY : Unitd Irish Red and White Setter Society
- 12 April 2008 - Modesto, CA : Central Valley Rate Terrier Club
- 12 April 2008 - Hollywood, FL : Mid-Florida Dog Club
- 12 April 2008 - Whitmore Lake, MI : Michigan Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 18 April 2008 - Wapakoneta, OH : Ohio Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 18 April 2008 - Chesterfield, VA : Mid Atlantic Kennel Club
- 19 April 2008 - Archer, FL : Earthworkers, Inlimited
- 19 April 2008 - Tonganoxie, KS : Heartland Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 19 April 2008 - Minneapolis, MN : Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association
- 19 April 2008 - Sparks, NV : Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - St. Helens, OR : American Eskimo Dog Association of Oregon
- 19 April 2008 - Racine, WI : Glen of Imaal Terrier Club
- 20 April 2008 - Racine, WI : Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 25 April 2008 - Jayess, MS : Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 26 April 2008 - Westfield, MA : Apple Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 26 April 2008 - Elburn, IL : K9 Petiquettes
- 26 April 2008 - Edwardsburg, IN : Echo Club
- 26 April 2008 - Salisbury, NC : United Labrador Retriever Association
- 26 April 2008 - Norman, OK : Oklahoma American Eskimo Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Lucerne Valley, CA : Desert Trails All Breed Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Laporte, IN : Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 03 May 2008 - Virginia Beach, VA : Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club
- 10 May 2008 - Modesto, CA : Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 10 May 2008 - Locke, NY : Finger Lakes American Eskimo Dog Association
- 10 May 2008 - Eufaula, OK : Performance Events Trials and Shows
- 10 May 2008 - Shelton, WA : Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- 15 May 2008 - Dunlap, IL : Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 15 May 2008 - Perry, GA : Middle Georgia Kennel Club
- 16 May 2008 - Randolph, OH : Carnation City Kennel Club
- 17 May 2008 - Claremont, CA : South Bay Dog Fanciers
- 17 May 2008 - Dunlap, IL : Illinois Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 17 May 2008 - Kyoto, Japan : J Taz Kennel Club
- 17 May 2008 - Belair, MD : Old Line State United Dog Club
- 23 May 2008 - Lakeland, FL : American Rat Terrier Association
- 23 May 2008 - Salt Lake City, UT : Wasatch American Eskimo Dog Association
- 24 May 2008 - Calremont, CA : American Pit Bull Terrier Club of Southern California
- 24 May 2008 - Hollywood, FL : Mid Florida Dog Club

BRAGS!

Connecticut

Show One:

3 Entries

Judge Carleen Farrington

Male Puppy RBM

Prince Royale Kaufman

Kenneth Makowski

Adult Male BM BOW BOB

CH Tumbledown's King Reno's Star

Kimberly King

Sr. Female BF

Halo Royale Von Tasz

Robin Davey

Show Two:

3 Entries

Judge Kathy Hartmann

Male Puppy BM

Prince Royale Kaufman

Kenneth Makowski

Adult Male RBM

CH Tumbledown's King Reno's Star

Kimberly King

Sr. Female BF BOW BOB

Halo Royale Von Tasz

Robin Davey

- 24 May 2008 - Lakeland, FL : Sunshine Terrier Club
- 24 May 2008 - Punxsutawney, PA : Alaskan Klee Kai Association of America
- 30 May 2008 - Wapakoneta, OH : Ohio Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 31 May 2008 - Ixonia, WI : Wisconsin Boston Terrier Association
- 31 May 2008 - Enfield, CT : American Pit Bull Terrier Club of New England
- 31 May 2008 - Enumclaw, WA : American Eskimo Dog Association of Washington
- 07 June 2008 - Holly, MI : Great Lakes Labrador Lovers
- 07 June 2008 - Lake Elmo, MN : United German Shepherd Dog Alliance
- 12 June 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : THE PREMIER
- 21 June 2008 - McHenry, IL : Mid Lakes Australian Shepherd Club
- 21 June 2008 - Westfield, MA : American Eskimo Dog Club of New England
- 21 June 2008 - Youngstown, NY : United Greyhound Club
- 27 June 2008 - Farmington, UT : Canyonlands Canine Association
- 27 June 2008 - Rancho Cordova, CA : Nor Cal American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 28 June 2008 - Clearwater, FL : Florida Siberian Husky Association
- 28 June 2008 - East freehold, NJ : Northeastern Multibreed and Obedience Club
- 28 June 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 04 July 2008 - Randolph, OH : Carnation City Kennel Club
- 04 July 2008 - Auburn, WA : UKC Washington Classic
- 04 July 2008 - Auburn, WA : Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- 05 July 2008 - Schiller Park, IL : Northern Illinois Bouvier Des Flanders Club
- 05 July 2008 - Benton, LA : South Louisiana Kennel Club
- 05 July 2008 - Long Beach, MS : Great Southern Kennel Club
- 12 July 2008 - Hamden, CT : Sleeping Giant Kennel Club
- 12 July 2008 - Sparks, NV : Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 12 July 2008 - Centerton, NJ : Garden State Kennel Club
- 12 July 2008 - Centerton, NJ : United Labrador Retriever Association
- 12 July 2008 - Ixonia, WI : Wisconsin Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 18 July 2008 - Claremont, CA : Alaskan Klee Kai Association of America
- 18 July 2008 - Longmont, CO : Israel Canaan Dog Club of America
- 18 July 2008 - Longmont, CO : Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 18 July 2008 - Locke, NY : Figer Lakes American Eskimo Dog Association
- 18 July 2008 - Locke, NY : Great Lakes Boxer Club
- 19 July 2008 - Rancho Cordova, CA : Gold Country Hounds and Hunters
- 19 July 2008 - Lakeland, FL : Hurrican Alley American Hairless Terrier Association
- 19 July 2008 - Tonganoxie, KS : Heartland Toy Fox Terrier Association
- 19 July 2008 - Bowdoinham, ME : Acadia Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
- 19 July 2008 - Longview, WA : Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 25 July 2008 - Erin Ontario, Canada : Maple Leaf Kennel Club
- 25 July 2008 - Simpsonville, KY : Mason-Dixon Multi-Breed Dog Association
- 26 July 2008 - Westfield, MA : Apple Valley Rat Terrier Club
- 26 July 2008 - Ann Arbor, MI : Bluewater Bouvier Club of Michigan
- 26 July 2008 - Hutto, TX : Lone Star - Louisiana Toy Fox Terrier Association

Obedience Events

- 05 April 2008 - Anchorage, AK : Alyeska Canine Trainers
- 05 April 2008 - San Diego, CA : All Breed Obedience Club
- 05 April 2008 - Jacksonville, FL : First Coast Dog Obedience Training
- 06 April 2008 - Frankin, MA : Weston Dog Training Club
- 12 April 2008 - Yukon Territory, Canada : Whitehorse Woofers Dog Club

Illinois

Show One:

3 Entries
Judge Lynette Backman

Female Puppy BF, CH BOB
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

RBF GROUP THIRD
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

Show Two:

3 Entries
Judge Pamela Moore

Female Puppy BF CH BOB
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

RBF GROUP SECOND
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

Show Three:

3 Entries
Judge Patricia Young

Female Puppy BF CH BOB
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

RBFV NLPuppy Class NFP BP
Royal Hale Koa's Makai
Jacqueline O'Connor

GROUP FOURTH
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

Show Four:

3 Entries
Judge Nancy Eilks

Female Puppy BF CH BOB
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

RBF NLPuppy Class NFP BP
Royal Hale Koa's Makai
Jacqueline O'Connor

GROUP FOURTH
CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa
Jacqueline O'Connor

- 12 April 2008 - Ocala, FL : United Marion Dog Training Association
- 12 April 2008 - Loves Park, IL : Rock Valley Kennel Federation
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - Minneapolis, MN : Northern Lights American Eskimo Dog Association
- 19 April 2008 - Hillsboro, OR : Northwest Oregon Dog Training Club
- 19 April 2008 - Fountain Inn, SC : Carolina Obedience and Agility Trainers
- 26 April 2008 - Edwardsburg, IN : Echo Club
- 26 April 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 03 May 2008 - Pottstown, IL : Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 03 May 2008 - Lucerne Valley, CA : Desert Trails All Breed Dog Club
- 03 May 2008 - Laporte, IN : Trail Creek Dog Training Club
- 17 May 2008 - Longmont, CO : Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 17 May 2008 - Flanders, PA : Pennjy Obedience Club
- 31 May 2008 - St. Petersburg, FL : United Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg
- 31 May 2008 - Farmington, UT : Gone to the Dogs
- 06 June 2008 - Council Bluffs, IA : Friends of BDOC
- 07 June 2008 - Juneau, AK : Capital Kennel Club of Juneau
- 07 June 2008 - Lake Elmo, MN : Minnesota Mixed Breed Club
- 12 June 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : THE PREMIER
- 14 June 2008 - Spokane, WA : Lilac City Dog Training Club
- 21 June 2008 - Tulsa, OK : Tulsa Agility Club
- 21 June 2008 - Bothell, WA : Monroe Valley Dog Training Club
- 28 June 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 04 July 2008 - Auburn, WA : UKC Washington Classic
- 12 July 2008 - Hamden, CT : Sleeping Giant Kennel Club
- 12 July 2008 - Evansville, IN : Lincoln Trail Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
- 12 July 2008 - Apex, NC : Carolina Canine Pet and Performance
- 18 July 2008 - Claremont, CA : Alaskan Klee Kai Association of America
- 18 July 2008 - Longmont, CO : Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 19 July 2008 - Ann Arbor, MI : Wolverine Dog Training Club
- 19 July 2008 - Quackertown, PA : Hilltown Dog Training Club

Weight Pull Events

- 12 April 2008 - Leslie, MI : Mid West Weight Pullers
- 12 April 2008 - Dallas, NC : Tar Heel Kenne Club
- 12 April 2008 - Longview, WA : Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 18 April 2008 - Denton, TX : North Texas American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 19 April 2008 - Denton, TX : United National Weight Pull Association
- 25 April 2008 - Jayess, MS : Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 03 May 2008 - Virginia Beach, VA : Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club
- 09 May 2008 - Reno, NV : Silver State American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 17 May 2008 - Belair, MD : Old Line State United Dog Club
- 31 May 2008 - Enfield, CT : New England Pullers Association
- 31 May 2008 - Oceanside, CA : Rip Curl, Weight Pullers
- 07 June 2008 - Lake Elmo, MN : Minnesota Mixed Breed Club
- 07 June 2008 - Longview, WA : Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- 12 June 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : THE PREMIER

Maryland

Show One:

1 Entry
Judge Linda Reece

Female Puppy BF BOB
Vivid Daydreams Dionna
Catherine Helfgott

Show Two:

1 Entry
Judge Deborah Allen

Female Puppy BF BOB
Vivid Daydreams Dionna
Catherine Helfgott

New Jersey

Show One:

2 Entries
Judge Betty Umberto-Wells

Female Puppy BF
Royal Prairie Wind
Nancy De Garmo

CH BOB
CH Hollybrook's Bodacious
Nancy De Garmo

Show Two:

2 Entries
Judge Donald Wells

Female Puppy BF BOB
Royal Prairie Wind
Nancy De Garmo

CH
CH Hollybrook's Bodacious
Nancy De Garmo

Agility Events

- 05 April 2008 - Warrenville, IL : Smack Dab's Obedience Trainers
- 12 April 2008 - Ocala, FL : United Marion Dog Training Association
- 12 April 2008 - Henderson, KY : Lincoln Trail Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
- 12 April 2008 - New Hill, NC : Autumn Winds Agility Club
- 12 April 2008 - Ixonia, WI : Bark River Dog Club
- 19 April 2008 - Manville, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 26 April 2008 - Grand Blanc, MI : Dog Sports of Genesee County
- 26 April 2008 - Lewisburg, PA : Trained N' Talented Canines
- 26 April 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 26 April 2008 - Spring Grove, WI : WI-IL Agility Group
- 03 May 2008 - Pottstown, IL : Kickapoo Kreek K9 Klub
- 03 May 2008 - Chesapeake, VA : Tidewater Dog Performance Club
- 10 May 2008 - Escondido, CA : San Diego Dog Fanciers
- 10 May 2008 - Lakeland, FL : United IPOC
- 17 May 2008 - Cornell, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 17 May 2008 -Lansing, MI : MI Dog Agility
- 17 May 2008 -Mishicot, WI : Liberty All-Breed K9 Club
- 31 May 2008 - St. Petersburg, FL : United Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg
- 31 May 2008 - Lawrence, KS : United Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club
- 07 June 2008 - Warrenville, IL : Smack-Dabs Obedience Training
- 07 June 2008 - Hutchinson, KS : Hutchinson Agility Training Team
- 07 June 2008 - Manasses, VA : Mattaponi Kennel Club
- 08 June 2008 - Manasses, VA : Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club
- 12 June 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : THE PREMIER
- 14 June 2008 - Lincoln , NE : Lilac City Dog Training Club
- 28 June 2008 - Montpelier, OH : Northwest Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- 04 July 2008 - Auburn, WA : UKC Washington Classic
- 12 July 2008 - Warrenville, IL : Smack-Dabs Obedience Training
- 18 July 2008 - Longmont, CO : Twin Peaks Dog Club
- 19 July 2008 - Tampa, FL : Dog Training Club of Tampa
- 19 July 2008 - Cornell, IL : United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- 19 July 2008 - Springfield, MO : Competition Dogs of the Ozarks
- 26 July 2008 - Golden, CO : Frontier Belgian Shepherd Dog Association
- 26 July 2008 - Schiller Park, IL : Windy City Agility Club

Dog Sport Events

- 03 May 2008 - St. Johns, MI : Capital City Dog Sport Association
- 12 June 2008 - Kalamazoo, MI : THE PREMIER



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Current Top Ten Standings

1. GRCH Royal Adonis	15
2. Royal Wish Upon a Star	10
3. CH Hallmark Kahuna's Hana Ho Koa	8
4. Royal Take it to the Limit	5
5. CH Hollybrook's Bodacious	4
6. Royal Prairie Wind	2
6. CH Tumbledown's King Reno's Star	2
6. Halo Royal Von Tasz	2

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Abe Toledo

My name is Abe Toledo, I currently reside in Jersey City, NJ and this is my second year as a member of the UWSC.

When I am not busy working as an international flight attendant for Continental Airlines, I love spending time training my White Shepherd male, named 'Chase,' that I purchased from Barbara Hively of Vantasia Kennels. Even though I am not a breeder, I like keeping myself informed and knowledgeable of all things pertaining to this wonderful breed.

My love for German Shepherds, and especially the White Shepherds started back when I was a young boy growing up in Chicago. My uncle, Edward, who owned two shepherds, would make it a point to bring his two dogs with him whenever he came to visit our home.

I fell in love with the White Shepherd while watching, 1970's TV Series 'Long Street,' starring James Franciscus and his White Shepherd, 'Pax.' I made a promise to myself that I would

Catherine Helfgott



Hello everyone. As I am a relatively new member of the UWSC, I thought I would take this time to introduce myself and my dogs. I have been a member of the UWSC for a little under a year. I first became involved in the White Shepherd three years ago when I came across a beautiful white dog while skiing in Switzerland. Both my father and I fell in love. Originally we had thought her to be a Shepherd-Husky mix, and as a result we adopted our first dog, an All-

American Mutt named Jay, who has become sort of a family angel.

Through Jay I learned the joys of dog ownership, and while he lives with my father, he has driven everything I have done with dogs. Because of him I became a dog obedience instructor, learned about proper dog ownership, researching breeders and lines.

Later that year I did some research and realized that the white dog I had met was in fact a White (Swiss) Shepherd. After that I did some research and ended up reserving a pup from Vivid Daydreams Kennel (owned by Dolly Harmsen) in Holland. She gave me my beautiful girl, Ruby, who came home with me in June of 2007.

get a White Shepherd someday. I finally got my first White Shepherd puppy that I named Max. I believe, he was from Old Snow Cloud lines, who grew up to be a big dog at 128 pounds. Max was a wonderful dog, a great companion and guardian of his home and family.

It would not be until 1997 that I would get my second White Shepherd. I purchased a beautiful puppy from Ronda Beaupre, who at that time, was in Indiana and I named the puppy Kiko.

Kiko was the best dog that anyone could have asked for - all who knew him would describe him as a gentle soul without a mean bone in his body. My partner and I were fortunate enough to have had Kiko in our life for good 10 years. Our beloved Kiko passed away in May 2007 and will always be in our hearts.

At some point I would love to be able to attend one of the many events offered by the UWSC.

Take care, and keep up the good work,

Abe

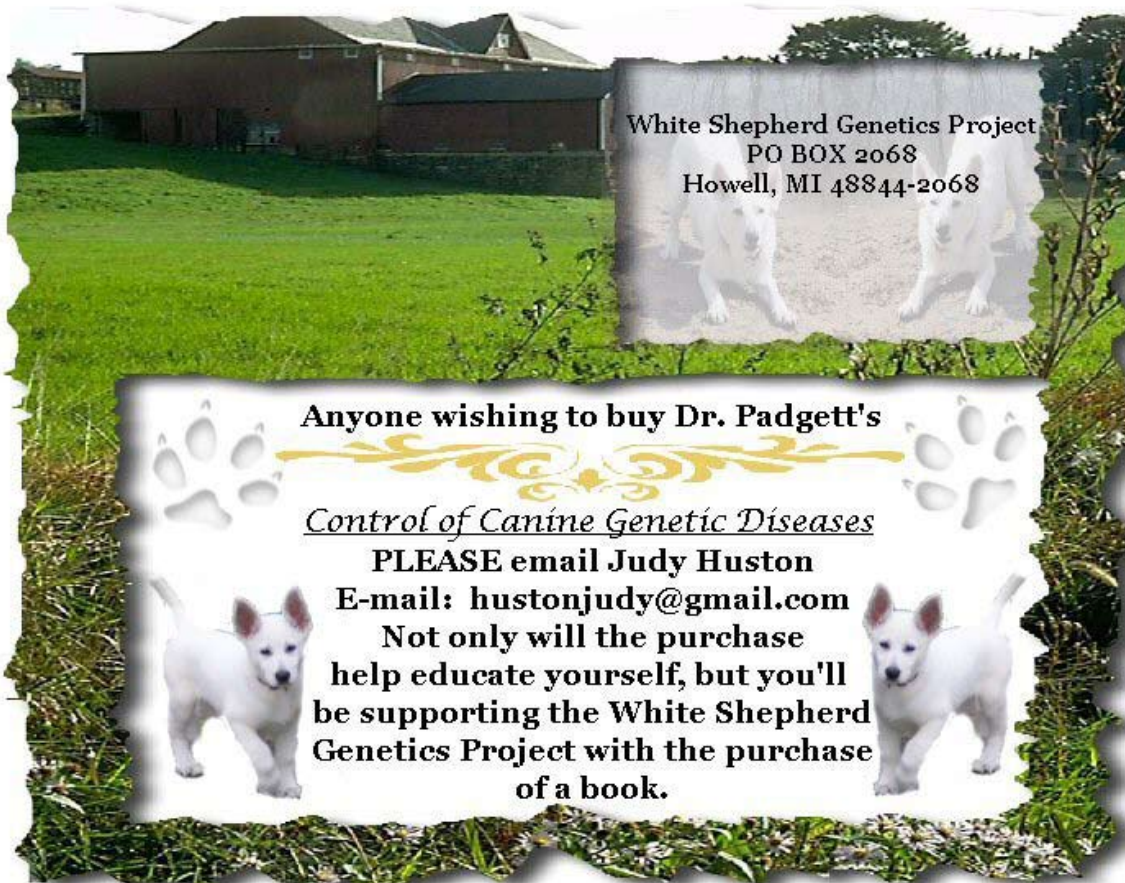
With Ruby I fell in love with the breed, and more importantly, the activities this breed can do. I learned about Conformation, Schutzhund and Herding - all of which I am now training towards. In December 2007 a friend of mine came across Rose Bible, who had a couple of pups for sale. I got my second puppy, Leo from her. While Ruby does do SchH, she is more of my Herding baby, while Leo is clearly my SchH baby.

I have become completely enamored with this breed...and I hope to build genetically sound lines with solid nerves, working drives, and structure using a cross of lines from both the United States and Europe. I look forward to continuing my education in training through both my dogs, whom I don't think will be satisfied doing just one or two activities (as active as they are).

I have gained a lot of friends in the one year I have been in this breed, as well as a lot of mentors. I will be attending Premier this year, and I very much look forward to meeting many of you there.



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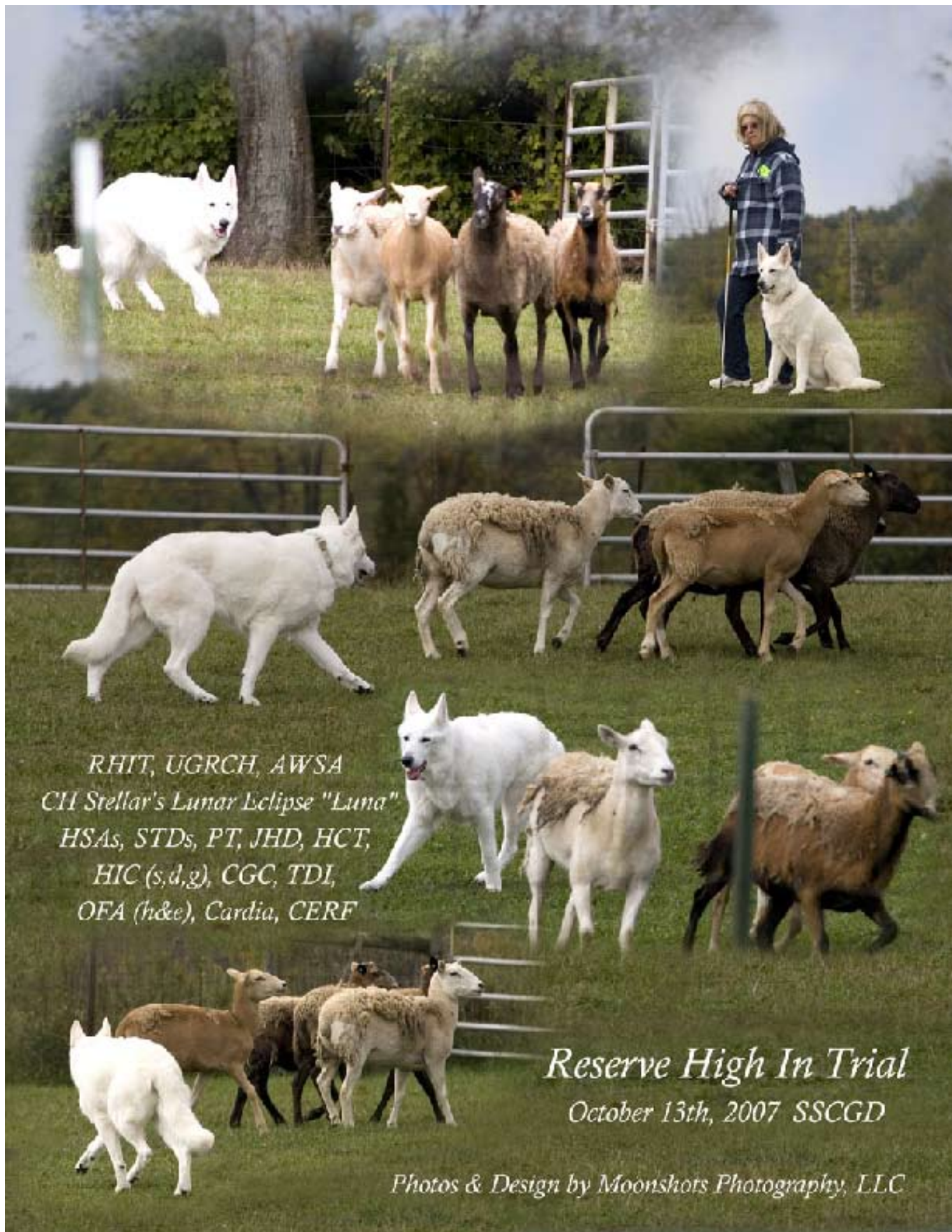
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Reno

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