



United White Shepherd Club Newsletter



Our Dogs do Stuff!

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Letter from the newsletter staff

Hey everyone!

I am sure many of you are packing up and heading to Premier...good luck and have so much fun! I know it is a lot of fun getting to meet members, their dogs and getting to watch our White Dogs excel in each and every event 😊! Please be sure to take many pics, not only of the events, but of members, dogs being silly, people being silly (lol, no one in our group is silly though) and just of all the fun you have there that some of us miss out on.

I am sure everyone's weather has started to warm up, I know down here in Texas, it is HOT and HUMID!! I think it is going to be a rough summer ./.. Be sure your dogs have plenty of water to drink and are not out doors too long in the heat! Don't forget to take fun summer pics of your dog(s) for the photo contest!!

Tara Tippit



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=72011>



Braggs



April 9-10, 2011 United White Shepherd Club UKC show in Valparaiso, IN
 Best of Breed Puppy 3 of 4 shows
 Best in Show Puppy 3 of 4 shows
 Age 5 months, shown by Jean Reeves

Congratulations to Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz "Blitz" on his wins at the UKC Valparaiso, IN shows.
 Owner: Sharyl Sadowski



Foxhunt White Shepherds had 2 dogs tested for DM and both are DM Normal...

"Hero"

GRCH Starr SureFire SuperHero Of FS, OFA Good H&E, PennHip .30/.29, Shoulder, Patella, Cardiac, Thyroid, DM Normal, MDRI N/N, DNA-P
 Owner: Scarlett & Tim Sanders / Foxhunt White Shepherds
 Breeder: Keslie Joyce / Starr Shepherds

"Mia" My Service Dog

BPIMBS, BPIS, GRCH Foxhunt's It's All About Me, CGC, OFA Good H&E, Shoulders, Patella, Cardiac, Thyroid, MDRI N/N, DM Normal, DNA-P
 O/B: Scarlett & Tim Sanders / Foxhunt White Shepherds



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Braggs



On May 16, 2011
Scarlett & Tim Sanders of Foxhunt
White Shepherds are honored to
have received the "Breeder of the
Year" Award this year from our
local dog club, Panama City Dog
Fanciers Association.



My puppy, Kerstone Twinpath Intoxicating "Kayla" earned
her AKC rally novice title in 3 straight shows at only 6 mos
and 4 days old! Kayla also received her CGC 2 days later!!

Owner: Robin Carmack

**BIG congratulations again to all of
Blitz's accomplishments!!**



May 14-15, 2011 AWSA and WSCC Specialty Shows in Wanatah, IN

May 14: AWSA - 1st place Puppy Dog
Reserve Winner's Dog

Best Opposite Sex Puppy

WSCC - 1st place Puppy Dog

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May 15: AWSA - 1st place Puppy Dog

Best Puppy

WSCC - 1st place Puppy Dog

Reserve Winner's Dog

Age 7 months shown by Jean

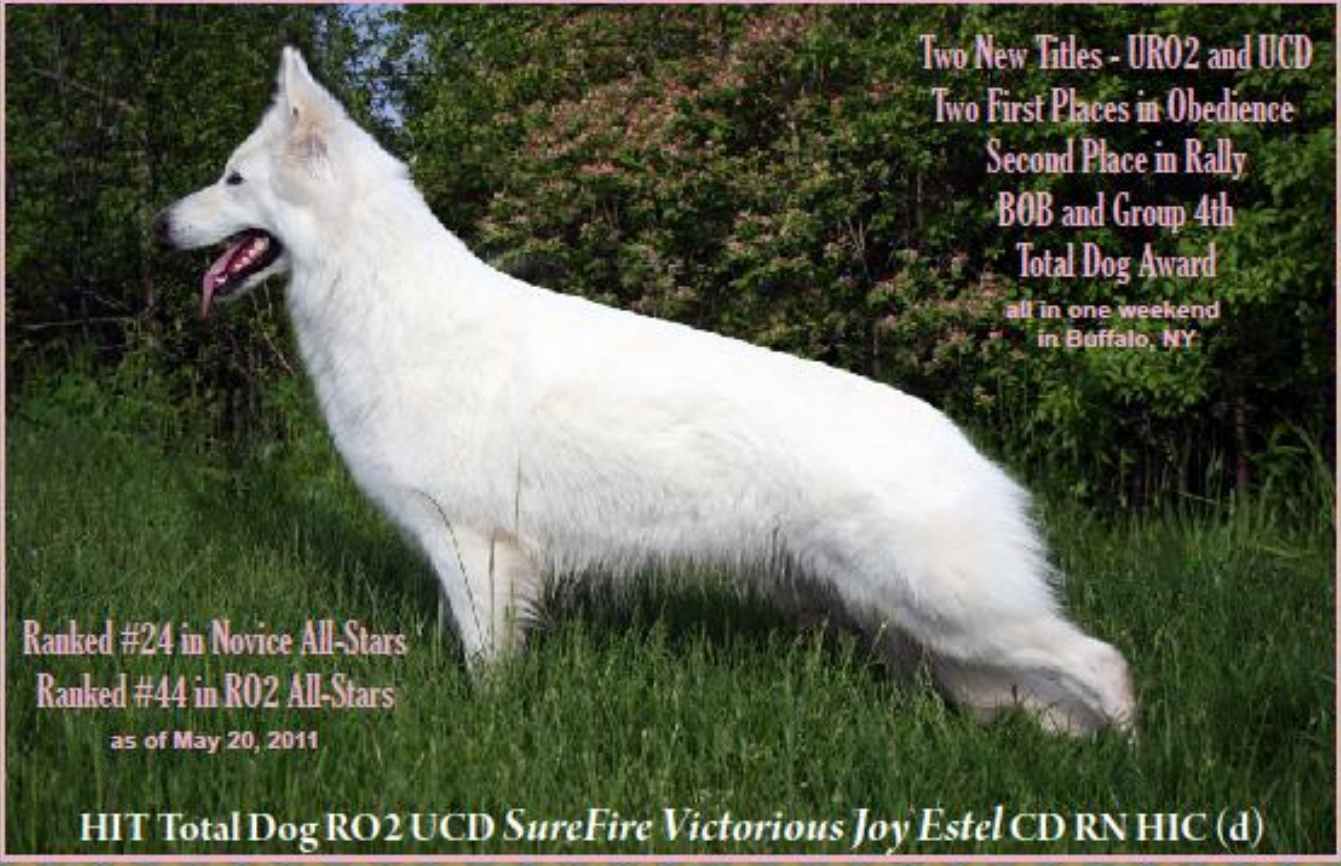
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Rally-O

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.





Two New Titles - URO2 and UCD
 Two First Places in Obedience
 Second Place in Rally
 BOB and Group 4th
 Total Dog Award
 all in one weekend
 in Buffalo, NY

Ranked #24 in Novice All-Stars
 Ranked #44 in RO2 All-Stars
 as of May 20, 2011

HIT Total Dog RO2 UCD *SureFire Victorious Joy Estel* CDRN HIC (d)

Congratulations to Scarlett & Tim Sanders of Foxhunt White Shepherds for receiving "Breeder of the Year" from the Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association, Inc., for the second year in a row. What a fantastic achievement and honor to be nominated twice and chosen twice. You guys rock!



2011 Valparaiso, IN UKC-All Breed Shows Results

Saturday, Show 1:

Judge: J. Ray Johnson

Best Male: Royal Fit To Be Tied (Shelly Vanett)

Best Female: Royal Oaks Goodwill at JayDees (Jen Proud)

Best of Winners: Royal Fit To Be Tied (Shelly Vanett)

Champion: Bahr S Royal Tequila Sunrise (Jean Reeves)

Reserve Champion: JayDee's Tax Collector at PHS (Jen Proud)

Grand Champion: Hallmark's Erika Von Phenom (Cindy McCann)

Best of Breed: (group 4th) Royal Fit To Be Tied (Shelly Vanett)

Best Puppy of Breed (BPIS): Hale Koa's Mauna Kea (Jackie
O'Connor)

Saturday, Show 2:

Judge: Joseph Gruby

Best Male: RaeBark's Blizzard Blitz (Rachel Clark)

Best Female: Royal Oaks Goodwill at JayDees (Jen Proud)

Best of Winners: Royal Oaks Goodwill at JayDees (Jen Proud)

Champion: Royal Fit To Be Tied (Shelly Vanett)

Reserve Champion: XCalibur's Lady of the Lake (Laura and Kevin
Connor)

Grand Champion: Royal Take It To The Limit (Miranda Reeves)

Best of Breed: (group 1st, RBIMBS) Royal Take It To The Limit
(Miranda Reeves)

Best Puppy of Breed: (BPIS) Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz
(Sharyl Sadowski)

Sparky got his Canine Good Citizen and Brandon, Sharyl's son, showed Sparky in Juniors for the first time.
Owner: Sharyl Sadowski



"Tater"



"Blitz"



2011 Valparaiso, IN UKC-All Breed Shows Results

Sunday, Show 1:

Judge: Richard Klatt

Best Male: RaeBark's Blizzard Blitz (Rachel Clark)

Best Female: Rolling Oaks Fully Armed With Teeth (Diane and Robert Massey)

Best of Winners: Rolling Oaks Fully Armed With Teeth (Diane and Robert Massey)

Champion: Bahr S Royal Tequila Sunrise (Jean Reeves)

Reserve Champion: JayDee's Tax Collector at PHS (Jen Proud)

Grand Champion: Royal Ready Set Go (Susan McGrath)

Best of Breed: (group 1st) Royal Ready Set Go (Susan McGrath)

Best Puppy of Breed: (BPIS) Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz
(Sharyl Sadowski)

Sunday, Show 2:

Judge: Mary King

Best Male: RaeBark's Blizzard Blitz (Rachel Clark)

Best Female: Rolling Oaks Fully Armed With Teeth (Diane and Robert Massey)

Best of Winners: Rolling Oaks Fully Armed With Teeth (Diane and Robert Massey)

Champion: XCalibur's Lady of the Lake (Laura and Kevin Connor)

Reserve Champion: Bahr S Royal Tequila Sunrise (Jean Reeves)

Grand Champion: Von Tasz Born To Win (Diana Updike)

Best of Breed: (group 2nd) Von Tasz Born To Win (Diana Updike)

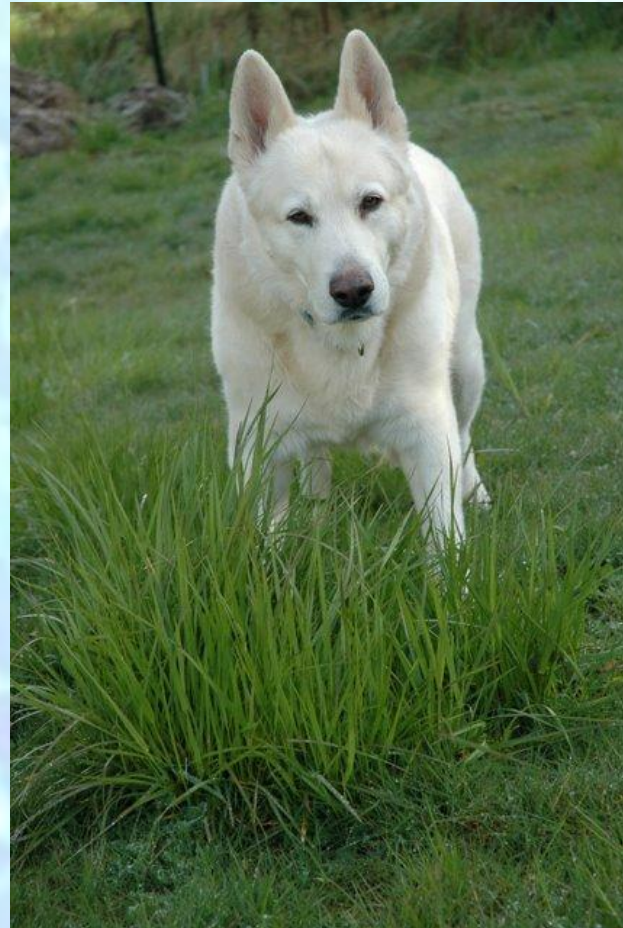
Best Puppy of Breed: (BPIS) Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz
(Sharyl Sadowski)

Betty's "Tails"

Come on in...the water is fine

Yesterday Pirate and Quest decided that since the sun was shining it must be time for a swim. I had just finished cutting the lawn in the dog yard and was relaxing on the swing. Pirate was edging his Jolly Ball toward the pool so he could justify going in after it. "Oops, it went in accidentally". Then Quest's football accidentally got pushed in too. Quest stepped down a couple of stairs to retrieve the football. The Jolly Ball was in the middle of the pool, so Pirate just had to dive for it.

This Saturday is our Nose Sport class. Another first without Spirit. Hard to do, but I guess each time will get a little easier. I hope so. I ran across a neat picture of my sweet boy and thought I would include it here.



Journey actually was the first one in the pool a couple weeks ago, but it was an accident. He backed in trying to avoid the lawn mower as I was taking it past him. He surprised me by being strong enough to pull himself out on the side. I always teach the dogs to use the stairs, but have not been in the pool to teach him yet. It may be right for them but for me swim time is a ways off. The pool is barely in the 60's so far. We just turned on the solar heat system this week.

Since the dogs did not receive any instruction from me, they continued throwing the balls in the pool, then going in after them. Journey was amazed! He has not gone in (on purpose) yet, but he watched everything the other guys did. I think he will be willing to try it when I go in. I hope it warms up soon. I am anxious to get Journey in there so I know that he is pool safe.

On Monday evening Quest, Pirate and I started a new class: "Feeling Outnumbered". We will be working on obedience X two, in addition to learning lots of tips and suggestions for living in a multiple dog household. When I get Pirate and Quest well synchronized I am hoping to add Journey in. He is not quite ready yet.

Betty's "Tails"

On Tuesday we had a terrible experience. Journey and I went to his CGC class in Vancouver, WA. I left the other guys home because it was a warm day and I didn't want them waiting in the car.

As I was gathering our things for the class I was having trouble with Journey starting to get out of the car without permission. He did not sit when I told him, so I started to shut the door to let him know he was not getting out until he complied. I accidentally engaged the latch and could not open the door. So my keys, our school bag, the treats and Journey were locked in the car. Not only that, the windows were all closed and it was warm. Several people came out to help and we tried everything we could think of doing to get the door open. The instructor had a fly swatter which we took apart and tried to pry the lock. No luck. Poor little Journey was missing his favorite class and just tipping his head from side to side trying to figure out what we were doing. Finally, one of the students suggested a different technique and another student manipulated the fly swatter, while I held the window out as far as I could. It worked and we got inside in time for about half the class. Of course it took about 20 minutes to get Journey settled down and paying attention, but during the last five minutes of class he was exceptional! Bad mom! We will do better next week.

Journey is doing very well in his class. He is catching up pretty fast. He needs some more work on his "walk with me". He needs to learn that walking with me does not include darting in front of me whenever he sees something at which he would like a closer look.. His "sit stay" and his "down stay" are both excellent. So is his "greet a stranger", though he sometimes forgets to stay sitting on that one. We have two more classes, then the next one is the test - hope we make it.

Journey loves to learn and he has a strong desire to please me so we will probably get over the minor remaining problems. He hates when I leave him with someone else. He tries to follow, but then he sits nicely waiting for me to return. I guess that one will depend on how strict the tester is.



It's back....

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

Top Ten Finals, 3 Conformation Shows, Multiple Breed
Specialty Shows, and much more!
June 17, 18, and 19

Top Ten Finals and White Shepherd Specialty Show on
Thursday, June 16



We have a new Champion!

UCH Noblewood's Blustery Day "Winnie"



A special thank you to the following judges for helping Winnie earn her UKC CH: Sharon Griffin (First in Puppy Class, Best of Breed, 2nd in Group), Eleanor Main (First in Puppy Class, Best of Breed, 2nd in Group), David Kitterdige (First in Puppy Class, Best of Breed, 2nd in Group) and Joe Camp (First in Puppy Class, Best of Breed, 3rd in Group)

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Shylo's Arctic Storm - Polar



Shylo's Dusty Star - Dusty





WHITE SHEPHERD GENETICS P R O J E C T

Megaesophagus Research

Megaesophagus is one of the diseases affecting our breed. The esophagus is the tube that carries food and water to the stomach. Megaesophagus is the most common cause of regurgitation in dogs. Leigh Anne Clark, Ph.D. from Clemson University has been conducting research on a few of the diseases that affect our breed. Her research has included Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency, Megaesophagus, Degenerative Myelopathy and most recently is including Intervertebral Disc Disease.

Dr. Clark recently contacted the WSGP and Morgan Lewis (associated with the GSDCA) to see if we could donate the \$3,000 she needs to continue to make progress with her research. The WSGP Board voted to support this work. We donated \$1,500 which she has already received.

Dr. Clark states: "For our Canine Health Foundation-funded GSD work, we collected blood samples from >200 GSDs. Among these were 18 Megaesophagus GSDs of all coat colors and from several countries. DNAs were used to probe a SNP array to provide a profile for genetic markers throughout the genome. One region was found to be significantly associated with Megaesophagus. Our data suggest that Megaesophagus is not a simple recessive disorder, and that it is more likely a dominant trait. It also appears that the mutation is not fully penetrant, meaning that some individuals that receive the mutation are not affected. We have collected cheek swabs from 30 additional affected GSDs and are currently working to validate our findings and narrow the region of interest."

I also want to report that the WSGP received a separate and specific donation from Robin Davey for \$100 to go towards this research. She is a member of White Shepherd clubs, passionate supporter of the breed, and is conducting her second personal fundraiser for our dogs. *Thank you Robin!* If anyone else is interested in making a specific donation to help this research, please go to the www.wsgenetics.com donations page on the website or mail a donation to WSGP, P.O. Box 404, Howell, MI. 48844.

Links to information about Megaesophagus:

<http://siriusdog.com/torsion-dog-megaesophagus.htm>

<http://www.dogclinic.net/Megaesophagus.htm>

For our beautiful White Shepherds,

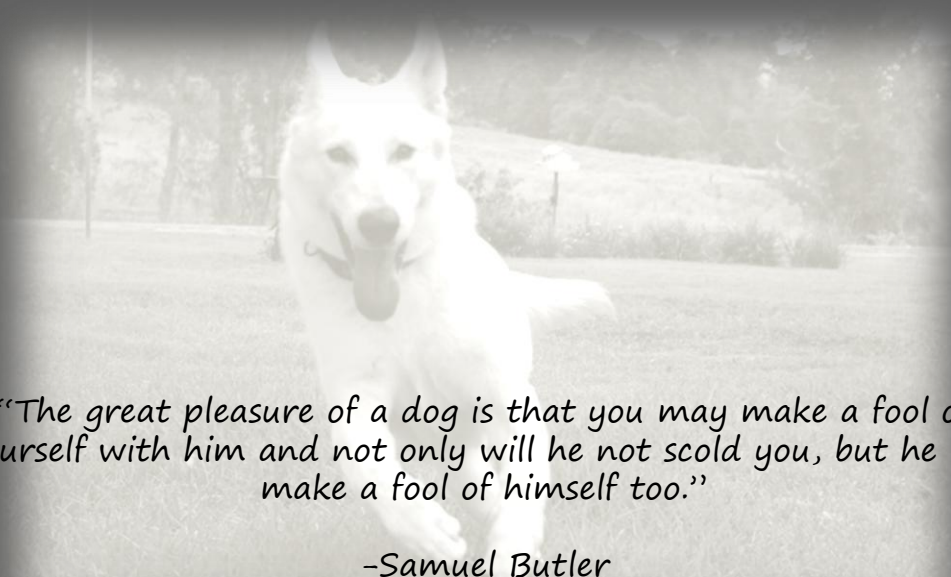
Judy Huston, President
White Shepherd Genetics Project

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“The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.”

-Samuel Butler



Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show
Two HIT in Multi-Breed Obedience Trials
Perfect Score in Open B
Two Total Dog Awards
all in one weekend
in Buffalo, NY

HIT and Reserve HIT
in Multi-Breed Obedience Trials
in one day in Ontario, Canada
#3 in Open All-Stars
as of May 20, 2011

8xHIT 2XTotal Dog RBIMBS BPISS CH RO2 UCDX
Regalwise Victorious Faith CDXRAHIC (d&s)



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 with the junior members name, address, and birth date.

Just a Dog...

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog", but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" just smile... because they "just don't understand".

~ Unknown

“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

WSCC Best Opposite Sex – May 14th
AWSA Best Of Breed – May 15th
WSCC Best of Breed – May 15th

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Birthday Corner



Happy Birthday to Grand
Champion Starr Shiver
Me Timbers
June 8, 2011 - Pirate will be 4
years old.

Love & hugs to my beautiful
boy, from mom, Quest &
Journey



Hidden Hill's White Ruger "Ruger"
Owner: Cathy Wasman

Ruger will be 8 years old on June 28.
I want to wish him a very HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!

It seems like just yesterday when I brought
him home.

DOB: 06/15/08

Happy 3rd Birthday to our Bocephus
(Bo)

CH Steel's Royal Combo Of Foxhunt,
OFA H&E (Prelims, Perms Pending),
Patella, Cardiac

We love you big guy! Mom, Dad & the
Gang

Owner: Scarlett & Tim Sanders
Breeder: Dale & Laurie Malony



Do I smell cake!?!?

Happy First Birthday Victorious Litter of 2010!

DOB: 5/30/2010



Daisy May



Koda



Willow



Daisy



Elvis



Pax



Meet the Character

Blitz



Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz

WSCC UKC CH Royal Lord Zeus HIC, CGC X UKC CH Royal Wish Upon A Star CGC

I went looking for a white shepherd puppy after we lost our 7-yr/old Scooby (white shepherd) to hemangiosarcoma. Our sheltie Sparky, and Brandon were depressed for months. I found Jean Reeves after going to the AWSA and UWSC websites. I fell in love with her dogs and was hoping for a show-quality puppy with a sound temperament. Royal Starfyre's Winter Blitz (Blitz) came home December 2, 2010 at 8 weeks. He was a gorgeous white ball of fur who adapted readily to anything I threw at him. At 11 weeks, he went to work with me to the hospital and managed revolving doors, marble steps and elevators. Everyone loved him.



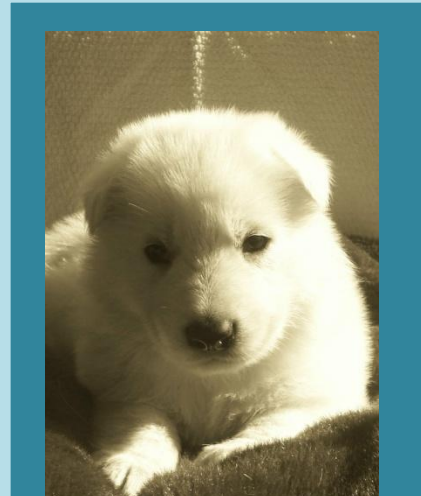
After my surgery, he was my constant companion, always in my face or lying by my side. He is now 7 months old. His first show weekend was in April and he took Best in Show Puppy 3 out of 4 UKC shows. He is gorgeous, but, oh what a pistol he has become! He is full of himself, thinks he needs to protect everyone and is bossing Sparky around. But Sparky lets him know when enough is enough...pulls his legs out from under him and stands on top. Go figure...Sparky is only 28 pounds to Blitz's 70 pounds!

Blitz cont...

My favorite thing about Blitz is his ability to amuse himself and make me laugh. He will lie flat on his back with his back legs sprawled out and his front feet right over his mouth with a toy. He will use his front feet like hands and throw the toy straight up in the air and catch it in his mouth...its hilarious! Somehow, I never manage to get a picture. He also take his floppy toys in his mouth and will swing it back and forth and then toss it hard to one side and go fetch it! He uses his feet like a soccer or hockey player with anything on the ground. He will bat balls, bones, and my favorite...ice cubes for up to one hour, following them wherever they go then hitting them again!

He is a big goof...my big goof and I wouldn't trade him for the world! He's my boy and thanks to Jean, my dream of a winning show dog is a reality!

Sharyl



Blitz copies Brandon #1

01/01/2011



04/30



BLITZ -SLIDING OFF IN HIS SLEEP

03/05/2011

Reeves Royal Acres Presents our newest Best in Multi Breed Show

UKC CH Bahr-S Royal Tequila
Sunrise,CGC

Quila earned her BIMBS award at 10 months of age from Judge Donna Rommelfanger. We would like to thank Bahr-S Shepherds for this exciting addition to our family.

www.reevesroyalacres.com

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them."

- Phil Pastoret

Summertime Fun WS Photo Contest

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Categories:

Best Action Shot
Water Fun
Playtime Fun

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2011

Send entries to:
newslettereditor@unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org

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

See contest rules for more information.



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!**

Share Your Passion! Come Join Us at the United White Shepherd Club

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New Member Applicants

Susanne Franciso

Trial Members

Tammy Lyn Goodrich

Anita Hautamäki

Robin Pierson



Many thanks to everyone who submitted to this
newsletter!

We couldn't have done it without you!!

Arleen Ravanelli and Tara Tippit