

United White Shepherd
Club

“Our Dogs do Stuff”

UKC



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Letter from the Editor

It is with great sadness that I write my last Editor's Letter for the Newsletter. As we told you in the last issue Tara has had to step down from her layout position with the newsletter, no one has offered to fill that job for us, and I personally do not have the knowledge to do it, or the programs.

So UWSC, this is your last Newsletter.

This newsletter has brought our membership closer and given us all a chance to get to know each other and our families, it will be greatly missed by many.

UWSC will still have it's business newsletter which does fulfill UKC's requirements for Parent status, but it is for business only.

As most of you that know me know, I have made it my passion to get this club geared more toward the pet and performance members. I honestly think as a breed club we need to be a club about ALL owners, not just conformation/breeders. I hope I did that with my term as editor with the changes Tara and I made to the newsletter. It is bitter sweet to see it now all end :-)

I have so enjoyed learning about each and every one of you and sharing your moments with your dogs and families as your editor and before as a reader of the newsletter. Thank you so much to all those who have stepped up over the years to produce this newsletter, and to those who have contributed with content.

Please enjoy this last issue, we had tremendous response to our sleeping dog photos and hope we managed to get them all in, it was a bit over whelming to be honest. But then proved us right in trying some thing new :-) All so some great articles this issue as well, showing some wonder things our breed can do if given the chance.

And a BIG thank you to Tara . Without her this newsletter would have been gone long ago. We wish her the best of luck in what life's adventures she follows now, but will really miss you here at UWSC.

On a better note --

Have you seen our new website !!!!

Sydney did an amazing job over the last several months putting this together to show case our club and breed, and ALL they have to offer. Wonderful job and I personally want to thank her so much for all the tons of hours she put in to this. I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy 2012 to each of you. Please remember we do have our yahoo group list - it is NOT a business list and we can all stay caught up on there and share pictures and stories of our wonderful furry children :-)

Arleen

Brags

Lexi (Shylo's Galaxy Star) Debuted in Veterans for the first time at the UKC shows in Menasha WI, she took 2 Reserve Best Veterans in Multibreed Show and 1 Best Veteran in a Multibreed show.

Owner: Arleen Ravanelli

Keely (Shylo's Star Keely Belle), Lexi's daughter, took 3 BOB and a group 3rd, 2nd, and 1st at the UKC shows in Menasha, WI.

Owner: Arleen Ravanelli

Blitz became a UKC Champion on 8/20/11 at the Trail Creek Dog Training Club UKC Show in LaPorte, IN .

Sharyl Sadowski



Brandon earned Best junior Handler at the AWSA and WSCC shows in Elkhart, IN 11/12/11 and 11/13/11, showing Blitz in one of the shows.

Sharyl Sadowski



Brags

Sharyl began showing Blitz in October, Blitz earned a Champion class win at the Davenport, IA UKC show on 10/22/11 under judge Timm Parr. (photo attached) and ended his season with 2 Reserve Winners Dog at the WSCC shows in Elkhart, Indiana on 11/12 and 11/13/11.



Brandon earned Best Junior Handler with Sparky on Saturday at the AWSA Nationals Weekend.

Sharyl Sadowski

New UKC Grand Champion

Royal Gonna Raise a Ruckus

Jean Reeves



“RAMSEY”

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



Ramsey with my hubby, Scott – just a couple of my favorite guys!

*** *News Flash:* Ramsey earned his Canine Good Citizen title on September 18th! ***

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UWSC 2011 Christmas Photo Contest

Entry #1: Arleen Ravanelli



Entry #2: Arleen Ravanelli

Entry #3: Robin Davey and Ken Makowski



Entry #4: Arleen Ravanelli

Entry #5: Robin Davey and Ken Makowski



Entry #6: Ken Makowski

UWSC 2011 Christmas Photo Contest

Entry #7: Robin Davey



Entry #8: Betty Tanner



Entry #9: Betty Tanner



Entry #10: Betty Tanner



Entry #11: Betty Tanner



UWSC 2011 Christmas Photo Contest

Entry #12: Betty Tanner



Entry #13: Sharyl Sadowski

Entry #14: Missy Lee



UWSC 2011 Christmas Photo Contest Winners

**Best
Entry #9
Betty Tanner and Quest**



**Funniest
Entry # 14
Missy Lee and Snowy**



**Winter time Scene
Entry # 10
Betty Tanner, Spirit,
Quest, Pirate and Journey**



A huge thank you to our judge, Heather Larson! She enjoyed so much looking at all the pictures and said that they are all gorgeous dogs! Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who submitted a photo for the contest!

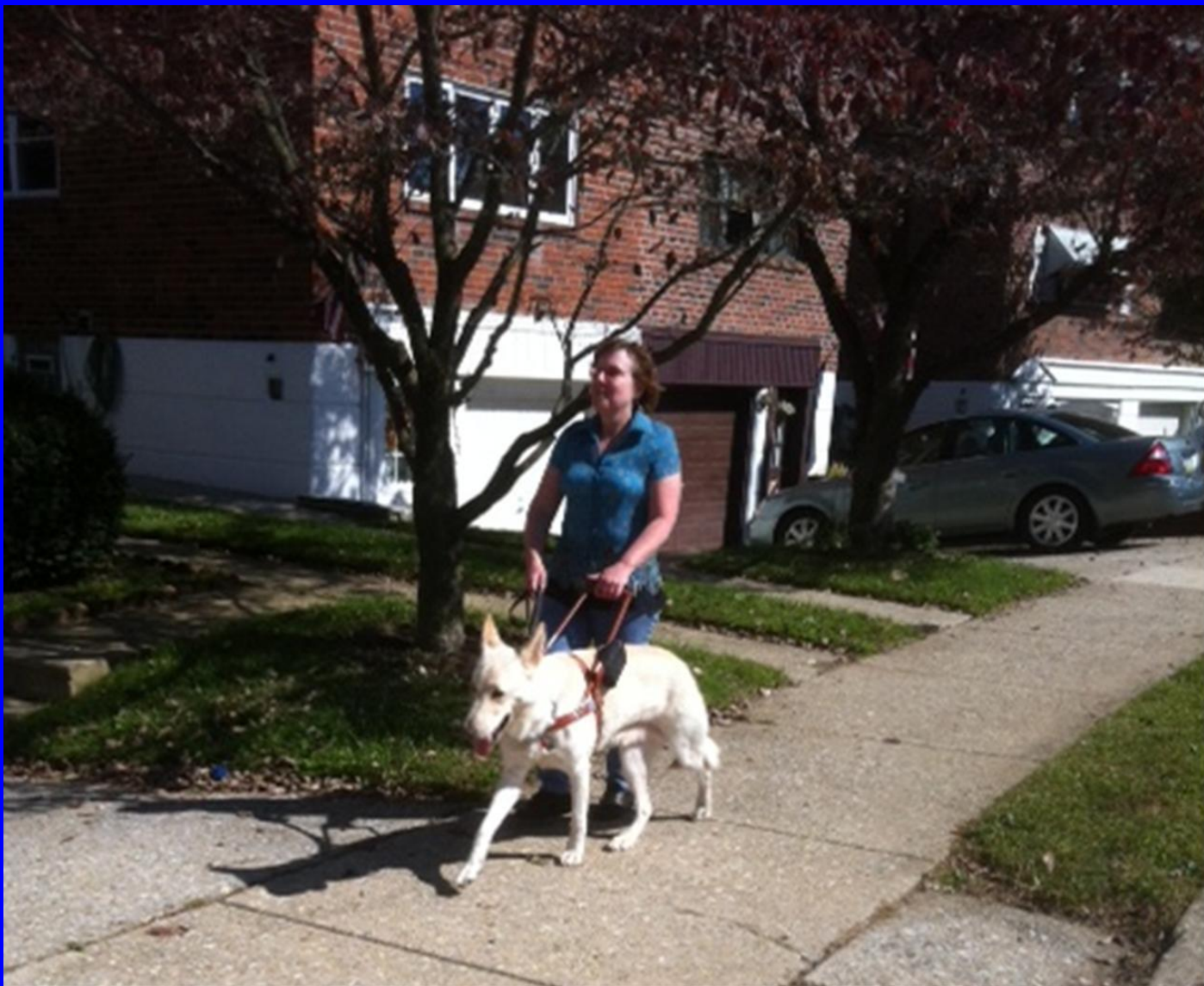
**Winter time fun
Entry #3
Robin Davey, Ken Makowski, Prince and LuLu**



Journey (aka) UKC CH. Surefire Far & Away of Highland Myst
In his first International All Breed Canine Association International Dog Show. (IABCA show), the
2011 Evergreen Autumn Sieger, on October 22 & 23, Journey got four 1st place; four Best of
Breed; two Group 1 & one Group 2. Journey is now a National Jugend Champion and an
International Jugend Champion. Nicole Dunn is handling him for me.

Betty Tanner





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Freedom Guide Dogs places quality, trained dogs with blind and visually impaired people throughout the Eastern Coast of the US through a distinctive program called Hometown Training. This program is an innovative way of placing guide dogs that has worked for Freedom since its inception in 1992. Continuing its progress and innovation in guide dog training and placement, Freedom is now working with new breeds of dog, including the White Shepherd. In doing so Freedom hopes to better suit the specific needs of its clients.



CELEBRATING FOURTH YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS!
Regalwise Victorious Faith

13xHIT 2xTOTAL DOG 2011' OPEN ALL STARS RBIMBS
BPISS UCH UCDX RO3 RE CDX PT HIC (d & s)

30 OBEDIENCE
AND RALLY
TRIALS IN 2011

RANKED #15
IN OPEN
ALL STARS

8 HIT

1 RHIT

15 FIRST
PLACES

6 SECOND
PLACES

4 THIRD
PLACES

1 FOURTH
PLACE



9 CONFORMATION
SHOWS IN 2011

RBIMBS

2X TOTAL DOG
AWARDS

2 GROUP FIRST
PLACES

GROUP THIRD
PLACE

3 BOB IN UKC

RWB AT WSCC
SPECIALTY
SHOW

Obedience, Rally and Herding - FIVE NEW TITLES IN 2011:
UCDX, RO2, RO3, RE, PT! RANKED # 15 IN OPEN ALL STARS!

Conformation - RESERVE BEST IN MULTI-BREED SHOW!

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Dreaming of chasing squirrels...





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BUZZ - SLEEPING OFF IN HIS SLEEP



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**Happy 3rd Birthday
to my sweet boy
Porter!**

Tara Tippit



A Diamond In The Rough

by Jill Gross

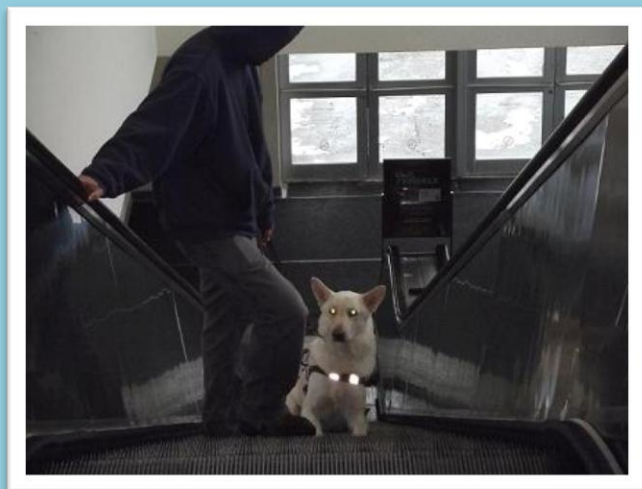
It is said that one man's trash is another man's treasure. I am of the mind that all dogs are treasures, but sadly, there are those who discard them as readily as they would the dinner scraps. Danny Boy, a good natured white shepherd, ended up at a shelter in the Florida Panhandle. I know little regarding the circumstances that brought him there, but he was in residence at a kill shelter where whether he lived or died would be determined by his ability to capture someone's heart in a prescribed number of hours. In light of the rather fortuitous turns both Danny's and my life have taken, this fact comes to mind often. I am both awe struck by how well it all turned out, and appalled by how easily it all might have gone terribly wrong. Acting on behalf of Echo Dogs White Shepherd Rescue, Scarlett Sanders of Foxhunt White Shepherds got Danny out of the shelter. While fostering him, Scarlett observed that Danny had an extremely good temperament and was wickedly intelligent. She recognized that, despite a less than desirable first year of life, Danny was something special indeed.



As a highly reputable breeder who has supplied several White Shepherd pups to Freedom Guide Dogs, Scarlett contacted her friend, John Byfield, who is the director of training with Freedom Guide Dogs in Upstate New York. John has nearly fifty years of experience training guide dogs for the blind, and he is a highly respected member of an international organization that certifies guide dog schools worldwide. Scarlett told John that she thought there was something unique about this rescued boy and that he really ought to meet him. John visited and evaluated Danny for his suitability to be a guide and was impressed with him. He noted all of the earmarks of stability, sound temperament, and good physical condition sought after for such important work.

Danny traveled to New York about six months ago, and his intensive training began. John and the other diligent trainers at Freedom Guide Dogs spent many hours teaching Danny all of the myriad responsibilities he would have to carry out as a guide. He learned how to navigate his handler around obstacles of all kinds, and became very aware that moving vehicles necessitated caution and respect. This dog that came from a very rural part of Florida discovered crowded city streets, buses, shopping malls, and restaurants filled with tantalizing odors. He was taught how to find doors, escalators, sales counters, and even how to find a seat, preferably one that was unoccupied.

Over a year ago, I had contacted John Byfield at Freedom and told him I desperately needed a new guide dog. For a variety of reasons, I was having trouble finding what I needed and, after thirty years of working with guide dogs, I was without one to assist me on the streets of Philadelphia. Since I had a professional job position and several responsibilities that kept me at home, I could not easily attend one of the many guide dog schools that required me to travel to them for my training. I have had four previous guides from other organizations, and I knew what I did and didn't want in a working dog. I researched other breeds that have not readily been considered for guide work. Of the guides I had owned previously, the most intelligent and decisive worker had been a second generation bred German shepherd out of Austrian working stock. I believed that I would never have such an amazing partner at my side ever again. However, I knew what I wanted and shared my thoughts with both John and Freedom's director and founder, Eric Loori. Despite my frustration, I was delighted to discover that they understood what I was seeking and were dedicated to helping me find the "right" dog. John and Eric also understood that I was beginning to panic as I knew that my job of 20 years would be ending in September of this year. I could not imagine conducting a job search and possible relocation without the confidence and independence that a guide dog afforded.



As John worked with Danny, he realized that he had found the right dog for me. His understanding of what traits I sought in a guide dog was better than I ever could have hoped. John brought Danny to me here in Philadelphia on September 29th of this year. Although it is not customary for a guide and his new handler to work together immediately upon introduction, it seemed like the right thing to do and we went for it. After walking half a block around trash bins and a myriad of other obstacles, I think it was clear to all three of us that this was a perfect match. I immediately felt that old sense of confidence returning as Danny made careful decisions regarding the challenges before us, seemingly without effort. During the following week of arduous training together in both the quiet suburban area where I live and in the noise and flurry of activity in downtown Philadelphia, Danny worked brilliantly and was unfazed by all of the new and intense sensory stimulation around him. He is solid and unflappable, and he seems to enjoy every minute of his work.



It has been a couple of weeks since John, our wonderful and patient trainer, has moved on to work with others. Danny and I have been out and about together nearly every day. My confidence in him is complete, and his commitment to keeping us safe is constantly evident.

Every time I pick up the harness and ask Danny to stand for me to place it over his sturdy shoulders, he becomes very excited and animated. I do believe, in some way, he is saying thanks for the new life he has been given and that he is committed to demonstrating his appreciation through the purpose he has been given. Little does he realize that it is I who will always be grateful to him for being the amazing creature that he is, and to both Scarlett and John for having the knowledge and intuition to recognize that they had truly discovered a diamond in the rough. I will never forget the fact that this dog was slated to die in a kill shelter, but instead he has become a wonderful and trusted companion who will spend the next several years at my side guiding me through airports, strolling through quiet suburban neighborhoods, and battling our way down crowded city streets.





Danny with his Freedom Guide Dogs graduating class
Fall 2011

Every White Shepherd that is rescued is as wonderful and deserving as Danny. I hope this story serves to reinforce the importance of the work done by ECHO Dogs White Shepherd Rescue. My deep appreciation goes out to all of you who support their tremendous efforts.

You can contact ECHO Dogs White Shepherd Rescue here:

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You can read more about Danny's journey & view more photos of Danny here:

http://www.foxhuntwhiteshepherds.com/Foster_Danny_Boy.html

~ Photos compliments of Freedom Guide Dogs & Foxhunt White Shepherds ~

*BEST IN MULTI BREED SHOW
Trail Creek Dog Training Club,
LaPorte, IN
November 5th, 2011
Judge: Mary King
Royal I'm Here for the Party
(Gretchen)*



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Shylo Star Kennels

Pirate (aka) UKC GRCH Starr Shiver Me Timbers, was also entered in his first IABCA shows and he got four 1st place; four Best of Breed; two Group 2 and One Group 3. Pirate is now and International Champion.

Betty Tanner



Happy Birthday!



Dawn turns 1 on December 11th!
Happy 1st Birthday to our sweet Dawn!

We love you Dawny Bear!!
Foxhunt's Born To Be Me VonTasz



Remembering our boy Easy, on his Birthday...
Happy 7th Birthday my handsome Easy Man!!

We miss you son, you are forever in our hearts!

GRCH Proud's Winslow N' Easy Of FS, CGC

November 9, 2004 - May 24, 2010

Sas turns 2 on December 9th!
Happy 2nd Birthday to our happy girl Sas-A-Fras!!
We love you sweetheart!!
CH Foxhunt's Lil' Miss Sas-A-Fras, STAR



Happy Birthday to littermates...Keely, Truk'r and Porter who turned 3 on November 23rd!
Arleen Ravanelli



Shira turned 10 on December 1st! Happy Birtthday!!
Arleen Ravenlli

Ramsey turned 4 years old on November 22nd!
Diana Updike



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



*10 years of smiles and
tears
Over 60 titles- and almost
saying goodbye twice
Happy Birthday Shira -
The Miracle Dog !!!*



MY ADVENTURES WITH LYNN

By Foxhunt's Blowin' In The Wind, STAR
Hi! My name is Windy and I am a White Shepherd.

I began my life & training at Foxhunt White Shepherds, where I was born on April 27, 2010. At 7 weeks I began my formal training with the Rules of Seven. Before I left FWS to start my new journey I had graduated my puppy kindergarten class and earned my AKC STAR Puppy Certificate. My Grandma Scarlett told me that I was very smart and I had a very special life ahead of me and so began my Journey...In September 2010 I was picked up by John Byfield from Freedom Guide Dogs at the home of my loving breeder, Scarlett Sanders of Foxhunt White Shepherds.



My exciting journey really began on October 1st 2010 when I met my foster mom, Miss Lynn Sisson, with whom I would spend the next year or so learning all the many things a good guide dog needs to know.

Miss Lynn is blind and a guide dog user. Her first Bernese Mountain Dog guide, Sierra, she self-trained and her second, Miss Midge, she began training and Freedom finished.



Socialization is a big step and a heck of a lot of fun-we go everywhere! I go to restaurants where I'm expected to lay quietly under the table without vaccuming the floor. Sometimes when we get ready to leave people are surprised to see a white shepherd come out from under the table and I become quite the conversation piece. I also get to socialize and play with dogs at Miss Lynn's kennel up in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of New York State. Sometimes I have to practice my sit and down-stays while the other dogs get to play and chase balls. But this helps me learn to focus on my work with a variety of distractions. I have even learned proper hotel etiquette and don't understand why this means no running or barking in the hotel room. Aren't puppies supposed to play and make life exciting? I don't have to work all the time, I do get to be a kid when I play hide and seek in the ferns and stand on my head with my butt straight up in the air; aren't I cute?!?



Sometimes I get in a little trouble by chewing inappropriate things like the carpet, the bedspread and the sofa skirt. Boy, was I in trouble, and when confronted, I just pretended that my twin did it! So, for my first Christmas I got my own toys, including my special blue ball and my Nylabones which I really love to tease the other dogs with.



January, February and March, Miss Lynn winters in Florida with her mom and I get to come too! Florida is really neat; I got to go to the Florida State Fair and the Strawberry Festival with Miss Lynn, her mom, her sister and her sister's guide dog Kim. I had to be on my best behavior which means no barking, walking nicely on leash and especially no sniffing the person's bare legs in front of me. It would be so much fun to touch them with my cold wet nose and watch them jump! On these excursions, I learn commands such as forward, halt, left, right and a bout. My goodness; a guide dog has to have a big vocabulary! In January, we took a side trip to Atlanta Georgia to visit Miss Lynn's sister Miss Cherie and her guide dog Kim. Miss Cherie took us for a new and exciting adventure riding public transit, both bus and rail. My, that was noisy, and what a lot of people! I did very well and it made me feel like a big dog just like Kim. How cool is that!

Another big adventure I had was when Miss Lynn and her mom took me to Utica New York after returning to the Adirondacks in April. We got to walk up and down on an escalator stopped especially for me with special permission from a manager at J. C. Penny & Co.. We also worked at the mall and on our return to the parking lot; I found the car for Miss Lynn. Whoopee!!! Next, was the grocery store where it is an absolute no-no to put your nose on the meat counter or any other food venue! You know, that really wasn't too hard because guide dogs never get people food. The more I work, the more I understand the rules and the huge responsibility expected of a guide dog. After being with Miss Lynn for just over a year,

my next

accomplishment was the Hometown Training Video which I starred in with Miss Lynn and her mom. This was produced by Freedom Guide Dogs to show a dog training in a city environment and was even shown on You Tube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGDjysYeNrg&feature=feedlik>

The next step is formal harness training with Master Trainer Mr. John Byfield; Head Trainer for Freedom Guide Dogs. What more could a Foxhunt White Shepherd ask for?!?

See Windy's Webpage here: http://www.foxhuntwhiteshepherds.com/R_Litter_Purple_Girl.html

For more information about Freedom Guide Dogs go here: <http://www.freedomguidedogs.org/>
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"RAMSEY"

Multi-Best In Show Wins

UKC Grand Champion, AWSA Champion, WSCC Champion
VON TASZ BORN TO WIN, HC, CGC

OFA certified Hips & Elbows, AKC DNA, MDR1 N/N, OFA DM Negative



AWSA 2011 National Show Weekend (Saturday) – Best of Breed
UKC Multi-Breed Show November 5, 2011 (Laporte, IN) – BEST IN SHOW
UKC Multi-Breed Show November 6, 2011 (Laporte, IN) – Best of Breed, Group 1st
UKC Multi-Breed Show November 6, 2011 (Laporte, IN) – Best of Breed, Group 2nd
AWSA Show November 12, 2011 (Elkhart, IN) – Best of Breed
WSCC Show November 12, 2011 (Elkhart, IN) – Best Opposite Sex
AWSA Show November 13, 2011 (Elkhart, IN) – Best of Breed
WSCC Show November 13, 2011 (Elkhart, IN) – Best of Breed

*** News Flash: Ramsey sired puppies available NOW! ***

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CELEBRATING SECOND YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS!

SureFire Victorious Joy Estel

HIT 2xTOTAL DOG 2011' NOVICE ALL STARS UCH UCD RO3 RN CD HIC (d)

**27 OBEDIENCE
AND RALLY
TRIALS IN 2011**

**2X TOTAL DOG
AWARDS**

**RANKED #11
IN NOVICE
ALL STARS**

6 FIRST PLACES

**10 SECOND
PLACES**

2 THIRD PLACES



**9 CONFORMATION
SHOWS IN 2011**

**WB, BW, BOS
IN WSCC
SPECIALTY SHOW**

GROUP SECOND

GROUP THIRD

GROUP FOURTH

3 BOB IN UKC

Obedience, Rally and Conformation - SIX NEW TITLES IN 2011:

UCD, UCH, RO1, RO2, RO3, RN!

RANKED #11 IN NOVICE ALL STARS! WSCC MAJOR POINTED!

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AWSA 2011 Top
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(UKC/AWSA
Major Pointed)
Von Tasz
Konstanze,
"Snowy", HC,
PennHip
(.43/.40) OFA
Degenerative
Myelopathy
NORMAL, MDR1



SIRE:

BIS Winner
AWSA/WSC Ch,
UKC GRC Von
Tasz Born to Win,
"Ramsey", HC,
CGC, OFA h&e
OFA Degenerative
Myelopathy
NORMAL, MDR1
Normal/Norma
AKC DNA

Snowy whelped 5 Boys and 2 Girls on 6 November 2011. Show Male puppies still available for selected homes.
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Website: Serenityvalleyshepherds.com

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, makes many memories with family and friends and shares in lots of laughter! I really hope everyone enjoys this last newsletter ☺. I enjoyed getting to know many of you through working on the newsletter and always loved getting to see all the brags, new additions, birthdays, etc. I am stepping down from the newsletter team and will be filling my time by chasing around my 19-month old daughter, caring and loving my furbabies and also will continue to foster for a GSD rescue group here in Houston, 2nd Chance GSD Rescue.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tara Tippit



Thank you so much to everyone who submitted to this newsletter and all those past! What a wonderful breed we all love for SO many different reasons! Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Arleen Ravanelli and Tara Tippit