



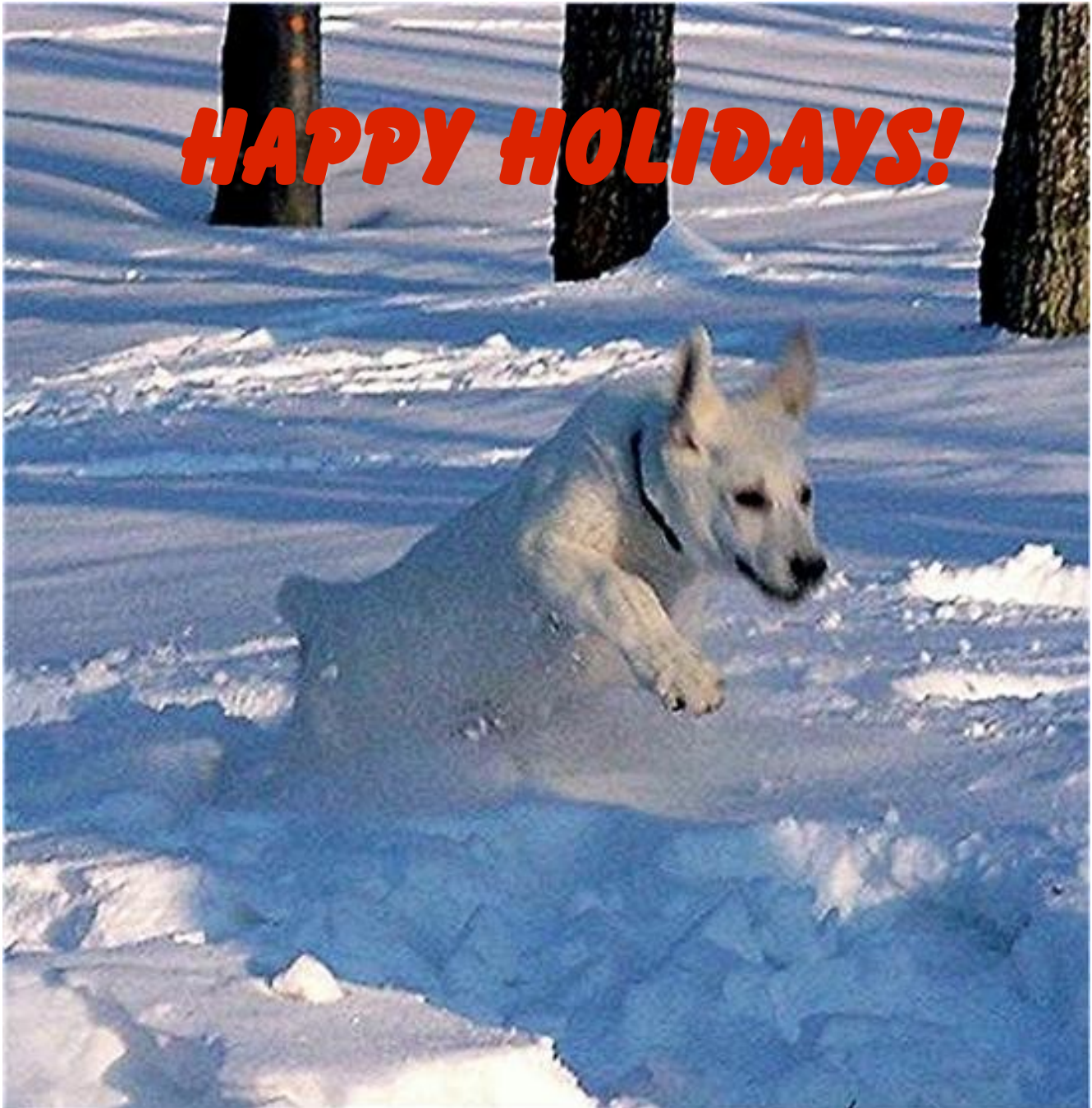
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**RBIMBS,CH SHYLO'S GALAXY STAR,CGC,VCC,HIC,VCCX
OWNER & BREEDER: ARLEEN RAVANELLI
SHYLO STAR WHITE SHEPHERDS**

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It's been another busy month as usual for our club and it's members.

Many of our members have attended several UKC shows and earned titles, some were able to attend the UWSC show and had a wonderful time.

The Molany's held their 1st Annual WS BBQ many members and their WS's were able to attend and really enjoyed themselves.

We've had 2 new members join our club and I would personally like to welcome them.

Kim King has been working on our website, she has made several Changes and even included some kids pages with games, coloring pages, fun photos, ect.... If you haven't already, you should check it out!

Laurie is busy renewing memberships for 2006. She says a little over half our members have renewed already. Renewals are due by December 31st and you get a free full page ad for renewing early! *Please don't forget to renew folks!!!*

Everyones getting ready for the Holidays and family get togethers.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays!!





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear United White Shepherd Club Members,

I have had the pleasure and opportunity of meeting many of you, your families, and your dogs. And, I am so impressed with the talent and diversity of our members. We have artists, writers, exhibitors, web designers, database managers, dog trainers, shepherders, Junior Handlers, photographers, video equipment experts... The list goes on and on.

And, I'm also very pleased with membership's participation with respect to the articles, ads, photo contest entries, fun tidbits, etc., that have been submitted for Newsletter consideration. Your input adds so much value to what we are trying to achieve through this publication. (Thank-you!)

This year's notable activities began with the June UKC Premier 4-day show weekend. We showed our dogs, held a club meeting and officer elections, had a wonderful Saturday evening dinner feast, and then we showed our dogs some more. Our dogs did very well with Herding Dog Group placements as well as the Premier Best In Show event. We also had successes in the performance events as well.

In September, we hosted 4 UKC Licensed all breed shows (less BSD) and 4 UKC Licensed Obedience Trials in conjunction with Agility Trials and a Herding Instinct Certification event (with sheep) at the Hamlet, Indiana Fairgrounds. NOTE: We will need to decide quickly if we want to return to this same location or go back to the Wanatah Park. Please post your thoughts and comments to the list.

On December 9th, we held a UWSC Specialty show at the Kalamazoo (MI) Fairgrounds. Our attendance was unfortunately low due to inclement weather yet our friendship spirits were high. We had a great time vendor Christmas shopping for our K-9 kids, we showed dogs, and we shared a wonderful lunch together.

One of the most notable highlights, for this year in review, was the amount of top quality and quantity exposure that our breed received in the September OLN airing of the 2005 UKC Premier show. Our dogs were definitely a focal point. How cool is that? (Just a reminder, you can still purchase a DVD of this airing on the ukcdogs.com website.)

What will this new year bring for our club? I hope to propose a revamp of our Club's Constitution and By-Laws, making them a lot less complicated. We need to tackle some additional National Breed Club requirements (this newsletter and our website have been a great start). We also need to continue focusing on fun "dog related" activities that bring our families together. The October picnic hosted the Dale and Laurie of Steel Shepherds was a perfect example of what we should be striving for. It's not always about the dogs, it's about community and our common goal – the advancement and promotion of the White Shepherd and the people that make it possible (you!).

Thank-you for your membership and for your love of the White Shepherd. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy (and Healthy) New Year!

Diana

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UWSC HAPPENINGS

MALONY'S BBQ

On October 22, 2005 the Malony's 1st. Annual BBQ took place. Many of our WS club members attended, everyone had a nice time.



EVERYONE ENJOYED THE FOOD AND CONVERSATION



DOUG CARPENTER AND FROSTY



DALE AND LAURIE MALONY



TERRI MITCHELL AND MADDOX

MALONY'S BBQ CON.....



DALE AND DIANA WITH SOME OF THE WS'S



EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME!!!

2 CENTRAL FLORIDA SHOWS

The Central Florida shows at Wesley Chapel went well for our White Shepherds, there were several in attendance. The first show was Oct. 29th & 30th put on by Sunshine Terrier Club. The second show was Nov. 19th & 20th put on by Florida Toy Fox Terrier Association. In attendance were Beth Borchardt (AWSA) from FL., Susan Morbit (AWSA) from GA., Joann & John Heda from FL. and Tim & Scarlett Sanders From FL..

UKC/GRCH Proud's Winslow and Easy of FS received his Grand Championship, becoming the first WS GRCH. in Florida! Everyone had a great time!



SCARLETT & EASY AND JOANN & DAPHANY IN GROUP



**FLORIDA'S FIRST WS GRAND CHAMPION!!
UKC/GRCH PROUD'S WINSLOW N' EASY OF FS**

GO WHITE DOGS!!!

-NEW TITLES- NEW UKC GRAND CHAMPIONS



**RBIMBS,GRCH,WSCC CH SELECT 1 ROYAL
ACCELERATOR OF HALLMARK,CGC,TDI,HIC, PENNHIP
VON HALAX HALLMARK SHEPHERDS**



**GRCH CELESTIAL HALEYS COMET VON TASZ,
CGC, TDI, HIC, OFA H&E
VON HALAX HALLMARK SHEPHERDS**

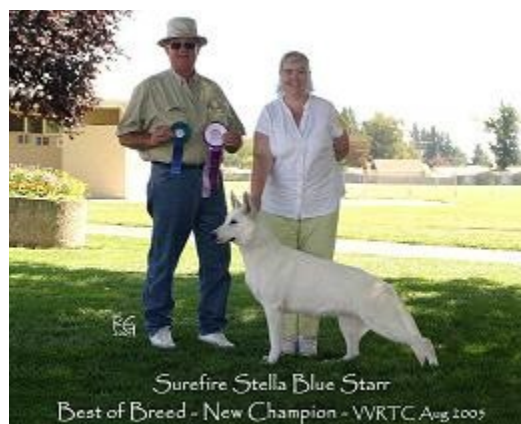


**GRCH PROUD'S WINSLOW N' EASY OF FS
FOXHUNT WHITE SHEPHERDS**

NEW UKC CHAMPIONS



**CH ROYAL'S TIMELESS TREASURE, HIC/D
VON HALAX HALLMARK SHEPHERDS**



**CH SUREFIRE STELLA BLUE STARR,
OFA H&E (PL), PENNHIP
STARR SHEPHERDS**

NEW UKC CHAMPIONS CON...



**CH STARR'S NEED A MIRACLE V SUREFIRE, PENNHIP
STARR SHEPHERDS**

NEW AKC TITLES



**UKC/CH FUELLGRAF'S THORNVALLY NIKITA, CD, CGC, TDI, TT-1-WS, OFAe
EARNED HER CD TITLE IN NOVICE A ON OCT. 16, 2005**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE UWSC!!



PHOTO COMPLIMENTS OF VON SCHRADER SHEPHERDS

WHITE SHEPHERD BRAGS



FLORIDA'S 1ST. WS GRAND CHAMPION
GRCH PROUD'S WINSLOW N' EASY OF FS
#9 ON UKC TOP TEN, 4 BOB, 2 GROUP 3, 1 GROUP 2
FOXHUNT WHITE SHEPHERDS



CH ZAC'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF
1ST. CH CLASS, BOB, 1 GRAND LEG
FOXHUNT WHITE SHEPHERDS

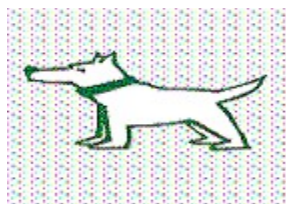


SUREFIRE LIL' MISS TASZ OF FS
2 BP NOVICE, 2 BF, 2 CH LEGS
FOXHUNT WHITE SHEPHERDS



RBIMBS, CH SHYLO'S GALAXY STAR,
CGC, VCC, HIC, VCCX
RESERVE BEST IN MULTI BREED SHOW
2 BOB, 2 GRANG LEGS, VCC, VCCX TITLES

CONGRATULATIONS!!



WHITE SHEPHERD BRAGS CON...



CH STARR DUKE OF AURORA
NEW UKC CHAMPION
OWNED BY: DIANNA & BRUCE KOPPES
BRED BY: STARR SHEPHERDS



CH STARR'S NEED A MIRACLE V SUREFIRE
PENNHIP RESULTS: 90TH PERCENTILE
L - di .27 R - di .19
STARR SHEPHERDS



Diana Updike and royal von tasz pi swirl - aka "kyla" earned 1 leg of 2 toward her American Herding Breed Association HCT title with sheep! GO Kyla!!!!
Von Tasz Shepherds

Check out dog CPR at:

www.unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org/dogcpr.pdf

HOW TO WRAP CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WITH DOGS IN THE HOUSE

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from puppy.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box.
11. Take scissors from older dog & sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box & put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog.
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as it "helps".
17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from its mouth.
21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
30. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
31. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it & put it away.
34. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with remnants of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are.



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HERDING WITH FRIENDS

BY BECKY L. JOYCE, MONA PERSSON & DIANA UPDIKE



PEBBLES HERDING

On Saturday October 22, 2005 Dale & Laurie Malony hosted a United White Shepherd Club (UWSC) end of summer picnic at their house in Ohio. Mona Persson with Haley and Diana & Scott with Polo, Hugo, Pebbles, and Kyla were planning on going.

Luna & I were scheduled to have a herding class with Kelly that day. I recalled that Diana had tried Kyla in herding at the United White Shepherd Club (UWSC) show in September and had mentioned she'd like to work her again. Mona & Haley had gone with me on several occasions so I asked them if they wanted to go to a herding class prior to the picnic. The response was "Heck, YES!" This resulted in a great 2 hours for all of us.

All our dogs are at a different level's in herding so some spent more time in the ring than others. Mona & Haley were first to work. Here's her recount:

I put Haley on a long line and had her do a sit before entering and told Haley "That'll do" (which roughly translates to "stay around me and don't mess with my sheep" until I give the word to do otherwise). Haley and I entered the ring and Kelly explained to me that we were going to instill upon Haley that the sheep were "My Toys" and that Haley couldn't "play" with them until instructed. Then Kelly told me to drop the line. Off went Haley after the sheep! I ran over and stepped on the line, told Haley "NO!" and put her back in a "That'll Do". Once I told Haley "That'll do" I would drop the line, Haley would circle around me and go back after the sheep. Once I had the line, Haley had to make eye contact with me before she was given the OK to continue working. We continued to do this until Haley realized that if she wanted to have fun she had to listen to me and stop going after "Mommy's Toys".

Our second time in we worked a little more on control. I was walking with the sheep and directing Haley, indicating which way she needed to go. She was getting it but I was having a bit of problem. When I would redirect Haley with the shepherd staff I didn't realize that I was to turn in the direction of the staff. Plus, you have to figure out how to get through the sheep and not get stepped on. Once I got it I was actually walking with the sheep and Haley was doing her job.

Haley is a natural when it comes to herding. It is such a rush for me to learn what I need to

HERDING WITH FRIENDS CON...

do in order for the two of us to work as a team!

The whole time Mona & Haley were in I was sitting on the outside watching and thinking “Yep been their done that.” Next in was Diana & Kyla. Here’s her recount:

Kyla was more or less playing with the sheep. You could tell Kyla wanted to work and would sometimes but she wasn’t real sure of herself. (“Puppy brains in action”)

Kyla’s second time in took a turn for the better. She acted like an old pro. She was actually taking her turns when Kelly would place the shepherd staff in front of her. She had the biggest grin on her face. It was too cute!

Scott & I spoke with Kelly and asked if we could try Pebbles. We explained that Pebs had already earned her 1st leg toward her AHBA HCT at the 2003 AWSA Nationals; however, two separate incidences had blown her otherwise confident nature. Pebs wasn’t too sure at first. Once she got a couple good sniffs in and she immediately sensed that Kelly was a non-threat, she was fine. Kelly would direct her to go one way and she would. Then Kelly would redirect her and she’d go the other way. Kelly did an awesome job and allowed Pebs to excel. She helped her regain her confidence.

Luna and I went in for our first round and after about 10-15 minutes Kelly said, “Ok you guys are ready to start working obstacles. I said “Luna might be ready but I’m not sure if I am.” Kelly ignored me and came in and set up three 90° fence gating obstacles. The object of obstacles is to get your dog thinking more. If the sheep go through an obstacle is it better if the dog goes through the obstacle with the sheep or shorter for your dog to go around the obstacle and meet the sheep on the other side? In a trial situation there are some obstacles that if the dog goes through with the sheep the sheep come out first and could head for the gate – not good.

I put Luna in a sit, walked to the middle of the arena. I then sent her in a “Go Bye.” To my amazement she didn’t take the first obstacle and went right toward the second obstacle that the sheep were at and drove them through it. I then picked up the sheep and we starting walking. At this point there is no pattern to the obstacles I just walked in whatever direction I wanted. For another 15 minutes Luna and I worked the sheep and the obstacles. Then Kelly said “Ok put your sheep in the corner” I had Luna put them in the corner she backed off a few feet and Kelly said “Great that’s just what you want her to do and where she should be!” We did two rounds of the obstacles with the same success.

On October 29th, one week later, Luna, Star & I along with Diana with Kyla & Pebbles had another herding lesson with Kelly. My lesson with Luna focused on “Get Back” (don’t break the imaginary bubble around the sheep). I also worked on a lot of control exercises. I swear I could see Luna’s brain cooking! It was a tough lesson but, “wow”, the end result demonstrated a beautiful team effort.

HERDING WITH FRIENDS CON...

For Kyla's lesson, Diana was allowed to "drive" for the first time. Kelly handed over the shepherd staff and they proceeded to have a really good controlled lesson – moving sheep left then right – repeat. What a HIGH for Diana! Even though she had to slow down from her otherwise "energetic walk" and await for her shepherd to swing around the entire back end of the herd in order to move them in a new direction, the act of balancing sheep, with dog, with self was a very lifting juggling act.



Luna herding

Pebbles lesson, after an initial "I wanna charge up the middle of the herd" (another sign of some remaining confidence issues) very quickly turned into a productive lesson of driving around the sheep.

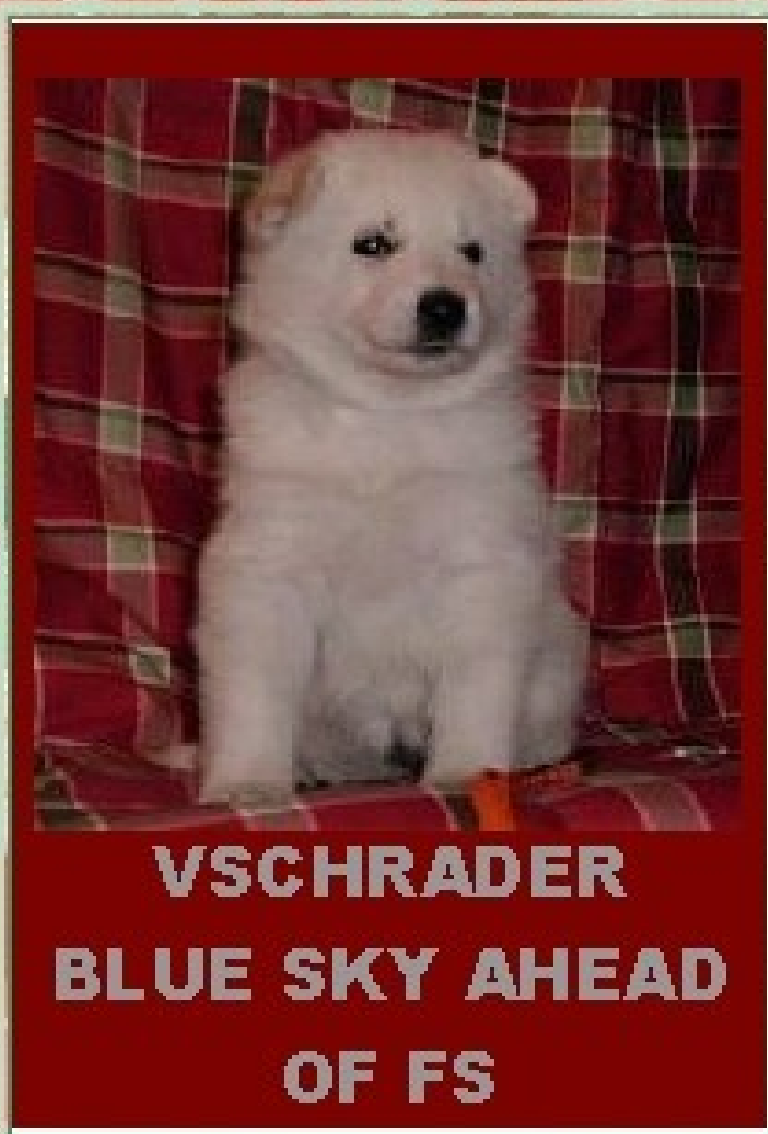
Last but not least, I re-introduced 10-year-old "Star" to the sheep. Lord knows, she tried her best! At the end, Kelly indicated that Star did great and would have done much better if it hadn't been for age alone being against her. (Notably, 3 of the 7 sheep were yearlings, full of themselves, so it was a tad too much for our Veteran.)

These were two very good weekends. We all have White Shepherds, at varying levels that can really work sheep!!

Diana mentioned that she was impressed with the way Luna and I worked and what level we are at. She said it was very impressive to watch.

Personal Note from Diana: *Watching Becky and Luna have inspired me to make Herding titles a goal for my girls. Kelly is going to be an awesome instructor, as she truly understands the shepherd where many others have failed*

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FRIENDS***

FROM BELGIUM



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CON...
FROM THE UK**



DON'T FORGET!!

**UWSC membership renewals
are due by Dec. 31st 2005!**





Dear Santa

Here's a Christmas wish to make my Christmas glow,
All I'd like for Christmas is simply Best In Show.

If thats too much dear Santa, then my heart would
loop-de-loop
If you'd see fit to give me a placing in the Group.

In fact, I'd be quite satisfied, and not show to much
greed,
If you'd be kind and generous, and give me Best of
Breed.

Dear Santa, I'd be merry and really feel quite rich,
If you'd arrange a gift of Winners Dog or Bitch!

But I'd be joyful, Santa, and I'd dance the Fling,
If pup would just be happy and BEHAVE in the ring!!!!

Author Unknown



PHOTO COMPLIMENTS OF DIANA UPDIKE - VON TASZ SHEPHERDS



UWSC WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS



DONNA CARTER AND JAZZ

I LIVE WITH MY DAUGHTER, NIKITA, 8 CATS, 3 PUGS, AND 1 WHITE SHEPHERD, UCD STAFFORD'S JAMMIN JAZZMAN CGC. I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS WHITE SHEPHERDS OVER THE YEARS. I HAVE ONLY SHOWN JAZZ AND MY LAST WS, BLIZZARD. SHE HAD HER AKC CDX AND WAS TRAINED FOR HER UD BUT SHE STARTED HAVING BACK PROBLEMS BEFORE I COULD SHOW HER.

I AM A PET GROOMER AT A VET CLINIC IN FISHERS IN. I HAVE BEEN GROOMING FOR 8 YEARS



UWSC WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS CON...



CATHY WASMAN'S FUR BABIES

MY NAME IS CATHY WASMAN AND I LIVE IN CHESTER COUNTY, PA. WITH MY HUSBAND OF 25 YEARS AND TWO CHILDREN, 13 AND 20. I WORK IN A VERY BUSY PEDIATRIC OFFICE WHERE I HANDLE ALL OF THE INSURANCE ISSUES. I HAVE THREE GORGEOUS WHITE SHEPHERDS. SASSY IS 9, ZEHRA IS 3 AND RUGER IS 2. I AM TOTALLY OBSESSED WITH THE WHITE SHEPHERD. I JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THEM. IT ALL STARTED 9 YEARS AGO WHEN A CO-WORKER OF MY HUSBAND'S WAS GIVING AWAY HIS DOG. SHE WAS 7 MONTHS OLD AND GOT MUCH BIGGER THAN THEY THOUGHT SHE WOULD. AND THEN THERE WAS THE NEW BABY...YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES. ANYHOW..... WHEN WE FOUND OUT SHE WAS A WS WE COULDN'T SAY NO! MY HUSBAND AND I HAD BOTH WANTED ONE FOR THE LONGEST TIME. ONCE SASSY CAME TO LIVE WITH US THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY. I FOUND OUT WHITE SHEPHERDS ARE MUCH LIKE POTATO CHIPS. YOU CAN'T HAVE JUST ONE!!! LOL! I AM GLAD I FOUND THIS CLUB AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A MEMBER. IT IS GREAT TO BE A PART OF A GROUP WHERE EVERYONE HAS THE SAME LOVE AS I DO. OUR WHITE BABIES!



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We stop tears and give smiles - it's that simple!

by Arleen Ravanelli

Most White Shepherd owners are familiar with the typical areas of work their dogs excel in such as herding and protection work. What may not be so familiar is an area of service not as typical to the breed. White Shepherds excel in therapy work.



These beautiful white dogs have proven time and again they have the temperament and social skills to enrich people's lives through therapy work. In hospitals, nursing homes and schools, White Shepherds are at work giving love and demonstrating proper dog etiquette.

When our shining white dogs enter a facility, all eyes are drawn by their presence and grace. Smiles become contagious as the dog approaches and lifts a paw to shake and say hello. Faces are gently kissed by their huge tongues and occasional giggles become frequent and unrestrained as patients begin to forget their pain and sorrows. Cuddles and love are given unconditionally and without limit, something many humans have a hard time doing.

Even people previously afraid of dogs are often won over by the striking white fur, gentle brown eyes, and sweet disposition. Their double coat, with its soft under-coat, is relaxing to pet and run your fingers through. Even the toughest patients melt in their presence.

STORY CON...

But what does the White Shepherd think of this new work? Can a dog smile? I have the pictures to prove it! Their prance gets a little higher approaching a facility. The pride shines through those wonderful eyes as they visit people in need. Where else do they become the center of attention, with people calling to pet them over and over again. White Shepherds thrive on therapy work. It boosts their confidence, socializes, and teaches in a fully positive environment.

Dog therapy work is not new. Doctors and professionals have known for years that the act of touching and being around animal's decreases pain, lowers blood pressure, lifts spirits, and even adds to a person's life expectancy. New uses for therapy dogs are opening up every day. Reading programs to enhance comprehension, relieving stress before and after surgery, death and disaster consoling are just a few of the never ending list of things therapy dogs now do.

The impact on the individual lives they touch can, without exaggeration, appear miraculous. One gentlemen hadn't spoken since he entered assisted care after his wife's death. On our third visit he met us in his wheel chair at door as we enter and greeted Shira by name. Over the next 3 weekly visits he became a chatter box.

One interesting lady was deathly afraid of dogs - but insists therapy dogs are not actually dogs. She started petting the dogs behind our backs and talking to them from behind. This happens frequently. We know it is going on but we let the patient think they are sneaking attention to the dogs until they are ready to except them in our presence. She is now the first to greet us and pet the dog.

What is amazing to many is that a breed known for high energy and drive would love this work. They are happy to spend hours laying beside patients while being talked to and petted; keeping secure the secrets whispered in their ears; listening to the trials and stories of unfairness in a person's life, only shared with them. In return they give back without judgment a sense of understanding and dignity to those they visit.

No person or animal is exempt from the want and need for love. Therapy dogs excel in providing unconditional love to a person who, for what ever reason, may have lost that with humans. Clients return that same love to the visiting dogs. It's win – win for all.

One breed, the White Shepherd, giving added meaning to the label “versatile.” Proof once again that our wonderful breed can simply do it all.



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UWSC Christmas Photo Contest Winners



Best Over All!
Arleen Ravanelli



Best Snow/Winter Scene
Mona Persson



Best Single Christmas Photo
Diana Updike



Best Christmas group photo
Diana Updike



UWSC Christmas Photo Contest Winners con...



Best dressed up like Santa
Arleen Ravanelli



Best let me rip into that
present
Arleen Ravanelli



**Congratulations to
all the winners!!**



Happy Holidays
Shylo Star Kennels



UWSC WS SPOTLIGHT

A Hero - True of Heart

Written by: Michele Roddy

Back what seems now like a year or more the united states started being bombarded with all kinds of bad weather. Hurricane season was upon us. In the past we would get one maybe two really nasty storms. This year we got hammered. Like so many others our dogs all got pulled into service. My two were no exception. Prince, my bi-colored shepherd and Jubilee, my white shepherd were both put into action and did there job well.

Most dogs go with there owners/handlers to these disasters together, in my case since my health doesn't allow it my dogs went with other people. Jubilee was to leave out with sargent Culpepper of the xxxxxxxxxxxx Sheriff's department of TN. to work. The sargent a long time friend and well know handler picked up Jubilee early and they were off in no time.

Upon arriving in LA. I received a call telling me they had made it and were being registered in. Approximately 2 hours later another call came in and I was informed as to how bad things really were. The rest of the day past with out hearing any thing. then that night the phone rang. It was Sgt. Culpepper and he sounded very tired and discouraged. The weather was still nasty, there was a lot of confusion going on, no one in charge, and no law enforcment. He had already pulled 2 four hour shifts and things were a mess.

Jubilee took to doing her job straight away. Finding many people under things and locating a child that had been missed on first rounds. During the quiet time which they were to rest, Jubilee was willing to be a confort for those who needed a hug.

Day 2 things started early. The water was high and nasty, debris was every where, and still all the handlers were out in force. Each team had a area there were to go thru and then another would come in behind them to double check. There were people stuck in hotels, on roofs, ect.. Dogs were asked to go into every room and see if anyone was there alive or other wise. Many people were located and a radio dispatch was sent out to get a boat to them and retrieve those they could who were able to be taken to safety. All others were left and a marker was put up to show some one had checked the places out.

Day 3 started like all the other days, go into a new area and search for those who were alive. By now the water was starting to recede and the foul stench of the sewer was starting to take over. Rescue people were starting to ware masks and the dogs were being checked more carefully. The fear of something in the water that may harm the dogs, was much more of a concern at this point. Still the dogs went where there handlers requested. Jubilee working in the water (more than I would have liked) went into a house and for her first time refused to leave. She kept pulling back and going into a back room. Sgt. Culpepper knowing she had something, figured it was a deceased person. Water knee deep and foul. Since Jubilee was so intent on getting into this room Sgt. Culpepper decided it was worth forcing the door open. There in the closet up on a shelf was a child with her dog who had just had puppies. Cold and wet they were gotten out and taken to a boat awaiting. Had Jubilee not been to insistent they may not had been found in time. That was the bright spot of the day, for the next shift didn't find anyone alive.

Several more days past with water recedeing and more problems cropping up. Now every thing was in swing and the bacteria was raising. Remains of bodies were decaying ,animals were being left behind, (had to save people first) rats were starting to be seen much more often. The smell was to the

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point that even some of the dogs were starting to have problems being over powered with smells. Dogs as well as there handlers were getting tired and needed extra time between shifts. Dogs were fussed over by there handles to make sure they didn't get any cuts on them and they were kept under the watchful eye of the vets who volunteered their time. Blood was drawn often to make sure all was well. Before the dogs were allowed to go back out, the vet had to give the ok. This was also the case when they came off shift.



Crystal Mountains Jubilee

By now most of the water was extremely nasty, but it was going down. Inland there were places that still hadn't been gotten to yet. With all the damage near the ocean, that was where a lot of the efforts were put. Many a house was found crumbled with people caught in it. Still yet to come, was so many others places where people did make it out, but had been with out food and water for days. Jubilee was one of the secondary dogs to go into the more remote places.

She was starting to show signs of getting tired. Not eating as much and in general loosing interest. Sgt. Culpepper decided it was time to give her a break and let her relax. So after her shift he would take her to a place where people were at and needed to pet a dog. Jubilee showed just how wonderful our whites are in ths area. She knew who needed her and she made sure she showed them she cared. Each

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and every time this seemed to be what she needed most. She had found a little boy who was scared and she decided he needed to play catch with her. She forced her toy into his lap and then would back up wagging her tail and bark. "Throw it!!!" Sgt. Culpepper said this was a sight to watch and brought tears to his eyes. To think this dog had been out in the mud and debris searching for hours, and when she came in would want to play catch with a small boy who was scared.

After being there 2 weeks Sgt. Culpeper had to return home, he brought back Jubilee with him. She was a bit thinner than when she left and her eyes were tired. She was ready to come home. She relaxed for a few days before returning to her active self. It didn't take long before she was eating like a horse again.

I got another call a week or so later from Dr. David Wilson, asking if her could come get Jubilee and take her to Florida. Of course I said yes, but put a limit on how long she was to work. I didn't want her to become a burnt out dog. He told me that she wasn't going into search, but to be a therapy dog to those who needed it. He had gotten word of her from LA. and needed a soft natured dog to work miracles with the people. So off again she went.

She was there for nearly 2 weeks again when a lady came up and told Dr. David how nice his dog was. She had pulled several children out of there shells, had gotten them to talking and even playing some. Even a few of the elderly needed to see a gentle dog to pet and talk to.

So I guess I would have to say Jubilee did her part in every aspect. She is home now and just being herself. She enjoys playing with her daughter and helping me recover from my last bout in the hospital.

Jubilee isn't a young dog any more, nor is she a old dog. She is a loving member of my family. No, there isn't anything super special about her except that she knows what is needed. Weather it is to go out and search for a body alive or dead, or go up to a child and rest her head on their lap until they pet her. She is all knowing in these areas and I am not one to question it. She has her purpose in life and I am just lucky to share mine with her.



UKC WS Top Ten List

White Shepherd

01. GRCH Royal Day Of Providence	Jean Reeves	94
02. GRCH Royal Spasz Von Tasz	Diana L Updike	62
03. GRCH Surefire Sugar Magnolia V Starr	Keslie Joyce and Winter Shepard	50
04. GRCH Staffords Ava Vonschrader	Brenda J Schrader	45
05. GRCH Willowood Marike Von Tasz	Christine Maluzhinsky or Diana Lupdike	38
06. GRCH Royal's Elite Advantage	Laura Zipay and Jean Reeves	31
07. FO UCD GRCH Wiloowoods Proud Jack B Nimble	Jen Proud	29
08. CH Proud's Winslow N' Easy Of Fs	Scarlett Sanders and Jen Proud	24
09. CH Shylo's Red Rocker Be Proud	Dan Nowak or Betsy Anne Nowak	23
10. GRCH Surefire Mtn Of The Moon V Starr	Keslie Joyce and Terry Shepard	20

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At work...



At rest...



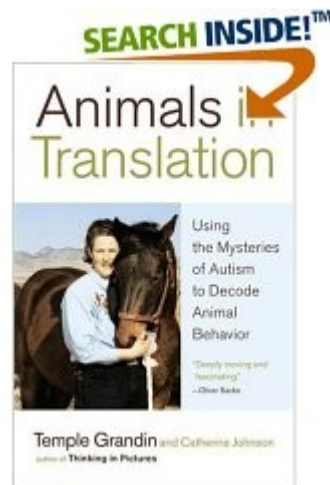
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ANIMALS IN TRANSLATION

Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior

By Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson

Book Reviewed by Judy Huston

Once in a while an exciting book comes along that compels me to contact the author to learn more and to share it with others. *Animals in Translation* is just such a book.

The last book that I strongly felt could help us learn more about our breed was *The Control of Canine Genetic Diseases* by George Padgett, DVM.

Temple Grandin is autistic. At the point she enters college, she knows she wants to study animal behavior. It takes her years to realize that because she is a visual thinker she tends to think (see) the way animals think which is different than the way most normal people think – she sees in pictures. Lucky for us, Grandin wrote this book to help us see what she sees.

She has published more than three hundred scientific papers and gives thirty-five lectures each year on animal management. Half of the cattle in the United States and Canada are managed through the humane slaughter systems she designed. She has earned a PhD.

Some of her assertions that might trigger your interest in reading this book:

- "...animals are smarter than we think.... People who love animals, and who spend a lot of time with animals, often start to feel intuitively that there's more to animals than meets the eye. They just don't know what it is, or how to describe it. "

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- “When you are trying to understand how the environment is affecting an animal’s behavior, you *have* to look at what the animal is seeing....I always tell people whenever you’re having a problem with an animal, try to see what the animal is seeing and experience what the animal is experiencing.
- “....Animals and people have an awful lot in common....We have a separate animal nature because we have a separate animal brain inside our heads.”

1. A few things about German Shepherds and about breeding:

- “One study found that 53 percent of German shepherds and 64 percent of Rottweilers were nearsighted....A nearsighted dog has much worse visual acuity than a normal-sighted dog.
- “It’s when you consciously and purposely breed animals to change one defined physical trait dramatically from what nature intended that you can definitely end up with some major emotional and behavioral problems. Moreover, when you are trying to change a physical trait, you very, very often end up changing an emotional and behavioral trait too. The body and the brain aren’t two different things, controlled by two completely different sets of genes....
- “*Pure* white animals (and people) have more neurological problems than dark-skinned or dark-furred animals, because melanin, the chemical that gives skin its color, is also found in the midbrain, where it may have a protective effect. You see all kinds of problems in white animals...
- The color of the animal’s skin is more important than the color of its fur. If its skin is dark, that’s good. The inside of a dog’s mouth should be mostly black, with some white....In the wild there are very few all-white animals apart from polar bears and the occasional white wolf. But polar bears and white wolves both have dark skin; it’s just their fur that’s white. They aren’t albino.”

She writes about:

- How People Change Animals’ Emotions
- A Puppy Brain and Grown-Up Teeth
- Dogs Are People’s Other Children (Neoteny)
- Animals Aren’t Ambivalent
- Four Core Emotions: Rage, Prey chase drive, Fear, Curiosity
- Animal Superstitions
- Animal Aggression
- The Killing Bite
- How Animals Manage Predatory Aggression
- Genetic Tendencies to Aggression
- Prevent Aggression in the First Place
- How an Animal’s Fears Grow
- Keeping Fear out of Animal’s Live
- Is it Bad Behavior or is it Fear?

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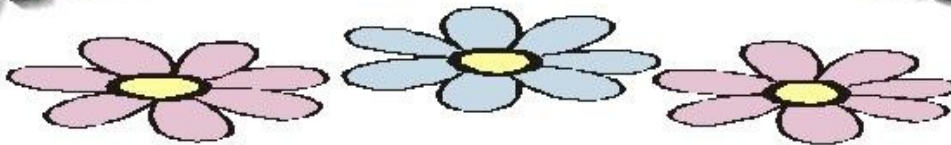
- Choosing a Sturdy Animal
- Animal Genius – Extreme Talents
- Dogs Make Us Human
- Behavior and Troubleshooting Guide

These are just a few of the areas covered in this book. Temple Grandin writes in a simple and easy to understand style. Monty Roberts, the Horse Whisperer, and the author of *The Man Who Listens to Horses* said about this book. “If one is interested in learning more about the lives and needs of animals, *Animals in Translation* is a must-read. I found it impossible to put down.” Me too!

You can buy this book at any bookstore or on line at Amazon.com.



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