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If you have any letters, photos, or items of general interest to the members please email them to the Newsletter Editor, Sandy Koch at amcv@bigpond.com.au

or mail to: PO Box 41, Hurstbridge VIC 3099

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The objects of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc. are:

- (a) to affiliate with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.;
- (b) to promote and encourage the breeding of pure bred dogs and in particular the Alaskan Malamute.
- (c) to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs, particularly the Alaskan Malamute.
- (d) to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the VCA Inc. Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests, and Field Trials:
- (e) to foster, promote and protect the interest of exhibitors of dogs at exhibitions and particularly the exhibitors of Alaskan Malamutes
- (f) to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding and exhibition of dogs;
- (g) to educate and encourage members, breeders and judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by the VCA Inc. for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows;
- (h) to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows;
- to inform members of and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs;
- (j) to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally:
- (k) to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by breeders and exhibitors of dogs;
- (I) to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims;
- (m) to promote and assist worthy causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club:
- (n) to the invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such manner as the members or the Committee in lieu thereof shall determine;
- (o) to purchase, hire, lease, etc. and do such things as are conductive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club;
- (p) to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well-being and improvement of Alaskan Malamutes and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conductive to carrying out the objects of the Club.

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President's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to our December edition.

We're finishing 2011, a busy, productive year, a little

short handed. We'd love to see some new people step up and help out for the coming year, which promises to be just as busy, just as exciting and just as fun.

Our Activities Calendar for 2012 will be set shortly, but I feel confident it will look interesting and inviting. I expect we'll Members Comps, Activities Days, a sledding training weekend, a hotly contested Weight Pull competition, and a renewed focus on obedience. Our new Obedience Co-ordinator is keen on building interest in her portfolio and wants to see dogs actively trialling.

With the Silly Season upon us, please don't be complacent, the fire season is here and we're in snake season as well. And please do not make the mistake of locking your dog in the car, even on the rainy days. And most importantly, have a wonderful Christmas, a Great New Year, and stay safe! See you in 2012. *Ian Luke*



SCALE OF CHARGES

Membership:

Joining fee \$10.00 Single (VCA Member) \$30.00 Non VCA \$36.00 Double/Family (VCA Member) \$35.00 Non VCA \$48.00 Special Interstate (Non voting)\$25.00

Other

"A" Suffix Application \$5.00 Ch'd Certification \$10.00 Working Dog Title Application\$30.00

Malamute Mail Advertising

Member's rates:

Full page	\$30.00
Full Page - copy ready	\$20.00
Half Page	\$30.00
Half Page - copy ready	\$15.00
Quarter page	\$5.00
Eighth Page: per issue	\$3.00
or per vear	\$15.00

Stud Dog Register (1 year) \$50.00 Breeders Directory (1 Year) \$25.00 Puppy Register \$25.00

Vale Notice (quarter page)

Free

Normal rates apply for full and half pages.

Non Members:

All advertising for non-members are double the rates listed above.

All Advertisers who pay for a years advertising will also have their ad placed onto the AMCV website at no extra cost.

WORKING DOG TITLES

For application forms for the AMCV Working Dog Titles, please contact the secretary or relevant co-ordinator. Please note that a \$30.00 application fee is payable upon submission of Working Dog Title applications. Applications must be submitted one month prior to the Annual General Meeting in order for awards to be presented at the AGM

NEW CHAMPIONS

Members whose Alaskan Malamutes have gained an Obedience Title, Australian Champion Title, Grand Champion Title or have become a 500 point Champion are eligible for a medallion from the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc. in recognition of their Malamutes achievement. To receive a medallion, members must send a copy of the relevant certificates to the Show Secretary, Sharen McPhan, 1665 Pound Road, Clyde North, Victoria, 3978 or email to sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com The medallions will be presented at the next Annual General Meeting. Notifications must be received prior to the 31st of August to enable the medallion to be engraved. If you need further details please contact the show secretary on the above address.

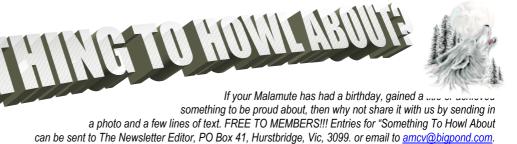


MOVING?

Change of address notifications must be made in writing to the Secretary at PO Box 41 Hurstbridge VIC 3099 or by email to amcv@bigpond.com.au



Has your Mal got ...



Working Pack Dog Excellence Title "FFI IX"



Niltaran Ernace Tungulra WPDX Congratulations to Nicole Green on Felix quailfying for his Working Pack Dog **Excellence Title**

Working Weight Pull Dog Title "SHADOW"



Kataku All Shadow WWPD Congratulations to Bradley Acht on Shadow's Working Weight Pull Dog Title

Working Pack Dog Excellence Title "ZELBY"



Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi WPDX Congratulations to Nicole Green on Zelby quailfying for her Working Pack **Excellence Dog Title**

From the Secretary:

Outgoing and Incoming Committee Members

We welcome Simone Dines onto the AMCV Committee in the role of Obedience Coordinator, and welcome Stewart Cumming back onto Committee in the role of Vice-President (Activities).

We would like to thank James Ganson, Shellie Shewring, Fionna Paton, Kevin Ryan, & Sara Cartwright for their valuable contribution to the Committee and club in their roles as Backpacking Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Fundraising Coordinator, Obedience Coordinator and Secretary respectively.

Amendment to AMCV Club Rules – Membership **Categories**

The following amendments to membership categories were passed at the General Meeting of 13 October 2011:

Junior Member: The definition of a Junior Member in the AMCV Club Rules has been amended to mean a member under the age of 18 years. Family Membership: The definition of a Family membership has been amended to read "Family Member - Includes parent(s) and any number of children under 18 years of age residing at the one address".

Membership Renewals

If you are receiving this newsletter then we have received your membership renewal. Members are reminded of Point 42 of the AMCV Club Rules

"The financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of July in each year, and terminate on the last day of June the following year. Membership fees must be paid on or before the 1st day of November each year for continuity of membership."

As this effects the Show Point Score and the Sledding Point Score Competitions for 2011, the competition results have been amended accordingly.

2012 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 7 February Committee

Thursday, 29 March General / Committee*

Tuesday, 1 May Committee Committee

Tuesday, 5 June

Thursday, 19 July General / Committee*

Tuesday, 28 August Committee

AGM / Committee* Thursday, **11 October**

Committee Tuesday, 13 November



Tuesday

Wed

13

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Meeting

Obedience

2012 Activities Calendar

Please note that this calendar is subject to amendment at the discretion of the AMCV Committee and that scheduling of some events may be altered due to temperature

restrictions. Please contact the AMČV or check the website to confirm event schedule & Venue **FEBRUARY** Committee Bulla Tuesday Meeting Wednesday 8 Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Socialising Wednesday 22 Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Socialising MARCH Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Wednesday Socialising Sunday 11 Backpacking Picnic Fun walk Mt Macedon Saturday 17 Backpacking 1-day hike Blackwood Sunday 18 Show Open Show Bulla Obedience Practice and Puppy Wednesday 21 Obedience TBA Socialising Meeting General & Committee Thursday 29 Bulla **APRIL** Mt Macedon Sunday 1 Activities Activities Intro Day Wednesday 4 Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Socialising Easter 3-day hike Easter Friday -Sun 6-8 TRA Backpacking Obedience Practice and Puppy Obedience Wednesday 18 **TBA** Socialising 21 Weight Pull Weight Pull Competition 1 (Am Staff Club) KCC Park Saturday 28/29 Sat / Sun Sledding Sledding Training weekend You Yangs MAY Tuesday 1 Meeting Committee Bulla Weight Pull Weight Pull Competition 2 KCC Park 5 Saturday Saturday 12 Backpacking Day Hike 2 You Yangs Saturday 19 Sledding Sled Dog Race - Event 1 + sledding Ashbourne training Sunday 20 Sledding Sled Dog Race - Event 2 Ashbourne JUNE Sat / Sun 2/3 Sledding Sled Dog Race - Event 3 + sledding **TBA** training Meeting Tuesday 5 Committee Bulla Sledding Queen's B'day Sat - Mon 9-11 Undera Sled Dog Dash Kialla West Sat / Sun 23/24 Sledding Gold Seekers Sled Dog Race - Event 4 TBA Saturday 30 Sledding Sled Dog Race - Event 5 + sledding **TBA** training JULY Sledding Sled Dog Race - Event 6 TBA Sunday 1 Weight Pull Competition (Am Staff Club)* Sunday 1 Weight Pull* KCC Park Sat / Sun Sleddina State Cup - Heats 1 & 2 - Event 7 14 You Yangs /15 Thursday 19 Meeting General & Committee Bulla 21/22 Falls Creek Sat / Sun Falls Snow Race Sled Dog Race - To be confirmed Sat / Sun Excellence Heats 1 & 2 / Excursion 28/29 Sledding Long TBA Distance **AUGUST** Activities / Social Dinner Plain Sat / Sun 4/5 Snow Weekend Dinner Plain Sat / Sun 11/12 Sledding A5K Snow Race Sat / Sun 25/26 Sledding Long TBA Excellence / Excursion Distance Tuesday 28 Meeting Committee Bulla SEPTEMBER Saturday 1 Backpacking Day Hike 3 TBA 2 Weight Pull Weight Pull Event 3 (Am Staff Club) KCC Park Sunday Sunday 9 Activities Activities Introduction & Breed Information Templestowe KCC Park 16 Weight Pull Weight Pull Competition 4 - Tuggy Shield Sunday 30 KCC Park AMCV Championship Show Sunday Show Weight Pull KCC Park **OCTOBER** Sunday Weight Pull Competition 5 Wednesday 10 Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Socialising Annual General / Committee Thursday 11 Meeting Bulla Saturday 13 Backpacking 1-day hike TBA TBA 24 Obedience Practice and Puppy Wednesday Obedience Socialising **NOVEMBER** Sat -Mon 3-5 Backpacking 3-day Hike TBA Wednesday 7 Obedience Obedience Practice and Puppy TBA Socialising Members Competition Bulla Sunday 11 Show Activities Activities Introduction & Breed Information Obedience Obedience competition

Committee

Obedience Practice and Puppy

Bulla

TBA

				Socialising	
DECEMBER	Sunday	2	Christmas Fun Day	Includes BBQ, Funny classes & Agility	Mt Macedon
				Comp	
	Wednesday	5	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy	TBA
				Socialising	
	Wednesday	12	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy	TBA
				Socialising	

NB: Italics denotes dates to be confirmed Competition

Shading denotes Public Holidays

*not included in AMCV Annual Weight Pull

For further details please go to the AMCV Website closer to the event date, or check the next issue of the Malamute Mail.

Email: amcv@bigpond.com.au Website: www.amcv.org.au General Enquiries: Phone (03) 9714 8540

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY & RESTRICTIONS: Please note that temperature restrictions apply to some activities. In addition, events may be cancelled if forecast temperature on day of event is equal to or greater than 30°C, or in extreme weather conditions unless otherwise indicated. Please phone or email to confirm.

* 2011 Snow Weekend *







Shaz & Louise

Old Oska

Cath & Fred with Heidi & Spike







Fundraising brunch

Mel & Matt

Simon & Kaya







Sienna greets Ana

Who needs snow to go sledding?! Teams line up at Dinner Plain

Panda & Jethro







Maranda with her Border Collie & Mally team

Simon & Louise with Kaya

Panda & Jethro get pats from a little admirer

The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc. Incorporations Registration Number A0016353X

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc., held at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla on Thursday, 13 October 2011, commencing at the conclusion of the General Meeting.

Present: I Luke (Chair), S Cumming, N Green, L Hewat, S & R Koch, C Lawson, D Luke, S & C McPhan, D Mitchell, F

Parker, O Singer, M & S Turner, S Vanderpol

Apologies: B Acht, J Ganson, L Green, F Paton, K Ryan, S Shewring.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm.

Apologies

Motion: That the apologies (as listed above) be accepted.

Moved: S McPhan Seconded: D Luke

CARRIED

2. Election of Scrutineers and Returning Officer

To be addressed later in the meeting if required.

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, 7 October 2010, and as published in the

December 2010 issue of "The Malamute Mail", be accepted as read.

Moved: M Turner Seconded: S Turner CARRIED

Business Arising: Nil

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, 7 October 2010 be accepted as a true and

accurate record.

Moved: S McPhan Seconded: M Turner CARRIED

4. Correspondence

4.1 Incoming: Postal vote applications: Tamar Smith

Todd McGuire Kearin Guziak Andrzej Guziak Melanie Curran

4.2 Outgoing: Acknowledgement of postal vote applications and notification of nil contested positions to:

Tamar Smith Todd McGuire Kearin Guziak Andrzej Guziak Melanie Curran

Motion: That the correspondence as tabled be accepted

Moved: D Luke Seconded: S Turner CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report - see attached

Ralph Koch distributed and presented the 2010/2011 financial report and Auditor's report to the members.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report for the last financial year, 2010/2011 be accepted.

Moved: R Koch. Seconded: D Mitchell CARRIED

6. Co-ordinators Reports

6.1 <u>President's Report</u> - see attached

Ian Luke presented his report to the members.

6.2 <u>Secretary's Report</u> – see attached

Sandy Koch presented her report to the members.

6.3 <u>Vice President's Report on Breed Welfare</u> – see attached

Sandy Koch presented her report to the members.

6.4 Health Officer's Report - see attached

Shelley Turner presented her report to the members.

6.5 <u>Puppy Register & Referral Report</u> – see attached

Ralph Koch presented his report to the members.

6.6 <u>E</u>	Education/Publicity	y & Fundraising Officer's Report - see attached
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Fionna Paton's report was presented to the members.

6.7 <u>Vice President's Report on Activities</u> - see attached

Stuart Vanderpol presented his report to the members.

6.8 Show Secretary's Report - see attached

Sharen McPhan presented her report to the members.

6.9 <u>Sledding Co-ordinator's Report</u>- see attached

Colin McPhan presented his report to the members.

6.10 Weight-Pull Co-ordinator's Report- see attached

Di Mitchell presented her report to the members.

6.11 <u>Backpacking Co-ordinator's Report</u>- see attached

Stuart Vanderpol presented the report to the members.

6.12 <u>Obedience Co-ordinator's Report</u> – see attached

Kevin Ryan's report was presented to the members.

6.13 Newsletter Editor's Report - see attached

Shelley Shewring's report was presented to the members.

Motion: That the coordinators' and office bearers' reports be accepted as presented.

Moved: Dale Luke , Seconded: M Turner

CARRIED

7. Presentation of Awards for New Titles

The following presentations were made:

New Champions:

Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull owned by S Vanderpol

Ch Windchill Tammbo Tanane owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch

Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET owned by Sharen McPhan

Endurance Title

Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET owned by Sharen McPhan

AMCV Register of Achievement (ROA)

Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull WWPD WTD WPDX owned by S Vanderpol

Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET WTD owned by Sharen McPhan

8. Presentation of Working Dog Titles

Presentations were made for the following recipients of AMCV Working Dog Titles:

Working Pack Dog Excellent

Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull (Jethro) owned by Stuart Vanderpol

Working Pack Dog

Thomla Sweet Skykat (Paddy) owned by Di Mitchell

Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred (Willy) owned by Ian Luke

Thomla Sweet Oopsadaisy (Daisy) owned by Ian Luke

Niltaran Ernace Kirabo (Keira) owned by Niltaran Kennels

Niltaran Ernace Tungulra (Felix) owned by Niltaran Kennels

Working Team Dog

Thomla Sweet Oopsadaisy (Daisy) owned by Ian Luke

Ch Tanome King of the Mountain (Brock) owned by Sharen McPhan

Tanome Get Off Of My Cloud (Millie) owned by Sharen McPhan

Working Weight Pull Dog

Thomla Sweet Skykat (Paddy) owned by Di Mitchell

Tanome Jack O Diamonds (Jack) owned by Sharen McPhan

Kataku All Shadow (Shadow) owned by Bradley Acht

Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred (Willy) owned by Ian Luke

Tanome Kiss Thiss (Jai) owned by Sharen McPhan

9. Presentation of Weight-Pull Awards

Presentations were made to the following winners of the 2010/2011 Weightpull Competition:

Under 36 kg Class:

1st: Wilfred - Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred, lan Luke

2nd: Paddy - Thomla Sweet Skykat, Di Mitchell & Ian Luke

3rd: Daisy – Thomla Sweet Oopsadaisy, Ian Luke

36-45 kg Class:

1st: Shadow - Kataku All Shadow owned by Bradley Acht

2nd: Jai – Tanome Kiss Thiss owned by Sharen McPhan

3rd: Billy - Ch Qannik Sno Luck owned by Stewart Cumming & Linda Hewat

Most Improved Weight Pull Dog

Daisy - Thomla Sweet Oopsadaisy owned by Ian Luke

Top Weight Pull Dog Of The Year

Wilfred - Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred owned by Ian Luke

10. Presentation of Sledding Awards

Presentations were made to the winners of the 2011 Dog Driver Competitions, the 2011 State Cup class winners.

2011 STATE CUP

1 DOG CLASS - Behrpaw State Cup: Awarded to Stuart Vanderpol & Jethro2-DOG CLASS - Chiriko State Cup: Awarded to Ian Luke with Wilfred & Daisy

4-DOG CLASS - Jagapak State Cup: Awarded to Colin McPhan with Jack, Jai & Shelby

2011 SLEDDING DOG & DRIVER POINT SCORE

1-DOG CLASS: The Malindiko Trophy

1st Stuart Vanderpol & Jethro

Equal 2nd Di Mitchell & Paddy

Equal 2nd Ralph Koch & Buffy

2-DOG CLASS: The Davey Memorial Trophy

1st Ian Luke with Wilfred & Daisy
 2nd Jo Winther with Hamish & Jazz

3rd E'vette Levett with Eden & Argos

4-DOG CLASS: 1st Colin McPhan with Jack, Jai & Shelby

2nd Vaughan Winther with Gabby, Jet & Buckley

3rd: E'vette Levett with Sasha, Bridie & Betty

Rookie of the Year Award: Awarded to Ross Belyea

Sledding Encouragement Award: Awarded to Cath Lawson

12. Election of Officer Bearers and Committee Members

The President declared all Committee positions vacant. Ian Luke vacated the chair. Stuart Vanderpol occupied the chair.

President: lan Luke was the sole nominee and was declared.

Stuart Vanderpol vacated the Chair. Ian Luke resumed the Chair.

Secretary: Sandy Koch was the sole nominee and was declared.

Vice President (Activities): There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. Stewart Cumming accepted a nomination by Dale Luke,

Seconded by Sharen McPhan.

There being no other nominations, **Stewart Cumming** was declared.

Vice President (Breed Welfare): There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

Treasurer: There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

Newsletter Editor: There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

Malamute Health Officer: Shelley Turner was the sole nominee and was declared.

Puppy Registrar/Referral Officer: Ralph Koch was the sole nominee and was declared.

Publicity /Education Co-ordinator There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

FundraisingOfficer: There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

Show Secretary: Sharen McPhan was the sole nominee and was declared.

Obedience Co-ordinator: There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. No nominations were received.

Weight-pull Co-ordinator: Di Mitchell was the sole nominee and was declared.

Backpacking Co-ordinator: There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from

the floor. Stuart Vanderpol accepted a nomination by Sharen

McPhan, Seconded by Di Mitchell.

There being no other nominations, **Stuart Vanderpol** was declared.

Sledding Co-ordinator: Colin McPhan was the sole nominee and was declared.

The President thanked the members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Annual General Meeting Reports

Treasurers' report

The club has again had a successful year ending with just over \$8,200 in the investment account and just over \$5,300 in the cheque account, giving total members' funds of \$13,512.96. This represents a profit of \$1,112.64 for the 2010/2011 financial year. Thanks again goes to Fionna Paton for her efforts in fundraising, bringing a profit of around \$4000.

Ralph Koch

Auditor's Report:

MICHAEL R LINDSAY FIPA, FTIA

13 Woolwich Drive MULGRAVE VIC 3170 (03) 9561 2131 13 September 2011

To the Committee and Members,

Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria Inc.

I have examined the financial records of the Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria Inc., for the year ended 30th June 2011 and in my opinion the final details present an accurate record of the Clubs finances.

Yours truly

Michael R Lindsay

1. Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011

Working Capital	2010 / 2011	2009 / 2010
Balance as at 1/7/2010	\$ 12,400.32	\$ 10,824.58
Excess / Loss for Year	\$ 1,112.64	\$ 1,575.74
Total Capital	\$ 13,512.96	\$ 12,400.32

Members Funds are represented as follows:

Account Balances	2010 / 2011	2009 / 2010
Cheque account	\$ 5,305.31	\$ 4,483.63
Investment Account	\$ 8,207.65	\$ 7,916.69
Total Members Funds	\$ 13,512.96	\$ 12,400.32

2. Receipts and Payments for Financial Year ended 30 June 2011

Category	\$	\$
RECEIPTS	Year to Date	Previous Year
Activities	217.00	100.00
Backpacking	160.00	48.00
Breeders Directory	275.00	275.00
Fundraising	5249.30	3450.85
Health - Ch'd Scheme	110.00	187.00
Health - other	145.00	50.00
Interest	290.96	190.76
Litter registration	0.00	25.00
Membership - Fees	2970.00	3764.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing	823.00	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural	1042.35	0.00
Merchandise - Other	32.00	1045.27
Miscellaneous	8.00	0.00
Newsletter - Advertising	265.00	180.00
Newsletter - Printing	47.12	0.00
Referral	95.00	639.85
Show	1954.50	3088.10
Sledding	1366.00	2214.00
Weight Pull	443.00	603.00
Working Dog titles	390.00	330.00
Total Income	15883.23	16190.83

PAYMENTS	Year to Date	Previous Year
Accounting	25.00	25.00
Activities	1306.42	2095.77
Administration costs - CAV	41.80	40.90
Administration - Meeting room hire	327.00	255.60
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee	283.00	210.00
Administration costs - other	0.00	83.89
Advertising - VCA	333.50	322.20
Bank fees	2.10	4.10
Donation	0.00	637.00
Fundraising	1245.20	1286.59
Health - Ch'd Scheme	2.00	0.00
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	862.50	325.00
Membership - Other	60.00	0.00
Merchandise - Clothing	1139.28	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural	1305.85	0.00
Merchandise - Other	0.00	853.75
Miscellaneous	232.70	162.71
Newsletter - Postage	993.80	712.95
Newsletter - Printing	1321.99	1540.59
Newsletter - Other	0.00	105.78
Petty Cash Float - Secretary	200.00	0.00
Publicity & Education	293.55	908.62
Referral - donations	100.00	350.00
Show	4187.73	3956.08
Sledding	368.75	738.56
Stationery	10.37	0.00
Weight Pull	128.05	0.00
Total expenditure	14770.59	14615.09
PROFIT/LOSS	1112.64	1575.74

3. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – 2010-2011 financial year

Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Year to Date	Previous Year
Activities		217.00											217.00	100.00
Backpacking		160.00											160.00	48.00
Breeders Directory	150.00	50.00	50.00								25.00		275.00	275.00
Fundraising	385.60	225.70	614.50		275.00	291.00	235.00	1359.00	325.00	683.00	361.50	494.00	5249.30	3450.85
Health - Ch'd Scheme	20.00		10.00				50.00				30.00		110.00	187.00
Health - other					145.00								145.00	50.00
Interest	63.36			75.43			75.13			77.04			290.96	190.76
Litter registration													0.00	25.00
Membership - Fees	1095.00	934.00	226.00		43.00	30.00		43.00		160.00	172.00	267.00	2970.00	3764.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing		622.00	186.00		15.00								823.00	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural	101.50					411.20		52.90	131.90	175.55	67.80	101.50	1042.35	0.00
Merchandise - Other		21.00								11.00			32.00	1045.27
Miscellaneous		21.00								8.00			8.00	0.00
Newsletter - Advertising	120.00	40.00				20.00			10.00	60.00		15.00	265.00	180.00
Newsletter - Printing	120.00	40.00				20.00		47.12	10.00	00.00		10.00	47.12	0.00
Referral		-						50.00				45.00	95.00	639.85
Show	50.00	172.00	1,686.50					30.00			46.00	43.00	1954.50	3088.10
	371.00	125.00	15.00								100.00	755.00	1366.00	2214.00
Sledding Weight Pull	45.00	45.00	65.00		56.00						232.00	755.00	443.00	603.00
	45.00	90.00	90.00		56.00	30.00				60.00	120.00		390.00	330.00
Working Dog titles	0404.40			75.40	504.00		200.42	4550.00	400.00			4077.50		
Total Income	2401.46	2701.70	2943.00	75.43	534.00	782.20	360.13	1552.02	466.90	1234.59	1154.30	1677.50	15883.23	16190.83
EXPENDITURE	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Year to Date	Previous Year
Accounting			25.00										25.00	25.00
Activities		106.15		995.67				149.60			55.00		1306.42	2095.77
Administration costs - CAV				41.80									41.80	40.90
Administration - Meeting room hire	40.00		40.00		40.00				41.40	41.40	82.80	41.40	327.00	255.60
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee			283.00										283.00	210.00
Administration costs - other		ľ											0.00	83.89
Advertising - VCA				333.50									333.50	322.20
Bank fees	0.70			1.40									2.10	4.10
Donation	J												0.00	637.00
Fundraising		42.00						577.25		625.95			1245.20	1286.59
Health - Ch'd Scheme		12.00					2.00	077.20		020.00			2.00	0.00
Membership - VCA Insurance levy							2.00	562.50			300.00		862.50	325.00
Membership - Other		60.00						002.00			000.00		60.00	0.00
Merchandise - Clothing		1139.28											1139.28	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural		1139.20			438.19	127.51				417.00	323.15		1305.85	0.00
Merchandise - Vets Ali Natural Merchandise - Other					430.19	127.51				417.00	323.13		0.00	853.75
				222.70										162.71
Miscellaneous		470.00	400.00	232.70		440.50		455.00		000.05		400 45	232.70	
Newsletter - Postage		176.30	136.90			140.50		155.00		222.95		162.15	993.80	712.95
Newsletter - Printing		266.55	214.59			178.34		199.99		242.33		220.19	1321.99	1540.59
Newsletter - Other													0.00	105.78
Petty Cash Float - Secretary								200.00					200.00	0.00
Publicity & Education		54.00	ļ						181.39			58.16	293.55	908.62
Referral - donations									100.00					350.00
Show		221.05	3,317.84						260.95		345.00	42.89	4187.73	3956.08
Sledding	148.14	74.63										145.98	368.75	738.56
Stationery		6.99							3.38				10.37	0.00
Weight Pull			117.55						10.50				128.05	0.00
Total expenditure	188.84	2146.95	4134.88	1605.07	478.19	446.35	2.00	1844.34	597.62	1549.63	1105.95	670.77	14770.59	14615.09
PROFIT/LOSS	2212.62	554.75	-1191.88	-1529.64	55.81	335.85	358.13	-292.32	-130.72	-315.04	48.35	1006.73	1112.64	1575.74

President's report

We come to the end of another AMCV year with a new committee about to be elected.

The out going committee have maintained a strong financial position, and have in my opinion served the members and the breed well.

Our 21st Championship Show attracted the lowest entry in the club's history, in spite of US breeder Judge selected by and then sub contracted from the Northern Alaskan Malamute Club of New Zealand, with no direct communication between us and the Judge. Congratulations to Darksky Kennels on producing another Best In Specialty Show winner, only the sixth ever bitch to have won Best In Show at our Specialty, and to Stuart Presland on winning Runner Up In Show.

It has been a difficult Committee year, emphasising how difficult it can be to serve this Club and its members. For the second year in a row, we lost our Secretary before time. My thanks to Sara Cartwright for her efforts, and yet again I thank Sandy Koch for stepping up and taking over the position when needed.

The entire outgoing Committee has worked hard over the last twelve months on behalf of you, the members. So please take a moment to thank them. Certainly for myself, I say thank you to my fellow Committee members.

Each and every Committee member is due thanks. I'd like to specifically mention Sandy, whose efforts can not be spoken of highly enough, both in the role of Vice President (Breed Welfare) and later as Secretary. Stuart Vanderpol, Ralph Koch, Sharen McPhan and Fionna Paton have all worked hard. Shellie Shewring continued to produce a newsletter we can all feel proud of. Colin, in his first year as sledding coordinator, provided great tracks. Shelley Turner has excelled as Health Officer. Di Mitchell's efforts as Weight Pull Co-ordinator extended past simply running the competitions, through to chute maintenance. James put on and lead some fantastic hikes, and Kevin for his efforts with Obedience.

Several have elected not to re-stand- thank you all for your efforts. Many have decided to go around again, and I thank them not only for their past efforts but their continuing desire to serve the membership.

To the members, thank you for your continued support.

Ian Luke

Secretary's report

It has been another interesting year with again another unexpected change late in the term with the resignation of Sara Cartwright from her role as Secretary. Secretary is a very demanding role to take on, so thank you to Sara for having a go and implementing some new initiatives such as the updating of the website, online Ch'd application form and members' only access to the Malamute Mail. We wish Sara all the best with her studies and other ventures she has taken on.

There have been a few hiccups with the day to day running of the club over the past year but hopefully all will soon be sorted out and restored to order. Unfortunately a large number of committee positions have not received any nominations, so I hope this does not translate to all the work falling to very few people, which does not bode well for the future of the club.

The fees have increased by an extra \$5 having remained the same for as long as I can remember, so with increases in the cost of producing and posting the Malamute Mail and insurance levies, this is probably long overdue.

The website remains a large source of new members and is a valuable resource. Thanks again to Sara in her efforts to revamp the website and further work will be done to update some of the pages over the next few months.

Again Fionna has excelled in raising funds for the AMCV and as she is not renominating, she will be sorely missed and a hard act to follow. Sadly, Shellie Shewring is also not continuing on in the role of Newsletter Editor and will also be a very hard act to follow. Shellie has done an excellent job over the last few years in putting together a quality newsletter, despite often receiving content very late and often having to make last minute changes. So a big thanks to Fionna and Shellie and good luck with your new pursuits.

As always, I have to thank all the Committee for all they have contributed to the club over the past year, and in particular our President, Ian who does a heap of work behind the scenes that I have no doubt goes largely unnoticed and unappreciated. Ian is a wealth of knowledge and instrumental in much of the smooth running of the AMCV, so what you see Ian doing in his role is just the tip of the iceberg. Ian has been a great support to many of us and we can be thankful that he has agreed to continue for another year

I look forward to continuing on Committee as Secretary and will be happy to support the Committee and Members in whatever way I can.

Sandv Koch

Vice-President's report - Breed Welfare

Breed welfare has been very active over the past year with a number of new initiatives being investigated in the area of health in particular and support of research into health problems.

Thanks to Shelley and also to lan for their work in gaining and disseminating new information about health issues affecting our breed, and instigating new testing policies and guidelines which brings the AMCV to the forefront in setting high standards for responsible breeding practices in the Alaskan Malamute.

Thanks again to Lorraine Green for her continued hard work as the Ch'd Certification Scheme database operator, which often involves countless hours of work tracing pedigrees to determine Ch'd probabilities. This year has seen some new initiatives in the scheme with an online application form thanks to Sara Cartwright, and well documented guidelines and procedures regarding the running of the scheme again thanks largely due to input from Lorraine. The success of the scheme is reflected in the large percentage of overseas applications and interest from Alaskan Malamute breed clubs in other countries.

Publicity and education has been quiet with just one pet expo being attended this year, however we have two coming up over the warmer months with the Nillumbik Pet expo in November and Caulfield Pet expo in February next year.

I have not renominated for this role due to taking on the duties of Secretary, so I hope someone with an interest in breed welfare will step into the position.

Sandy Koch

Health

The past year has flown and while I feel that a lot more could have been achieved we are always reliant on malamute owners and breeders to be honest and upfront with any health issues in order to help our beautiful breed and move forward.

We only had three responses to our request for reports on health issues those being 2 dogs diagnosed with thyroid problems and report of a heart problem.

This year saw us working closely with the Alaskan Malamute Club of America Health Committee, so far they have funded CHD research, Hereditary Cataracts research and there is now a DNA test for day blindness, the gene for Polyneuropathy has been identified and researchers estimate a DNA test will be available in about two months.

The hip dysplasia policy has been amended to accept dogs that have been PennHip and some minor changes have been made to the Ch'd Scheme. Hopefully the special general meeting motions have been passed tonight, to include all breeding and stud dogs to have current eye certificates, thyroid including TGAA results, elbows and hip certificates. I would also propose that the club include any new DNA tests that become available for our breed in the future.

I am in discussion with the AMCA Health Committee re thryroid testing and hope to see more samples sent to the UK study in the hope of the DNA test becoming available soon.

I once again URGE breeders and pet owners to come forward with any health problems (they are kept confidential) and remember every bit of information helps.

Shelley Turner

Puppy & Referral Service Report

The Puppy register has been very quiet this year with just one litter registered. Again we hope this is due to most prospective puppy buyers contact breeders on the breeders directory listing directly or visiting their websites to find out about puppy availability.

The number of breeders on the directory has dropped this year due to some of the breeders not renewing their AMCV membership and perhaps in anticipation of the additional health testing requirements. In addition, two applications for the breeders directory have had to be rejected due to the breeders not complying with the hip testing requirements of the breeders directory guidelines, which is disappointing.

Over the past year the new Facebook group Alaskan Malamute Rehoming Aid (AMRAA) has formed, taking over the role of Alaskan Malamutes in Need. With Barb Trytko in NSW, Michele Nimmo in Victoria and representatives in SA and QLD, this group has been instrumental in the rehoming of many of the Alaskan Malamutes and Malamute crosses that have come onto our rehoming list. In conjunction with websites for WinterPaws, Malamutes4Adoption and the AMCV website, the number of rehomings has remained high with over 170 of the dogs on our lists finding new homes since this time last year.

Barb Trytko is again commended for her efforts in placing dogs in boarding kennels that she has saved from death row in NSW pounds and shelters – not only does this involve a great expense to Barb but also many hours driving to and from shelters, assessing dogs and on "meet and greet" visits with prospective new owners, so a big thank you to Barb for her efforts. Many of you may also know Barb's name from the many donations she and Tim have made to the club, so she is also a great support to our club as a member

Of course it is always disheartening and disappointing that so many Malamutes find themselves in need of a new home due largely to lack of research into the breed, forethought by the owner or as a result of poor or no information being given by the puppy seller. We still hear cases of reasonably experienced breeders selling two pups of the same sex (to be kept entire) with assurances to the buyers that they will get along together – great if it does but, being the exception rather than the rule, it is of great concern that poor advice is being given whether it be in ignorance or in an attempt to sell that extra puppy.

I have nominated again as Puppy/Referral officer and look forward to working with our new Committee over the coming year. Ralph Koch

Vice-President's report - Activities

It's been a great year working with the coordinators they worked very hard and put a lot of time and effort in for their activities for the members to enjoy.

It was good to see that there were some dogs that gained some excellent qualified pulls in the weight pull. I would like to also congratulate Ian with Wilfred and Sharon with Jai for achieving Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent; it's been quite a while since these titles have been awarded.

It's a shame that the attendance to our sledding events was poor, Colin worked hard throughout the season to put on the events, it was also a difficult year due to use of venues as the You Yangs was closed.

I would like to congratulate those achieving their Working Pack Dog title. It's a shame that some of these hikes are poorly attended as these activities are put on for you. Maybe for some of the future hikes new venues may need to be found to break the monotony.

I would like to thank Sharon for doing a great job of the 2011 Champ show, not sure how the entries fared from the past shows well done.

Stuart Vanderpol

Backpacking

No report received.



Show Secretary's Report

My first year as Show Secretary has certainly been an interesting experience and I now have a greater respect for all those show secretarys out there! Thank you to Dale for continuing with the Show Point Score until the end of 2010 for me and to all those who have helped me throughout the year.

The first event for the year was our Members Competition which was held at Mt Macedon in April. Mr Jonathon Marshall was our judge and the event was very well attended with 22 dogs being exhibited. Even the weather was kind to us!

Our 21st Championship Show was held on the 2nd October. Our judge was Mrs Rosemary Leist (USA). Unfortunately the number of entries was lower this year, however it was still good to see some inter-staters make the trip down to support our show. Congratulations to all the winners.

Our next event for the year is our Open Show which is being held on Sunday 13th November at Bulla Exhibition Centre. Our judge is Mr Peter Frost and entries close on Friday 21st October. We are seeking donations for trophies and sashes so if anyone is interested please let me know.

Sharen McPhan

Sledding

Well I survived my first season as Sledding Co-ordinator and I enjoyed every minute of it.

Although attendance numbers were low this year, that didn't dampen the quality of competition out on the track. As usual sportsmanship was at a very high level and the evening campfires were always enjoyable. This year created the opportunity for me to become more familiar with the sledding rules, with a few minor issues needing rectifying along the way.

Congratulations to all the Point Score winners and placegetters and to all the State Cup winners for 2011.

Again, the first of the Long Distance events in July was poorly attended. However, the few that did turn up had a very relaxed and enjoyable weekend with two mushers completing the excursion distance of 18kms. The second Long Distance event and last sledding event for the season was held at the You Yangs and was very well attended with quite a few people going out for some fun with their dogs. We also had one musher complete the excursion distance of 17kms.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me out this season and I can't wait to do it all again next year! Colin McPhan

Weight Pull

Being Weightpull Co-Ordinator and back on AMCV Committee during 2011 has been for me, enjoyable and thoroughly rewarding. The Weightpull Point Score Competition concluded with the Annual "Tuggy State Shield" Event and was very well attended with fourteen dogs entered of varying breeds. Congratulations to Shadow and Wilfred for winning their respective classes on the day with pulls of 979kg and 790kg respectively. And to Shadow again for the best Pull of the day.

I am looking forward to the presentation of awards and seeing the delight from the dogs Handlers for the hard work and effort that people have put in to preparing their dogs for the events over the course of the entire season.

It has been great to see other breeds attending our Weightpull Events, and I hope we will continue to see these dogs being entered into competition during the next season. I believe that building the relationship between our Club and others' who are interested in Weightpulling is rewarding, not only because it is a good opportunity to meet other people with a common interest but also to increase awareness and enthusiasm towards the sport and encourage others to be regular participants in the competition. It has been satisfying to see increasing numbers of participants throughout the season and I hope this continues in the future.

I have been fortunate to been given an enormous amount of support throughout the year in different areas. Help at events, setting up and dismantling the chute, lifting many, many bricks (I'm sure some of you dread every time I call "more weight", knowing it all has to go back in the shed at the end!), timekeeping, handling, harness fitting trolley pulling and the list goes on. I have had help and advice with enquiries, from setting up a new club (that one I passed on to the experts) to titles, rules and weather. More manual labour, helping to maintain the site throughout the year and help with results when major computer meltdowns occurred! Thank You to all of those who have assisted me. It has made being Co-Ordinator quite effortless and fun to do and I appreciate your effort and the time you all give.

It has been "awesome" to be back on the AMCV Committee. My hat goes off to all the Committee members for giving time from your own lives to help our Club be the strong unit that it is.

I look forward to re-standing as Weightpull Co-ordinator and hope I can make 2012 bigger and better. The Competition kicks off this Sunday (16th October) at KCC Park.

Good Luck, train well and be fair to your dog.

Di Mitchell

Obedience

Two thirds of the obedience calendar is now completed with events held on April 3rd at Mt Macedon, April 17th at KCC Park along with Weight Pull, and more recently September 25th at Templestowe as part of the Activities Day at Birrarung Park.

Member and new Malamute owner numbers were lower this year than last, however it was good to always have new owners attend and being able to dedicate some one-on-one time to help build skills and confidence in these new to the breed and see them become better handlers. While attendances were down this season, phone and Email enquiries were up, with new owners keen to get some advice and information in advance of obedience training events.

One final obedience event is scheduled for 2011 on November 13th in conjunction with the Open Show at Bulla. I encourage members to suggest to any potential member or new Malamute owner to attend, or at least get in touch with me to get some early training tips.

Kevin Ryan

Newsletter

Well the last 12 months have gone by very fast and it's hard to believe it's AGM time again! I hope all our members have enjoyed reading their Mally Mails over the last 12 months. I know there has been some issues with Australia post throughout the year, and there have been some delays with some of the issues, but it is a huge job to get done in a short amount of time and i hope you all received your issues without too much drama. Office works have been printing out newsletter for the past 3 years now and i have developed a great relationship with some of the girls down there who put up with my whinging and whining at printing time because i like things to be done just right!! I will be popping in there over the weekend to drop off a little thank you to them all. I would like to thank all the committee for their support throughout my time in this position and for those who have gotten their reports and results thru to me on time for each issue THANK YOU...this makes everything so much easier. As I said in my last report, i will not be re standing for committee this year as i just have too much on my plate at the moment, I would like to wish whoever takes on this roll much success. I look forward to reading and enjoying my December Mally Mail. Shellie Shewring

Publicity/Education & Fundraising Report

What a fantastic fundraising year it's been. This year saw the launch of the Facebook Group which has been very successful. This has raised \$1,151.00 alone for the AMCV for various donated items and a huge thank you too all those people who donated items and of course, to those of you who participated in the sometimes spirited bidding.

The raffle of the hardcover book, The Alaskan Malamute Yesterday & Today was the largest single earner for the club, bringing in \$1,520.00. It was supported extremely well and was a very easy way to raise a lot of money. The old faithful chocolates brought in just over \$1,000.00 and of course we made money on raffles and guess the lolly jars.

The grand total raised for the AMCV over the last 12 months is a whopping \$4,407.00 of which \$3,418.10 is clear profit. This is almost \$1,000.00 more than last year. In addition to this, \$500.00 was also raised for Tracy Goodwin when she lost most of her possessions in the horrendous Qld Floods in January 2011. Vanessa Brotto donated her hard cover book for QLD flood victims which raised another \$385.00.

Once again, a huge thank you to all of those people that donated items for raffle or auction through the year. Olive Singer, Helen Greaves, Tiffany Evans, Michelle White, Merv & Shelley Turner, Sandy and Ralph Koch & Megapet. Thank you also to those people who helped out at fundraising events and those that brought dogs along to the all important Breed expos.

It was great to be able to have the support of Vets All Natural and Plush Puppy again this year. Sponsorship is not easy to come by so thank you.

Thank you to all the outgoing committee members for their hard work and dedication over the past 12 months. Many of you have been doing this for years now and the club would not be what it is without you.

As most of you know, due to other commitments, I am not offering myself for election this year. I wish my successor as fundraiser, the very best of luck and I hope you make even more money than I did for the AMCV and have as much fun doing it. *Fionna Paton*

Weight Pull Results

Event 5 - 16 October 2011

(2011/2012 Annual Competition)

Highest Pull for the Day: 981 kg pulled by Shadow *(right)* **Best Pull for the Day:**

Weight:Weight ratio of 24.8 pulled by Avalanche

Weight Class	Overall Place	Mal Place	Dog	Owner/Handler	Dog's Weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time (secs)	Weight / Weight Ratio	Best Pull (w/w)
< 36 kg	1 st	1 st	Avalanche	Merv Turner	36.9	917	14.9	24.8	1
	2 nd	2 nd	Daisy	lan Luke	32.4	727	40.1	22.4	2
	3 rd	3 rd	Paddy	Di MItchell	31.5	664	16.1	21.1	
	4 th	4 th	Claude	Merv Turner	31.9	601	43.1	18.84	
	5 th		Tyson*	Chelsea Virt	27.8	412	18.0	14.82	
	6 th		Lilly*	Eliza Perry	26.1	412	56.4	15.78	
	7 th	5 th	Xander	Howie Shewring	32.9	370	47.8	11.24	
	8 th		Kermit*	Nathan	31.5	328	26.8	10.41	
	9 th		Buster*	Lincoln Hancock	25.5	286	46.1	11.21	
	10 th		Nico*	Terry	31.9	160	24.3	5.01	
36 – 45 kg	1 st	1 st	Shadow	Bradley Acht	44.5	981	24.6	22.0	3
	2 nd	2 nd	Brock	Colin McPhan	39.2	664	11.2	16.9	
	3 rd		Breeza*	Simone Dines	38.75	601	8.0	15.5	
	4 th	3 rd	Wesley	Merv Turner	37.7	370	24.6	9.81	

^{*} Non-registered Malamute or other breed

Health update



The genetic mutation for Polyneuropathy in Malamutes has been identified!

Polyneuropathy is an often deadly disease with a long history of occurrence in our breed. Researchers in Denmark and Sweden have been working on identifying the genetic cause of this disease for some time.

Earlier this year, AMCA contacted researchers at the University of Minnesota who had identified the gene in Leonbergers. They tested several samples of affected dogs and compared this to the results for Leonbergers, but the genetic cause was not the same in the two breeds. They continued to work with us, however, in gathering samples from Malamutes with confirmed diagnosis of the disease. Two months ago, we learned from that the researchers in Scandinavia had found promising results, and only needed additional samples to confirm their findings. The research team at the University of Minnesota immediately and unselfishly offered the samples they had gathered.

Those samples allowed the Scandinavian Polyneuropathy Research Group to confirm that the mutation they had found was indeed the one which causes Polyneuropathy in Malamutes. The manuscript detailing these findings will be ready within a month.

The Scandinavian Group also analyzed many samples from parents and siblings of the confirmed-affected dogs. Their work has shown that the gene is simple recessive in nature-two carrier parents will produce affected dogs. Therefore, dogs with polyneuropathy---as confirmed by muscle/tissue biopsy (other conditions can mimic PN) or with a positive DNA test---must have parents who carry this mutation. Carriers can be safely bred to non-carriers without producing the disease, but pups produced from such a breeding must then be tested themselves prior to breeding.

Generally when the disease has been produced, many relatives have been removed from breeding. However, it clearly lingers in our breeding population with diagnoses occurring annually. The samples from the University of Minnesota and Scandinavia occurred across many unrelated pedigrees--this is not a gene that can be associated with one line of dogs.

In six months we found 15 samples from living dogs with confirmed diagnoses, just from dogs within the USA, and only from dogs with extensive and costly nerve and muscle biopsies. The disease has been reported in Europe, Scandinavia, and Australia in recent years as well--again across multiple unrelated pedigrees.

Therefore, it will be critical to begin testing our breeding stock as soon as the DNA test is available. The researchers estimate that this test will be available in about two months.

We who love the Malamute owe a great debt to the researchers, and to the owners who provided the critical DNA samples.

We will have more on the availability of the DNA test as soon as information is provided. In the interim...raise a glass or have a quiet cheer.

This is truly a landmark occasion in our efforts to improve the health of our wonderful breed.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Email Sandi Shrager: sandis@u.washington.edu



Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

2nd October 2011 – KCC Park

Judge: Mrs Rosemary Leist (USA)

Baby Puppy Dog (5 entries, 1 absent)

- TSAWAKE SPIRIT WALKER (AI)
- 2 SIARNAK ZELKIE NOAGHUS
- 3 ICEMILE SOMETHIN T BELIEVE IN

Minor Puppy Dog (1 entered)

SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN

Puppy Dog (2 entered)

- HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE
- **QANNIK WIND CHILL FACTOR**

Junior Dog (3 entered)

- SOUTHRNWOLF ARTIC ICE PAKA
- KATAKU BIG CHILL (AI) 2
- 3 ICEMILE HAVE A NICE DAY

Intermediate Dog (3 entered, 2 absent)

CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN ET

Aust Bred Dog (7 entered, 1 absent)

- CH KATAKU MAJOR LEAGUE
- NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA 2
- CH QANNIK SNO LUCK 3

Open Dog (7 entered)

- AM CH FIRESTORMS MASTER CHIEF (IMP USA)
- 2 CH HAMALEK SWEET AS SUGAR GR CH KATAKU FIRE STORM (AI)

AM CH FIRESTORMS MASTER CHIEF Dog CC:

(IMP USA)

Res Dog CC: CH HAMALEK SWEET AS SUGAR

Baby Puppy Bitch (8 entered)

- SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA
- NILTARAN KARUZR SHIVA (AI)
- KATAKU THINKIGOTSUMTHIN TOSAY (AI)

Minor Puppy Bitch (1 entered)

SOUTHRNWOLF ICE AGE WINDS

Puppy Bitch (1 entered)

QANNIK FOXY LADY

Junior Bitch (6 entered)

- KEMULVAK RED RED WINE (AI)
- 2 ATUPAKA VARU DREAM GIRL
- ATUPAKA VARU LOVE SERENADE

Intermediate Bitch (1 entered)

CH CHIZANA DIAMOND OF HOPE (AI)

Aust Bred Bitch (5 entered, 2 absent)

- CH ATUPAKA RIMA GOVNASDAUTA
- THOMLA SWEET OOPS A DAISY
- CH NILTARAN ERNACE SAKARI

Open Bitch (8 entered)

- CH DARKSKY FORGET ME NOT
- 2 NILTARAN ERNACE BUNIQ
- CH KATAKU MYSTIC RIVER (AI)

Bitch CC: CH DARKSKY FORGET ME NOT Res Bitch CC: CH ATUPAKA RIMA GOVNASDAUTA

BEST IN SHOW: CH DARKSKY FORGET ME NOT

R/U BEST IN SHOW: AM CH FIRESTORMS MASTER CHIEF (IMP

USA)

Baby Puppy In Show: SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA

Minor Puppy In Show: SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN **Puppy In Show:** HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Junior In Show: KEMULVAK RED RED WINE (AI)

Intermediate In Show: CH CHIZANA DIAMOND OF HOPE (AI)

Aust Bred In Show: CH ATUPAKA RIMA GOVNASDAUTA Open In Show: CH DARKSKY FORGET ME NOT

CH DARKSKY MAJOR QUAKE Brace:

ATUPAKA VARU DREAM GIRL

CH KATAKU FIRE N FURY Parent/Progeny:

CH KATAKU MAJOR LEAGUE

GR CH KATAKU FIRE STORM

CH KATAKU HURRICANE WILFRED

CH KATAKU ALL FIRED UP (AI)

Desexed Bitch: HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE O/B/H:

Best Gait: HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Best Coat Dog: GR CH KATAKU FIRE STORM (AI)

Best Coat Bitch: CH KATAKU MYSTIC RIVER (AI)

CH DARKSKY MAJOR QUAKE **Best Head Dog: Best Head Bitch:** ATUPAKA VARU DREAM GIRL

Best Tail: HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE



A big thank you to those who have supported our club with their generous donations for sashes for the State Cup Race and Tuggy Weight Pull Shield Event, for trophies and sashes for our Championship & Open Shows and to those who have donated items to raffle or auction for fundraising:



Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.



BEST IN SHOW
Bitch Challenge, Best Open In Show
CH DARKSKY FORGET ME NOT
Owned by: Thomla Kennels Bred by: S & S White, R
Surawski
Whelped: 12/02/2004



Reserve Dog Challenge, 2nd in Open Dog CH HAMALEK SWEET AS SUGAR Owned & Bred by: H Davis & R French Whelped: 13/07/2007



Baby Puppy In Show, Baby Puppy Bitch SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA Owned & Bred by: J Ganson Whelped: 16/05/2011

21ST CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW
Dog Challenge, Best Open Dog
AM CH FIRESTORMS MASTER CHIEF (IMP USA)
Owned by: S Presland Bred by: K Raynes
Whelped: 08/03/2006



Reserve Bitch Challenge, Best Australian Bred In Show CH ATUPAKA RIMA GOVNASDAUTA Owned & Bred by: B & J Bob Whelped: 10/01/2008



Baby Puppy Dog TSAWAKE SPIRIT WALKER (AI) Owned & Bred by: M White Whelped: 13/04/2011



Minor Puppy In Show, Minor Puppy Dog SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN Owned by: A Wagenvoort & S Presland Bred by: S Presland Whelped: 17/02/2011



Puppy In Show, Puppy Dog Best Gait, Best Owner Bred & Handled, Best Tail HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE Owned & Bred by: H Davis & R French Whelped: 20/01/2011



Junior In Show, Junior Bitch
KEMULVAK RED RED WINE (AI)
Owned by: B McCombe & R Miles Bred by: Kemulvak
Kennels
Whelped: 14/06/2010



Minor Puppy Bitch SOUTHRNWOLF ICE AGE WINDS Owned & Bred by: S Presland Whelped: 17/02/2011



Puppy Bitch
QANNIK FOXY LADY
Owned & Bred by: L Hewat & S Cumming
Whelped: 27/10/2010



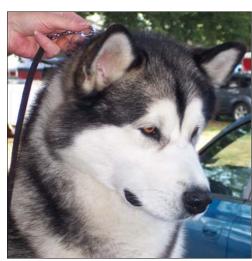
Junior Dog SOUTHRNWOLF ARTIC ICE PAKA Owned & Bred by: S Presland Whelped: 25/04/2010



Intermediate In Show, Intermediate Bitch
CH CHIZANA DIAMOND OF HOPE (AI)
Owned by: A & M Mann Bred by: Chizana Kennels
Whelped: 02/02/2009



Opposite Sex Australia Bred - Aust Bred Dog CH KATAKU MAJOR LEAGUE Owned & Bred by: Kataku Kennels Whelped: 25/03/2009



Best Head Dog – Best Brace CH DARKSKY MAJOR QUAKE Owned by: F Paton Bred by: S & S White & R Surawski Whelped: 24/04/2004



Intermediate Dog
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN ET
Owned & Bred by: S McPhan
Whelped: 23/02/2009



Best Coat - Dog GR CH KATAKU FIRE STORM Owned by: Turner, Ward, Troisi Bred by: Kataku Kennels Whelped: 28/01/2006



Best Head Bitch – Best Brace ATUPAKA VARU DREAMGIRL Owned by: F Paton Bred by: B & J Bob Whelped: 10/08/2010

Help an Animal Shelter this Christmas!

Many of the animal shelters are in desperate need over the Christmas period with large numbers of dogs being dumped by people who don't want the added expense of boarding kennel fees while they go on holiday.

So why not do some of your Christmas shopping and help out an animal shelter at the same time? Many of the animal shelters sell a range of fundraising items by mail order, some via their online stores so it couldn't be much easier!

www.petshaven.com.au

The Pets' Haven eBay store offers Gifts, books, cards, toys, pet beds & coats, pet travel, calendar, clothing, wine, caps & beanies, bags, magnets, mugs. bottle

openers, pens and other goodies.

http://shop.rspcavic.org.au/

The RSPCA shop doesn't just offer Pet Accessories, it also offers a selection of RSPCA merchandise including household gift Ideas, apparel, Christmas gifts, cards and decorations and Children's Gift Ideas.

http://shop.dogshome.com/

The Lost Dogs' Home online store includes Christmas & gift cards, notepads, toys, T-shirts, bandannas, bumper stickers an

www.animalaid.org.au

The Animal Aid online shop has a large variety of gifts including Christmas & greeting cards, wines, books, collar and leads, Beanies & caps, calendar, keyrings, stubby holders, shopping bags, pens, photo frames and more!

Sledding Point Score Competition - Results Update

As memberships not renewed by 1 November are not deemed to be continuous, the Sledding Point Score has been updated to include only the points accrued during current membership as per the Sledding Dog & Driver Point Score Rules.



2-Do	g - Best 4 out of 7 res	sults									
	Name	Dogs	14 May	15 May	4 June	5 June	2 July	3 July	State Cup	Total	Best 4
1	lan Luke	Daisy Wilfred	100	100			99		100	399	399
2	Jo Winther	Jazz Hamish	98	99			98	99	98	492	394
3	Ralph Koch	Gus Ellie	95	97	98	98	97	98	97	680	391
4	Sharen McPhan	Brock Millie					96	97	99	292	292
5	Vaughan Winther	Gabby Jet			100	99				199	199
5	Justin Celentane	Ice Miki	99				100			199	199
7	E'vette Levett	Eden Argos			97	100				197	197
8	Colin McPhan	Jai Shelby	96	98						194	194
9	Sara Cartwright	Tuscan Asia			96	97				193	193
10	Stephen Cartwright	Tuscan Asia	94	96						190	190
11	Sharen McPhan	Jai Shelby			99					99	99
13	Stewart Cumming	Baloo Billy	97							97	97

4-Dog	4-Dog - Best 3 out of 5 results											
	Name	Dogs	4 June	5 June	2 July	3 July	State Cup	Total	Best 3			
1	Colin McPhan	Jack Jai Shelby			100	100	100	300	300			
2	Vaughan Winter	Buckley Jet Gabby			99	99	99	297	297			
3	E'vette Levett	Bridie Betty Sasha	100	DNF				100	100			
3	lan Luke	Daisy Wilfred Sugar	DNF	100				100	100			



Referral Service Update

Malamutes & Malamute crosses needing new homes. For more information go to the AMCV Website www.amcv.org.au



VIC – Cranbourne area Name: HARRY Sex: Male Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 1 year



VIC - Bendigo Name: NINOOK Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 3 years



VIC - Omeo Name: SASKYA -Sex: Female desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 6 years



Name: YUKIKO
- to be rehomed with
Caden
Sex: Male - desexed
Breed: Alaskan
Malamute
Age: 2 years

VIC - Shepparton



VIC - Shepparton Name: CADEN - to be rehomed with Yukiko Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute



NSW
Sydney
Name: MONTANA
Sex: Female desexed
Breed: Malamute X
Husky
Age: 4 years



NSW - Sydney Name: JACK Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Husky x Malamute Age: 2 years



NSW Wybong Name: NIKITA Sex: Female desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 6 years

Age: 2 years



QLD - Name: CHARLOTTE Sex: Female desexed Age: 5 years Breed: Malamute X Husky



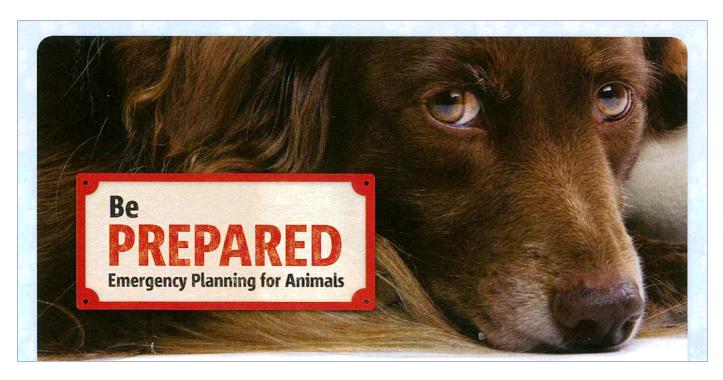
QLD - Sunshine Coast Name: ICE Sex: Male - desexed Age: 3 years Breed: Malamute X



QLD - Gold Coast Name: CRYSTAL Sex: Female desexed Age: 2.5 years Breed: Malamute X



QLD - Brassall
Name: SMOOCH
Sex: Male - desexed
Age: 5 years
Breed: Malamute X
Husky



An emergency could happen at any time. It's critical you prepare now to ensure your animals are protected from disasters that may place your animals in danger, including bushfires, extreme weather and storms. In the event of a disaster, you will need to act quickly so a strategic plan for your animals is critical. Below are some important things you should be thinking about:

High risk conditions

Ensure your pet is contained when there is a high risk of emergency and consider relocating it as a precaution. It is safer to relocate your pet to temporary accommodation early rather than risking its safety. Identify someone close by who can action your evacuation plan if you are not home. This person may be a neighbour who is home during the day and a trusted person who you can leave keys with.

Dogs and small animals should be kept with you (dogs on leads at all times) but cats are best relocated to temporary emergency accommodation for their own safety, such as a veterinary clinic, boarding facility or shelter. Transporting your horses will require more preparation so it is best to temporarily relocate or agist them on another property during high risk seasons. You should also consider various access routes to exit the dangerous zone in your suburb.

Wherever you choose to evacuate livestock and horses, it is critical you do so early, use suitable transport and gather all the items needed for your animals' stay including temporary fencing.

If you are unable to evacuate your livestock or horses, it'simportant you prepare a safe place for them to reside. This area should be large, have minimal vegetation, preferably contain a dam and have room for the animals to move freely. Confining livestock and horses or giving the animals access to roads may compromise their safety. Prepare your animals before leaving the property by providing access to food and clean water in containers that are resistant to fire. Remove any

Does your pet's microchip details have your current contact information including your mobile phone number? If the disaster affects your local area, is your microchip alternative contact in a different suburb? Microchips will help reunite you with lost dogs, cats and horses if you become separated -confirm your pets' details are up-to-date.

Does your pet have clear identification including name and council registration tags?

Fear may cause your animal to behave differently in an emergency situation, particularly if it can smell smoke or hear a disaster approaching. It may escape despite your best efforts, so clear identification with your pet 's name and your mobile number is critical

Where will you evacuate your pet to?

Determine where you will evacuate your pets to now, whether that is a friend's property or a boarding facility at an animal welfare shelter in a low risk area. When considering a shelter as a refuge for your pet, it's important to keep in mind summer is the busiest time of year for stray and abandoned animals and they may have limited capacity to assist. Contact your local RSPCA for more info.

equipment that may cause discomfort or pose a greater risk during the emergency, including horse rugs.

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The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc. Incorporations Registered No. A0016353X

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc., held on **Thursday, 13 October, 2011** at 7.30 pm at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, Calabria Club, Uniting Lane, Bulla.

Present: I Luke (Chair), S Cumming, N Green, L Hewat, S & R Koch, C Lawson, D Luke, S & C McPhan, D Mitchell,

F Parker, O Singer, M & S Turner, S Vanderpol

Apologies: J Ganson, F Paton K Ryan, S Shewring, L Green

The meeting commenced 7.50 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS

Apologies

Motion: That the apologies as listed above be accepted.

Moved: D Mitchell, Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 28 July 2011, as published in the October 2011

issue of the Malamute Mail, be accepted as received.

Moved: D Luke Seconded: S Turner CARRIED

Business arising: Nil

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 28 July 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate

record.

Moved: D Mitchell Seconded: S Turner CARRIED

Correspondence

Held over to the next General Meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Held over to the next General Meeting.

5. <u>Co-ordinators' Reports</u>

Held over to the next General Meeting.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Proposed Amendment to Puppy Register Guidelines

Motion: That, in addition to current requirements, the guidelines for litters registered on the Puppy Register be amended to require the Sire and Dam:

- be x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed.*
- hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) eye certificate or equivalent, and
- have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

*elbow x-ray results will not be required from dogs that have already been hip x-rayed before 1 January 2012.

Moved: AMCV Committee Seconded: L Hewat

It was acknowledged that frozen semen would not be able to be tested and should therefore be exempt from the above testing requirements.

Motion: That the proposed amendments to the Puppy Register Guildelines, with the additional clause that frozen semen collected prior to 1 January 2012 be exempt from the above requirements, be accepted.

Moved: D Luke Seconded: S Turner CARRIED

6.2 <u>Proposed Amendment to Breeders Directory Guidelines</u>

Motion: That, in addition to current requirements, guidelines for the Breeder's Directory be amended to require members advertising on the Breeder's Directory to only use breeding stock that has:

- been x-rayed for hip dysplasia and passed
- been x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed*
- hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) ACES eye certificate or equivalent, and
- have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

*elbow x-ray results will not be required from dogs that have already been hip x-rayed before 1 January 2012.

Frozen semen collected prior to 1 January 2012 are exempted from the above requirements.

Moved: AMCV Committee Seconded: D Luke

It was acknowledged that frozen semen would not be able to be tested and should therefore be exempt from the above testing requirements.

Motion: That the proposed amendments to the Breeders' Directory guildelines, with the additional clause that frozen semen collected prior to 1 January 2012 be exempt from the above requirements, be accepted.

Moved: M Turner Seconded: D Luke CARRIED

6.3. <u>Proposed Amendment to Stud Dog Register Guidelines:</u>

Motion: That, in addition to current requirements, the guidelines for inclusion in the Stud dog Registry be amended to require dogs included in the registry to have:

- been x-rayed for hip dysplasia and passed
- been x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed*
- hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) ACES eye certificate or equivalent, and
- have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate that the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

*elbow x-ray results will not be required from dogs that have already been hip x-rayed before 1 January 2012.

Moved: AMCV Committee Seconded: N Green CARRIED

6.4 Proposed Amendment to AMCV Club Rules – Membership Categories

Motion: That the definition of a Junior Member in the AMCV Club Rules be amended mean a member under the age of 18 years and that the Family membership be amended to read "Family Member – Includes parent(s) and any number of children under 18 years of age residing at the one address".

Moved: D Luke Seconded: N Green CARRIED

6.5 Amendment to AMCV Club Rules - Committee Positions

Motion: That the Publicity/Education Officer be made a separate role from Fundraising/Social coordinator.

Moved: AMCV Committee Seconded: M Turner CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm



Breed Specific Legislation (BSL): New dog laws in Victoria

Changes to the Victorian Domestic Animals Act 1994 took effect on 1 September. They attempt to address community concern about dog attacks and include the following changes.

- Councils can now seize and impound wandering dogs if they are unidentifiable and believed to be a danger to the public. The dog can be euthanased within 48 hours if unclaimed.
- A dog that has previously been declared a Dangerous Dog found wandering can be seized and impounded, and euthanased after 24 hours.
- All cats and dogs 3 months of age and above must be registered and wear council identification on public property.
- New laws have been introduced that affect declared Menacing, Dangerous and Restricted Breed Dogs.

"AVA was not consulted before the legislation was drawn up, but was shown an outline, and asked for comments, before the legislation was presented to Parliament," said Victorian Division President, Bill Harkin.

"We were briefed by the Bureau of Animal Welfare (part of the Department of Primary Industries), and subsequently had meetings with the responsible Minister, Joe Helper, and the Shadow (Opposition) Parliamentary Secretary, Bill Sykes."

"AVA supports many parts of the legislation, but we were particularly vocal against the breed specific regulations. AVA policy is that 'deed, not breed' should be the determining factor in the assessment and treatment of dogs. This fact has been well communicated to both the Bureau and the Minister, who are fully conversant with AVA's position," said Bill.

The AVA's special interest group for animal behaviour, together with the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, produced an excellent submission on the proposed legislation, which was submitted to the Bureau of Animal Welfare and to the Minister.

The key area of disagreement is over the breed specific parts of the legislation, essentially the restrictions on Pit Bull Terriers. The restricted breeds include: American Pit Bull Terrier (or Pit Bull Terrier), Perro de Presa Canario (or Presa Canario), Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, or Fila Brasileiro. Breeds other than Pit Bulls and their crosses are either unrepresented or nearly so in Victoria. The biggest problem is determining whether an animal is actually a Pit Bull or Pit Bull cross, or whether it is a cross involving other breeds. There is no DNA test which can identify an animal as a Pit Bull or cross, so the determination can only be made on physical appearance. This is a grey area that can, and will be, contested in court.

There is genuine community concern over dog attacks, which tend to get a great deal of media attention, and the public perception is that Pit Bulls are behind most of them (despite all evidence to the contrary). The push for these legislative amendments has come from the highest level of government, and the Opposition did not oppose the Bill in Parliament.

"The best that we can hope for is that future amendments will be made in less electorally sensitive times, and that the legislation can be made to work as effectively as possible. Hopefully the scientific guidance that we can offer will be of assistance in the long term," concluded Bill Harkin.

Reprinted from the Australian Veterinary Association website: http://www.ava.com.au/newsarticle/new-dog-laws-victoria

Dog lovers rally in defence of a breed of their own

Author: By STATHI PAXINOS "The Age" 21/10/2011

JUST days after the Victorian government ended its amnesty on unregistered restricted-breed dogs, Point Cook veterinarian Karen Davies did something that hurt her more than anything else in her career.

Her two decades as a vet has included a stint in the emotionally draining area of working with shelter animals.



But earlier this month, she put down a healthy and seemingly well-adjusted dog because of the way it looked. Haunted by the experience, she posted an entry on her clinic's Facebook page, which read in part:

"Today for the first time in 20 years I am questioning if I still want to do this job. My staff and I are all in tears after having to put down our first pit bull under the new legislation.

"He had been dumped, by an owner who had put in the time for this magnificent dog to be friendly to all, shake hands and worse still licked my face with kisses as he passed . . . to the unknown dog that now sleeps in the arms of my staff with our tears, may life make you look different next time because in this life that was your only flaw."

The comments were picked up online and posted on online discussion groups and Dr Davies has now been propelled into the front line of those fighting breed-specific legislation at rallies in Melbourne and Sydney tomorrow.

She will be a speaker at the rally that will start at Federation Square and march to Parliament House to protest against the method of the crackdown on restricted breeds.

Council officers are now able to use visual guidelines to seize and possibly put down a dog that looks like an American pit bull terrier or a cross if it has not been registered as a restricted breed.

This has led to people dumping dogs on the street or at veterinary clinics, rather than complying with the requirements. "Putting to sleep a perfectly healthy animal that would fit into any happy home for no reason other than he had a label on him because of his looks was dreadful," she said.

Dr Davies and rally organisers believe that dangerous dogs of any breed should be destroyed.

But they point to countries, such as the Netherlands and Italy, which have repealed breed-specific legislation, to argue that the current approach does not reduce dog attacks.

In Victoria there are five types of dogs classified as restricted breeds, but dog trainer Brad Griggs, who has helped organise the Melbourne rally, said there was no science to back such policies.

Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh said yesterday the government had been pleased with the way the regulations had been received, helping raise awareness in the community.

"My view is there has been overwhelming support for what we've done with the restricted-breed dogs," he said.

"People want to feel safe in their community from those particular types of dogs, and we have done that."

He was not able to provide the number of dogs that had been surrendered, impounded or destroyed, or how many were subject to an appeal. "It would be a number of weeks before the first lot of statistics come through," he said.

The Lost Dogs Home's managing director, Graeme Smith, said he "fully supports" the government's move.

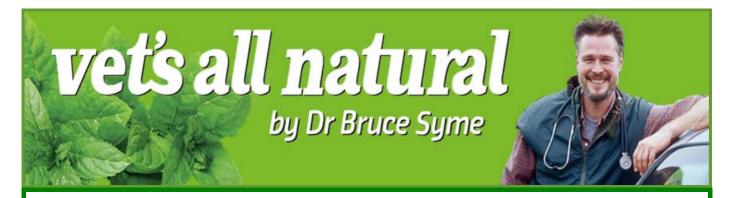
"I'm not going to stand by and see dogs kill other animals or people," Dr Smith said.

"I'm strong on it, and I won't [kowtow to] people who are trying to wreck the government's initiatives."



Thank you to Ian Luke for representing the AMCV at the BSL Rally held in Melbourne on 22 October.





Allergies and Chicken

Chicken meat has long been lauded as the best choice of meats for a dog or cat with allergies or gastro-intestinal upsets. Whilst the latter is quite true (boiled chicken, no skin, no fat, with mashed sweet potato) for settling a dog or cat with diarrhoea or colitis, unfortunately it is NOT a good long term choice for feeding to dogs and cats with skin problems.

The first reason why I do not choose chicken as a meat source is the fact that it is the most commonly used meat protein in commercial pet foods – if you read the ingredient list carefully, you will find that chicken, chicken fat, chicken digest, chicken meat and/or by-products (I'll bet you it's by-products) is somewhere on the list in upwards of 80% of all dry and tinned commercial dog and cat foods. Why, because it is very cheap, and readily available in nearly all countries. This heavy exposure to chicken proteins via commercial pet foods means that most pets that present with an allergy have a very high chance of having had significant exposure to chicken meat, and an equally high chance that they are sensitised to those proteins (ie chicken meat may be part of the allergy).

The second reason I do not choose chicken for pets with allergies is that it is a nutritionally inferior meat choice. Battery raised chicken has a very limited nutritional profile (limited to the quality of the pellets they are fed), these chickens are raised on mass, in sheds, with no exposure to green grass or sunlight. They are bred, raised and slaughtered in a very short time (most are 10 weeks old at slaughter), and a purely designed to have large breasts and thighs – there is no (zero) emphasis on nutritional value to the consumer, just size and taste. For people that may consume chicken once a week, this is no big deal, but for a pet that is being fed chicken exclusively as its meat source, this can add to nutritional deficiencies that are already causing the immune system to malfunction.

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Cup Weekend Hike







Di & Paddy followed by Nicole & Felix Stuart & Jethro, Sandy & BuffyA bunch of cold, wet hikers or a strange new religious order?

The Cup Weekend hike over the three days and 65 km was conducted on a mixture of some old and new trails, with the second day mostly on single track mountain bike trails, which made it interesting walking and provided a good surface for the dogs to walk on.

We were quite lucky with the weather as it was cool with Sunday being the only wet day, but we did have to negotiate around some large bog holes full of water in which Paddy & Buffy enjoyed swimming in.

Congratulations to Nicole with Felix and James with Zelby for completing their third and final leg towards the Working Pack Dog Excellence title, and to Di with Paddy and Sandy with Buffy for completing the second leg towards the Working Pack Dog Excellence title. Everyone made it back with no problems and just for a change we managed not to lose anybody! Stuart Vanderpol, Backpacking Coordinator



Di & Paddy, Nicole & Felix navigate the waterways



James & Zelby, Nicole & Felix, Suart & Jethro







Nicole & Felix on the home stretch

Sandy & Buffy, Nicole & Felix, Stuart & JethroJames & Zelby followed by Di & Paddy

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2012 SHOW POINT SCORE COMPETITION RULES

The new competition shall run from 1st January, 2012 to 31st December, 2012

- 1. All Championship shows held in Victoria shall count (except the Melbourne Royal Show) and the winners will be awarded from the ten (10) best results submitted.
- All registered owners must be financial members of the AMCV Inc. at the time of the show for which results are being submitted.
- 3. The onus is on exhibitors to send their results to the Show Secretary, no later than one (1) month after the event together with a marked catalogue, (front cover and Judge's page along with the Alaskan Malamutes fully marked) including the best of classes in breed marked with a circle or asterisk. The exhibitor submitting the results must also sign on the front of the catalogue
- 4. One exhibitor may send in the results for all those at a show, but all exhibitors who wish their results to be submitted for the competition must sign the front of the catalogue as some people may not wish to be included in the Point Score Competition.
- 5. There is no limit to the number of results that can be submitted, however only a competitor's ten (10) best results submitted will be published as the year progresses. Once a competitor has reached the ten (10) shows the Show Secretary will automatically adjust the points accordingly.
- 6. A complete record of shows submitted together with catalogues will be kept by the Show Secretary in the event of any dispute arising.
- 7. Trophies will be awarded to the registered owner/s of the winners at the time of submitting their dog's last results.
- 8. The competition will consist of Most Successful Alaskan Malamute, Most Successful Dog, Most Successful Bitch and Class awards.
 - 8.1 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute Dog and Bitch

Most Successful Dog and Bitch will be awarded to the dog and bitch which has the most points from the ten (10) best shows submitted.

Points will be awarded to Challenge winners on the basis of one (1) point for each dog or bitch beaten including one (1) for your dog or bitch, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show

8.2 <u>Most Successful Alaskan Malamute</u>

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute will be awarded to the Dog or Bitch which has the highest number of points from their ten (10) best shows submitted.

Points will be awarded to Best of Breed and Challenge winners on the basis of one (1) point for every dog or bitch beaten including one (1) for your own dog, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show.

8.3 Class awards

Awards will also be given for:

Best Baby Puppy - Dog and Bitch
Best Junior - Dog and Bitch
Best Open - Dog and Bitch
Best Minor Puppy - Dog and Bitch
Best Intermediate - Dog and Bitch
Best Australian Bred - Dog and Bitch

Class points will be allocated as follows: 1 point for every dog or bitch beaten in your class 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings including one (1) for your exhibit, also one (1) point for every exhibit of the opposite sex if you take your class of breed, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show. Example: If there are 6 exhibits shown in a class, 1st wins six (6)

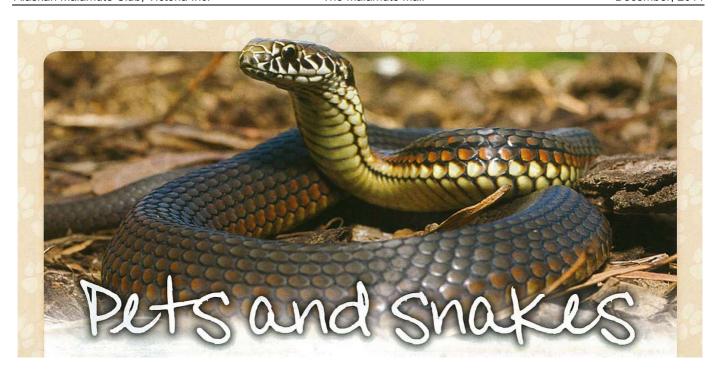
points, 2^{nd} five (5) points, 3^{rd} four (4) points. If this 1^{st} place winner then wins its class of breed and four (4) of the opposite sex were shown, it gains a total of ten (10) points.

2011 Conformation Point Score UpdateThis includes results submitted to 31st October 2011

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute	
I Luke's Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	40
I Luke's Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	31
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	31
I Luke's Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	25
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	24
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	17
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Hewat/Cummings Ch Qannik Sno Luck	15
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	15
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Buniq	11
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	10
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	7
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull	6
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
Koch's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tanane	4
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	3 2
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	3
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	2
McPhan/Hodgson's Asleda Limited Edition	1
Top Alaskan Malamute Dog	
I Luke's Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	22
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	22
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	17
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	12
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain	12
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	10
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull	6
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	2
Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch	-
I Luke's Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	20
I Luke's Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	15
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	13
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Buniq	11
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	7
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	6
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
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Kataku Knls Kataku Big Chill (AI)	12
Kataku Knls Kataku Crown Jewels	5
Minor Puppy Bitch	
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	8
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	8
Kataku Knls Kataku Diamond In The Ruff	2
Puppy Dog	
Kataku Knls Kataku Crown Jewels	1
Kataku Knls Kataku Big Chill (AI)	1
Puppy Bitch	
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	6
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	5
Junior Dog	
Kataku Knl's Kataku Big Chill (AI)	2
Junior Bitch	
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	4
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	2
Intermediate Dog	
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	13
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain	11
Luke/Mitchell's Thomla Sweet Skykat	7
Intermediate Bitch	
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	8
I Luke's Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	7
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	1
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	1
Australian Bred Dog	
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	19
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	16
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	12
Kataku Kni's Ch Kataku Major League	6
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull	4
Luke/Mitchell's Thomla Sweet Skykat	1
Australian Bred Bitch	<u> </u>
I Luke's Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	7
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Kirabo	3
McPhan/Hodgson's Asleda Limited Edition	
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	1
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	1
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	1
Open Bitch	
I Luke's Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	15
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Buniq	15
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Kataku Kni's Ch Kataku Mystic River (AI)	4
Koch's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tanane Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	4
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Open Dog	17
I Luke's Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	17
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	16
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tammbo Tull	12
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	4
Hewat/Cumming's Ch Windchill Kaos Arcticboy	3
Kataku Knl's Ch Kataku Major League	2





In the warmer summer months snakes become much more active. You need to be careful to safeguard your pets from snake bites and watch out for the warning signs that your pet has been bitten. Armed with curiosity and natural hunting instincts, it 's not uncommon for our favourite four legged friends to attempt to chase or kill snakes, putting themselves at risk of bites.

How you can protect your pets from snakes

Snakes are attracted to food and water sources and safe, quiet places to hide. To make your backyard less appealing to snakes, keep the grass cut low and your property dear of piles of rubbish and other objects where snakes may be able to hide (e.g. wood piles).

There are no specific methods of training to teach your pets not to chase snakes so the best form of protection is to keep your animals away from them. If snakes are common in your area you could consider building a snake-proof fence around all or part of your property. To ensure your cat's safety, keep it indoors with access to a snake-proof outdoor enclosure. If you are walking your dog close to bushland, especially near water during the summer months, you should keep your dog on a lead and avoid long grassy areas.

What to do if your pet has been bitten by a snake

The sort of reaction your pet has to a snake bite is determined by the type of snake, the amount of venom injected and the site of the snake bite. Generally, the closer the bite is to the heart the quicker the venom spreads to the rest of the body. In addition, at the beginning of summer, snakes' venom glands are fuller and their bites more severe.

The tiger and brown snake are responsible for most of the snake bites in domestic pets and can be fatal.

Signs of a snake bite include:

- Sudden weakness followed by collapse
- Shaking or twitching of the muscles and difficulty blinking
- Vomiting
- · Loss of bladder and bowel control
- Dilated pupils
- Paralysis
- · Blood in urine.

If you think your pet has been bitten by a snake, keep it as calm and quiet as possible and take it to a vet immediately.

The chance of recovery is much greater if treated early. If your vet is some distance away you can apply a firm bandage over and around the bite site to apply pressure and help slow the venom spreading to the heart. Do NOT wash the wound or apply a tourniquet.

If you can identify the snake, tell your vet what type of snake it was but don't try to catch or kill it. If you don't know, don't worry, the vet will be able to identify whether your pet has been bitten and by what type of snake by a blood or urine test.

Once the snake has been identified the vet will administer anti-venom. Anti-venom is expensive and can result in a large vet bill so it is best to try and keep your pets safe and away from snakes in the first place.

What to do if there is a snake in your garden or house

If you see a snake on your property do not try to catch or kill it. Most snakes in Victoria are venomous and will strike if provoked. Walk away from the snake slowly and keep an eye on it from a safe distance (several metres away).

Keep your pets safely away from it and call the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) who will provide the names and details of your local snake catchers. If the snake is inside the house, dose the door of the room it is in and place a towel under the door before calling the DSE.

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Breeders' Directory, Puppy & Stud Dog Register Guidelines

In addition to the previous requirements, lease note the updates to health testing requirements for use of the AMCV Breeders' Directory, Puppy and Stud Dog Registers to be effective as of **1 January**, **2012**.

Guidelines for Breeders' Directory (updates in italics are effective as of 1 January 2012)

AMCV Members are invited to register their kennel for a one year period for a fee of \$25.00. Entries remain in the directory for the entire year regardless of the availability of litters from the breeder. The owner(s) of the kennel must have a kennel prefix registered with the ANKC, and must have been an AMCV member for at least the last 3 months for Breeders' Directory advertisements to be accepted.

Breeders who are listed on the AMCV Breeders' Directory are required to notify the AMCV Secretary (within 28 days) of any litters whelped under their kennel prefix and must comply with the following requirements for any litters whelped under that prefix. Both sire and dam must:

- have been x-rayed for hip dysplasia and passed
- have been x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed*
- hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) ACES eye certificate or equivalent, and
- have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

*elbow x-ray results will not be required from dogs that have already been hip x-rayed before 1 January 2012.

NB: Frozen semen from dogs not available for testing is exempt from the above requirements.

Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of their Breeders' Directory entry for a period of 12 months, or at the Committee's discretion – no refund will be given.

Guidelines for Stud Dog Register (updates in italics are effective as of 1 January 2012)

The owner of the stud dog must have been an AMCV member for at least the last 3 months for a stud dog advertisement to be accepted. Any member wishing to register their Malamute on the AMCV Stud Dog Register can send their entry, photograph and annual payment of \$50.00 to the AMCV, PO Box 41, Hurstbridge, 3099. Please provide the owner's name & contact details, stud dog's name, colour, sire and dam, date of birth, a brief note of his achievements (400 characters max.) and hip grade status. To be eligible for advertisement, Stud Dogs must:

- have been x-rayed for hip dysplasia and passed
- have been x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed*
- hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) ACES eye certificate or equivalent, and
- have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate
 the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

*elbow x-ray results will not be required from dogs that have already been hip x-rayed before 1 January 2012. NB: Frozen semen from dogs not available for testing is exempt from the above requirements.

Please Note: <u>Hip evaluation reports must be submitted for the hip grade status to be recorded as a "Pass"</u> - entries submitted without a hip evaluation report will have the Hip Grade Status recorded as "Not Provided". Each entry will cover approximately one quarter of a page and will be published for one year (6 issues). The list of stud dogs will also be made available to non-members.

Guidelines for Puppy Register (updates in italics are effective as of 1 January 2012)

The requirements for litters to be eligible for the Puppy Register are as follows:

- The owner of the dam (mother of the litter) must have been an AMCV member for at least the last 6 months;
- Both sire and dam (father & mother) of the litter must:
 - Be purebred Alaskan Malamutes registered with the ANKC or equivalent
 - have been x-rayed and passed for Hip Dysplasia;
 - be x-rayed for elbow dysplasia and passed.*
 - hold a current (issued no later than 12 months prior to mating) Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) eye certificate or equivalent, and
 - have within 12 months prior to mating been tested for thyroid including for TGAA, with such test results to indicate the dog is clear of thyroid problems.

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All puppies on the register are to be sold with registration papers (either main or limited register).

Members advertising on the breeders', puppy and stud-dog registers are reminded that failure to comply with the AMCV Code of Ethics and above requirements could result in cancellation of their advertisement. Advertisements will be placed on the AMCV website unless the AMCV Secretary has been notified otherwise.

Breeders' Directory

Kennel Name	Location	Contact Name	Contact Phone No.	Other Contact Information
BELLTREES	Campbelltown, NSW	Cheryl Harrison	(02) 4631 1920	Email: belltree@ispdr.net.au
CHEKODY	Canberra ACT	Mark Titley & Melanie Saxinger	0448 389 970	Email: malamutes@chekody.com Website: www.chekody.com
GLACIUS	Melbourne VIC	Shellie Shewring	0418 635 778	Email: shellie@glacius.com.au Website: www.glacius.com.au
KATAKU	Pearcedale, VIC	Merv & Shelley Turner	(03) 5978 6001	Email: kataku@bigpond.net.au Website: www.dishlickers.com.au
SOUTHRNWOLF	Robertson, NSW	Stuart Presland	0429 202 030	Website: www.southrnwolf.com
TANOME	Clyde North, VIC	Sharen McPhan	0410 192 210	Email: sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com Website: www.tanome.com

Puppy Register

Breeder	Location	Contact	Sire / Dam	Whelped	Available
Brett White Whitewarrior Kennels	Mt Eccles, Victoria	Phone: 03 5668 6312 Mob. 0428 681 513 Email: <u>brett-and-</u> <u>kate@aussiebroadband.com.au</u>	S: Chimo Reflection of Louie D: Kaasha Frozen Amira	26/7/11	5 males



The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.)

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Chondrodysplasia Certification Scheme APPLICATION FORM

Note: Applications will only be accepted from the registered owner as recorded on the current ANKC registration certificate.

YOUR DETAILS:		
Name:		
	(Address of Applicant)	
	(Address of Applicant)	
Postcode:	Telephone:	Registration Number: (VCA, ANKC or Local Controlling Body)
Email Address:		
MALAMUTE DETAILS:		
Registered Name		
Registered Owner(s):		
Signature(s):		
Date:		Payment enclosed: \$

PAYMENT & PROCESSING:

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Payment for each dog:

Australian Applicants: \$10.00

Overseas Applicants: PayPal payments: \$10.00 International Cheque: \$20.00

- 2. Current copy of the ANKC registration papers
- 3. Completed and signed application form.
- 4. Stamped, self-addressed business (DL) envelope for return of your certificate(s).

CHEQUES / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:

"ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB, VICTORIA (Inc.)" Do not forward cash by mail.

MAIL TO: AMCV Secretary

PO Box 41

Hurstbridge VIC 3099

Australia

Please allow up to 8 weeks for processing, longer for international applications.

AMCV Ch'd Certification will be based on current data and may be subject to amendment should new data become available.

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Hip program updated form

Hip program – updated form

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