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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.auor 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;
- (i) 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;
- (l) 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 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 conducive 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 conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club.

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President's Message

Welcome to the August edition of the Malamute Mail.

This is an exciting time of the year. We've just held our State Cup Sledding event, the premier Malamute sledding race in Australia. Congratulations to Colin McPhan, Vaughan Winther and Ralph Koch for their wins in the 4 dog, 2 dog and 1 dog classes respectively.

Coming up we have our Championship Show, Melbourne Royal, and our premier Weight pull competition to be held.

Our sledding season is winding to a close, with the sledding point score competition wound up and only an excursion/long distance weekend to come. Those who come along generally have ball with some great runs and social times round the camp fire. These weekends are for a great chance if you're a sledding virgin, to come along and have a go.

Also coming up is our Annual General Meeting. As happens every year, every position will be declared vacant, and every position is up for grabs. No one individual owns any particular position. So now is the time to consider whether you can serve your club, your fellow members, and this wonderful breed. Not all current Committee Members will be re-standing, so please give this matter some thought.

But first comes our annual Snow Weekend. This year there is nothing planned in terms of activities, due to the weekend clashing with the Falls Creek Sled Dog Race, which is a wonderful spectacle.

Our back packing trips start again, and our weight pulls, so if you're interested in having a go at either activity, come along and give it a go.

Hopefully I'll see as many of you as possible at the up and coming events.

Until then, be safe, and enjoy your Malamute!

Ian Luke, President



SCALE OF CHARGES

Membership:

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

Malamute Mail Advertising:

Members' 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 year	\$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' rates:

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.

Other:

"A" Suffix Application	\$5.00
Ch'd Certification	\$10.00
Working Dog Title Application	\$30.00
Register of Achievement	no charge

Thank You Joan & Leon...

Joan & Leon Davey have kindly donated \$200 to the AMCV to go towards dog sledding. The donation is in remembrance of what would have been Rob's 40th birthday on 29 July. For those of you who didn't know Rob and his wife Tash, they were heavily involved in the AMCV for many years both on Committee and in attending and assisting at club activities, particularly sled dog events in which they both had success with their dogs over the years.

They were lost in the fires of Black Saturday on 7 February 2009 along with their two young girls, Jorja & Alexis and Malamutes Neo & Mishka and are sorely missed.



Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.)

Incorporations Registration No.: A0016353X

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 11 October, 2012

to commence at 7.30 pm

being held at the
Calabria Club (Bulla Exhibition Centre)
 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla
 Melways Map Reference 177 G 8

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of Returning Officer and 2 Scrutineers
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
(as published in the December, 2011 issue of "The Malamute Mail")
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Award Presentations
 - Show & Obedience titles
 - Register of Achievement
 - Working Dog Titles
 - Sled Dog & Driver Point Score Competition
 - State Cup Race
 - Top Weight-Pull Dog Competition
8. Election of office bearers and committee members



2012 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 28 August	Committee
Thursday, 11 October	AGM / Committee*
Tuesday, 13 November	Committee



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From the Secretary

Meetings in 2013

The General Meeting scheduled for 19 July was cancelled due to the attendance failing to meet a quorum. As there were no items on the agenda and no general members in attendance, the meeting will not be reconvened.

Due to the difficulty members have in getting to meetings, the Committee will only be scheduling 2 general meetings in 2013 – the March meeting at which the show point score awards will be presented, and the Annual General Meeting. Further meetings may be scheduled in accordance with the AMCV Club Rules:

12. (2) *The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting to the Club.*

Annual General Meeting & Awards Presentation

The AGM is being held on Thursday, 11 October, and will include the presentations of the following awards:

- Conformation titles & 500 Point Champions
- Obedience & Endurance titles
- Working Dog Titles
- Sledding Point Score, Rookie of the Year & Encouragement Awards
- Sledding State Cup trophies
- Weight Pull Annual competition
- Register of Achievement

It would be much appreciated if the recipients of these awards could either attend the presentation or nominate a member to receive the award on their behalf.

A number of the current Committee have indicated that they will not be nominating for any Committee positions at the AGM, so if you are interested and would like further information about any of the positions please let me know.

Sandy Koch, Secretary

Donations Requested

for the

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sash donations are invited for the 2012 AMCV Championship Show being held at KCC Park on Sunday, 30 September. Donations required are \$15.00 for a sash or \$20.00 for a trophy, and the donor will be acknowledged on the sash/trophy and show catalogue.

If you are able to make a donation, please contact the Show Secretary at info@amcv.org.au – donations may be made by cheque/money order or by direct deposit into the AMCV bank account.

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 AMCV or check the website to confirm event schedule & venues

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Event	Venue
AUGUST	Sat / Sun	4/5	Activities / Social	Snow Weekend	Dinner Plain
	Sat / Sun	11/12	<i>Sledding</i>	<i>A5K Snow Race</i>	<i>Dinner Plain</i>
	Sat / Sun	25/26	Sledding Long Distance	Excellence / Excursion	Knowsley
	Tuesday	28	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
SEPTEMBER	Saturday	1	Backpacking	Day Hike 3	You Yangs
	Sunday	2	<i>Weight Pull</i>	<i>Weight Pull Event 3 - ASTCV</i>	<i>KCC Park</i>
	* Sunday	16	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Event 4 - Tuggy Shield	KCC Park
	* Sunday	23	Activities	Activities Introduction & Breed Information	Templestowe
	Sunday	30	Show	AMCV Championship Show	KCC Park
OCTOBER	Sunday	7	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Event 5	KCC Park
	Wednesday	10	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Thursday	11	Meeting	Annual General / Committee	Bulla
	Saturday	13	Backpacking	1-day hike	Daylesford
	Tuesday	23	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	Bulla
NOVEMBER	Sat -Mon	3-5	Backpacking	3-day Hike	TBA
	Wednesday	7	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Sunday	11	Show Activities Obedience	Members Competition Activities Introduction & Breed Information Obedience competition	Bulla
	Tuesday	13	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Tuesday	20	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	Bulla
DECEMBER	Sunday	2	Christmas Fun Day	Includes BBQ, Funny classes & Agility Comp	Mt Macedon
	Wednesday	5	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Tuesday	11	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park

NB: *Italics denotes non-AMCV event* Shading denotes Public Holidays

*PLEASE NOTE WEIGHT PULL & ACTIVITIES DAY DATE CHANGES

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

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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.

Has your dog got ...

SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT

If your dog has had a birthday, gained a title or achieved something to be proud about, then why not share it with us by sending in a photo and a few lines of text. **FREE TO MEMBERS!!!** Entries for "Something To Howl About" can be sent to The Newsletter Editor, PO Box 41, Hurstbridge, Vic, 3099. or email to amcv@bigpond.com.

Endurance Title - Tanome Jack O Diamonds ET "JACK"

Congratulations to Colin & Sharen McPhan's boy Jack on achieving his Endurance Title on the 9th June at the Dalmatian Club of Victoria's annual Endurance Test.



AMCV Chondrodysplasia Certification – 3 month Moratorium

Following on from the announcement (below) that a Ch'd affected pup was whelped in Canada from AMCA certified parents, the AMCV has placed a 3 month moratorium on the issuing of certificates from the AMCV Chondrodysplasia Certification Scheme, effective immediately.

All Certificates previously issued will be reviewed and those adversely effected will be revoked. Those owners of affected dogs will be informed of revocations as quickly as possible, and once all have been informed a list of revocations will be made public. Anyone with questions should direct them to the AMCV's Health Officer, Shelley Turner.

Report from the Chondrodysplasia Certification Committee (AMCA)

As many of the members are aware, a dwarf (Chondrodysplastic) puppy has been produced in an open breeding between dogs with very low probabilities.

The pedigrees of these dogs do not have any obvious ancestor with a high probability or unknown background. This has made it necessary to revoke temporarily the certificates issued to many of the dogs in these pedigrees. We are in the process of arranging some test breedings to help determine where the gene is coming from so we can reinstate the certifications for dogs not involved. There are very few carriers/dwarfs available for test breeding, so dogs that are closest to the affected dog will be test bred first.

It is important to remember that our certification program is based on probabilities. A probability below 6.25 means that it is unlikely that the dog carries the gene. This does not mean that we are certain this dog does not carry the gene. Even dogs that have been test bred, still have a probability for carrying the gene, albeit a very low probability. The littermates of the dogs who are in this pedigree are as affected as the dogs themselves, that is why the littermates have also had their certificates revoked. Dogs in this pedigree that have been test bred and cleared by this retain their probability from their test breeding results.

How did we arrive at the new probabilities? Starting with the parents of the puppy, they are carriers so their probability is now 100%. Each generation behind them the probability is cut in half, so their parents are 50%, grandparents 25%, great-grandparents 12.5 % and by the 4th generation this becomes 6.25% which is the level chosen for issuing certificates when this program was begun in the 1970's. There is a series of excellent articles on this whole program written by Linda Dowdy on the Minnesota Alaskan Malamute Club website. Please read these if you have any questions about the details of this process. The website is <http://alaskanmalamute.org/health/chondrodysplasia-a-closer-look>

Dan Anderson has done his best to provide a complete list of the dogs affected by this situation. It is possible that he has missed some dogs, so please bear with us as we may have to add dogs later. AMCA will be contacting all of these dog's owners to inform them of the change of status of their dogs with regard to Chondrodysplasia.

With the assistance of the Canine Health Foundation, the CCC and the Health Committee have been working with a research group in Helsinki, Finland for the past year to find the gene for Chondrodysplasia. This group identified the gene for Norwegian Elkhound dwarfism, so we have high hopes that they will find our gene as well. DNA from all of the dogs directly involved in this pedigree is being sent to Helsinki to facilitate their work. Please see the Health Committee Column as well as the AMCA website for updates on this project.

In the meantime, what is a breeder to do? I would recommend that the breeders do the breedings they have planned. If they are breeding dogs with a close relationship to the dogs in the affected pedigree, they can x-ray their puppies to make sure they have not produced a dwarf. These x-rays are simple, inexpensive and should be done when the pups are between 5-12 weeks. The x-rays can be sent to Dr Sande who will then issue a letter with his official opinion which the breeder can use if need be to show that the pups are not affected. This is not a test breeding, but would help to identify affected puppies if any are produced. All of the information you need to x-ray puppies and even reading the x-rays is available on the Minnesota Malamute website.

Our Code of Ethics does not preclude breeding dogs with high probabilities, it says that you must be honest with the puppy buyers and the owner of the dog you are breeding to. Chondrodysplasia is only one of the many problems affecting our breed. We all have to make the best decisions we can with the knowledge we have. We hope to have results of some of the test breedings planned within the next 8-12 months. This may result in dogs' certifications getting reinstated. If the Helsinki group gets lucky and find the gene quickly, then everyone can test their dogs and breed carriers to non-carriers and not narrow down our gene pool even more than it is. Please thank the owners of these dogs for allowing us to publish their pedigrees and for all of their cooperation in a very difficult situation. We need to have everyone's support if we are going to eradicate Chondrodysplasia.

2012 SLEDDING EVENTS



Date	Name	Venue	Schedule	Event details
25 / 26 Aug.	LONG DISTANCE & SOCIAL WEEKEND – Knowsley – <i>Pre-registration essential</i>			
25 / 26 Aug	EXCELLENCE EVENT <i>*Drivers' Meeting late 24 August</i>	Knowsley	Compulsory Drivers' Meeting: Friday night: 8.30 pm Start: Sat & Sun 5.00 am	Distance: 75+ km total over 2 days (3 heats of minimum. 25 km) NOTE: <i>Lighting required*</i>
25 August	EXCURSION Event 1	Knowsley	Check In: 9.30 – 10.30 am	Distance: 16 - 20 km All Classes
26 August	EXCURSION Event 2	Knowsley	Check In: by 9.30 am	Distance: 16 - 20 km All Classes

Please note the following for sledding events*:

- Entries:** Pre-entry is required for those wishing to attend the long distance/excursion weekend.
- Camping:** Camping will available on-site.
- Rules:** AMCV Gig & Sled Race Rules. Drivers must wear safety helmets and carry side-cutters.
- Classes*:** Excursion events (minimum 16 km): all classes run the same course (these events are timed but are not a race).
- Lighting:** Suitable battery operated bike lighting is required. The additional use of a head lamp is also recommended. (Dynamo powered lighting is not suitable).
- Entry Fees*:** *Members:* Long Distance /Excursion Events: \$5
Non-members: Long Distance/Excursion Events: \$8.

Working Dog Excellence Events:

These events will be held in accordance with the requirements for the WTDX and WLDX titles. To be eligible to participate all dogs on the team **MUST** have successfully completed at least one sledding event in 2011. Participants must have lighting and provision to carry water for their team. The Excellence event will consist of 3 heats of at least 25 km held Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. There will be a mandatory rest stop in each heat. All participants must have pre-registered with the Sledding Co-ordinator and must attend the compulsory Drivers' Meeting on the Friday evening prior to the event.

Excursion Events:

These events will be a distance of at least 16 km in accordance with the requirements for the WTD and WLD titles. To be eligible to participate all dogs on the team **MUST** have successfully completed at least one sledding event in 2012. All participants must have pre-registered with the Sledding Co-ordinator.

Directions to Sledding Events:

KNOWSLEY

North of Heathcote

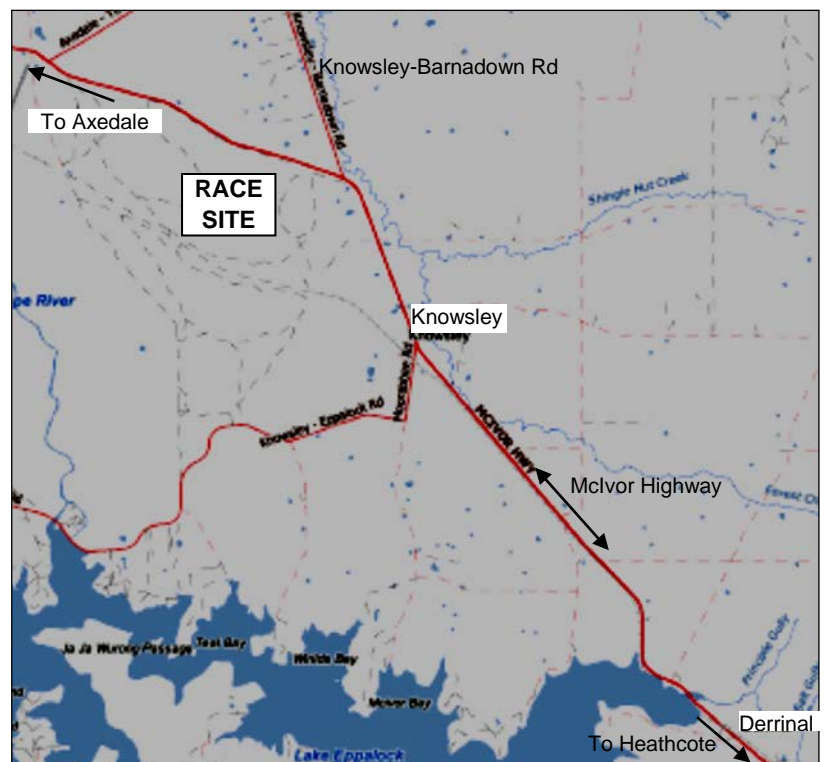
From Melbourne:

Continue through Heathcote town centre and follow Mclvor Highway towards Bendigo.

Continue along Mclvor Highway through Derrinal and Knowsley towards Axedale. Not far after the Knowsley-Barnadown Road intersection turn left into the Knowsley State Forest – watch for AMCV signs along the Mclvor Highway, follow AMCV signs and diamond markers* to the race site.

Further Details:

For more information about any of the sledding events please contact the Sledding Co-ordinator Colin McPhan on 0438 347 513 or the Secretary, Sandy Koch on 9714 8540
Email: amcv@bigond.com



Information & Activities Day

Want to learn more about...



Backpacking



Showing



Weight Pulling



Sledding

Sunday, 23 September - 11 am – 1 pm

Templestowe - Birrarung Park

Entrance off Templestowe Road - Melways Map Reference 32 H3

You do not need your own equipment – we will have equipment that you can borrow to try the activities. There will also be some working-dog and Malamute related items for sale, however if you are interested in purchasing a particular item, please contact Sandy & Ralph prior to the event.

PLEASE NOTE In extreme weather conditions or if forecast temperature on day of activities is equal to or greater than 30 degrees, events may be cancelled – please contact the AMCV by email to amcv@bigpond.com.au or phone 03 9714 8540 to confirm.

The Malamute is a working breed that loves to get involved in all these activities.

The Introduction to Activities Days are an ideal opportunity for those who would like to find out more about their Malamute and what's involved in showing, obedience training or working activities, and how to get started.

Further Information:

Phone Ralph or Sandy on 9714 8540 or email amcv@bigpond.com.au



Obedience, Agility & Puppy Socialising

OBEDIENCE PRACTICE & PUPPY SOCIALISING

The AMCV will also be conducting Obedience Practice sessions & Puppy Socialising on the same day at the same venue commencing at 11.00 am.

All Welcome - do your dog a favour and come along!

Non-members, puppies and other breeds of dog are also very welcome

Obedience Sessions

Held by the Rottweiler Club of Victoria – Malamutes welcome!

- What to Bring:** Your dog, appropriate collar and lead, water & treats for your dog.
- Restrictions:** Puppies must be at least 13 weeks of age.
- Costs:** \$5 per session, or \$20 for 5 sessions.
- Where & Whenn:** Obedience practice sessions are scheduled weekly as follows:



Date	Register	Starting	Venue / Directions
Tuesdays	7.00 pm	7.30 pm	Bulla: Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla <i>Melways Map Ref. 177 F8</i>
Wednesdays	7.00 pm	7.30 pm	KCC Park, Westernport Highway, Skye (1.5 km south of Thompsons Rd) <i>Melways Map Ref. 128 H 12</i>

Check the Rottweiler Club of Victoria Website for further details and to confirm session dates www.rotweilerclubofvictoria.com – click on the “Training Venues” link on the left side of the homepage.



Want to try **WEIGHT PULLING?**



Who can participate? Weight pulling is an activity that many breeds of dog enjoy. Dogs do not need to have pedigree papers and any breed is welcome to join in the AMCV Weight pull Events, and non-AMCV members are welcome.

All that you need to compete in Alaskan Malamute Club Weight-Pull events is a dog over eighteen months of age (with the exception of bitches in season) and a correctly fitted weight-pull harness. Some harnesses are available for participants to borrow for the competition – when you arrive at the event please ask the organisers if you need to have your dog fitted for a harness.

Weight Pull Classes: The Alaskan Malamute Club offers 4 weight-classes for the dogs competing so that smaller dogs are not competing against significantly larger dogs: <36 kg, 36-45 kg, 46-55 kg & Open

The results of the competition are based on the overall weight that the dog pulled within the class, as well as weight to weight ratio (how much the dog pulled relative to its body weight) so that smaller dogs are not disadvantaged.

AMCV Weight Pull Rules: The Weight Pull competition rules can be downloaded from the AMCV website “Documents & Forms” page at www.amcv.org.au/docs.html

The Competition: Dogs must first qualify for the event by pulling the empty trolley which weighs 160 kg, for a distance of 16 feet (4.8 metres) within 1 minute. After each dog has attempted the pull, the trolley is loaded with more weight. Dogs that successfully pulled the previous weight then attempt to pull the next highest weight. A dog is out of the competition if it fails to pull the loaded trolley within one minute, and the dog’s result is recorded at the highest weight successfully pulled. When the weight being pulled is under 500 kg, the dog is allowed two attempts to pull the weight. Once over 500 kg, dogs are only allowed one attempt to pull the weight.

Handling: The handler may either stand in front of the dog behind the designated line, or stand behind the trolley. Dogs must pull on voice command only. Handlers may not touch a dog during a pull, and may not entice the dog with any form of bait or have any bait on them while in the chute.

Passing: Handlers may choose to pass one or two pulls if they feel confident that their dog will pull the next highest weight.

Tangles: The Chief Judge will call a “Tangle” if a dog attempts to leave the chute, becomes tangled in its harness or lines, or moves behind the front of the trolley. The timing is paused while the trolley is repositioned at the starting point and the pull is recommenced. A dog is disqualified if a “Tangle” is declared twice within one pulling attempt.

Dog, Handler & Spectator Conduct: The only person who may call or signal to a dog during a pull is the handler – no “double-handling” is permitted. Other dogs are kept away from the chute area so as not to distract the dog which is attempting a pull.

Further Information: If you are interested in weight pulling and would like some further information, please contact the AMCV Weight Pull Coordinator.

Working Team Dog Title



Tanome Against the Grain WTD

Congratulations to Colin & Sharen McPhan’s Darcy (Tanome Against the Grain) on achieving his Working Team Dog Title.

BACKPACKING - Day Hikes

Cost: \$3.00 per member or \$5.00 per Family

Backpack Hire: \$5.00 per day – please contact the co-ordinator to per book a club backpack

What to bring: Sturdy lead & collar, canine backpack, weight for the backpack (pre-weighed), water & water bowl for your dog, basic first aid items, rubbish bags, sturdy footwear, warm & waterproof clothing (the weather can be unpredictable), human backpack, food, drink, etc.

NOTE: WALKERS MUST CARRY THEIR OWN BASIC FIRST AID ITEMS.

It is important that you arrive early to allow enough time to weigh in your dog and get ready:

Please load and weigh your dog's backpack to roughly the correct weight at home to save time when you arrive.

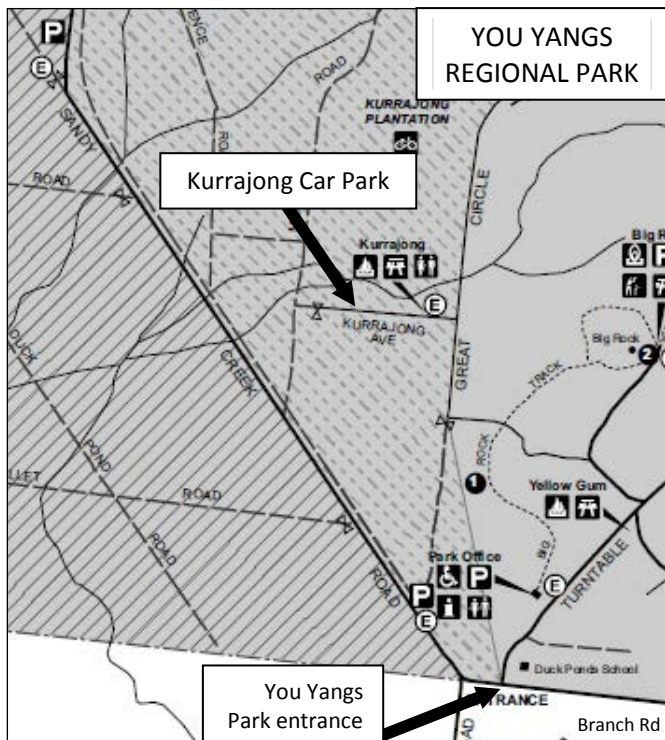
Who can participate: **DOGS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIKE.** Dogs must be 18 months old to carry weight to the Working Pack Dog title standard. One dog per handler recommended. You don't have to walk the entire distance, and your dog does not have to have a backpack or carry the entire weight.

Temperature restriction: **EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED IF THE FORECAST TEMPERATURE IS OVER 25°C:** please contact the Backpacking Co-ordinator the day before the hike.

Pre-registration: Please notify Stuart if you are interested in coming in case the event is cancelled or venue is changed due to unforeseen circumstances – call 0413 118 305 or email pandapol@optusnet.com.au or amcv@bigpond.com.au

Extreme Weather Policy

Please note that a temperature restriction applies to this activity. In addition, events may be cancelled in extreme weather conditions. If unsure, please phone or email to confirm.



Saturday, 1 September

You Yangs Reserve

Entrance off Branch Road, Little River

Melways Reference: Page 11 C 12

Hike distance is approx. 16km

This trail is mainly flat or undulating with some steeper sections

How to get there: You Yangs reserve Kurrajong Car Park. From Melbourne - follow the Princess Hwy towards Geelong, turn off at the Little River exit and follow the signs to the You Yangs. Enter the main gate from Branch Road, proceed past the Park Office and follow the Great Circle Drive to the left. Turn left into Kurrajong Avenue and proceed down to the Kurrajong Picnic Area.

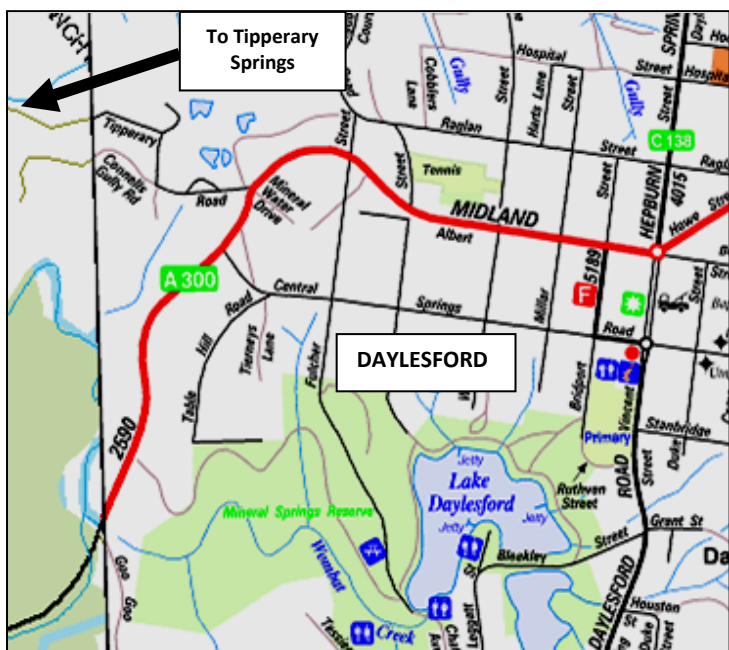
Trail Information: The track consists of some wide sandy roads & tracks, combined with walking tracks and narrow rocky single-track paths. Terrain is mainly undulating with some steeper sections.

Facilities at the Kurrajong Picnic Ground: Toilets, Picnic tables

Both hikes commence at 9.00 am sharp

Arrive at least half an hour earlier to weigh in

Registrations not accepted after 8.30 am



Saturday, 13 October

Tipperary Springs, Daylesford

Tipperary Road

Melways map reference 609 C 9

Hike Distance: Approx. 17 km

This trail is moderately hilly with some steeper sections

How to get there: From the centre of Daylesford take the Midland Highway heading west towards Ballarat. Proceed for approximately 1 km and turn right into Tipperary Road (opposite Mineral Water Drive) down into the Tipperary Springs car park.

Trail Information: The Tipperary Walking track is part of the Great Dividing Trail which traces the route of the old water races cut by miners last century, past gold fields & mineral springs. The track is mainly narrow and undulating, with some steeper sections and steps and with a stop for lunch at Sailors Falls.

Facilities at the Tipperary Springs Picnic Ground: Toilet, Picnic tables.

- Dogs are to be kept on lead at all times and remain the responsibility of their owner/handler.
- Do not block the trail with your dog or equipment.
- Do not tether your dog on a long lead - a short lead or cable is sufficient.
- Pull your dog well off the trail to allow bike riders and other walkers past – not everyone likes dogs and some people are scared of them.
- If it is a sunny day, make sure your dog is tethered where it has access to shade.

Working Pack Dog Title:

This backpacking day will be a qualifying event for the Working Pack Dog title and Associate Working Dog Certificate for dogs over 18 months of age only. The rules for the Working Pack Dog title are available from the Backpacking Co-ordinator.

You will require a sturdy backpack which is sufficiently large to hold the required weights. The weight should be made up of something that is dense yet can mold to the shape of your dog: bags of damp sand and/or a soft pack of water (similar to the bladder of a wine cask) are

suitable. Anyone attempting a walk should also carry a backpack containing some basic first aid items (dog & human), food (dog & human), drink (dog & human), water bowl and wet weather gear (as the weather dictates).

Your dog must carry 30% of its body weight for a minimum of 16 km for a walk to count towards the title - a dog weighing 40 kg would therefore have to carry 12 kg of weight, which is the equivalent of 12 litres of water. This is too much weight for an untrained and/or unfit dog to be expected to carry. Obviously you will need to train your dog, gradually adding more weight, before you can consider tackling the full load, and your dog will need to be fit and in excellent physical condition.

The only decrease in the weight carried by the dog on a backpacking trip may be by NORMAL consumption of food or water by your dog. What your dog doesn't drink must get poured back into the container he is carrying, and the final pack weight must be no less than 75% of the initial pack weight.

Please watch your dog carefully for signs of stress, and please remove the weight from his pack and shorten your walk if you feel that he is not coping well. You know your dog best, and it is up to you to recognise and act appropriately if he is struggling.

Health update



Facts about DNA test for Polyneuropathy in Alaskan Malamutes

The disease

The disease involves a defect in the transmission of impulses from nerves to muscles. Clinical symptoms are usually detected at the age of 8 to 14 months. Initially clinical signs are subtle and characterized by slowly progressive exercise intolerance. Many dogs also express laryngeal paresis. As the disease progresses gait abnormalities and muscle atrophy is seen.

Heredity

Polyneuropathy in Alaskan Malamute follows a simple autosomal recessive inheritance. Autosomal means that the disease is not sex-linked and recessive means that the disease will only appear if a puppy receives the defective gene from both parents. All genes come in two copies and a disease is called recessive when a healthy gene can mask the presence of a defective gene. A dog that has one normal and one defective copy of the gene is called a carrier and it will not show signs of the disease. Only when both copies of the gene are defective the disease will show up - in this case as muscle fatigue.

The mutation

Polyneuropathy in Alaskan Malamute is comparable to an illness in humans called CMT4 (Charcot-Marie-Tooth Type 4) and to polyneuropathy in Greyhounds. The cause of these polyneuropathies is the presence of mutations in the *NDRG1*. We have shown that it is also a mutation in the *NDRG1* gene that causes Polyneuropathy in Alaskan Malamute. Based on this information a diagnostic test has been established. Thus, it is now possible to get your dog tested for the mutation using a DNA test.

The test and results

The test is performed on DNA extracted from EDTA stabilized blood or from DNA extracted from cheek swaps. A certificate will be sent to the dog owner reporting on the genetic diagnosis of the dog:

- Homozygous normal
- Heterozygous carrier
- Homozygote sick

Homozygous normal means that the dog has two normal copies of the gene - so no mutations in the *NDRG1* gene. A dog with this result can be used for breeding without reservation.

Heterozygous carrier means that the dog has one normal copy of the gene and one defective copy. The dog is clinically completely healthy, but it will pass on the mutation to half its offspring. As long as the dog is only mated to homozygous normal dogs it will not produce sick offspring. Heterozygous carriers can therefore be used in breeding, but only to homozygous normal breeding partners.

Homozygous sick means that the dog has two defective copies of the gene. These dogs should not be used for breeding.

Weight-Pull Events

ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY – NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Venue:

KCC Park - Westernport Highway (Dandenong-Hastings Road), Skye
(Approx. 1.5 km south of Thompsons Road roundabout) Melways Map Reference 128 H 12



Weightpull Event Format & Schedule:

Events will be conducted as per AMCV Weight-Pulling rules – copies of the rules are available on the AMCV website at www.amcv.org.au or from the Weight-pull Co-ordinator.

Competitors are asked to arrive in plenty of time to register, weigh-in and organise equipment if necessary. The AMCV & ASTCV have weight pull harnesses available in a range of sizes that competitors can hire for the event (fees below).

Event No.	Date	Venue	Registration / Weigh-In	Start Time
Event 3*	Sunday, 2 September	KCC PARK	9.45 – 10.15 AM	10.30 AM
Event 4	Sunday, 16 September Tuggy Shield Event	KCC PARK	9.45 – 10.15 AM	10.30 AM
Event 5	Sunday, 15 October	KCC PARK	9.45 – 10.15 AM	10.30 AM

Event 4 2011 - 16 October 2011 will count towards the 2012 Annual Weight-Pull Competition.

Event 5 2012 – 7 October 2012 will count towards the 2013 Annual Weight Pull Competition

**Events being conducted by the American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Victoria (ASTCV). The ASTCV event on 15 July is not included in the AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition.*

NOTE – Events may be cancelled if forecast temperature on day of competition is over 25°C.

Please contact the relevant Weight Pull Coordinator to confirm

Registration, Weigh-in and Practice: Competitors are asked to arrive in plenty of time to register, weigh-in and hire equipment if necessary. Competitors are welcome to practise in the weight-pull chute prior to commencement of the event.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Eligibility: Any dog over 18 months of age (but not bitches in season) may compete in an AMCV weight-pull event, however please note that only purebred, ANKC-registered Alaskan Malamutes are eligible to compete for major prizes and annual awards, and the competing Malamute's registered name and registration number must be included on this entry form. Prizes awarded to all class winners and placings (all breeds).

Entry Fees:

Entries will be taken on the day
no pre-entry required.

AMCV / ASTCV Members:

First entry \$8.00, subsequent entries \$6.00.

Non-members:

First entry \$12.00, subsequent entries \$10.00

Harness Hire Fees:

\$5.00 per harness, plus \$15.00 bond
(bond is refundable upon return of harness)

Extreme Weather Policy

Please note that a temperature restriction applies to this activity. In addition, events may be cancelled in extreme weather conditions. Please phone or email to confirm if you are unsure.

Weight Classes*:

- Up to 36 kg class
- 36 – 45 kg class
- 46 - 55 kg class
- Unlimited class

**Additional weight class will be available for Am Staffs only.*

NB: Dog's weight is rounded down to nearest whole kilogram to determine weight class.

Further Information: Email: amcv@bigpond.com.au

AMCV Events: Phone: Di Mitchell 0439 540 981

ASTCV Events: Phone Sanda Stankovic 0422 531 151

ALL BREEDS WELCOME!

ANNUAL WEIGHTPULL COMPETITION RULES

Classes on offer will be:

< 36kg, 36kg – 45kg, 45kg - 55kg, Unlimited

The requirements of the AMCV Weight Pulling Rules apply – copies are available from the Weightpull Co-ordinator or website www.amcv.org.au.

Eligibility

For a dog to be eligible for the Annual Weightpull Class Titles and Top Weightpull Dog of the Year award, the following applies:

- the owner/handler of the dog must be a current financial member at the time of the event for that result to be eligible;
- the dog must be a purebred ANKC registered Alaskan Malamute;
- the owner/handler must provide the dog's registered name and registration number on the entry form.

In addition, to constitute an event in a class there must be a minimum of two (2) eligible competitors in that class. If, during the course of the year, there are less than two (2) eligible competitors in a weight category no award will be given, however that dog may still be eligible for the Top Weightpull Dog of the Year award.

**Subject to amendment in the event of changes to the event schedule*

Class Awards

Class awards will be determined on the basis of a dog's highest four (4)* weights pulled in that weight class out of the maximum five (5) eligible events*. A dog that has competed in less than four (4) events is not excluded from eligibility for class awards. Annual awards will be provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each eligible weight class. In the event of a tie, a joint award will be provided.

Top Weightpull Dog of the Year Award

The Top Weightpull Dog of the Year title will be awarded to that dog that has achieved the highest combined weight/weight ratio calculated from that dog's best four (4) results* achieved in any of the weight classes from the five (5) eligible events*.

Results will be calculated to 2 (two) decimal places.

In the event of a tie a joint award will be provided.

Nominated Events

The events in which results are eligible towards the end of the year awards are listed in the Activities Calendar in the Malamute Mail and on the AMCV website www.amcv.org.au. Please note that the event schedule is subject to amendment at the discretion of the AMCV and that weather restrictions may apply.

Weightpull event results will be published in the Malamute Mail or can be obtained from the Weightpull Co-ordinator.

Our Club Patron: Olive Singer

Last year the members of the AMCV voted to elect Olive Singer as our Club Patron, not only in recognition of her long standing contribution to the Alaskan Malamute breed and to the AMCV, but as a way of continuing the Club's access to the knowledge, assistance and guidance Olive is able to provide.

Along with husband Erich who sadly passed away in 2010, Olive's impact upon the Malamute breed started early in the breed's history in this country, and extends right through to today with many of our Alaskan Malamutes stemming back to bloodlines Olive & Erich introduced to Australia as Mulawa Kennels.

Olive & Erich got their first Samoyed in 1966 and were later attracted to the Alaskan Malamute after having admired the breed on a trip to Pennsylvania in 1976. In 1981 they took the opportunity to obtain a puppy they named Roc (Meryton Atasuk Amarok) from the first Alaskan Malamute litter born in Australia.

Later Jane, aka Eskimo Jane Of The North, a lovely bitch from New Zealand, came to live with them. Jane became one of the first Malamutes to place in the Group at a Capital City Royal, winning Best Opposite Sex in Group as it was then, in what was a banner year for the Spitz breeds- the Group won by a Siberian Husky and Puppy in Group won by an Akita. When Erich was called to the US for work, Olive and the dogs followed, and Olive took to the American Show rings to owner-handle Jane and a Samoyed.

On their return to Australia, Olive & Erich brought with them two lovely and very successful examples of the breed in Kai and Leia (BISS BIS Aust. Grand Champion Ceili's Kaiyuh At Mulawa (Imp. USA) and Aust. Grand Champion Wolfdance Princess Leia (Imp USA) whose bloodlines are behind many of the Malamutes in the Australian and New Zealand show rings and pursuing working activities today.

After returning to Australia, Erich and Olive had a profound impact on the breed which prompted a focus on improved temperaments, show training, and grooming.

At that time, the norm had been to wash your dog the day before the show, stake it out on a chain at the show, and give it a quick brush before going into the ring. Erich and Olive introduced crates, dryers, better grooming, and a renewed emphasis on temperaments. Pretty much everything improved due to the examples set and knowledge shared by the Singers. A lecture on grooming, given by Olive to a General Meeting of the AMCV members was perfect example of Olive's generosity.

Over the years they successfully campaigned a number of Malamutes to their Champion & Grand Champion titles, including Grand Champion & NZ Ch Zenfro Take The A Train (Tommy) and Grand Champion Chizana Dancing Eagle (Danny), as well as Kai and Leia.

Their willingness to share their knowledge saw both Erich and Olive take on positions in the Alaskan Malamute Club, with Olive contributing her expertise in the role of Show Secretary for a number of years. Following her years on the AMCV Committee, Olive has remained active in a number of clubs and the show world in general, attending many shows and club meetings, and always supporting the show events conducted by the AMCV with her presence as well as supporting fundraising with her many donations. Her advice and knowledge have helped support not only our various Show Secretaries, but our Committee in general.

Every person who has been a member of the AMCV in the last 15 years, and many other Malamute people around Australia, have benefited, often unknowingly, from Olive's influence on our breed and our Club. We are honoured that Olive has accepted the role of Club Patron and thank her for her continued support of the AMCV.



Erich & Olive in 2003



Olive campaigning Oska



Erich & Olive at the Melbourne Pet Expo with Leia

Entries Close Friday 31st August 2012

Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria, Inc.
Championship Show

To be held at
KCC PARK, WESTERNPORT HWY, SKYE
 Melways Map Reference 128 J 12

Sunday, 30th September 2012

JUDGE: Mrs Kathleen Stewart (Canada)

Entries, accompanied by the fees, to be sent to the Show Secretary:
Ms Sharen McPhan, 1665 Pound Road, Clyde North, 3978. Ph: 0410 192 210
 Cheques to be made payable to "The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc."

- Catalogue:** \$3.00 please order and pay with entry
Entry fees: \$15.00 (includes all levies)
 Baby Puppies \$6 (if only entry, add \$2)
 Desexed Classes: \$5.00
 All other Special Classes: \$2.50 per class, 5 entries or more \$2.00 each.
 Parade Of Veterans: No fee.
Note: Entries not accepted without fees.
- Judging Times:** Judging commences at 10.00 am with Breed Classes.
 Special Classes after General Specials.
- Exhibit Numbers:** A stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for return of exhibit numbers, otherwise exhibit numbers are to be collected from the Secretary of the Fixture.
- Catering:** Unavailable

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Dogs: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11** Bitches: **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 10a, 11a**

Special Classes

12	Veterans Parade	24	Best Gait
13	Best Brace	25	Best Coat: Dog
14	Parent & Progeny	26	Best Coat: Bitch
18	Best Desexed Dog	27	Best Head: Dog
18a	Best Desexed Bitch	28	Best Head: Bitch
19	Owner/Breeder/Handler	30	Best Tail

Baby Puppies may only compete against other Baby Puppies and are not eligible for Special Classes.

Special Classes: To compete in Special Classes a dog or bitch must be entered and compete in at least one ordinary class (*the exception being Veterans, Desexed classes and the Sire/Dam in Parent/Progeny*).

Parade Of Veterans: 7 years & over. Please include a short resumé with entry.

Parent/Progeny: Offered with sire or dam with any number of progeny of that animal not necessarily owned by the one person. Progeny must have competed in at least one ordinary class. Sire or dam does not have to be entered in an ordinary class and can be desexed.

Special Prizes: Trophy and sash for all in show awards. Sashes only awarded to Breeder of Best Exhibit, Opposite Sex of each class and all Special class winners. Best Exhibit in Show Rosette donated by the Utility Dog Club of Victoria.

Sponsored by





Maxii (Max) Priest

22nd August 1999 – 1st July 2012

You were always our special girl.

You proudly walked off lead, never chasing after other animals, better just to stare them down.

You enjoyed rides in the car, whether for a bath or the adventure of family holidays.

You overcame major health issues and then loved life even more.

You never understood Groucho's blindness, but loved him the same and grieved for him when he left us.

You accepted Jonty into the family and took on the role of older sibling with pride and love.

Accepting Flame took longer, but you showed her the ropes and enjoyed the games all the while remaining "Top Dog".

You were the perfect big sister watching over them and now (like us) they go looking for you and you're no longer here.

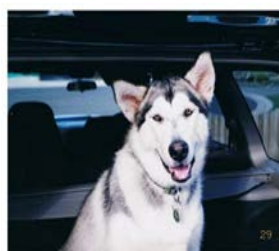
We miss you Max.

Forever our beloved "Furry Creature".

"You're in the arms of the angel, May you find some comfort there"

Sarah McLachlan, Sony / ATV songs

Love always, Dad, Mum, Jonty & Flame



Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

Inc. Reg. No. A0016353X

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday, 11 October, 2012

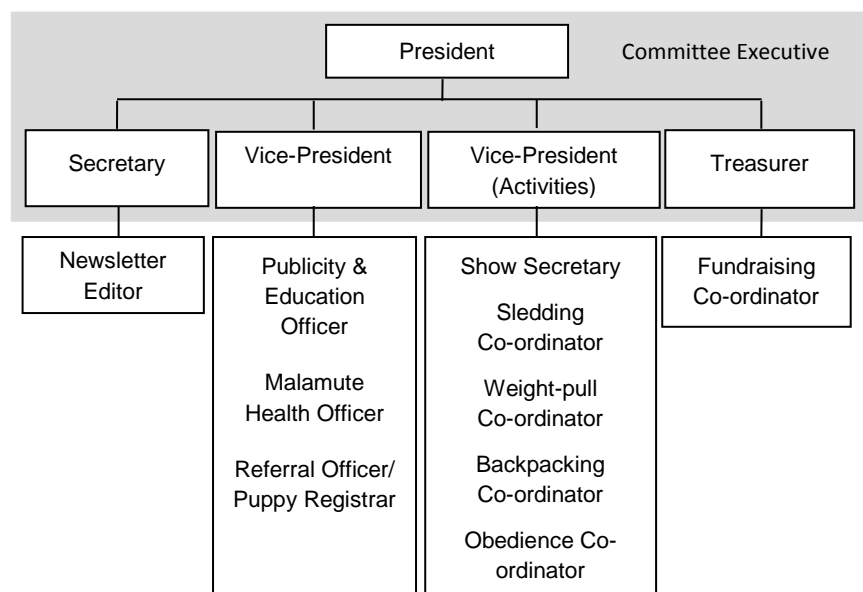
The Annual General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.) will be held on Thursday, 11 October, 2012, at the **Bulla Exhibition Centre (Calabria Club)**, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla commencing at 7.30 pm.

All current Office Bearers and Committee Members are retiring from office and, being eligible for election, offer themselves accordingly. Nominations are now called for the following Committee positions:

- **President**
- ***Vice President (Breed Welfare)**
- ***Vice President (Activities)**
- **Secretary & Public Officer**
- **Treasurer**
- **Publicity & Education Officer**
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator**
- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Puppy Registrar & Referral Officer**
- **Malamute Health Officer**
- **Obedience Co-ordinator**
- **Show Secretary**
- **Back Packing Co-ordinator**
- **Sledding Co-ordinator**
- **Weight-pull Co-ordinator**

The above Committee positions are offered in accordance with the Club Rules adopted on 24 June, 2008.

** The 2 Vice President positions have been allocated a portfolio, one of Breed Welfare and the other of Activities. The structure of the Committee is as follows:*



THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS **THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 2012**

PLEASE NOTE:

Every member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three (3) months of the Financial Year (i.e. 1 July - 30 June) preceding the Annual General Meeting, and is currently a financial member, shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee, provided that members being nominated are also financial members of the Victorian Canine Association.

Important: Members who have not renewed at the closing date for nominations are not eligible to vote, nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee.

Members eligible to vote may apply to the Secretary for a postal vote. Applications for a postal vote must be received in writing by Thursday, 27 September 2012.

YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING RULE:

Election of Committee of Management and vacancies:

Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or as ordinary members of the Committee:

- (a) shall be made in writing in such form as the Committee shall prescribe, signed by one member of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

Sandy Koch, Secretary

ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB, VICTORIA, (Inc.)
NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

I,

HEREBY NOMINATE:

FOR THE POSITION OF:

Signature:

I,

hereby consent to my nomination of:

My VCA number is:

Signature: Date:



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2012 Conformation Point Score

Includes results submitted to 1st July 2012

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	43
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	34
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	31
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	21
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	15
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Kirabo	13
McPhan's Asleda Limited Edition	13
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	12
Hewat/Cummings Ch Qannik Sno Luck	7
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	7
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	6
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	3
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	3
Wagenvoort/Presland Southrnwolf Catch Me Ifu Can	1
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	1
Top Alaskan Malamute Dog	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	25
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	17
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	6
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	2
Wagenvoort/Presland Southrnwolf Catch Me Ifu Can	1
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	1
Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch	
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	22
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	20
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Kirabo	15
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	14
McPhan's Asleda Limited Edition	13
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	6
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	4
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	3
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	3
Baby Puppy Dog	
McPhan's Tanome Legend Of The Knight (AI)	8
Turner/French-Davis Hamalek Cruze Control (AI)	3
Baby Puppy Bitch	
McPhan's Tanome Divine Intervention (AI)	2
Minor Puppy Dog	
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Naoghus	4
McPhan's Tanome Legend Of The Knight (AI)	2

Minor Puppy Bitch	
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	11
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	7
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	2
Puppy Dog	
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Naoghus	18
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	4
Wagenvoort/Presland Southrnwolf Catch Me Ifu Can	3
Puppy Bitch	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	20
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	18
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	7
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	1
Junior Dog	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	4
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Naoghus	3
Junior Bitch	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	10
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	8
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	4
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	1
Intermediate Dog	
No Entries	
Intermediate Bitch	
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	2
Australian Bred Dog	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	14
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	5
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	2
Australian Bred Bitch	
McPhan's Asleda Limited Edition	6
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	4
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	2
Open Dog	
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	7
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	2
Open Bitch	
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	10
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	5
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Kirabo	4



Mallies in the News:

Reprinted from the Herald Sun, July 20, 2012

Huskies are set to hit the slopes in Falls Creek for the annual Sled Dog Classic race

Christopher Gillett

HUSKIES have hit the slopes at Falls Creek in preparation for the annual Sled Dog Classic race.

Scores of energetic hounds will run laps around the snow-covered village.

Falls Creek resident Sophie Usas, 20, said it was an event unlike anything seen in Australia.

"It's rare to have an event like this in Victoria, it's pretty amazing to watch," Ms Usas said.

Sponsor Royal Canin's marketing manager, Stuart Diamond, said: "We are really excited about this year's event and are looking forward to some great races."

Heats commence at 6.30pm on Friday, August 3, with the finals to be held the following night.

Around 30 teams will take part over the two nights.



Above: Samara Tanton puts a team of Siberian huskies and Alaskan Malamutes through their paces on the Falls Creek slopes yesterday. Picture: Chris Hocking. Source: Herald Sun

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.
2. To be eligible for an award in the Show Point Score Competition, all registered owners of the exhibit must be current AMCV Members. Points will only be allocated if all registered owners are financial members of the AMCV 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 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute

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 Minor Puppy - Dog and Bitch
- Best Puppy - Dog and Bitch
- Best Junior - Dog and Bitch
- Best Intermediate - Dog and Bitch
- Best Australian Bred - Dog and Bitch
- Best Open - 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, 2nd five (5) points, 3rd four (4) points. If this 1st 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.

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What household dangers must I protect my pet from?

Many common household items such as food, plants and medicines are fatally toxic to our pets. It is important to familiarise yourself with the most commonly found poisons so that they are not kept within reach of your pet.

Rodent poisons and insecticides

These are one of the most common causes of pet poisonings. Poisons such as rat and snail bait should be used with extreme caution. They are designed to entice animals to eat them and attempts to hide them in hard to reach places are often unsuccessful. Try substituting with other more humane methods of pest control (please see the attached article "What is the most humane way to kill rats and mice?"). If you must use rodenticides or insecticides, keep them safely locked up and only use them in areas of your property that are inaccessible to your dog or cat.



Medication

Many prescription and over the counter medications are toxic to animals. Paracetamol is a commonly found pain medication that is particularly poisonous to cats, even in tiny amounts. Never medicate your pet without the advice of your veterinarian and make sure that all medications are kept in sealed containers out of the reach of your pets. Some pet medicines can also be dangerous to your pet if used incorrectly. For example, some flea-prevention treatments for dogs contain compounds that are highly toxic for cats. Always use veterinary drugs according to your vet and the package's instructions.



Top-spot pet medications

Certain dog-only top spot treatments containing the compound permethrin are highly toxic to cats. Cats are unable to metabolise permethrin and can have fatal reactions to the drug. Please read product labels carefully to check which animal species can safely use the product. If in doubt, please contact your local vet.

Food

Some foods are toxic to your pets and should never be fed. These include chocolate, onions and garlic (including products containing onion or garlic powder, eg. baby food), tomatoes (cats), macadamia nuts, raisins, grapes and products containing caffeine. Feeding fat trimmings may cause your pet to develop pancreatitis and foods such as raw fish, liver and sugary foods can lead to metabolic diseases when fed in excess. Avocado is toxic to many animals including birds, dogs, mice, rabbits, horses and livestock. Be careful not to feed your pets cooked bones as these can splinter, causing gastrointestinal obstructions and injury.

Common plants and mulch

Some common house and garden plants are deadly to animals if ingested. These include Lily species, Brunfelsia species (Yesterday-today-and-tomorrow) and cycad seeds. For a more thorough list of poisonous plants visit http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_toxicplants. Cocoa mulch is also highly toxic if ingested.

String

Your pet may love to play with pieces of string, however be aware that if these are ingested they may cause painful and potentially deadly intestinal obstructions. Also be wary of yarn, dental floss and rubber bands.



Antifreeze

Antifreeze contains ethylene glycol which tastes sweet and is attractive to animals and is deadly if consumed in small amounts. Ethylene glycol poisoning is rarely seen in Australia, however pet owners should be conscious of its potential as a poison regardless.

Tree or plant fruit stones (these may become an intestinal obstruction)

Many garden trees and plants drop fruit stones, berries or seeds. Dogs (and sometimes cats) will eat these parts of the plant. Unfortunately ingestion of fruit stones, berries and seeds can lead to serious intestinal blockages/obstructions which can be fatal. In addition, some fruit stones, berries or seeds may contain toxic compounds which can be poisonous to your pets. Please remove any tree or plant stones/seeds/berries from your garden to prevent pets from ingesting them. Please see the attached article titled "Where can I find out about plants that might be poisonous for my pets?" for more information.

Xylitol - sugar substitute

This low-carbohydrate sugar substitute is used as a sweetener in products such as chewing gum, some toothpastes and baked goods. While safe for human consumption, it is differently metabolised by dogs. After xylitol ingestion, dogs can become acutely hypoglycaemic (develop low blood sugar) leading to seizures and death, if not treated immediately. In some dogs xylitol consumption causes liver failure and clotting problems, also carrying a poor prognosis.

Fertilizers

RSPCA Australia recommends that owners take active steps to ensure that their dogs and other pets do not ingest any type of fertilizer material. If an owner suspects their dog or other pet has ingested fertilizer they should contact their local vet immediately for further advice. For information relating to specific fertilizer products or any other questions regarding fertilizer ingestion by dogs or other pets we suggest you contact your local vet.



Other types of fertilizer such as bone meal and blood meal may be eaten in large quantities by dogs which can cause significant gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation) and possibly pancreatitis. Certain fertilizers may also contain bacterial or fungal toxins which can have serious side effects if ingested. Fertilizers can also be caustic, which irritates the lining of the gastrointestinal tract. In some cases ingestion may lead to gastrointestinal ulceration. Impaction (gastrointestinal blockage) with fertilizer material may also occur in some cases. Symptoms may be more severe however, if a large amount of fertilizer is ingested or if additives such as insecticides and iron are part of the fertilizer mix. Some fertilizers contain a significant amount of iron which can result in iron toxicity. Though heavy metals such as iron are generally not readily absorbed into the animal's system, they can pose a hazard when dogs ingest large amounts. A few fertilizers also contain insecticides such as disulphoton, a highly toxic organophosphate which when ingested can cause a sudden onset of seizures and pancreatitis.

Fertilizer products generally contain varying amounts of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) compounds. Fertilizers may be in a liquid, granular or solid form. They may have additives such as herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, iron, copper and zinc. Because fertilizers are usually a combination of ingredients, the effects following ingestion may differ. In general, fertilizers cause mild to moderate gastrointestinal irritation which may involve signs such as vomiting, diarrhoea, hypersalivation, lethargy and abdominal pain. In most cases the effects are self-limiting and resolve within 24-48 hours with supportive veterinary care.

2012 Sled Dog Event Results

23 & 24 June 2012 - Goldseekers (Malamute results only)

1-Dog Distance: 2 x 2.8 km

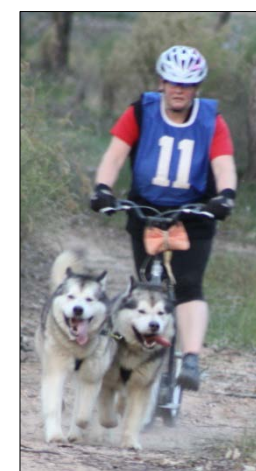
Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph	Point Score	Windchill Factor
4	1	Stewart Cumming	Timber	0:07:46	0:07:23	0:15:09	22.18	100	100
7	2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:07:47	0:08:28	0:16:15	20.68	99	93.2
8	3	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	0:08:23	0:08:33	0:16:56	19.84	98	89.5
9	4	Di Mitchell	Paddy	0:08:45	0:08:23	0:17:08	19.61	97	88.4
12	5	Thomas Luke	Daisy	0:09:28	0:08:06	0:17:34	19.13	96	86.2
14	6	E'vette Levett	Loki	0:09:00	0:09:09	0:18:09	18.51		83.5
15	7	James Ganson	Ana	0:09:14	0:08:57	0:18:11	18.48	95	83.3
16	8	Rod Murphy		0:09:32	0:09:48	0:19:20	17.38		78.4
17	9	Peter Ryder		0:10:21	0:11:37	0:21:58	15.30		69.0



Above: Di & Paddy

2-Dog Distance: 2 x 4.2 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph	Point Score	Windchill Factor
11	1	Ian Luke	Luna Wilfred	0:15:45	0:13:37	0:29:22	17.16	100	100
13	2	Jo Winther	Hamish Jazz	0:14:56	0:14:40	0:29:36	17.03	99	99.2
14	3	James Ganson	Ghus Zelby	0:18:58	0:16:03	0:35:01	14.39	98	83.9
15	4	Shellie Shewring	Charli Xander	0:18:20	0:18:20	0:36:40	13.75	97	80.1
16	5	Howie Shewring		0:20:15	0:20:45	0:41:00	12.29		71.6
17	6	Stephen Cartwright		0:28:07	0:27:21	0:55:28	9.09		52.9



Right: Jo Winther with Jazz & Hamish

3-Dog Distance: 2 x 4.2 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
5	1	Colin McPhan	Jack Jai Darcy	0:13:11	0:13:34	0:26:45	18.84
7	2	Merv Turner		0:15:22	0:13:12	0:28:34	17.64
8	3	Ryan Cooling	Junior Sable Suka	0:15:20	0:13:34	0:28:54	17.44
9	4	E'vette Levett	Argos Genna Sera	0:20:10	0:20:45	0:40:55	12.32

4-Dog Distance: 2 x 5.6 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
1	13	Jo Winther	Betty Loki Sasha Sera	0:36:55	0:39:03	1:15:58	8.85

Novice Distance: 2 x 2.4 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
2	1	Kellie Elia	Buckley	0:12:03	0:12:51	0:24:54	11.57

Junior Distance: 2 x 2.4 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
6	1	Josh Winther	0:08:12	0:10:14	0:18:26	15.62
7	2	Ella Decampo	0:11:32	0:10:24	0:21:56	13.13
8	3	Jessica Winther	0:11:09	0:12:36	0:23:45	12.13

1-dog Touring Distance: 2 x 2.4 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
4	1	Stewart Cumming	0:06:27	0:06:22	0:12:49	22.47
9	2	Vaughan Winther	0:08:15	0:08:31	0:16:46	17.18
12	3	Colin McPhan	0:09:35	0:10:22	0:19:57	14.44
14	4	Tamara Murphy	0:10:37	0:11:20	0:21:57	13.12
15	5	Ralph Koch	0:09:55	0:12:09	0:22:04	13.05
20	6	Sara Cartwright	0:10:00	0:13:46	0:23:46	12.12
21	7	James Ganson	0:11:44	0:13:14	0:24:58	11.54



2-dog Touring Distance: 2 x 2.4 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph
11	1	Thomas Luke	0:08:28	0:10:05	0:18:33	15.53



Top: Vaughan Winther with Jet, Gabby, Diesel & Maggie

Right: Di with Chloe & Leah

The Windchill Factor is a performance indicator, with the calculation being based on a competitor's time (C) in comparison to the winning time (W) for that event

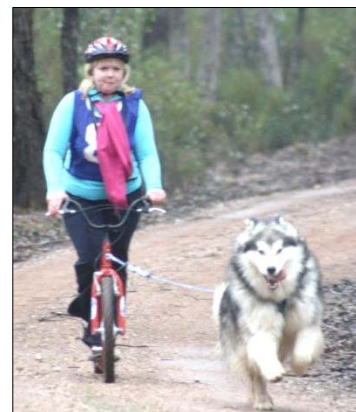
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30 June 2012 – One Eye

Photos thanks to Jennifer Connelly

1-Dog Distance: 3.8 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph	Windchill Factor	Point Score
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:11:29	19.85	100.00	100
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	0:12:16	18.59	93.61	99
3	Ian Luke	Daisy	0:13:06	17.40	87.66	98
4	Di Mitchell	Paddy	0:13:20	17.10	86.13	97
5	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	0:13:43	16.62	83.72	96
6	E'vette Levett	Loki	0:14:15	16.00	80.58	
7	James Ganson	Zelby	0:15:09	15.05	75.80	95
8	Fred Parker	Spike	0:16:15	14.03	70.67	94
9	Matthew Hutton	Tasha	0:17:19	13.17	66.31	
10	Vaughan Winther	Gabby	0:17:40	12.91	65.00	93
11	Dave Bowler	Nahla	0:20:41	11.02	55.52	
12	Cath Lawson	Heidi	0:22:56	9.94	50.07	92
13	Sue Williams	Max	0:25:35	8.91	44.89	
14	Kevin Ryan	Asher	0:27:24	8.32	41.91	91
-	Kelly Elia	Buckley	DNF			



2-Dog Distance: 5.7 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph	Windchill Factor	Point Score
1	E'vette Levett	Argos Eden	0:24:52	13.75	100.00	
2	Vaughan Winther	Hamish Jazz	0:25:24	13.46	97.90	100
3	Ian Luke	Luna Wilfred	0:26:05	13.11	95.34	99
4	James Ganson	Ana Ghus	0:26:25	12.95	94.13	98



4-Dog Distance: 6.7 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph	Windchill Factor	Point Score
1	Colin McPhan	Jack Jai Darcy	0:28:21	14.18	100.00	100
2	Vaughan Winther	Buckley Diesel Jet Maggie	0:32:10	12.50	88.13	99

1 July 2012 – One Eye

1-Dog Distance: 3.8 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph	Windchill Factor	Point Score
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:11:37	19.63	100.00	100
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	0:12:07	18.82	95.87	99
3	Ian Luke	Daisy	0:12:33	18.17	92.56	98
4	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	0:13:36	16.76	85.42	97
5	Di Mitchell	Paddy	0:13:43	16.62	84.69	96
6	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	0:14:01	16.27	82.88	95
7	James Ganson	Zelby	0:14:15	16.00	81.52	94
8	Matthew Hutton	Tasha	0:15:05	15.12	77.02	
9	Kellie Elia	Buckley	0:24:09	9.44	48.10	93



2-Dog Distance: 5.7 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph	Windchill Factor	Point Score
1	Ian Luke	Luna Wilfred	0:25:02	13.66	100.00	100
2	James Ganson	Ana Ghus	0:25:34	13.38	97.91	99



Touring Distance: 1.5 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:m:s)	Kph
1	Ralph Koch	Meeca	0:06:00	15.00
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Panda	0:06:10	14.59
3	Joedy Neeleman	Sienna	0:06:41	13.47
4	James Ganson	Solo	0:07:47	11.56
5	Matthew Hutton	Bear	0:10:45	8.37

*From top:
Kellie-Ann & Buckley
Matthew & Tasha
with Joedy & Rocky
in the background
Ian with Paddy,
Wilfred & Daisy
followed by Colin
with Jack, Jai &
Shelby
Joedy with Rocky
followed by Ian with
Daisy*

Mini Pee Wee

Name	Age	Dog(s)
Tyler McPhan	5	Brock

State Cup Race – 14 & 15 July 2012 – Knowsley

Photos below (top left to bottom right): Ralph & Bosco, Simon & Kaya, James & Solo, Colin & Tyler with Brock, Stuart & Jethro, Stewy C & Timber.

1-Dog Distance 3 x 3.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 3 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time	Kph	Point Score	Windchill Factor
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:12:00	0:12:23	0:12:00	0:36:23	16.82	100	100.0
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	0:10:55	0:13:27	0:12:26	0:36:48	16.63	99	98.9
3	James Ganson	Ana	0:11:57	0:12:25	0:13:01	0:37:23	16.37	98	97.3
4	Thomas Luke	Daisy	0:11:27	0:12:49	0:13:24	0:37:40	16.25	97	96.6
5	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	0:13:01	0:12:54	0:12:49	0:38:44	15.80	96	93.9
-	Sue Williams	Max	0:24:18	-	-	-	8.40		

2-Dog Distance: 3 x 6.6 km

1	Vaughan Winther	Hamish Jazz	0:30:53	0:32:12	0:33:03	1:36:08	12.37	100	100
2	Ian Luke	Luna Wilfred	0:33:49	0:37:15	0:34:41	1:45:45	11.25	99	90.9
3	James Ganson	Felix Zelby	0:38:29	0:39:46	0:39:44	1:57:59	10.07	98	81.5

4-Dog Distances: 8.8 km 6.6 km 8.0 km

1	Colin McPhan	Darcy Jack Jai	0:37:26	0:36:42	0:36:42	1:49:23	12.84	100	100
2	Vaughan Winther	Buckley Gabby Jet Maggie	0:38:41	0:36:49	0:35:49	1:53:58	12.32	99	96.0

Junior

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (min/sec)
1	Jess Winther	Diesel	0:13:24
2	Josh Winther	Angel	0:14:06

Touring – 1-dog

1	Ralph Koch	Meeca	0:07:41
2	James Ganson	Ghus	0:07:42

Touring – 2-dog

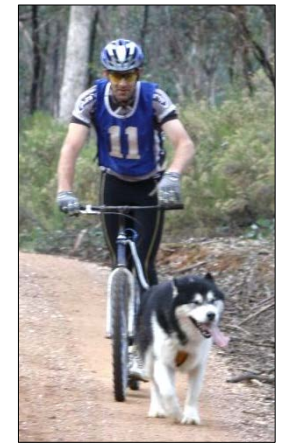
1	Thomas Luke	Sugar Sam	0:07:40
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Veterans

1	Stuart Vanderpol	Panda	0:08:50
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Mini Pee-Wee

Name	Age	Dog(s)
Tyler McPhan	5	Brock



State Cup Winners
(from L to R):

Top L : 4-dog Class
Colin McPhan, Vaughan Winther

Top R: 1-dog class
James Ganson, Ralph Koch, Stuart Vanderpol

Bottom L: 2-dog Class
Ian Luke, Vaughan Winther, James Ganson

Bottom right: Junior & Mini Pee Wee - Josh Winther, Tyler McPhan & Jess Winther

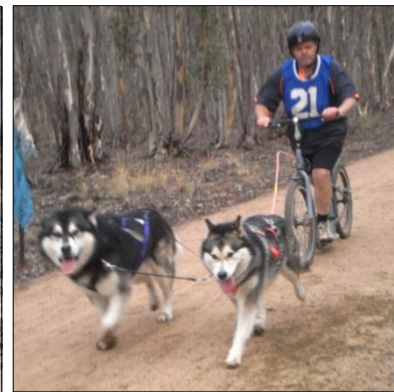
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Stuart & Panda followed by Joedy & Sienna
James with Felix & Zelby



Excursion Event – 23 July 2011 – Ballan

Excursion Distance: 16.0 km

Name	Dog(s)	Total Time h:mm	Kph
James Ganson	Felix Zelby	1:12:38	13.22

**2012 Sledding Point Score****Final Results**

1-Dog – Best 4 out of 7 results											
Place	Name	Dogs	19 May	20 May	2/3 June	Goldseekers	30 June	1 July	State Cup	Total	Best 4
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco			100	99	100	100	100	499	400
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	99	99	98	98	99	99	99	691	396
3	Di Mitchell	Paddy	98	97	99	97	97	96		584	391
4	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	94	94			96	95		379	379
5	Simon Lane	Bronson	97	96	96					289	289
6	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya		95				97	96	288	288
7	Fred Parker	Spike	95		97		94			286	286
8	Catherine Lawson	Heidi	92		95		92			279	279
9	Kevin Ryan	Asher	90		94		91			275	275
10	Stewart Cumming	Bosco	100	98						198	198
11	Ian Luke	Daisy					98	98		196	196
12	James Ganson	Ana				95			98	193	193
12	Thomas Luke	Daisy				96			97	193	193
14	James Ganson	Zelby					95	94		189	189
15	Jennine Lane	Ripley	93	93						186	186
16	James Ganson	Solo	91	92						183	183
16	Ryan Cooling	Timber		100						100	100
18	Stewart Cumming	Timber				100				100	100
19	Vaughan Winther	Maggie	96							96	96
20	Kellie Elia	Buckley						93		93	93
20	Vaughan Winther	Gabby					93			93	93

2-Dog – Best 4 out of 7 results											
Place	Name	Dogs	19 May	20 May	2/3 June	Goldseekers	30 June	1 July	State Cup	Total	Best 4
1	Ian Luke	Luna Wilfred				100	99	100	99	398	398
2	James Ganson	Felix Zelby	98	99	99				98	394	394
3	Vaughan Winther	Jazz Hamish			100		100		100	300	300
4	Shellie Shewring	Xander Charli	99	100		97				296	296
5	Jo Winther	Jazz Hamish	100			99				199	199
6	James Ganson	Ana Ghus					98	99		197	197
7	James Ganson	Ghus Zelby				98				98	98
7	Fred Parker	Heidi Spike		98						98	98

4-Dog – Best 3 out of 5 results											
Place	Name	Dogs	19 May	20 May	2/3 June	Goldseekers	30 June	1 July	State Cup	Total	Best 3
1	Colin McPhan	Jack Jai Darcy (Shelby)	100	100			100		100	400	300
2	Ian Luke	Daisy Luna Wilfred	99	99						198	198
3	Vaughan Winther	Buckley Gabby Jet Maggie	97						99	196	196
4	Vaughan Winther	Diesel Gabby Jet Maggie			100					100	100
5	Vaughan Winther	Buckley Diesel Jet Maggie					99			99	99
6	Stewart Cumming	Billy Baloo Maple Timber	98							98	98
7	Jo Winther	Betty Bridie Sasha Sera	96							96	96

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Large scale puppy factory rescue

On Thursday 9 August 2012, five RSPCA Inspectors attended a property in the South Gippsland region of Victoria. What was found was later described by even our most seasoned Inspectors and Senior RSPCA Veterinarian as one of the worst living environments for animals that they had ever seen. Simply, our rescue team was shocked and appalled. 62 dogs, including puppies as young as two days old, were living in filth and squalor. Sadly, they were made to live in as much as 3-4 inches of their own waste, in tiny pens or cages - some without water. One particular dog that was rescued could not be identified by breed because its hair was that matted and caked in mud and waste.

Extremely concerned for the welfare of the dogs, as well as the other animals on the property, RSPCA Inspectors issued the owner with a warrant to immediately seize all of the animals in her care. 62 dogs and puppies, a number of cats, five guinea pigs, one horse, one hen, one budgie and a deceased turtle were removed from the property.



Our rescue team learned that the property is an ex-breeding establishment. What they could not understand, is why the owner did not seek support to rehome these beautiful animals instead of allowing a ghastly situation like this occur?

All animals from the property are currently being assessed by our expert clinic and shelter teams. Whilst it is unknown at this stage, many may require extensive rehabilitation from RSPCA staff and volunteers.

Every day of the year our RSPCA Inspectorate team are out on the road and in the community fighting animal cruelty, but we simply couldn't do it without your help.

The Issue

Puppy factories are large-scale, commercial businesses that mass produce all kinds of puppies for sale. This includes purebred, crossbred and mixed-breed dogs. These puppies are then sold online and in pet

shops. It's estimated that 95% of puppies sold in pet shops are produced in puppy factories or by backyard breeders.

Puppy factories are awful places, with poor conditions. Puppy factory dogs are viewed only for their ability to make their owners' money. Puppies are often confined in crowded cages with no room to move. These puppies are rarely vaccinated, making them highly susceptible to infectious diseases, parasites and many acute and chronic conditions. Puppies that come from puppy factories can also develop behavioural difficulties due to the miserable conditions in which they're exposed.

Once the puppies are sold, their mothers are left behind to endure endless cycles of producing litters in appalling conditions. It's not uncommon for female dogs as young as six months old to churn out as many as several litters a year for their entire lives. Under Victorian State law, bitches are only permitted to have one litter in every 10 months. However, within these factories, bitches are forced to have litters of puppies every six months and do not get the chance to recuperate. This often leaves them with serious ongoing health problems. When they're no longer able to breed, they're euthanased.

On top of that, the mortality rate of the puppies is quite high because veterinary care is scarcely provided. Puppies that do survive and are sold often suffer from ongoing health issues that the new owners have to pay for.

Sadly, many owners unknowingly provide breeding animals to these facilities when they give their undesexed dogs or puppies away 'free to good home'. If your dog has a litter, the RSPCA advises that you never give away puppies that have not been desexed.

Exciting new developments have been announced by the Baillieu Government, in a crack down against puppy factories.

To see the video of the puppy factory rescue, read more or make a donation please go to the RSPCA's website at www.rspcavic.org



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The Background Behind Vets All Natural

“SOMETIMES A RAW DEAL IS THE BEST DEAL”

40 million years ago the earliest prehistoric dogs and cats began evolving on planet earth. For the next 39.9 million years they roamed the planet as wild beasts, catching prey, scavenging, hunting as packs and evolving into their modern counterparts. Man and dog first formed a friendship back in the cave man era, forged by a symbiotic relationship of combined hunting skills, early warning of danger, protection, companionship, and the cleaning up of all man's food scraps and waste. “Mans best friend” has continued to provide this service throughout the history of mankind; his role as hunter, pest controller, scavenger and waste disposal provided the dog (and cat) with its natural diet of raw meats and scraps. It was not until just over 30 years ago in Australia that the first commercial cooked dog and cat foods were released onto the market....and with that, began the slow and insidious decline in health of modern day dogs and cats. The average veterinarian today spends more than half his or her working day treating the epidemic of skin diseases, allergies, arthritis, teeth and gum problems, ear infections, anal gland impactions, urinary tract diseases and a huge range of degenerative diseases and cancers previously only thought to occur in man.

It is this background of information that lead Australian veterinarian Dr Bruce Syme to begin searching for a solution to this health crisis that did not depend on the continuous use of drugs like cortisone and antibiotics (and the need for more drugs to counter the side effects of the original treatments). “It was simply out of frustration, as a vet, that lead me to look for a better answer to these problems. I was embarrassed every time my clients came back for more consultations and more drugs for the same old problems.. itchy skin, ear infections, arthritis therapy etc..” And the simple answer to all these problems...**nutrition**.

Dr Syme, along with a growing body of vets, breeders, and every day dog and cat owners, and a wealth of scientific evidence, believes that it is the practice of feeding cooked and processed pet foods, especially cooked meat products, that has resulted in the dramatic decline in health of modern dogs and cats.

“Cooking food does a lot more than just destroy vitamins” he says, “it destroys essential fatty acids, denatures proteins and enzymes, damages minerals and micronutrients, and severely decreases the nutritional content of any food source. It can actually produce carcinogenic elements if the cooking temperature is hot enough “. In reverse, the feeding of a natural, raw food diet, consisting of raw meats, whole grains, vegetables, fruits and other supplements, can prevent, and actually “cure” many of the common health complaints mentioned above.

Dr Syme has developed a range of natural, raw foods and food supplements that are designed to provide a diet that mimics “Mother Nature’s” recipe. The Vets All Natural range is the result of years of trials, research and investigation. The latest product development, Complete Mix, is a combination of air dried cereal grains, mixed fruits and vegetables, garlic, yeast, kelp, lecithin, calcium and vitamin C. It is designed to combine with good quality raw meat to produce a completely natural, preservative and additive free, scientifically balanced, raw food diet.

“It requires a little more effort to prepare than the average commercial pet food”, Dr Syme explains, “but both you and your pet will reap the benefits of optimal health and fewer visits to the vet. It creates an improvement you can see within weeks, and lasts a life time!”.

Other products in the Vets All Natural range are natural solutions for animals with ongoing health problems. “Shark Cartilage Powder is proving to be the most effective treatment for arthritis I have ever used. I have treated a vast array of dogs, cats, and horses with problems ranging from old age joint degeneration, to young dogs with growth disorders like elbow and hip dysplasia, with continuously amazing results that surprise even myself “. Shark cartilage powder provides a rich source of micronutrients like glucosamine and chondroitin sulphate that actually stimulate and accelerate the natural repair of damage to joints and joint cartilage, ligaments and tendons. Improvements are drug free, and the powder is completely non toxic. “Flax Seed Oil is a natural omega 3 essential fatty acid supplement, which is a common deficiency in dogs and cats eating cooked food diets because the omega 3 fats are destroyed by cooking. “Omega 3 essential fatty acid deficiency has some serious detrimental health aspects. Superficially it causes a dull dry coat, with flaky, itchy skin, but on a deeper level it affects the whole immune system, causing an over-reactive response to normal or mild environmental allergens. This translates as problems like hayfever and asthma in people, and in pets, as allergies, dermatitis, flea hypersensitivity, arthritis, kidney failure, chronic bowel disorders and even cancer.

Vets All Natural products are for people who are serious about good health and long life for their pets. Dr Syme states that “this is the future direction of responsible commercial pet food production”. So ask yourself, is your best friend worth an extra few minutes a day?

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Mally Pics



Kaila the Malamute greets her friend Toffee
 Thank you to Cara Gifford for sending in this photo

WORKING DOG TITLES

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. Application forms for AMCV Working Dog Titles can be obtained from the Secretary or can be downloaded from the AMCV website Documents & Forms page at www.amcv.org.au.

NEW CHAMPIONS

Members whose Alaskan Malamutes have gained an Obedience Title, Endurance 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.

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Canine Rivalry

Rivalry appears between dogs when there is instability in the hierarchy. The social position of each dog is not clear or is in contention. Social standing within the pack is VERY important to all dogs within the family unit. They need to know where their social standing lies within the pack.

As your dogs mature they need leadership and control, a firm pack leader.

Body posturing and vocalization can be signs of your dogs establishing their dominance hierarchies over one another. This is their ranking not your ranking.

Any attempt by you to establish which dog is top dog can result in increased aggression.

Recognize it is your dogs' decision, not your decision. Dogs are social animals, however, they do not understand democracy.

Hormonal surges can affect the balance in a pack of dogs, which in turn can lead to aggression between each other.

Two dogs are a pack!

In a multiple dog home, one dog may feel the instinctive need to challenge the other dog for a number of reasons.

When left to 'sort it out' your dogs will rely on their DNA to establish their place in the pack or your family unit.

Owners can inadvertently tip the hierarchical balance by petting the subordinate dog or giving him/her privileges. This dog now sees himself with a high ranking, which gives him permission to 'challenge' the other dog, aggravated or re-directed aggression is sure to follow. Dogs of the same breed, dogs of the same sex, dogs from the same litter, small dogs, all understand the pecking order.

Spaying and neutering reduce aggression, and hormonally fuelled domination tendencies.

Determine the top dog of your pack. Feed him, greet him, pet him first.

Unsure which dog is 'top'?

Top dogs will almost always be first in line for petting, eating, treats or going in and out of doors.

When dogs are mentally and physically challenged on a daily basis, they don't need to seek fulfilment by aggressing their backyard buddy.

Watch for the signs:

- Eye contact - a stare
- Tail carriage - battle mode, up high and ready
- Ears - erect
- Movement - slow and precise
- Growling

Step in and diffuse the situation with a firm leave command, as you give the 3 finger prod to the offending dog.

Owners can be their own worst enemy when it comes to implementing the discipline necessary to break the circle of aggression within their dog pack.

Referral Update – Dogs for Adoption

Updated 15 August

With the wet and cold weather we have had the usual increase in the number of dogs given up for adoption, coupled with the usual drop in adoptions. Animal shelters experience the same glut of unwanted dogs and at this time of year in particular, are in desperate need of help. Donations are always very welcome, as organisations such as AMRAA that do so much work in helping Malamutes in need get no other funding. With Christmas fast approaching, taking advantage of the online stores offered by many of the animal welfare organisations to do some gift shopping is also a great way to help.

Ralph Koch, Referral Officer

	VIC - Melbourne Name: BELLA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 6 years
	VIC - Pearcedale RSPCA Name: DEXTER Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute x Husky Age: 6 months
	VIC - Melbourne Name: TYSON - to be rehomed with Hunter the Husky Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 1 year
	VIC - Melbourne Name: JIMMY Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute X Age: 4 years
	VIC - Melbourne Name: KELLY Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 9 years
	VIC - Wonga Park Name: MALAYA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute x Husky Age: 18 months
	NSW - Sydney Name: KIRRA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute X Age: 2 years

	NSW - Sydney Name: MISTY Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 8 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: Not known - URGENT Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 8 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: PRINCESS Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: FIFI Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute x Akita Age: 5 years
	NSW - Nowra RSPCA Name: JASPER Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute X Age not provided
	NSW - Tuggerah RSPCA Name: BENJI Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute x Border Collie Age: Puppy
	NSW - Sydney Name: TIGER Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute X Age: 8 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: BODIE Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 8 years
	NSW - Queanbeyan Name: NAHLA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: Not known Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years

	NSW - Sydney Name: TYSON & ZU Sex: Males - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years
	Name: XENA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 5 years
	NSW - Sydney Name: MARLEY Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 18 months
	NSW - Sydney Name: JACK Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute X Husky Age: 5 years
	NSW - Berkshire Name: MISHKA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute x Husky Age: 7 years
	QLD - Gold Coast Name: SKY Sex: Female - desexed Age: 2 years Breed: Malamute x Husky
	WA - Perth Name: ZEUS Sex: Male - desexed Age: young Breed: Alaskan Malamute
	SA - Adelaide Name: DAMON & NIKKI Sex: Male & Female - desexed Age: 5 & 7 years Breed: Alaskan Malamutes

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
HYKUP	Woodend, VIC	Ian Luke	0417 103 615	Email: guttervac-cv@cirruscomms.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.southernwolf.com
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Breeders' Directory, Puppy & Stud Dog Register Guidelines

In addition to the previous requirements, please note the updates to health testing requirements for use of the AMCV Breeders' Directory, Puppy and Stud Dog Registers in effect 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.*

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Please Note: Hip evaluation reports must be submitted for the hip grade status to be recorded as a "Pass" - 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:

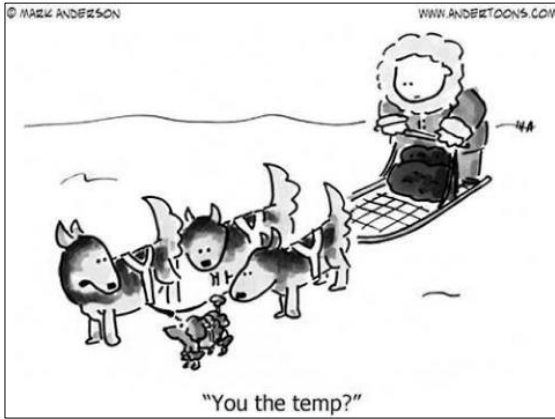
- The owner of the dam (mother of the litter) must have been an AMCV member for at least the last 6 months;
- Both sire and dam (father & mother) of the litter must:
 - Be purebred Alaskan Malamutes registered with the ANKC or equivalent
 - have been x-rayed and passed for Hip Dysplasia;
 - *be x-rayed 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.



PUZZLE PAGE

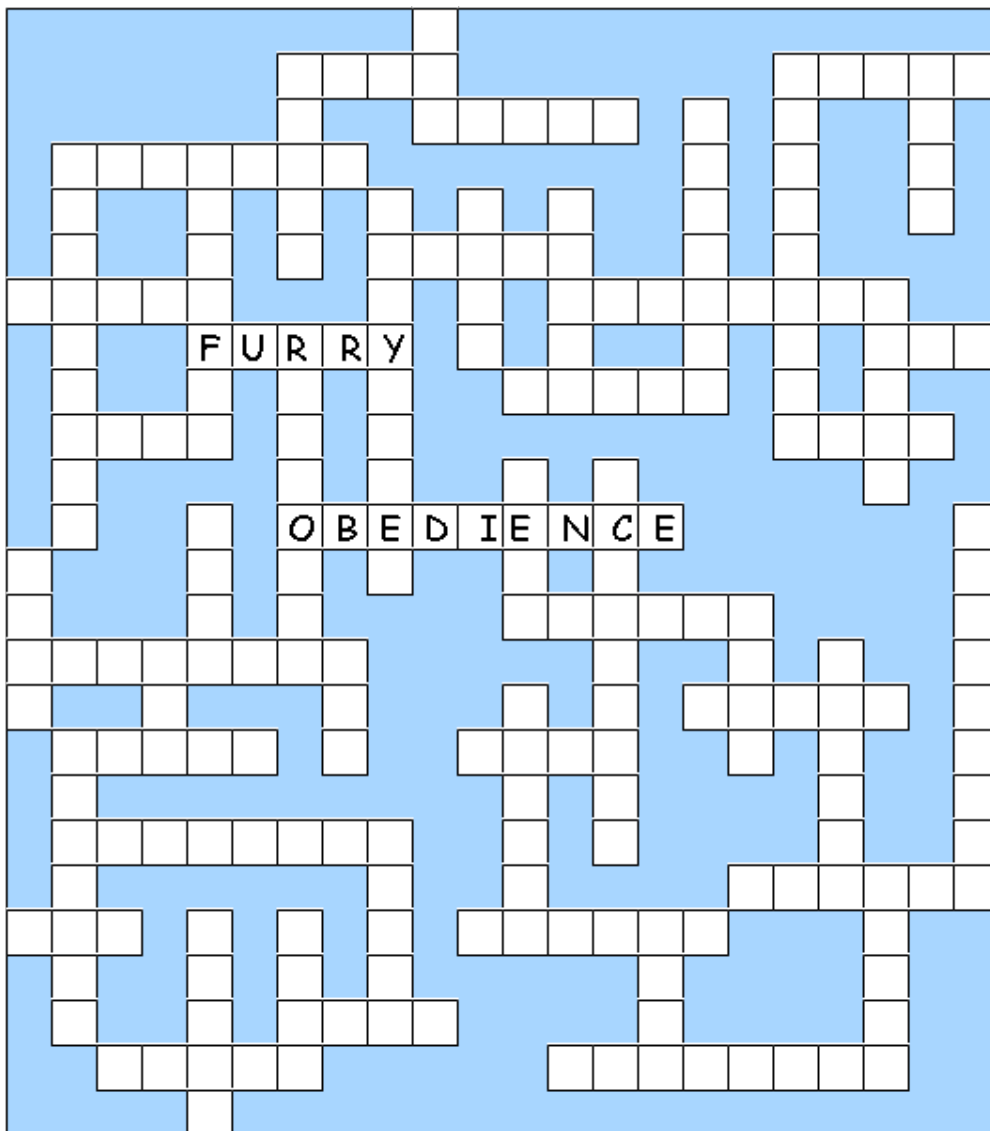
Dog Joke

A man took his Rottweiler to the vet and said "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"
 "Well," said the vet, "lets have a look at him."
 So he picks the dog up and has a good look at its eyes.
 "Hmm," says the vet, "I'm going to have to put him down"
 "Just because he's cross-eyed?" says the man.
 "No, because he's heavy," says the vet.



Dog Breeds Word Puzzle

DIRECTIONS: The words are listed in alphabetical order according to length. Fit them in their proper places in the framework crossing off the words from the list as you go. Good luck.



3 LETTERS

- DOG
- FIT**
- RUN
- SIT
- VET

4 LETTERS

- BARK
- BEGS
- BONE
- FOOD
- LICK**
- NAME
- NICE**
- PAWS
- SHED
- TAIL**
- WALK
- WOOF
- YELP

5 LETTERS

- BITES
- BREED
- CHASE
- GROWL
- FETCH
- FLEAS
- FURRY
- LEASH
- PLUTO
- STRAY
- SWEET
- TRAIN**
- TRAMP
- WATER
- WHINE**

6 LETTERS

- COLLAR
- FRIEND
- LASSIE
- RABIES
- SNOOPY

7 LETTERS

- PLAYFUL
- PUPPIES
- SCRATCH
- WAGGING

8 LETTERS

- CLIFFORD
- INSTINCT**
- GROOMING
- OBEDIENT
- ROLLOVER

9 LETTERS

- COMPANION
- MARMADUKE
- OBEDIENCE
- OLD YELLER
- PROTECTOR
- SCOOBY DOO

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