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## Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria, Inc.

Registered No. A0016353X

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### APRIL 2012 ISSUE

Copy Deadline: **1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2012**

If you have any letters, photos, or items of general interest to the members please email them to the Newsletter Editor, Sandy Koch at [amcv@bigpond.com.au](mailto:amcv@bigpond.com.au) or mail to: **PO Box 41, Hurstbridge VIC 3099**

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

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

- (a) to affiliate with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.;
- (b) to promote and encourage the breeding of pure bred dogs and in particular the Alaskan Malamute.
- (c) to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs, particularly the Alaskan Malamute.
- (d) to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the VCA Inc. Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests, and Field Trials;
- (e) to foster, promote and protect the interest of exhibitors of dogs at exhibitions and particularly the exhibitors of Alaskan Malamutes
- (f) to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding and exhibition of dogs;
- (g) to educate and encourage members, breeders and judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by the VCA Inc. for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows;
- (h) to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows;
- (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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the first edition of the Malamute Mail for 2012, and I wish you all the very best.

Our final event for 2011, our Christmas Fun Day was held in better weather than the last 2 years. And once again, I believe we had a great turn out and lots of fun. It was eventually a fun day enjoyed by all.

Once again our Activities Team have put together a calendar of events designed to keep you and your dogs busy and entertained, and again, we wish to see the focus on fun. Keep an eye out for our Open Show and a members comp.

This year will see the sledding calendar kick off with a training weekend. It will cater to all comers, from the raw beginners with their one dog, to the very experienced with multi-dog teams. Please feel free to contact myself, Sandy Koch, Stewart Cumming, Colin McPhan or any other Committee member with any questions you might have.

I hope the coming year brings you and yours health and happiness. Stay safe.

*Ian Luke*



## SCALE OF CHARGES

### Membership:

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

### Other

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

### Malamute Mail Advertising

#### Member's rates:

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

## SHOW POINT SCORE PRESENTATION

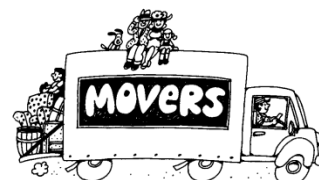
Awards for the 2011 Show Point Score Competition are being presented at the General Meeting on Thursday, 29 March. If your dog has won an award please come along to accept it, or nominate someone to accept it for you if you are unable to attend.

## NEW CHAMPIONS

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

## MOVING?

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



Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.  
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## GENERAL MEETING

**When:** 7.30 pm, Thursday, 29 March, 2012  
**Where:** Bulla Exhibition Centre – Calabria Club  
5 Uniting Lane, Bulla  
*Melways Map Reference 177 F8*

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 13 October 2011  
(published in the December 2011 Malamute Mail)
3. Correspondence
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Vice Presidents' & Co-ordinators' Reports:
6. General Business
  - 6.1. Business arising from Correspondence
  - 6.2. Show Point Score Competition  
– see *Notice of Motion below*
  - 6.3. Fundraising for Karen Hilan – see *below*
  - 6.4. Presentation of 2011 Show Point Score awards
7. Any other business

***Members are welcome to bring a plate of supper.***

### NOTICE OF MOTION

The Committee has noted that the inclusion of the AMCV Championship Show in the Show Point Score can result in an exhibit which has only been shown at the one show winning an award in the show point score, due to the large number of exhibits compared to other shows.

As the Show Point score was originally intended to encourage new exhibitors to attend shows, the inclusion of the Championship Show is deemed to be counterproductive to the original intent of the Show Point Score Competition.

The Committee therefore has proposed the following motion be put to the Members at the General Meeting:

***Motion: That the AMCV Championship Show results be excluded from the Show Point Score Competition commencing in 2013.***

*Moved: AMCV Committee*

#### \*Agenda Item 6.3 – Fundraising for Karen Hilan

*Members please note the following:*

The AMCV has been requested to participate in fundraising efforts for financial aid to Karen Hilan, who is a Queensland Malamute owner and exhibitor (non- AMCV member) whose partner died recently in a truck accident.

The AMCV Statement of Purposes states the following:

*(m) to promote and assist worthy causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club;*

Accordingly, the Committee will put the request to assist Karen Hilan to the membership for consideration at the March General Meeting.



## 2012 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 7 February	Committee
Thursday, 29 March	General / Committee*
Tuesday, 1 May	Committee
Tuesday, 5 June	Committee
Thursday, 19 July	General / Committee*
Tuesday, 28 August	Committee
Thursday, 11 October	AGM / Committee*
Tuesday, 13 November	Committee



## *From the Secretary*

### **Amendment to Club Rules:**

At the last General Meeting the Members voted on amending the AMCV Club Rules to raise the age of a Junior Member to up to 18 years, and the Family membership to include children up to the age of 18 years. The changes were implemented to address an anomaly whereby children between the age of 16 and 18 years could neither be a full voting member nor part of a family membership.

The amended AMCV rules have been approved by Department of Justice and a copy has been enclosed with this issue of the Malamute Mail in accordance with the requirements of the Incorporations Act.

# 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

Please note changes to Obedience dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Event	Venue
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Wednesday	8	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Tuesday	21	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	Bulla
<b>MARCH</b>	Wednesday	7	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Sunday	4	Backpacking	Picnic Fun walk	Mt Macedon
	Saturday	17	Backpacking	1-day hike	Mt Macedon
	Sunday	18	Show	Open Show	Bulla
	Tuesday	20	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	Bulla
	Thursday	29	Meeting	General & Committee	Bulla
<b>APRIL</b>	Sunday	1	Activities	Activities Intro Day	Mt Macedon
	Wednesday	4	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	KCC Park
	Friday -Sun	6-8	Backpacking	Easter 3-day hike	TBA
	Tuesday	17	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	Bulla
	Saturday	21	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition 1 (Am Staff Club)	KCC Park
	Sat / Sun	28/29	Sledding	Sledding Training weekend	You Yangs
<b>MAY</b>	Tuesday	1	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Saturday	5	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition 2	KCC Park
	Saturday	12	Backpacking	Day Hike 2	Blackwood
	Saturday	19	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 1 + sledding training	Ashbourne
	Sunday	20	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 2	Ashbourne
	Sat / Sun	2 / 3	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 3 + sledding training	TBA
<b>JUNE</b>	Tuesday	5	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Sat - Mon	9-11	Sledding	Undera Sled Dog Dash	Kialla West
	Sat / Sun	23/24	Sledding	Gold Seekers Sled Dog Race – Event 4	TBA
	Saturday	30	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 5 + sledding training	TBA
	Sunday	1	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 6	TBA
<b>JULY</b>	Sat / Sun	14 /15	Sledding	State Cup – Heats 1 & 2 – Event 7	You Yangs
	Sunday	15	Weight Pull*	Weight Pull Competition (Am Staff Club)*	KCC Park
	Thursday	19	Meeting	General & Committee	Bulla
	Sat / Sun	21/22	<i>Falls Snow Race</i>	<i>Sled Dog Race – To be confirmed</i>	<i>Falls Creek</i>
	Sat / Sun	28/29	Sledding Long Distance	Excellence Heats 1 & 2 / Excursion	TBA
	<b>AUGUST</b>	Sat / Sun	4/5	Activities / Social	Snow Weekend
Sat / Sun		11/12	Sledding	A5K Snow Race	Dinner Plain
Sat / Sun		25/26	Sledding Long Distance	Excellence / Excursion	TBA
Tuesday		28	Meeting	Committee	<i>Bulla</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Saturday	1	Backpacking	Day Hike 3	<i>You Yangs</i>
	Sunday	2	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Event 3 (Am Staff Club)	KCC Park
	Sunday	9	Activities	Activities Introduction & Breed Information	Templestowe
	Sunday	16	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition 4 – Tuggy Shield	KCC Park
	Sunday	30	Show	AMCV Championship Show	KCC Park
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Sunday	7	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition 5	KCC Park
	Wednesday	10	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	TBA
	Thursday	11	Meeting	Annual General / Committee	Bulla
	Saturday	13	Backpacking	1-day hike	TBA
	Tuesday	23	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	TBA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sat -Mon	3-5	Backpacking	3-day Hike	TBA
	Wednesday	7	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	TBA
	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	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sunday	2	Christmas Fun Day	Includes BBQ, Funny classes & Agility Comp	Mt Macedon
	Wednesday	5	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	TBA
	Tuesday	11	Obedience	Obedience Practice and Puppy Socialising	TBA

NB: *Italics denotes dates to be confirmed* Shading denotes Public Holidays \*not included in AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition

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](http://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.

**Entries Close Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**



**Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria, Inc.**

Inc. Reg. No. A0016353X

# OPEN SHOW

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**

To be held at

**Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla**

**Judge: Mr Anthony Price**

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** – per class : \$7.00 (includes all levies). Special Classes \$2.50 per class, 5 entries or more \$2.00 each. Entries not accepted without fees. Desexed Classes \$5.00

**Judging Times:** Judging commences at 10.00am with Breed Classes. Special Classes after General Specials.

**Fixture Closes:** 5 pm

**Exhibit Numbers:** A stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for return of exhibit numbers, otherwise exhibit numbers are to be collected from the Show Secretary on the day of the Fixture.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

Dogs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 21 Bitches: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 11a, 21a

## SPECIAL CLASSES:

<b>18 Best Desexed Dog</b>	<b>26 Best Coat: Bitch</b>
<b>18a Best Desexed Bitch</b>	<b>27 Best Head: Dog</b>
<b>24 Best Gait</b>	<b>28 Best Head: Bitch</b>
<b>25 Best Coat: Dog</b>	<b>30 Best Tail</b>

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

**Champion Class** - The winners of these classes are not eligible to compete for Best Dog, Best Bitch, or Best of Breed, therefore can only compete for Best Champion in Show. The Champion class shall be judged first.

**Classes 18 & 18a:** Desexed dogs and bitches can only compete in this class.

**Classes 24 to 30:** To compete in Special Classes 24 to 30 exhibits must be entered and compete in at least one ordinary class – Champions may compete in these classes.

**Special Prizes:** Trophy and sash will be awarded to Best Exhibit, Runner up to Best Exhibit, Best of each Class. Sashes only will be awarded to Best Opposite Sex of each class and for all Property class winners. Trophy list incomplete (refer catalogue for full details).

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# Obedience Practice & Puppy Socialising

*No Malamute is too young or old to learn...*

**What to Bring:** Your dog, limited-slip collar or strong fixed collar (correction collars are not recommended for positive approach training, however may be used if handler prefers), 4 foot (120cm) lead, plenty of soft treats (such as diced cooked sausage) water and water bowl for your dog.

**Venue:** When you get to the venue (listed below), please look around for AMCV signs – we will try to find an area with limited distractions for our practice sessions!

**Restrictions:** Puppies must be at least 13 weeks of age – please bring proof of vaccination. Dogs must be kept on lead at all times and remain the responsibility of the owner.

**Costs:** No charge, however a small donation would be appreciated

**When\*:** Obedience practice sessions are scheduled for the following dates:



Date*	Starting	Venue / Directions
8 February	7.00 pm	<b>KCC Park</b> , Westernport Highway, Skye (1.5 km south of Thompsons Rd)
7 March	7.00 pm	
4 April	7.00 pm	

Date*	Starting	Venue / Directions
21 February	7.00 pm	<b>Bulla:</b> Contact Simone 0405 980 839 or Ian 0417 103 615 for venue details
20 March	7.00 pm	
17 April	7.00 pm	

\*Please check the website, phone the Obedience Co-ordinator, or email [amcv@bigpond.com.au](mailto:amcv@bigpond.com.au) to confirm dates and times.



**Equipment**

- Limited-slip or **STRONG** fixed collar preferred
- Lots of small soft treats for your dog!
- Webbing or leather lead – 4 foot (120 cm)
- Bowl and water for your dog

Optional:

- Long lead (8 - 12 foot) for stay and recall exercises.

**Basic Rules**

All obedience participants are required to abide by the following rules:

- The use of pinch or prong collars is strictly prohibited.
- Dogs must be kept on lead at all times.
- You must always clean up after your dog
- Have some means of tethering your dog, preferably by chain or cable, whether it be to your car or a secure dog-stake.
- Bring along water and a waterbowl for your dog.
- Never bring a sick dog to any event.
- ABUSE OF DOGS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN - physical or verbal.
- Approach other dogs with caution – Malamutes are not always going to be friendly towards each other.
- Bait may be used discretely – dropped bait must be picked up immediately.
- Respect other dog’s space and watch that you are keeping your dog at a reasonable distance from others at all times.

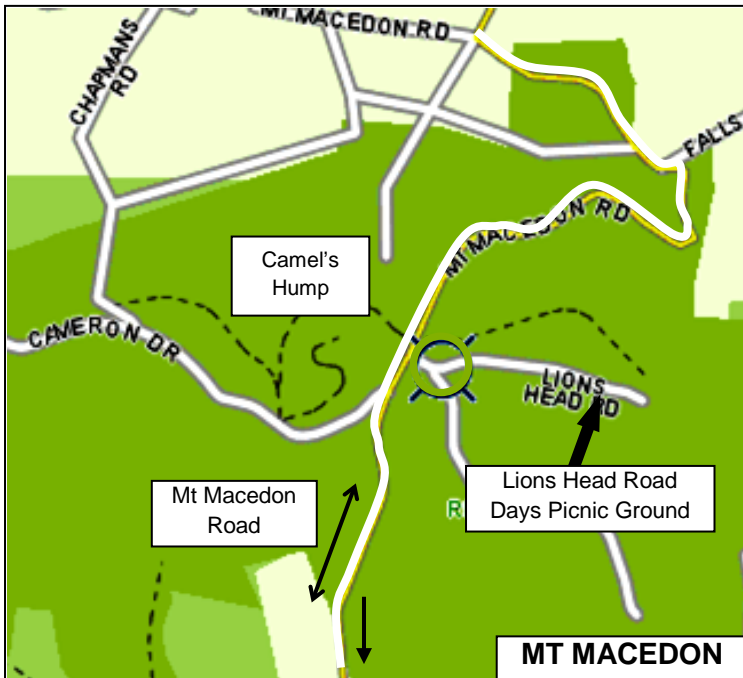
**Further Information:** Email: [amcv@bigpond.com.au](mailto:amcv@bigpond.com.au) or phone the Obedience Co-ordinator, Simone on 0405 980 839 or the Secretary, Sandy on 9714 8540.

**ALL WELCOME**  
 Young, old, obedient or naughty dogs, we want to see them all there!

You do not need to be a member or have a registered Malamute to join in, other breeds also welcome.

**NOTE:** Obedience practice sessions will be cancelled if the temperature forecast for the day of the event is for 30°C or over, or in extreme weather conditions. Please phone for confirmation.

# Picnic Fun Walk



**Sunday, 4 March - 11.00 am**

**Mt Macdeon**

Days Picnic Ground, Lions Head Road

*This will be a short easy walk so everyone and their dogs and puppies are welcome.  
Bring your picnic lunch.*

**Start time:**

The walk commences at 11.30 am - **please arrive by 11 am** to allow enough time to register and get ready.

**Cost:**

\$3.00 per or \$5.00 per Family

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

**Who Can Join In?**

Anyone and their dog(s) are welcome to come along. You don't have to walk the entire distance, and your dog does not have to have a backpack - it's up to you. Please note that young puppies should only walk a short distance.

**How to get there:**

From Melbourne: follow the Calder Highway past Gisborne. Take the Macedon/Mt Macedon turn-off and turn right at the T-intersection, heading under the freeway. Continue straight ahead at the roundabout and stay on the Mount Macedon Road, go through Mt Macedon. Turn right towards Sanatorium Lake/Barringo Road taking the left fork into Lions Head Road (near the Camels Hump). Hike registration will be on your left at the far end of the picnic ground.

**Weather & Temperature:**

Please note that the temperature at Mt Macedon is several degrees cooler than in Melbourne, so even on a hot day it can be quite pleasant at Mt Macedon.

The event may be cancelled if the forecast temperature on the day is for 30oC or over – if so please contact the Backpacking Co-ordinator or Secretary for confirmation.

**The Walk:**

We will be walking from Days Picnic Ground to Sanatorium Lake, a round trip of approximately 4 km.



**What to bring:**

Sturdy lead & collar, backpack (if you have one), water & water bowl for your dog, basic first aid items, rubbish bags, sensible footwear & clothing, human backpack, food & drink, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, etc. Please also bring a suitable means of tethering your dog. The AMCV will have some backpacks that can be hired on the day.

**NOTE:**

Dogs are to be kept on lead or suitably tethered at all times and remain the responsibility of their owner/handler.

**Facilities:**

There are toilet facilities and picnic tables at the parking area. Rubbish must be taken home with you.



**Further information:**

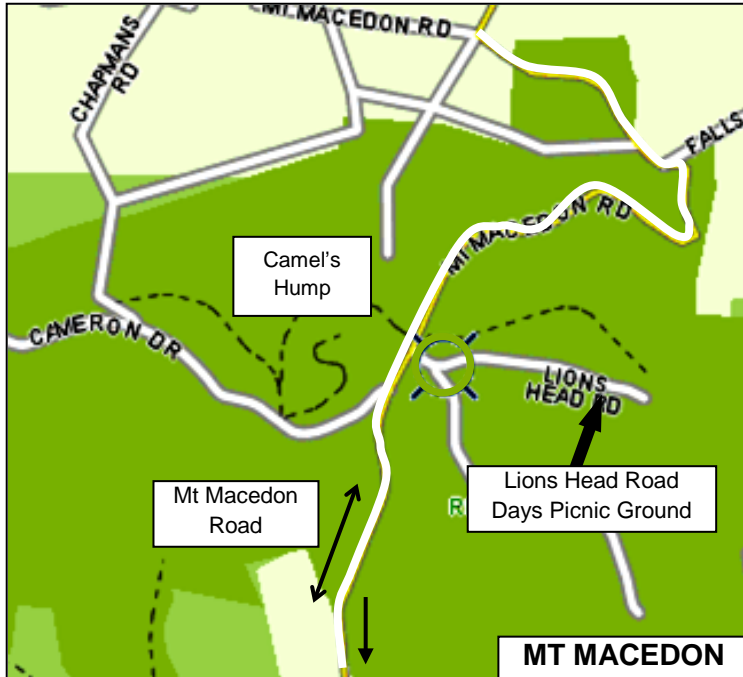
Contact Stuart Vanderpol on 0413 118 305 or send an email to amcv@bigpond.com





# BACKPACKING EVENT

## 1-Day Hike



To Mt Macedon

**Saturday 17 March - Mt Macedon**  
Days Picnic Ground, Lions Head Road

**Please arrive by 8.00 am to register**  
Hike starting at 8.30 am sharp – do not arrive late!

**NOTE:** Please notify the Backpacking Coordinator if you are interested in coming in case the event needs to be cancelled or rescheduled.

**Hike Distance:** Approximately 16 km  
**Terrain:** Generally undulating with one very steep section

#### How to get there:

From Melbourne: follow the Calder Highway past Gisborne. Take the Macedon/Mt Macedon turn-off and turn right at the T-intersection, heading under the freeway. Continue straight ahead at the roundabout and stay on the Mount Macedon Road, go through Mt Macedon. Turn right towards Sanatorium Lake/Barringo Road taking the left fork into Lions Head Road (near the Camels Hump). Hike registration will be on your left at the far end of the picnic ground.

#### Who can participate:

**ALL DOGS OVER 12 MONTHS OLD WELCOME.**

Please note that dogs must be 18 months old to carry weight to the Working Pack Dog title standard.

**New members & non-members are welcome to come along.** You don't have to walk the entire distance, and your dog does not have to have a backpack or carry the entire weight – it's up to you, and your dog.

#### 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, sensible footwear, warm & waterproof clothing (the weather can be unpredictable), human backpack, food & drink, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, etc. Please load and weigh your dog's backpack to roughly the correct weight at home, this will save time on the morning of the walk.

**NOTE:** A first aid kit will be on hand, but walkers must carry their own basic first aid items. **Dogs are to be kept on lead at all times** and remain the responsibility of their owner/handler.

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

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

**Facilities at Days picnic ground:** Toilets, Picnic tables

**Further information:** Phone Stuart Vanderpol on 0413 118 305 or Sandy on 9714 8540, or send an email to 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.

**NOTE: THE EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED IF THE FORECAST TEMPERATURE IS 25°C OR OVER.**

If in doubt please contact the Backpacking Co-ordinator, Stuart Vanderpol, the day before the hike

#### 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.

# Malamute Information & Activities Day



Backpacking



Showing



Weight Pulling



Sledding



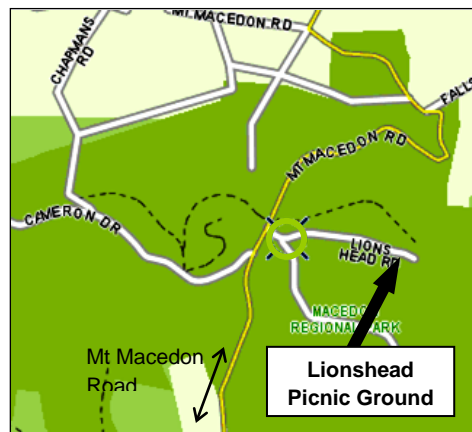
Obedience, Agility & Puppy Socialising

**Sunday, 1 April 11 am – 1 pm**

**Mt Macedon – Days Picnic Ground, Lionshead Rd**

Melways Map Reference 609 G10

You do not need your own equipment – we will have equipment that you can borrow to try the activities. The Dog Shop will be there with harnesses, dog-lines, collars, backpacks and other working-dog and Malamute related items for sale.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

*In extreme weather conditions or if forecast temperature on day of activities is equal to or greater than 30 degrees, please contact Ralph or Sandy to confirm if event will be held.*

**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  
Obedience enquiries to Simone on 0405 980 839



## 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.*

## Health update



As mentioned in previous issues of The Malamute Mail, Hereditary cataracts are listed as a condition to be certified for Alaskan Malamutes under the guidelines of the Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the "Responsible Breeding of Animals with Heritable Defects that cause Disease" section of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (the Act).

Accordingly, it is the AMCV's duty to educate Malamute breeders about their obligation to test for this condition, which has now become a legal requirement of breeding under the Act, and our Breeders', Puppy & Stud Dog register guidelines now reflect this requirement.

The following article is reprinted from the Malamute Health website at [www.malamutehealth.org](http://www.malamutehealth.org).

# Cataracts

One of the most common eye problems in Malamutes is cataracts. Cataracts are defined as an opacity or loss of transparency of the lens of the eye. They are not uncommon in Alaskan malamutes, though their true prevalence is unknown. Small, non-progressive cataracts will not interfere with vision, but complete cataracts (covering the entire lens) may result in blindness.

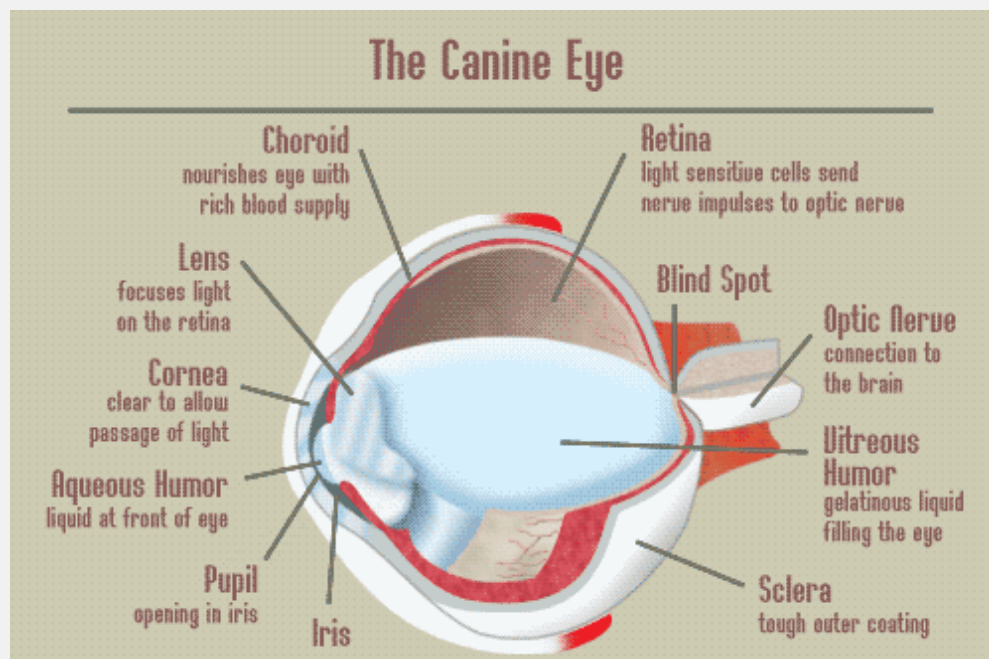
Many cataracts are genetically inherited, although the specific inheritance pattern for cataracts in the malamute has not been established. Non-hereditary cataracts also occur, resulting from other diseases, trauma, toxicity, metabolic disturbances, or aging. With their acute sense of smell and hearing, most dogs quickly learn to compensate for vision loss.

Some cataracts can be seen with the naked eye, but most require special equipment for detection. Your veterinarian will use an ophthalmoscope to determine the presence and severity of cataracts. Treatment is nearly always conservative, particularly given that most cataracts do not affect the dog's quality of life and are not painful. Cataracts can be removed surgically, but surgery is not advised if the degree of visual impairment is minimal.

Breeders must assume cataracts are inherited unless another cause can be identified - dogs with inherited cataracts should not be used for breeding. Responsible breeders will screen their dog's eyes for cataracts and other ocular disorders. When inquiring about purchasing a puppy, ask the breeder for evidence of screening of both parents within one year of the date of the breeding. At this time, the only accepted certifying body among United States malamute breeders is CERF.

Source:

Developed from information contained on the 1998 Canine Inherited Disorders Database Web site



# Canine Research Foundation - 2012 Grants

Funds are generated via the levy on puppy registrations, fund raising functions, tax-deductible donations and bequests from the public. The CRF was founded by the VCA in 1992 and a total of over 80 research grants have been awarded to date. A selection of abstracts of past projects is available on the ANKC Ltd website, which demonstrates the quality of research being supported through CRF. You can be very proud of the contribution being made to improvement of canine health in Australia and internationally.

In the assessment of new applications for awarding of research grants, the review process has three stages: -

1. A review panel of top scientists and veterinarians to assess scientific merit and relevance to canine health.
2. A review by members of the ANKC Canine Health Committee for their input on relevance and importance.
3. A review by CRF Trustees to:
  - (a) ensure projects fit within the Foundation's Trust Deed
  - (b) award research grants to fit within available financial constraints and recommendations from the above reviews.

In the latest round of applications for research commencing in 2012, ten applications were received and four were awarded grants, with brief details of the successful applications given below.

## Research Grants Awarded for Research Commencing in 2012

### **1. Title: *Coxiella burnetii* (Q fever): is this an important agent of disease in Australian dogs and reservoir for human infection?**

*Dr Katrina Bosward, University of Sydney, \$14,050 for 2012*

The aims of the project are to:

1. develop a canine specific serological test for detection of antibodies to *C. burnetii* and compare the relevant methodologies based on cost, ease and accuracy;
2. determine the risk factors for dogs and humans.

Q fever is an important bacterial disease of animals and is transmittable to humans (zoonotic). It is considered one of the most common and serious of the zoonotic diseases. Given the 'flu-like' symptoms it is likely that the true impact in the community is underestimated. The role of *C. burnetii* in canine disease has not been clearly established. It is known that infected bitches have delivered dead puppies, with those surviving birth often dying soon after. Infection in humans can result in acute, chronic and subclinical disease, with a role in development of serious and occasionally fatal disease. Humans commonly acquire infection via inhalation of contaminated aerosols either directly from animals or indirectly via dust. A wide range of animals are considered important reservoirs for infection, the most frequently cited being production animals. While *C. burnetii* can be shed in large numbers in urine, faeces and milk, it is considered that the most potent are from birth products at parturition and milk of infected animals. A national vaccination program was instituted in Australia in 2001 and has successfully targeted workers in the meat and livestock industry; however recent studies have established that the relative importance of non-abattoir contact with livestock, wildlife or feral animals is increasing. There have been community outbreaks of Q fever

in which dogs were established as the likely source of infection.

Confirming a diagnosis of Q fever is not straightforward. The researchers have already developed a serological test for feline *C. burnetii* infection in response to an outbreak in cats, and this line of approach is planned for infection in dogs.

### **2. Title: Naturally occurring bacteriocins; a novel therapy for the treatment of multi-drug-resistant *E. coli* urinary tract infections in dogs.**

*Dr Justine Gibson, University of Queensland, \$12,900 for 2012*

Bacterial urinary tract infections (UTI) are common in dogs, and *E. coli* is the organism mostly frequently the cause. Many will be simple infections that are easily treated. Due to the rapid rise and spread of the multidrug-resistant (MDR) strains of *E. coli*, in both human and canine UTI, alternatives to conventional antimicrobial therapies are urgently needed. Bacteriocins provide an alternative solution. Bacteriocins are compounds produced by a variety of bacteria to inhibit the growth of closely related bacterial strains; they have a narrow killing spectrum and can be selected to target specific bacteria.

The aim of the project is to use bacteriological techniques to select bacteriocins that inhibit MDR *E. coli*, then identify the bacteriocin encoding gene. Once the target gene has been identified this can be cloned into a non-pathogenic *E. coli* for scaled-up production. Future research then will involve a mouse model investigating toxicity and half-life of the bacteriocin, and a bacteriocin protection study in mice with induced UTI prior to trials in a canine model.

### **3. Title: Characterisation of an antibody directed at Canine Telomerase Reverse Transcription.**

**(Dr Sam Long, University of Melbourne, \$4,515 for both 2012 and 2013)**

Cancer represents one of the leading causes of death in older dogs. The spectrum of tumors that have been reported in dogs is remarkably similar to tumors seen in humans. With the development of treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy, survival times for many tumors have steadily increased, however for some tumors survival is still only weeks or months. Increasing effort has been in developing therapies directed at novel targets, one of which is the enzyme telomerase. Telomeres are the non-coding regions at the ends of all mammalian chromosomes. Telomeres typically shorten with cell division, leading to aging and death of the cells. Telomerase acts to lengthen telomeres or prevent shortening, thus evading the pathways to aging and death of the cancer cells. Up to 90% of cancers in dogs so far examined contain telomerase. Telomerase has a component, telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT), which catalyzes the lengthening of telomeres. Thus TERT has been proposed as a diagnostic and prognostic marker for a wide range of malignancies. Only a few antibodies directed against telomerase have been developed and their specificities are under question. The aim of this project is to develop new antibodies specifically directed at detecting canine TERT to fully evaluate the presence of telomerase activity in canine tumors and to then develop telomerase-targeted therapies.

#### 4. Title: Structural and biochemical pathologies of canine epilepsy.

*Dr Marjorie Milne, University of Melbourne, \$5,586 for both 2012 and 2013*

Epilepsy is a common condition amongst dogs. Of canine patients presenting at veterinary surgeries with seizures, approximately 38% are 'symptomatic' and have an identifiable cause and 48% are 'idiopathic' and have no identifiable cause. In humans, the neurotransmitter glutamate has been shown to be an important factor in the generation of seizures. Recent work has indicated that humans with epilepsy caused by brain tumours have abnormally high levels of glutamate and increased presence of specific proteins that transport glutamate. Other research has shown that glutamate is transiently elevated in patients with seizures due to idiopathic epilepsy. High levels of glutamate and glutamate transporters were identified in brains of four dogs with familial epilepsy, and were associated with abnormal electrical activity that triggers seizures.

The aim is to investigate whether glutamate levels or the expression of glutamate transporter proteins are increased in

patients with seizures as a result of brain tumours. The first stage of the project has been funded by a university grant. This application is to fund the second stage, which involves the characterisation of glutamate activity and transport in patients with both idiopathic and symptomatic epilepsy.

Proposed methods are:

- (a) using high pressure liquid chromatography to evaluate glutamate levels in tumour tissue and the surrounding brain;
- (b) using molecular genetic techniques to study expression of glutamate transporter protein genes in the same tissues.
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*Mr Bob Maver*

*Trustee, Canine Research Foundation*

Reprinted from the ANKC Website: [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au)

## *Your Committee:*

# Di Mitchell

### *Committee Position:*

Weight Pull Co-ordinator

*Location:* I live in St Andrews. I consider myself extremely lucky that here, I get to see a beautiful sunset almost every night, there are lots of good places nearby to run my dogs, so far since living here, I certainly haven't had to worry about there not being enough RAIN, and I have the most incredible neighbours that anyone could ever wish for!

*Occupation:* I work for the golden arches and have done so for quite some time! So Thank You to all of you who eat their breakfast on the way to the weight pulls, races, hikes and shows and for drinking their coffee (as I do in copious amounts), so that I can continue to support my beautiful family of furries! I am also currently studying a Cert III in Dog Behaviour and Training with the National Dog Trainers Federation. So one day, I can wave good bye to the arches and work in the field of Assistance Dogs or Scent Detection Dogs.

*My AMCV life so far:* I am not really sure but I think I have been in the Mally Club for 11 years.... Has it really been that long?



My first position on Committee I seem to recall was actually... I think... as Weight Pull Co-ordinator, if not for only a short time. Then I moved on to being the Referral Officer before having a little break from being on Committee and now I am looking forward to my second year running as the Weight Pull Co-ordinator.

*My Dogs:* Murphy is where my life in the Mally Club started and we very quickly learnt that he was one very fat dog. That problem was soon fixed and so he learnt to RUN! And then the addiction began. I have had the enormous privilege of being able to share my

life with five beautiful Mallies and Maxine (who even though she is a Lab X, I do believe is mildly confused and thinks she is a Mal). Sadly we said goodbye to Seamus when he was just a little baby. Murphy and Maxine are 13 now and retired. Maxine is not so much "Black Dog" anymore but Grey Dog. My Girls, Chloe and Leah are 10 and retiring but will still get a run in Vets together. Paddy is 3 and is looking forward to the end of this thing called Summer so he can go running with Mum again! We have participated in all Activities, including the madness of 3 Day Hikes! But our true favourite is Sledding.

So that's me. I work, I study and I would be absolutely lost without my dogs.



# Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

**If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.**



## Check for breathing and pulse

Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

## Look for other warning signs

- Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.



## If not breathing, give breath to animal

### Cats and small dogs

Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

### Medium-large dogs

Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

## Heimlich maneuver

If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen).

Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.



## Start compressions if no pulse

Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

## Repeat procedure

• Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.

• Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.

• Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

SOURCE: American Red Cross

# Christmas Fun Day



Despite the forecast it was a lovely day at Mt Macedon for our Christmas Fun Day on 27 November. Dogs and kids alike enjoyed using the agility equipment, and despite the smaller than usual turnout we still managed to raise \$67 towards club fundraising.





# Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

## OPEN SHOW RESULTS

13 November 2011 –Bulla Exhibition Centre

Judge: **Mr Peter Frost**



### Class 21 Champion Dog

1. Ch Darksky Major Quake
2. Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain ET
3. Ch Katakū Major League

### Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog

1. Siarnak Zelkie Noaghus
2. Snowsteeds Alaskan Midnite Sun

### Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog

1. Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)

### Class 3 Puppy Dog

1. Southnwolf Catch Me Ifu Can

### Class 4 Junior Dog

1. Katakū Big Chill (Ai)

### Class 5 Intermediate Dog

1. Chimo The Midas Touch

### Class 10 Open Dog

1. Niltaran Ernace Tungulra
2. Surefoot T For Tuscan

**Best Dog:** Katakū Big Chill (AI)

**Reserve Dog:** Chimo The Midas Touch

### Class 21a Champion Bitch

1. Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)
2. Ch Darksky Forget Me Not
3. Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari

### Class 1a Baby Puppy Bitch

1. Snowsteeds Alaskan Holiday
2. Siarnak Zelkie Aileana

### Class 2a Minor Puppy Bitch

1. Katakū Mystical Dawn (AI)
2. Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)
3. Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)

### Class 3a Puppy Bitch

1. Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)

### Class 4a Junior Bitch

1. Glacius Song N Dance (AI)
2. Qannik Foxy Lady

### Class 11a Open Bitch

1. Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy
2. Niltaran Ernace Buniq

**Best Bitch:**

Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)

**Reserve Bitch:**

Katakū Mystical Dawn (AI)

**BEST IN SHOW:**

Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)

**RUNNER UP IN SHOW:**

Katakū Mystical Dawn (AI)

**Baby In Show:**

Siarnak Zelkie Noaghus

**Minor In Show:**

Katakū Mystical Dawn (AI)

**Puppy In Show:**

Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)

**Junior In Show:**

Glacius Song N Dance (AI)

**Intermediate In Show:**

Chimo The Midas Touch

**Open In Show:**

Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy

### **Property Classes**

#### Class 18a Desexed Bitch

Ch Kemulvak Gidgisky Lucius (A)

#### Class 24 Best Gait

Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (Ai)

#### Class 25 Best Coat – Dog

Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.

#### Class 26 Best Coat – Bitch

Ch Darksky Forget Me Not

#### Class 27 Best Head – Dog

Ch Darksky Major Quake

#### Class 28 Best Head – Bitch

Niltaran Ernace Buniq

#### Class 30 Best Tail

Ch Katakū Major League

## Donations Required for the AMCV Open Show

Donations are requested for trophies and sashes for our Open Show to be held on Sunday, 18 March at the Bulla Exhibition Centre. Donations required are \$10.00 for a sash and \$15.00 for a trophy. Donations will be acknowledged in the Open Show catalogue.

If you are able to make a donation, please contact the Show Secretary, Sharen McPhan on 0410 192 210 or email: [sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com](mailto:sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com)



**Got a cute  
or funny  
photo of  
your Mally?**

*Then why not share it with us?*

We'd love to see your photos so please send them in to the Newsletter Editor by email to [amcv@bigpond.com.au](mailto:amcv@bigpond.com.au)





**BEST IN SHOW**  
**Best Bitch, Best Puppy in Show**  
Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)  
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels



**RUNNER UP IN SHOW**  
**Reserve Bitch, Best Minor Puppy in Show**  
Kataku Mystical Dawn (AI)  
Owned & Bred by: Kataku Kennels



**Best Dog – Junior Dog**  
**Kataku Big Chill (AI)**  
Owned & Bred by: Kataku Kennels



**Reserve Dog - Best Intermediate In Show**  
**Chimo The Midas Touch**  
Owned by: E Levett & T Syme Bred by: T Syme



**Champion Dog & Best Head – Dog**  
**Ch Darksy Major Quake**  
Owned by: F Paton Bred by: S & S White, R Surawski



**Champion Bitch**  
**Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)**  
Owned by: M & A Mann Bred by: Chizana Kennels



**Best Baby Puppy In Show – Baby Puppy Dog**  
**Siarnak Zelkie Noaghus**  
Owned & Bred by: J Ganson



**Baby Puppy Bitch**  
**Snowsteeds Alaskan Holiday**  
Owned & Bred by: E Levett



**Minor Puppy Dog**  
**Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)**  
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels



**Best Junior in Show - Junior Bitch**  
**Glacius Song N Dance (AI)**  
Owned & Bred by: S Shewring



**Puppy Dog**  
**Southnwolf Catch Me Ifu Can**  
Owned by: A Wagenvoort & S Presland Bred by: S Presland



**Best Open In Show - Open Bitch**  
**Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy**  
Owned & Bred by: Thomla Kennels



**Open Dog**  
**Niltaran Ernace Tungulra**  
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels



**Desexed Bitch**  
**Ch Kemulvak Gidgisky Lucius (A)**  
Owned & Bred by S Shewring



**Best Gait**  
**Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)**  
Owned & Bred by Niltaran Kennels



**Best Tail**  
**Ch Kataku Major League**  
Owned & bred by Kataku Kennels



**Best Coat – Dog**  
**Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain ET**  
Owned & Bred by S McPhan



**Best Coat – Bitch**  
**Ch Darksky Forget Me Not**  
Owned by: Thomla Kennels Bred by: S & S White, R Surawski



**Best Head – Dog**  
**Ch Darksy Major Quake**

Owned by: F Paton Bred by: S & S White, R Surawski

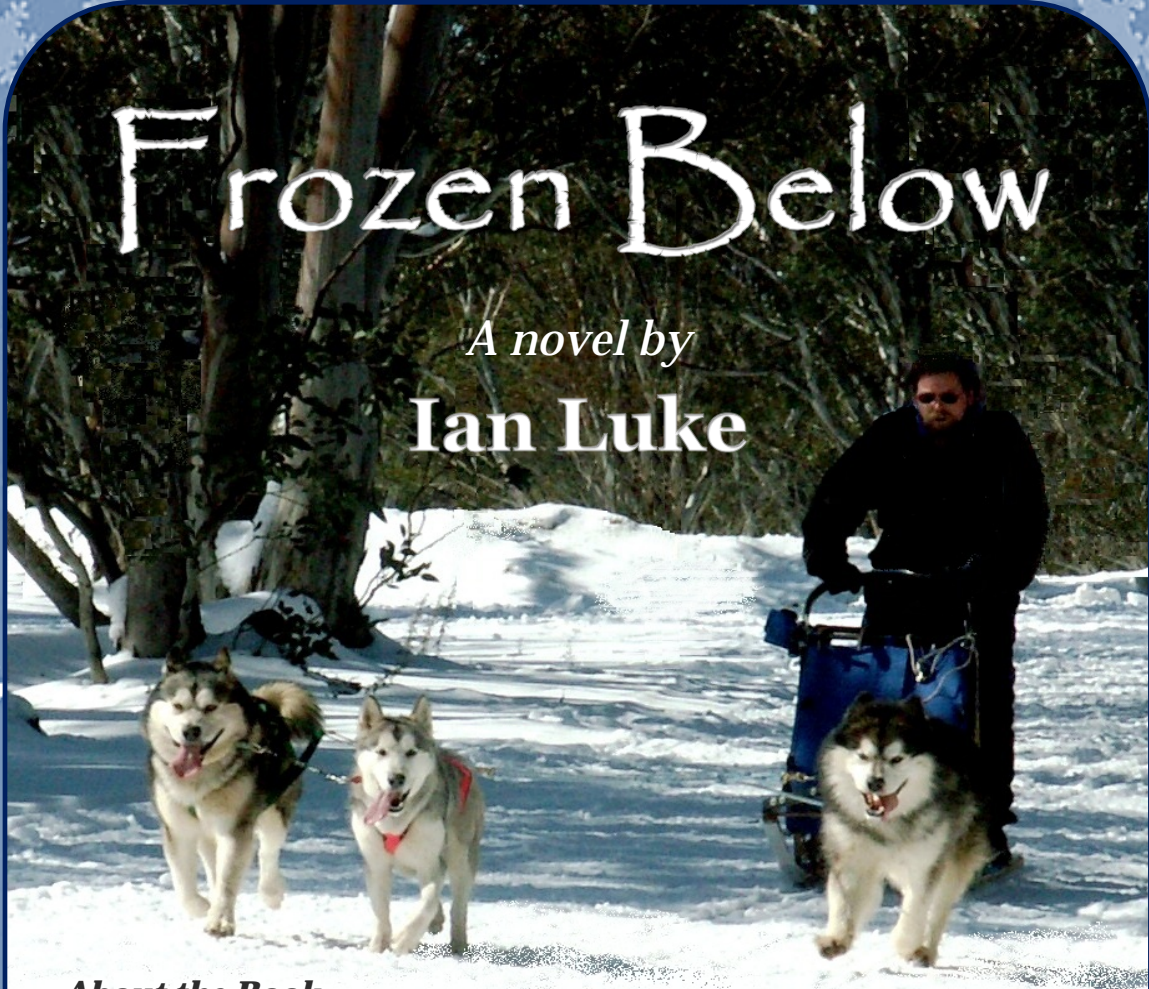


**Best Head – Bitch**  
**Niltaran Ernace Buniq**

Owned & Bred by Niltaran Kennels

# Frozen Below

*A novel by*  
**Ian Luke**



***About the Book***

In the year 2012, the Southern Hemisphere suffers a climate change disaster, returning to an ice age. The few people who survive react very differently. Two families in central Victoria, Australia, struggle to survive, making use of one man's hobby, sled dog racing and his Malamute sled dogs.

**A pre-release copy can be ordered at**  
**<http://sbpra.com/IanLuke/>**

# Entries Close 31 MARCH 2012



## ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF NSW INC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



BILL SPILSTEAD COMPLEX FOR CANINE AFFAIRS  
GSD Rings, 44 LUDDENHAM RD, ERSKINE PARK

**SATURDAY 14 APRIL, 2012 - 10 AM**

**Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (Dogs & Bitches)**

**Entries to:** The Show Secretary, PO Box 4009  
Londonderry NSW 2753, entries also available on [www.OZentries.com](http://www.OZentries.com)

**Cheques made payable to:** Alaskan Malamute Club of NSW Inc.

**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph:** 0421 172 630



**JUDGE**  
**Mrs Shelley Turner (Vic)**



**Williams**  
NATURAL PET COMPANY

**Order of Judging:** Dogs, Dog Challenge, Bitches, Bitch Challenge, Best In Show  
**Judging Commences - 10am - GSD Ring**

**Dogs NSW Representative:** Ms Joanna Chalkiotis

**Entry Fees:** \$16 (Non Members), \$13 (Members), \$8 Baby Puppies

\$ 2 - Property Classes (Sire/Dam & Progeny, Brace & Generation must be pre entered)

Best - Head, Foot, Tail, Ears, Eyes, Coat & Gait can be entered on the day.

**Catalogues included in entry fee.**



**Prizes:** Trophy & Sash for All Class In Show + Opposites,  
Challenges & Reserves, Best In Show & Runner Up Best In Show

Veteran Parade will open the show - please send all photos & spiels to [amcnsw@hotmail.com](mailto:amcnsw@hotmail.com)

Our Specilaty will Coincide with Sydney Royal, making TWO great shows together.

**Alaskan Malamutes are being judged at Sydney Royal  
on Wednesday 11th April, 2012**

**Entries close for Sydney Royal Friday 20th January @ 5PM**

This gives all interstaters the Sunday to drive home, and locals to recover...

We hope to see you all there, as this is a great opportunity to not only catch up with your fellow Mally Interstate mates but share a laugh with some new ones!

# 2011 Conformation Point Score - Final results

<b>Most Successful Alaskan Malamute</b>	
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	36
Thomla Knls Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	31
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	31
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Buniq	27
Thomla Knls Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	25
Thomla Knls Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	25
Hewat/Cummings Ch Qannik Sno Luck	24
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	24
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	18
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	17
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	15
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	12
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	11
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	10
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	10
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	9
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tull	6
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
Koch's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tanane	4
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	4
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	3
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	3
McPhan/Hodgson's Asleda Limited Edition	1
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	1
<b>Top Alaskan Malamute Dog</b>	
Thomla Knls Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	22
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	22
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	21
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	15
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	14
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	10
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tull	6
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	4
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	1
<b>Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch</b>	
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Buniq	27
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	24
Thomla Knls Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	20
Thomla Knls Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	15
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	13
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	10
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	9
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	9
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	6
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	4
Koch's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tanane	4
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	3
McPhan/Hodgson's Asleda Limited Edition	1
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	1
<b>Baby Puppy Dog</b>	
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Noaghus	19
Niltaran Knl's Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	8
Kemulvak Knls Kemulvak Redd Barron	5
Kataku Knls Kataku Crown Jewels	4
Koch's Qannik Wind Chill Factor	4
McPhan's Tanome Against The Grain	2
Kataku Knls Kataku Big Chill (AI)	1
<b>Baby Puppy Bitch</b>	
Niltaran Knl's Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	35
Niltaran Knl's Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	34
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	24
Niltaran Knl's Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	13
Kataku Knl's Kataku Thinkigotsmthn Tosay (AI)	11
Hewat/Cummings Qannik Foxy Lady	6
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Darq Majik	4
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Darq Passion	2
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	2
Kataku Knls Kataku Diamond In The Ruff	1

<b>Minor Puppy Dog</b>	
Kataku Knls Kataku Big Chill (AI)	12
Kataku Knls Kataku Crown Jewels	5
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Noaghus	3
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	1
<b>Minor Puppy Bitch</b>	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	20
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)	14
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Aileana	10
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	4
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	8
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	8
Kataku Knls Kataku Diamond In The Ruff	2
<b>Puppy Dog</b>	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Troj Uniq Hektor (AI)	6
Kataku Knls Kataku Crown Jewels	1
Kataku Knls Kataku Big Chill (AI)	1
<b>Puppy Bitch</b>	
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Blazer (AI)	14
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	6
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	5
Ganson's Siarnak Zelkie Daracha	3
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Karuzr Shiiva (AI)	1
<b>Junior Dog</b>	
Kataku Knl's Kataku Big Chill (AI)	2
<b>Junior Bitch</b>	
Levett's Snowsteeds Return To Paradise	5
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	4
Miles/McCombe's Kemulvak Red Red Wine (AI)	2
Kataku Knls Kataku Chill In The Air (AI)	2
<b>Intermediate Dog</b>	
McPhan's Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain E.T.	15
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Major League	13
Luke/Mitchell's Thomla Sweet Skykat	7
<b>Intermediate Bitch</b>	
Mann's Ch Chizana Diamond Of Hope (AI)	9
Thomla Knls Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	7
McCombe's Icepure Wispa Whisky Dreamshot	6
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	1
<b>Australian Bred Dog</b>	
Hewat/Cummings' Ch Qannik Sno Luck	22
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Tungulra	20
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	12
Kataku Knl's Ch Kataku Major League	6
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tull	4
Luke/Mitchell's Thomla Sweet Skykat	1
<b>Australian Bred Bitch</b>	
Thomla Knls Thomla Sweet Oops A Daisy	7
Niltaran Knls Niltaran Ernace Kirabo	3
McPhan/Hodgson's Asleda Limited Edition	2
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	1
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	1
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	1
<b>Open Dog</b>	
Thomla Knls Ch Kataku Hurricane Wilfred	17
Turner/Ward/Troisi's Gr Ch Kataku Fire Storm (AI)	16
VanDerPol's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tull	12
Levett/McCombe's Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising	4
Hewat/Cumming's Ch Windchill Kaos Arcticboy	3
Kataku Knl's Ch Kataku Major League	2
<b>Open Bitch</b>	
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Buniq	20
Thomla Knl's Ch Darksky Forget Me Not	15
Kataku Knl's Ch Kataku Mystic River (AI)	6
Koch's Ch Windchill Tamambo Tanane	4
Kataku Knls Ch Kataku Diamonds R Forever	4
Niltaran Knls Ch Niltaran Ernace Sakari	4
Ganson's Ch Niltaran Ernace Zuberi	2





## Helpful Home Hints

“Here is an ever growing list of helpful home remedies that might just save you a visit to your vet. These hints are designed to treat minor problems, so please always remember, serious problems should always be treated by your vet.”

- 3% hydrogen peroxide solution (as you can buy at the supermarket) is an excellent all- purpose wound cleaner for both skin and mucky ear canals. It foams up when it contacts dirty material from a contaminated wound.
- Tea tree oil is a powerful natural anti-bacterial and anti-fungal agent. It can be used on skin lesions and a drop or two in ear canals. But remember, avoid using it where an animal can lick it off (especially with cats). Dilute it to about 25% if in doubt.
- Cold chamomile tea is a safe and soothing eye wash for sore eyes (conjunctivitis). You must be sure that there is nothing more seriously wrong with the eye, like an ulcer or foreign body. If an eye is still sore after a few hours, please seek veterinary attention.
- Aloe vera jelly (pure) will speed the healing of all sorts of cuts and skin injuries. Combined with Manuka honey it makes a fantastic healing gel for large wounds.
- If your dog has itchy skin, don't use any shampoo on it. It will only make the skin problem worse. Try starting adding flax seed oil to the diet instead.
- If you suspect your dog has a grass seed in the ear, and you can't get to a vet, try filling the ear with warm olive oil and gently massaging the ear. If you are lucky, the grass seed will float to the top on the oil, and you can remove it, but if not, it generally softens the seed so it is not as painful.
- The herbs Ginseng and Ginko Biloba are a good combination for old dogs and cats that are going “senile”
- If you have a very nervous animal, try treating it with Rescue Remedy (from a health food shop). You can also try vitamin B6 and Magnesium Orotate.
- If you suspect your pet is constipated, you can try giving them aloe vera juice, vitamin C powder or epsom salts (dissolved in water)..they are all powerful laxatives.

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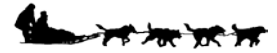
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# Dog & Driver Point Score Competition Rules



The AMCV conducts a sledding point score competition each sledding season. The purpose of this competition is to encourage participation and promote events. However, the point score competition is more than a reward for attendance and participation, but is intended to determine, and then reward, the best performed teams of the season.

Classes on offer for the Sledding Dog & Driver point score will be:

- Limited 6-dog
- Limited 4-Dog
- Limited 2-Dog
- Limited 1-Dog

The "team" consists of both Driver and Dog(s).

A calendar of eligible sledding events, sledding results and point score updates will be printed in the Malamute Mail when they become available.

### Eligibility:

For a team to compete in the Dog and Driver point score competition the dog team must consist entirely of purebred, ANKC registered Alaskan Malamutes and the driver must be an AMCV member at the time of the nominated event. Team drivers must provide details of the registered name and registration number for each Alaskan Malamute in the team on the event entry form.

### Nominated Events:

The sledding events in which points can be scored towards this competition will be listed in "The Malamute Mail".

Classes or events which do not attract entries will not be eligible for inclusion in the point score calculation determining end of season standings.

Sledding point score events may be altered at the discretion of the Sledding Co-ordinator with the approval of the Committee at any time during the season in the event of any event being cancelled or

class entry being restricted or altered, or should a class receive no entries.

Alterations to point score events will be published in the next available issue of "The Malamute Mail".

### Awarding of Points:

- a) Competitors must be current AMCV members at the time of the event to be eligible for awarding of points.
- b) Points will be awarded based on the final results of each of the nominated events. Points are allocated on the basis of 100 points to the first placegetter, 99 points to 2nd place, 98 points to 3rd place and so on.
- c) More than one eligible team must commence the race for points to be allocated for that class, regardless of the number of teams that finish the race.
- d) The number of results that will count towards the sledding point score total will represent as close to two thirds (over 50% and not more than 75%) of the eligible events as possible.
- e) In the event of a tie for a placing in any point score class/place both entries will receive the award.

### Eligible Events:

- a) Eligible sledding events will be published in the AMCV newsletter.
- b) The number of events to count towards the point score competition may be subject to change in the event of a race cancellation or a class not being contested.
- c) An event is not deemed to be an eligible point score event for a class where that class is not contested.

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Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the driver who achieves the highest placing in the Dog & Driver Point Score in their first year of competing in sledding events.

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# Holidaying with your Pet

As the holiday season approaches you will be starting to think about a well-deserved summer break. If the thought of leaving your beloved pet behind is too much to bear however, we hope the following tips we have put together will help you make the most of your holiday with your pet too.

## Travelling

If you are flying to your destination it is possible to take your pet along with you. You will need to consider if your pet is okay to make the journey as it will be placed in the cargo hold where it will be dark and noisy. If your pet is less than eight weeks old it will not be able to fly with you as most airlines do have age restrictions for animals travelling with them. Most airlines will also state that pets fly at the owners' risk and won't take responsibility for an animal if it becomes sick during the flight.

Having said that, it is quite safe for animals to fly by air. You will need to make sure that you give your animal plenty of water before it flies as like humans, it is common for dehydration to occur on flights. If your pet is travelling by itself, it is a great idea to call in the experts, who will make sure that your animal is safe and comfy. They also provide pick up and drop off services so that your pet is not waiting around in luggage areas at airports.

If you are travelling by car, common sense will tell you that like yourself, it is important to stop regularly on long trips so that your dog is able to stretch its legs. Never leave an animal in a car by itself, as temperatures particularly during summer can soar quickly.

## Arriving at your destination

If you are not staying with someone who doesn't mind if you bring your pet along, there are many companies that specialise in pet friendly holiday accommodation. You will need to be mindful that your pet is on its best behaviour as you won't want a noise or nuisance complaint made by any neighbours to ruin your holiday.

Before you leave home it is essential to make sure that your animal's microchip and registration details are up to date and that your mobile is the main point of contact. That way, if your pet goes missing while you are away, you have a much better chance of being reunited quickly. If you are taking your dog on holiday it is a good idea to research the local area you will be staying in for off leash parks and council guidelines on taking your pet into its local government area.

## Can't take your pet on holiday?

If it's not possible to take your pet on holiday, the best idea is to take them to a reputable boarding facility or to hire a pet sitter. Your pet requires socialisation, attention, love and care even when you are on holiday, and this will help ensure that your pet does not suffer from anxiety or develop destructive behaviours from boredom or a lack of attention.

Don't forget, whether you are at home or on holiday with your pet, it is absolutely essential that it has access to plenty of fresh water at all times and somewhere to take cover from the summer heat. We wish you and your furry friends a fantastic time these summer holidays!



# A Short History of Dog Sledding

Faithful. Diligent. Tireless. These are just some of the words used by polar explorers to describe the dogs that helped them on their treks across the frozen continents. Explorers such as Nansen, Amundsen and Peary let snow dogs pull them to places never before reached by man, and thence to glory. Leaders of less successful expeditions, such as Shackleton and Scott, were hampered by their lack of dog-driving experience, but were nonetheless impressed by the ease and speed with which the dogs moved across the snow. Expedition dogs worked in the cruellest of climates and under the worst of conditions. They endured limited rations, blizzards, and deep crevasses. Often they were required to give up their lives for the sake of the survival of the team. And still they pulled, day after day-reportedly with their tails wagging as they went. Polar explorers used snow dogs to accomplish a goal or realize a dream, such as traversing Greenland or attaining the South Pole. For centuries before, the native people of the Arctic regions used snow dogs to ensure their day-to-day survival. In those harsh regions, dogs such as the Alaskan Malamute, the Siberian Husky, and the Samoyed hauled food and other necessary supplies from place to place, transported people as the seasons warranted, and herded and protected the tribes' reindeer. The dogs, which were allowed to sleep inside igloos and tents at night, also provided much-needed body heat to their people; a deep bond of companionship and friendliness was a fortunate by-product of this practice.

Arctic explorers brought word of the all-purpose usefulness of the snow dogs to the rest of the world, and they were subsequently exported for use in places such as Alaska (particularly during the Gold Rush) and the Antarctic. These days, with even the most desolate regions accessible by snowmobile or airplane, dogs are not viewed as essential for transport at the poles. (In fact, dogs are no longer even allowed on the Antarctic continent for fear they will introduce parasites or bacteria into that fragile ecosystem.) The dogs themselves, however, have become beloved as companions, and dog sledding, or mushing, is still enjoyed by many as an exciting pastime and a competitive sport. The first American sled dog race was the All-Alaskan Sweepstakes held in 1908. Since then, racing has taken off all over the country and around the world. The most famous race is, of course, the

Iditarod Trail, an annual run that stretches over 1000 miles across the difficult terrain from Anchorage to Nome. The Yukon Quest is another 1000-mile plus race, which runs from Fairbanks to Whitehorse, Yukon. To compete in these famous races requires untold hours of training and conditioning, for the mushers as well as their dogs; to win is to prove just how much a human and a dog team, bound together by mutual respect, can accomplish.

Those of us with a little less ambition can still enjoy the thrill of dog sledding; all it takes is a dog or two, some snow, and the right equipment. (Alaskan Malamutes, Siberian Huskies, and Samoyeds are the breeds most frequently used in mushing, but any dog over 35 pounds can be used to pull a sled. Irish Setters, Dalmatians, retrievers, and Dobermans are some of the breeds that have been spotted on the sledding trail.) Another popular way to enjoy the snow and your dog is skijoring, which involves being pulled on skis behind a dog team. Participation in these activities does require a great deal of training to avoid injury to yourself and the dogs. However, those who dedicate the time to become proficient mushers rate it as an exhilarating experience-which, for many of them, quickly becomes an obsession. Most importantly, perhaps, is the fact that the snow dogs love to sled too. The Northern breeds were bred to pull, to please their humans, and to work together with other dogs as a team. Sledding brings all these abilities together in one beautiful ride.



## The Snow Dog Breeds

Are you building sled dog team and looking for speed? Get a Siberian Husky. Are you more concerned with strength and stamina? Then go for the Alaskan Malamute. Looking for a dog that is somewhere in between, and is more human-oriented than dog-oriented (an important distinction in team building)? Your best bet is a Samoyed. Or are you just looking for a nice dog to own as a pet, and think that one of these three breeds might be right for you?



Then you should become acquainted with their most prevalent characteristics. In most of their traits, these dogs vary mostly by degree; if you have decided on a snow dog, you should talk with experts in all three breeds to narrow down which one to bring home.

Siberians, Malamutes and Samoyeds all originated in the northernmost parts of the world as sled dogs and companions; Siberians and Samoyeds were also used to herd reindeer. All three breeds still retain the instincts, abilities and appearances that made them such valued animals centuries ago, and all of these should be considered if you want a snow dog as a pet.

**Appearance.** Siberians and Malamutes come in a variety of colours, while Samoyeds are pure white or a mixture of white and cream. Their triangular, well-furred ears protect against biting winds and their deep-set, almond eyes protect against snow glare. (Blue eyes are only acceptable on the Siberian.) The dogs can wrap their long, curling tails around their noses for added warmth in bitter cold. All three have a long, harsh outer coat and a dense undercoat designed to protect them from the elements. (The Samoyed's coat is more profuse than the Siberian's or Malamute's.) This undercoat will shed moderately throughout the year and profusely once or twice a year. If you don't want dog hair all over your house, don't get a snow dog! Regular brushing is essential to maintain coat condition and to prevent matting; on the other hand, these breeds tend to keep themselves very clean.

**Size and Strength.** The Malamute is the largest and most powerful of the three breeds, often weighing up to 85 pounds as compared to the 50-60 pound Siberian and Samoyed. All three breeds are very strong and have a powerful pulling instinct, to which anyone who has ever walked one on leash can attest! Early training on leash is essential for any

owner who would rather walk his snow dog than be walked by it. And, since they tend to be affectionate and boisterous, they should also be taught good manners early on so they can keep their size and strength under control.



**Trainability.** Dogs pulling a heavy sledge across uncertain terrain, with their master several yards behind them, have to be able to use their heads and make their own decisions. Today's snow dogs retain that independent spirit. While intelligent, they can be more difficult to train than, for example, a retriever or a Border Collie. They are easily bored with repetition and may simply not see the point of some obedience exercises. (It is said that Samoyeds will not play fetch because they refuse to run after something that their owner has thrown away.) However, patience, persistence and a sense of humour can turn a snow dog into an obedient pet.

**Temperament.** Snow dogs are among the friendliest of dog breeds. Since they were bred to work in teams, they are pack-oriented and love to be around people and, in most cases, other dogs. They adore children, although play should be supervised due to their size. All of these traits make them great family pets; it also means that they should not be left alone for long periods of time. These dogs are happiest when allowed to live inside the house where they can be close to their people. And while their wolf-like appearance may intimidate some, these dogs are not good guard dogs; they see every stranger as a potential friend.

**Activity Level.** Be prepared to give your snow dog a lot of exercise. Siberians love to run, and Malamutes have the stamina to walk for miles without getting tired. Adequate daily exercise will keep these dogs in good physical condition and prevent the boredom which can lead to destructive behaviour.

**Bad habits.** Snow dogs living in the Arctic protect themselves on cold nights by sleeping in holes dug into the snow. Your snow dog will amuse itself by digging holes in your yard or under your fence. Siberians in particular are great escape artists. All of these dogs love to eat (although they don't require much food for their size) and will eat anything left out in the open; Samoyeds are

known to be great "counter-surfers." Consistent training and constructive activity can keep these bad habits to a minimum. Excessive barking is generally not a problem; however, these dogs tend to vocalize in other ways, making a "roo-roo" sound to express pleasure or attract attention. (Their owners usually see this as an endearing trait rather than a bad habit!)

In short, snow dogs are beautiful, charming, headstrong, and lovable-and often a challenge as well. Visit the parent club websites listed below for more information, and to determine if there is no dog like a snow dog for you.

- [Alaskan Malamute Club of America](#)
- [Samoyed Club of America](#)
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Unfortunately Christmas has brought on the usual spate of dogs being dumped in pounds and shelters – in the space of 2 weeks leading up to Christmas we received 6 calls and emails from people regarding rehoming their dogs. Most denied that it had anything to do with the upcoming holidays, however it is a sad fact that the thought of having to pay boarding kennel fees over the holidays seems to prompt people to think it's a good time to get rid of the dog.

In the December issue we published details of a few of the animal shelters that have an online shop, so we hope that the members took advantage of this convenient way to do some Christmas shopping and help an animal shelter at the same time. Many of these online shops are now offering their products at discounted prices, so it's a good time to consider getting on the internet and ordering some good value gifts for birthdays or even next Christmas.

Over 170 Mals and Mal crosses listed in 2011 were adopted, so thanks to Barb, Michele, Lidia and the rest of the AMRAA group as well as WinterPaws and the other rescue groups for their continued efforts which helped achieve this wonderful outcome.

*Ralph Koch, Referral Officer*

# Positive or Negative Reinforcement?

*Purely Positive? Force Training? Which one?*

*Written By Steve Courtney, Qualified & Accredited Obedience Trainer, Behaviour Consultant & Law Enforcement dog Trainer.*

One of the most common arguments you will hear in dog training is regarding positive or negative reinforcement. Many bring discussions about ethics, humanity and other emotional tags to sell their point, but in reality, we need to work within the animal's parameters not peoples' selling points. We would like to weigh in here with our opinion.

First to explain the difference between the two.

Positive reinforcement is when the trainer marks the desired behaviour with a positive reward, such as a food treat or praise etc. This method is very effective in teaching the dog to do something, it's not so good in teaching the dog not to do something.

Negative reinforcement is marking the unwanted behaviour with a negative marker such as a leash correction etc. This is very good for discouraging unwanted behaviour but not so good for teaching new behaviours.

**Positive reinforcement** is an increase in the future frequency of behaviour due to the addition of a stimulus immediately following a response. Giving (or adding) food to a dog contingent on its sitting is an example of positive reinforcement (if this results in an increase in the future behaviour of the dog sitting).

**Negative reinforcement** is a decrease in the future frequency of a behaviour when the consequence is the addition of an aversive stimulus. Do not confuse this concept with punishment. There are two variations of negative reinforcement:

**Avoidance conditioning** occurs when a behaviour prevents an aversive stimulus from starting or being applied.

**Escape conditioning** occurs when behaviour removes an aversive stimulus that has already started.

So it stands to reason that a mixture of both of these would be the ideal way to train a dog. This is what is known as Reward based training, or balanced training. It's what you will find in most of my training programs.

You would be correct in assuming that reward **based** training is by far the most successful, but you will have no trouble finding people who will argue this into the ground.

These people usually like to call themselves Purely positive trainers. They sometimes have success in teaching desired behaviours to low drive family pets, and having the dogs perform these movements in the comfort of their own home is often achieved. It's when the dog is under various levels of distraction that the compliance often disappears, as this form of training has no way of correcting unwanted behaviours. Dogs that are highly strung, problematic, high drive etc. often fall out of the reach of purely positive trainers.

It is also very hard to train a dog in a Purely positive manner, in fact it is likely to be impossible, as when a reward is shown to a dog and the dog is commanded to complete a task and the dog fails the task, failure to give the dogs desired reward is in fact punishment, it can be from a mild aversive to the dog to a severe penalty.

We personally have no problem with whatever type of reinforcement a trainer may choose, it's when that trainer decides to proclaim to have found the **only** way, and make claims of being driven by moralistic responsibility or it's when they try and fool dog owners into feeling guilty for choosing a

method other than theirs.

We have found that people making such claims do so as they can't provide the desired results and need to rely on guilt to keep a client. Strangely, they will tell you that negative reinforcement is immoral, cruel and out-dated, but have no problem using it on their clients...

The ironic side of this topic is that, those who feel that training can be categorised into negative reinforcement or positive reinforcement know very little about training. The type of reinforcement used in training is a small part of the training system only, not the training method. For example, the way that rewards are introduced, delivered and the dog interprets them is of far greater importance than the type of reinforcement used.

However the main focus of a dog trainer shouldn't be the reinforcement, or the reward method or introduction, it's **working within the temperament of the dog**. Take a dog that doesn't have a massive food drive, plying it with food starts out as ineffective and will end up causing stress in the dog. A trainer that doesn't understand drives and nerves in the dog will not recognise the early signs of stress and keep on adding it.

This will prove very ineffective in training the dog and as you have read, it was nothing to do with reinforcement or the training method. A good trainer will keep the temperament of the dog within his control at all times.

Often Purely Positive trainers will regale us with their tales of the old jerk and pull trainers knocking spirit out of dogs, well the tales they regale are usually of their history of training dogs or second hand hearsay. We would guess that when they did use negative reinforcement they did not possess the skills required to work within the temperament of the dog and caused problems that way.

Physical corrections to dogs don't need to be felt as punishment; punishment is a combination of a physical correction and the handler's demeanour.

Of course they will always have handy the name of someone who has trained a dog using only positive reinforcement, the amount of time this took or an example of the dog working, or any proof that only positive reinforcement was used is never available.

There is not, anywhere in the world, anyone who has trained a Police Service Dog using Purely Positive methods only. Police service dogs need to be confident, high spirited and high drive dogs that possess a high level of obedience under the highest distraction. If it's not good enough to provide results under those circumstances, is it good enough for your dog?

Our advice is not to get wrapped up in the type of reinforcement used, but the way in which the trainer can read the dog and work within its temperament.

**All training methods have a place and good trainers have a tool box with many options.**



## 2012 Show Point Score Competition Rules

The new competition shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012

- All Championship shows held in Victoria shall count (except the Melbourne Royal Show) and the winners will be awarded from the ten (10) best results submitted.
- All registered owners must be financial members of the AMCV Inc. at the time of the show for which results are being submitted.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- A complete record of shows submitted together with catalogues will be kept by the Show Secretary in the event of any dispute arising.
- Trophies will be awarded to the registered owner/s of the winners at the time of submitting their dog's last results.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> wins six (6) points, 2<sup>nd</sup> five (5) points, 3<sup>rd</sup> four (4) points. If this 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Breeders' Directory

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

## Puppy Register

Breeder	Location	Contact	Sire / Dam	Whelped	Available
Rod Murphy & Debbie Boatman-Murphy Surefoot Knls	Ovens, VIC	Phone: 03 5752 2041 Email: <a href="mailto:surefoot2@bigpond.com">surefoot2@bigpond.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/trek/surefoot1">www.angelfire.com/trek/surefoot1</a>	Sire: Grand Ch Snowsteeds Rustic Rising* Dam: Surefoot T For Trix* *Thyroid & eye test results not provided	31/10/11	2 males

# 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.*

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

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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.*

*\*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.*

- 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**

**Colouring In**



**Doggy Trivia Quiz**

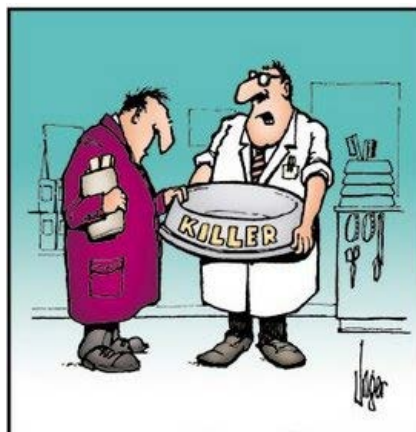
1. Which dog breed is sometimes referred to as "the Little Lion," and why?
  - A. Poodle
  - B. Lowchen
  - C. Chow Chow
  - D. Samoyed
  
2. What does the phrase "three dog night" refer to?
  - A. Dogs fighting
  - B. A pack of wild dogs roaming at night
  - C. A Jazz Band from the 1920s
  - D. The temperature
  
3. What did psychologist Sigmund Freud's dog supposedly do?
  - A. Barked at anyone Freud didn't like
  - B. Saved Freud's life by alerting him to an intruder
  - C. Attended all of Freud's therapy sessions
  - D. Nothing – Freud hated dogs and did not own any
  
4. Which of these things found in some gardens can be toxic to dogs?
  - A. Mushrooms
  - B. Daffodils
  - C. Cocoa mulch
  - D. Tomato leaves and stems
  - E. All of the above
  
5. What did "Pavlov's dogs" do?
  - A. Performed in a traveling circus
  - B. Drooled when he rang a bell
  - C. Contracted rabies after chasing bats in a cave
  - D. They were the first dogs to appear in a TV commercial
  
6. What dog breed is recognized by Guinness as being the World's Tallest?
  - A. Irish Wolfhound
  - B. English Mastiff
  - C. Great Dane
  - D. Scottish Deerhound
  
7. A dog's nose print is as unique as a human's fingerprint, and can be used to accurately identify it.
  - A. True
  - B. False

**Dog Breeds Word Search Puzzle**

H A O X G W F C H O W U X C E B O X E R S B D C D G S R P U G P P E A O C O R G I D S O A A C L M B H B C O O O N G H L A B U A M B D D I L S I L U S Y A E S L E E H E A L K E L R E E L Y U G M L Y G T M Q V F M N U U D F Y E A A D D R D U T O E F S N E Y K K H O E G X T E R R I E R W N	MALAMUTE CORGI COLLIE CHOW PUG SPANIEL POODLE BOXER BEAGLE MALTESE DOBERMAN BULLDOG HUSKY DACHSHUND TERRIER
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**Doggy Riddles**

- Q:** What do you get when you cross a dog with a lion?  
**A:** A terrified postman
- Q:** What do you call a dog with no legs?  
**A:** It doesn't matter, he still won't come to you.
- Q:** How do you keep a dog from smelling?  
**A:** You hold its nose
- Q:** What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?  
**A:** Rough! Rough!



"It doesn't matter what sort of dog you've got, it's guaranteed to keep away burglars."

**Trivia Answers**

1. B. Lowchen. The breed's name means "Little Lion" in German as their trademark is the "lion" cut. 2. D. The temperature: a "three dog night" but it refers to a very cold night.  
 3. C. Attended all of Freud's therapy sessions.  
 4. E. All of the above. 5. B. Drooled when he rang a bell. 6. C. Great Dane. 7. A. True!





# HEALTH PROBLEM REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for reporting of any health problem in Alaskan Malamutes. By monitoring the incidence of all health problems the AMCV hopes to identify health problems in the breed and to deal with them before they become widespread. It is only with knowledge of problems in the breed that we can begin to eliminate or reduce health problems. The data will remain confidential, and will be used to compile a record of health problems in the breed, their incidence and prognosis. Veterinary reports would assist but are not essential.

STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE RESULTS WILL BE ASSURED.

Your Name: ..... Date: .....

Address: .....

Email Address: ..... Phone: .....

## DOG DETAILS:

Pet Name: ..... Sex: ..... Age: ..... DOB: .....

Registered Name (*preferred but optional*): .....

Diagnosis / Nature of health problem: .....

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Age of onset: .....

What symptoms did / does your Malamute exhibit?: .....

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What treatment is being / was received?: .....

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Is / was the treatment successful?: .....

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What is the prognosis for your Malamute?: .....

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Please mail this form to: **AMCV Secretary, PO 41 Hurstbridge VIC 3099** or email to: **amcv@bigpond.com**

*Please feel free to copy and distribute this form to local clubs and owners/breeders who may not be members as all data is of importance. Any queries or requests for further information can be directed to the AMCV Health Officer.*

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