

**Membership Renewals
due 1 July**

June 2013



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President's Message

Now with the cooler weather approaching, it's a great time to get involved in all the winter sports and activities involved with our breed.

Congratulations to all those – especially Mel, who have taken such an active role in making the weight pull days so successful. I hear that there are more people and fur kids turning up for these days – so well done.

With so many activities going on there is some great interest from people asking questions about the breed and wanting to become members. This is wonderful to see. Thank you to each of our committee members who are putting in so much of their own personal time and effort to make the club run as efficiently as it does. Without the support from each of you, we would not have the wonderful club that we have.

Antoinette Wagenvoort



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Working Dog Titles

Please note that a \$30.00 application fee is payable upon submission of Working Dog Title applications. Applications must be submitted one month prior to the Annual General Meeting in order for awards to be presented at the AGM. Application forms for AMCV Working Dog Titles can be obtained from the Secretary or can be downloaded from the AMCV website Documents & Forms page at www.amcv.org.au.

New Champions

Members whose Alaskan Malamutes have gained an Obedience Title, 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, Lorraine Green, PO Box 216, Broadford, Victoria, 3658 or email to amcv@bigpond.com.au.

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 5784 1849.

2013 Show Point Score Competition

To enter in the 2013 Show Point Score Competition, please send a marked and signed catalogue (Malamute results & cover pages only) to the Show Secretary, Lorraine Green at PO Box 216, Broadford VIC 3658, or hand your catalogue to Nicole or Dale Green.

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:

Members' rates:	
Inside front cover – colour	\$50.00
Full page	\$30.00
Full Page - copy ready	\$20.00
Half Page	\$20.00
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 ½ pages.

Non Members:

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


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

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

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Have you checked out the AMCV Website?



www.amcv.org.au

AUGUST 2013 ISSUE

Copy Deadline: 1st July 2013

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

or mail to: **PO Box 41, Hurstbridge VIC 3099**

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

2013 Activities Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Event	Venue
JUNE	Saturday	15	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 3	You Yangs
	Sunday	16	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 4	You Yangs
	Sat / Sun	29/30	Sledding	Gold Seekers Sled Dog Race (AMCV Point Score)	TBA
JULY	Saturday	20	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 5	You Yangs
	Sunday	21	Sledding	Sled Dog Race - Event 6	You Yangs
AUGUST	Sat / Sun	3/4	Sledding	Falls Snow Race	Falls Creek
	Sat / Sun	10/11	Sledding	A5K Snow Race	Dinner Plain
	Sunday	11	Weight Pull*	Weight Pull Competition - ASTCV	KCC Park
	Sat / Sun	24/25	Sledding	State Cup – 3 heat race – Event 7	You Yangs
	Wednesday	28	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Saturday	31	Backpacking	Day Hike 3	You Yangs
SEPTEMBER	Sunday	8	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Event 4 (Tuggy Shield)	KCC Park
	Sunday	15	Activities Obedience	Activities Introduction & Breed Information Obedience Practice Session	Templestowe – Birrarung Park
	Friday	27	Show	Melbourne Royal Malamute judging	Showgrounds
OCTOBER	Saturday	5	Backpacking	1-day hike	TBA
	Thursday	10	Meeting	Annual General / Committee	Bulla
	Sunday	13	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition 5 - ASTCV	KCC Park
	Sunday	20	Backpacking	Picnic Fun walk	Brimbank Park
NOVEMBER	Sat -Mon	2-4	Backpacking	3-day Hike	Wombat State Forest
	Sunday	3	Show	Championship	Sunbury
	Wednesday	13	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
DECEMBER	Sunday	1	Christmas Fun Day	Includes BBQ, Funny classes & Fun Agility Comp	Mt Macedon

*not included in AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition Events not conducted by the AMCV are in italics

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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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.

Membership Renewals

Memberships are due for renewal on 1 July.

Please note that members who are late in submitting their renewals may receive their August issue of the Malamute Mail later than those who renew on time. Members who do not renew their membership will not receive the August issue. Membership payments will now be accepted by direct deposit into the AMCV bank account – details are provided on the membership form enclosed in this newsletter and available on the AMCV website at www.amcv.org.au under Documents & Forms.

QUIET
Exactly what part of Shut up did you not understand?

2013 SLEDDING EVENTS



Date	Event	Venue	Schedule	Event details
15 June	EVENT 3 1 heat event	You Yangs Western Plantation <i>*Lighting required</i>	Training Workshop: 1.00 pm Check In: 3.00 pm Drivers' Meeting: 3.30 pm Start: from 4.00 pm	Approximate Distances: Novice – 1.5 km 1-dog – 3 km 2-dog – 5.5 km 4-dog* - 7 km 6-dog* – 7 km
16 June	EVENT 4 1 heat event	You Yangs Western Plantation <i>*Lighting required</i>	Check In: 7.00 am Drivers' Meeting: 7.15 am *Start: 7.45 am	<i>*possible earlier start for 4/6-dog classes on Sunday</i>
29/30 June	Gold Seekers Sled Dog Race <i>Non-AMCV Event – Pre-entry required</i>		Further details will be available from the Gold Seekers Sled Dog Club. <i>NB: This is an AMCV Sledding Point Score event</i>	
20 July	EVENT 5 1 heat event	You Yangs Western Plantation <i>*Lighting required</i>	Training Workshop: 1.00 pm Check In: 3.00 pm Drivers' Meeting: 3.30 pm Start: from 4.00 pm	Approximate Distances: Novice – 1.5 km Other classes: <i>to be advised</i>
21 July	EVENT 6 1 heat event	You Yangs Western Plantation <i>*Lighting required</i>	Check In: 7.00 am Drivers' Meeting: 7.15 am *Start: 7.45 am	<i>*possible earlier start for 4/6-dog classes on Sunday</i>
3/4 August	FALLS CLASSIC	Falls Creek	Website: www.fcsdc.net	<i>Non-AMCV event: Pre-entry only</i>
10/11 Aug	ALTITUDE 5000 SNOW RACE	Dinner Plain	Website: sleddogchallenge.com	<i>Non-AMCV event: Pre-entry only.</i>
24 / 25 August	EVENT 7	You Yangs Western Plantation	State Cup race - 3-heat race <i>*Lighting required</i>	Details in the June newsletter

Please note the following for sledding events*:

**Does not apply to Private Races*

- Entries:** Entries will be taken on the day. Entries will not be accepted after the commencement of the Drivers' Meeting.
- NOTE:** **4-dog & 6-dog classes - pre-entry & lighting required for all events.** Contact Merv or Ian to pre-register (*details below*)
- Camping:** Camping is permitted at the You Yangs Western Plantation.
- Rules:** AMCV Gig & Sled Race Rules. Drivers must wear safety helmets and carry sidecutters.
Private Races: rules available from race organisers. NOTE: these rules may differ from AMCV rules.
- Classes*:** 1-dog, Limited 2-dog, Limited 4-dog, Limited 6-dog, Pee Wee, Junior, Veterans, Novice (if sufficient entries).
- Lighting:** Suitable battery operated bike lighting is required. The additional use of a head lamp is also recommended. (Dynamo powered lighting is not suitable).

Entry Fees:

- Members:** Single heat events: \$8.00, Multi-heat events: \$12.00, Second entry (same driver, different class): \$6.00 (Single heat event), \$10.00 (multi-heat event)
- Season Ticket: \$45, Second Season ticket (same Driver): \$35. (*covers all AMCV sledding events*)
- Non-members:** Single heat events: \$10.00
Multi-heat events: \$15.00
- Pee Wee, Junior & Veterans: \$2.00 (Members and Non-members)
- Novice: \$5.00

Directions to Sledding Event Site:

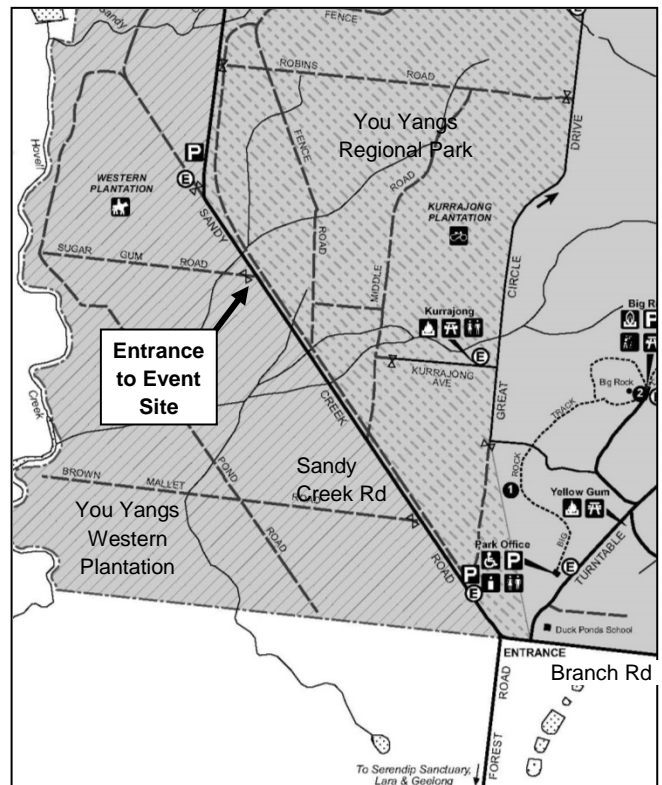
You Yangs Western Plantation, Sandy Creek Road
(near Little River)

From Melbourne:

Take the Princes Highway towards Geelong. Take the Little River turn-off and follow signs to Little River. Cross the railway line in Little River then turn left into You Yangs Road, then left into Farrars Road and right into Branch Road. At the end of Branch Road turn right into Sandy Creek Road, watch for AMCV signs on your left (approx. 2 km along Sandy Creek Road), turn left through the gate and follow signs and diamond markers* to the race site.

Further Details:

For pre-entry (4- & 6-dog class only) or further information, contact the Sledding Co-ordinator Merv Turner on 5978 6001 or Ian Luke on 0417 103 615 - email: amcv@bigond.com



WHERE'S WOOFA?

See if you can find naughty Woofa who has hidden somewhere in this newsletter...

2013 Weight-Pull Events

ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY – NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Venue:

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

Weightpull Event Format & Schedule:

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

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



Event Number	Date	Venue	Registration / Weigh-in	Start time
ASTCV Event*	9 June	KCC Park	12.00 pm	12.00 pm
ASTCV Event*	11 August	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am
Event 4	8 September	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am
Event 5*	13 October	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am

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

Please contact the relevant Weight Pull Coordinator to confirm

NB: Event 5 2012 - 7 October 2012 will count towards the 2013 annual competition.
Event 5 2013 – 13 October 2013 will count towards the 2014 annual competition

* Events being conducted by the American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Victoria (ASTCV).

The ASTCV events on 9 June and 11 August are not included in the AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition.

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Eligibility: Any dog over 18 months of age (but not bitches in season) may compete in an AMCV weight-pull event. For AMCV Weight Pull Events: Prizes awarded for all breeders, but only purebred ANKC registered Alaskan Malamutes will be eligible for major prizes and to participate in AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition. Any dogs exhibiting aggression or owners exhibiting unsportsmanlike or abusive behaviour may be asked to leave the competition venue at the discretion of the organisers.

Entry Fees:

ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY
NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED.

AMCV / ASTCV Members:

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

Non-members:

First entry \$12.00, subsequent entries \$10.00

Harness Hire Fees:

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

Further Information:

AMCV Events: Phone: Mel Gray 0404 104 619 Email: amcv@bigpond.com.au

ASTCV Events: Phone Lincoln Hancock - 0409 135 800 Email amstaff@live.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. Please phone or email to confirm if you are unsure.

Weight Classes*:

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

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

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

ALL BREEDS WELCOME

AMCV ANNUAL WEIGHTPULL COMPETITION RULES

Classes on offer will be:

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

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

Eligibility

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

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

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

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

Class Awards

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

Top Weightpull Dog of the Year Award

The Top Weightpull Dog of the Year title will be awarded to that dog that has achieved the highest combined weight/weight ratio calculated from that dog's best three (3) results* achieved in any of the weight classes from the five (5) eligible events*.

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

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

Nominated Events

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

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



Obedience Practice & Puppy Socialising

Being held in conjunction with the Rottweiler Club of Victoria.

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 register with the Rottweiler Club and pay your fee.
- Restrictions:** Please bring proof of vaccination to your first class. Puppies must be at least 13 weeks of age.
- Costs:** \$5 per session, or \$20 for 5 sessions.
- When:** Obedience practice sessions are held weekly (except in winter & over the summer break) at the following times:

Date	Starting	Venue / Directions	For further Information
Tuesday evenings	7.00 pm	Bulla: Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla <i>Melways Map Ref. 177 F8</i>	Check the Rottweiler Club of Victoria website: rottweilerclubofvictoria.com
Wednesday evenings	7.00 pm	KCC Park, Westernport Highway, Skye (1.5 km south of Thompsons Rd) <i>Melways Map Ref. 128 H 12</i>	



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 on lead at all times, unless otherwise directed by your instructor.
- 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 or other breeds, particularly same sex.
- 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 or phone the Obedience Co-ordinator, Marty Cord on 0425 776 295.

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

NOTE: Obedience practice sessions may be cancelled if the temperature forecast for the day of the event is for 30°C or over, or in extreme weather conditions. Please check with the Rottweiler Club for confirmation.

From the Secretary...

I love this time of year. Time flies by so fast with so many events and nearly every weekend we are out doing Malamute events and activities. The weather is cool and it's time to play Malamute Style.

The last two months have been no exception. The sledding training day was a great success;

I was lucky enough to camp over night and was out bright and early (first light) running my fur kids before the crowd arrived and boy what a crowd. Congratulations to all organisers on a superb day.

Weight Pull round two and three were enjoyable though I noticed those running the event struggled at times as there were not enough helpers. Please people, these events do not run themselves. If you can pitch in and lend a hand it would be very much appreciated and things can run a lot smoother. As the old saying goes, many hands make light work.

The Blackwood one day hike was a fantastic day, weather was awesome the trail perfect and the scenery was to die for. All the fur kids were very well behaved with a few first timers and two or three grabbing the second leg to their WPD. Congratulations to all.

Also in the last two months we have had the Open Show at Bulla. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this event though I heard it went well. Congratulations to the winners of the day.

That's about it from this end for the moment. Looking forward to the racing season getting underway this weekend at the You Yangs, hope to see you there, so until next time

Have Fun and Stay Safe out there.

Marty Cord



Rainbow Bridge

We say a sad farewell to the following Malamutes who have now passed over the rainbow bridge, and our sympathies go to their owners on the loss of their much-loved family member.

Cruiser

BISS Ch Siarnak Sarcan Cruiser

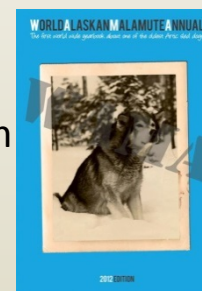
Owned & loved by James Ganson

Welcome New Members!

Neill & Racheal Blake
Emma McDougall
Taneal Marshall
David Baird

Review:

The World Alaskan Malamute Annual 2012 edition



Published by European breed enthusiasts Alessandro Avigni and Marco Nodari, this 176 page Annual is truly an international celebration of the Alaskan Malamute.

Articles have been contributed by some of the greats of our breed, including Nancy Russell, Barbara Brookes, Sheila Balch, Robert Zoller and Eva Seeley. Interviews with Roland Lombard and Earl & Natalie Norris are included, as well as an 11 part commentary on the Standard from breeder judges from across the globe.

It includes a number of important articles on relevant health issues from experts and experienced breeders, and articles from breeder judges on what they look for in a Malamute.

Health, temperament and function are all covered with interesting articles, great pictures, and international flavour. Our own Shelley Turner and Ian Luke feature as article contributors to round out that international appeal.

This glossy publication is a must for your bookshelves, and can be ordered online at www.worldalaskanmalamuteannual.com

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

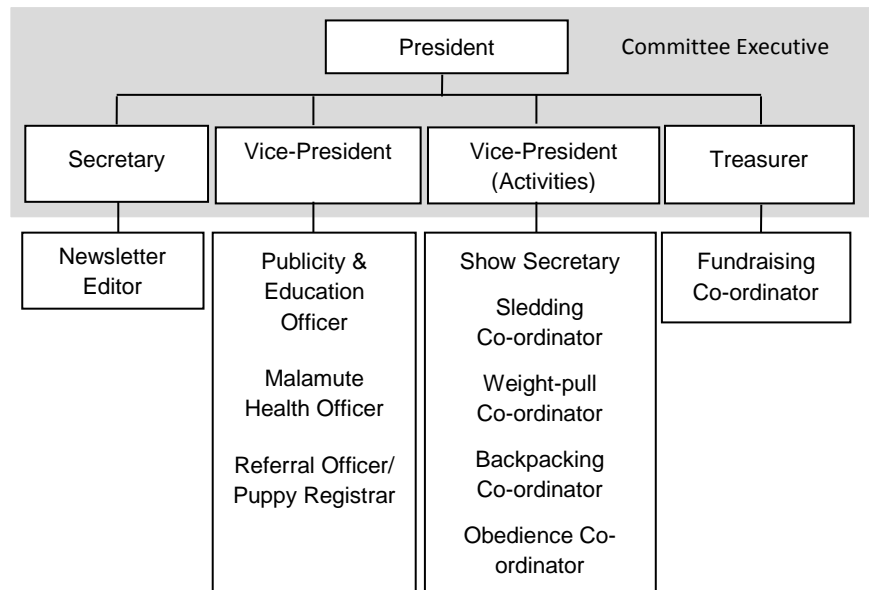
7.30 pm Thursday, 10 October, 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.) will be held on Thursday, 10 October, 2013, at the **Bulla Exhibition Centre (Calabria Club)**, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

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

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



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

THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 2013

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

Members eligible to vote may apply to the Secretary for a postal vote. Applications for a postal vote must be received in writing by Thursday, 26 September 2013.

YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING RULE:

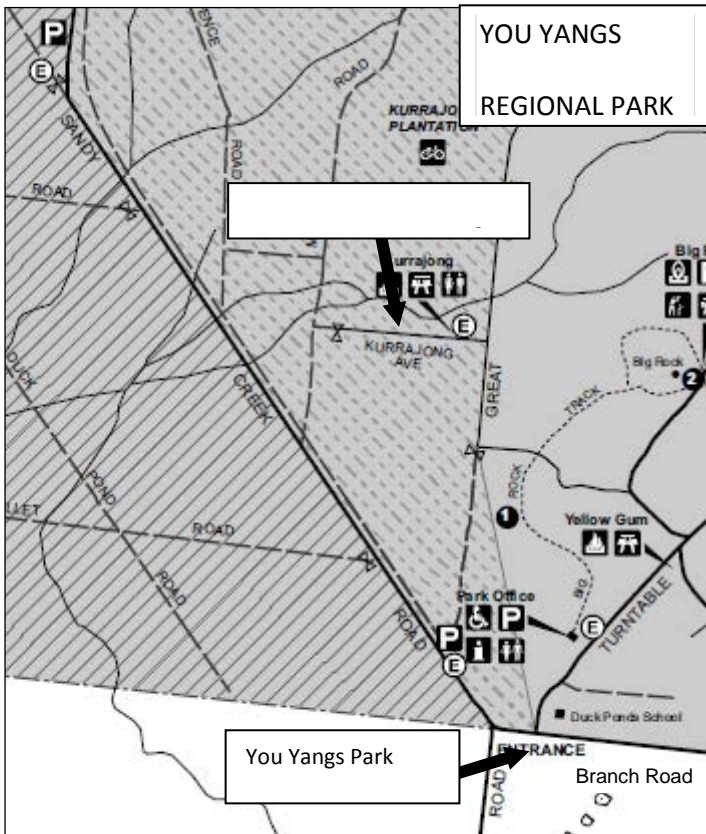
Election of Committee of Management and vacancies:

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

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

Marty Cord, Secretary

BACKPACKING EVENT – Day Hike



SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST

**You Yangs Reserve,
Branch Road, Little River**

Hike starts at 9.00 am sharp

Arrive at least half an hour earlier to weigh in –
Registrations not accepted after 8.30 am

Hike distance is approx. 16km

Terrain: Undulating with some hilly sections

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

Turn left into Kurrajong Avenue and proceed down to the Kurrajong Picnic Area.

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

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 to save time when you arrive.

NOTE: WALKERS MUST CARRY THEIR OWN FIRST AID ITEMS.

Who can participate: **DOGS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIKE.** Dogs must be 18 months old to carry weight to the Working Pack Dog title standard.

New 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.

Please note: One dog per handler recommended.

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

Hike Etiquette:

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

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

Backpack Hire: \$5.00 per day

Please contact the co-ordinator to pre book a club backpack

Facilities at the Kurrajong Picnic Ground: Toilets, Picnic tables

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

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

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.

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.

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Purebred dogs not always at higher risk for genetic disorders, study finds

May 28, 2013

The prevalence of genetic disorders among purebred and mixed-breed dogs depends on the specific condition, according to the study. (Anita Oberbauer/courtesy photo)

If you think your mixed-breed pup is naturally hardier than the neighbor's purebred, you may want to think again. A new study by researchers at the University of California, Davis, indicates that mixed breeds don't necessarily have an advantage when it comes to inherited canine disorders. Findings of the new study, available online in the June issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, are of particular interest because dogs are second only to humans in the number of identified genetic disorders that affect them.

The results provide a better understanding of the prevalence and source of such disorders, and could advance efforts to prevent and treat genetic ailments in both dogs and humans.

"Overall, the study showed that the prevalence of these genetic disorders among purebred and mixed-breed dogs depends on the specific condition," said animal physiologist Anita Oberbauer, professor and chair of the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis and lead author of the study. She noted, for example, that elbow dysplasia and dilated cardiomyopathy, a heart condition, appeared more frequently among purebred dogs. But rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament in the knee was more common in mixed breeds.

"Results from this study give us insight into how dog breeding practices might be modified to reduce the prevalence of certain genetic disorders," Oberbauer said. The researchers evaluated records for more than 90,000 purebred and mixed-breed dogs that were examined at UC Davis' veterinary medical teaching hospital between 1995 and 2010.

From this group, 27,254 dogs were identified as having one or more of 24 genetic disorders, including various types of cancers, heart diseases, endocrine-system ailments and orthopedic problems, as well as allergies, bloat, cataracts, epilepsy, an eye lens problem and a liver condition.

The 24 disorders were selected for the study because they can be diagnosed accurately, are highly prevalent in the overall dog population and are debilitating to the extent that owners would seek veterinary care for the animal. In addition, the selected disorders represent a variety of different locations and physiologic systems in the dog's body.

The researchers found that the prevalence of 13 of the 24 genetic disorders was approximately the same in purebred dogs as in their mixed-breed counterparts. Ten were found more frequently among purebred dogs, and one such disorder was more common in mixed-breeds.



The data also indicated that the more recently derived breeds or those breeds that shared a similar lineage were more susceptible to certain inherited disorders. For example, four of the top five breeds affected with elbow dysplasia were the Bernese mountain dog, Newfoundland, mastiff and Rottweiler — all from the mastiff-like lineage. This suggests that these breeds share gene mutations for elbow dysplasia because they were descended from a common ancestor.

In contrast, disorders that occurred equally among purebred and mixed-breed dogs appeared to represent ancient gene mutations that had become widely spread throughout the dog population. Such disorders included hip dysplasia, all of the tumor-causing cancers and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a heart condition.

The study was supported by the Department of Animal Science, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the California Agricultural Experiment Station at UC Davis.

Other members of the research team: Graduate student Thomas Bellumori, Professor Thomas Famula, and staff research assistant Janelle Belanger, all of the Department of Animal Science in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; and Professor Danika Bannasch of the Department of Population, Health and Reproduction in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

About UC Davis

For more than 100 years, UC Davis has engaged in teaching, research and public service that matter to California and transform the world. Located close to the state capital, UC Davis has more than 33,000 students, more than 2,500 faculty and more than 21,000 staff, an annual research budget of nearly \$750 million, a comprehensive health system and 13 specialized research centers. The university offers interdisciplinary graduate study and more than 100 undergraduate majors in four colleges — Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science. It also houses six professional schools — Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing.

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Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.
24TH OPEN SHOW



13 April 2013 - Bulla Exhibition Centre Judge: Mrs Nicki Lane

Class 21 Champion Dog



BEST CHAMPION IN SHOW

Best Head & Coat - Dog

1. **CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE**
Owned & Bred by: H & R French-Davis & S Turner
2. **CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN ET**
Owned & Bred by: S McPhan
3. **CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA WPDX**
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels

Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog

BABY PUPPY IN SHOW



1. **CHIMO CREDIT WR CREDIT IS DUE**
Owned & Bred by T Syme

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog



BEST IN SHOW – BEST MINOR PUPPY

1. **WHITWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAR (AI)**
Owned & Bred By Brett White

Class 4 Junior Dog



BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW

1. **TANOME LEGEND OF THE KNIGHT (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: S McPhan

Class 5 Intermediate Dog



RESERVE DOG

OPPOSITE SEX INTERMEDIATE

1. **SIARNAK ZELKIE NAOGHUS**
Owned & Bred by: J Ganson
2. **SNOWSTEEDS ETHEREAL FIRE**
Owned by E & B Levett Bred By E Levett
3. **QANNIK WIND CHILL FACTOR**
Owned by: R & S Koch Bred by: L Hewat & S Cumming

Class 10 Open Dog



1. **NILTARAN TROJ UNIQ HEKTOR (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels

BEST DOG: WHITWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAR (AI)

RESERVE DOG: SIARNAK ZELKIE NAOGHUS

Class 21a Champion Bitch



OPPOSITE SEX CHAMPION IN SHOW

Best Gait & Best Tail

1. **CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Knls
2. **CH SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA**
Owned & Bred by: J Ganson

Class 1a Baby Puppy Bitch



OPPOSITE SEX BABY PUPPY IN SHOW

1. **CHIMO DIAMONDS & PEARLS**
Owned By T Syme & M Frigo Bred by T Syme
2. **CHIMO WALK THE TALK**
Owned By E Levett Bred by T Syme
3. **BROCKENA THE SPIRIT OF NATURE**
Owned by T Syme Bred by Mr & Mrs Nyp

Class 4a Junior Bitch



RESERVE BITCH – Best Head & Coat - Bitch

OPPOSITE SEX JUNIOR IN SHOW

1. **TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: S McPhan

Thank you

to all those who donated sashes
for our Open Show

Class 5a Intermediate Bitch



RUNNER UP IN SHOW
BEST BITCH - INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW

1. **NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels
2. **KATAKU MYSTICAL DAWN (AI)**
Owned by: I Luke Bred by: Katakua Kennels

Class 11a Open Bitch



OPPOSITE SEX OPEN IN SHOW

1. **NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA (AI)**
Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Kennels

BEST BITCH: NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER (AI)

RESERVE BITCH: TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)

BEST IN SHOW: Minor Puppy Dog
WHITEWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAR (AI)

RUNNER UP IN SHOW: Intermediate Bitch
NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER (AI)

PROPERTY CLASSES

Class 24 Best Gait
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)

Class 25 Best Coat – Dog
CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Class 26 Best Coat – Bitch
TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)

1Class 27 Best Head – Dog
CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Class 28 Best Head – Bitch
TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)

Class 30 Best Tail
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)

The Ten Worst Excuses not to Desex a Pet

1. Just one litter and then we'll have her spayed. (Studies show that virtually the entire pet overpopulation stems from the "just one litter mentality.")
2. My dog doesn't run loose, so he doesn't need to be fixed. (Murphy's Law says otherwise.)
3. We always find homes for the puppies. (And that means that an equal number of dogs at the pound will be killed.)
4. I want the children to witness the miracle of birth. (Rent a video.)
5. My Doggie is so cute and unique, there should be more of her. (The shelters and pounds are full of cute and unique dogs, most with only a few days to live.)
6. It's not natural. (There hasn't been anything "natural" about dogs since we began to develop breeds thousands of years ago.)
7. I just couldn't look my dog in the eye if I had him castrated. (Yeh right!)
8. A bitch should have at least one litter for health reasons. (Medically, factually and ethically indefensible.)
9. Neutering my dog will make him fat and lazy. (Too much food and not enough exercise make a dog fat and lazy.)
10. Fixing my pet will change its personality. (The main influences on an animal's personality are the kindness and care with which it is raised.)



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Committee Member Profile: **Melanie Gray**

Committee Position: Weight Pull Co-ordinator

Age: 31

Occupation: Public Servant for DHS

AMCV Member since: 2011

About Me: I'm a proud owner of 2 beautiful and handsome Alaskan Malamutes, Miss Chardy and Zorro (also know as ZZ) who are my pride and joy.



I fell in love with Mallies when my boyfriend now husband Alex adopted Buddy (left) who was around 8-9 years old. He change my life forever and taught me how to be strong, firm and loyal. When we had to say goodbye to Buddy due to bone cancer, I promised myself that I not only do I want to own another Mallie but to help other Mallies like Buddy in need.

I searched high and low for another Mallie who needed a loving home. I got an email from two ladies from Chimo Kennels with a bitch needing a home. So I called up about her, Alex and I drove to Doreen to meet Chardy, and you guessed it, Chardy fell in love with Alex. She helped heal our loss of Buddy who will always be missed. I was doing what I love best supporting animals and animal-rights working alongside Oscar Law. I noticed the AMCV stand at Caulfield Racecourse where I meet Stu and the beautiful Miss Panda asked some questions and thought "hey I should join with Miss Chardy".



Alex & "Mrs Claus" with Zorro & Chardy at the Christmas Fun Day

So time went past and I contacted Ian via email about membership and brought a box of chocolates to help Fiona with fundraising, when Fiona suggested I come to a weight pull event, which I did.

The next weight pull event I went to I remember that Michelle (Chardy's old co-owner) said Chardy was a strong girl. Well did Miss Chardy impress me and Alex, pulling half a ton.



Mel with Chardy & Zorro

As time went on the more weight pull events we went to the better Miss Chardy would get and the closer bond both Alex and I shared with her. So that led me to have a love for weight pull and then in 2012 I put my hand up to be the weight pull co-ordinator, and I hope to stay in the role as long as members will have me.

In 2011 my good friend Steve Cartwright offered me the opportunity to sponsor a little Malamute pup who was in much need of a new home. I straight away said yes, a few days passed, emails back and forward. I convinced Alex to just foster the little Mallie pup named Zorro. As Zorro was living Steve and his family it was a 3 hour drive there and back and Zorro came to live with us.



As time went by Miss Chardy and Zorro grew closer to each other, and Zorro was like my little shadow. The thought of losing him became harder and harder. so the three of us voted and Zorro become our foster failure. I just have to look at my ZZ and know we made the right choice to adopt him, he is such a darling handsome boy.

I don't think there will ever come a day that I will never stop loving Alaskan Malamutes.



Chardy exhibiting her excellent weight pull technique

2012/2013 WEIGHT-PULL RESULTS



Weight Pull Event 1 - AMCV

7 October 2012 - KCC Park

Weight class	Place	Mal Place	Handler	Dog	Breed	Dog's weight(kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time	Weight / weight ratio
≥ 36 kg	1		Eliza Perry	Mack	Am staff	31.7	538	14.53	16.97
≥ 36 kg	2		Ivan Vuga	Scooby	Am staff	33.8	496	7.56	14.67
≥ 36 kg	3	1	Ian Luke	Daisy	Al Mal	31.9	496	12.78	15.55
≥ 36 kg	4		Ivan Vuga	Wiggles	Am staff	26.5	496	20.10	18.72
≥ 36 kg	5		Angela Hart	Raven	Am staff	26.0	496	70.00	19.08
≥ 36 kg	6	2	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	Al Mal	31.3	454	10.81	14.50
≥ 36 kg	7		Eliza Perry	Lilly	Am staff	24.0	412	6.24	17.17
≥ 36 kg	8	3	Ian Luke	Wilfred	Al Mal	34.5	412	6.28	11.94
≥ 36 kg	9		Angela Hart	Ronin	Am staff	30.3	412	64.00	13.60
≥ 36 kg	10	4	Sandy Koch	Bosco	Al Mal	36.4	370	29.34	10.16
≥ 36 kg	11		Belinda O'Shea	Eddie	Am staff	18.6	370	50.40	19.89
≥ 36 kg	12		Donna Treadwell	Fonz	Staff Bull Terrier	18.6	328	19.00	17.63
≥ 36 kg	13	5	Sandy Koch	Wuggy	Al Mal	33.6	328	50.95	9.76
≥ 36 kg	14		Corey Barclay	Beau	Am staff	29.0	286	6.47	9.86
≥ 36 kg	15		Sally Laity	Bundy	Mastiff X	33.0	286	67.00	8.67
37-45 kg	1	1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	Al Mal	42.0	790	10.63	18.81
37-45 kg	2	2	Colin McPhan	Brock	Al Mal	37.1	601	9.25	16.20
37-45 kg	3	3	Marty Cord	Indi	Al Mal*	44.5	370	27.00	8.31
>55 kg	1		Sue Murray	Kai	Bernese	61.8	601	18.44	9.72

Highest Pull for the Day: 790 kg pulled by Shadow

* Non-registered Malamute

Best Pull for the Day: Weight:Weight ratio of 19.89 pulled by Eddie

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 18.81 pulled by Shadow

Weight Pull Event 2 - AMCV

7 April 2013 - KCC Park

Cancelled due to warm weather

Weight Pull Event 3 - ASTCV

21 April 2013 - KCC Park

Weight Class	Overall Place	Mal Place	Owner/Handler	Dog	Breed	Dog's Weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time (secs)	Weight/Weight Ratio	
19 - 27 kg	1		Angela Hart	Raven	AST	26.00	454	6.33	17.46	
	2		Ivan Vuga	Wiggles	AST	26.00	454	9.72	17.46	
	3		Eliza Perry	Lilly	AST	26.30	454	33.84	17.26	
	4		Corey Barclay	Beau	AST	27.00	370	21.66	13.70	
	5		Donna Treadwell	Fonz	SBT	19.85	328	23.22	16.52	
	(<36 kg)	6	3	Ian Luke	Luna	AM	25.30	286	11.03	11.30
		7		Taneal Marshall	Simba	SH	20.50	202	8.32	9.85
28 - 36 kg	1		Eliza Perry	Mack	AST	32.70	664	38.97	20.31	
	2		Ivan Vuga	Scooby	AST	34.00	601	55.78	17.68	
	3	1	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	AM	31.90	412	38.38	12.92	
	4	2	Merv Turner	Reggie	AM	32.40	370	55.06	11.42	
	5		Jenny Thomson	Bones	AST	36.70	328	9.00	8.94	
	6	4	Ian Luke	Wilfred	AM	33.80	286	26.62	8.46	
	7	5	Merv Turner	Claude	AM	31.50	386	44.93	12.25	
	8	6	Sandy Koch	Meeca	AM	33.80	286	48.21	8.46	
	9		Leigh Robson	Dakota	AB	31.30	244	16.00	7.80	
	10	7	Sandy Koch	Wuggy	AM	35.20	244	16.31	6.93	
	11		Sally Laity	Bundy	MAST X	32.00	244	24.50	7.63	
	12	8	Merv Turner	Leopold	AM	33.60	244	33.94	7.26	
	-		Ian Luke	Finn	AM	32.50	0	0.00	0.00	
37 - 45 kg	1	1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	AM	40.90	790	18.12	19.32	
	2		Leigh Robson	Tyro	AB	40.00	664	9.56	16.60	
	3	2	Sharen McPhan	Brock	AM	39.20	664	14.56	16.94	
	4	3	Merv Turner	Wesley	AM	42.10	538	35.88	12.78	
	5	4	Merv Turner	Avalanche	AM	38.70	412	9.72	10.65	

Highest Pull for the Day: 790 kg pulled by Shadow

* Non-registered Malamute or other breed

Best Pull for the Day: Weight:Weight ratio of 20.31 b Mack

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 19.32 by Shadow



Shadow – Highest Pull of the Day



Indi



Chardy



Meeca



Darcy



Bosco



Claude



Brock



Wesley



Wifred

Weight Pull Event 4 - AMCV

5 May 2013 - KCC Park

Event Sponsored by Dishlickers Resort



Weight class	Place	Mal Place	Handler	Dog	Breed	Dog's weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time	Weight / weight ratio
≥ 36 kg	1		Ivan Vuga	Scooby	Am Staff	34.2	790	57.08	23.10
	2		Eliza Perry	Mack	Am Staff	31.5	601	5.94	19.08
	3		Angela Hart	Raven	Am Staff	26.8	601	61.93	22.43
	4		Ivan Vuga	Wiggles	Am Staff	25.5	496	9.23	19.45
	5	1	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	Al Mal	32.0	412	29.53	12.88
	6		Eliza Perry	Lilly	Am Staff	25.7	370	6.82	14.40
	7	2	Merv Turner	Wuggy	Al Mal	34.8	328	11.27	9.43
	8		Donna Treadwell	Fonz	Staffie	19.0	328	44.07	17.26
	9	3	Sandy Koch	Meeca	Al Mal	34.0	244	7.63	7.18
	10		Merv Turner	Regi	Al Mal	33.8	160	9.22	4.73
	11		Carly Sorensen	Milly	Staffie	14.8	160	16.16	10.81
	12	4	Merv Turner	Claude	Al Mal	31.8	160	18.03	5.03
	13	5	Merv Turner	Ava	Al Mal	33.6	160	25.00	4.77
37-45 kg	1	1	Bradley Aht	Shadow	Al Mal	39.8	853	12.69	21.43
	2	2	Colin McPhan	Brock	Al Mal	39.0	790	11.27	20.26
	3	3	Mel Gray	Chardy	Al Mal	41.7	664	15.92	15.92
	4	4	Merv Turner	Wesley	Al Mal	42.7	601	3.64	14.07
	5		Jon Brimacombe	Rasti	Akita x Mal	41.2	454	13.76	11.02
	6		Terry Thomson	Bones	Am Staff	37.6	370	23.90	9.84
	7	5	Sandy Koch	Bosco	Al Mal	38.5	286	10.92	7.43
	8	6	Marty Cord	Indi	Al Mal*	39.0	244	10.30	6.26
	9	7	Mel Gray	Zorro	Al Mal	37.7	202	12.75	5.36

Highest Pull for the Day:

853 kg pulled by Shadow

Best Pull for the Day:

Weight:Weight ratio of 23.10 pulled by Scooby

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 21.43 pulled by Shadow

* Non-registered Malamute

Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

CODE OF ETHICS

of responsible dog ownership including keeping welfare, breeding, selling and disposing of dogs by Members of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc.

Adopted 28 January 1999.

SECTION 1 - COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF ETHICS

Each member, upon signing an application for membership or renewal of membership of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc. (AMCV), and being duly elected to general membership of the AMCV, shall, in addition to agreeing to be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the AMCV, be also bound by the AMCV's Code of Ethics relating to responsible dog ownership, including the keeping, welfare, breeding selling and disposing of dogs by members to the effect of the terms and conditions set out under Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2 - CODE OF ETHICS AND UNDERTAKING

In consideration of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc. electing me to its general membership and approval of that renewal from time to time, I pledge to the AMCV that:

1. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive proper Veterinary attention, if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home ensure they are kept fully leashed, or under effective control, at all times.
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed, and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
4. That excepting in extenuating circumstances, I shall not breed from any bitch kept by me causing it to be mated before it is eighteen months of age. Thereafter I shall not breed from any bitch kept by me causing it to whelp more than twice in 18 months. I will not breed any bitch kept by me causing it to whelp more than six times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding.
5. I shall not permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed.
6. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age, and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect.
7. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal, and that they have the time and facilities (i.e. adequate fences, sufficient room and proper shelter, etc.) to perform their obligations.
8. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs or placed by me, written details of all dietary and immunization requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements and responsible dog ownership.
9. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly to allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
10. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog.
11. I shall ensure when selling or transferring a dog to another person that documents as required by VCA Inc. Rules or Regulations, will be provided to the purchaser or transferee.
12. I shall act in a responsible manner to rehouse those animals that are the result of my breeding.
13. I shall not offer for use at stud any dog that has not been certified clear of Hip Dysplasia in accordance with the AMCV Hip Dysplasia Control Program.
14. I shall not sell any puppy whose sire and dam have not been certified clear of Hip Dysplasia in accordance with the AMCV Hip Dysplasia Control Program.
15. AMCV members will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

It is recommended that any puppy sold with the designation pet/companion be sold on a spay/neuter contract with the Limited Registration now offered by the ANKC. It is recommended that adults sold as companions be sold on a spay/neuter contract.

SECTION 3 Any member failing to observe any provisions of the Code of Ethics may be dealt with under the Rules of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc

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.



2013 Show Point Score Update



Most Successful Alaskan Malamute	Points
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	33
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	24
CH NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER	15
CH NILTARAN ERNACE SAKARI	11
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN	9
WHITEWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAS (AI)	6
CH SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN	5
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	3
Top Alaskan Malamute Dog	
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	12
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN	8
CH SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN	5
WHITEWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAS (AI)	4
Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	20
CH NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER	14
CH NILTARAN ERNACE SAKARI	10
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	3
Minor Puppy Dog	
WHITEWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAS (AI)	2
Puppy Bitch	
TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)	1

Junior Dog	Points
TANOME LEGEND OF THE KNIGHT (AI)	5
Junior Bitch	
TANOME DIVINE INTERVENTION (AI)	2
Intermediate Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR BLAZER	12
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	3
CH SIARNAK ZELKIE ALIEANA	1
Australian Bred Dog	
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	12
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN	5
Australian Bred Bitch	
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	6
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	6
Open Dog	
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN	8
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	7
CH SOUTHRNWOLF CATCH ME IFU CAN	5
Open Bitch	
CH NILTARAN ERNACE SAKARI	5
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	5
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	5
CH NILTARAN ERNACE ZUBERI	5

Mt Macedon Hike

6 April



Courtney & Sammy, Marty & Luna



At the Mt Macedon cross



Stuart & Wuggy, Ian & Finn, Thomas & Luna



Terry & Jenny with Am Staff, Bones



Kelly with 12 year old Sass

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Owning a Malamute Means Having to Say You're Sorry

I have to begin this post by saying, yes, I AM a dog trainer. Technically, because I receive money for this, I'm considered a professional. I think that anyone who has ever been owned by a malamute can be a successful dog trainer. Malamute owners know exactly how to tell these stubborn, intelligent dogs "no" in the kind of firm voice that commands respect. (Most of the time anyway.) These dogs will test your patience. When I was a new malamute owner, a breeder I respect told me that if I wanted to own one of these dogs I needed to put my big girl pants on and figure out how to COMMAND them. A malamute does not take SUGGESTIONS. I once told a boyfriend's dogs "NO!"... and they didn't come near me for 3 days. A malamute will look at you as if to say, "I hear what you're saying, but I'm not feeling your sincerity." Having said that, there are certain things I expect my dogs to do. They must be reliable off lead, walk on a loose leash, sit and stay when commanded, and have good people skills. Just because they are "obedience" trained doesn't mean they are always good though. It should be understood that living with an Alaskan Malamute means having to say you're sorry... every day. Every day. If you ride with me and my dogs, I'm sorry. If you come to my house, I'm sorry. If you call me on the phone, I'm sorry. Are you getting the picture?

The neighbour who lives behind me has horses. Occasionally my dogs will go and visit her. They like her and the ducks she feeds. Sometimes she calls me, other times she just puts them in the truck and brings them home. When I saw her truck in the driveway the other day I was a little nervous. I wasn't sure whether she would be handing me the bill for free range duck or just coming to visit. It turns out she was in the mood for some human companionship. We visited for an hour or so, talking about horses and dogs. After some time, nature called, and I directed her to the bathroom. Of course she was accompanied by three dogs. There's hardly room for one person in that bathroom, so as the dogs trotted off with her, I called out "I'm sorry." She closed the bathroom door. I'm sure she felt as if the only thing keeping her from a certain death was the door between her and three hungry wolves.

"Toilet paper?" She called out to me. "In the old metal mailbox on the floor." I yelled back. (The story of the mailbox belongs on a home improvement blog, but trust me it's pretty cool!) "Just dog treats in here." Oh shoot. "I'm sorry. Try under the sink." (You know where most normal people keep toilet paper.) "Nope." Oops.. I went into my bathroom, those same three dogs following close behind. I got the toilet paper and headed back down the hall, knocked on the bathroom door, and Gayle shot her hand out of the crack in the door. It all happened so fast, it was like a blur. Three big bodies

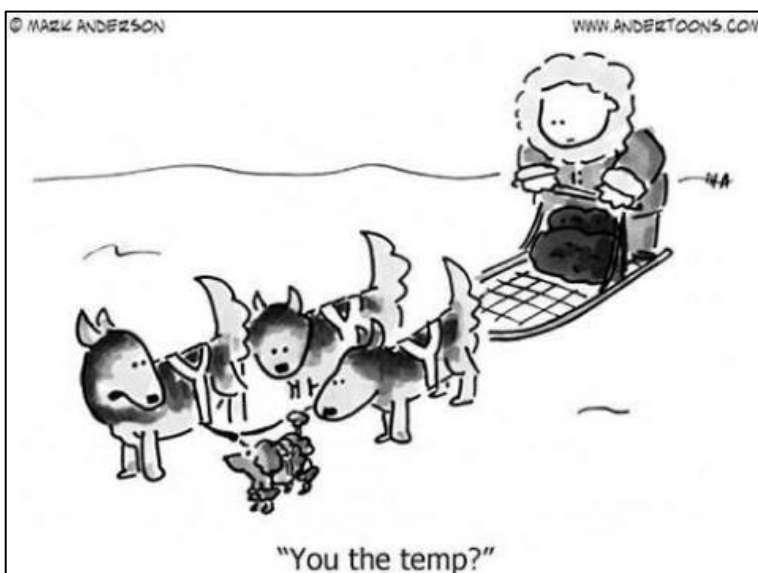
crashed open the door. Gayle sitting, (well you know where) shot up like a rocket. Jeans hung around her knees, one of the dog started checking out her backside, while the other two took turns trying to open the mailbox. Have malamutes? Know the breed? A little growling started in this small 5'x5' bathroom. Gayle was paralysed with a look of fear, certain again that she was going to be mauled to death. "I'm sorry." Luckily I know the breed, pulled two of them by the tail out of the door, and into my bedroom. The other dog followed, certain he had missed out on a treat. Gayle shut the door and I could hear her either laughing or crying, I'm not sure, but I know from experience when you're nearly naked and dogs are growling, life is more precious.

When things were calm, and Gayle had returned to the living room I again apologized. She was a sport about it. "Why do you have dog treats in the bathroom?" "Because the dogs know how to open the pantry." We sat around and chatted for a while. Gayle had finally overcome the bathroom incident, and even made a joke about being glad that horses weren't allowed in the house. At some point in our conversation I had to excuse myself. I told Gayle to help herself to another drink. "You're not leaving me here with them are you?" "No worries," I responded. Of course they all trotted after me. After all, (idiot owner) there are treats in the bathroom.

When I returned Gayle had a quizzical look on her face. "Why do you have an empty dog food bag in your freezer?" Oh God. "My dogs know how to open the trash. I'm sorry."



Posted by Sandee, Sunday, October 31, 2010



Donations Required Tuggy Shield Weight Pull & State Cup Sled Dog Race

Sash donations are invited for the 2013 Tuggy Shield Weight Pull Event being held on Sunday 8 September and the State Cup Sled Dog Race on 24 / 25 August. Donations required are \$15.00 and the donor will be acknowledged on the sash.

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

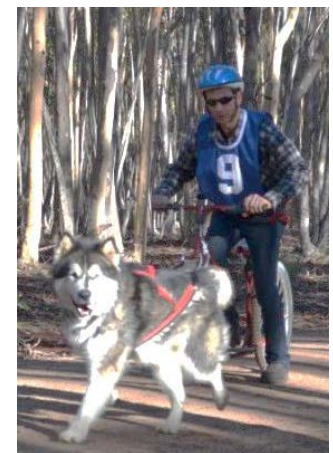
Sled Dog Event Results



18 May 2013 – You Yangs

Event Sponsored by Dishlickers Resort

Placing	Bib No.	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	Point score
1-DOG Distance: 2.2 km							
1	9	Annie Jackson	Jedda	Pointer	0:06:09	21.46	
2	15	Carla Brightwell	Mutie	AM	0:06:30	20.31	100
3	8	Stewart Cumming	Billy	AM	0:06:40	19.80	99
4	12	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	AM	0:06:43	19.65	98
5	1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	0:06:50	19.32	97
6	13	Heidi Price	Mishka	SH	0:07:06	18.59	
7	17	Keith Clark	Koda	AM*	0:07:17	18.12	
8	16	Scott Geddes	Phoenix	SH	0:07:50	16.85	
9	7	Dave Wawrzyniuk	Jess	SH	0:08:19	15.87	
10	5	Matthew Hutton	Tasha	AM*	0:08:20	15.84	
11	6	Di Mitchell	Paddy	AM	0:08:26	15.65	96
12	4	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	AM	0:08:39	15.26	95
13	19	Fred Parker	Spike	AM	0:08:59	14.69	94
14	11	Marty Cord	Luna	AM*	0:09:11	14.37	
15	10	Dave Devlin	Bree	SH	0:09:22	14.09	
16	14	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	0:09:53	13.36	93
17	18	Catherine Parker	Heidi	AM	0:10:15	12.88	92
18	2	Sharen McPhan	Shelby	AM	0:10:57	12.05	91
19	3	Sue Williams	Max	AM*	0:14:56	8.84	
2-DOG Distance: 4.5 km							
1	1	Dave Hodgson	Bear Spot	SH	0:11:18	23.89	
2	2	Mick Hodgson	Morris Cooper	Pointer	0:12:33	21.51	
3	6	Merv Turner	Ava Iggy	AM	0:14:30	18.62	100
4	3	Molly Hodgson	Chase Noir	SH	0:14:48	18.24	
5	9	Sophie Dalidakis	Layla Shaker	SH	0:15:09	17.82	
6	7	Stewart Cumming	Meecca Timber	AM	0:17:24	15.52	99
7	4	Dave Wawrzyniuk	Lupo Zoltan	SH	0:18:05	14.93	
8	8	James Ganson	Ana Gus	AM	0:18:20	14.73	98
9	5	Scott Geddes	Ani Obi	SH	0:19:22	13.94	
10	10	Thomas Luke	Luna Sam	AM/SH	0:22:10	12.18	
4-DOG Distance: 5.3 km							
1	8	Tim Huntly	Boo Sonic Tambo Zane	SH	0:14:59	21.22	
2	5	Susanne Hodgson	Hope Jazma Mya Sally	SH	0:15:08	21.01	
3	2	Annie Jackson	Lily Britta Walker Griffen	SH	0:15:17	20.81	
4	4	Sophia Dalidakis	Splash Tuz Marli Mol	SH	0:16:18	19.51	
5	1	Collin McPhan	Darcy Jack Jai Rush	AM	0:19:40	16.17	100
6	6	Ian Luke	Daisy Finn Wilfred	AM	0:21:27	14.83	99
7	3	Merv Turner	Claude Leopold Reggie	AM	0:22:00	14.45	98
8	7	Jamie Myers	Bolo Czar Chermani	SH	0:23:55	13.30	
Novice Distance: 2.2 km							
1	1	Brendan Ganson	Zelby	AM	0:09:45	13.54	
2	2	Anna Kissane	Frankie	SH	0:10:01	13.18	
3	3	Rod Tarrant	Kaizer	AM	0:12:49	10.30	



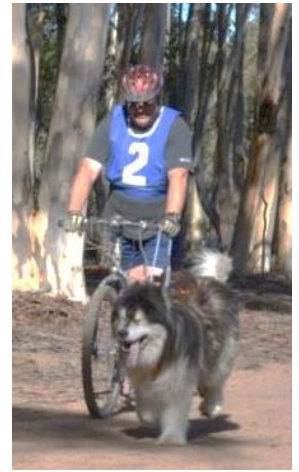
Above: Carla & Mutie, Stewy & Maple, Fred & Spike
 Below left : Marty & Tyson followed by Taneal & Simba, right: Colin McPhan



19 May 2013 – You Yangs

Event Sponsored by Dishlickers Resort

Placing	Bib No.	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	Point score
1-DOG Distance: 2.2 km							
1	13	Trevor Taylor	Chinook	SH	0:06:04	21.76	
2	10	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	0:06:31	20.26	100
3	1	Stewart Cumming	Billy	AM	0:06:33	20.15	99
4	4	Carla Brightwell	Mutie	AM	0:06:46	19.51	98
5	7	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	AM	0:06:54	19.13	97
6	8	Dave Wawrzyniuk	Mischka	SH	0:07:12	18.33	
7	12	Scott Geddes	Phoenix	SH	0:07:42	17.14	
8	15	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	AM	0:07:48	16.92	96
9	6	Keith Clark	Koda	AM*	0:08:02	16.43	
10	9	Fred Parker	Spike	AM	0:08:07	16.26	95
11	3	Taneal Marshall	Zhara	SH	0:08:53	14.86	
12	2	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	0:09:47	13.49	94
13	5	Marty Cord	Luna	AM*	0:09:56	13.29	
14	14	Catherine Lawson	Heidi	AM	0:11:38	11.35	93
15	11	Sharen McPhan	Shelby	AM	0:12:31	10.55	92
2-DOG Distance: 4.5 km							
1	6	Dave Hodgson	Bear Spot	SH	0:11:33	23.38	
2	1	Mick Hodgson	Morris Cooper	Pointer	0:12:26	21.72	
3	5	Merv Turner	Iggy Ava	AM	0:14:54	18.12	100
4	4	Dave Wawrzyniuk	Lupo Zoltan	SH	0:17:04	15.82	
5	3	Stewart Cumming	Meeca Timber	AM	0:17:17	15.62	99
6	2	Scott Geddes	Obi Ani	SH	0:18:22	14.70	
7	7	James Ganson	Ana Gus	AM	0:18:28	14.62	98
8	8	Thomas Luke	Luna Sam	AM/SH	0:21:32	12.54	
4-DOG Distance: 5.3 km							
1	6	Susanne Hodgson	Hope Jazma Mya Sally	SH	0:16:01	19.85	
2	1	Jamie Myers	Bolo Czar Chermani Layla	SH	0:18:00	17.67	
3	7	Collin McPhan	Darcy Jack Jai Rush	AM	0:19:28	16.34	100
4	2	Merv Turner	Claude Leopold Reggie	AM	0:20:08	15.79	99
4	5	Ian Luke	Daisy Finn Wilfred	AM	0:20:08	15.79	99
5	4	Molly Hodgson	Chase Noir Rouge	SH	0:28:09	11.30	
6-DOG Distance: 5.3 km							
1	3	Sophie Dalidakis	Marli Mol Shaker Splash Tuz	SH	0:15:50	20.08	
Novice Distance: 2.2 km							
1	3	Brendan Ganson	Zelby	AM	0:09:31	13.87	
2	2	Anna Kissane	Frankie	SH	0:10:11	12.96	
3	1	Megan Bentveltzen	Ralfie	AM	0:12:02	10.97	
Veterans Distance: 1.5 km							
Placing	Name	Dog	Breed	Age	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	
1	Stewart Cumming	Maple	AM	10	0:04:43	19.08	
2	Ralph Koch	Gus	AM	7	0:05:20	16.88	
3	Stuart Vanderpol	Panda	AM	12	0:06:07	14.71	
3	Sophia Dalidakis	Trip	SH	10	0:06:07	14.71	
4	Thomas Luke	Sugar	AM	9	0:06:31	13.81	
5	James Ganson	Solo	AM	9	0:09:01	9.98	
Touring Distance: 1.5 km							
Placing	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH		
1	Dave Wawrzyniuk	Jess	SH	0:04:48	18.75		
2	Carla Brightwell	Nukka	AM	0:05:08	17.53		
3	Marty Cord	Tyson	SH	0:05:15	17.14		
4	Taneal Marshall	Simba	SH	0:06:18	14.29		
5	Sharen McPhan	Ryme	AM	0:13:51	6.50		
6	Molly Hodgson	Willow	AM	0:09:24	9.57		
Pee Wee							
Bib No.	Name	Dog(s)					
1	Tyler McPhan	Brock					



Top to bottom: Stuey & Panda, Shaz & Ryme, James & Solo, Marty & Luna, Pee wee Tyler McPhan with dad Colin & Brock.



Stewy Cumming with Meecca & Timber



Carla & Nukka



James with Ghus & Ana



Thomas with Sugar



Merv with Iggy & Ava



Cath & Heidi



Ralph & Gus



Stewy & Billy



Ian with Wilfred, Daisy & Finn



Alan & Tacoma



Stuart and Jethro



Simon & Kaya



Sharen & Shelby



Thomas with Luna & Sam



Ralph & Bosco

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Hypothyroidism - Part 2

By John Cargill MA, MBA, MS and Susan Thorpe Vargas MS, Ph.D

Pets vs Breeding Stock

One of the selection criteria for breeding stock is that they should be the animals best suited for perpetuating their breed. Herein lies the rub: what one fancier considers desirable in a given breed, another may consider a fault. What one fancier considers important, another may consider insignificant. But we can all agree that healthy thyroid function deserves serious consideration when it comes to selecting breeding stock. Because of the perception that there is a widespread penetration of hypothyroidism into the overall gene pool of the dog fancy, we can probably all agree that normal thyroid function should be one of the breeding criteria. At a recent symposium held at the University of California Davis, it was decided that there should be two different testing protocols: One protocol for breeding stock and another, much less stringent and less expensive protocol, for the pet population.

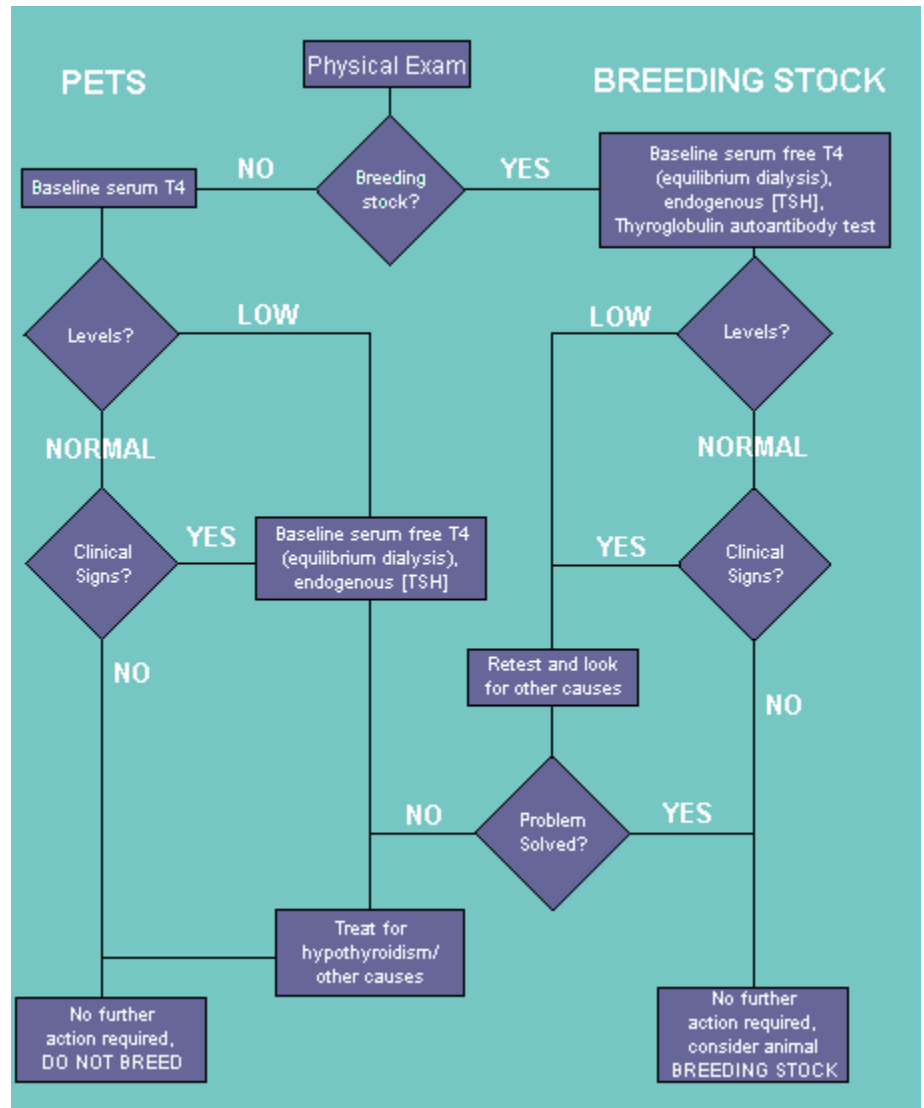
Hypothyroidism Testing and Treatment Protocol

Because thyroiditis is the most common cause of hypothyroidism, and thyroglobulin autoantibody (TgAA) is the earliest indicator of autoimmune thyroiditis, it should be added to all thyroid profiles as soon as it becomes economically feasible.

Unfortunately, because of the cost of the thyroglobulin autoantibody test, it is not recommended at this time for other than breeding stock. Free T4 and TSH testing is an inexpensive way to determine thyroid supplementation levels and should be used for pets with either clinical signs of hypothyroidism or low T4 test results

Here comes another rub: What constitutes this normal thyroid function? This question may be further refined by: What constitutes normal thyroid function in my breed? Unfortunately, breed specific norms of healthy thyroid function are not well documented; however, normal ranges for dogs in general are known. With the exception of the documented low thyroid levels in Greyhounds, the variances between breeds is not considered to be large; however, we cannot dismiss such variances out of hand. With that said, Figure 6. shows the normal ranges for dogs in general.

Hormone	Concentration
Total Triiodothyronine (TT3)	1.0-2.5 nmol/L
Total Thyroxin (TT4)	15-40 nmol/L
Free Triiodothyronine (FT3)	2.8-6.5 pmol/L
Free Thyroxin (FT4)	12-33 pmol/L
Triiodothyronine Autoantibody (T3AA)	<10%
Thyroxin Autoantibody (T4AA)	<20%
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)	0-0.4 ng/mL



Testing and Diagnosis

Testing for hypothyroidism is an area of much confusion and controversy among clinicians and researchers alike, in that affected dogs do not necessarily exhibit clinical signs of the disease. Concurrent non thyroidal disease can cause lab results to be misleading. The age of the dog needs to be considered too. Concentrations are expected to decrease with age and may actually be above adult 'normal' levels in puppies. Moreover, steroidal drug therapy or the use of sulfa drugs can likewise influence thyroid panel results. Because so many factors can effect thyroid hormone levels, a meaningful diagnosis of thyroid disease must first begin with a thorough initial exam. This would include a history, a physical examination, and routine blood work. (Complete blood count, serum biochemistry panel, and urinalysis). If the dog shows clinical signs of the disease, a lab test that shows lower than normal values of T4 combined with elevated levels of TSH is pretty diagnostic for primary hypothyroidism (previously mentioned factors having been ruled out). (See Figure 7.) IDEXX Laboratories, Diagnostic Products Corporation, Chiron and Nichols Institute Diagnostics manufacture some of the commonly used T3, T4 and TSH tests. It should be noted that while many other manufacturers make such kits, most are not "referenced" or "convertible" for canines. Example: Diagnostic Products Corporation CoatACount Canine T3 and CoatACount Canine T4 are specifically referenced tests for canines.

Figure 7. Types of Hypothyroidism and their Related Blood Plasma Concentrations			
Type	Plasma Concentrations		
	Total T3	Total T4	TSH
Normal Ranges			
Upper	2.5 nmol/L	40 nmol/L	0.4 ng/mL
Lower	1.0 nmol/L	25 nmol/L	0.0 nmol/L
Primary Hypothyroidism (Failure of the thyroid gland)	↓	↓	↑
Secondary Hypothyroidism (Failure of the pituitary gland)	↓	↓	↓
Tertiary Hypothyroidism (Failure of the hypothalamus gland)	↓	↓	↓
Dietary Hypothyroidism (Lack of dietary iodine)	↓	↓	↑
False Indications of Hypothyroidism (Lack of adequate calories)	↓	↔ ↑	↔

It is most likely that you would be testing an asymptomatic animal if you were considering the dog for your breeding program. Begin testing after the animal has reached sexual maturity and be sure your female is between heats. One year of age is a good place to start. The baseline panel for potential breeding stock would include serum 'free' T4 measured by equilibrium dialysis, existing TSH levels and a test for thyroglobulin autoantibodies. The "cutting edge" test for FT4 is manufactured by Nichols Institute Diagnostics. Do not assume that if these values are normal that you are 'home free' because possible development of thyroid disease has not been precluded. An annual exam and retesting is suggested for all possible breeding animals.

Treatment & Dosage

Once a diagnosis of hypothyroidism has been made, the normal treatment protocol is the use of a T4 (thyroxine) hormone supplement given twice a day. Soloxine" and Synthroid' manufacture some of the more commonly prescribed T4 supplements. Sometimes (very rarely) a dog may have a metabolic disorder that effects the biochemical pathway necessary to convert T4 to T3. In this case a small amount to T3 is also included, but only when used with proper veterinary supervision because T3 can be acutely toxic at the wrong dosage level. In fact, the veterinary T3 supplement is no longer available.

What response can you expect from treatment? You should see an increase in activity levels and mental acuity within the first week and some weight loss should be apparent by the end of the fourth week. Skin problems will start to clear up by the end of the sixth week, although shedding will increase sometimes, depending on the stage the dog is in, in its hair growth cycle. Concurrent non thyroid illness will make modifications of normal treatment conventions necessary. For example, aged dogs or those with diabetes, heart problems or liver or kidney problems would be placed on a lower initial dose which would then be gradually increased. Dogs already on medications and those that have absorption problems affecting the uptake of the drug or how it is metabolized, would have to be very carefully monitored also. Every case must be handled on an individual basis. Response to thyroid therapy varies considerably between animals, and fixing a proper dosage level is more of an art than a science. If your dog is on thyroid replacement therapy, keep careful records and keep your veterinarian informed of changes in attitude, activity levels, appetite, and skin and coat condition. Once in the "ball park",

dosage levels are refined through observing the animal's responses to treatment.

Genetic Screening Required

By now, it should be obvious just how serious, deleterious and undesirable thyroid problems can be. Both authors take a hard line approach at this point: If you have not tested your dogs for proper thyroid function, you have no business breeding them. Taking the hard line one step further, to breed hypothyroid or untested dogs is unconscionable, unethical and just plain wrongdoing. Without evil intent to mess up the gene pool of your breed, to conduct such breeding is ignorant, or worse yet, stupid if you have already been informed. Yet, we venture to guess that most breedings are without benefit of screening for thyroid function or other genetically transmittable disease. Please read this paragraph again. There are two camps in the dog fancy: the 'screeners'; and the 'non screeners'. After reading about the thyroid system, we hope to have convinced you that it not only makes medical sense to screen for proper thyroid function, but that it also makes economic sense when you attempt to place puppies you have bred.

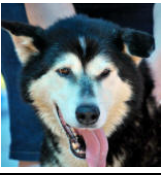

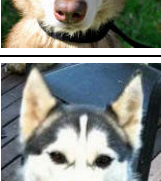

More and more fanciers are becoming aware of hypothyroidism and the problems associated with it, and are starting to advertise not only that they have screened their animals, but also the actual thyroid levels measured. We anticipate this trend will continue to the betterment of the fancy.

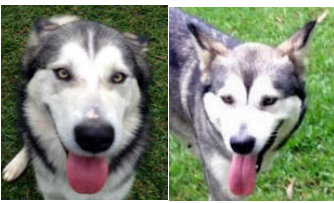

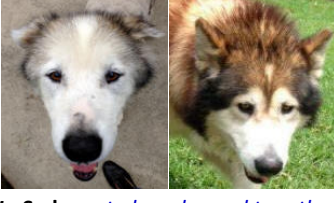
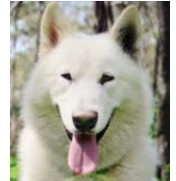
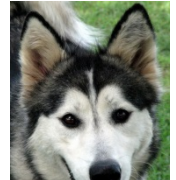

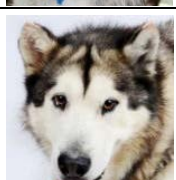


The dog who thinks he is a cat

Dogs for Adoption

	<p>VIC - Horsham Name: BENNY Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 4 years</p>
	<p>VIC - AAPS Keysborough Name: MIKA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 3 years</p>
	<p>VIC - Melbourne area Urgent foster carer required Name: SAMPSON Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 21 months</p>
	<p>VIC - Wangaratta RSPCA Name: SHADOW Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years</p>
	<p>VIC - Melton Name: LUCIEN Sex: Male Breed: Mal x GSD Age: 2 years</p>
	<p>VIC - Melbourne Name: LEXIE Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute X Age: 14 months</p>
	<p>VIC - Shepparton Name: YOGI Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: FLAME Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 5 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: SHADOW Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 5 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: HUSKY Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 7 years</p>

	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: NANOOK Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 10 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: BEAU Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 18 months (DOB 1 November 2011)</p>
	<p>NSW - Berkshire Name: MISHKA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Malamute x Husky Age: 7 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: DORIE Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 3 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: KURI Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 4 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: SASHA Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2.5 years Adoption fee: TBA</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: GAZOO Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Malamute x Husky Age: 3 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: PASCALE Sex: Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 7 years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney Name: SKYE Sex: Female - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 2 years</p>
	<p>WA - Perth Name: LUCY <i>*Special needs</i> Sex: Female - desexed Age: 5 years Breed: Alaskan Malamute</p>

	<p>NSW - Sydney <i>To be rehomed together</i> Name: HOLLY & BELLA Sex: Females - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamutes Age: 2 years (Holly) & 3 years (Bella)</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney <i>to be rehomed together</i> Name: TARO & TEDDY Sex: Male & female - desexed Breed: Malamute x Samoyed Age: 4 & 3 years years</p>
	<p>NSW - Sydney <i>to be rehomed together</i> Name: KIRRA & GIZMO Sex: Female & Male - desexed Breed: Alaskan Malamute Age: 12 & 9 years</p>
	<p>QLD - Boondall Name: PRINCE Sex: Male - desexed Age: 1 year Breed: Alaskan Malamute</p>
	<p>QLD - Rockhampton Name: LUCY Sex: Female - desexed Age: ? Breed: Malamute X Husky</p>
	<p>QLD - Nerang Name: MAPLE Sex: Female - desexed Age: 4 years Breed: Alaskan Malamute</p>
	<p>QLD - Slacks Creek Name: GUS Sex: Male - desexed Age: 18 months Breed: Alaskan Malamute</p>



Please visit the AMCV website www.amcv.org.au for more information on dogs for adoption, or visit AMRAA on Facebook.

The Story of Kirra & Gizmo

AMRAA are seeking kind and loving people who can foster or adopt Kirra & Gizmo, a senior Malamute pair surrendered to AMRAA in a deplorable condition. Donations are also needed to help with vet costs for both dogs and kennelling for Gizmo.

Kirra is 12, almost 13 years old and Gizmo is 9.5 years old. They are currently in the wonderful care of AMRAA's Janelle, who runs Hightails Lodge where the AMRAA dogs are and they are getting much deserved love and attention now and a lot happier than when they first arrived. Janelle and Troy are in the process of building them their own enclosure, with a huge yard attached and a little pool for them.

Sadly, Kirra's coat was in such a state of matting right down to the skin all over - it was as hard as glue, the result of being left tied up under a tree and neglected for obviously quite a long time. There was simply no other choice but to shave the poor girl - Janelle even found a rusted clothes peg embedded in her fur and her skin was red raw and obviously very painful to the touch.

Gizmo had bad flea dermatitis and infections along his spine and tail from the fleas and what you see in the pictures is NOT of him having been shaved but a result of the seriousness of his allergy and sheer neglect. He has been treated and is healing. He is a real chatterbox and was starved of affection but with the TLC he is getting under Janelle's care, he has settled and both are extremely grateful to be untied from that tree they were forced to spend so much time stuck to - possibly many years if not longer! They are beautiful dogs who deserve only the best and to be cherished for the rest of the short time they have left where they have all the attention they need in a loving home environment. Unfortunately, Kirra is not good with other dogs except Gizmo and they are extremely bonded and would need to go to a home where they would be the only dogs and it would have to be a very, very special person to come forward for them before we would consider moving them.

Kirra would just love to sit at your feet and keep you company but Gizmo is quite active still and quite strong on lead... so that's why a Mally savvy person is also part of the requirement. If you are that very special person willing to open up your heart and your home for these two beautiful deserving souls, or if you can assist with sponsoring or a donation, please email enquiries@amraa.org.au. Until a suitable new home is found Kirra & Gizmo will continue to remain in the loving care of AMRAA.



Kirra and Gizmo were in an appalling state when they were surrendered, it is hard to imagine that anyone would subject their dogs to such suffering & neglect



Kirra's coat was so matted she needed to be shaved to remove it. There was an inch of matted fur and dirt under her collar, which needed to be cut off. Their skin was red raw in places. A rusty clothes peg was found embedded in Kirra's coat, and several growths and lumps were found when her coat was removed. Kirra's ears are only half there, are curled over and thick like rubber... inside her ears was horrendous. In a painstaking process over many hours, Janelle slowly shaved away Kirra's matted coat, washed and massaged her.



After years of neglect, Kirra and Gizmo are finally clean and able to fun free thanks to AMRAA and in particular Janelle & Troy at Hightails Lodge. A permanent or foster home where they can continue to receive good care into their twilight years is still being sought, and donations for vet costs and a sponsor for Gizmo's kennelling are desperately needed. Please contact AMRAA if you can help in any way.

UPDATE ON THE CHONDRODYSPLASIA (ChD) WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL

We would like to encourage all our members to become familiar with the ChD Working Group's proposal and to send a comment to the group at the address below or alternatively please email me (Anna Paxton) annap@iinet.net.au with your comments and I will forward them on. This is a great way for us here in Australia to show our support of working together to find a common ground in how we test for such a terrible disease.

THIS DRAFT PROPOSAL FROM THE CWG WILL BE OPEN FOR COMMENT UNTIL JUNE 21. THE CWG WILL THEN PRODUCE A FINAL VERSION TO BE PLACED ON THE AMCA ANNUAL BALLOT. WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO karyn.colman@comcast.net

ChD Working Group Proposal, April 2013

Working group Members: Karyn Colman (Chair), Robin Haggard, Karen Hukill, Cheryll McFarland, Vicky McLean, Tim O'Brien, Ron Pohl, Nancy Russell, Sandi Shrager.

In the late 1960's a condition known as "dwarfism" (aka Chondrodysplasia, or ChD) was identified as an autosomal recessive condition in the Alaskan Malamute, with an apparent high incidence in certain lines. As a result, the AMCA introduced what was, at that time, a cutting edge, ground-breaking program to try to eliminate the condition from the breed. This condition is only able to be diagnosed/confirmed by examination of x-rays of the lower front limb (distal ulna) at an early age (prior to growth plate closure). Looking at physical attributes of the dog, such as limb deformity or short stature does not confirm or refute a case of ChD since several other conditions can result in the same physical appearance and a mildly affected dog may show no outward physical abnormalities. With this knowledge, experts in radiology, genetics and the breed came together to provide a workable system that would reduce the incidence of carriers and, they hoped, eliminate the condition in the Alaskan Malamute. This program was based on test-breeding dogs and calculating a theoretical (mathematical) probability that a dog was not a carrier based on the number of puppies produced when an individual was bred to an affected dog or a carrier, providing that all puppies produced were screened by x-ray at 6 to 8 weeks of age and that none of the pups were affected by the condition. The cut-off point, based on pure practicality, where a dog was considered "OK/approved to breed" was at a probability of $\leq 6.25\%$ mathematical risk of being a carrier. This program was very successful in reducing the incidence of carriers (and the "bad gene") in the breed from quite prevalent in certain lines to rather rare in the population as a whole and was certainly NOT a waste of time or effort. It has resulted in bringing the overall probability within the population down to under 6.25% overall (and maybe even lower) but today there is no selection pressure on "certified" dogs to reduce this any further, even by continuing to "test-breed" since that is the cut-off. It is also apparent from the results of the survey that this working group conducted that the incidence of this condition is very low in the Malamute population and the current certification program therefore no longer helps to reduce the risk of producing an affected dog in the general population. It is important to realize that even test-bred dogs carry SOME risk, it was known from the start by those that set up the original program that some carriers would slip through due to the theoretical nature of the calculation and the practical aspects of finding a compromise cut-off that allowed the breed to still exist. Thus, it should be no surprise that we have carriers in the certified population, albeit at very low levels. It was the confirmation of a dwarf being produced from certified parents that created the impetus to revisit the program and the formation of this working group.

Based on information received from the eminent geneticist Professor Jerold S Bell DVM at Tufts University, a review of programs/methods used to control autosomal recessive genes by other dog clubs (and even other conditions in Alaskan Malamutes outside of the US), and a world-wide survey of Malamute owners and breeders, the working group provides the following proposal to the members of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America for consideration as an interim measure until such time as a DNA test for chondrodysplasia in the breed is found. Once a DNA test becomes available, it is suggested that its use be strongly encouraged and results be collated as for other canine genetic diseases with DNA markers (through OFA/CHIC and/or other National databases).

The following recommendations are predicated on the very low incidence of the condition in the breed as a whole, the lack of significant morbidity or suffering of affected dogs and the sincere wish/hope that the members of AMCA can develop and foster an open, respectful and mutually beneficial understanding between all breeders and owners that works in the best interests of the breed in the long-term.

- 1) AMCA permanently suspends/retires the current mandated ChD program (test-breeding and certification)
- 2) AMCA updates the COE to reflect the recommendations of the working group/AMCA policy
- 3) AMCA establishes an open database of confirmed carriers
 - a) A confirmed carrier means a dog that has produced one or more confirmed (by expert x-ray analysis) affected dog(s)
 - b) The database is prospective (not retrospective) but will start with those confirmed carriers identified within the last 10 years (not dogs from years prior to 2003).
 - c) The database will be made available to both members and non-members of AMCA.
 - d) Dogs included in the database must be identified/submitted by the owner and/or breeder of record to be accepted
- 4) AMCA does not institute any binding/mandated replacement program for the control of ChD but rather focuses on providing recommendations and education to help breeders, including:
 - a) AMCA provides clear information on x-ray screening to detect/confirm affected dogs and makes the following recommendations with respect to screening "high risk" litters:
 - i) X-ray one carpus (wrist), one view, at between 6 and 12 weeks of age
 - ii) Submit x-rays to Dr Sande or Virginia Tech Vet School for evaluation
 - iii) The following puppies should be examined to gain maximum information:
 - (1) Offspring of known carriers
 - (2) Offspring of siblings to known/confirmed affected dogs
 - (3) All puppies in a litter (provided they are not older than 16 weeks) with at least one confirmed affected puppy
 - b) AMCA provides updated and ongoing educational materials/opportunities for owners and breeders including support to help breeders & owners understand genetic disease, genetic principles of breeding, and to remove the fear/stigma of producing an affected dog (with any genetic disease, not just ChD)
 - i) Provide educational seminars, web-based learning and/or published articles in the newsletter to keep members informed about the latest knowledge and understanding of genetic diseases and their control
 - ii) Encourage openness & collaboration amongst breeders and owners
 - c) AMCA updates the mandate and scope of the CCC (rename?) and rolls it into a subcommittee of the Health Committee
 - d) AMCA Health committee looks at the feasibility of a "genetic disease advisory subcommittee", to be convened by the Health Committee

Reprinted from the Alaskan Malamute Club of America website <http://alaskanmalamute.org/health/cwg-draft>

2013 Show Point Score Competition Rules



The competition shall run from 1st January to 31st December, 2013

1. All Championship shows held in Victoria shall count (**except the Melbourne Royal & AMCV Championship Show**) and the winners will be awarded from the ten (10) best results submitted.
To be eligible for an award in the Show Point Score Competition, all registered owners of the exhibit must be current AMCV Members. Points will only be allocated if all registered owners are financial members of the AMCV at the time of the show for which results are being submitted.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. A complete record of shows submitted together with catalogues will be kept by the Show Secretary in the event of any dispute arising.
6. Trophies will be awarded to the registered owner/s of the winners at the time of submitting their dog's last results.
7. The competition will consist of Most Successful Alaskan Malamute, Most Successful Dog, Most Successful Bitch and Class awards.
8. 8.1 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute Dog and Bitch
Most Successful Dog and Bitch will be awarded to the dog and bitch which has the most points from the ten (10) best shows submitted.

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

8.2 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute will be awarded to the Dog or Bitch which has the highest number of points from their ten (10) best shows submitted. Points will be awarded to Best of Breed and Challenge winners on the basis of one (1) point for every dog or bitch beaten including one (1) for your own dog, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show.

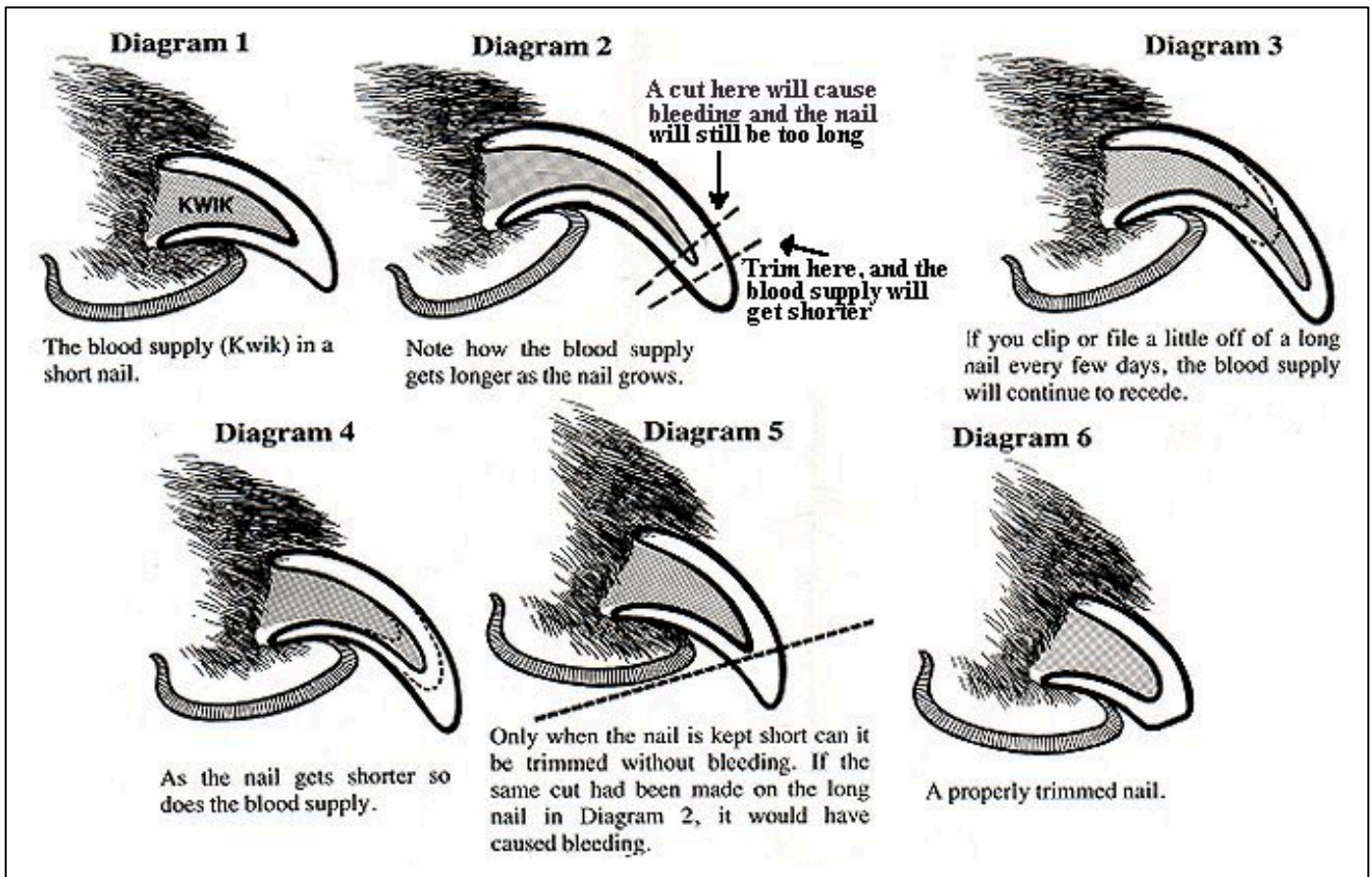
8.3 Class awards

Awards will also be given for:

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

Class points will be allocated as follows: 1 point for every dog or bitch beaten in your class 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings including one (1) for your exhibit, also one (1) point for every exhibit of the opposite sex if you take your class of breed, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show. Example: If there are 6 exhibits shown in a class, 1st wins six (6) points, 2nd five (5) points, 3rd four (4) points. If this 1st place winner then wins its class of breed and four (4) of the opposite sex were shown, it gains a total of ten (10) points.

Unsure on cutting your dogs nails? *Here's a great guide*



Sledding 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.

Rookie of the Year Award:

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.

2013 Competition:

Eligible events: AMCV Sled Dog Race events (7) plus Goldseekers Sled Dog Race. Best 5 results from 8 possible events to count towards final score.



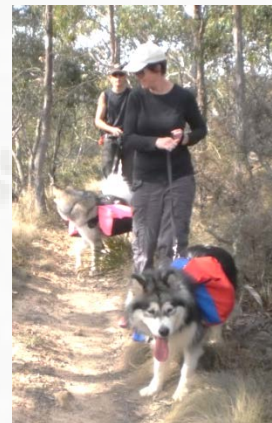
Breeder's Directory				
Kennel Name	Location	Contact Name	Phone No.	Other Contact Information
BELLTREES	Campbelltown, NSW	Cheryl Harrison	(02) 4631 1920	Email: belltree@ispdr.net.au
CHEKODY	Canberra ACT	Mark Titley & Melanie Saxinger	0448 389 970	Email: malamutes@chekody.com Website: www.chekody.com
HYKUP	Woodend, VIC	Ian Luke	0417 103 615	Email: gutervac-cv@cirruscomms.com.au Website: www.hykup.vpweb.com.au
KATAKU	Pearcedale, VIC	Merv & Shelley Turner	(03) 5978 6001	Email: kataku@bigpond.net.au Website: www.dishlickers.com.au
TANOME	Clyde North, VIC	Sharen McPhan	0410 192 210	Email: sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com Website: www.tanome.com

Blackwood Hike

11 May



The Blackwood Hike was a lovely day with great scenery enjoyed by Emma & Steve with Scout, Taneal with Simba, Marty with Luna, Ian with Finn, Stuart with Gus and Sandy with Meecca. Congratulations to Finn and Meecca for completing another leg towards their Working Pack Dog titles.



THE end of the financial year is June 30th.
A good time to make donations, so they can be claimed as a tax deduction.

Please consider the homeless Malamutes rescued from death row as worthy recipients of your donation.

Rescue is an extremely expensive venture with the high costs of kennelling many dogs in NSW, as well as full vetwork required for each dog and those who regularly have health issues needing surgery or treatment.

We are only a small number of volunteers in a few states who do this simply for the love of the breed and the need to educate the public and help increase awareness on how to provide and care for the needs of this beautiful and unique breed.

Our costs far exceed our adoption fees and we need to rely on fundraising and donations to enable us to continue to rescue our beloved Malamutes and their crosses.

Will you help us to help them? Please.....



Rocky ♥



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