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In Loving Memory of

Panda

Windchill Loska Panda
WTD WPDX

24/5/2001 – 11/9/2014



On 11 September Stuart Vanderpol made the hard decision to say farewell to his beloved Panda. Despite her 13 years, Panda was happy and active until the end, but a large and rapidly growing tumour meant Stuey had no choice but to say goodbye and end her wonderful life.

Panda lived with Stuey and her Mally companion, Jethro, and enjoyed a life of many activities – daily walks, sledding, hiking and even participated in the occasional weight pull event. Panda ran in sled dog teams with her dad Oska and with Jethro, earning her Working Team Dog title, and went on many hikes earning her Working Pack Dog Excellent title. Until recently, Panda still joined us on hikes which was amazing considering her age.

Panda had the most lovely, friendly nature and got along with most other dogs – a gorgeous girl who will be sadly missed.

Panda was the last of our Loska litter so her passing marks the end of an era for us at Windchill. She joins her sisters Maddie, Ellie & Mishka and parents Oska & Laska over the rainbow bridge.

Run Free Panda...





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President's Message

Welcome to the December issue of the Malamute Mail and my first message in the role of President.

Melbourne Royal has come and gone, and this year again saw a very disappointing entry. This may be due in part to the shift of our Championship Show away from the Royal, which won't be the case next year. Congratulations to Hayley & Rebecca French-Davis and Katakū Kennel's *Bond Sup Ch Katakū For Yr Eyes Only* for not only taking out Best of Breed, but also Best In Group.

Unfortunately I was not able to get to the Championship Show this year, but all feedback has indicated that the event was very successful and enjoyed by the exhibitors and Judge alike. Thanks to our Show Secretaries past and present, Lorraine and Dale Green, for their hard work which made this event such a success. Thanks also to our sponsor for this event CANIDAE, and a special thank you to Anna Paxton who hosted our Judge, Arie Schwarz during his visit.

Congratulations to the winners and placegetters on the day, particularly to Shelley Turner and Rebekah & Hayley French Davis on *Iggy Ch Hamalek Cruze Control (AI)* taking out Best In Show, and to Brett White's *Blaze Whitewarrior Southern Blu (AI)* for RUBIS.

Our weight pull events have enjoyed a good entry all year, but the Tuggy Shield event attracted a massive entry of 26 dogs which is fantastic. Many of the competing dogs were Am Staffs, Am Bulldogs and Staffies, but nevertheless there was hot competition amongst the Malamutes, with McPhan's *Darcy Tanome Against the Grain* eventually winning the Shield with a weight to weight ratio of 23.4, and Brad Acht's *Shadow Katakū All Shadow* pulling the highest weight with a massive pull of 916 kg. Not to be outdone, Am Staff Mack, owned by Eliza Perry, pulled a massive 1006 kg with a weight to weight ratio of 32.7, making him the overall event winner.

Thanks to Mel Gray, husband Alex and all those who helped run the weight pull events throughout the year.

We have seen a revision to our Club Rules, passed at our September General Meeting and approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria on 9 October. The changes bring our club rules more into line with the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations and into compliance with the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012. Other changes include the introduction of a subrule permitting the use of technology for "attending" committee meetings, which is important give our Committee are spread across Victoria and are not always able to come along to Committee Meetings, and non-executive Committee members no longer needing to be VCA members.

On that topic, I would like to thank those who put their hand up to be on Committee for this term. It is good to see a revival in interest and we are fortunate to retain and welcome back Committee members with many years' experience on the Committee. Following on from Ian, who has been in the role now for over 10 years, will not be easy, but I am hoping there won't be too many unexpected "challenges" this year. If there are, we have a good team together to make the best of whatever comes our way.

Unfortunately we have already had two members leave our Committee, so we thank Sharon Easton and Vic Young for giving it a go and wish them all the best with their many other pursuits. Shelley Turner has been appointed by the Committee to take over the VP Breed Welfare role, E'vette Levett is now Newsletter Editor, and thank you to Matthew Hutton for accepting the position of Fundraising Coordinator. Summer brings its share of concerns including grass seeds, heat, snakes and fires, so please take particular care over the next few months. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and enjoy your Mals!

Sandy Koch



SCALE OF CHARGES

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 26 March, 2014

to commence at 7.30 pm

Calabria Club (Bulla Exhibition Centre)

5 Uniting Lane, Bulla

Melways Map Reference 177 G 8

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous General Meeting
(as published in the Spring 2014 Malamute Mail)
3. Correspondence
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
6. General Business
7. Any other business
8. Show Point Score Award Presentations



Welcome New Members!

Geoff Eberle

Dominique Allen

Mirella Alencar &

Damien Ward

Tim & Rachael Baker

Alicia Broad

&

welcome back to

Tonya Syme

Rainbow Bridge

Vada

Kemulvak Cheyell Shenoa WPD

*Owned and sadly missed by
Andrea, Glenn & Ben Wilson*

Thank you to all those who donated sashes for the Tuggy Shield Weight Pull Event:



Bradley Acht

Mel & Alex Gray

Windchill Dog Gear

Justin & Melissa Celentane

Sharen & Colin McPhan

Ralph & Sandy Koch



"Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever."

- Karen Davison

Can you help a Mally in need?

Alaskan Malamute Rehoming Aid Australia Inc are looking for foster carers. As a foster carer you will be provided with:

- All materials necessary; eg, food, bed, leash/collar etc
- If required; Assistance from a professional dog trainer, obedience training classes and additional vet work.

All dogs are vaccinated, desexed, vet checked & microchipped.

As a foster carer you will need to provide; a safe and loving environment, daily walks and basic training.

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**HOT ASPHALT AWARENESS.
DO NOT WALK YOUR DOG
ON A HOT DAY.**

*NOTE:
WHEN AIR TEMPERTAURE IS THIS,
ASPHALT HAS BEEN MEASURED AT THIS.
THESE CORRELATIONS REPRESENT WORST
CASE SCENARIO VARIABLES E.G. DIRECT
SUNLIGHT, VERY LOW HUMIDITY,
NO WIND AND HIGH RADIANT ENERGY.*

AIR TEMPERATURE
25 DEGREES CELSIUS
30 DEGREES CELSIUS
31 DEGREES CELSIUS

ASPHALT TEMPERATURE
52 DEGREES CELSIUS
57 DEGREES CELSIUS
62 DEGREES CELSIUS

TIP: PRESS THE BACK OF YOUR HAND AGAINST THE ASPHALT FOR 7 SECS TO VERIFY IF IT IS COMFORTABLE FOR YOUR DOG.

MOVING?



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

Working Lead Dog Title



Tanome Legend of the Knight (AI) WWPDP WTD WLD
“Rush”

Congratulations to Colin & Sharen McPhan’s Rush on gaining his Working Lead Dog title.

Working Weight Pull Dog Title



Qannik Wind Chill Factor WWPDP
“Bosco”

Congratulations to Ralph & Sandy Koch’s Bosco on gaining his Working Weight Pull Dog title.

WEIGHT-PULL RESULTS

14 September 2014 – AMCV Tugger Weight Pull Shield Event



Weight Class	Overall Place	Mal Place	Owner/Handler	Dog	Breed	Dog's Weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time (secs)	Weight to Weight Ratio
≥ 36 kg	1		Eliza Perry	Mack	Am Staff	30.75	1006	16.73	32.7
	2		Simone Dines	Breeza	Am Bulldog	35.0	790	18.29	22.6
	3	1	Colin McPhan	Darcy	AI Mal	31.1	727	47.81	23.4
	4		Ian Luke	J	Am Staff	20.1	601	14.09	29.9
	5		Corey Barclay	Beau	Am Staff	27.85	601	16.87	21.6
	6	2	Ian Luke	Luna	AI Mal	26.1	538	7.74	20.6
	7		Donna Treadwell	Fonz	SBT	20.1	538	21.94	26.8
	8		Lee Ruf	Rocky	Am Staff	26.5	538	28.46	20.3
	9	3	Ian Luke	Finn	AI Mal	30.0	538	32.18	17.9
	10		Chelsea Virt	Franky	Am Staff	25.0	538	48.63	21.5
	11	4	Ian Luke	Daisy	AI Mal	28.0	538	54.34	19.2
	12		Leigh Pride	Muppet	Bull Terrier	24.3	370	49.50	15.2
	13		Leigh Pride	Murphy	Bull Terrier	28.8	328	25.44	11.4
	14	5	Ralph Koch	Meeca	AI Mal	32.45	286	10.62	8.8
	15		Colin McPhan	Cricket	SH	17.8	286	39.13	16.1
	16		Eliza Perry	Troup	Am Staff	30.3	286	42.85	9.4
	17		Donna Treadwell	Kimi	SBT	14.5	244	30.33	16.8
	18		Alana Millard	Eira	Am Bulldog	35.2	160	24.04	4.5
37-45 kg	1	1	Sharen McPhan	Jai	AI Mal	37.2	853	14.01	22.9
	2		Scott Beaumont	Boss	Am Bulldog	42.0	853	21.88	20.3
	3	2	Mel Gray	Chardy	AI Mal	40.2	601	11.97	15.0
	4	3	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	AI Mal	38.5	454	13.00	11.8
	5	4	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AI Mal	37.9	328	7.86	8.7
	6	5	Alex Gray	Zorro	AI Mal	38.2	328	24.02	8.6
46-55 kg	1	1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	AI Mal	46.0	916	10.06	19.9
	2		Jeremy Wright	Chaos	Cane Corso	46.5	601	61.83	12.9

Best Pull of the Day overall: Weight:Weight ratio of 32.7 pulled by Mack
Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 23.4 pulled by Darcy
Highest Pull of the Day overall: 1006 kg pulled by Mack
Highest Pull of the Day (Alaskan Malamute): 916 kg pulled by Shadow

Annual Weight Pull Competition Results 2014

Top Weight Pull Dog of the Year Results

Place	Owner	Dog	Total Weight:Weight Ratio	Best 3 Weight:Weight Ratio
1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	80.55	62.36
2	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	72.36	59.28
3	Ian Luke	Daisy	58.91	58.91
4	Ian Luke	Luna	57.02	57.02
5	Mel Gray	Chardy	53.43	43.38
6	Sharen McPhan	Jai	38.70	38.70
7	Ian Luke	Finn	31.90	31.90
8	Merv Turner	Wesley	12.48	12.48
9	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	11.79	11.79
10	Merv Turner	Claude	9.08	9.08
11	Ralph Koch	Meecca	8.81	8.81
12	Ralph Koch	Bosco	8.65	8.65
13	Merv Turner	Reggie	4.60	4.60



Annual Weight Pull Competition - Class Results

Place	Date	Owner	Dog	Dog's weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Time (seconds)	Weight / weight ratio	Total weight pulled	Best 3 Weights Pulled
<36 kg Class									
1	6/04/2014	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	31.5	412	8.01	13.08	2278	1866
	4/05/2014			32.5	727	51.90	22.37		
	15/06/2014			30.45	412	16.69	13.53		
	14/09/2014			31.1	727	47.81	23.38		
2	13/10/2013	Ian Luke	Daisy	28.6	601	39.63	21.01	1677	1677
	15/06/2014			28.8	538	26.12	18.68		
	14/09/2014			28.0	538	54.34	19.21		
3	13/10/2013	Ian Luke	Luna	27.6	727	15.37	26.39	1535	1535
	15/06/2014			26.95	270	10.81	10.02		
	14/09/2014			26.1	538	7.74	20.61		
4	15/06/2014	Ian Luke	Finn	29.5	412	12.62	13.97	950	950
	14/09/2014			30.0	538	32.18	17.93		
5	14/09/2014	Ralph Koch	Meecca	32.5	286	10.62	8.81	286	286
5	4/05/2014	Merv Turner	Claude	31.5	286	72.00	9.08	286	286
7	4/05/2014	Merv Turner	Reggie	34.8	160	11.20	4.60	160	160
37-45 kg Class									
1	13/10/2013	Bradley Acht	Shadow	41.8	973	11.22	23.28	1826	1826
	6/04/2014			44.5	853	6.22	19.17		
2	6/04/2014	Mel Gray	Chardy	41.0	412	8.66	10.05	2131	1719
	4/05/2014			41.0	664	19.70	16.20		
	15/06/2014			37.1	454	23.03	12.24		
	14/09/2014			40.2	601	11.97	14.95		
3	6/04/2014	Sharen McPhan	Jai	38.1	601	8.44	15.77	1454	1454
	14/09/2014			37.2	853	14.01	22.93		
4	4/05/2014	Merv Turner	Wesley	43.1	538	54.90	12.48	538	538
5	14/09/2014	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	38.5	454	13.00	11.79	454	454
6	14/09/2014	Ralph Koch	Bosco	37.9	328	7.86	8.65	328	328
46-55 kg Class									
1	4/05/2014	Bradley Acht	Shadow	46.9	853	12.34	18.19	1769	1769
	14/09/2014			46.0	916	10.06	19.91		

Sledding Update

Our final sledding event for 2014 was our Training Day held on Sunday 26 October at the You Yangs. A number of eager-beavers camped overnight and got their dogs out for a run Saturday night and early Sunday morning and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The official fun started at 8 am, with a team passing training exercise. Four teams participated: Joe Neeleman's 3 dog Malamute team, Matthew Hutton's 2 dog Malamute team, new member Geoff Eberle with his brand new, never before tried 1-dog Malamute team, and Terry O'Connor's bomb proof 1-dog Siberian Husky team. We covered a short one kilometre course in approximately an hour, the teams leap frogging each other at slow speed. The musher ran beside the team, giving commands, providing corrections when required, praise when earned, and generally managing their dogs when in close proximity to the other teams. A handler rode the rig/scooter and just enjoyed the run (just ask Jennifer Cornell, who after coming to races for years got to enjoy her first ever run with a team and was still beaming at days end).

Each dog ran wearing a correction collar with a short lead enabling corrections to be provided when required, and by the end of the run we had all teams running bunched up, at times 3 abreast, and passing each other without interference. And we also had some very happy mushers.

The rest of the day saw lots of new faces and happy dogs trying out short mushing runs, socialising, checking out equipment and having great fun. As usual, it was fantastic to see happy smiling doggy and human faces as they tried out a harness and scooter for the first time. Matthew Hutton, Joe Neeleman and Jennifer Cornell put on a barbecue lunch as a fundraiser (thanks guys, not just for the BBQ but for your help throughout the day!).

Thanks also to Ralph and Sandy Koch, Stuart Vanderpol, Colin and Sharen McPhan and everyone else who helped out.

Our first sledding event for 2015 will be a training weekend sometime in April, where hopefully we'll offer team training again, hopefully more than once, and hopefully with more teams.

Happy trails!

Ian Luke, Sledding Co-ordinator





2014 Show Point Score Update



Results as of 10 December 2014

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute	Points
SUP CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	35
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	22
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	15
CH NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	6
ICEPURE RISING AUSSIE LEGEND	5
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	4
Top Alaskan Malamute Dog	
SUP CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	23
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	16
Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	15
CH NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	6
ICEPURE RISING AUSSIE LEGEND	5
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	4
SNOWSTEEDS HARVEST SUNRISE	4
Minor Puppy Dog	
SNOWSTEEDS GAME BREAKER	7

Puppy Dog	Points
SNOWSTEEDS TRAIL BREAKER	1
Puppy Bitch	
ICEPURE RISING AUZZIE LEGEND	3
Junior Bitch	
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	5
SNOWSTEEDS HARVEST SUNRISE	2
Intermediate Bitch	
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	3
Australian Bred Dog	
GR CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	12
Australian Bred Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	12
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	4
Open Dog	
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	15
Open Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	1
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	1



Thank you to Stuart Vanderpol for sending in this photo of his naughty girl, Maddie.

Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.



24th Championship Show Results



Sunday 3 November 2014, Goonawarra Reserve, Sunbury

Judge: Mr Arie Schwarz (Israel)**Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog**

1. KOOLRUNNINGS GAME CHANGER (AI)

Class 4 Junior Dog

1. KATAKU THE COMPANY YOU KEEP (AI)

Class 5 Intermediate Dog

1. CH HAMALEK CRUZE CONTROL (AI)
2. CH WHITEWARRIOR RED CLOUDS WAR (AI)
3. CH KATAKU GRAND SLAM

Class 10 Australian Bred Dog

1. CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN ET
2. SUP CH KATAKU FOR YR EYES ONLY
3. CH KATAKU MYSTICAL GUARDIAN (AI)

Class 11 Open Dog

1. WHITEWARRIOR SOUTHERN BLU (AI)
2. SUP CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE
3. CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA WPDx

CHALLENGE DOG:

CH HAMALEK CRUZE CONTROL (AI)

RESERVE CHALLENGE:

WHITEWARRIOR SOUTHERN BLU (AI)**Class 1a Baby Puppy Bitch**

1. KOOLRUNNINGS MOON GODDESS (AI)

Class 2a Minor Puppy Bitch

Non-awarded

Class 4a Junior Bitch

1. KATAKU DEVIL WEARS PRADA (AI)
2. SNOWSTEEDS HARVEST SUNRISE

Class 5a Intermediate Bitch

1. SOUTHENWOLF WILD ICE QUEEN

Class 10a Australian Bred Bitch

1. CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)
2. CH NILTARAN ERNACE ZUBERI

Class 11a Open Bitch

1. CH SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA
2. CH SNOWSTEEDS ALASKAN HOLIDAY
3. GR CH KATAKU MYSTICAL CHARM

CHALLENGE BITCH: **CH SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA**RESERVE CHALLENGE: **CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)****PROPERTY CLASSES****Class 13 Brace**CH CHIMO THE MIDAS TOUCH
SNOWSTEEDS HARVEST SUNRISE**Class 14 Parent & Progeny**SUP CH KATAKU FOR YR EYES ONLY
CH KATAKU GRAND SLAM**Class 18 Desexed Dog**

CH CHIMO THE MIDAS TOUCH

Class 18a Desexed Bitch

CH NILTARAN ERNACE KIRABO (A)

Class 19 Owner/Breeder/Handler

CH KATAKU GRAND SLAM

Class 24 Best Gait

CH WHITEWARRIOR RED CLOUDS WAR (AI)

Class 25 Best Coat – Dog

WHITEWARRIOR SOUTHERN BLU (AI)

Class 26 Best Coat – Bitch

CH SNOWSTEEDS ALASKAN HOLIDAY

Class 27 Best Head – Dog

KATAKU THE COMPANY YOU KEEP (AI)

Class 28 Best Head – Bitch

CH SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA

Class 30 Best Tail

SUP CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW, BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW:

CH HAMALEK CRUZE CONTROL (AI)

Owned by: H & R French-Davis & S Turner

RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPEN IN SHOW:

WHITEWARRIOR SOUTHERN BLU (AI)

Owned & Bred By Brett White

BREEDER OF BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW:

H & R French-Davis - Hamalek Kennels

BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW:

KOOLRUNNINGS GAME CHANGER (AI)

Owned & Bred by C Loft

BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW:

KATAKU THE COMPANY YOU KEEP (AI)

Owned & Bred By: S & M Turner & S Glashee

BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW:

CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)

Owned & Bred by: Niltaran Knls

24th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW PHOTOS



BEST IN SHOW
Dog Challenge, Best Intermediate In Show
CH HAMALEK CRUZE CONTROL (AI)



RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW
Reserve Dog Challenge, Best Open in Show, Best Coat - Dog
WHITEWARRIOR SOUTHERN BLU (AI)



BITCH CHALLENGE - Open Bitch, Best Head - Bitch
CH SIARNAK ZELKIE AILEANA



RESERVE BITCH CHALLENGE – Australian Bred In Show
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA (AI)



BABY PUPPY IN SHOW – Baby Puppy Dog
KOOLRUNNINGS GAME CHANGER (AI)



OPPOSITE SEX BABY PUPPY – Baby Puppy Bitch
KOOLRUNNINGS MOON GODDESS (AI)



JUNIOR IN SHOW - Junior Dog, Best Head - Dog
KATAKU THE COMPANY YOU KEEP (AI)



OPPOSITE SEX JUNIOR IN SHOW - Junior Bitch
KATAKU DEVIL WEARS PRADA (AI)



OPPOSITE INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW - Intermediate Bitch
SOUTHENWOLF WILD ICE QUEEN



OPPOSITE AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW - Australian Bred Dog
CH TANOME KING OF THE MOUNTAIN ET



BEST DESEXED DOG
CH CHIMO THE MIDAS TOUCH



BEST DESEXED BITCH
CH NILTARAN ERNACE KIRABO (A)



BEST PARENT & PROGENY
 SUP CH KATAKU FOR YR EYES ONLY
 CH KATAKU GRAND SLAM



BEST BRACE
 CH CHIMO THE MIDAS TOUCH
 SNOWSTEEDS HARVEST SUNRISE



OWNER/BREEDER/HANDLER
 CH KATAKU GRAND SLAM



BEST GAIT
 CH WHITEWARRIOR RED KLOUDS WAR (AI)



BEST COAT – BITCH CH SNOWSTEEDS ALASKAN HOLIDAY



BEST TAIL SUP CH HAMALEK RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Thank you to our show sponsor, Canidae, and to all those who donated trophies, prizes and sashes for the Championship Show:

*Utility Dog Club of Victoria
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 Sharen & Colin McPhan
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WHY NOT TO CLIP OR SHAVE ALASKAN MALAMUTES OR DOUBLE-COATED BREEDS



When warmer temperatures arrive, many Malamute or arctic breed owners explore options on how to help their dogs stay comfortable. Clipping or shaving the coat is often wrongly considered by owners and even recommended as an option by some vets or groomers *who don't know any better* when they should. For some coat types where dogs don't shed their fur, this is an ideal solution but not for those double-coated breeds that do shed their coat and definitely NOT for your Malamute or arctic breed.

With the exception of hard-coated terriers, dogs come in one of two coat types: single-coated and double-coated.

Examples of single-coated breeds are Poodles, Shih-Tzus, Maltese, etc. This type of coat will continue to grow longer and longer, much like human hair, with genetics being the final determination in reference to length

Double-coated or fur-bearing breeds have coats that grow to a predetermined length. They can be further separated into open coats and closed coats. These breeds have a hard, protective outer coat (guard hairs) and a soft, dense undercoat. Examples of open, double-coated breeds are any of the Spitz-type breeds, such as the Alaskan Malamute, Siberian Husky, Samoyed, Akita, Chow Chow or Keeshond

This coat is designed to shed snow or ice and provide maximum protection against freezing weather. The guard hairs protect the dog in both winter AND summer by helping to regulate their body temperature. *Removing the dead undercoat in summer is very important as it helps with allowing proper air flow to get to the skin.* However, shaving or clipping can actually cause overheating, sunburn and heatstroke.

Closed, double-coated breeds have noticeably longer guard hairs, which lay down over the undercoat, sort of like a blanket. While the outer, or guard, hairs get wet, the undercoat works to keep the dog's skin dry. Examples include Golden Retrievers, Australian shepherds and Newfoundland's

Single-coated breeds can be clipped down to the skin, and the coat will grow back pretty much as it was before. The same is NOT true for Malamutes and double-coated breeds. For this reason, shaving these dogs down is not a solution to summer heat.

Think of a healthy double coat as an old -growth forest. There is a balance with different parts providing different benefits. If you clear-cut an old growth forest, there will be immediate regrowth of a lot of young trees very soon.

Unfortunately, they won't initially be the same kind as those you cut down. Instead, the forest has to start from scratch and spend decades, first growing ground cover and softwoods that provide an environment for slower growing hardwood varieties. It takes generations before the natural balance is restored.

While on a much shorter timeline, it's the same thing with a double-coated dog. Guard hairs represent old growth, and undercoat represents ground covering vegetation. The act of shaving a Malamute or double-coated breed removes the dog's natural insulation and causes their system to kick into high gear. They'll now produce coat to protect themselves from extreme temperatures, sunburn and sharp objects.

Since the top coat or guard hairs take a LONG time to grow, what the dog's body produces first is soft undercoat. That's why we hear people say, "I shaved my dog and it grew back twice as thick and really fuzzy!" If it's not brushed regularly and often, it will also often grow back matted. In reality, what happens is that the original coat isn't restored at all. What grows in instead is thick, prolific undercoat mixed with short new guard hairs. It is called 'false coat' or 'coat funk'.

So, why is this bad? Picture this scenario:

It's hot outside. You're getting dressed to go outside and work in the yard. Are you going to put on light clothing and sunblock or thermal underwear and a woolen jumper? A dog's shaved-down false coat is like that jumper. It's dull, soft and soaks up water like a sponge. Burrs and foxtails stick like Velcro. Above all else, it's way too thick for hot weather. By the time that false coat grows out enough to protect the dog from sunburn, scrapes and bites (the usual job of the top coat), it is so thick that the poor dog might as well be wearing thermal underwear and a jumper.

Remember, Mother Nature designed the undercoat to be extremely heat-retentive. Some people don't realise that dogs don't regulate their temperature through their skin like we do and a Malamute's coat is designed to keep them warm in winter and cool in summer. There are specially designed undercoat rakes to use for removing the dead undercoat... if you use them weekly as well as a brush or every second day when they are blowing their coats there would be no need to even consider any other option.

Do you take your dog to a grooming salon? You can request a bath and blow-out. Virtually all grooming salons have high velocity blow dryers in their work areas. These powerhouses can literally blast the dead undercoat out of your dog's hair after a thorough bathing with far less brushing and combing needed afterwards. Alternatively, you can purchase your own dog blower dryer.

The benefit to your dog is a healthy, balanced coat you can both live with. Sure, you could be lazy, not care about the high risks and opt for the shave-down, but you'll more than likely be back in a month or so for another "shave-down" because your dog is cooking in its own hair. Then, if you're like most owners who fall into this cycle, you'll intentionally let your dog's woolly false coat grow out all winter "for warmth," only to have it shaved off again in the spring.

In reality, all winter long while you're under the false notion that your dog is staying warm and dry under that thick layer of fuzz, his coat is matting, retaining water and mud and possibly even mildewing. It will stay cold and wet for hours. Do you see the vicious cycle that started?

In some cases, owners really don't have a choice if it is a '*medical necessity*'. Same applies if the coat is so matted and skin has become infected with burrowed grass seeds or bacteria creating multiple hot spots from being moist all the time and not even brushing out under anaesthetic is an option and only then that shaving is truly the most humane option, affording the owner a chance to start over and greatly improve their brushing skills and consistency of frequent grooming..

These are situations to consider first so you can make an informed decision if a vet or groomer recommend clipping or shaving, but please be a ware that MANY vets and groomers are not informed about the dangers of clipping or shaving a double-coated breed and in fact far too often erroneously recommend it to the detriment of the poor dog.

However, if your sole motivation for shaving your dog in the spring is to "keep him cool," you need to know that you're actually creating a far worse situation for the dog than you think. There are high chances the coat will grow back even thicker each time, patchy, take many months or unfortunately.... not grow back at all.

Aside from destroying coat integrity, shaved dogs are susceptible to a multitude of complications, including, but not limited to, alopecia, heat stroke and skin cancer, specifically Solar-induced Squamous Cell Carcinomas and Dermal Hemangiosarcomas.

Sometimes, these complications are not reversible.

The only time it would be acceptable to ‘trim’ a dog is if they have a long and woolly coat. Trimming the bottom of the hocks on back legs to prevent burrs from sticking to their wispy bits than hang down could be helpful or trimming the underbelly if very long... but only to an acceptable level.

Trimming around the feet if fur is long around the nail area and hanging on the ground is also okay, as well as regularly trimming under the pads, where fur often gets long and causes them to slip on tiles and vinyl floors – allowing them to get a better grip – this is acceptable and recommended, especially for those with joint problems and senior dogs.

To keep your Malamute or double coated breed cool in the summer, it is crucial to ensure you rake and brush out as much as possible of the dead undercoat on a regular basis. If you can’t keep them inside in air-conditioned comfort, make sure there is plenty of shade and fresh water available with a small pool for them. You can buy children’s hard plastic sandpit shells for this purpose.

On hot days, you can wet their feet and bellies, put ice blocks in their water or put a wet towel down for them to lie on. Give frozen

treats or bones. Remember to never walk or exercise them in the heat, only very early in morning or late in evening and keep them off asphalt and paths to prevent burnt paws and never, ever leave them in a warm or hot car for any length of time... even with the windows down.

On really hot days, many people like to wet their dogs down completely. Please don’t do this with Malamutes. Their coats are more likely to trap moisture, creating a warm, moist and humid environment within the coat, making the dog more uncomfortable and promoting bacterial or fungal growth, resulting in painful ‘hot spots’. If you do decide to wet them down, take them swimming or even when bathing – it is crucial to ensure the undercoat is as dry as possible or preferably blow dried.

Reproduced from an article by Nancy Bynes NCMG (Certified Master Groomer with more than 38 years of experience) with added information relating specifically to Malamutes *

Thank you to Michele Nimmo for submitting this article.

Backpacking Update

On a foggy day in April we had our first hike for the year up at Mt Macedon, attended by Kathy & Rod Tarrant with Kaiser, Kelly Byrne & Mishka, Albert & Eva with Shiro, Stuart Vanderpol with Jethro and Emma McDougall and Scout, who qualified for a leg towards her Working Pack Dog (WPD) title.

Emma’s Scout and Ian Luke’s Luna qualified for a leg towards their WPD titles at the Blackwood hike in May. The hike at the You Yangs on 6 September was attended by a 5 hikers, including Am Staffs Kermit and Rocky, Kelly Byrne’s Mishka and Malamutes Buffy and Jethro. Congratulations to Lee Ruf’s Am Staff, Rocky, who qualified for a leg towards his Associate Working Pack Dog title.

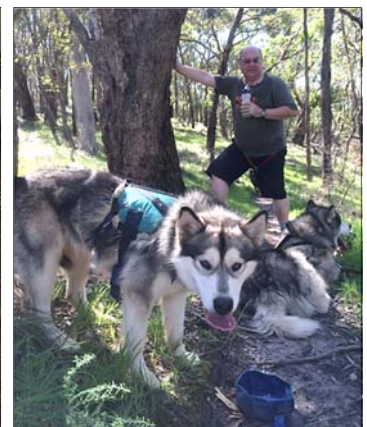
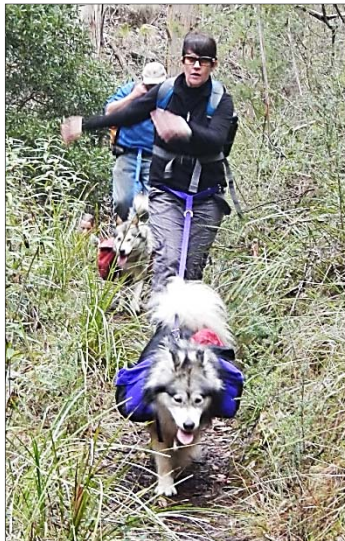
Unfortunately the weather was too warm for the 4 October hike at Smiths Gully, but we still managed to get in a shorter walk with Stuart Vanderpol’s Maddie and Jethro and Kelly and Ash enjoying the day. This venue is fairly close to Melbourne and the tracks are interesting and quite scenic, so we look forward to doing another hike at Smith’s Gully next year.

The Westerfolds Picnic walk was also on a warm day, but nevertheless quite a few walkers came along including Sue with Chrissie, Kelly & Courtney with Sass, HB & Jess with Akira, Damien and Mirella who walked Maddie, Stuart with Jethro and Sandy with foster dog Bear. The walk was along the Yarra River to Petty’s Orchard for some refreshments and was a very pleasant day.

There were no takers for the 3-day hike over Cup Weekend this year, so we are hoping that perhaps by next Easter there might be a few dogs ready to have a go at a leg towards the WPD title. If you are interested please let me know, and remember that your dog must have successfully completed a WPD leg to qualify.

The calendar of activities for 2015 has not yet been finalised but again we hope to conduct a couple of fun walks, a few 16 km hikes as well as 3 day hikes over Easter and Cup weekend.

Stuart Vanderpol



Backpacking Report – Stuart Vanderpol

There are 2 day hikes and 1 fun walk coming up over the next few months, with the first on the Saturday to be held at the You Yangs, the second hike on the 4th of October to be held at a new venue in Christmas Hills and the fun walk on the 19th of October to be held at Westerfolds Park, so come along and enjoy a nice day out.

Sledding report – Ralph Koch

Sledding has finished for the year with our last event being the Social / Long distance weekend at the You Yangs last weekend. This weekend was poorly attended – thank you to Ian for holding the fort in my absence on Sunday. Generally our events during the sledding season have been well attended, and having a Northern Victorian Sled Dog Club event included in the sledding point score worked well. The Goldseekers event will not be included in the point score next year as the event entry fees are very high, the venue is over 2 hours from Melbourne and the rules enforced at this year's event were not consistent with AMCV rules.

Congratulations to everyone for safe racing and good sportsmanship throughout the season, and particularly to those whose teams got them into the placings!

I will not be renominating for this position at the AGM.

Weight pull report – Mel Gray

It's so great to see almost everyone tonight, sorry I haven't made it to many meetings, the joys of work.

I am starting to get very excited that the Weight Pull event of the year is almost here the TUGGY SHIELD, WOOO HOO !! Thank you to Shaz, Colin and Tman, Brad, Juzee, Miss Chardy, Zorro for putting your hands and paws up to donating ribbons for this event.

I hope to see a huge turn out as we have not just some keen Mallies to get further point scores but some very keen AMSTAFF members also.

So I am hoping to have as many helpers on deck for the day so it can run smoothly and quickly.

I will just make sure to pray to the weather Gods for perfect Mallie weather on the day.

Obedience – Kellie-Ann Bryson

No report

5.3 Newsletter – Sandy Koch

The winter newsletter has been sent and included a membership renewal form for those who have not already renewed their membership.

Items are now welcome for the summer issue, although I am not renominating for this role so the next issue will be in the hands of someone else.

5.4 Fundraising – Sharen McPhan

There was no raffle held at the State Cup due to the small attendance. The raffle of the Malamute pendant is moving slowly with only 10 tickets sold so far.

I have placed one of the prints from Jon Van Zyle on auction on the Facebook Fundraising page. The print has a reserve of \$100 and the auction will end next Sunday 14th September at 9.00 pm.

5.5 Secretary – Sandy Koch

Membership renewals are slow to come in this year with currently 71 members and 46 memberships, which is down by around 20 memberships on this time last year. Membership renewals were due at the end of June and renewal notices were sent in the Autumn and Winter issues of the Malamute Mail, as well as being available on the website.

Motion: That the Vice-Presidents' and Co-ordinator's reports as presented be accepted.

Moved: C McPhan

Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS**6.1 Business Arising from Correspondence**

Nil

6.2 Proposed changes to AMCV Rules

Changes to the AMCV Club Rules are proposed for the following reasons:

1. to comply with the Association Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (the Act)
2. to change the title of the position "Hereditary Disease Officer" to "Health Officer".
3. to change VCA membership requirements for non-Executive Committee members in accordance with VCA rules
4. to make the format and wording of the AMCV Club Rules more consistent with the "Consumer Affairs Victoria Model Rules for an Incorporated Association" (Model Rules)*.

Note: The corresponding clause in the current AMCV Club Rules is included in italics where applicable.

6.2.1 Motion: All references to the 1981 Act to be changed to "Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012".

Moved: S McPhan, Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.2 Motion: All references to Clause and Sub-clause to be changed to Rule and Subrule respectively in line with terminology used in the Model Rules.

Moved: *C McPhan*, Seconded: *A Gray*

CARRIED

6.2.3 Motion: That Rule 2 “Purposes” be added to the AMCV Club Rules in accordance with requirements of The Act as follows:

2. Purposes

The purposes of the association are

- (a) to affiliate with the Victorian Canine Association (VCA) 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 the invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such manner as the members or the Committee in lieu thereof shall determine;
- (o) to purchase, hire, lease, etc. and do such things as are 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.

Moved: *A Gray*, Seconded: *C McPhan*

CARRIED

6.2.4 Motion: The following definitions to be added under Rule 3(1): “Interpretation” (current rule 2.1) in line with the definitions in the Model Rules (Rule 4):

Rule 3(1): INTERPRETATION

"Absolute majority", of the Committee, means a majority of the committee members currently holding office and entitled to vote at the time (as distinct from a majority of committee members present at a committee meeting);

"Act", means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and includes any regulations made under that Act.

"Association", has the same meaning as is ascribed to that word by Section 3 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 which, inter alia, includes a Club.

"Chairperson", of a general meeting or committee meeting, means the person chairing the meeting as required under rule 19(6);

"Committee Meeting", means a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with these Rules;

"Committee Member", means a member of the Committee elected or appointed under Rule 28;

"Disciplinary Appeal Meeting", means a meeting of the members of the Association convened under rule 23(3);

"Disciplinary Meeting", means a meeting of the Committee convened for the purposes of rule 22;

"Disciplinary Subcommittee", means the subcommittee appointed under rule 20;

"General Meeting", means a general meeting of the members of the Association convened in accordance with Part 4 and includes an annual general meeting, a special general meeting and a disciplinary appeal meeting;

"Member entitled to vote", means a member who under rule 30 is entitled to vote at a general meeting;

"Officers", for the purpose of these Rules, has the same meaning as is ascribed to the word "Office Bearers".

"Special Resolution", means a resolution that requires not less than three-quarters of the members voting at a general meeting, whether in person or by proxy, to vote in favour of the resolution;

"The Registrar", means the Registrar of Incorporated Associations.

Moved: *C McPhan*, Seconded: *A Gray*

CARRIED

6.2.5 Motion: That Rule 4: “Powers of Association” as per the Model Rules (Rule 5) be added as follows:

4. Powers of Association

- (1) Subject to the Act, the Association has power to do all things incidental or conducive to achieve its purposes.
- (2) Without limiting subrule (1), the Association may:
 - (a) acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property;
 - (b) open and operate accounts with financial institutions;

- (c) invest its money in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested;
 - (d) raise and borrow money on any terms and in any manner as it thinks fit;
 - (e) secure the repayment of money raised or borrowed, or the payment of a debt or liability;
 - (f) appoint agents to transact business on its behalf;
 - (g) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.
- (3) The Association may only exercise its powers and use its income and assets (including any surplus) for its purposes.

Moved: A Gray, Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.6 Motion: That Rule 5: "Not for Profit Organisation" be added (as per Model Rule 6) as follows:

- 5. Not for profit organisation
 - (1) The Association must not distribute any surplus, income or assets directly or indirectly to its members.
 - (2) Subrule (1) does not prevent the Association from paying a member:
 - (a) reimbursement for expenses properly incurred by the member; or
 - (b) for goods or services provided by the member:
 if this is done in good faith on terms no more favourable than if the member was not a member.
- Note: Section 33 of the Act provides that an incorporated association must not secure pecuniary profit for its members. Section 4 of the Act sets out in more detail the circumstances under which an incorporated association is not taken to secure pecuniary profit for its members.*

Moved: A Gray, Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.7 Motion: That Rule 6(1): "Minimum number of members" be added as per Model Rule 7 as follows:

- 6(1) Minimum number of members:
The Association must have at least 5 members.

Moved: C McPhan, Seconded: M Gray

CARRIED

6.2.8 Motion: That Rule 6(2), (4), (6) & (7) (current rule 3) be amended to replace "nominee" and "nomination" with "applicant" and "application" respectively, and remove reference to "nominated" as follows:

- 6. Application for membership
- (2) A natural person owning a pure bred dog and interested in any of the activities referred to in the Statement of Purposes of the Club who is ~~nominated and~~ approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Club on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these Rules.
- (3) A person who is not a member of the Club at the time of the incorporation of the Club (or who was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership unless ~~nominated as provided in Subrule (4) and~~ the admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- (4) An application for membership shall be in such form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe and shall be signed by the applicant ~~(and the nominee where the form so provides)~~ and lodged with the Secretary of the Club accompanied by the fees prescribed in Rule 7.
- (6) Upon a ~~nomination~~ an application being referred to the Committee, the Committee shall determine whether to approve or to reject the application.
- (7) (a) Upon a ~~nomination~~ an application being approved by the Committee, the Secretary shall enter the ~~nominee's~~ applicant's name in the register of members and upon the name being so entered, the ~~nominee~~ applicant becomes a member of the Club.

Moved: A Gray, Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.9 Motion: That Rule 6(7 b & c) regarding rejection of a membership application be added as per Model Rules 10 (3) & (4) as follows:

- 6 (7) (b) If the Committee rejects the application, it must return any money accompanying the application to the applicant.
- (c) No reason need be given for the rejection of an application

Moved: C McPhan, Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.10 Motion: That subheading 12 "Disciplinary Action" be added as per Model Rules (Division 2).

Note: there is no change to the subrules relating to Disciplinary Action (current Rule 9).

Moved: A Gray Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.11 Motion: That the following amendments be made to Rule 22 "Officers of the Club" (current rule 21(1)):

- a. delete "a Public Officer" in accordance with the Act, and
 - b. add "each of whom shall be members of the VCA Inc." as follows:
- 22. Officers of the Club
 - (1) The Officers of the Club shall be:
 - (a) a President;
 - (b) two (2) Vice-Presidents;
 - (c) a Treasurer;
 - (d) a Secretary; and

- (e) a Public Officer (refer Section 26 of the Act); and
 - (e) such other Officers as required
- each of whom shall be members of the VCA Inc.

Moved: S Vanderpol Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.12 Motion: That rule 23 “General Duties” be added in line with Model Rule 45) as follows:

23. General Duties

- (1) As soon as practicable after being elected or appointed to the Committee, each committee member must become familiar with these Rules and the Act.
- (2) The Committee is collectively responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the Act and that individual members of the Committee comply with these Rules.
- (3) Committee members must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence.
- (4) Committee members must exercise their powers and discharge their duties:
 - (a) in good faith in the best interests of the Association; and
 - (b) for a proper purpose.
- (5) Committee members and former committee members must not make improper use of:
 - (a) their position; or
 - (b) information acquired by virtue of holding their position:
 - so as to gain an advantage for themselves or any other person or to cause detriment to the Association.

Note: See also Division 3 of Part 6 of the Act which sets out the general duties of the office holders of an incorporated association.

Moved: C McPhan Seconded: S Vanderpol

CARRIED

6.2.13 Motion: That Rule 24 “President and Vice Presidents” be added in line with Model Rules (Rule 46) as follows:

24. President and Vice-Presidents

- (1) Subject to subrule (2), the President or, in the President's absence, a Vice-President is the Chairperson for any general meetings and for any committee meetings.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent, or are unable to preside, the Chairperson of the meeting must be:
 - (a) in the case of a general meeting—a member elected by the other members present; or
 - (b) in the case of a committee meeting—a committee member elected by the other committee members present.

Moved: A Gray Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.14 Motion: That:

- a. subrules (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) be added to Rule 25 “Secretary” (current Rule 29) as per wording of Model Rule 47, and**
 - b. reference to Public Officer (current rule 29(2)) be deleted in accordance with the Act.**
- as follows:**

25. Secretary

- (1) The Secretary must perform any duty or function required under the Act to be performed by the secretary of an incorporated association.
- (2) The Secretary must:
 - (a) maintain the register of members in accordance with rule 8; and
 - (b) keep and maintain minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings;
 - (c) keep custody of the common seal (if any) of the Association and, except for the financial records referred to in rule 36(3), all books, documents and securities of the Association in accordance with rules 41 and 42; and
 - (d) subject to the Act and these Rules, provide members with access to the register of members, the minutes of general meetings and other books and documents; and
 - (e) keep and maintain all necessary records of the affairs of the club including a complete record of awards made at all exhibitions and shows conducted by the Club, where necessary; and
 - (f) perform any other duty or function imposed on the Secretary by these Rules.

Moved: C McPhan Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.15 Motion: That subrules 1(c), 1(d), (2) and (3) to be inserted in Rule 26 “Treasurer” (current rule 30) in line with wording of Model Rule 48 as follows:

26. Treasurer

- (1) The Treasurer must:
 - (c) Make any payments authorised by the Committee or by a general meeting of the Association from the Association's funds;
 - (d) Ensure cheques are signed by at least 2 committee members;
- (2) The Treasurer must:
 - (a) Ensure that the financial records of the Association are kept in accordance with the Act; and

- (b) Coordinate the preparation of the financial statements of the Association and their certification by the Committee prior to their submission to the annual general meeting of the Association.
- (3) The Treasurer must ensure that at least one other committee member has access to the accounts and financial records of the Association.

Moved: R Koch Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.16 Motion: That in Rule 27 "Composition of Committee" (current rule 24 (1)):

- (1) *"Hereditary Diseases Officer" be changed to "Health Officer"*
 (2) *"each of whom shall be members of the VCA Inc." be deleted as follows:*

27. Composition of Committee

(1) Subject to the Act, the Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the Officers of the Club; and
 (b) the following Committee positions: Show Secretary, Health Officer, Puppy & Referral Officer; Publicity/Education Officer, Fund Raising Co-ordinator, Sledding Co-ordinator, Weight-pull Co-ordinator, Back-packing Co-ordinator, Obedience Co-ordinator, Newsletter Editor.

each of whom shall be members of the VCA Inc.

Note: Only Officers of the Club are required to be VCA members under VCA Rules (Rule 3.4.3.4).

Moved: C McPhan Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.17 Motion: That reference to Public Officer be deleted from Rule 30 "Nomination and Voting" (current rule 27) in accordance with the Act as follows:

30. Nomination and Voting

- (1) Unless the Club's By-Laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for but not hold more than one position on the Committee, ~~except for the position of Public Officer.~~

Moved: A Gray Seconded: S McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.18 Motion: That subrule 10 "Use of technology" be inserted in Rule 31 "Meeting of the Committee" (current rule 28) in line with Model Rule 62 as follows:

(10) Use of technology

- (a) A member not physically present at a Committee meeting may be permitted to participate in the meeting by the use of technology that allows that member and the members present at the meeting to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other.
 (b) For the purposes of this Part, a member participating in a Committee meeting as permitted under subrule (10a) is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

Moved: A Gray Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.19 Motion: That subrule (11) "Conflict of Interest" be inserted in Rule 31 "Meeting of the Committee" (current rule 28) in line with Model Rule 65 as follows:

(11) Conflict of interest

- (1) A committee member who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a committee meeting must disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the Committee.
 (2) The member—
 (a) must not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting;
 and
 (b) must not vote on the matter.

Note: Under section 81(3) of the Act, if there are insufficient committee members to form a quorum because a member who has a material personal interest is disqualified from voting on a matter, a general meeting may be called to deal with the matter.

(3) This rule does not apply to a material personal interest—

- (a) that exists only because the member belongs to a class of persons for whose benefit the Association is established; or
 (b) that the member has in common with all, or a substantial proportion of, the members of the Association.

Moved: M Gray Seconded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.20 Motion: That subrule (12) "Minutes of Meeting" be inserted in Rule 31 "Meeting of the Committee" (current rule 28) in line with Model Rule 66 as follows:

31 (12) Minutes of meeting

- (a) The Committee must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each committee meeting.
 (b) The minutes must record the following—
 (i) the names of the members in attendance at the meeting;
 (ii) the business considered at the meeting;
 (iii) any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote;
 (iv) any material personal interest disclosed under subrule 11.

Moved: S McPhan Seconded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.21 Motion: That reference to Public Officer be deleted from Rule 32 "Removal of Member of Committee" (current rule 31) –in accordance with the Act as follows:

32. Removal of Member of Committee ~~or public officer~~

Moved: C McPhan Secoded: A Gray

CARRIED

6.2.22 Motion: That Rule 35 "Source of Funds" be added in line with Model Rule 68 as follows:

35. Source of funds

The funds of the Association may be derived from joining fees, annual subscriptions, donations, fund-raising activities, grants, interest and any other sources approved by the Committee.

Moved: D Manser Secoded: C McPhan

CARRIED

6.2.23 Motion: That Rule 37 "Financial statements" be added in line with Model Rule 71 as follows:

37. Financial statements

(1) For each financial year, the Committee must ensure that the requirements under the Act relating to the financial statements of the Association are met.

(2) Without limiting subrule (1), those requirements include:

- (a) the preparation of the financial statements;
- (b) the auditing of the financial statements;
- (c) the certification of the financial statements by the Committee;
- (d) the submission of the financial statements to the annual general meeting of the Association;
- (e) the lodgement with the Registrar of the financial statements and accompanying reports, certificates, statements and fee.

Moved: D Manser Secoded: R Koch

CARRIED

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting: Thursday, 9 October 2014

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20 pm

Appendix 1 – Correspondence List**CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

For General Meeting held on 4 September 2014 at the Bulla Exhibition Centre

Incoming Correspondence - received since General Meeting of 27 March 2014

Date Rec'd	From	Subject
23/2/14	Utility Dog Club	Donation of BIS Rosette & requesting donation for UDCV Champ Show Best of Breed
2/3/14	Border Collie Club Victoria	Giving permission to use weight pull area of KCC Park on 30 March
4/3/14	Petplan insurance	Updated insurance certificate listing Parks Victoria as interested party
7/3/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 7 March
12/3/14	Dogs Victoria – A Bisak	Confirmation of meeting room booking for 21 May
14/3/14	Barbara Doyle	Requesting Malamutes for Judges Training night 6 May
21/3/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 21 March
22/3/14	Marty Cord	Resignation from position of Obedience coordinator
23/3/14	NVSDC	Requesting donations for 1 st Malamute for NVSDC Classic
25/1/14	Kevin Ryan	Request to video sled dog race events
25/3/14	Sharon Easton	Complaint against Member Kellie-Ann Elia
25/3/14	Jarade McFillin	Request for reputable breeders in Queensland
26/3/14	Kellie-Ann Elia	Explanation of events leading to complaint by Sharon Easton
26/3/14	Sharon Easton	Response to acknowledgement of receipt of complaint
26/3/14	Parks Victoria – J Locke	Permission to use horse corale area for all sledding events in 2014
26/3/14	Dogs Victoria	Non-Dogs Victoria Insurance Levy form
28/3/14	Dogs Victoria	2015 draft calendar
28/3/14	Anonymous	Article on desexing of dogs at a young age
4/4/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 4 April

Date Rec'd	From	Subject
27/3/14 to 10/4/14	S Easton	Complaint against member and procedures at Committee Meetings
11/4/14	S Easton	Re outcome of enquiry by Legal Services Commission
15/4/14	Parks Victoria – M Whyte	Re permit for You Yangs
22/4/14	Bulla Facilities Committee	Storage of club trophies at Bulla
25/4/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 25 April
29/4/14	B Doyle	Reminder – Judges training night for Alaskan Malamutes
29/4/14	Parks Victoria	You Yangs event permit & invoice
2/5/14	Genes in Motion	Sponsorship offer
2/5/14	Melbourne University	Pet First Aid course
3/5/14	NVSDC	Receipt for donation
6/5/14	Parks Victoria – J Locke	Re: Fee for use of You Yangs for sledding
7/5/14	Dogs Victoria	ANKC Judge approval
9/5/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 9 May
9/5/14	Helen Seaman	Donation of scooter owned by the late Mike Seaman
9/5/14	M McGuire	Weight pull results calculator
15/4/14	Dogs Victoria	Re meeting room booking 21 May
22/6/14	Parks Victoria – J Locke	Clarification of permit fees for You Yangs
23/5/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 23 May
29/5/14	Dogs Victoria	Non-Dogs Victoria Insurance Levy form
2/6/14	Dogs Victoria	Reminder re affiliation requirements
18/6/14	Bendigo Bank	Donation receipt – Oxfam account
19/6/14	RASV	Requesting donations for 2014 Melbourne Royal
20/6/14	Dogs Victoria	At A Glance Newsletter 20 June
22/6/14	Amy Kennedy	Breed / puppy enquiry
30/6/14	Parks Victoria	You Yangs event permit application and invoice for 2014.

Outgoing Correspondence - sent since Committee Meeting of 27 March 2014

Date:	Sent To:	Subject:
27/2/14	Border Collie Club Victoria	Requesting permission to use weight pull area of KCC Park on 30 March
27/2/14	Joyce Winspear	Confirming Associate Working Dog title awards (email)
4/3/14	Joyce Winspear	Letter of confirmation and Certificates for Working dog titles
4/3/14	Parks Victoria – J Locke	Submission of updated insurance certificate in support of permit application
12/3/14	Dogs Victoria – A Bisak	Requesting meeting room booking for 21 May Committee Meeting
22/3/14	Marty Cord	Acknowledging receipt of letter of resignation
25/3/14	Sharon Easton	Acknowledging receipt of complaint against AMCV member
25/3/14	Parks Victoria – J Locke	Requesting use of horse coral area of You Yangs for all sledding events
27/3/14	Jarade McFillin	Response to request regarding reputable breeders in Queensland
27/3/14	Barbara Doyle	Response to request for Malamutes to attend judges training night 6 May
3/4/14	S Easton	Response to complaint re Facebook post
4/4/14	S Easton	Re notification of outcome of Legal Services Commission investigation
5/4/14	PetPlan	Informing of possible legal action against AMCV
6/4/14	Dogs Victoria	Insurance levy for non-Dogs Victoria members 1 Jan to 31 March 2014
9/4/14	Dogs Victoria	Request & fee for International Judge clearance letter
27/3/14 to 10/4/14	S Easton	Re: Complaint against member and procedures at Committee Meetings
18/4/14	UDCV	Donation for BOB Malamute at UDCV Championship Show
23/4/14	Dogs Victoria	Championship Show advertisement & fee
24/4/14	Computer Sashes	Weight Pull ribbon order
12/5/14	H Seaman	Thank you for donation of scooter
29/5/14	Dogs Victoria	Informing of new email address
23/6/14	Amy Kennedy	Response to breed / puppy enquiry
3/7/14	Computer Sashes	State Cup Sash order

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Financial Reports for February to June 2014 prepared by the Treasurer
for the Committee Meeting held on 4 September 2014 at the Bulla Exhibition Centre.

1. BANK RECONCILIATION
2. Details of CHEQUES WRITTEN
3. Payments received
4. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (see Annual General Meeting Reports)

1. STATEMENT OF BANK RECONCILIATION as at 28 February 2014

		\$	\$	\$
Total Members Funds as of:	1 Feb			14732.03
Cheque account balance as of	1 Feb	5551.23		
Plus income		46.00		
Less expenditure		15.00		
Cheque account balance as of	28 Feb 2014	5582.23		
Less unpresented cheques		672.80		
Total as per Cash Book as of:	28 Feb 2014		4909.43	
Plus balance of Investment account as of:	1 Feb	9680.80		
Plus Investment account income		5.10		
Less Investment account expense		0.51		
Bendigo Investment Account total as of:	28 Feb 2014		9685.39	
Total Members Funds as of:	28 Feb 2014			14594.82
Representing a LOSS for the month of	Feb 2104			-137.21

2. CHEQUES WRITTEN for the month of February 2014

Date	Cheque No.	Category	Payee	Details	Amount
3/02/2014	874	Membership - VCA Levy	Dogs Victoria	Non-Dogs Victoria insurance levy 1/10-31/12/13	\$ 15.00
26/02/2014	875	Newsletter - Printing	Saturn Graphics	Newsletter printing - Summer Malamute Mail	\$ 172.80

3. PAYMENTS RECEIVED for the month of February 2014

Date	Category	Payee	Details	Amount
17/2/14	Membership	K Cameron	New Membership application - Single non-VCA	\$ 46.00

1. STATEMENT OF BANK RECONCILIATION as at 31 March 2014

		\$	\$	\$
Total Members Funds as of:	1 Mar			14594.82
Cheque account balance as of	1 Mar	5582.23		
Plus income		581.00		
Less expenditure		721.30		
Cheque account balance as of	31 Mar 2014	5441.93		
Less unpresented cheques		278.80		
Total as per Cash Book as of:	31 Mar 2014		5163.13	
Plus balance of Investment account as of:	1 Mar	9685.39		
Plus Investment account income		4.61		
Less Investment account expense		0.46		
Bendigo Investment Account total as of:	31 Mar 2014		9689.54	
Total Members Funds as of:	31 Mar 2014			14852.67
Representing a PROFIT for the month of	Mar 2014			257.85

2. CHEQUES WRITTEN for the month of March 2014

Date	Cheque No.	Category	Payee	Details	Amount
14/03/2014	876	Administration costs	Dogs Victoria	Meeting room hire - 26/2/14	\$ 48.50
27/03/2014	877	Show	ANKC Ltd	Championship Show - Judge application	\$ 100.00
27/03/2014	878	Show	S McPhan	Reimbursement - engraving on perpetual show pointscore trophy	\$ 10.00
27/03/2014	879	Show	TrophiesAreUs	Show point score awards	\$ 168.80

3. PAYMENTS RECEIVED for the month of March 2014

Date	Category	Payee	Details	Amount
5/03/2014	Show	L Browning	Open show donation	\$ 50.00
17/03/2014	Working Dog Titles	J Winspear	Application fee - Associate Working dog titles x 2	\$ 80.00
17/03/2014	Fundraising	P Lawrence	Fundraising Auction - scooter payment	\$ 275.00
17/03/2014	Merchandise - Other	Windchill Dog Gear	Product sales commission - activities day 16/3/14	\$ 128.00
23/03/2014	Backpacking	Backpacking income	Hike event fees & backpack hire - picnic fun walk 23/3/14	\$ 13.00
23/03/2014	Show	S Koch	Open Show donation	\$ 25.00
25/03/2014	Newsletter - advertising	A Paxton	Newsletter - quarter page advertisement	\$ 10.00

1. STATEMENT OF BANK RECONCILIATION as at 31 April 2014

		\$	\$	\$
Total Members Funds as of:	1 April			14852.67
Cheque account balance as of	1 April	5441.93		
Plus income		550.00		
Less expenditure		1703.34		
Cheque account balance as of	30 April 2014	4288.59		
Less unrepresented cheques		138.13		
Total as per Cash Book as of:	30 April 2014		4150.46	
Plus balance of Investment account as of:	1 April	9689.54		
Plus Investment account income		5.10		
Less Investment account expense		0.51		
Bendigo Investment Account total as of:	30 April 2014		9694.13	
Total Members Funds as of:	30 April 2014			13844.59
Representing a LOSS for the month of	April 2014			-1008.08

2. CHEQUES WRITTEN for the month of April 2014

Date	Cheque No.	Category	Payee	Details	Amount
4/04/2014	880	Administration costs	Dogs Victoria	Meeting room hire - 27/3/14	\$ 48.50
4/04/2014	881	Sledding	R Koch	Reimbursement for donation to NVSDC	\$ 60.00
7/04/2014	882	Membership	Dogs Victoria	Non-Dogs Victoria insurance levy 1/1/14-31/3/14	\$ 7.50
9/04/2014	883	Show	Dogs Victoria	ANKC fee: International judge letter	\$ 10.00
12/04/2014	884	Show	R Koch	Reimbursement for Open Show prizes	\$137.62
17/04/2014	885	Show	Dogs Victoria	Open Show Levy	\$ 42.50
18/04/2014	886	Show	Utility Dog Club	Sash Donation - BOB UDCV Champ Show	\$ 15.00
23/04/2014	887	Show	Dogs Victoria	Championship Show advert in Dogs Vic magazine	\$273.00
23/04/2014	888	Fundraising	Mondelez Aust	Cadbury Fundraiser Chocolates	\$887.92
29/04/2014	889	Weight Pull	Computer Sashes	Weight pull ribbons	\$ 80.63

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The Dangers of Grass Seeds and Plant Awns

Summer is finally here and many of us are taking our dogs for lovely long walks through fields and woods. But at this time of year Vets start to see a lot of patients (particularly dogs), with grass seeds and plant awns embedded painfully in various parts of the body.

During hot summery conditions grasses and plants start to dry out and their barbed seeds begin to scatter. These can cause major problems for our dogs (and occasionally other pets), who often get these seeds caught in their paws, nostrils, ears, eyes skin and any orifice, including genitals. The problem is that these seeds have 'one-way' barbs that allow the seed to work its way through the fur, in one direction only, and then into the skin of the animal. If they are not found and removed quickly, these seeds have been known to work their way through the skin and end up causing serious problems as they migrate further into the body.

The most common places we see grass seeds or plant awns

Paws – The grass seed gets hooked into the fur, especially in the groves between the toes on top of the paw and the between the pads beneath the paw, and then starts making its way toward the skin. It can then penetrate the skin and burrow

deeper into the tissue leaving a tract (narrow tunnel) behind. The first sign of this is usually persistent licking and/or nibbling between the toes or of the whole paw because the grass seed causes pain, discomfort, swelling, inflammation, lameness and infection.

Ears – Grass seeds that get caught in the ear hair can soon make their way down the ear canal and end up next to the very delicate ear drum. The signs of this are usually pawing of the ear, head shaking, rubbing the head/ear on the ground and also inflammation (redness) of the ear flap. If left the grass seed may penetrate the ear drum and cause worse problems,

Nose - Grass seeds are sometimes inhaled by the animal and then get lodged in the nasal passage. The signs of this are usually sneezing or snorting, pawing at the nose and some nasal discharge.

Other less common places can include the eyes where the seed causes irritation to the surrounding area or even penetrates the eye itself. Or the mouth, where the seeds can get lodged in the gums or throat, causing irritation, pain and discomfort. From here the seed could travel down into the body causing abscesses and damage to internal organs or vertebrae.



Removal of grass seeds and plant awns

If you are lucky you may find the seed as it is just starting to penetrate the skin. These can usually be pulled out gently with some tweezers and the wound can be bathed and treated with an antiseptic solution.

Once a grass seed has penetrated the skin the process becomes much more difficult. Because they are vegetable matter, grass seeds and awns will not show up on an X-ray and can be very difficult for the vet to locate; it is often like searching for the proverbial needle in a haystack. In most cases the patient will need a heavy sedation or a general anaesthetic before the vet can remove the seed because of the pain and inflammation caused.

When removing seeds from the ear canal the vet uses the otoscope to look down the ear canal and a pair of sterile crocodile forceps (pictured), which are narrow and long and have a grasping mechanism that can be used to remove the seed once it has been located.

For seeds in the paws and skin, the vet will again use the crocodile forceps by inserting them into the tract left by the seed as it entered the skin, unfortunately because the seed

cannot be seen this is often a very frustrating procedure for the vet, and may require several attempts with several anaesthetics for the pet.

Prevention is better than cure!

- Be particularly vigilant at checking your pet's coat for grass seeds, plant seeds and burs that may become entangled in the hair.
- Daily grooming will help remove any attached seeds and help you check for any suspicious looking areas or wounds.
- Keep hair around the feet, foot pads and ears trimmed short if possible, as this will help prevent grass seeds attaching.
- Avoid walking in areas with long grasses during this time of year.
- Don't allow your dog to chew grasses that have seed heads on them.
- If your pet is showing any signs of discomfort, such as licking, lameness, head shaking, excessive sneezing, coughing etc. or if you find a wound that you suspect could be from a seed take them to the vet as soon as possible. The quicker we can remove the seed, the less damage it will do.

Thank you to Michele Nimmo for submitting this article.

The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc.

Incorporations Registration Number A0016353X

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria, Inc., held at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla on **Thursday, 9 October 2014** commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Ian Luke (Chair), Ash Blackwood, Carla Brightwell, Sharon Easton, Mel Gray, Dale Green, Matthew Hutton, Annemarie Hutton, Simon Kirkpatrick, Ralph Koch, Sandy Koch, E Levett, Sharen McPhan, Colin McPhan, Alan Pitchforth, Joedy Neeleman, Jennifer Cornell, Dayna Manser, Olive Singer, Stuart Vanderpol, Antoinette Wagenvoort, Victor Young

Apologies: B Acht, L Green, K Bryson, A Paxton, M Turner, S Turner

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm.

The President welcomed the club Patron, Olive Singer, and the members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1.	<u>Apologies</u> Motion: <i>That the apologies (as listed above) be accepted.</i> <i>Moved: D Green Seconded: J Cornell</i>	CARRIED
2.1	<u>Election of Scrutineers and Returning Officer</u> The election of Scrutineers and a Returning Officer was held over to be addressed later in the meeting if required (see item 2.2 below).	
3.	<u>Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting</u> Motion: <i>That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, 10 October 2013, and as published in the Spring 2013 issue of "The Malamute Mail", be accepted as read.</i> <i>Moved: M Gray Seconded: A Wagenvoort</i> Business Arising: Nil Motion: <i>That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, 10 October 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</i> <i>Moved: M Gray Seconded: A Wagenvoort</i>	CARRIED CARRIED
4.	<u>Correspondence</u> Nil	
5.	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - see attached Ralph Koch distributed and presented the 2013/2014 financial report and Auditor's report to the members. Motion: <i>That the Treasurer's report for the last financial year, 2013/2014 be accepted.</i> <i>Moved: R Koch Seconded: S McPhan</i>	CARRIED
6.	<u>Co-ordinators' & Office Bearers' Reports</u>	
6.1	<u>President's Report</u> - see attached Ian Luke presented his report to the members.	
6.2	<u>Secretary's Report</u> – see attached Sandy Koch presented her report to the members.	
6.3	<u>Vice President's Report on Breed Welfare</u> Nothing to report.	
6.4	<u>Health Officer's Report</u> - see attached Anna Paxton's report was presented to the members.	
6.5	<u>Puppy Register & Referral Report</u> – see attached Michele Nimmo's report was presented to the members.	
6.6	<u>Education & Publicity Report</u> - see attached Dayner Manser presented her report to the members.	
6.7	<u>Vice President's Report on Activities</u> – see attached Sharen McPhan presented her report to the members.	
6.8	<u>Show Secretary's Report</u> - see attached Lorraine Green's report was presented to the members.	
6.9	<u>Sledding Co-ordinator's Report</u> - see attached Ralph Koch presented his report to the members.	
6.10	<u>Weight-Pull Co-ordinator's Report</u> - see attached Mel Gray's report was presented to the members.	
6.11	<u>Backpacking Co-ordinator's Report</u> - see attached Stuart Vanderpol presented his report to the members.	
6.12	<u>Obedience Co-ordinator's Report</u> – see attached Kellie Bryson's report was presented to the members.	
6.13	<u>Fundraising Coordinator's Report</u> - see attached	

6.14	<p>Sharen McPhan presented her report to the members.</p> <p><u>Newsletter Editor's Report</u> - <i>see attached</i></p> <p>Sandy Koch presented her report to the members.</p> <p>Motion: <i>That the coordinators' and office bearers' reports be accepted as presented.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: D Green Seconded: M Hutton</i></p>	CARRIED
7.	<p><u>Presentation of Awards</u></p> <p>The following presentations were made:</p> <p><u>WORKING DOG TITLES</u></p> <p>Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent <i>Kataku All Shadow</i> "Shadow" owned by Bradley Acht</p> <p>Associate Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent <i>Ravenswyke Apache Chief</i> "Apache" owned by Joyce Winspear</p> <p>Associate Working Weight Pull Dog <i>Wolfpack Red Baron</i> "Kodiak" owned by Joyce Winspear</p> <p>Working Lead Dog <i>Tanome Legend of the Knight (AI)</i> "Rush" owned by Sharen McPhan</p> <p><u>ANNUAL WEIGHT PULL COMPETITION</u></p> <p>Under 36 kg Class:</p> <p>1st: <i>Tanome Against the Grain</i> "Darcy" owned by Sharen McPhan 2nd: <i>Thomla Sweet Oopsa Daisy</i> "Daisy" owned by Ian Luke 3rd: <i>Kataku Mystical Dawn</i> "Luna" owned by Ian Luke</p> <p>36-45 kg Class:</p> <p>1st: <i>Kataku All Shadow</i> "Shadow" owned by Bradley Acht 2nd: <i>Chimo Ice Eagle</i> "Chardy" owned by Mel Gray 3rd: <i>Tanome Kiss Thiss</i> "Jai" owned by Sharen McPhan</p> <p>Top Weight Pull Dog of the Year <i>Kataku All Shadow</i> "Shadow" owned by Bradley Acht</p> <p>Windchill Tawni Tugger Weight Pull Shield <i>Tanome Against the Grain</i> "Darcy" owned by Sharen McPhan</p> <p><u>SLEDDING STATE CUP</u></p> <p>1-Dog Class: Ralph Koch & Bosco 2-Dog Class: Ash Blackwood, Mutie & Nukka 4-Dog Class: Merv Turner, Ava Iggy Claude & Elliott</p> <p><u>SLEDDING DOG & DRIVER POINT SCORE COMPETITION</u></p> <p>1-Dog Class:</p> <p>1st Ralph Koch & Bosco 2nd Simon Kirkpatrick & Kaya 3rd: Alan Pitchforth & Tacoma</p> <p>2-Dog Class:</p> <p>1st: Stuart Vanderpol, Jethro & Meeca 2nd: Ash Blackwood, Mutie & Nukka 3rd: Joedy Neeleman, Midnight & Cheyenne</p> <p>4-Dog Class:</p> <p>1st: Colin McPhan, Jack, Darcy, Millie & Rush 2nd: Ian Luke, Daisy, Luna, Finn & Wilfred 3rd: Merv Turner, Ava, Iggy, Claude & Elliott</p> <p><u>NEW CHAMPION</u> <i>Ch Niltaran Karuzr Layla (AI)</i> owned by Niltaran Kennels</p>	
8.	<p><u>Election of Officer Bearers and Committee Members</u></p> <p>The President declared all Committee positions vacant.</p> <p>8.1 President: Sandy Koch was the sole nominee and was declared.</p> <p>8.2 Secretary: Sharen McPhan was the sole nominee and was declared.</p> <p>8.3 Vice President (Activities): Colin McPhan was the sole nominee and was declared.</p> <p>8.4 Vice President (Breed Welfare): Victor Young was the sole nominee and was declared.</p> <p>8.5 Treasurer: Ralph Koch was the sole nominee and was declared.</p> <p>8.6 Newsletter Editor: Sharon Easton was the sole nominee and was declared.</p>	

8.7	Malamute Health Officer:	Shelley Turner was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.8	Puppy Registrar/Referral Officer:	No nominations were received. Michele Nimmo has indicated that she would be happy to continue in the role should there be no interest – this will be dealt with at the Committee Meeting.
8.9	Publicity /Education Co-ordinator	Dayna Manser was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.10	Fundraising Officer:	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E’vette Levett accepted the nomination by R Koch, Seconded by D Green. • Matthew Hutton accepted the nomination by J Neeleman, Seconded by J Cornell <i>Agenda Item 8.10 was suspended pending appointment of a Returning Officer and 2 Scrutineers.</i>
2.2	<u>Election of Scrutineers and Returning Officer</u>	As more than one nomination was received for the position of Fundraising Officer, the appointment of a Returning Officer and 2 Scrutineers as per Item 2 was required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being the sole nominee, Colin McPhan accepted the position of Returning Officer. • Being the sole nominees, Carla Brightwell & Alan Pitchforth accepted the roles of Scrutineers.
8.10 cont.	<i>Agenda Item 8.10 was resumed:</i>	Voting was carried out by secret ballot. E’vette Levett was the successful nominee for the position of Fundraising Officer and was declared. Matthew Hutton was thanked for his nomination.
8.11	Show Secretary:	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. Dale Green accepted the nomination by O Singer, Seconded by E Levett. There being no other nominations, Dale Green was declared.
8.12	Obedience Co-ordinator:	Kellie Bryson was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.13	Weight-pull Co-ordinator:	Mel Gray was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.14	Backpacking Co-ordinator:	Stuart Vanderpol was the sole nominee and was declared.
8.15	Sledding Co-ordinator:	There being no nominations received, nominations were invited from the floor. <i>I Luke vacated the chair, S Koch took the chair.</i> Ian Luke accepted the nomination by C McPhan Seconded by R Koch. There being no other nominations, Ian Luke was declared.
9.	<u>Destruction of Ballot Papers</u>	
	Motion: <i>That all ballot papers be destroyed.</i>	
	<i>Moved: O Singer Seconded: D Green</i>	CARRIED

The President thanked the club patron, Olive Singer, and members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.



Sledding Awards (L to R): Front row: Stuart Vanderpol, Ralph Koch, Colin McPhan
Back row: Alan Pitchforth, Ian Luke, Joedy Neeleman, Simon Kirkpatrick, Ash Blackwood



Weight Pull Awards (L to R): Ian Luke, Sharen McPhan, Colin McPhan (kneeling), Mel Gray

Don't forget to submit your Show Point Score Results!

Send your marked catalogues to the Show Secretary, Dale Green at PO Box 386, Kilmore VIC 3764, email thomla09@bigpond.com or hand your catalogue to Nicole or Dale Green.



2014 Annual General Meeting Reports

Treasurers' report

The club made a loss of \$1167.33 due mainly to the drop in membership numbers, \$600 in donations for Malamute rescue, and fewer weight pull and sledding events. In addition, there was an expenditure of around \$1000 for fundraising prior to the end of the financial year that has not received income until the current financial year.

Thanks again to Sharen for her efforts in the fundraising role. Although the annual report indicates a profit of around \$600 for fundraising, a further \$500 has come in over the months since July giving a profit of around \$1100. With fewer events for fundraising opportunities over the year and fundraising not being possible at the last Championship Show due to the poor weather, raising over \$1000 profit is quite an achievement. Thanks also to all those who supported the club's fundraising efforts with donations, by purchasing chocolates and participation in raffles, auctions and other fundraising activities throughout the year.

Ralph Koch


Auditor's Report

MICHAEL R LINDSAY FIPA, FTIA

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5 September 2014

To the Committee and Members of the Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria Inc.

I have examined the records and financial books of the Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria Inc., and the final accounts for the year ending 30th June 2014, and in my opinion they present a true and accurate record of the finances of the Club.



Michael R Lindsay

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

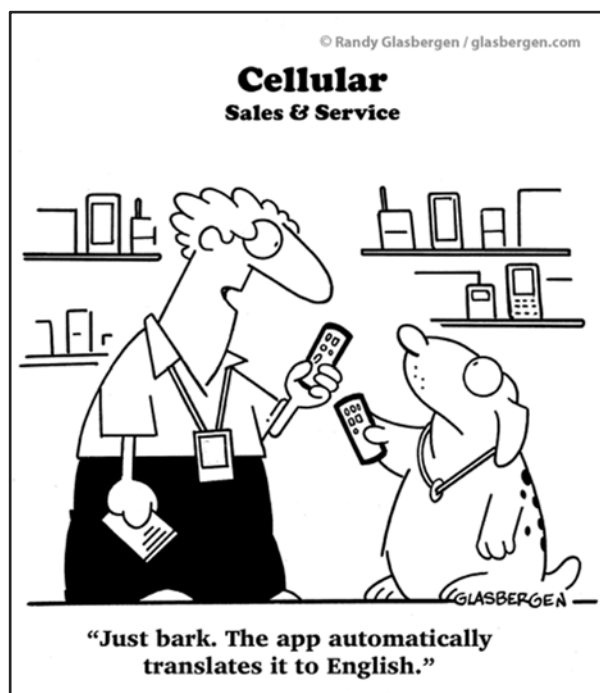
Working Capital	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013
Balance as at 1 July 2013	\$ 16,084.16	\$ 13,736.26
Excess / Loss for Year	\$ -1167.33	\$ 2,347.90
Total Capital	\$ 14,916.83	\$ 16,084.16

Members Funds are represented as follows:

	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013
Balance of Cheque account	\$ 5213.65	\$ 6,438.93
Bendigo Oxfam Investment Account	\$ 9703.18	\$ 9,645.23
Total Members Funds	\$ 14916.83	\$ 16,084.16

Receipts and Payments for Financial Year ended 30 June 2014

Category	\$	\$
	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
INCOME		
Activities	10.00	0.00
Backpacking	45.00	88.00
Breeders Directory	75.00	125.00
Fundraising	2361.00	3123.00
Funds transfer: cheque to investment account	0.00	1000.00
Health - other	0.00	0.00
Interest	64.39	108.03
Litter registration	0.00	0.00
Membership - Fees	2421.00	2615.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing	15.00	143.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural	0.00	5.00
Merchandise - Other	128.00	126.60
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Newsletter - Advertising	385.00	220.00
Newsletter - Printing	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Float	0.00	0.00
Referral	0.00	118.50
Show	1455.00	2392.00
Sledding	1195.50	1817.00
Weight Pull	565.00	641.00
Working Dog titles	310.00	270.00
Total Income	9029.89	12792.13
EXPENDITURE	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
Accounting	15.00	15.00
Activities	1190.57	1063.37
Administration costs - CAV	51.40	43.90
Administration - Meeting room hire	285.00	229.50
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee	314.00	303.00
Administration costs - other	0.00	0.00
Advertising - VCA	192.00	185.50
Bank fees	2.80	0.00
Donation - Oxfam account	6.44	9.90
Fundraising	1729.23	890.97
Funds transfer: cheque to investment account	0.00	1000.00
Health - Ch'd Scheme	0.00	0.00
Meetings	0.00	0.00
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	382.50	352.50
Membership - Other	0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Clothing	0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural	0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Other	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Newsletter - Postage	230.80	418.75
Newsletter - Printing	709.80	1102.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Float - Secretary	0.00	0.00
Publicity & Education	279.49	0.00
Referral - donations	600.00	270.00
Show	2744.41	2858.15
Sledding	1258.21	1343.40
Stationery	80.63	0.00
Weight Pull	124.94	358.29
Total expenditure	10197.22	10444.23
PROFIT/LOSS	-1167.33	2347.90



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – 2013-2014 financial year

Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
INCOME														
Activities						10.00							10.00	0.00
Backpacking			14.00						13.00		18.00		45.00	88.00
Breeders Directory	25.00	25.00										25.00	75.00	125.00
Fundraising		64.00	35.00	48.00	814.00	333.00	50.00		275.00		576.00	166.00	2361.00	3123.00
Funds transfer: cheque to investment account													0.00	1000.00
Health - other													0.00	0.00
Interest	6.66	6.88	5.96	4.92	5.09	4.93	5.09	5.10	4.61	5.10	4.94	5.11	64.39	108.03
Litter registration													0.00	0.00
Membership - Fees	706.00	703.00	83.00	118.00		30.00		46.00		71.00	142.00	522.00	2421.00	2615.00
Merchandise - Embroidered clothing							15.00						15.00	143.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural													0.00	5.00
Merchandise - Other									128.00				128.00	126.60
Miscellaneous													0.00	0.00
Newsletter - Advertising	270.00				15.00				10.00			90.00	385.00	220.00
Newsletter - Printing													0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Float													0.00	0.00
Referral													0.00	118.50
Show				828.00	50.00		141.00		75.00	361.00			1455.00	2392.00
Sledding	366.00	284.00									76.50	469.00	1195.50	1817.00
Weight Pull		75.00	245.00							118.00	127.00		565.00	641.00
Working Dog titles			120.00	60.00	50.00				80.00				310.00	270.00
Total Income	1373.66	1157.88	502.96	1058.92	934.09	377.93	211.09	51.10	585.61	555.10	944.44	1277.11	9029.89	12792.13



Got a cute or funny photo of your Mally?

Then why not share it with us?

We'd love to see your photos so please send them in to the Newsletter Editor by email to amcvinc@gmail.com

WHERE'S WOOFA?

See if you can find naughty festive Woofa who is hiding somewhere in this newsletter



EXPENDITURE	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Year to Date	Previous Year Total
Accounting			15.00										15.00	15.00
Activities		254.50	707.70	90.00		138.37							1190.57	1063.37
Administration costs - CAV				51.40									51.40	43.90
Administration - Meeting room hire			46.50		46.50	46.50			48.50	48.50		48.50	285.00	229.50
Administration - VCA Affiliation fee			314.00										314.00	303.00
Administration costs - other													0.00	0.00
Advertising - VCA						192.00							192.00	185.50
Bank fees						2.80							2.80	0.00
Donation - Oxfam account	0.67	0.69	0.60	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.46	0.51	0.49	0.51	6.44	9.90
Fundraising	13.00			467.96	143.71	56.59				887.92		160.05	1729.23	890.97
Funds transfer: cheque to investment account													0.00	1000.00
Health - Ch'd Scheme													0.00	0.00
Meetings													0.00	0.00
Membership - VCA Insurance levy	135.00			225.00				15.00		7.50			382.50	352.50
Membership - Other													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Clothing													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Vets All Natural													0.00	0.00
Merchandise - Other													0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous													0.00	0.00
Newsletter - Postage		76.80			84.00						70.00		230.80	418.75
Newsletter - Printing		172.00			172.00			172.80			193.00		709.80	1102.00
Newsletter - Other													0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Float - Secretary													0.00	0.00
Publicity & Education				256.00								23.49	279.49	0.00
Referral - donations					500.00		100.00						600.00	270.00
Show	45.90	113.47		967.85	611.14				278.80	478.12	249.13		2744.41	2858.15
Sledding	276.88	467.59		49.60						60.00	313.34	90.80	1258.21	1343.40
Stationery										80.63			80.63	0.00
Weight Pull		124.94											124.94	358.29
Total expenditure	471.45	1209.99	1083.80	2108.30	1557.86	436.75	100.51	188.31	327.76	1563.18	825.96	323.35	10197.22	10444.23
PROFIT/LOSS	902.21	-52.11	-580.84	-1049.38	-623.77	-58.82	110.58	-137.21	257.85	-1008.08	118.48	953.76	-1167.33	2347.90

President's report

As another year draws to a close, it's once again time to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work throughout the year. Changing circumstances limited my ability to attend many club events, and it's generally been a very quiet year.

We remain financially sound, and the members continue to benefit from steady, responsible management of Club affairs.

Congratulations to all those who have enjoyed success with their dogs this year, regardless of whether success is determined by results or participation. Whether your enjoyment has involved the show ring, sledding, backpacking, weight pulling, obedience, Endurance trials or just spending time with your dog no matter the end result you're a winner.

While numbers in the show ring seem to be dropping off, participation in other events remain steady and in weight pull in particular are increasing. This is encouraging as we move towards a new year.

This year sees our 24th Championship Show, to be judged by breed specialist Arie Schwarz. It is also the second and final year in an experimental attempt to pull bigger entries by proximity to the Sunbury weekend. Our 25th Anniversary Show will move back to September and the Melbourne Royal.

On behalf of the outgoing Committee, I thank the members for their ongoing support over the last year. And I offer my particular thanks to those Committee members who have elected not to re-stand. As usual, some die-hards will continue on, and I'm confident their steady presence will ensure another successful year for the Club.

As always, it has been my privilege to serve the membership. I leave the members in the safe and secure hands of our new President, Sandy Koch, and wish the new committee every success.

Ian Luke

Secretary's report

Membership numbers have been steadily dropping over the last few years and we currently have around 50 memberships and 80 members, however a reminder notice will be sent to prompt those who have forgotten. Lower membership numbers are not limited to our club, and are perhaps reflected in the lower numbers of exhibitors in the show ring and entries in events and the show point score competition. With so much information now being available on the website and Facebook, perhaps there is less need for people to join a club.

As always, the Committee has worked hard and well to achieve a larger number of events and activities over the past year and keep the club running smoothly. In particular, it has been a pleasure to work with Ian as President and his knowledge, support and expertise will be sorely missed now he has finally managed to get his wish and step down from the role – unfortunately for me he leaves big shoes to fill.

Thanks to all the Committee for their efforts over the past year, and I look forward to working with the new committee and am particularly looking forward to not being Secretary or Newsletter Editor in the coming term – thanks Sharen and Sharon!

Thanks also to Canidae who have provided generous sponsorship of our Open and Championship Shows and the Sledding State Cup event this year.

Sandy Koch

Puppy & Referral Service Report

Puppy Register – no registrations received.

Referrals – there have been a few people enquiring via email and application form re: adopting a Malamute which have been referred on to appropriate people.

There has been an unprecedented amount of abandoned pound dogs and surrendered Malamutes or their crosses to rescue groups in the various states. NSW currently have close to 40 Malamutes/Mal crosses with most all kennelled in Mandalong due to the inability to obtain any foster carers in NSW.

A new group has been set up this year in Queensland. SHAMROQ (Siberian Husky and Alaskan Malamute Rescue of Queensland). 25-30 of their current dogs are Malamute or Mally crosses with more in pounds, awaiting foster care. Foster carers are really what they are most in need of right now!

Victoria has at least 15 Malamutes or Mal x's from various rescues or impounded in pounds or shelters. AMRAA have had to resort in recent times to utilising kennelling due to the inability to source foster carers as well. Foster carers are crucial to the ability to be able to rescue more Malamutes.

There has been no 'quiet' period the past few years and the busiest time of the year is just starting.... a difficult and overwhelming period for all rescues. Malamute rescues are in DIRE need of more supporters and helpers with either offers of foster care, assistance with food or products, donations of items or financial assistance. Assisting by providing much needed exposure by sharing on Facebook/twitter or printing out pamphlets of the dogs and putting up in your local area is easy and a very worthwhile, extremely valuable way to help. Please consider helping in any way possible, those of our beautiful breed who are currently in need at the moment.

Michele Nimmo

Health

It has been a fairly quiet year for me on the Health front, unfortunately due to some family circumstances my focus had to take another direction.

Over the course of the year I have had number of calls in relations to people with malamutes that have a lot of health problems. There is a large number of backyard breeders selling Malamutes with a large number of health issues and temperament issues. We need to keep on educating people and directing them to our registered, ethical breeders, whom do all the testing. There is a lot going on in the USA in relation to PN and other hereditary health issues and it is becoming easier for breeders to have their dogs tested.

I would like to wish the new health officer all the best in this role.

Anna Paxton

Publicity & Education

This year has been quiet as the publicity officer. As a committee we decided there had been not much value in the past at trade shows & pet events so none were represented by the club this year.

I implemented Facebook invitations for club events and request feedback from the members if this is something you want & what other ways you would like communication outside the Malamute Mail & Website?

As per the post on the AMCV Facebook page on 22nd September I will be continuing in my position as Publicity & Education Officer. In this coming year I will look at building an online membership form & renewal process on our website so members will no longer have to mail/ email your membership forms & it will be easier for new members to join and the Secretary to manage memberships.

Dayna Manser

Vice President Activities

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mel, Ralph, Stuart and Lorraine for all the work they have put in to organise the club's activities over the past 12 months. Without their hard work and dedication there would be no events for our members to enjoy. I would also like to thank the members who came along to these events, it is your support and participation that keeps the committee going each year.

Congratulations to the numerous winners and placegetters in the various Point Scores, and congratulations to all the winners at our Championship Show and Open Show. Also, well done to the people whose dogs have achieved Working Titles this year.

I will not be re-nominating for this position again, so I wish the person who takes on this role all the very best for the coming year.

Sharen McPhan

Weight Pull

Wow what a year, time has gone so fast...

This year for Weight Pull has been very exciting with being able to hold the 2nd Boot Camp to start off the year.

Each Weight Pull event was different to the next which showed a lot of different breeds improve, with many getting personal best's, weight pull titles and many get extra legs to gain their titles.

It was such a pleasure to see a small handful of newbies to the sport and seeing how well their dogs went.

Each event grew in numbers for both the AMCV and Amstaff events. The Tuggy Shield was a wonderful awesome way to finish the session, with a fantastic number of entries with all different breeds.

I have definitely enjoyed every event I have run for AMCV and have loved cheering on some amazing dogs.

I want to end on saying HUGE thank you to some amazing people and dogs that have helped support me this session, My husband Alex, who never complains and is always coming up with new ideas or inventions to make my life and the event run smoothly. My left hand and my life saver the very beautiful Sandy, I can't thank you enough for your friendship and help, you make my life less stressful.

To Ralph, Stu, Col, Shaz, TMan, Merv, Ian & other AMCV members thank you for helping me out in events and sorry if I was ever too bossy..

Also there is quite a few of amazing Amstaff members who have been fabulous too..

But last of all my very talented and beautiful Mallie Miss Chardy who is celebrating her 9th birthday today, who keeps inspiring to me help others develop a love for weight pull, to inspire other bitches that they can kick butt against the big boys (ha ha), but also the bond between myself, and her has grown stronger, hence why I wanted to continue my role as Weight Pull Co-ordinator for one more session.

Bring on a new and exciting 2015!! Wooo Hooo

Mel Gray

Sledding

Another enjoyable and successful sledding season has been run, and as per last year all races were held at the You Yongs. This year we also took advantage of the permanent toilet facility at the You Yongs horse corral area which meant not having to hire and drag a portaloos around. Following a request from Parks Victoria we had to establish a new camping area to the north of the western plantation which allowed us to use some new and interesting trails even if it meant a bit of a stroll down to the toilet block.

We also took the opportunity to use one of the Northern Victorian Sled Dog Club events as part of our sledding point score, which meant one less weekend for the AMCV to organise and a bit of help was provided to NVSDC in exchange. We hope that this arrangement can be continued in 2015. We also used the Goldseekers event in the point score, however due to the high entry fees, distant venue and non-compliance with the rules at this year's race, this event will not be part of our point score next year.

Congratulations to those that won and placed in the events and point score, to Rush on obtaining his Working Lead Dog title and most of all to everyone who came along and had a good time out on the trails with their dogs regardless of where they were placed. Thanks to all those who helped out at events – without your assistance it would have been much more difficult for me to run and run in the events. I have not renominated for this role and will be happy to support the lucky person who takes it over in 2015.

Ralph Koch

Backpacking

Generally the hikes were well attended, we were quite lucky with the weather except for the hike scheduled last weekend at Smiths Gully which was cancelled due to the temperature being over 25 degrees.

The first picnic walk for the year held at Brimbank Park was very well attended and the next picnic walk is to be held at Westerfolds Park on 19 October so please come along.

Congratulations to those who have completed legs towards the Working Pack Dog title.

At this stage the 3 day hike scheduled for Cup Weekend is not going

ahead. The next 3 day hike is scheduled for Easter next year so hopefully there will be some interest and will go ahead.

Stuart Vanderpol

Show Secretary's Report

Last year's championship show was a success despite the change of date, although it was not all that well accepted by members and I am still receiving enquires why we did it and positive feedback on going back to the September date next year.

The Open show although small was also successful.

This year's Championship show judge has finally got his visa and ticket organised and is being subcontracted to the Siberian Husky Club. Next years judge, US breed specialist Pat Putnam, has been contacted and I am waiting on a reply from her.

It is disappointing that there have not been more entries in the point score this year, although not many Malamutes are being shown this year. It could improve next year now more people seem to have new puppies and are starting to enter, let's hope so.

I forgot nominations with too much going on, but I am willing to do the role again next year but that will be the final year - hopefully someone will take it on after that.

Lastly, a big thank you to Dale for all her help with the shows.

Lorraine Green

Obedience

A fairly quiet season on the Obedience front however several contributions to the club were made in other areas.

These included;

- Arranging generous sponsorship of the AMCV State Cup sledding event through CANIDAE

- Arranging generous Sponsorship of the AMCV Open Show through CANIDAE

There has been one obedience enquiry through the club which I am providing ongoing assistance with and my own employment with Buckley has provided ongoing representation of Malamute obedience ability, discussion and referrals to the club.

I look forward to staying on in this role and planning some fun and informative events in the future.

Kellie Bryson

Newsletter

I have managed to struggle on with the newsletter this year and, despite being only 4 issues per year now, have still managed to run fairly late with it. Don't get me wrong, I quite enjoy doing the newsletter and it is rewarding to see the final result in print, but it is time consuming so with all the other stuff that needs to get done it gets pushed to the bottom of the pile at times.

Accordingly, I am exceedingly grateful to be handing the newsletter over to Sharon Easton who I hope will enjoy doing it as much as I have over the past few years.

As the trend has been more towards getting information off the internet and via Facebook there has been a decrease in the amount of content provided for the newsletter, but nevertheless feedback, photos and items of interest are always welcome and I hope the members support Sharon in her role as Newsletter Editor.

Thank you.

Sandy Koch



Fundraising Report

There weren't many fundraising opportunities this year due to the poor turnout at our various events. We conducted a couple of online auctions on our Facebook page, but they didn't seem to attract much interest either.

The club has raised over \$1000 for the year, and this has mainly come from the Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates.

I will not be re-nominating for this position again, so I wish the person who takes on this role all the very best for the coming year.

Sharen McPhan

Breeders' Directory



Kennel Name	Location	Contact Name	Phone No.	Other Contact Information
BELLTREES	Campbelltown, NSW	Cheryl Harrison	(02) 4631 1920	Email: belltree@ispdr.net.au
KATAKU	Pearcedale, VIC	Merv & Shelley Turner	(03) 5978 6001	Email: katau@bigpond.net.au Website: www.dishlickers.com.au

Heatstroke signs



Symptoms

- Increased heart rate
- Excessive panting
- Increased salivation
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Heatstroke first aid



- **Remove dog from heat immediately** – preferably into an air conditioned building or, at the very least, into the shade.
- **Wetting down the area around your dog** can also help to lower the ambient temperature.

Prevention



- **Don't leave your dog in a car** unattended at any time.
- **Restrict exercise activity** in hot weather.
- **Avoid hot sand, concrete or asphalt areas** where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- **Place a circulating fan near your dog** to cool him down.



- **Lower temperature** by wetting with cool but not chilled water and setting up a circulating fan.
- **Check rectal temperature** every five minutes using a digital thermometer and continue cooling process until temperature drops to around 39°.
- **Caution:** cooling too quickly can cause complications.



- Always give your dog **access to drinking water**.
- Ensure outside dogs have **access to shade**.
- Wetting down your dog with **cool water** or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

You should always see a vet



- Even if your dog appears to be recovering, **take him to your vet** as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.
- **Caution:** if your dog is displaying severe signs of heat distress, get him to the vet as quickly as you can.

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RSPCA
New South Wales



2014 Show Point Score Award Presentations

7.30 pm, Thursday, 26 March at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla

Beware of Toxic Festive Food



The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) is advising pet owners to be careful about the kind of leftovers they feed their animals during the Christmas period.

“Vets treat many pets with digestive problems during the Christmas period,” says Dr David Neck from the AVA.

“There are some foods that we indulge in over the Christmas period that are just not good for our cats and dogs,” he said.

The AVA has a list of common foods that can cause potentially fatal health complications for your pet:

- 🐾 Chocolate – toxic to dogs and cats, even in small quantities
- 🐾 Nutmeg – dogs that have ingested nutmeg can suffer from tremors, seizures, issues with the nervous system and even death
- 🐾 Avocados – contains a dangerous toxin which can damage the heart, lungs and tissue of many different animals

- 🐾 Turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats – can lead to inflammation of the pancreas due to high fat content
 - 🐾 Onions and garlic – can cause gastric irritation and anaemia if they are consumed in large quantities
 - 🐾 Grapes and raisins – can cause acute kidney failure
 - 🐾 Macadamia nuts – can be toxic to dogs. Symptoms will likely occur within 12 hours and can include vomiting, hyperthermia and elevated heart rate
 - 🐾 Others include dairy products, raw eggs, mushrooms, raw fish, citrus fruit, green potatoes & large quantities of tomatoes or salt.
- “The best treat you can give your pet over Christmas is quality pet treats from your vet clinic, pet store or supermarket that contain the right nutrients to keep them healthy,” he said.

****If you suspect your pet has eaten something toxic you should contact your veterinarian immediately****

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Cone Degeneration (CD)

Reprinted from www.malamuterescue.org.uk

Cone Degeneration (CD) is actually relatively rare in Alaskan Malamutes and is caused by a distinct mutation in gene CNGB3. It causes day blindness due to the degeneration of the retinal ‘cones’, cone-shaped cells in the retina that respond primarily to bright daylight.

The retina of an affected dog initially appears normal when examined by an ophthalmologist, as does the electroretinogram (ERG). However, the ERG response from the degenerating cones declines with age and is non-recordable once a CD-affected dog reaches maturity.

In contrast to Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), which is the more common type of retinal disease in many dog breeds, CD does not affect night vision. A second type of cell in the retina, the ‘rods’, rod-shaped cells that respond primarily to dim light and detect movement, are not involved in this disease. The CD-affected dog retains the ability to see at night or in dimly lit areas.

CD is an autosomal recessive condition and we can now 100% reliably identify the genotype of each dog through the use of a DNA test that has been developed by Optigen in the US.

A CD tested dog will fall into one of three categories:

- **Normal (N)** - genetically clear, non-carrier or, more formally, homozygous normal.
- **Carrier (C)** – heterozygous.
- **Affected (A)** – homozygous for CD.

(Homozygous means that both copies of the gene are the same (either both normal or both CD) whilst heterozygous, the carrier, means there is one normal and one CD.)

A ‘normal’ will never develop CD and can only pass on the normal gene to all their pups, meaning none of the pups can ever be ‘affected’. Even if you breed a ‘normal’ to a ‘carrier’ or an ‘affected’, the pups can only ever, at worst, be carriers themselves and, therefore, will never suffer from CD and, provided they are tested and, if found to be carriers, put only to clear dogs, will not produce affected stock either.

SYMPTOMS: The condition can be diagnosed very early in an affected dog’s life as, between 8 and 12 weeks of age, when retinal development is normally completed, signs of vision problems are noticeable. Affected pups become day blind and are photophobic, they find exposure to bright light to be irritating and will shun brightly lit areas, though vision in dim light remains normal.

A CD affected dog can lead a normal life in virtually every way, except that special consideration needs to be given in well-lit environments where help may be needed in negotiating obstacles, though dogs will readily learn to adapt to their condition. Additionally, care must be taken not to ‘surprise’ the affected dog (for example, the sudden face-to-face approach of another dog) as this may lead to an unexpected reaction).

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