

**Membership Renewals
now due**

Winter 2014



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State Cup
Race



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President's Message

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Malamute Mail.

This is an exciting time of the year. We've just held our State Cup Sledding event, the premier Malamute sledding race in Australia. Congratulations to the winners in the 4 dog, 2 dog and 1 dog classes respectively. Coming up we have Melbourne Royal, and our premier Weight pull competition to be held.

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

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

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

Sandy has been hard at work drafting necessary changes to our Rules, which will be out to the members at an upcoming General Meeting. These changes are necessary to bring us into line with the Act, so please take the time to review them, and come along to vote them in.

Hopefully I'll see as many of you as possible at the up and coming events. Until then, be safe, and enjoy your Malamute!

Ian Luke



*Rainbow
Bridge*

Calix

*Owned & loved by
Dayna Manser & Gareth Jones*

Boof

*Owned & loved by
Jo, Vaughan, Jess & Josh Winther*



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things AMCV

www.amcv.org.au



*Welcome New
Members!*

*Matthew & Annmarie
Hutton*

*Jason & Cassie
Seppala*

*Carl Brewer & Jayne
Burgess*



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2014 Activities Calendar

Please note that this calendar is subject to amendment at the discretion of the AMCV Committee. Scheduling of some events may be altered due to temperature restrictions. Please contact the AMCV or check the website to confirm event schedule & venues

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Event	Venue
AUGUST	Sunday	24	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition (ASTCV)	KCC Park
	Sat / Sun	30/31	Sledding	Long distance & social weekend	You Yangs
SEPTEMBER	Saturday	6	Backpacking	Day Hike 3	You Yangs
	Sunday	14	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Event (Tuggy Shield)	KCC Park
	Friday	26	Show	Melbourne Royal Malamute judging	Showgrounds
OCTOBER	Saturday	4	Backpacking	Day Hike 4	TBA
	Thursday	9	Meeting	Annual General / Committee	Bulla
	Sunday	12	Weight Pull	Weight Pull Competition (ASTCV)	KCC Park
	Sunday	19	Backpacking	Picnic Fun walk	Westerfolds Pk
	Sunday	26	Sledding	Sledding Training Day	You Yangs
NOVEMBER	Sat -Mon	1-3	Backpacking	3-day Hike	TBA
	Sunday	2	Show	Championship	Sunbury
	Wednesday	12	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Sunday	30	Activities	Christmas Fun Day	Mt Macedon

Events not conducted by the AMCV are in italics

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

Email: amcvinc@gmail.com

Website: www.amcv.org.au

General Enquiries: Phone (03) 9714 8540

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY & RESTRICTIONS:

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



Membership Renewals

Memberships are due for renewal on 1 July. Please note that members who are late in submitting their renewals may receive their next issue of the Malamute Mail late and members who do not renew their membership will not receive any further newsletters. Membership payments will now be accepted by direct deposit into the AMCV bank account – details are provided on the membership form enclosed in this newsletter and available on the AMCV website at www.amcv.org.au under Documents & Forms.

Siberian Art Necklace

Raffle tickets now on sale
\$10.00 each



Thanks to Amit Eshel of *Siberian Art* for donating this stunning Sterling silver Alaskan Malamute pendant and chain

Go to the Alaskan Malamute Club of Victoria Fundraising Facebook page for details, or email Sharen McPhan: sharen.mcphan@bigpond.com

Working Dog Titles

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

New Champions

Members whose Alaskan Malamutes have gained an Obedience Title, Australian Champion Title, Grand Champion Title or have become a 500 point Champion are eligible for a medallion from the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc. in recognition of their Malamutes achievement.

To receive a medallion, members must send a copy of the relevant certificates to the Show Secretary, Lorraine Green, PO Box 216, Broadford, Victoria, 3658 or email to amcvinc@gmail.com.

The medallions will be presented at the next Annual General Meeting. Notifications must be received prior to the 31st of August to enable the medallion to be engraved. If you need further details please contact the Show Secretary on 5784 1849.

2014 Show Point Score Competition

Catalogues for the Show Point Score Competition can now be submitted by email.

To enter in the 2014 Show Point Score Competition, please post or email a marked and signed catalogue (Malamute results & cover pages only) to the Show Secretary, Lorraine Green at PO Box 216, Broadford VIC 3658, email niltaran00@bigpond.com or hand your catalogue to Nicole or Dale Green.

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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

Reprinted from the University of Prince Edward Island website at:

<http://www.upei.ca/~cidd/Diseases/dermatology/zinc-responsive%20dermatosis.htm>

What is zinc-responsive dermatosis?

This disorder causes scaling and crusting of the skin. It is not due to a dietary deficiency of zinc; instead affected dogs appear to have a higher than normal requirement for zinc, perhaps due to abnormal intestinal absorption. As the name implies, the skin condition improves with zinc supplementation. Young fast-growing puppies of large breeds such as Doberman pinschers and Great Danes sometimes experience a similar condition due to a transient zinc deficiency.

How is zinc-responsive dermatosis inherited?

The mode of inheritance is unknown.

What breeds are affected by zinc-responsive dermatosis?

Alaskan malamute, American Eskimo dog, Samoyed, and Siberian husky. Young rapidly growing Doberman pinschers and Great Danes sometimes experience a similar condition due to a transient zinc deficiency.

For many breeds and many disorders, the studies to determine the mode of inheritance or the frequency in the breed have not been carried out, or are inconclusive. We have listed breeds for which there is a consensus among those investigating in this field and among veterinary practitioners, that the condition is significant in this breed.

What does zinc-responsive dermatosis mean to your dog & you?

Signs are usually first seen around puberty. There is reddening, scaling, crusting, and hair loss on the muzzle and around the eyes. The footpads as well as the area around the vulva and anus may be affected. The lesions are itchy in about half of dogs with this disorder, causing chewing of the feet or rubbing or pawing at the face.

How is zinc-responsive dermatosis diagnosed?

The diagnosis is made through a skin biopsy. This is a simple procedure done with local anaesthetic, in which your veterinarian removes a small sample of your dog's skin for examination by a veterinary pathologist. The biopsy will show changes characteristic of this condition.

How is zinc-responsive dermatosis treated?

Temporary zinc supplementation is effective in treating the transient zinc deficiency that may occur in young rapidly growing Great Danes and Doberman pinschers. Affected dogs of the Northern breeds must receive dietary supplementation of zinc for life, or the signs will recur.

Breeding advice

Affected dogs and close relatives (parents, siblings) should not be bred.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DISORDER, PLEASE SEE YOUR VETERINARIAN.

2014 Weight-Pull Events

ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY – NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Venue:

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

Weightpull Event Format & Schedule:

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

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



Event No.	Event Details	Date	Venue	Registration / Weigh-in	Start time
5	ASTCV	24 August	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am
6*	AMCV – Tuggy Shield	14 September	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am
7*	ASTCV	12 October	KCC Park	9.45 – 10.15 am	10.30 am

*** NOTE – Events may be cancelled if forecast temperature on day of competition is over 25°C.**
Please contact the relevant Weight Pull Coordinator to confirm

* Events included in the AMCV Annual Weight Pull Competition (ASTCV events 4 & 5 are not included).

NB: Event 5 2013 – 13 October 2013 will count towards the 2014 annual competition
Event 5 2014 – 12 October 2014 will count towards the 2015 annual competition

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

Entry Fees:

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

AMCV / ASTCV Members:

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

Non-members:

First entry \$12.00, subsequent entries \$10.00

Weight Classes*:

- Up to 36 kg class
- 37 – 45 kg class
- 46 – 55 kg class
- Unlimited class

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

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

Extreme Weather Policy

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

Harness Hire Fees:

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

Further Information:

AMCV: Phone: Mel Gray 0404 104 619 Email: amcvinc@gmail.com ASTCV: Phone Lincoln Hancock - 0409 135 800 Email amstaff@live.com.au

Annual Weightpull Competition Rules

Classes on offer will be: < 36kg, 36kg – 45kg, 45kg - 55kg, Unlimited
The requirements of the AMCV Weight Pulling Rules apply – copies are available from the Weightpull Co-ordinator or website www.amcv.org.au.

Eligibility

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

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

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

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

Class Awards

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

Top Weightpull Dog of the Year Award

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

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

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

Nominated Events

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

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

WEIGHT-PULL RESULTS

15 June 2014 – ASTCV 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	AmStaff	29.8	790	22.41	26.5
	2		Kristyn Black	Shady	AmStaff	30.1	601	48.43	20.0
	3		Lee Ruf	Evie	Ast	23.3	538	13.10	23.1
	4	1	Ian Luke	Daisy	AM	28.8	538	26.12	18.7
	5		Nathan	Kermit		28.4	454	26.72	16.0
	6		Ivan Vuga	Scooby	Am Staff	28.0	412	8.19	14.7
	7	2	Ian Luke	Finn	AM	29.5	412	12.62	14.0
	8	3	Sharen McPhan	Darcy	AM	30.5	412	16.69	13.5
	9		Corey Barclay	Beau	Am Staff	27.6	412	25.38	15.0
	10		Ian Luke	Jay	Am Staff	24.5	328	27.06	13.4
	11	4	Ian Luke	Luna	AM	27.0	270	10.81	10.0
	12		Daniel Butchers	Simba	SBT	23.0	244	21.16	10.6
	13		Ivan Vuga	Wiggles	Am Staff	25.4	160	6.88	6.3
	14		Eliza Perry	Troop	Am Staff	27.2	160	22.63	5.9
	15		Colin McPhan	Cricket	SH	17.9	160	27.54	8.9
37-45 kg	1	1	Mel Gray	Chardy	AM	37.1	454	23.03	12.2

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 18.7 pulled by Daisy

Best Pull of the Day: Weight:Weight ratio of 26.5 pulled by Mack

Highest Pull of the Day: 790 kg pulled by Mack



Has your dog got ... *Something to Howl About?*

Happy Birthday!
Niltaran Manko
Supanova
"Leah"

Congratulations to Di Mitchell's Leah (aka Leeloo) on her 13th Birthday on 17 June.

New Champion
Champion Icepure
Rising Aussie Legend
"Blair"

Congratulations to owner Kelly-Ann Elia, breeder Beth McCombe and Blair on gaining her Ausralian Champion title.

Happy Birthday!
Windchill
Loska Panda
"Panda"

Congratulations to Stuart Vanderpol's Panda on her 13th Birthday on 24 May.

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

BACKPACKING Day Hikes



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

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

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

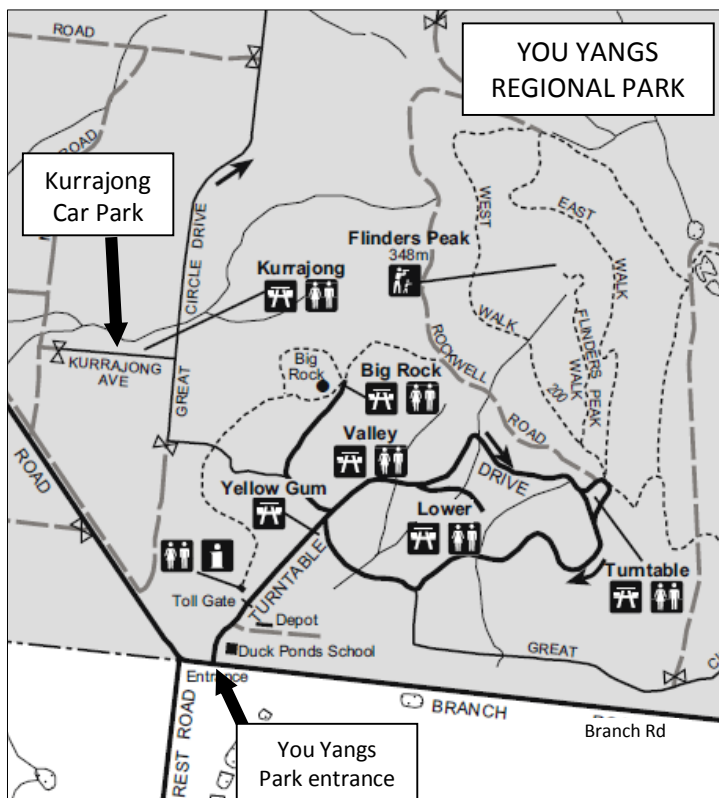
NOTE: WALKERS MUST CARRY THEIR OWN BASIC FIRST AID ITEMS.

It is important that you arrive early to allow enough time to weigh in your dog and get ready: Please load and weigh your dog's backpack to roughly the correct weight at home to save time when you arrive.

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

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

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



Saturday, 6 September

You Yangs Reserve

Kurrajong Picnic Area

Enter the You Yangs Park off Branch Road near Little River

Melways Reference: Page 11 C 12

Hike distance is approx. 17km

Trail is hilly with some steeper sections – suitable for fit hikers & dogs.

How to get there: You Yangs Reserve Kurrajong Car Park.

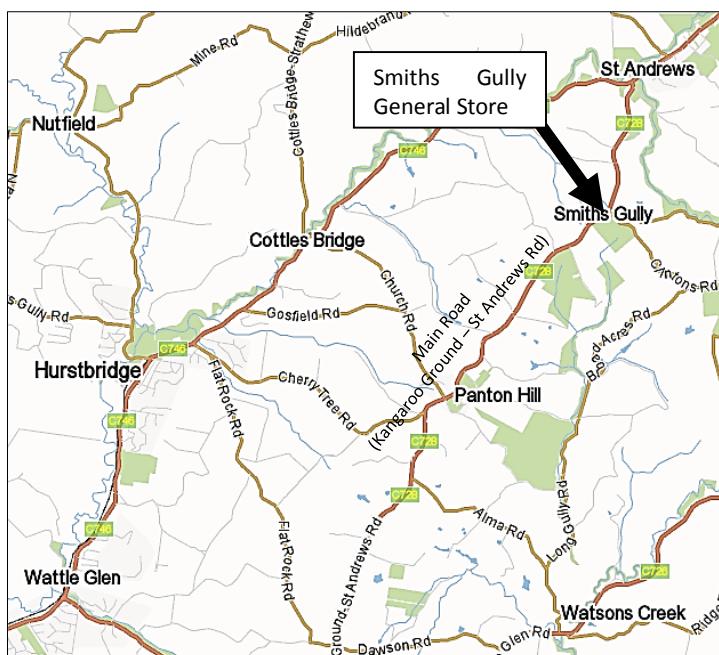
From Melbourne - follow the Princess Hwy towards Geelong, turn off at the Little River exit and follow the signs to the You Yangs. Enter the main gate from Branch Road, proceed past the Park Office and follow the Great Circle Drive to the left. Turn left into Kurrajong Avenue and proceed down to the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

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

Facilities at the Kurrajong Picnic Ground: Toilets, Picnic tables

Both hikes commence at 9.00 am sharp

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



Saturday, 4 October

Smiths Gully

Starting from Smiths Gully General Store
914 Main Road

(Kangaroo Ground – St Andrews Road)

Melways map reference 264 E3

9.00 am start – register by 8.30 am

Hike distance is approx. 17km

Trail is hilly with some steeper sections – suitable for fit hikers & dogs.

How to get there: Follow the Main Road (Kangaroo Ground – St Andrews Road) through Panton Hill towards St Andrews. The General Store is located on the corner of Main Road & Clintons Road approximately 3 km after Panton Hill.

Trail Information: The trails incorporate a number of reserves in the Smiths Gully area. The track is mainly narrow and hilly, with some steeper sections and dirt roads.

Facilities at Smiths Gully General Store:

Toilets, Café, store



SLEDDING EVENTS

Date	Name	Venue	Schedule	Event details
30/31 Aug	FUN WEEKEND EXCELLENCE EVENT / EXCURSION EVENTS	You Yangs Western Plantation – gate will be open from 11 am on Saturday to 12.00 pm on Sunday	Fun & Social Weekend – Pee Wee & fun events, short courses will be set for those who want to do some training. Excellence & Excursion events: Pre-registration only - Please contact the Sledding Coordinator if you are interested.	Excellence event distance: 75+ km total over 2 days (3 heats of minimum. 25 km) NOTE: <i>Lighting required*</i> Excursion event distance: 16 -18 km (<i>all classes</i>) <i>Short training courses will also be available.</i>
26 October	SLEDDING TRAINING DAY – You Yangs Western Plantation			<i>Details elsewhere in this issue</i>

Please note the following for sledding events*:

**AMCV events only*

Entries: **NOTE: Long distance classes - pre-entry required.** Contact Ralph to pre-register (*details below*).

Camping: Camping will available on-site at the You Yangs Western Plantation.

Classes: Excursion events (minimum 16 km): all classes run the same course (not a race).

Rules: AMCV Gig & Sled Race Rules. Drivers must wear safety helmets and carry sidecutters.
Non-AMCV events: rules available from race organisers. NOTE: these rules may differ from AMCV rules.

Lighting: Suitable battery operated bike lighting is required. The additional use of a head lamp is also recommended. (Dynamo powered lighting is not suitable).

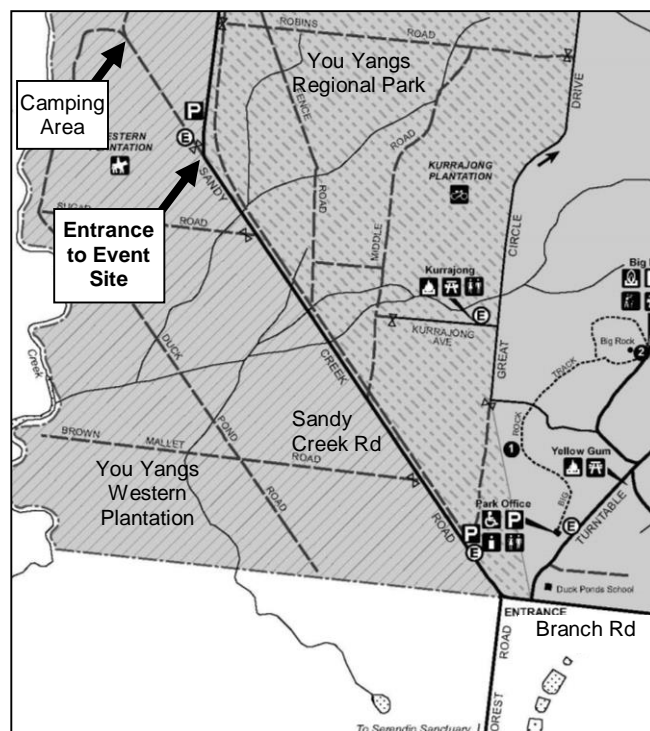
Entry Fees: Long Distance events: \$5.00

Directions to Sledding Event Site:

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

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

Further Details: For pre-entry (long distance events only) or further information, contact the Sledding Co-ordinator Ralph Koch on 9714 8540 - email: amcvinc@gmail.com, website: www.amcv.org.au



AMCV Annual General Meeting & Awards Presentation

The AGM is being held on Thursday, 9 October, and will include the presentations of the following awards:

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

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

A number of the current Committee have indicated that they will not be renominating at the AGM, so if you are interested and would like further information about any of the positions please send an email to amcv@bigpond.com.au or notify the Secretary or President.

Sledding Training Day

Want to learn more about...



Backpacking



Sledding



Weight Pulling

Further Information:

Phone Sharen on 0410 192 210, Ralph & Sandy on 9714 8540 or email amcv@bigpond.com.au

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

Sunday, 26 October Commencing at 10 am

You Yangs Western Plantation (near Little River)

Enter from Sandy Creek Road Melways – Page 11 – Ref C12

The Sledding Training Day is ideal for newcomers who want to try out the activities or for those who want to come along and do some training. There will be experienced people to help with training sessions including passing training and short courses.

Please contact the Sledding Coordinator if you would also like to run your dogs on Saturday or camp on Saturday night.

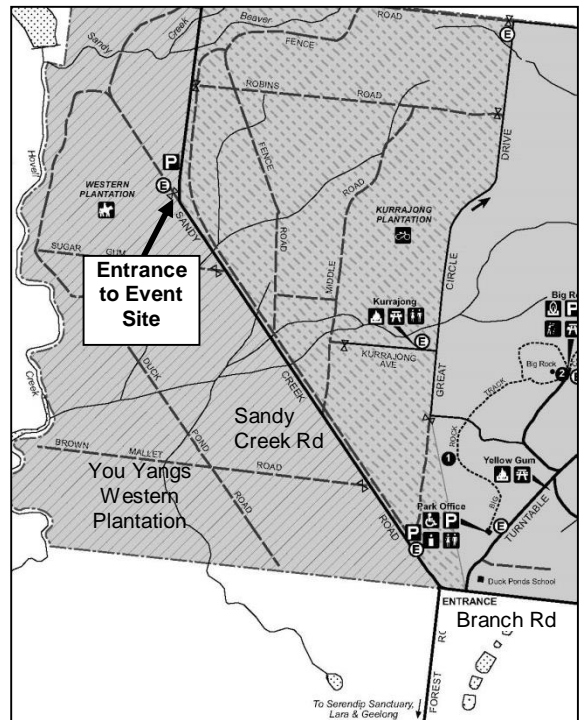
Equipment will be available to borrow, and given the time of year, if you want to try a sledding training run, later in the evening or early in the morning is best, so camping would be best.

We'd really love to see lots of people and pooches, so put in your diary, come and have some fun!

There will also be some working-dog and Malamute related items for sale, however if you are interested in purchasing a particular item, please email the AMCV prior to the event.

Directions :

From Melbourne – Take the Princes Highway towards Geelong. Take the Little River turn-off and follow signs to Little River. Cross the railway line in Little River then turn left into You Yangs Rd, then left into Farrars Rd and right into Branch Rd - proceed past the main park entrance. At the end of Branch Road, turn right into Sandy Creek Rd, after approx. 2 km at the bend in the road, turn left into the Western Plantation and follow the signs.



What to bring:

Waterbowl, water and a secure means of tethering your dog. Bring your own equipment if you have it, if not there will be equipment available for you to borrow.

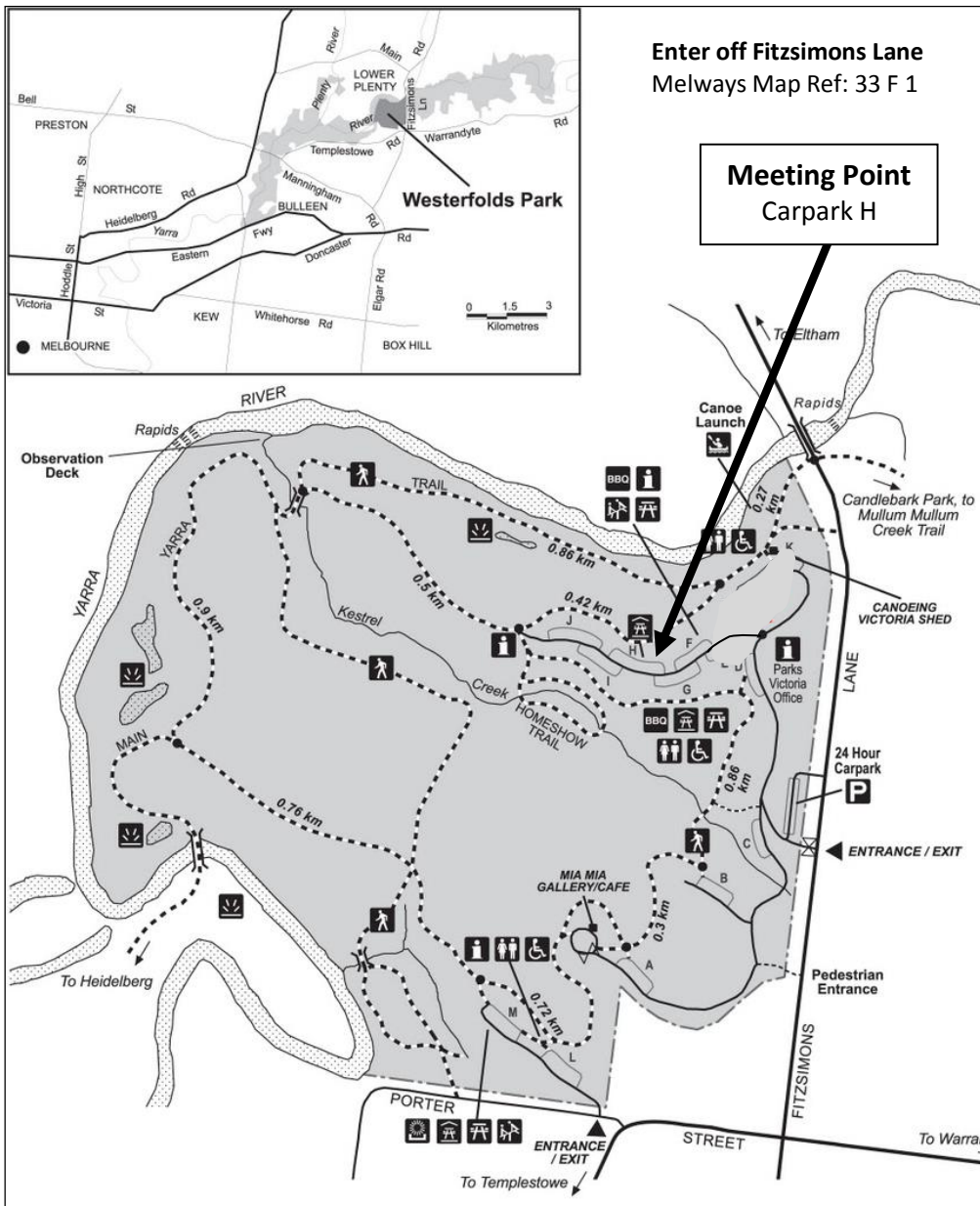
PLEASE NOTE In extreme weather conditions, days of total fire ban or if the local forecast temperature on day of activities is equal to or greater than 30 degrees, event may be cancelled – please contact the AMCV by email to amcv@bigpond.com.au or phone 03 9714 8540 or 0410 192 210 to confirm.



All breeds & non-members welcome
Do your dog a favour and come along!

Picnic Fun Walk

Sunday, 19 October – 11.30 am Westerfolds Park, Templestowe



Enter off Fitzsimons Lane
Melways Map Ref: 33 F 1

Meeting Point
Carpark H

Who Can Join In?

Anyone and their dog(s) are welcome to come along. Please note that young puppies should only walk a short distance and must have had their 3rd (16 week) vaccination at least a week prior.

All breeds and non-members welcome – PRE-REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL.

Cost: Gold coin donation

What to bring:

Bring your lunch. Your dog will require a sturdy lead & collar, water & water bowl for your dog and bags to clean up after your dog.

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

Weather & Temperature:

The event may be cancelled if the forecast temperature on the day is 30oC or over or in the case of extreme weather conditions – if so please contact the Backpacking coordinator or check the website to confirm.

Registration & Further information:

Contact the Backpacking Coordinator, Stuart Vanderpol on 0413 118 305 or Sandy Koch on 9714 8540 or send an email to amcv@bigpond.com

Facilities at Westerfolds Park:

Toilets and picnic tables.

Walk Etiquette:

Please remember that not everyone likes big dogs and some people may be scared of them.

- Dogs on the walk must be kept on lead at all times.
- Keep to the left on the paths, give way to other users and watch out for bikes.
- You must clean up after your dog.
- Be courteous and respectful of other people and their dogs, and keep your dog at a suitable distance.

Walk Distance:

Approximately 2-4 km of undulating paths. The park is not big so you can do as much or as little as you like.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

Please contact Stuart or Sandy if you are coming to the fun walk to give us an idea of numbers and notify Stuart if you wish to hire a backpack (hire fee \$5.00).

This will be a short easy walk so everyone and their dogs and puppies are welcome.

Bring your picnic lunch.



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If you have any letters, photos, or items of general interest to the members please email them to the Newsletter Editor, Sandy Koch at amcvinc@gmail.com or mail to: **PO Box 41, Hurstbridge VIC 3099**

Thank you to all those who donated sashes for our State Cup Sled Dog Race:

Olive Singer
Joan & Leon Davey
Justin & Melissa Celentane
Simon Kirkpatrick
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Breeder's Directory



Kennel Name	Location	Contact Name	Phone No.	Other Contact Information
BELLTREES	Campbelltown, NSW	Cheryl Harrison	(02) 4631 1920	Email: belltree@ispdr.net.au
CHEKODY	Canberra ACT	Mark Titley & Melanie Saxinger	0448 389 970	Email: malamutes@chekody.com Website: www.chekody.com
KATAKU	Pearcedale, VIC	Merv & Shelley Turner	(03) 5978 6001	Email: kataku@bigpond.net.au Website: www.dishlickers.com.au

Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.)
 Incorporations Registration No.: A0016353X

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 4 September, 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 Autumn 2014 Malamute Mail)
3. Correspondence
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
6. General Business
 6.1 Changes to Club Rules (see details elsewhere in this newsletter)
7. Any other business

Please note:
 If this meeting does not achieve a quorum, it will be reconvened on Thursday 9 October at 7.30 pm at the Bulla Exhibition Centre immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria (Inc.)
 Incorporations Registration No.: A0016353X

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 9 October, 2014
 to commence at 7.30 pm
 (or immediately following the Special General Meeting if required)
 being held at the
 Calabria Club (Bulla Exhibition Centre)
 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla
 Melways Map Reference 177 G 8

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of Returning Officer and 2 Scrutineers
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (as published in the December, 2013 issue of "The Malamute Mail")
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Award Presentations
 - Show & Obedience titles
 - Register of Achievement
 - Working Dog Titles
 - Sled Dog & Driver Point Score Competition
 - State Cup Race
 - Top Weight-Pull Dog Competition
8. Election of office bearers and committee members

Entries Close Friday 26th September 2014

Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria, Inc.

Incorporations Registration No. A0016353X

Championship Show

To be held at

Goonawarra Reserve, Lancefield/Melbourne Road, Sunbury
Sunday, 2nd November 2014

JUDGE: Mr Arie Schwarz (Israel)

Entries, accompanied by the fees, to be sent to the Show Secretary:

Mrs. Lorraine Green, PO Box 216 BROADFORD. Ph: 03 57841849

Cheques to be made payable to "The Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc."

Catalogue: \$3.00 please order and pay with entry

Entry fees: \$15.00 (includes all levies)

Baby Puppies \$6 (if only entry, add \$2)

Desexed Classes: \$5.00

All other Special Classes: \$2.50 per class, 5 entries or more \$2.00 each.

Parade Of Veterans: No fee.

Note: Entries not accepted without fees.

Judging Times: Judging commences at 9.00 am with Breed Classes.

Special Classes after General Specials.

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

Catering: Available

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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

Special Classes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

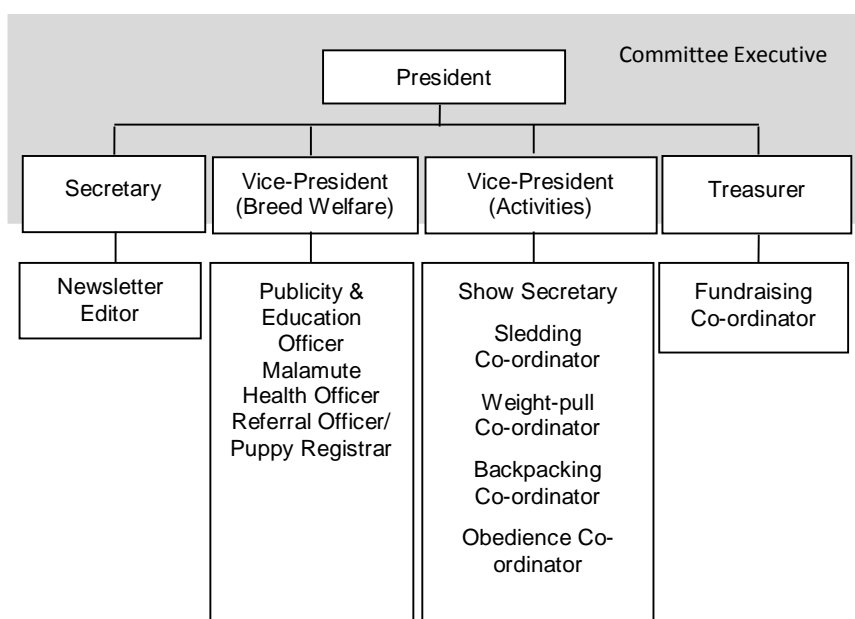
7.30 pm Thursday, 9 October, 2014

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

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

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

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



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

THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 2014

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

Members eligible to vote may apply to the Secretary for a postal vote. Applications for a postal vote must be received in writing by Thursday, 25 September 2014.

YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING RULE:

Election of Committee of Management and vacancies:

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

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

Sandy Koch, Secretary

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

I,

HEREBY NOMINATE:

FOR THE POSITION OF:

Signature:

I,

hereby consent to my nomination of:

My VCA number is:

Signature: Date:



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Never feed your dog these foods...

Article by Dr Bruce Syme, Vets' All Natural - www.vetsallnatural.com.au/

It's no secret that most dogs love food. While giving in to those hopeful eyes and sharing food from your plate may seem tempting, it is important to remember that there are some human foods that need to be avoided at all times.

The foods listed below are highly toxic to canines and even small doses can make your dog very sick or in some cases can be fatal. If you do keep these foods in the house be sure to store them well away from curious noses and remind guests (particularly children) to always ask before feeding anything to your pet. If you suspect your dog has consumed any of the foods listed below please seek veterinary assistance immediately.

Chocolate

Chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical that acts as a cardiac stimulant and can affect the lungs, kidneys and central nervous system. Just like humans, chocolate is very appealing to dogs and it is one of the most common causes of canine poisoning, particularly around holidays such as Easter and Christmas. The level of toxicity relates to the type of chocolate, with milk chocolate being the least toxic and dark chocolate the most, due to the higher levels of cocoa. Small amounts of chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea and unusual levels of thirst (due to the diuretic effect) while large quantities can induce tremors, hyperactivity, respiratory failure and cardiac arrest.



Onions

An extremely common pantry item, onions contain thiosulphate, which is highly poisonous to dogs and causes hemolytic anemia - the destruction of red blood cells. Onions (and their close relatives shallots) are toxic in all forms but raw in particular. Common symptoms of hemolytic anemia include weakness, vomiting, blood in urine and breathlessness. In severe cases a



blood transfusion may be needed. Note: Garlic also contains thiosulphate, albeit in much smaller quantities therefore a very large amount would need to be ingested to cause an adverse affect. Small amounts of dried garlic can actually have a positive effect on your pets health.



Xylitol

Xylitol is type of artificial sweetener commonly found in sugar-free chewing gum and baked goods. Ingesting xylitol can stimulate the pancreas to secrete insulin, causing a rapid drop in blood sugar levels (hypoglycemia) and in large amounts can cause fatal liver damage. Symptoms of xylitol poisoning include disorientation and seizures, which can occur within 30 minutes of consumption.

Caffeine

Along with the usual suspects (coffee, tea and soft drinks), caffeine can also be found in some medications. Dogs are more sensitive than humans to the effects of caffeine and ingestion of a moderate amount (such as coffee grounds) can cause damage to the heart, lungs, kidneys and central nervous system. Symptoms of caffeine poisoning include hyperactivity, vomiting, staggering gait, muscle tremors and convulsions.



Macadamia Nuts

Although the macadamia nut poisoning is not usually fatal it can cause uncomfortable symptoms in dogs including weakness, drunken gait and joint swelling within 6-24 of consumption. 🐾



Cup Weekend WPDX HIKE

Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd November 2014

Venue: Wombat State Forest, starting at Woodend

This is a 3 day hike to the WPDX standard – total distance approx. 70 km
Details of Working Dog Title requirements can be found on the AMCV website at www.amcv.org.au

Hikers must pre-register with the Backpacking Co-ordinator

Venue & Time: Please contact the Backpacking co-ordinator for details of the starting point and time. It will be an early start so those participating are asked to arrive early enough to allow time to weigh dogs & packs and get ready.

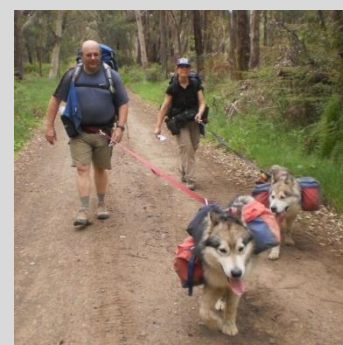
Who can participate? Dogs must be a minimum of 24 months old. Dogs over 7 years old must have proof of vet check. All members and dogs that have successfully completed at least one hike to the WPD standard are welcome to participate.

What you will need*: Hikers must be self-sufficient. Items you will need to carry include the following:
Human backpack, tent, sleeping bag, sensible footwear (hiking boots recommended), sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, first-aid kit, warm & waterproof clothing (the weather can be unpredictable), rubbish bags & 3-4 days of provisions for you and your dog.

For your dog: Sturdy lead & collar, canine backpack, towel, weight for the backpack, 3-4 days of food, water & water bowl, first-aid items.

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

NOTE: Dogs are to be kept on lead at all times and remain the responsibility of their owner/handler at all AMCV events.



2014 SLED DOG EVENT RESULTS



31 May 2014 – You Yangs

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	Windchill Factor	Point score
1-DOG				Distance (km)	2.9		
1	Erin O'Shea	Aspen	SH	0:09:05	19.2	100.0	
2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	0:09:15	18.8	98.2	100
3	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	AM	0:10:08	17.2	89.6	99
4	Fred Parker	Spike	AM	0:12:17	14.2	73.9	98
5	Emma McDougall	Scout	AM	0:12:26	14.0	73.1	97
6	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	0:12:28	14.0	72.9	96
7	Carla Brightwell	Jai	AM	0:12:34	13.8	72.3	95
8	James Ganson	Zelby	AM	0:16:34	10.5	54.8	94
9	Rhonda Grant	Panzer*	GSP	0:16:51	10.3	53.9	
10	James Walsh	Tom*	Schn	0:18:21	9.5	49.5	
2-DOG				Distance (km)	4.4		
1	Dave Hodgson	Mia Gem*	SH	0:17:11	15.4	100.0	
2	Samantha Tabe	Milo Storm*	Neo x	0:18:24	14.3	93.4	
3	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka	AM	0:18:34	14.2	92.5	100
4	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	AM	0:19:07	13.8	89.9	99
5	Ian Luke	Laska Angus*	SH	0:20:57	12.6	82.0	
6	Joedy Neeleman	Midnight Cheyenne	AM	0:26:41	9.9	64.4	98
4-DOG				Distance (km)	4.5		
1	Dave Hodgson	Bear Spot Sally Hope*	SH	0:12:50	21.0	100.0	
2	Ian Luke	Willy Daisy Luna Finn	AM	0:17:29	15.4	73.4	100
3	Colin McPhan	Jack Darcy Millie Rush	AM	0:17:46	15.2	72.2	99

*Not eligible for AMCV Sledding Point Score

1 June 2014 – You Yangs

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	Windchill Factor	Point score
1-DOG				Distance (km)	2.9		
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	0:08:58	19.41	100	100
2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	AM	0:10:26	16.68	85.9	99
3	Carla Brightwell	Jai	AM	0:10:50	16.06	82.8	98
4	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	AM	0:11:20	15.35	79.1	97
5	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	0:13:25	12.97	66.8	96
6	James Ganson	Zelby	AM	0:16:19	10.66	55.0	95
SULKY CLASS				Distance (km)	2.9		
1	Samatha Tabe	Milo	Neo x	0:18:48	9.26	47.7	
2	Michael McCoy	Storm	Neo x	0:19:19	9.01	46.4	
3	Rhonda Grant	Panzer	GSP	0:19:48	8.79	45.3	
4	James Walsh	Tom	Schn	0:20:32	8.47	43.7	
2-DOG				Distance (km)	4.4		
1	Dave Hodgson	Mia Gem	SH	0:14:10	16.94	100.0	
2	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka	AM	0:15:49	15.17	89.6	100
3	James Ganson	Ana Ghus	AM	0:17:32	13.69	80.8	99
4	Ian Luke	Angus Laska	SH	0:19:20	12.41	73.3	
5	Joedy Neeleman	Cheyenne Midnight	AM	0:23:24	10.26	60.5	98
6	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	AM	0:28:56	8.29	49.0	97
4-DOG				Distance (km)	4.5		
1	Dave Hodgson	Bear Spot Hope Sally	SH	0:13:54	19.42	100	
2	Ian Luke	Daisy Luna Willy Finn	AM	0:16:18	16.56	85.3	100
3	Colin McPhan	Jack Darcy Rush	AM	0:17:01	15.87	81.7	99
Touring & Veterans				Distance (km)	1.4		
Place	Class	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH	
1	1-dog Vets	Ralph Koch	Gus	AM	0:05:10	16.26	
2	2-dog Touring	Ian Luke	Sugar Jay*	Mixed	0:06:05	13.81	
3	1-dog Vets	Michael McCoy	Jess*	BC	0:06:31	12.89	
4	2-dog Vets	James Ganson	Sam* Lucy	Mixed	0:06:37	12.70	
5	1-dog Touring	Joedy Neeleman	Sienna	AM	0:07:04	11.89	

Goldseekers – 28 & 29 June 2014 – Inglewood**1-Dog**

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time (h:mm:ss)	Point Score
10	1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	9.03	7.56	16.59	100
11	2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	9.55	8.34	18.29	99
12	3	Kirsty Cameron	Matilda	9.13	9.37	18.50	98
14	4	E'vette Levett	Misty	9.34	10.44	20.18	97
16	5	Jo Winther	Jazz	10.25	12.47	23.12	96
17	6	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	11.30	11.48	23.18	95

2-Dog

8	1	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	15.37	16.23	32.00	100
9	2	Jess Winther	Deisal Angel	16.15	17.55	34.10	99

3-Dog

5	1	E'vette Levett	Loki Eden Seeka	19.55	17.27	37.22	
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4-Dog 6.0 km

3	1	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack Millie	18.06	20.07	38.13	100
4	2	Vaughan Winther	Seb Mishka	28.01	23.57	51.58	
5	3	E'vette Levett	Argos Aliy Seven Delta	26.29	26.07	52.36	99

Veterans

2		Jo Winther	Star (SH)	6.36	6.13	12.49	
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Junior

2		Josh Winther	Trixie (SH)	6.14	6.42	12.56	
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Novice

1		Victor Young	Titian	6.27	6.21	12.48	
2		Sharon Easton	Gypsy	8.03	8.56	16.59	

Touring – 1-dog

1		Sharen McPhan	Cricket (SH)	7.13	6.53	14.06	
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Touring – 2-dog

6	1	E'vette Levett	Judah Holly	7.19	7.13	14.32	
7		Kirsty Cameron	Ben Pajama (Akita)	7.10	7.25	14.35	

5 July 2014 – NVSDC at Wellsford

Overall Place	Malamute Place	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Point score
1-DOG		2.8 km				
4	1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	8.32	100
5	2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	AM	9.37	99
6	3	Kirsty Cameron	Matilda	AM	10.11	98
7	4	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	11.45	97
2-DOG		4.5 km				
7	1	Carla Brightwell	Mutie Nukka	AM	15.24	100
8	2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	AM	15.49	99
9		Kirsty Cameron	Angel Aggy*	AM*	15.58	
3-DOG		4.5 km				
10	1	E'vette Levett	Loki Eden Seeka	AM	18.04	
4-DOG		6.0 km				
6		Vaughan Winther	Seb Mishka Recko Maggie*	AM*	30.59	
Novice		1.6 km				
		Distance (km)		4.5		
1	1	Sharon Easton	Gibson	AM	5.40	
3	2	Victor Young	Titian	AM	5.44	
Touring		1-dog 2.8 km				
		Distance (km)		4.5		
1		Sharen McPhan	Cricket	SH	8.47	
Touring		2-dog 2.8 km				
		Distance (km)		4.5		
1		Kirsty Cameron	Ben Pajama*	AM / Akita	9.21	
3	1	E'vette Levett	Holly Judah	AM	9.58	
5	2	Colin McPhan	Ryme Jai	AM	10.50	
Junior		2.8 km				
		Distance (km)				
1		Josh Winther	Trixie	SH	8.16	

*Not eligible for AMCV Sledding Point Score

6 July 2014 – NVSDC at Wellsford

Overall Place	Malamute Place	Name	Dog(s)	Breed	Time (h:mm:ss)	Point score
1-DOG		2.8 km				
5	1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	8.34	100
6	2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	AM	9.04	99
8	3	Kirsty Cameron	Matilda	AM	9.46	98
9	4	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	AM	11.21	97
2-DOG		4.5 km				
7		Kirsty Cameron	Angel Aggy*	AM*	15.45	
8	1	Carla Brightwell	Mutie Nukka	AM	16.03	100
9	2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	AM	16.05	99
3-DOG		4.5 km				
10	1	E'vette Levett	Loki Eden Seeka	AM	18.42	
4-DOG		6.0 km				
5	1	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack Millie	AM	27.45	
6		Di Mitchell	Miki Ice Zoota Buddy*	AM / SH	30.46	
7		Vaughan Winther	Seb Mishka Recko Maggie*	AM*	31.13	
Novice		1.6 km				
2	1	Victor Young	Titian	AM	5.30	
4	2	Sharon Easton	Gypsy	AM	6.00	
Bikejoring		2.8 km				
1	1	Ralph Koch	Wuggy	AM	9.47	
3	2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jelly Bean	AM	11.07	
Touring		1-dog	2.8 km	Distance (km)	4.5	
2		Sharen McPhan	Cricket	SH	10.20	
Touring		2-dog	2.8 km	Distance (km)	4.5	
2	1	Colin McPhan	Ryme Jai	AM	11.05	
3	2	E'vette Levett	Holly Judah	AM	11.09	
Junior		2.8 km				
2		Josh Winther	Trixie	SH	8.08	

State Cup Race – 19 & 20 July 2014 – You Yangs

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**1-Dog** 3.9 km

Overall Place	Mal Place	Name	Dog(s)	Heat 1 Time (h:m:s)	Heat 2 Time (h:m:s)	Total Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KPH	Point Score
1	1	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:11:25	0:12:53	0:24:18	19.3	100
2	2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya	0:12:50	0:12:25	0:25:15	18.5	99
3		Mick Hodgson	Morris*	0:13:27	0:12:57	0:26:24	17.7	
4	3	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky	0:14:15	0:17:23	0:31:38	14.8	98
5	4	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma	0:16:59	0:16:52	0:33:51	13.8	97
6	5	Fred Parker	Wuggy	0:19:08	0:21:17	0:40:25	11.6	96
7	6	James Ganson	Zelby	0:21:03	0:20:45	0:41:48	11.2	95
		Carla Brightwell	Jai	0:14:44	DNS	-	-	-

2-Dog 4.5 km

1	1	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka	0:13:58	0:13:22	0:27:20	19.8	100
2		Molly Hodgson	Chase Noir*	0:13:50	0:13:53	0:27:43	19.5	
3	2	Merv Turner	Reggie Leopold	0:14:51	0:15:10	0:30:01	18.0	99
4		Alan Pitchforth	Chermani Lela*	0:14:25	0:15:57	0:30:22	17.8	
5	3	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meeca	0:15:24	0:16:24	0:31:48	17.0	98
6	4	James Ganson	Ana Ghus	0:16:24	0:15:56	0:32:20	16.7	97
7	5	Joedy Neeleman	Cheyenne Midnight	0:23:02	0:21:14	0:44:16	12.2	96
		Sharen McPhan	Cricket Molly*	0:13:22	DNS	-	-	-

4-Dog 6.0 km

1		Mick Hodgson	Cooper Riley Bentley*	0:20:43	0:17:47	0:38:30	18.7	
2		Sophie Dalidakis	Splash Marli Tuz Tig Charlee Shaker*	0:21:11	0:19:50	0:41:01	17.6	
3	1	Merv Turner	Ava Iggy Claude Elliot	0:22:48	0:23:03	0:45:51	15.7	100
4	2	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack Millie	0:21:44	0:24:08	0:45:52	15.7	99

Veterans 1.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH
1	Stuart Vanderpol	Buffy	0:05:27	16.5
2	Fred Parker	Gus	0:06:21	14.2
3	David	Ralfy	0:06:24	14.1
4	Megan Bentveltzen	Parker Willow	0:07:29	12.0

Touring 1.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH
1	Sharen McPhan	Cricket	0:05:01	17.9
2	Molly Hodgson	Rouge	0:05:49	15.5
3	Joedy Neeleman	Sienna	0:06:19	14.2
4	Cath Lawson	Heidi	0:09:15	9.7

*Not eligible for AMCV Sledding Point Score



State Cup winners: L to R, Front row: Megan, Stuart, Tyler
Back row: Colin, Sophie, Ralph, Joedy, Mick, Simon, Molly

2014 SLEDDING POINT SCORE

Final Results

Thank you to Canidae for sponsoring the AMCV State Cup Race

1-dog class

			18 May	19 May	31 May	1 June	Goldseekers	NVSDC 5 July	NVSDC 6 July	State Cup			
Place	Name	Dog	1*	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Best 4	
1	Ralph Koch	Bosco			100	100	100	100	100	100	600	400	
2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya				99	99	99	99	99	495	396	
3	Alan Pitchforth	Tacoma		Cancelled	96	96	95	97	97	97	578	387	
4	Joedy Neeleman	Rocky			99	97				98	294	294	
4	Kirsty Cameron	Matilda						98	98	98	294	294	
6	James Ganson	Zelby				94	95				95	284	284
7	Carla Brightwell	Jai				95	98					193	193
8	Fred Parker	Spike				98						98	98
9	Emma McDougall	Scout				97						97	97
9	E'vette Levett	Misty						97				97	97
11	Jo Winther	Jazz						96				96	96
11	Fred Parker	Wuggy									96	96	96

2-dog class

Place	Name	Dog	1*	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Best 4	
1	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro Meece		Cancelled	99	97	100	99	99	98	592	397	
2	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka			100	100				100	300	300	
3	Joedy Neeleman	Midnight Cheyenne			98	98					96	292	292
4	Carla Brightwell	Mutie Nukka						100	100			200	200
5	James Ganson	Ana Ghus					99				97	196	196
6	Jess Winther	Deisal Gabby						99				99	99
6	Merv Turner	Reggie Leopold									99	99	99

4-dog class

Place	Name	Dog	1*	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Best 3	
1	Colin McPhan	Jack Darcy Millie Rush		Cancelled	99	99	100	Not eligible		99	397	298	
2	Ian Luke	Willy Daisy Luna Finn			100	100						200	200
3	Merv Turner	Ava Iggy Claude Elliot									100	100	100
4	E'vette Levett	Argos Aliy Seven Delta					99					99	99

*Events 1 & 2 cancelled due to temperature restrictions. 4-dog class: Events 6 & 7 not counted due to only one eligible team competing.

1-dog and 2-dog classes - Best 4 results from the remaining 6 eligible events to count

4-dog class - Best 3 out of 4 eligible events to count

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Australians take dog sledding from the snow to the bush

Friday 4 July 2014 **Ann Jones**

Huskies, Malamutes, sleds and mushers: it sounds like something straight out of the Alaskan backwoods, but it's all happening in rural Victoria. **Ann Jones** meets the men, women and dogs who've taken an unlikely sport into the Australian bush.

The dogs are excited. They are yelping, barking, panting and straining against the harnesses. Four beeps sound, with a fifth at a higher pitch, and two dogs burst over the line, strapped together. Behind them, a woman is dragged along.

She's on a large scooter and squeals excitedly as the straps that connect the scooter and the dogs stretch taught.

'Come on puppies! Come on puppies!' she calls, piercing the early morning bush air with her screams.

Her right foot smacks the ground, making a thump when it makes contact, and when it sails forward to prepare for the next scoot it's almost as if it moves in slow motion.

This is dog sledding: Australian style.

We are in a bush plot, a scout camp, in Kialla, northern Victoria.

There are 180 adult competitors here, along with the peewees (child competitors). They have brought at least 450 dogs along with them, and the noise is phenomenal.

The dogs are tied on lines, just as you would expect to see in a photo of sled dogs in Alaska or the Arctic Circle, except that here they are standing on the fragrant, moist earth and leaf litter of the bush. The dogs bow-wow, howl, bark, and the energy level is higher than I have ever experienced at a sporting event.

The competitors and their dogs have made their way from South Australia, New South Wales, the ACT, Queensland and even Tasmania to compete in the dry land sled races.

There are a number of different types of race going on over the weekend: teams of eight, six, four, three and two dogs pulling a rig through the bush, and smaller teams and individual dogs pulling a scooter the size of a mountain bike with big wheels.

Then there is bikejoring, where the dogs actually pull the human on a bike and also canicross, in which the owner runs along with their dog, attached at the hip with a harness.

Daniel Dutch runs a three dog team as well as the canicross.

'The three dogs—they're on a rig that's kind of like a chariot,' he says.

'[There are] two small wheels at the back and a bigger one, and you basically stand on it, with basic steering like a bicycle.'

'You do a bit of running with the three dogs, you've still got to help them out. They're the transition class from the two wheel scooter and the rig, so it's a bit heavier for them to pull along, so you still have to do a fair bit of work to help them out still.'

The chariot weighs about 10 kilos, but Dutch says it's the lightest going around.

'We do weight pull with our guys as well, and they pull up around the 600kg mark with that.'

'Our guys are all around the 18 to 19 kilo mark, they're pretty lean, mostly muscle.'

'I think it ends up at about 20 times their weight, weight to weight ratio,' he says.

Dutch also runs with a seven year old boxer-cross in the canicross. The dog was an adult when Dutch entered the sport and didn't like having the large rig following her along.

'She really enjoys the canicross, she kind of gets to free-run. She started from when she was about five I think, but she gets out there with the canicross and has an absolute ball.'

Dutch and his boxer-cross averaged just over 13 kilometres an hour over three kilometres in the race.

Every time the starting clock beeps, it sets another team off into the bush and another set of howls through the camp.

'Hike, hike, hike, hike!' calls a racer whizzing past.

'Hike' is one of the words that you'll hear all around the race course, and it basically means 'get going'.

The person who is running behind the dogs, or riding along on the scooter, is called the musher and there are a swathe of words used to steer and control the dogs.

'I think "gee" and "haw" came about because they sound distinctly different for the dogs, where left and right can easily be confused,' says Darren Scragg, president of the Australian Sled Dog Sport Association.

'The other major command is stop, obviously we've got stop and stand, and "on-by".'

'So if you come to a corner, or an interaction where you don't want them to turn, you use on-by. You hear a lot of people screaming "no" and "leave it", but that might be because a kangaroo goes in front of them or birds or something like that.'

Mushers certainly have their own way of communicating with their dogs, used in conjunction with these traditional commands.



'Some people make funny noises, sing to their dogs,' says Scragg. 'It's actually best not to say much, you want them to be motivated for their own reasons, and run. But hike, mush and then people make gurgling kookaburra noises and sing to their dogs and high pitched sort of squeals, whatever works.'

'When you see puppies getting trained—that's the most interesting because they can only hold concentration for a short period of time. You just need a butterfly to float across their head and they're off into the forest or into the bush.'

'Overseas they can hook up as many as 16 to 20 dogs,' says Scragg. 'The dogs are a long way in front of you, you know, so you've got to call you turns very, very early.'

The safety and wellbeing of the environment, dogs and mushers is protected by a lengthy set of rules, including harnessing regulations.

Shellie Shewring, secretary of the Northern Victorian Sled Dog Club says that the dogs are protected by a section of stretchy bungee strap built into the harness.

'The harnesses are actually designed so that they can pull through safely so that they don't do any injuries,' she says.

'The line that's actually attaching them to the scooter, it's got a bungee on it, so it stretches and takes a bit of the pull. You'll find a lot of them will actually pull it right to the end—that's to stop any jarring to the body as they're pulling through, gives them a bit of leeway so that they're not tugging all the time.'

The dogs will run their hearts out, and this is a cause for concern for owners and race organisers. It's lead to strict temperature and humidity controls on races, as the spitz breed dogs, like malamutes and huskies, can overheat easily in the Australian climate. They have a double coat (an under-layer and a guard layer) which is meant for arctic conditions. To ensure that they don't injure themselves, races are run at night and in the early hours of the morning. 'We do dry land racing, and the other form of the sport is snow racing,' says Scragg, who actually travelled to North America to learn how to control large teams of dogs on the snow. 'A lot of people have a romantic connection with that Alaskan wilderness and the big races in the United States.'

'If you want to compete with the best, you have to go to North America or Scandinavia,' he says.

For now, the dogs and their owners are preparing for a full winter season of racing in Australia. Some teams are off to an excellent start, averaging speeds as high as 32 kilometres an hour around the course.

The mushers say that it feels like you are flying.

'It is amazing,' says Shewring. 'One of those runs I did with the malamute club many many years ago, which was a 16 kilometre run; we'd run about 10 kilometres I think, so the dogs were nice and steady in their pace, just chilling. I think about 200 metres up the track a whole herd of kangaroos came through the track and the dogs just took off. I was flying, I was absolutely hanging on for dear life and I had the biggest grin on my face. It was amazing, it is so much fun. So much fun.'


'It's amazing the feeling.'

Scragg agrees that it's the most fun possible on paws and wheels—which is why he's been doing it for almost 20 years.

'The good thing is that it gets you out into nature. We're running around a beautiful stuffed red gum field, you know, 20 kilometres outside of Shepparton, a lot of our places take us to beautiful parts of the world,' he says.

'The good thing about this sport in particular is it's a way for a dog to vent its natural energy. It uses a lot of energy and they go home tired and relaxed. I mean, I hope that you've noticed that most of the dogs here love it.'

'For these sorts of dogs, like my Siberians, that's what they're bred to do, but as you see with the hounds and the cross breeds, they love it too. They get to go out with their owner, who feeds them and loves them, and run around a track as fast as they can.'

It's hard to tell who is happier—the dogs, or the dog people. 



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3 Medications You Should Never Give Your Dog

By Dr Debra Primovic

Pets are a lot like kids. They depend on you for their safety – and you can never be too careful. Your most important job as a pet parent is to keep your pet healthy. So today, I want to give you some information about toxic medications that could potentially save your dog's life.

Just because a medication is safe for humans DOESN'T mean it's safe for dogs. I've seen cases where pet parents with the best intentions accidentally poisoned their dog with common over-the-counter medications because they didn't understand the dangers. That's why you should NEVER give your dog medication without first checking with your veterinarian.

Here are 3 common over-the-counter medications that you should NEVER give to your dog:

1. Aspirin – Aspirin interferes with platelets (which help the blood to clot). So if your dog has a wound or laceration, aspirin would make it harder to stop the bleeding. Aspirin is especially dangerous when mixed with other drugs, like steroids or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Dogs may experience gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure.

2. Ibuprofen - This over-the-counter medication is a popular way to treat pain and inflammation in people – but for dogs, ibuprofen can easily exceed toxic levels. Well-intentioned owners may give their dog what they consider to be a "safe dose" – but it can easily lead to bleeding stomach ulcers and



eventually kidney failure. And, if left untreated, this can be fatal. Symptoms include poor appetite, vomiting, black tarry stools, vomiting blood, abdominal pain, weakness and lethargy.

3. Acetaminophen - Medicating your dog with acetaminophen without consulting a veterinarian is dangerous. (Pets also consume tablets that are dropped on the floor or left around the house.)

Dogs are less sensitive to acetaminophen than cats are. For example, a 50-pound dog would need to ingest more than seven 500 mg tablets to suffer

toxic effects. For a cat, one 250 mg acetaminophen tablet could be fatal. If you suspect that your dog has ingested a toxic amount of acetaminophen (one pill or more), contact your family veterinarian or local veterinary emergency facility immediately.

Common brands of acetaminophen include Tylenol®, Percocet® and aspirin-free

Excedrin® among others. So remember to keep all medications out of your dog's reach and NEVER give your dog any medication without first consulting your veterinarian.

If you ever suspect that your dog has ingested any of these medications (in any amount), please contact your family veterinarian or local veterinary emergency facility immediately.

I hope this helps keep your dog safe from common medications that can be dangerous.



2014 Show Point Score Update



As of 1 August 2014

See Page 5 for details on how to submit your show results

Most Successful Alaskan Malamute	Points
GR CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	35
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	10
ICEPURE RISING AUSSIE LEGEND	5
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	4
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	2
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	1
Top Alaskan Malamute Dog	
GR CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	23
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	1
Top Alaskan Malamute Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	7
ICEPURE RISING AUSSIE LEGEND	5
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	4
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	1

Minor Puppy Dog	Points
SNOWSTEEDS GAME BREAKER	7
Puppy Dog	
SNOWSTEEDS TRAIL BREAKER	1
Puppy Bitch	
ICEPURE RISING AUZZIE LEGEND	3
Junior Bitch	
CHIMO WALK THE TALK	5
Intermediate Bitch	
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	3
Australian Bred Dog	
GR CH SNOWSTEEDS RUSTIC RISING	12
Australian Bred Bitch	
CH NILTARAN KARUZR SHIIVA	4
NILTARAN KARUZR LAYLA	1
Open Dog	
CH NILTARAN ERNACE TUNGULRA	1



The Underdog Training "So Your Dog" Series

So Your Dog Doesn't come when called!

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We know that a reliable recall is important - your dog coming when called could be the difference between them staying safe or being in danger! While most people prioritise teaching a reliable recall, many struggle with achieving success. Although a seemingly simple exercise, the recall can be the most difficult to teach- the good news is, it doesn't have to be any longer!

So why does teaching a recall seem more difficult than teaching other obedience exercises?

- The environment is too distracting for the dog's level of training
- The dog is provided with opportunities to self-reward- running away to play with dogs or other people for example
- Frustration and high levels of excitement are reinforced- the dog pulls on the lead all the way to the park and is immediately let off lead
- Lack of conditioning- the dog doesn't have any association with the command being used
- Dog desensitised to owners repeated commands
- Dogs are socialised in a way that develops a high value for other dogs- large amounts of uncontrolled, high energy play with other dogs tends to create problems with the development of a recall command
- Breed instincts not in line with a natural reliable recall- some dogs find it more difficult, often those that have been bred to work independently of people or who are extremely sociable.
- Limited access to off lead areas
- Less exercise provided than required

What is Classical Conditioning?

Classical conditioning is a pairing exercise where something that is initially neutral to the dog, is paired with something the dog naturally finds appealing - such as food. So for example, when you pair a food bowl with food a number of times, the dog becomes excited at the presence of the food bowl- even if there is no food currently in it. Imagine if you could get that type of response to a recall command! The good news is, you can!

What if my dog is not motivated by food or toys?

Every dog is motivated by food- they can't survive without it! However, for those dogs who are not motivated enough to want food additional to their meals, you may want to use their meals during training for the time being. Special drive rewards can also be used for some dogs- rabbit fur tugs, raccoons tail toys etc.- these are particularly beneficial for prey driven dogs who want to go chasing rabbits instead of returning to you!


Is my dog too old for this kind of training?

No dog is ever too old! However, if the dog has been practicing the behaviour for a long period of time, the conditioning process will take a little longer or require more repetitions than if you were to start with an 8 week old puppy.

The 10 Step Program for Teaching the Elusive- Reliable Recalls

1. Prevent the dog from self-rewarding when running away. This may mean putting the dog on a long line in the park or walking the dog more on lead during the training process. Care should be taken to ensure the dogs exercise level does not decrease during this time.

2. Find the dog's motivator- food or a toy will generally be needed and both should be utilised where possible. Deprivation schedules may be needed to increase value for the motivator in the early stages of training.
3. Choose a recall word that has not been tainted before to use for the 100% reliable recall- this will be your emergency recall. The dog's name (or another word if you would prefer) will also be used for the training process. This method develops one informal recall (to be used regularly) and one formal recall (to be used less frequently) which is to be absolutely reliable.
4. The Name Game- Calling the dog's name ONCE only, when the dog makes eye contact, mark with either the word "yes" or a clicker and immediately food reward. This exercise should be repeated at least 25 times per day. For those wanting quicker or more reliable results, increase the number of repetitions of the exercise. Continue the Name Game throughout the remaining 6 steps of the Reliable Recall program but you may decrease the number of repetitions to 10 after the first 2 weeks.
5. The Emergency Recall- After a few days of the Name Game only start to condition (pair with food) the Emergency recall at home. Remember to use the word only once and deliver the reward regardless of what the dog does.
6. Gradually increase the level of distraction. Only move to a new level of distraction when the dog has done 5 repetitions where they immediately turned their head upon hearing their ER word.
7. Start to move locations in and around the home (particularly around the front door if the dog would tend to race out the door previously)
8. Play hide and seek within the house, using the ER once and providing the dog with a jackpot reward when they find you. Make it easy to begin with and gradually increase the level of difficulty- this encourages the dog to be persistent and builds frustration. Building frustration often helps to increase the speed of a recall. The faster the recall, the more reliable it is likely to be. Puppy in the Middle is also a valuable game to play with any dog learning to recall but does require 2 handlers.
9. With the dog on lead begin using the ER on walks and in other distracting situations. Remember to reinforce EVERY time the ER word is used. Jackpot rewards can be used for the exceptional responses from the dog.
10. In outside environments, begin to increase the distance away from the dog. When increasing distance, start with low level distractions and gradually increase. Distraction, duration and distance should be gradually increased- but care should be taken to separate these to start with.

The information provided in the So Your Dog Series is general in nature. We recommend seeing a qualified dog trainer and having a veterinary examination completed for the best results in resolving your dog's problems. For further information or training options, go to www.underdogtraining.com.au 

Proposed Changes to Club Rules

A full copy of the current AMCV Club Rules can be found on the AMCV website at www.amcv.org.au/Downloads/Clubrule.pdf

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 VCA membership requirements for non-Executive Committee members in accordance with VCA rules
3. 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)*.

**A copy of the Model rules is available from Consumer Affairs Victoria website at www.consumer.vic.gov.au*

The following proposed changes to the AMCV Club Rules are to be voted on by the Members at a Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday 4 September at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, United Lane, Bulla. Should this meeting not reach a quorum, the changes to the club rules will be tabled at a Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9 October 2014 immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

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.*

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 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.

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.

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.

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.*

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.

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 or 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.

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

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).

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. *"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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.~~

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.

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.

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.

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.

Motion: That subrule (12) "Minutes of Meeting" be inserted in Rule 31 "Meeting of the Committee" (current rule 28) add 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.

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~~



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2014 Show Point Score Competition Rules

The competition shall run from 1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014.

1. All Championship shows held in Victoria shall count (**except the Melbourne Royal & AMCV Championship Show**) and the winners will be awarded from the ten (10) best results submitted.

To be eligible for an award in the Show Point Score Competition, all registered owners of the exhibit must be current AMCV Members. Points will only be allocated if all registered owners are financial members of the AMCV at the time of the show for which results are being submitted.

2. The onus is on exhibitors to send their results to the Show Secretary, no later than one (1) month after the event together with a marked catalogue, (front cover and Judge's page along with the Alaskan Malamutes fully marked) including the best of classes in breed marked with a circle or asterisk. The exhibitor submitting the results must also sign on the front of the catalogue.
3. One exhibitor may send in the results for all those at a show, but all exhibitors who wish their results to be submitted for the competition must sign the front of the catalogue as some people may not wish to be included in the Point Score Competition.
4. There is no limit to the number of results that can be submitted, however only a competitor's ten (10) best results submitted will be published as the year progresses. Once a competitor has reached the ten (10) shows the Show Secretary will automatically adjust the points accordingly.
5. A complete record of shows submitted together with catalogues will be kept by the Show Secretary in the event of any dispute arising.
6. Trophies will be awarded to the registered owner/s of the winners at the time of submitting their dog's last results.
7. The competition will consist of Most Successful Alaskan Malamute, Most Successful Dog, Most Successful Bitch and Class awards.
 - 7.1 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute Dog and Bitch
Most Successful Dog and Bitch will be awarded to the dog and bitch which has the most points from the ten (10) best shows submitted.
Points will be awarded to Challenge winners on the basis of one (1) point for each dog or bitch beaten including one (1) for your dog or bitch, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per show
 - 7.2 Most Successful Alaskan Malamute
Most Successful Alaskan Malamute will be awarded to the Dog or Bitch which has the highest number of points from their ten (10) best shows submitted.

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

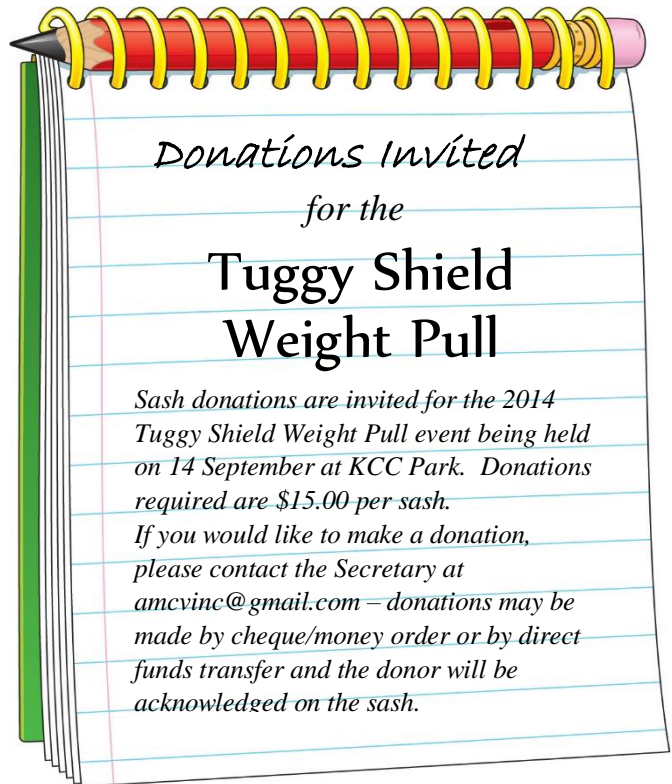
7.3 Class awards

Awards will also be given for:

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

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

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