

Spring 2015



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Alaskan Malamute Club Victoria Inc.

Christmas Fun Day

Sunday, 29 November
Commencing at approximately 11.30 am

Days Picnic Ground
Lions Head Road, Mt Macedon
Melways Map Reference 909 G10

There will be a raffle, prizes, the Dog Shop, a visit from Mrs Claus and you can enter your dog in our games, agility competition and other fun events.



DIRECTIONS: from Melbourne: follow the Calder Highway past Gisborne. Take the Macedon/Mt Macedon turnoff and turn right at the T-intersection, heading under the freeway. Continue straight ahead at the roundabout and stay on the Mount Macedon Road, continue through Mt Macedon township. Not far past the turnoff to the Camels Hump, turn right towards Sanatorium Lake / Barringo Road and take the left fork into Lions Head Road. The AMCV will be setting up at the far end of the picnic ground – look for the club banner.



WHAT TO BRING:
ALL THE FAMILY, INCLUDING DOGS & KIDS. BYO Plate, cutlery, drinks, dessert & chair. Remember to bring something to reliably tether your dog with (stake & chain), water, food, bowl and something to provide shade for your dog. All breeds are welcome.

THE CLUB WILL BE PROVIDING A BBQ (sausages, burgers & vege options), BREAD & SALADS COST: Members: FREE Non-members: \$5.00

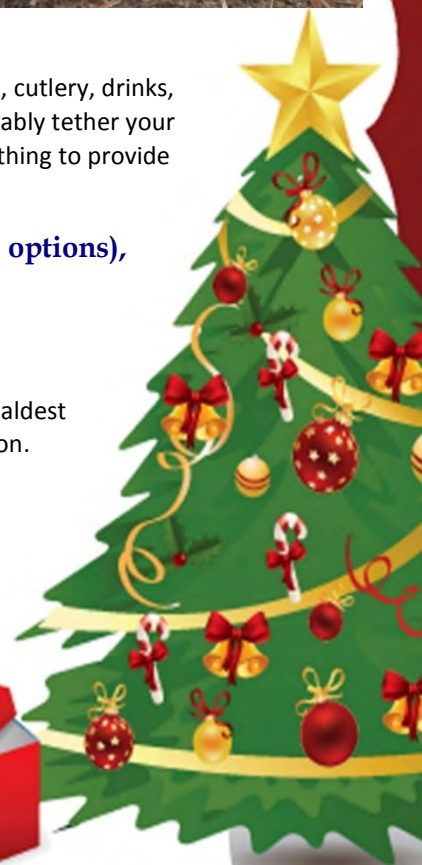
Fun & Games for everyone!

There will be prizes for Best Fancy Dress (dog & handler), Waggiest Tail, Best Trick, Baldest Dog, Furriest Dog, Lickiest Dog, Noisiest Dog & more, plus a Fun agility competition.

All welcome & bring your dogs

We welcome non-members and other breeds

For further information please phone Sandy & Ralph on 9714 8540 or email amcvinc@gmail.com





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SCALE OF CHARGES

Membership:

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

Other:

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

Non Members:

All advertising for non-members are double the standard rates.

Malamute Mail Advertising:

Members' rates:

Inside front cover – colour	\$50.00
Full page	\$30.00
Full Page - copy ready	\$20.00
Half Page	\$20.00
Half Page - copy ready	\$15.00
Quarter page	\$10.00
Eighth Page: per issue	\$5.00
or per year (4 issues)	\$15.00
Stud Dog Register (1 year)	\$50.00
Breeders Directory (1 Year)	\$25.00
Puppy Register	\$25.00

Vale Notice (quarter page) Free.
Normal rates apply for full and ½ pages.

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

Welcome New Members!

Jessica Taylor
Stuart Presland & Tracy Parker
Michelle Coleman

Welcome back:
Shellie & Howie Shewring

WHERE'S WOOFA?

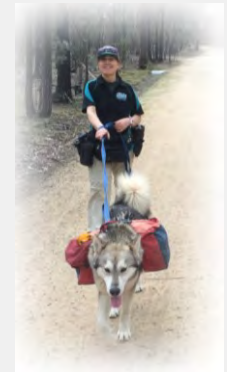
See if you can find naughty Woofa who is hiding somewhere in this newsletter

Thank you to all those who kindly donated sashes and trophies for our Shows, Tuggy Shield Weight Pull and State Cup Sled Dog Race:

*Olive Singer
Shellie & Howie Shewring
Mel & Alex Gray
Kataku Kennels
Dishlickers Resort
Merv & Shelley Turner
Colin & Sharen McPhan
Thomla Kennels
Windchill Dog Gear
Ralph & Sandy Koch*

Thank You

President's Message...



Welcome to the third edition of the Malamute Mail for 2015.

I see in the last issue we were welcoming in winter, but now a few months down the track we find ourselves again starting to get some warmer weather and summer will soon be upon us. Now is the time to start getting prepared for the heat, snakes, grass seeds & bushfires that summer may bring, particularly for those of us who live in more rural areas.

The sledding season is now done and dusted, with the only event remaining being the sledding training weekend on 25 October. Fingers are crossed that it will be cool enough to do some training, and also that the weather won't cause cancellation of our final weight pull event for the year in early October, as it did last year.

Congratulations to the winners and placegetters in our sledding and weight pull events, most recently the Tuggy Weight Pull Shield which was taken out this year by the McPhan's Darcy with a pull of 23.87 times his body weight. Well done also to McPhan's Brock who pulled a massive 916 kg on the day, and to Ian Luke's Luna who won the annual weight pull competition with some huge pulls throughout the year. Many thanks to Merv & Shelley Turner for Dishlicker's sponsorship of the Tuggy Shield event.

We would also like to thank Canidae for their generous sponsorship of the State Cup Race, which was an enjoyable weekend with perfect weather. Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters, in particular Stuart Vanderpol for taking out the 1-dog class, Ash Blackwood winning the 2-dog class and Colin McPhan winning the 4-dog class. Thank you to Ian & Mel for the effort they put into making the sledding and weight pull events throughout the season a success, as well as to all those who pitch in and help our coordinators out.

The full results of the sledding and weight pull events and point score competitions are published elsewhere in this newsletter, with the awards to be presented at the AGM on Thursday 8 October. If you are the lucky recipient of an award it would be appreciated if you can be there on the night, however if you can't make it please nominate someone to accept the award on your behalf.

At the time of writing we have just had our Championship and Open Shows, so congratulations to Best in Show *Supreme Ch Hamalek Rumble in the Jungle* owned by Hayley & Rebekah French-Davis and Shelley Turner, and to the Runner Up in Show, Stuart Presland's *Ch Darksky Southern Star* under US judge Mrs Patricia Putman at our Championship Show, and Dean Gibbon's *Nukabiitka Truly Sweet Georgia* winning Best In Show under Ms Susie Baird at our Open Show, with Runner Up In Show awarded to S & M Turner and S Glasheen's *Kataku The Company You Keep (AI)*. The full results and photos will be published in the next issue of the Malamute Mail.

A big thanks to our show secretaries and their assistants, Dale & Lorraine Green, Shelley Turner and Sharen McPhan, for all the work they put into organising these two shows, and to everyone who helped out on the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly with special mention of Colin McPhan and our ticket writer, Olive Singer. Thanks also to all those who donated sashes and trophies and supported our fundraising on the day which raised over \$300, and particularly to Canidae who sponsored our Championship Show. Holding two shows on the one day is a huge effort but the entries were good and it seems the entry at the Royal this year benefited from the move of our Championship Show back to September. Unfortunately there was insufficient interest in the lecture on canine anatomy by our US judge, Pat Putman, and having had the pleasure of speaking with her for just a short time I can't help but feel this was a missed opportunity. Instead, Pat has kindly provided us with some information and an article to share with the members which will be published in the next newsletter.

In this issue you will see an article regarding the successful prosecution of an unregistered Queensland breeder, Mr Peter Dykstra and his wife, who made false claims to puppy buyers about Hip dysplasia being caused by diet and not having any hereditary component. You may recall that Mr Dykstra had on several occasions in the past threatened to take the AMCV to court over the information on our website regarding the hereditary component of Hip dysplasia, which prompted us to send him a large list and several scientific journal articles as references in support of the information we provide. We were pleased to hear that this, along with the assistance to the prosecution provided by Ian Luke on behalf of the AMCV, contributed to charges being laid which was a wonderful and fitting outcome.

Our Committee has undergone some changes throughout the year, most recently with the resignation of Kellie-Ann Bryson from her roles as Obedience Coordinator & Referral Officer for personal reasons. We thank Kellie for the time and effort she put into these roles over the past year and for her contribution to the club and Committee in a number of ways, including securing Canidae sponsorship for our State Cup sledding event and Championship Show. Being so close to the AGM these roles have not been filled, so we hope that someone will put their hand up at the AGM if they are interested in any of the roles for which we have not received any nominations. The list of nominations, award recipients and the AGM agenda are published in this newsletter.

We still have quite a few events coming up with a hike, fun walk, weight pull and the sledding training in October, then finishing up the year with our Christmas Fun day in late November. I hope to see many of you at these events, so come along if you can and enjoy your Mals!

Sandy Koch

AMCV Working Dog Titles

Please note that a \$30.00 application fee is payable upon submission of AMCV 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. 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.

2015 Show Point Score Competition

To enter in the 2015 Show Point Score Competition, please send a marked and signed catalogue (Malamute results & cover pages only) to the Show Secretary.

Malamute Mail Items

We welcome any items of interest to Malamute owners to include in the Malamute Mail, so please send in your photos, stories, items for "Something to Howl About" or Malamute & dog related articles. Items for the Malamute Mail can be sent to the Newsletter Editor by email to amcvinc@gmail.com.

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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 amcv@bigpond.com.au



Rainbow Bridge

*Atupaka Tai Golden Nugit AWDT AWPD**

"Sam"

Owned & loved by Ian, Thomas & Laura Luke

**AMCV Working Dog Title*

"Jasper"

Owned & loved by Ralph & Sandy Koch



Our sincere condolences to any members who have recently lost their treasured pets.

SOMETHING TO HOWL ABOUT...



Endurance Title

Rush

Tanome Legend of the Knight (AI) ET

owned by Sharen & Colin McPhan

SUMMER 2015 ISSUE

Copy Deadline: **15 November 2015**

If you have any letters, photos, or items of general interest to the members please email them to the Newsletter Editor at amcvinc@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 8 October, 2015

Commencing at 7.30 pm at the Calabria Club (Bulla Exhibition Centre) 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla in Meeting Room 1
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, 2014 issue of "The Malamute Mail")
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Award Presentations:
 - Working Dog Titles
 - Annual Weight-Pull Dog Competition
 - Sledding State Cup Race
 - Sled Dog & Driver Point Score Competition
 - Show & Obedience titles
8. Election of office bearers and committee members

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Ian Luke
Vice President - Breed Welfare:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Vice President – Activities:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Secretary/Public Officer:	Sharen McPhan
Treasurer:	Ralph Koch
Newsletter Editor:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Referral & Puppy Registrar:	Sandy Koch
Publicity & Education Officer:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Fundraising Officer:	Jennifer Cornell
Obedience Co-Ordinator:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Malamute Health Officer:	Shelley Turner
Show Secretary:	<i>No nominations received</i>
Backpacking Co-Ordinator:	Stuart Vanderpol
Sledding Co-Ordinator:	Joedy Neeleman
Weightpull Co-Ordinator:	Mel Gray

Nominations will be invited from the floor for those positions for which there are no nominees.

2015 AWARDS PRESENTATION

WORKING DOG TITLES

Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET "Brock" owned by Sharen McPhan

Associate Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent

Wolfpack Red Baron "Kodiak" owned by Joyce Winspear

Working Weight Pull Dog

Windchill Tambo Alaska "Meeca" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch

Working Weight Pull Dog

Qannik Wind Chill Factor "Bosco" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch

ANNUAL WEIGHT PULL COMPETITION

Under 36 kg Class:

1st: *Kataku Mystical Dawn "Luna" owned by Ian Luke*

2nd: *Chimo Ice Eagle "Chardy" owned by Mel Gray*

3rd: *Ch Kortmar Georgies Boy "Finn" owned by Ian Luke*

36-45 kg Class:

1st: *Ch Tanome King of the Mountain ET "Brock" owned by Sharen McPhan*

2nd: *Qannik Wind Chill Factor "Bosco" owned by Ralph & Sandy Koch*

46-55 kg Class:

1st: *Kataku All Shadow "Shadow" owned by Bradley Acht*

2nd: *Champion Kataku Major League "Wesley" owned by Merv & Shelley Turner*

Top Weight Pull Dog of the Year

Kataku Mystical Dawn "Luna" owned by Ian Luke

2015 Tuggy Weight Pull Shield

Tanome Against The Grain "Darcy" owned by Sharen McPhan

SLEDDING STATE CUP

1-Dog Class: Stuart Vanderpol & Maddie

2-Dog Class: Ash Blackwood, Mutie & Nukka

4-Dog Class: Colin McPhan, Jack, Darcy & Rush

SLEDDING DOG & DRIVER POINT SCORE COMPETITION

1-Dog Class:

1st Stuart Vanderpol & Maddie

2nd Ralph Koch & Bosco

3rd Fred Parker & Spike

2-Dog Class:

1st Sharon Easton, Gypsy & Gibson

2nd Simon Kirkpatrick, Kaya & Lycan

3rd Ralph Koch, Meeca & Wuggy

4-Dog Class:

1st Colin McPhan, Jack, Darcy & Rush

2nd Ian Luke, Daisy, Luna, Finn & Wilfred

3rd Merv Turner, Ava, Iggy, Claude & Elliott

SLEDDING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Joedy Neeleman

SLEDDING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Geoff Eberle

ENDURANCE TITLE

Tanome Legend of the Knight (AI) ET "Rush" owned by Sharen McPhan

It would be much appreciated if all award recipients could be at the AGM to receive their awards, or nominate someone to receive the award on their behalf

Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

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

2015 Activities Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Event	Venue
OCTOBER	Thursday	8	Meeting	Annual General / Committee	Bulla
	Saturday	10	Backpacking	Day Hike 4 (<i>rescheduled from 3 October</i>)	Smiths Gully
	Sunday	11	Weight Pull*	Weight Pull Competition	KCC Park
	Sunday	18	Backpacking	Picnic Fun walk	Templestowe
	Sunday	25	Sledding	Sledding training day	You Yangs
NOVEMBER	Sat -Mon	31 Oct -2 Nov	Backpacking	3-day Hike (<i>Hikers & dogs must qualify and must pre-register</i>)	TBA
	Wednesday	11	Meeting	Committee	Bulla
	Sunday	29	Christmas Fun Day	Includes BBQ, Funny classes & Fun Agility Comp	Mt Macedon

Events not conducted by the AMCV are in italics – Shading indicates dates to be confirmed * AMCV Weight Pull Point Score Event

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.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Some of you may remember Ash & Priscilla from our picnic fun walks. Congratulations to them on their marriage, which of course included their Malamutes Mishka and Keyusha.



Weight Pull Event



ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY – NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

NOTE: Earlier start time for October event

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. There are weight pull harnesses available in a range of sizes that competitors can hire for the event (fees below).

No.	Event Details	Date	Venue	Registration / Weigh-in	Start time
6	AMCV	11 October	KCC Park	9.15 – 9.45 am	10.00 am

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

Events 1-5, including the ASTCV events on 28 June and 23 August, are included in the AMCV 2015 Annual Weight Pull Competition. Event 6 on 11 October 2015 is included in the 2016 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. **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 at AMCV events, and the competing Malamute's registered name and registration number must be included on the entry form. Trophies or ribbons awarded to all class winners and placings (all breeds).

Entry Fees:

AMCV / ASTCV Members:

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

Non-members:

First entry \$12.00, subsequent entries \$10.00

Harness Hire Fees: A fee of \$5.00 per harness, plus \$15.00 bond may be charged (bond is refundable upon return of harness)

Weight Classes*:

- Up to 36 kg class
 - 36 – 45 kg class
 - 46 - 55 kg class
 - Unlimited class
- * extra weight classes are offered at ASTCV events.
NB: Dog's weight is rounded down to nearest whole kilogram to determine weight class.

ALL BREEDS WELCOME

Further Information:

AMCV Events: Ph: Mel Gray 0404 104 619 Email: amcvinc@gmail.com
Website: www.amcv.org.au

Please note:

CHANGE TO WEIGHT PULL EVENT FORMAT

The AMCV is trialling a new format for the weight pull events in which the handler / owner can opt to nominate a start weight which is based on the dog's weight as follows:

- <36 kg class: maximum start weight 244 kg
- 36-45 kg class: maximum start weight 286 kg
- 45-55 kg class: maximum start weight 328 kg
- Open Class: maximum start weight 328 kg

The maximum start weights are based on the rules of the IWPA (International Weight Pull Association).

Note that these weights are maximum starting weights. Each dog may enter any round at or below the maximum weight in that class. If poor pulling conditions exist, the Chief Judge may adjust the starting weights lower to match the conditions.

Annual Weightpull Competition

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

Eligibility For a dog to be eligible for the Annual Weightpull Competition awards, 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 and the dog's registered name and registration number must be included 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 there are less than two (2) eligible competitors in a weight category, no class award will be given, however that dog may still be eligible for the Top Weightpull Dog of the Year award.

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.

*Subject to amendment if the event schedule changes.

Nominated Events: The events in which results are eligible towards the end of the year awards are listed above and in the Activities Calendar on the AMCV website www.amcv.org.au.

Weight Pull Results

28 August 2015 – 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	AST	32.65	538	7.94	16.48
	2	1	Ian Luke	Luna	AM	27.55	538	9.00	19.53
	3		Ian Luke	JJ	AST	24.85	538	17.31	21.65
	4		Lee Ruf	Evie	AST	19.10	496	14.88	25.97
	5		Eliza Perry	Lilly	AST	24.70	454	9.04	18.38
	6	2	Mel Gray	Chardy	AM	31.90	454	46.88	14.23
	7		Lee Pride	Murphy	BT	28.60	454	58.00	15.87
	8	3	Ian Luke	Finn	AM	32.50	412	10.10	12.68
	9		Lincoln Hancock	Rowdy	AST	24.65	412	37.68	16.71
	10	4	Merv Turner	Elliott	AM	34.00	412	49.46	12.12
	11		Eliza Perry	Piper	AST	21.30	370	51.62	17.37
	12		Donna Treadwell	Fonz	SBT	19.20	328	18.90	17.08
	13		Eliza Perry	Troup	AST	30.10	328	29.58	10.90
	14	5	Merv Turner	Claude	AM	31.70	286	14.60	9.02
	15	6	Ian Luke	River	SH	19.25	244	29.16	12.68
	16		Lee Ruf	Rocky	AST	26.10	224	11.00	8.58
	17		Pauline James	Cleo	AST	24.05	224	14.03	9.31
37-45 kg	1		Bobbee Terrill	Basko	Rottweiler	45.20	370	11.69	8.19
	2		Meg Lewis	Seven	Rottweiler	41.45	202	5.80	4.87
46-55 kg	1	1	Merv Turner	Wesley	AM	46.00	664	42.28	14.43
	2		Louise McFarland	Tito	Rottweiler	51.40	601	8.22	11.69
>55 kg	1	1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	AM	56.00	664	9.78	11.86

Best Pull of the Day overall: Weight:Weight ratio of 25.97 pulled by Evie

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 19.53 pulled by Luna

Highest Pull of the Day: 664 kg pulled by Shadow and Wesley



13 September 2015 – AMCV Tuggy Shield Event

Sponsored by Dishlickers Resort

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	AST	32.1	853	15.16	26.57
	2	1	Colin McPhan	Darcy	AM	33.1	790	11.51	23.87
	3		Karley Jollands	Munta	AM*	33.0	664	28.40	20.12
	4		Eliza Perry	Lilly	AST	23.8	496	13.46	20.84
	5	2	Mel Gray	Chardy	AM	33.8	496	56.30	14.67
	6	3	Ian Luke	Finn	AM	31.8	454	17.50	14.28
	7		Aiden Logan	Murphy	Bull Terrier	29.9	454	36.27	15.18
	8		Ian Luke	J	AST	24.4	412	9.35	16.89
	9		Jason Muncer	Tyson	AST	31.5	412	41.77	13.08
	10		Eliza Perry	Troup	AST	29.25	412	50.51	14.09
	11		Alex Gray	Zorro	AM*	33.1	328	14.59	9.91
	12		Heather Logan	Doc	SBT	33.5	328	25.23	9.79
	13		Leigh Pride	Muppet	Bull Terrier	22.4	244	20.09	10.89
	14		Colin McPhan	Cricket	SH	18.2	202	65.00	11.10
	15		Karley Jollands	Keeda	AM*	25.7	160	24.30	6.23
	16		Pauline James	Cleo	AST	23.4	160	43.48	6.84
37-45 kg	1	1	Colin McPhan	Brock	AM	38.6	916	28.36	23.73
	2	2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	AM	37.6	496	59.36	13.19
>55 kg	1	1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	AM	61.5	601	16.90	9.77

Best Pull of the Day overall: Weight:Weight ratio of 26.57 pulled by Mack

Best Pull of the day (Alaskan Malamute): Weight:Weight ratio of 23.87 pulled by Darcy

Highest Pull of the Day: 916 pulled by Brock

**not eligible for AMCV point score*

Annual Weight Pull Competition Class Results

Place	Handler	Dog	Event Date	Dog's weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Weight / weight ratio	Total Weight Pulled	Best 3 Pulls
≥ 36 kg class								
1	Ian Luke	Luna	23/08/2015	27.55	538	19.53	1803	1803
			14/06/2015	27.45	601	21.9		
			3/05/2015	28.2	664	23.5		
2	Mel Gray	Chardy	13/09/2015	33.8	496	14.67	1404	1404
			23/08/2015	31.90	454	14.23		
			14/06/2015	32.70	454	13.9		
3	Ian Luke	Finn	13/09/2015	31.8	454	14.28	1690	1320
			23/08/2015	32.50	412	12.68		
			14/06/2015	32.35	370	11.4		
			3/05/2015	33.4	454	13.6		
4	Colin McPhan	Darcy	13/09/2015	33.1	790	23.87	790	790
5	Merv Turner	Elliott	23/08/2015	34.00	412	12.12	412	412
6	Merv Turner	Claude	23/08/2015	31.70	286	9.02	286	286
7	Sandy Koch	Meeca	3/05/2015	33.5	286	8.5	286	286
8	Kellie Bryson	Blair	14/06/2015	26.55	202	7.6	202	202
37-45 kg class								
1	Colin McPhan	Brock	13/09/2015	38.6	916	23.73	916	916
2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	13/09/2015	37.6	496	13.19	908	908
			14/06/2015	39.70	412	10.4		
46-55 kg class								
1	Bradley Acht	Shadow	3/05/2015	52	916	17.6	916	916
2	Merv Turner	Wesley	23/08/2015	46.00	664	14.43	664	664
>55 kg class								
N/A*	Bradley Acht	Shadow	13/09/2015	61.5	601	9.77	1265	1265
	Bradley Acht	Shadow	23/08/2015	56.00	664	11.86		

* more than one competitor required for a class to be awarded

Top Weight Pull Dog of the Year

Place	Handler	Dog	Event Date	Dog's weight (kg)	Weight Pulled (kg)	Weight / weight ratio	Total W:W	Best 3 W:W
1	Ian Luke	Luna	23/08/2015	27.55	538	19.53	64.97	64.97
			14/06/2015	27.45	601	21.9		
			3/05/2015	28.2	664	23.5		
2	Mel Gray	Chardy	13/09/2015	33.8	496	14.67	42.79	42.79
			23/08/2015	31.90	454	14.23		
			14/06/2015	32.70	454	13.9		
3	Ian Luke	Finn	13/09/2015	31.8	454	14.28	51.98	40.55
			23/08/2015	32.50	412	12.68		
			14/06/2015	32.35	370	11.4		
			3/05/2015	33.4	454	13.6		
4	Bradley Acht	Shadow	13/09/2015	61.5	601	9.77	39.24	39.24
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			3/05/2015	52	916	17.6		
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6	Colin McPhan	Brock	13/09/2015	38.6	916	23.73	23.73	23.73
7	Ralph Koch	Bosco	13/09/2015	37.6	496	13.19	23.57	23.57
			14/06/2015	39.70	412	10.4		
8	Merv Turner	Wesley	23/08/2015	46.00	664	14.43	14.43	14.43
9	Merv Turner	Elliott	23/08/2015	34.00	412	12.12	12.12	12.12
10	Sandy Koch	Meeca	3/05/2015	33.5	286	8.5	8.54	12.12
11	Merv Turner	Claude	23/08/2015	31.70	286	9.02	9.02	9.02
12	Kellie Bryson	Blair	14/06/2015	26.55	202	7.6	7.61	7.61

Sledding Training Day

Want to learn more about...



Backpacking



Sledding



Weight Pulling

Further Information:

Phone Ian on 0417 103 615
 Ralph & Sandy on 9714 8540 or
 email amcvinc@gmail.com

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

Sunday, 25 October 10 am to 2 pm

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 overnight on Saturday would be advisable.

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

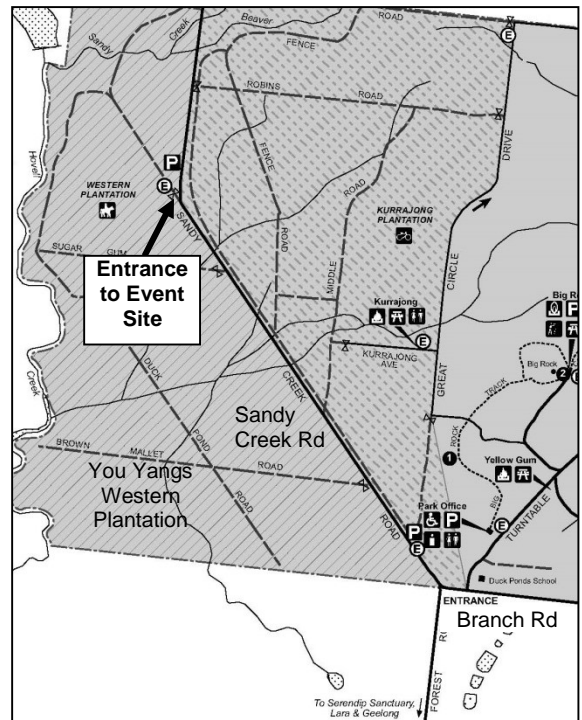
There will also be some working-dog and Malamute related items for sale, however if you are interested in purchasing a particular item, please email the AMCV prior to the event.

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 amcvinc@gmail.com or phone 03 9714 8540 or 0417 103 615 to confirm.



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

BACKPACKING Event

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.

ALL BREEDS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME.

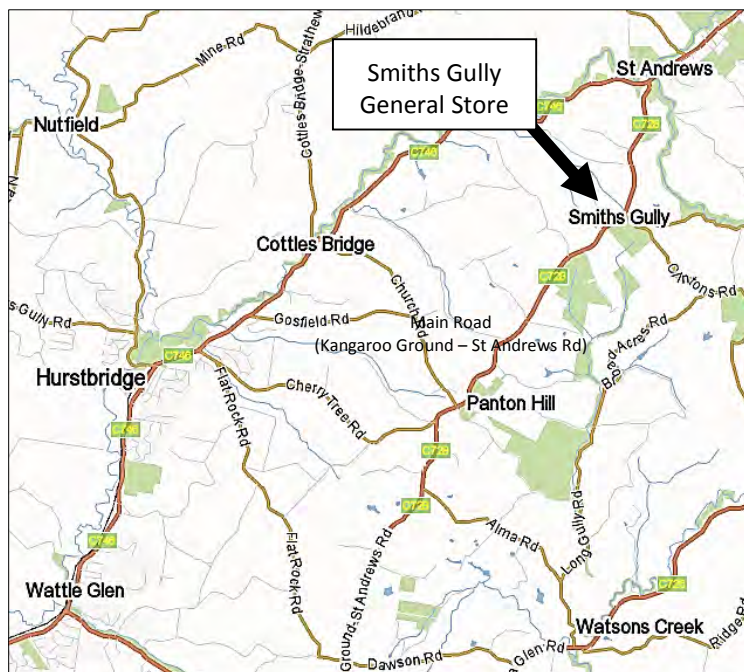
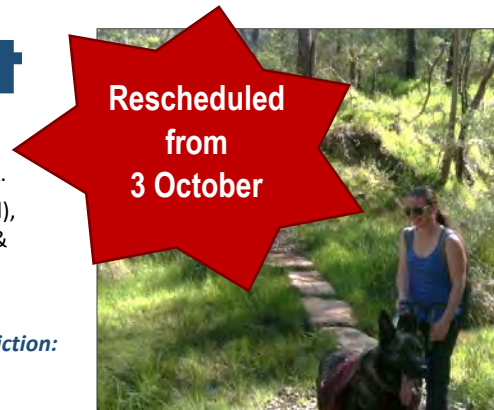
Temperature restriction:

EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED IF THE FORECAST

TEMPERATURE IS OVER 25°C: if so please contact the Backpacking Co-ordinator the day before the hike to check

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

NOTE: Places are limited so pre-registration is essential.



Saturday, 10 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 only 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

Hike Etiquette:

- Be on the look out for bike riders who may approach quite quickly - pull your dog well off the trail to allow bikes and other walkers past.
- Be aware that not everyone likes dogs and some people are scared of them.
- Dogs are to be kept on lead at all times and remain the responsibility of their owner/handler.
- Do not block the trail with your dog or equipment.
- Do not tether your dog on a long lead - a short lead or cable is sufficient.

If it is a sunny day, make sure your dog is tethered with access to shade & water.

AMCV Working Pack Dog Title*:

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

You will require a sturdy backpack which is sufficiently large to hold the required weights. The weight should be made up of something that is dense yet can mould to the shape of your dog: bags of damp sand and/or a soft pack of water (similar to the bladder of a wine cask) are suitable. Anyone attempting a walk should also carry a backpack containing some basic first aid items (dog & human), food (dog & human), drink (dog & human), water bowl and wet weather gear (as the weather dictates).

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

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

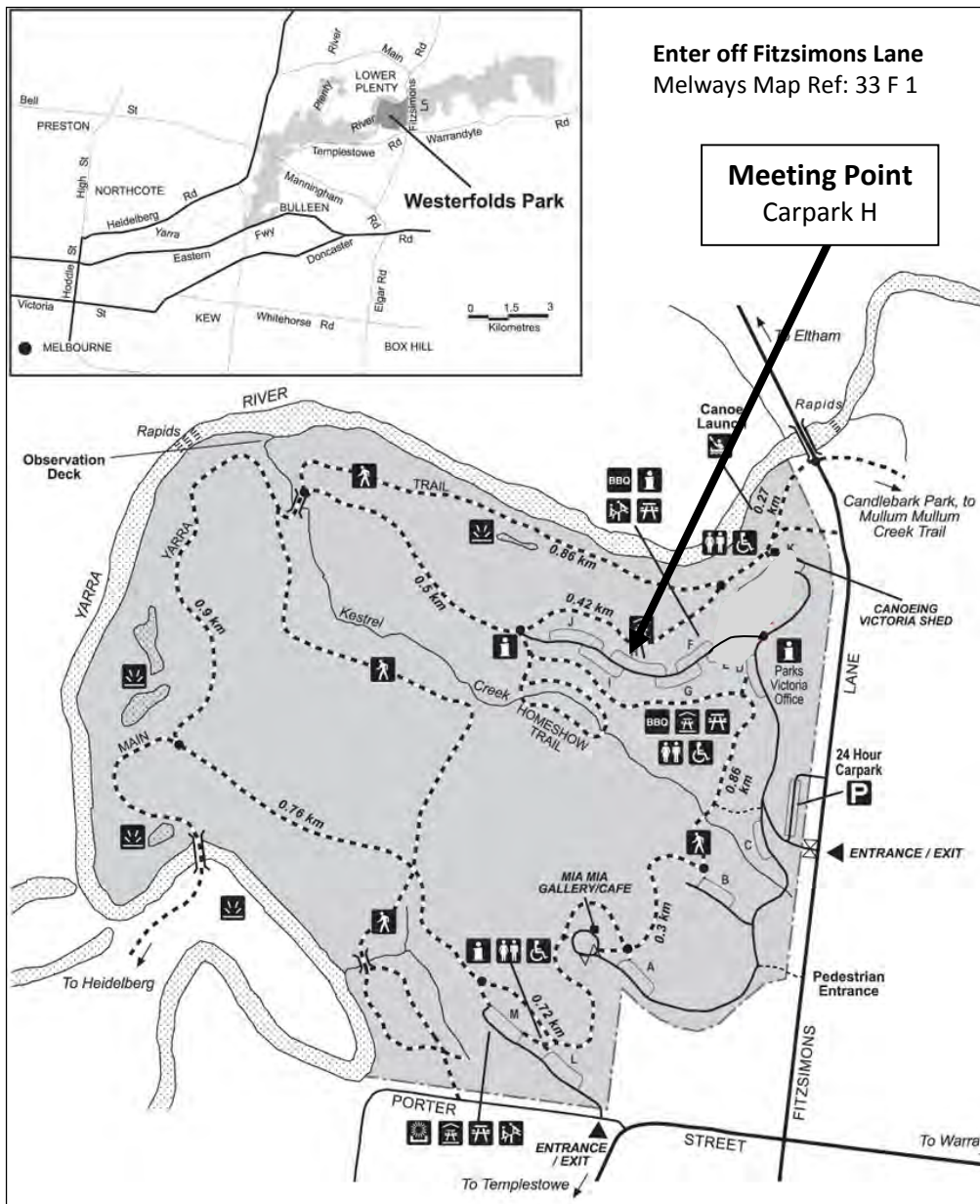
***NOTE: this is NOT a qualifying event for the ANKC title program.**

Extreme Weather Policy

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

Picnic Fun Walk

Sunday, 18 October – 11.00 am Westerfolds Park, Templestowe



Who Can Join In?

Anyone and their dog(s) are welcome to come along. Puppies should be at least 6 months old. **All breeds and non-members welcome – PRE-REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL.**

Cost: Gold coin donation

What to bring:

Bring your lunch or you can buy food and drinks at Petty's Orchard. 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.

Facilities at Westerfolds Park:

Toilets near the car park. **Please note:** We will be walking along the Yarra River to Petty's Orchard which is around 8 km return. Walking track is not suitable for prams or pushers.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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).

Walk Distance: Approximately 8 km return along the Yarra River, mainly flat.

Walk Etiquette:

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

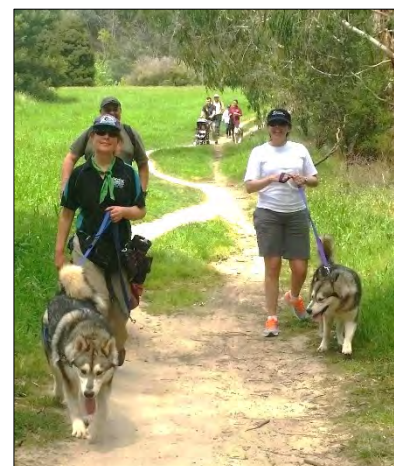
- Dogs on the walk must be kept **on lead at all times**.
- Keep to the left on the paths, give way to other users and watch out for bikes.
- You must clean up after your dog.
- Be courteous and respectful of other people and their dogs, and keep your dog at a suitable distance.

Registration & Further information:

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

This is a fairly easy walk so everyone and their dogs and puppies* are welcome.

**Puppies must be at least 6 months old*



Alaskan Malamute Breeder Prosecuted

Members may recall being informed several years ago of a threat of legal action against the AMCV unless we removed our Hip Dysplasia Program and information from our website. That threat was made by an unregistered breeder, Peter Dykstra, who traded in Queensland under the name "Sandown Alaskan Malamutes", because our website was costing him puppy sales. We refused Mr Dykstra's demands, and engaged in an exchange of correspondence in which we provided citations of many scientific studies to refute his insistence there was no genetic component in Hip Dysplasia.

Following numerous complaints from purchasers, the Queensland Office of Fair Trading launched an investigation into Dykstra's conduct. They subsequently laid 9 charges against both Mr Peter Dykstra, and his wife, Mrs Faith Dykstra, of Misrepresentation regarding Hip Dysplasia, its cause, and puppies they'd bred and sold.

The exchange of correspondence between your Club and Mr Dykstra formed part of the evidence presented to the Court by the Prosecution, and a member of your Committee was summonsed to appear (by telephone) as a witness for the Prosecution. We are pleased to be told that evidence, as well as our involvement and the evidence we could provide, played a role, not only in achieving a result, but in supporting and assisting those who were unfortunate enough to have purchased puppies from Sandown, only to have significant and avoidable health issues develop later.

The Dykstra's were found guilty of all charges and fined \$14,000.00 and \$7,000.00 respectively, and are the subject of additional non punitive orders, detailed below.

Sandown were known to have shipped puppies all over the country, including into Victoria. If you purchased a puppy from them, that has recurring or long term health problems, please read the below information.

The following article is reprinted from the Queensland Government website: www.qld.gov.au

Gympie breeder gone to the dogs

17 September 2015

Two Gympie dog breeders were yesterday (16 September 2015) ordered to pay \$22,143.35 in fines and compensation by the Gympie Magistrates Court after being charged by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for making false and misleading claims about their dogs.

Peter and Faith Dykstra, trading as Sandown Alaskan Malamutes, were each found guilty on seven counts, and pleaded guilty to a further two counts, of engaging in misleading conduct in connection with the sale of goods, an offence under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). The sale of pets is captured under the ACL which means businesses must not make false claims about their characteristics.

Mr Dykstra was fined \$14,000 and ordered to pay \$1,143.35 in compensation to a consumer affected by their offending. Mrs Dykstra was fined \$7,000 for the same offences under parity principals.

The court heard that between October 2011 and December 2013, Mr and Mrs Dykstra sold Alaskan Malamute dogs to consumers, several of whom later complained to the OFT after the dogs developed symptoms of a genetic condition known as hip dysplasia.

The OFT investigation found Mr and Mrs Dykstra misled the consumers by claiming the condition was not genetic. They instead blamed the consumers for causing any ill health conditions by providing an incorrect diet.

In January 2014, Mr and Mrs Dykstra advertised in a local newspaper claiming their breeding program was '15 years free of genetic defects', despite being informed of numerous instances of dogs purchased from them having hip dysplasia. The Malamute puppies were sold to consumers for between \$800 and \$1000.

The defendants did not test their breeding stock for genetic conditions.

Several scientific studies confirm hip dysplasia has a genetic component. Mr and Mrs Dykstra were provided this information in July 2011 by an Alaskan Malamute club in Victoria, several months prior to their first offence. Mr and Mrs Dykstra are not registered with any Alaskan Malamute breeders clubs.

In sentencing, the court considered Mr and Mrs Dykstra's motive in justifying selling dogs with genetic defects as having a wilful disregard for scientific facts and lack of responsibility when making representations to the community. The court also ordered Mr and Mrs Dykstra to issue a public apology and provide written notice to prospective buyers, at least 48 hours prior to sale, stating that their breeding stock was not screened for hip dysplasia.

Fair Trading Acting Executive Director Sharon Simmers said the outcome was a reminder that although most consumers don't think of pets as goods, the law still provides protection.

"As well as the financial cost, there is often a significant emotional investment for a consumer buying a pet," Ms Simmers said.

"Consumers who rely on information from a supplier about a particular breed, or an individual animal's lineage and medical history, are entitled to expect that information will not be false or misleading.

"The law applies equally to all traders, regardless of the goods or services being sold."

For more information on consumer rights and responsibilities, visit the OFT website at www.qld.gov.au/fairtrading.

Thank you to Ian Luke for representing the AMCV as a witness for the prosecution in this case.

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The Benefits of Adopting a Pet

This is it! There can only be one reason for you to be reading this and that is you want to adopt a pet! First off, lots of kudos to you for trying to read up before getting yourself a furry, scaly, or some other kind of fluffy companion! Want to know what the benefits of adopting a pet are? Then read on!

Adopting a pet is a life changing decision and it is understandable that some people (including you!) may want to be truly sure before heading to the shelter, your friend's house, or an animal rescue to meet your new best friend. Every person is different and the benefits of adopting a pet will not be the same for a child as compared to an adult. It is just the same as saying that adopting a goldfish is very different compared to say, adopting a horse.

In the whirlwind world of pet adoption, some surprises may pleasantly sweep you off your feet so you have to be ready for that too. So yeah, what are the benefits of adopting a pet?

We've interviewed hundreds of pet rescues and shelters all over America to get the best tidbits from the experts themselves and here they are, the benefits of adopting a pet in no particular order:

You Get to Feel the Magic of The Meet Up

Have you ever experienced the magical feeling of being in-love? It is said that when you meet an animal for the first time and that animal has formed a connection with you, there is an explicable bond that forms and you just know, this animal is meant to be with you. The bond is also reported to be deeper when that animal is from a shelter or a rescue; maybe because you know that taking that animal as your pet means that you will be giving it a better life. Some describes the feeling as almost like falling in-love. Some describe it as some kind of paternal or maternal instinct that makes you want to take care of another creature and love it as your own.

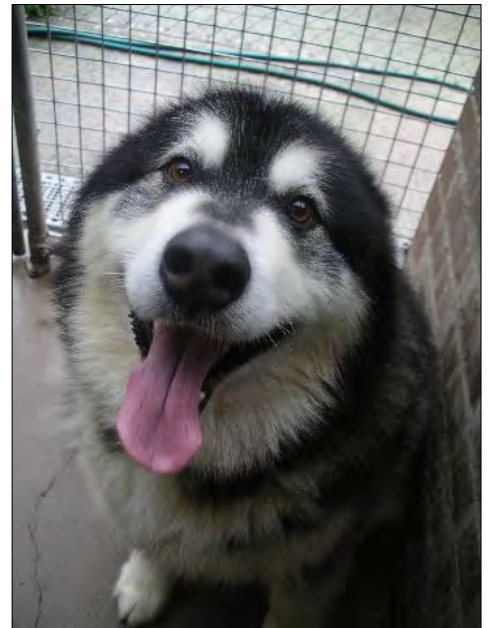
In the words of [Star Paws Rescue Foundation's](#) Courtney Rheuban Ax, "There's something about bringing home an animal for the first time, either from the shelter or the rescue, and watching them realize that they are home and spending the rest of their life happy and warm and loved and safe. The unconditional love you get back from that dog or cat is one of the greatest things you can experience."

But let's not only focus on shelter or animal rescue pets here. Making room for another creature in your life is a gift in itself. [Hope for Feral's](#) Ashleigh Kuhl sums the magic of the meet up as quoted, "Adopting a pet is the best gift you can give them. It is the gift of life. In return, they give you a lifetime of loyalty and love in their own unique way."

You Get To Be The Recipient of Some TLC

Lots of pet animals are very loving creatures, and we're not just talking of the furry kind of fur kid. Nothing beats a wagging tail, a happy purr, some happy chirping, excited flapping, a swoosh of the tail, and some cuddling after a long day at work. Pet parents are reportedly healthier and are less stressed than people who don't own pets so yes, pets are good for you, just as much as you are good for them too!

In fact, the most loving pets are usually from shelters and shelters because they tend to be more appreciative of the love and care given to them. Keyria Lockheart, a volunteer at the [Last Hope Cat Kingdom](#) says that, "I have had many tell me they love shelter animals more than non-shelter because they seem to appreciate being out of the environment and



into a loving home." Surely, that's a great motivation to adopt a pet, yes?

You Will Save a Life

Let us inject a bit of unsavory honesty in this post – pet animals which do not end up in loving homes are destined for just one thing, a life of desolation in the streets or on their own and then ending in a lonely and slow death in some way or another. That's very sad.

Not many people can say that they helped changed another creature's life but when you adopt a pet, you gift yourself with that opportunity. Esther Lyon from [Wayward Paws](#) says. "I think that the most useful information that potential adopters can know is that by adopting from a shelter or rescue group, you are giving a home to a cat/kitten that has never had one of their own." We agree with her, but is it a one-sided affair?

Pet owners often remark that one of the best benefits of adopting a pet is not just saving another creature's life. You are actually enriching yours and in some cases, saving your own life. There are numerous studies which shows that having a pet has plenty of health benefits, and it's not just physical too. Some people with mental conditions like [anxiety disorder and PTSD](#) and people with social awkwardness all benefit from having a pet. It's better than conventional therapy!

You Will Be Physically Healthier

Do you know that children who grew up in homes with pets suffer from less allergies? Yes! Growing up with pets can minimize the risk of developing allergies – and we are just getting started. Depending on what kind of pet you have, you are in for an array of benefits. For dog owners, they tend to become more physically active and thus, have lower risk of developing heart disease and diabetes. If they do happen to already have those conditions, having a pet like a dog can help them get more active and decrease their stress levels too. It's not just dogs either. All kinds of pets will benefit you with their power to simply turn off your stress switch. It is like having your very own unlimited supply of antihypertensive and anti-stress tabs, for FREE!

You Get to Help Your Local Shelter or Animal Rescue

All over the world, pet rescues and shelters are filled to the brim with pets who have no other place to go. We all know how life will usually end up for them if no one comes to make them a part of their family. Adopting a pet, no matter how small is a big help to the community.

Just to give you a glimpse on what goes on inside a shelter or an animal rescue. [Basset Rescue Across Texas' Founder Anne Fifield](#) says, "Opt to adopt. Yes, puppies are cute and cuddly. Who doesn't love puppies? However, there are thousands of animals in rescues and shelters who need a home or they could be euthanized. Shelters get full and have to make room for the dozens more coming in every day. You would be saving a life by adopting. Rescues become full, too. If they don't have an open place, they can't bring more in. That means someone is going to lose their life". Surely you don't want that to happen right?

You Will Help End Puppy Mills

Let us just state that we have no problem with responsible breeders as the pets which ends up in shelters, streets, and animal rescues usually do not come from responsible pet breeders. Pets like that are often from puppy mills who do not care who the pet will end up with and do not care if the pets they are breeding are not from a sturdy or good line. Buying from a puppy mill or an unregistered breeder only means that more well-deserving pets end up not having a home and puppy mills will keep on mass producing living creatures who deserve to be treated better than just a product in an unregulated factory.

You Will Get a Better Pet Match When You Adopt

As can be glimpsed above, baby pets are cute and everyone loves them but the cuddly ball of fur you have now can become your worst nightmare if the pet turned out to be totally different from your expectations based on breed characteristics. It is why some people end up giving up the pet they got from an irresponsible breeder or puppy mill and why it is better to either adopt from a shelter or a rescue where the animal has been assessed for temperament and is more or less stable with how they are regarding mood and activity level. With just a little bit of getting to know each other, you'll likely end up with a dear companion who would deeply appreciate you and won't take you for granted.

You Will Be Friendlier

People who have pets come as friendlier and more approachable. If you've been to a park or just chanced to see some dog owners at the street, they tend to congregate and look like life-long friends, even if they have never met each other before. That's because a common interest brings people together and everyone loves cute furkids!

You Will Have a Better Love-Life

Lacking dates? You may want to adopt a pet too. Having a better love life is indeed one of the benefits of adopting a pet; however, you have to remember



that getting a pet should be something you really want and not just a temporary thing to be a guy or girl magnet.

Individuals who have pets are perceived as more family oriented, more responsible, and more caring – all sought-after characteristics when picking out a romantic interest. In fact, people often feel so strongly about pets that your 'performance' the first time you meet the pet of your romantic interest is among the top parameters he/she will gauge you with. That's right, your reaction to his/her pet or to the idea of having a pet ranks right up there with meeting friends and family!!

You Will Save Yourself Some Serious Moolah

Purchasing a pet can be very expensive, especially for certain animals and breeds. Adopting a pet from a friend who can no longer keep the pet, or adopting from a shelter or a rescue is way cheaper than buying one.

Sure, shelters and rescues can charge a certain fee and review your eligibility before letting you take home an animal, but what is that compared to the cost of buying one? A fresh-from-the-breeders pet is usually a baby and hence, you will have to take care of immunizations, vet bills, training, and everything else the pet needs whereas adopting one from a shelter or rescue often means that the pet has undergone vet check-up, has been given immunizations if applicable, and is basically A-okay. You'll often get free expert advice and help from staff who wants the pet to have a great life with you – how's that for some serious good deal?

[San Diego Humane Society and SPCA's Public](#)

[Relations Program Manager Kelli Schry](#) says, "There are many advantages to adopting a shelter animal. Adoption is a much more affordable option, and you know you're getting an animal that has been assessed behaviourally and medically. Our staff knows the animals well, so we can be sure you're set up for a successful relationship. At the San Diego Humane Society, your new pet is not your only new, lifelong friend! We are your resource for the entire lifespan of your pet, whether you need training advice, pet supplies, educational resources, we are here to support pet owners well beyond the point of adoption."

We're sure you have plenty of questions lined up and we'll do our best to guide you by coming up with the best information through our [The Ultimate Guide to Pet Adoption Series](#). Next time we'll talk about the differences which sets apart animal rescues and shelters so stay tuned for that!

We've recently added a lovable fur kid to our family and we can't wait for you to experience the same joy. How about you? Why do you think are the [happy benefits of adopting a pet](#)? Do let us know and let's chat at our [Facebook Page](#). Whether you are a first time owner or someone who has been with lovable pets all your life, we want to hear from you!

SLEDDING RESULTS

State Cup Sled Dog Race 18 & 19 July 2015 You Yangs

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1-Dog Class 4.0 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		Mick Hodgson	Riley*	0:12:24	0:11:40	0:24:04	19.9	
2	1	Stuart Vanderpol	Maddie	0:12:26	0:12:43	0:25:09	19.1	100
3	2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:13:39	0:12:59	0:26:38	18.0	99
4		Renat Minikhanov	Sabre*	0:14:55	0:11:58	0:26:53	17.9	
5		Erin O'Shea	Aspen*	0:13:36	0:13:33	0:27:09	17.7	
6	3	Sharon Easton	Titian	0:14:08	0:14:48	0:28:56	16.6	98
7		Steve Warren-Smith	Duke*	0:15:09	0:16:01	0:31:10	15.4	
8		Lisa Kowalewycz	Bella*	0:16:02	0:18:00	0:34:02	14.1	
9		Dave Wawrzyniuk	Aspen*	0:17:10	0:17:42	0:34:52	13.8	
10	4	Shellie/Howie Shewring	Charlie	0:23:58	0:18:18	0:42:16	11.4	97
11	5	Geoff Eberle	Freja	0:19:54	0:22:26	0:42:20	11.3	96
12	6	Neill Blake	Indy	0:23:35	0:26:01	0:49:36	9.7	95
13		Jess Taylor	Jaska*	0:24:53	0:25:03	0:49:56	9.6	

2-Dog Class 5.3 km

1		Molly Hodgson	Chase Noir*	0:17:18	0:16:24	0:33:42	18.9	
2	1	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka	0:16:53	0:17:25	0:34:18	18.5	100
3		Colin McPhan	Cricket Marli*	0:18:13	0:19:08	0:37:21	17.0	
4		Dave Wawrzyniuk	Mishka Cajun*	0:19:12	0:18:37	0:37:49	16.8	
5		Thomas Luke	Angus River*	0:17:30	0:20:48	0:38:18	16.6	
6	2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya Lycan	0:19:59	0:19:45	0:39:44	16.0	99
7	3	Merv Turner	Leopold Reggie	0:20:01	0:19:49	0:39:50	16.0	98
8	4	Ralph Koch	Meecca Wuggy	0:20:10	0:21:46	0:41:56	15.2	97
9	5	Sharon Easton	Gibson Gypsy	0:22:15	0:22:33	0:44:48	14.2	96

4-Dog Class 6.1 km

1	1	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack	0:20:30	0:21:57	0:42:27	17.2	100
2	2	Merv Turner	Ava Iggy Claude Elliot	0:21:51	0:22:55	0:44:46	16.4	99
3	3	Ian Luke	Daisy Luna Wilfred Finn	0:22:54	0:26:34	0:49:28	14.8	98
4	4	Joedy Neeleman	Midnight Cheyenne Rocky	0:47:32	0:43:42	1:31:14	8.0	97

Touring 1.4 km

**Not eligible for AMCV Sledding Point Score*

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH
1	Anthony Coleman-Fraser	Luna	0:04:43	17.8
2	Geoff Eberle	Maximus	0:04:45	17.7
3	Ralph Koch	Bear	0:05:10	16.3
4	Racheal Blake	Morris	0:05:51	14.4
5	Joedy Neeleman	Shylo	0:06:15	13.4
6	Sharon Easton	Zeva	0:06:51	12.3
7	Bec Lewien	Grizzly	0:06:56	12.1
8	Jess Taylor	Dukino	0:07:42	10.9
9	Laura Luke	Buckley	0:07:46	10.8

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Junior 1.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH
1	Rhys Downing	Seren	0:05:48	14.5

Veterans 1.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Average KpH
1	Colin McPhan	Jai	0:05:11	16.2
2	Stuart Vanderpol	Jethro	0:05:21	15.7
3	Howie Shewring	Xander	0:05:37	15.0

Pee Wee 1.4 km

Place	Name	Dog(s)
Equal	Nerys Downing	Rouge
1st	Tyler McPhan	Chermani Layla



4 July 2015 – NVSDC at Kingower (Point Score Race 5)

Overall Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Point score
1-DOG				
1.	Jon Marcollo		0:04:11	
2.	Bernadette Reed		0:04:28	
3.	Stuart Vanderpol	Maddie	0:04:34	100
4.	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:05:02	99
5.	Sharon Easton	Titian	0:05:12	98
6.	Kim O'Connor		0:05:14	
7.	James Ganson	Ana	0:05:26	97
8.	Jenny Whitehouse		0:05:44	
9.	Dave Devlin		0:05:47	
10.	Luke Ferguson		0:05:59	
11.	Jo Winther		0:06:07	
12.	Ally Ferguson		0:06:10	
13.	Fred Parker	Spike	0:06:48	96
14.	Catherine Lawson	Heidi	0:07:46	95
2-DOG				
1.	Peter Dobbs		0:10:07	
2.	Terry O'Connor		0:10:27	
3.	Bec Jackson		0:10:58	
4.	Mel Green		0:11:19	
5.	Bernadette Reed		0:12:24	
6.	Sophie Dalidakis		0:12:36	
7.	Ralph Koch	Meecca Wuggy	0:17:17	100
8.	Dave Wawrzyniuk		0:17:55	
9.	Scott Geddes		0:18:12	
10.	Sharon Easton	Gibson Gypsy	0:18:25	99
11.	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya Lycan	0:18:39	98
3-DOG				
1	Darren Watson		0:09:47	
2	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack	0:13:25	

Overall Place	Name	Time (h:mm:ss)
4-DOG		
1.	Peter Dobbs	0:11:21
2.	Darren Watson	0:11:23
3.	Michelle Osmetti	0:11:45
4.	Josh Winther	0:13:15
5.	Di Baker	0:13:46
6.	Rod Murphy	0:20:01

Overall Place	Name	Time (h:mm:ss)
6-DOG		
1.	Wayne Baker	0:11:44
2.	Colin McPhan	0:13:11
8-DOG		
1.	Annie Jackson	0:11:09
2.	Malcolm Burrows	0:11:20
3.	Wayne Baker	0:13:01
4.	Kim Offner	0:13:09
5.	Vaughan Winther	0:20:21
Novice		
1	Michelle Osmetti	0:05:08
2	Penny Tucker	0:05:35
3	Geoff Eberle	0:08:34
Veterans		
1.	Jon Marcollo	0:05:15
2.	Dave Wawrzyniuk	0:05:38
3.	Jo Winther	0:06:18
4.	Stuart Vanderpol	0:06:27
5.	Jess Winther	0:06:38
6.	Scott Geddes	0:06:48
7.	Jenny Whitehouse	0:07:13
8.	James Ganson	0:07:24
1-dog Touring		
1.	Jess Winther	0:05:07
2.	James Ganson	0:06:00
3.	Jo Winther	0:07:12
4.	Kari Sanders	0:10:47
2-dog Touring		
1	Debbie Murphy	0:06:10
Canicross		
1.	Luke Ferguson	0:07:53
2.	Di Baker	0:07:56
3.	Bec Jackson	0:09:15
4.	Jess Winther	0:10:28
5.	Kari Sanders	0:13:27
6.	Luke Ferguson	0:14:20



5 July 2015 – NVSDC at Kingower (Point Score Race 6)

Overall Place	Name	Dog(s)	Time (h:mm:ss)	Point score
1-DOG				
1	Jon Marcollo		0:04:18	
2	Kim O'Connor		0:04:37	
3	Stuart Vanderpol	Maddie	0:04:41	100
4	Sharon Easton	Titian	0:04:45	99
5	Luke Ferguson		0:05:12	
6	Bernadette Reed		0:05:24	
6	James Ganson	Ana	0:05:24	98
8	Ralph Koch	Bosco	0:05:28	97
9	Dave Devlin		0:05:38	
10	Jenny Whitehouse		0:05:42	
11	Jo Winther		0:06:27	
12	Catherine Lawson	Heidi	0:06:58	96
13	Fred Parker	Spike	0:07:38	95
2-DOG				
1	Bernadette Reed		0:10:17	
2	Bec Jackson		0:10:32	
3	Mel Green		0:10:47	
4	Terry O'Connor		0:11:56	
5	Dave Wawrzyniuk		0:12:05	
6	Sophie Dalidakis		0:16:00	
7	Scott Geddes		0:17:02	
8	Sharon Easton	Gibson Gypsy	0:17:30	100
9	Ralph Koch	Meecca Wuggy	0:17:34	99
10	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya Lycan	0:17:41	98
3-DOG				
1	Kim Offner		0:12:33	
2	Colin McPhan	Rush Darcy Jack	0:13:24	
3	Rod Murphy		0:14:20	

Overall Place	Name	Time (h:mm:ss)
4-DOG		
1.	Di Baker	0:12:48
2.	Josh Winther	0:13:28
3.	Michelle Osmetti	0:17:18
6-DOG		
1	Wayne Baker	0:11:00
2	Darren Watson	0:11:17
3	Kim Offner	0:12:34
4	Colin McPhan	0:16:40

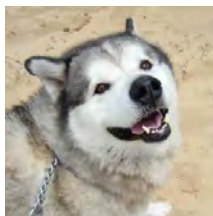


Overall Place	Name	Time (h:mm:ss)
8-DOG		
1	Malcolm Burrows	0:10:35
2	Peter Dobbs	0:10:45
3	Annie Jackson	0:11:07
4	Wayne Baker	0:12:57
5	Vaughan Winther	0:26:06
Novice		
1	Michelle Coleman	0:05:16
2	Penny Tucker	0:05:45
3	Geoff Eberle	0:09:30
Veterans		
1	Jon Marcollo	0:05:21
2	Dave Wawrzyniuk	0:05:35
3	Jo Winther	0:06:00
4	Stuart Vanderpol	0:06:04
5	Jess Winther	0:06:13
6	Scott Geddes	0:06:29
1-dog Touring		
1	Jess Winther	0:04:48
2	James Ganson	0:05:50
3	Ralph Koch	0:05:59
4	Ally Ferguson	0:06:03
5	Jo Winther	0:06:35
6	Tonya Syme	0:08:05
7	Sharon Easton	0:08:32
8	Kari Sanders	0:09:35
2-dog Touring		
1	Deb Murphy	0:05:51
4-dog Touring		
1	Colin McPhan	0:05:21
Canicross		
1	Darren Watson	0:07:37
2	Luke Ferguson	0:07:57
3	Di Baker	0:08:05
5	Tonya Syme	0:09:36
6	Bec Jackson	0:09:37
7	Kari Sanders	0:15:34
8	Ally Ferguson	0:16:44
1	Darren Watson	0:07:37



2015 SLEDDING POINT SCORE - Final Results

Place	Name	Dog	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Best 4
1-dog Class											
1	Stuart Vanderpol	Maddie	99	99	100	100	100	100	100	698	400
2	Ralph Koch	Bosco	100	100	95	99	99	97	99	689	398
3	Fred Parker	Spike	97	98	96		96	95		482	387
4	Catherine Lawson	Heidi	96	96			95	96		383	383
5	Sharon Easton	Titian					98	99	98	295	295
6	James Ganson	Ghus	98	97	99					294	294
7	James Ganson	Ana				98	97	98		293	293
8	Simon Kirkpatrick	Lycan			98	97				195	195
9	Kellie Bryson	Blair			97					97	97
10	Shellie/Howie Shewring	Charlie							97	97	97
11	Geoff Eberle	Freja							96	96	96
12	Neill Blake	Indy							95	95	95
2-dog Class											
1	Sharon Easton	Gibson Gypsy	98	98	99	99	99	100	96	689	397
2	Simon Kirkpatrick	Kaya Lycan	99	99			98	98	99	493	395
3	Ralph Koch	Meeca Wuggy				98	100	99	97	394	394
4	Ash Blackwood	Mutie Nukka			100	100			100	300	300
5	Merv Turner	Reggie Leopold	100	100					98	298	298
6	E'vette Levett	Judah Eden	97	97						194	194
4-dog Class											
Place	Name	Dog	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Best 3
1	Colin McPhan	Jack Darcy Rush	100	100	100	100	No competitors - Point score to be based on best 3 of 5 eligible events		100	500	300
2	Ian Luke	Willy Daisy Luna Finn	98	99	99	99			98	493	297
3	Merv Turner	Ava Iggy Claude Elliot	99	98					99	296	296
4	E'vette Levett	Aliy Delta Seven Jonah	97	97						194	194
5	Joedy Neeleman	Cheyenne Midnight Rocky							97	97	97



Stodge the Rescue Mally

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Stodge, an Alaskan Malamute we had on the referral list back in 2008 who was adopted by Katharine & Jason Musgrove. This is what they wrote to the AMCV:

“In around 2008 we adopted Stodge after falling in love with him when we saw he needed a new home on your website. Stodge was 6 when we got him and today just shy of his 14th birthday Stodge passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Thank you so much for connecting us with this beautiful boy, he will be sadly missed by myself, my hubby and our 2 kids. Thanks for operating a program that gives Mallys a chance of a new home. Warm regards, Katharine and Jason Musgrove”

Stodge was indeed a lucky Malamute to find himself in such a loving home.

Run free Stodge...



Snow Sledding Round Up

During August many sledding enthusiasts head to the snow to compete in the snow races including some of our own members and other Mally enthusiasts.

This year there were three snow races and one exhibition race. The first event was the Inaugural Baw Baw sled dog dash and several Mally teams competed with Jess Winther taking out first Mally honours in the three dog class, Ash Blackwood taking First Mally honours in the two dog class and E'vette Levett taking First Mally and 2nd place in the Skijor.

AMCV Junior musher Josh Winther did brilliantly in his first Australian snow race (he competed in NZ last year on snow with a borrowed team) taking 2nd place overall in the open three dog class with his team of rescued Siberians. Well done Josh!!



The next event was the Mt Buller exhibition which was said to be a wonderful event enjoyed by the competitors and many spectators who attended. Later the same week was the fifth running of the Falls Creek Classic and once again Alaskan Malamute teams were well represented with Ryan Cooling (1st Mal team) from Queensland and our own Merv Turner in the six dog class, E'vette Levett and Jess Winther (1st Mal Team) in the four dog class, Colin McPhan (1st Mal Team) and Josh Winther in the three dog class and Ash Blackwood, Colin McPhan (1st Mal Team) and Ryan Cooling in the two dog class.

The last and final snow race is the long running Dinner Plain Sled Dog Challenge and once again the Mally teams were out in force with First Alaskan Malamute team going to; Ash Blackwood in the 2 Dog Class, Rod Murphy in the 3 Dog Class (running Beth McCombe's team), E'vette Levett in the 4 Dog Class, Merv Turner in the 6 Dog Class and Ryan Cooling in the 8 Dog Class. This year there were 8 teams in the 8 Dog Class and notably two of them were full Mally teams and one had a pair of Mally's in wheel. Huge Congratulations to Ryan, Vaughan Winther and Tamara Murphy for representing our breed so well in the 8 dog class this year. At one stage of the race their were 16 Alaskan Malamutes passing side by side with no issues which is a huge testament to the training, skills of the mushers and excellent temperaments of the dogs.



CATEMAC Photography

Vaughan Winther's 8 dog team at Dinner Plain



Alaskan Malamute Rehoming Aide Australia Inc (AMRAA)

AMRAA is a rescue organisation based in NSW, ACT, VIC and SA. Our focus is saving Alaskan Malamutes from pounds and rehoming them to loving families in forever homes. We also advertise Mallies from other organisations and some private surrenders on our Facebook page. In addition to Malamutes, we also rescue Huskies, Akitas, Samoyeds and their crosses.

The teams in ACT, VIC and SA rely solely on the assistance of foster carers to house the dogs in care and we always need more people to open their homes and hearts to dogs in need. Our NSW team is a bit different, due to the sheer volume of dogs in need. The majority of the dogs are housed at a private boarding facility which obviously causes a great drain on financial resources. Currently there are approximately 45 dogs in care in NSW, and 10 of these are in foster care. Throughout the other states, we have another 30 dogs.

Last financial year, we had 101 dogs come into New South Wales, spending an average of 4 months each in care. Of these dogs, 83 were rehomed, 10 were on trial in new homes, 3 were transferred to another rescue and 3 passed away. In Victoria, we had 68 dogs in care, 17 of which were private surrenders and 8 were private rehoming. Of the 68 dogs, 48 were rehomed. South Australia had 18 dogs come into care, all of which were rehomed.

We are always in need of financial donations to help with kennel fees, veterinary care, transportation and other ongoing needs. If you are able to donate, looking to adopt or can offer to foster a dog, please visit our website at <http://www.amraa.org.au/> or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AMRAA.Inc>.

You Yangs Hike

Saturday 5 September



Well done to Ian Luke's Finn and Stuart Vanderpol's Maddie on gaining a leg towards their Working Pack Dog Title, and to Kelly & Courtney with Mishka and Sandy with Bear who came along just for the walk.

The following article is reprinted from Pet Insurance Australia - www.petinsuranceaustralia.com.au

Doggy Breath - Dental Care Month

Pet Insurance Australia is reminding all Australian pet owners the importance of dental care and hygiene for their pets.

“August is Dental Care Awareness Month,” Nadia Crighton Spokesperson for Pet Insurance Australia says. “Now is the time to ensure your pet’s dental regime is up to standard.”

Dental health is more than just a mouthful of pearly whites. For cats and dogs the health of their teeth and gums can signify much more. Dr. Chris Papantonio from Colyton Vet Hospital in NSW is all too familiar of the issues when it comes to looking after the dental care of our pets.

“Dental disease can lead to tooth decay and gum disease potentially causing the loss of teeth or tooth root abscesses,” Dr. Papantonio says. “The bacteria in the mouth can cause severe bone infections or infected fistulas (holes) into the nasal cavity. The bacteria in the mouth can also enter the bloodstream and cause damage to other organs such as the heart, liver or kidneys.”

Periodontal disease or dental disease can lead to serious bacterial infections.

“If this bacteria leeches into the blood stream it can have serious consequences for the beloved animal.” Nadia Crighton says.

The best defense is prevention. Having dental check-ups, and regular professional cleaning is paramount.

“Pet Insurance Australia offers teeth cleaning cover under its Routine Care package as preventing dental disease is an important aspect in responsible pet ownership,” Nadia Crighton says.

Signs of dental disease

- Bad breathe
- Staining on teeth
- Bleeding gums
- Excessive salivation
- Soreness around the jaw
- Difficulty chewing
- Unusual swelling associated with the jaw

Pet Insurance Australia is urging all Australians to look out for the signs and prevent dental disease with basic dental care, routine checks and cleaning.

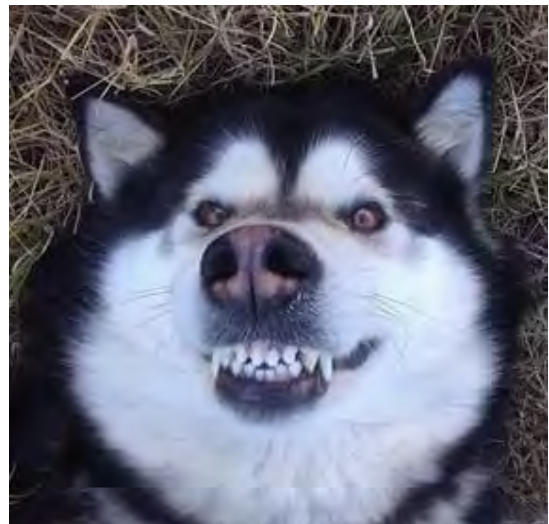
“If your dog or cat has dental disease then its best to get your animal examined by your veterinarian and possibly undergo a full scale and polish procedure to clean your animal’s teeth,” Dr. Papantonio says.

Other preventative measures include:

- Brushing teeth daily (small finger brushes)
- Chewing raw bones or dental chews
- Feeding your animal specially designed dental food

“There are also additives that you can add to your animal’s water or food which help to reduce tartar build up on its teeth,” Dr Papantonio says.

“Get proactive with your pets dental hygiene, it’s never too late to start,” Nadia Crighton from Pet Insurance Australia says. “Visit your local veterinarian today and get started on a routine dental program for your cat or dog, and kiss that stinky breath good-bye.”



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The End of the Sledding Season

The 2015 AMCV Sledding Season came to a close on the weekend of 29 and 30 August, with a lovely, relaxed and fun Excursion Weekend.

It wasn't a particularly well attended weekend, which always seems to be the way with Excursion Weekends. And for me, that works quit well. It means the weekend is quiet, relaxed, and a lot of fun. Those who did attend enjoyed a lovely night around the campfire with excellent company, as well as some fun tracks and good runs with the dogs.

No one registered for the 75 k long Distance event. So tracks were set to accommodate those who wanted short runs (2 ks), those who wanted something a bit longer (5.5 ks), and those who wanted longer again (11 ks). We had some newbies turn up each day. It's always good fun to watch their faces when their dogs take off and show what they can do.

On Sunday, we did some passing training, with four dogs participating. The exercise is one we've used for many years now, and we know it works. In this instance, we had four relatively inexperienced dogs, with varying degrees of reactivity, but by the end of the exercise, we had four dogs all passing and being passed calmly.

The real beauty in these weekends lays in the simple joy of running dogs. There's no competition, which is why I expect we don't get many attending. But there's something absolutely delightful about standing behind your dogs, watching them as they do what they love, without the pressures of worrying about times, or passing, or start chutes and start clocks winding the dogs up. It's also a great time to work on any bad habits that may have crept in over the season.

Whilst this weekend may have been the end of our season, we do have one more event this year- a training day on Sunday 25 October. That weekend, and next sea- son, will be someone else's problem to organise, but no doubt I'll be there, enjoy- ing some fun with my dogs. Hopefully, I'll see you there.

*Ian Luke
2015 Sledding Co-ordinator.*

Right : Ian's Finn, Daisy and Wilfred relaxing after a run



Left : Toscha and Carbon testing out their new skills.

Right : New sledding converts having a blast.



Members having fun at the end of season training day

Clockwise from top left; 1. Passing training, 2. Geoff & Freja, 3. Stuart & Ralph taking their guys for a run, 4. Sharon and Dodge, 5. Lisa, Sabre & Ashe, 6. Joedy and Jenn's camp



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