

# Pumi Perspectives

## *Hungarian Pumi Club of America*

### Gumby Captures first Pumi CM



Galla Hegyi Gömböc PT CM (Gumby) owned by Chris and Tom Levy and shown at left by Tom Levy, was the first Pumi to finish the new AKC Certificate of Merit (CM) title for AKC Miscellaneous Class.

Gumby is the most decorated Pumi in America, and maybe the World. He won the FCI World Title 4 times, in 2005, 2006,

2007, and 2009. He is also an ARBA BIS winner and the HPCA Specialty winner from 2007, 2008, and 2010.

His Kennel mate Fugie finished her title shortly after Gumby. An impressive 9 Pumik competed in the Rose City Classic in Portland in January. At least 6 other Pumik have shown around the country since the class was made available just 3 months ago.

## Pumifest 2011 Judges

Mr. Robert L Vandiver of Simpsonville SC will be judging the HPCA Specialty Show. He is a well traveled highly respected judge of BIS, Sporting and Working Groups and many Herding Breeds. His first breed was the Doberman Pinscher.

Mrs. Stephanie S. Hedgepath of Lexington SC has agreed to judge our Puppy Sweepstakes. She is also well traveled and highly respected. In addition to BIS She judges Sporting and Herding Groups. Her first breed was the German Shepherd Dog.

The judging will take place at 10 AM Saturday April 16 at Spartanburg Kennel Club. The show will be followed by lunch, an opportunity for the DNA Blood Draw for the OFA Repository, and the introduction of "The Judges Seminar Presentation" developed by Chris Levy.

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### SHARP BARKS....

- Dues Notices have been sent out and are due no later than May 1
- SURPRISE 2011 Member privilege will be revealed at Pumifest.
- Eukanuba Invitational in Orlando FL Dec 16-18 will include Misc Conformation as well as qualifying Agility and Obedience winners.
- Chris Levy has been appointed Judges Education Chair

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## Pumifest Auction Features Silver Pumi Head and Shepherd's Rug

By Tom Levy

The Pumifest Auction began in 2007 as a fundraiser for the Hungarian Pumi Club of America. The money is used to help support Pumifest and to support other activities with the HPCA. The items are Pumi-related, mostly with a Pumi image on them since those types of items are so hard to find. Throughout the year, members watch for items that they feel would be fun and help to raise money for the club, whether from shows, through the internet, or from trips to Europe.

We usually have quite a few items, with one or two worth quite a bit of money. It has been the policy to have an unknown reserve price on these more valuable items. This means that if the price is not met during the bidding, the item will not be sold. For the first time, this year, we will have two items in this class. For the fifth year, Kathy Donovan

and Dave Solson are donating a **silver Pumi head** for a necklace. In addition, Ildiko Repazi and Laszlo Suylok are donating a **handmade 24" round shepherd's rug** made from Shetland Wool with a needle-felted Pumi portrait (made with Pumi hair) in the center. There will be lots of other smaller Pumi items, too.

Until now, the auction has been restricted to those in attendance at the Annual Banquet. This year, if we can work out the details, we may be trying something that will allow people who can't attend to bid on items. It has been proposed that we open up the auction to remote bidding using cell phones and/or Skype. We'll let everyone know as soon as we've figured out the details.

See the full Schedule for April 15-17 on the club website.

We will have it all...Pumi Fun, People Party, Grooming Clinic, Conformation Show, Herding, Judge's Education Seminar,

## Membership Recognition

Lucy Berninger, Chair of the Membership Recognition Committee is compiling a record of our dogs' and member's achievements since we were admitted to the AKC-FSS Program 10 years ago up to December 31, 2010.

Future Achievements will be compiled on a year by year basis.

Lucy has designed an attractive Achievement Certificate which will be presented to owners at the Annual Meeting and Banquet at Pumifest 2011.

The HPCA recognizes all activities which do our members and Pumik proud. We recognize popular activities like Conformation and Agility, but also more unusual dog sports like Dock diving, Flyball and Dog Dancing. Does anybody have a Therapy Title? or Tracking Title or Temperment Testing or ????. We want to know and honor member achievements.

## It's Chic to Participate in the Chic DNA Project !

By Nancy Ben-Dror

We are so fortunate this year, at Pumifest, to offer our participants a wonderful opportunity to create a health data bank for our breed. Michelle Redfern, my friend and vet, has offered her services (after the show at the clubhouse) to draw blood from each dog and send to OFA, to participate in their CHIC Program for their DNA Repository. Normally, this would cost each person \$20 plus a vet visit to have this done. Plus shipping costs. The HPCA subsidizing this draw to encourage participation. In addition, Michelle is generously donating the needles, mailing container, etc. So, the total cost to you for each dog is only \$10.00. The blood draw gives much more DNA information for research than a cheek swab. Don't confuse this with AKC's DNA bank for identification, which is separate and also a good idea. I cannot stress enough what a wonderful opportunity this is for our breed. It will provide a data base for any health problems that may surface, in the Pumi.

This link [www.offa.org/chicdnabank.html](http://www.offa.org/chicdnabank.html) will give you all the info. Please come to Pumifest with your paperwork filled out. Scroll to the bottom and click on the link for DNA Application. You will find your 3generation pedigree on your AKC registration papers. DO NOT send checks to Chris, but bring with the paperwork.

I cannot stress enough how important this is and how it just might impact YOUR Pumi. Please be part of this ground breaking endeavor!

## ***A Message from the President.....***

**By Chris Levy**

Plans are being finalized and last-minute arrangements taken care of for Pumifest 2011. Pumifest Chair Nancy Ben-Dror has been very busy making all the arrangements and coordinating everyone's efforts. This is the big event of the year for the Pumi owners in the US. One thing about the Pumi folk – we always have a great time! Friday is for getting to know each other or getting reacquainted (and eating). Saturday is for showing and learning (and eating), and Sunday is for herding. If you can possibly come, please try to attend. Entries close April 6. We also have a great auction of Pumi paraphernalia. And this year we're planning to have an online auction for those who can't attend – they can still bid in real time! Stay tuned for details.

We're starting to get a lot of interest in the Pumi from various places. You may have seen some articles about the Pumi in some of the dog magazines in the last few months. Some have accurate information, some less so. Hopefully they ask us to review the information beforehand, but more frequently they don't. I've learned that you can't always believe what you see in print! One of the things on my list of "to-do's" is to write an article or two for these magazines with the correct information. (Who told someone that Pumik came from Pomeranians!!)

AKC requested that the HPCA appoint a Judges Education Chair to provide seminars for judges who want to know how to judge the Pumi and the Board appointed me to that position. Around the same time, the Western Dog Judges Association of America asked that we give a seminar in the Los Angeles area March 27. The first thing we needed was a PowerPoint presentation, so I spent a couple of weekends putting it together. I feel like I've spent the last 10 years preparing for this presentation, taking lots of photos of dogs, researching history, etc. We are planning our drive to LA (16 hrs) starting Friday afternoon with 3 dogs and the Southern California Pumi fanciers are supporting this, too, by bringing 4 dogs, so the judges will see more Pumik at the seminar than they have ever seen (if they've ever seen one at all). I am excited to be presenting the first ever Pumi judges seminar! I will hand copies of the CD out at Pumifest while I give the presentation to everyone there.

The Pumi was eligible to show in the Miscellaneous Classes January 1, 2011, and already two Pumik have won Certificates of Merit. Pumik have so far been shown in California, Oregon, Washington, North and South Carolina, and Kentucky, with the Best in Miscellaneous being awarded to a Pumi the majority of the time.

Don't forget, your dues are due! Help us grow as a club along with our breed.

For those who can't attend Pumifest, think about the AKC/Eukanuba show in December in Orlando, FL. For the first time we will be staffing a Meet the Breeds booth for 2 full days. We'll need lots of dogs (so they don't get tired) and people (so they don't get too tired either). In addition, it looks like I'll be doing another Pumi seminar for judges during that weekend. Everyone's hungry for info!

See you at Pumifest!

## **HPCA election 2011 Nominations**

**By Asa Anden**

Nominating committee: Asa Anden, Vinton Balagot and Laszlo Sulyok

We are glad to announce the following nomination for board officers and board members:

President – Chris Levy

Vice president – Mary Reardon

Secretary – Kathy Donovan

Treasurer – Tom Levy

Board of directors – Stacy Lehman

AKC Liaison – Dina Bochnik Cooper

All officers and board members are renewals except from Stacy Lehman and Dina Bochnik Cooper.

**Stacy Lehman, Plano, TX.**

Stacy has Chuy (Pumi) and Misty (Parson Russell Terrier) and Shirley (Mix). Stacy has been training and teaching agility for more than 9 years. She attends both AKC and USDAA trials and last year she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AKC Agility Invitational.

Her Pumi, **Yippy-Yi-Yea Giddy-Up-Go "Chuy"** has many titles including ADCH Agility Dog Champion (USDAA). He was the first Pumi to earn an AKC Novice Agility title on February 23, 2008.

In 2009 and 2010 he achieved Excellent levels, and Master levels in both Standard and Jumpers Agility. And a Novice FAST title

He continues to work on his MACH points

this year.

**Dina Bochnik Cooper, Valhalla, NY**

Dina got her first Pumi in 1994!!!! She has been active with breed for many years and have been working with meet the breeds in NY. She is active with the AKC meet the breeds in NYC, representing Pumi and in Metropolitan and Westchester dog club. She trains agility with Soho.

Dina has now four Pumik: Soho of Tip Top, Egres, Boomer, Tweeter

Maxwell a West Highland Terrier recently passed away

## First Days in Miscellaneous Class

By Chris Levy

Tom and I were excited to begin showing in AKC shows in the Miscellaneous Class, so we attended the first shows of the year on the West Coast – the Palm Springs KC shows on January 8 & 9. There were 22 Miscellaneous breeds entered, 3 of them Pumi. We entered our veteran, Galla Hegyi Gömböc PT (aka Gumby), and an older female of ours, Cseri-Subás Amal. Shirley Erle entered her puppy (slightly over a year old) who is out of both Gumby and Amal, so it was a family affair. Since Gumby was the only male, he needed Best of Breed (BOB) to get any points towards his Certificate of Merit title. As luck would have it, Amal won Best Female, BOB, and Best in Miscellaneous. She also won the next day, so had 2 CM points by the end of the weekend and Gumby had none.

The next weekend we entered 3 shows in Washington State. There were 3 Pumi at these shows, too. Gumby was again entered as the only male, and we entered Nyirségfia Füge (aka Fugie). Karen Beattie Massey entered her speedy agility dog, Abiqua Cicelle (Bella). Well, Fugie took Best Female, BOB, and Best in Miscellaneous the first two days. Poor Gumby – he was just getting left out. On the third day, Gumby finally went BOB for his first point on January 17.

The next circuit was the next Thursday through Sunday, January 20-23 in Oregon, with 4 Pumi (2 males/2 females) entered on Thursday and Friday, and 9 Pumi (4 males/5 females) entered on the weekend. Now Gumby was on a roll with 3 BOB and Best in Miscellaneous, and Fugie decided to have her way on Sunday and was BOB and Best in Miscellaneous.

Coming into the 4<sup>th</sup> show weekend, we had 3 dogs with points – Gumby with 10, Fugie with 9, and Amal with 2 (they need 15 points to finish their CM). There were 4 shows, Friday through Monday. On Friday and Monday there were 4 Pumi (2 males/2 females) and on Saturday and Sunday there were 6 Pumi (4 males/2 females). This time Fugie decided she was tops, and went BOB and Best in Miscellaneous the first 2 shows for 4 total points, with Gumby picking up 3 total points. That gave them both 13 points coming into the Sunday show. Gumby won BOB and Best in Miscellaneous for 2 points to be the first Pumi to win a Certificate of Merit (CM) title from AKC. Nyirségfia Cserfes owned by Ginger Butler won Best Female and got her first CM point. The next day Fugie was back and was BOB and Best in Miscellaneous for 2 points to finish her Certificate of Merit title.

We were lucky that there were so many shows in January and February, and that there are so many Pumi in our area. It was quite a trip while it lasted. I think all of us Pumi owners just had a great time showing off our breed. We had a tremendous response from the dog folk at the shows and a lot of interest in the Pumi in general.

Now, Amal still needs 12 pts, and we've got several others waiting in the wings, but there are no more local shows until June. In the meantime, there's Pumifest!



Chris Levy with Nyirségfia Fuge CM

### Niko's thoughts about dog shows

...As told to Pat Frost

*On my 3rd birthday my Mom took me to the Rose City Classic, my first show. It was crowded with about 3000 dogs and I was too worried to bark. When you walk through a crowd and they have dogs everywhere, you have to watch the Mom.*



*We did the "Meet the Breed" after a half hour on the table with Aunt Chris spraying and scissoring. The people all liked us and asked many questions and petted us. Some asked if we shed, barked or, were easy to train. It's hard to do your tricks with all the kids watching but we all looked pretty good. Some people said they read about us. One lady with Otterhounds, thought she would love to have one of US! We did our "cute" thing well.*

*After the "meet" we went to the rally ring and wow! So many more people watched and I was the best, I mean we qualified. The man judge was very nice and not scary. We even got a ribbon but I did not get to chew it. Then into the conformation ring and we waited a long time after other dogs took up all the space. One judge was in a chair at ringside to watch so I jumped up to see if she had any cookies. She didn't. She did pet me and said she never saw any of us before. The ring judge talked and was friendly and had never seen any Pumi before and asked some questions. Did I mention she felt "all over"? On the next day the man judge did the same thing but I wasn't so worried. He said he had not seen any Pumi before and had to study before to judge us. I got a 2<sup>nd</sup> both days and more ribbons. Then to my crate to sleep.*

*Many people came to the grooming area to see us but I had a hard time waking up They liked our curly coats, our cute ears and asked if there were any puppies. I really thought we had done our jobs. Another dog show coming up and I'll be braver.*

# Chiropractic and Your Four Legged Friends

By Nancy Ben-Dror

By the time I hit my 40's, my body began rebelling against the years of athletic endeavors, primarily eventing my horse ; which of course was years of cross country galloping over stone walls, log jumps etc. Although I never had a fall in a show, I fell several times just joy riding, mostly getting spooked by deer.

My back was so bad that I had many orthopedists tell me that if I didn't stop riding, I would be in a wheel chair by the age of 50. Then I discovered chiropractic. These doctors told me that if I didn't keep riding, I would be in a wheelchair by age 50. They would see to it that I kept riding and they did.

So, it was only natural, that when my dogs started in agility, I would seek out a chiropractor to keep their bodies in good shape. 15 years ago, this was quite a bit harder than today, now that more people realize the benefits of canine chiropractic and there are more providers.

It just happens that almost all of the chiropractors I have gone to with our dogs over the years are horse vets who, although mainly deal with equine clients, have many canine clients; I suppose due to the fact that almost all horse enthusiasts also have dogs. Since I have always lived in a horsey area, these practitioners were readily available to me. It also just happens, that these vets I have used over the years, are also *holistic* vets, which I prefer. Most holistic certified chiropractic vets are also certified in acupuncture. There are also canine certified massage therapists, which are at all agility shows these days, as competitors realize how much better their canine companions perform with this therapy available during a show. As vendor coordinator for many agility shows, I usually have three massage and or chiropractors at each show and the time slots fill up early, the first morning of the show.

Some people take a dog to the chiropractor when they see a problem or just know something is wrong but can't pinpoint it. A regular vet immediately takes X-rays, which often show nothing as the problem may be soft tissue. I take 4 of my 6 dogs every month because they all play so hard. Szikra, our Pumi and Morgan, our English Cocker tug endlessly and their atlas ( first vertebra in the neck) is always out but in opposite directions, as they always hold onto the tug toy that way. Szikra is often out in her rear because she is like a pogo stick and loves jumping up and down. Asztro, our male Pumi usually needs something adjusted, as he plays a really rough game of catch with those tennis balls that he gets me to throw. Almost every visit, someone has jammed toes. Running up and down an A-frame is most likely the culprit for that.

My 15 old mixed breed spaniel got acupuncture for the last year of her life to relieve her arthritis. She was my first agility dog and showed until she was 9. Splash, our youngest English Cocker hurt her back, (we never knew how) early on in her agility career, so she goes every month just to keep her feeling great and she enjoys it so much.

Most of the horse vet chiropractors see canine clients in a small office in their barn, so it is very informal. My dogs all run in, say hello and settle on the floor until their turn except for Morgan who always insists on being first. After a couple of minutes of massage they become limp and relaxed.

Massage alone can maintain a healthy dog, prevent injury release sore muscles, ease arthritic pain and calm the hyperactive dog.

## Congratulations Muppette!



Arkosliget "Kocos" Gyopar AXJ OA NF(Muppette) Owned by Sandy and Jim Lockwood of Port Crane NY earned her AXJ in July, 2009. She also has CPE titles

When Splash hurt her back as a youngster, my chiropractic vet recommended me to another holistic vet that used more modalities. He was only a little over an hour away and when I heard that one of the top Canadian agility competitors brings her dogs to see him, I figured I'd give it a try. One of the modalities that he uses (and there are few vets who perform this) is called Prolotherapy. You can look this up on line for a detailed description. Splash improved immediately and needed only a few visits.

I then became so interested in Prolotherapy, that I sought out a human doctor for my knee which was in need of a replacement. Again, there aren't many doctors who do this but amazingly I found one in my hometown. I have not had a knee replacement and I no longer need my brace, when I run in agility. Hopefully, by the time I do need a replacement, if I do, Bones from Star Trek will be able to pass a phaser over my knee and say 'all done!' :-)

Some modalities this vet employs are kinesthesiology, aquapuncture (pressure applied with water) and laser (red light) therapy at the end of each session, which the dogs love.

There is one story I always love to tell about the benefits of chiropractic for dogs. About five years ago, Alec, our oldest English Cocker had a problem with his ears. When I touched them to comb them, he screamed! If, when playing with another dog, his ears got stepped on, he screamed. I spent hundreds of dollars, at my regular vet, on X-rays and having him scoped, all to no avail. So, next trip to the chiropractor ( he had never been) Alec came along. His neck was so badly out, that the adjustment was quite loud and if I remember, he might have let out a little yelp. It was like a trip to the famous Lourdes Cathedral. He was cured! He has never had the problem again and has never had to go back. This was definitely MY most dramatic chiropractic success story.

If you think you are interested in seeing a canine chiropractor, ask around. There is a wide range in prices. I had to stop using one I was crazy about as she just kept raising her prices until she out priced me and my friends. I love the one I have gone to for the last five years. I prefer a chiropractor who is a vet, because of the medical background and my present one does some small vet services for me, far less expensive than my regular vet.

Chiropractic should not be considered in place of a regular vet, but as an adjunct. As I have different types of doctors for me, so do my dogs. They really enjoy going to the chiropractor, I think, because they know they feel better, when they leave. Just like me!

## WHIMSEY, The Dock Diving Diva

By Kathy Donovan

The sport of dock diving is growing more popular every day. There are three different competitions, one of which is Big Air. Big Air is when the handler throws an object into the water and the dog jumps off a 40' dock to retrieve it.

A typical line up includes Labs, Golden Retrievers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers; but in Delaware, there is a PUMI!!

I discovered that Whimsy was a "water dog" by accident. We live on a large pond, and she was playing in the yard with a Jolly Ball (yes, the one that's for horses!). She bumped it into the pond and proceeded to leap into the water after it. Luckily, she came back when I called her. The Jolly Ball, however, was never seen again! At about the same time, I spied an ad in the local newspaper for swimming/diving lessons for dogs. So, of course, I signed her up. Most dogs retrieve a bumper, but not our Whimsy. She will do anything for a ball, including jumping off a dock into the water for it.

The first time I threw the ball in class, she raced down the dock and fearlessly jumped off. To her surprise, she went in over her head but quickly bobbed up, got the ball and came back to shore for more. The second time, she was more cautious but she just had to get that ball...so in she went and never hesitated again. She was a natural!

Our first competition was a few months later at the Delmarva DockDog Club event in Easton, Maryland. I thought it would be fun to see what she would do. The Big Air titles are Novice (0-9' 11", Junior (10'-14' 11"), Senior 15'-19' 11"), Master (20'-22' 11"), Elite 23'-24' 11" and Super Elite (25' and over), and dogs must make five separate jumps in the category in order to earn a title. Most dogs work their way through each title gradually; but, being a Pumi, Whimsy wasn't going to waste any time. She flabbergasted everyone, including me, by starting out with an 18' jump and working her way up to her all-time best jump of 21' 6" on the same weekend! Since then, she has earned her Master title, with five jumps over 20'.

Oh, did I mention that she barks hysterically when we are in line to jump and thinks she should be the only one to jump? I have to take her away from the dock area after she jumps to calm her down. Gotta love that enthusiasm!!

### **Book Review:**

## **The Other End of the Leash**

Reviewed by Lucy Berninger

By Patricia McConnell, Ph.D.

Here is a **must read** for anyone caring to live with dogs. This is not another book on training, but is about understanding dogs' body language, and their hard-wired reaction to what they perceive as signals. There is a huge difference between their canine signals and our primate ones, and since we are all wired to give and receive gestures according to our kind, we're frequently doing things that the other considers bad manners, or even disgusting. Consider **hugging**. We humans can hardly resist hugging our dogs, but a dog feels threat-

ened by it. While we're feeling *love*, they're feeling more like *yuck—how domineering!* Or petting a strange dog on the head – very bad dog-manners. So often we impose our primate behavior in ways that they find threatening or confusing, and we can get past a lot of mixed signals, wrong signals, and hurt feelings by learning what this author has to share.

**A side note:** Something I learned from this book helped me catch a loose dog that had bolted out of a friend's car and run for the woods behind our club training facility, where it immediately found a rabbit to chase. It was cold and snowy, and long after the rabbit disap-

peared, the owner was still trying to interest, coax and cajole the dog into coming back. The dog was not obedience trained, as it was there only for conformation class, but was now having a great game of "keep-away", running through the woods, often out of sight, with her short leash dragging behind. It looked hopeless, and like she could do this for hours, and making matters worse, was the busy highway just in front of the building. If I hadn't read the book, I would not have known to turn my back and stoop down, which made me less threatening and worth investigating, and got her close enough that I could reach her leash.



Abiqua Abrand (Whimsy) follows her ball at the Delmarva Dock Dog Club

## Flyball: A good Sport for Pumik

by Jean Auen-Drahos

Flyball is a fast and exciting relay racing team sport for dogs, their handlers and spectators. This sport is open to all breeds and mixes of dogs. The dogs have to be at least one year old before they can run in tournaments.

There are two Flyball organizations in the United States. North American Flyball Association (NAFA), was formed in 1985 and now has more than 16,000 dogs registered. Only one Pumi is registered at this time, and that is Swing owned by Blanch Courture in Maine. The record setting time in NAFA is 15.217 seconds, four dogs running the course, set on Nov.20, 2010. Find out more about NAFA at: [www.flyball.org](http://www.flyball.org)

United Flyball League International (U-FLI), was founded in Nov. 2004. So far there are 5091 dogs registered with 146 breeds represented. Only one Pumi is registered at this time and that is Ziggy owned by Jean Auen-Drahos in Iowa. The record setting time in U-FLI is 14.864 seconds, set on April 25, 2010. Find out more about U-FLI at: [www.u-fl.com](http://www.u-fl.com).

Flyball races match two teams of four dogs each, racing side by side over a 51 foot long course. Each dog must run in relay fashion down the jumps, trigger a Flyball box, releasing the ball, catch the ball and return over the jumps. The next dog is released to run the course but can't cross the start/finish line until the previous dog has reached the start/finish line. The first team to have all four dogs finish the course without error wins the heat.

The smallest dog on each team determines jump height and this dog is called the height dog. In NAFA the dogs are measured at the withers then that number is rounded to the nearest inch, then five inches is subtracted to get the jump height. In NAFA jump heights are seven inches to fourteen inches high. In U-FLI, the dog's front legs are measured with a special measuring device. U-FLI jump heights are six inches to twelve inches high.

My Pumi, Ziggy, is still in the beginning stages of Flyball training. He does restrained recalls from the box, over four jumps, back to me for his reward. This teaches the dog to drive back to the handler, also to stay on the correct path, not going around the jumps. He loves to run so he enjoys this part.

He is also learning to turn on the box properly. We teach a swimmer's turn because it is easier on the dog's joints. There are several types of Flyball boxes and each club has their own. Our club has a four hole box, a regular and a small size hole on each side of the box. We determine what way the dog prefers to turn, and then we work with the dog in that direction on the box. In the beginning some dogs, like Ziggy, need to use props to help them learn to turn properly. Each dog is different, so props are different and how long they are used varies. Ziggy is also learning to go away from me, go to the box and return to me for the reward. Eventually we will add a ball for him to trigger out of the box, catch, and run back over the start/finish line, back to me for his reward. Ziggy gets bored easily with box training so we work on this for a few minutes at a time.

We sometimes work on passing with other dogs over the jumps. This also teaches Ziggy to not chase other dogs, just keep doing the job he has to do. Ziggy is a little behind in his Flyball training because he has also been learning agility.

You can start Flyball training with puppies as well as adult dogs. Puppies can do the restrained recalls on the flat, just learning to run to its handler for the reward. Right now tugging is the popular reward in Flyball, so you can also teach your pup to tug and to run after you to get to the tug. The rewards can be anything your dog likes, food, toys, tugs, balls and so on. You can work on the dog chasing a ball and bringing it back to you for a reward. After that is learned you can have someone place a ball, then send your dog to get it and bring it back to you.

I think that a Pumi is a good breed for Flyball because they are athletic and agile. They also have a lot of energy. The most important thing is to have fun with your dog.



Ziggy works to build up her speed at a practice session with her owner Jean Auen-Drahos

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## Eight Dogs and Owners Earn New AKC Titles

From the AKC records (Oct 2010-Feb 2011)

AKC Title	Dog's Name	Date	Owner	State
Agility FAST Open	Yippy-Yi-Yea Giddy-Up-Go MX MXJ OF	10/08/10	Stacy Y Lehman	TX
Novice Agility Jumper Preferred	Abiqua Duna Blu NAJ NJP	10/16/10	Barbara E Miller	CA
Open Agility Jumper	Abiqua Duna Blu OAJ NJP	11/05/10	Barbara E Miller	CA
Companion Dog	Bohemia Vivace Ash CD RN OA OAJ NF	11/13/10	Nancy & Meir Ben Dror	SC
Open Agility	Abiqua Dinamo	11/13/10	Christine Brew	CA
Master Excellent Jumper	Abiqua Dinamo OA MXJ NF	11/13/10	Christine Brew	CA
Beginner Novice	Bohemia Vivace Ash CD BN RN OA OAJ NF	11/14/10	Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror	SC
Master Agility Excellent	Abiqua Cicelle RN MX MXJ OF	01/01/11	Karen Beattie & Jim Massey	WA
Rally Advanced	Bohemia Vivace Ash CD BN RA OA OAJ NF	01/08/11	Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror	SC
Master Excellent Jumper	Vidam Kertesz Kicsi TucsoK AX MXJ NF	01/08/11	Shirley Russell	CA
Open Agility Jumper	Abiqua Akar Aloha OA OAJ NF	01/09/11	Alexa Maros	OR
Agility FAST Novice	Abiqua Akar Aloha OA OAJ NF	01/09/11	Alexa Maros	OR
Agility Excellent	Abiqua Dinamo AX MXJ NF	01/15/11	Christine Brew	CA
Open Agility Jumper Preferred	Abiqua Duna Blu OAJ OJP	01/23/11	Barbara E Miller	CA
Novice Agility Jumper	Vidam Kertesz Sugar NAJ	02/18/11	Tammy Hall	WA
Agility FAST Novice	Vidam Kertesz Sugar NAJ NF	02/19/11	Tammy Hall	WA
Rally Excellent	Bohemia Vivace Ash CD BN RE OA OAJ NF	02/20/11	Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror	SC
Master Agility Excellent	Vidam Kertesz Kicsi TucsoK MX MXJ NF	02/21/11	Shirley Russell	CA