

Hungarian Pumi Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hillary Clinton is known for many things and, regardless of politics, she is right about what gets things done: IT TAKES A VILLAGE. If we look at the total membership of HPCA – or most dog clubs in general – the village is small. Small but growing. In every group there is a core group of VERY dedicated volunteers, other volunteers who handle one (or two) specific items and everyone else. For HPCA we are at a growth point where we need to add to our volunteers or risk burning out our key dedicated volunteers. It would be great to have one or two more superstar volunteers (did you retire and now have some free time?) or extra hands for a few small tasks that will help everyone.

Are you planning on coming to Pumifest in Buffalo? We have small and big jobs that require volunteers for the event. Maybe you are thinking about Orlando for next year? Morris and Essex in 2025? Which in my opinion is a show worth making a trip to even if it is in New Jersey (AKA the Land of the Lost). Or maybe you can help with our Fast CAT and Agility trials in Minnesota? Even a few hours of your time are valuable. The AKC has not yet announced the Meet the Breeds events for 2024 but those events require many hands and even more paws.

We have committees that need members too. We would love your help with the Newsletter, Health, Member Education, and Judges Selection Committees. Almost every committee would love another set of hands. Contact me or the committee chair (<https://pumiclub.org/club-info-2/committees/>) if you are interested or have an idea! I know from years of volunteering that no one likes to raise their hand. I also know that the things that I have learned from being a volunteer have been invaluable in other aspects of my life. I have friendships that I enjoy, experiences I would have never had, and knowledge that I use daily. The experience of volunteering has paid me more than gold.



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UPCOMING HPCA EVENTS

Event Date(s)	Events	# of Events	Location
12/14/2023	HPCA Designated Specialty and Sweeps	1	Orlando, FL
12/17/2023	HPCA Supported Entry at AKC National Championship	1	Orlando, FL
2/2-4/2024	HPCA All-Breed Agility Trials	3	Minnetonka, MN
3/16/2024	HPCA Supported Entry at Kentuckiana Cluster	1	Louisville, KY
6/14-16/2024	HPCA All-Breed Agility Trials	3	Minnetonka, MN
7/5-7/2024	HPCA All-Breed Fast CATs	6	Stillwater, MN
7/14-15/2024	Magnolia Pumi Club Specialties and Sweepstakes	2	Concord, NC
9/21/2024	Pumifest Agility	2ea	Buffalo, NY
9/22/2024	Pumifest Obedience, Rally, & Scent Work Trails	2ea	Buffalo, NY
9/23/2024	Pumifest Regional Specialty, 4-6 Puppy, Sweepstakes	1ea	Buffalo, NY
9/24/2024	Pumifest National Specialty, 4-6 Puppy, Sweepstakes	1ea	Buffalo, NY
9/25/2024	Pumifest Herding Trial & Instinct Test	2ea	Chaffee, NY
10/1/2025	HPCA Supported Entry at Morris & Essex Supported	1	Somerset, NJ
10/28-11/1/2025	Pumifest 2025		Gray Summit, MO

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



At last year's Pumifest in Belton, Texas (my first Pumifest), I agreed to become the new HPCA Newsletter Editor, marking this as my 4th issue as editor. This issue's President's Message sure resonated with me! I have learned a lot as the editor but it sure would be easier to do if I were retired! This was by far the most time-consuming issue I've put together – easily clocking in at 40 hours. Echoing what Nancy wrote, I could use an Assistant Editor. There are various tasks to accomplish for each issue – from finding pictures, formatting, editing articles, corresponding with contributors, etc. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of the process, please reach out. Perhaps I put too much time and effort into each issue, but the club is growing, and newsletters serve as records for the club's history. This issue I went through around 300 photos deciding what to include. Don't let the 82 pages scare you away from reading! 31 pages are solely photos, and 16 pages are devoted to the 2023 Rankings and New Titles (we have lots of talented Pumik!). Thank you to article contributors: Nancy Nelson and ZsaZsa, Chris Levy, Becky Heiner, Lindy Miller, Maria Arechaederra, Meir Ben-Dror, Lesley Evans, and Laszlo Sulyok. A big thank you to Laszlo for so many candid photos! Thank you to fellow photo contributors: Catherine Perron, Katherine Gulmert, Taru Holinsworth, Chris Levy, Marilyn Funke, Bruce Coffman, Lesley Evans, Van Rue, Linda Montano, Emma Coombes, and myself. I hope that readers who attended Pumifest this year can reminisce looking through photos and if you couldn't make it this year or have never attended, I hope that you will be inspired to attend a future Pumifest. Even if you don't show in Conformation there are many other events and having two small trials of each event in a day is fantastic. I know all of us at the agility trial had a blast working to set courses for our small group – much better than the "hurry up and wait" at other all breed agility trials. And it is quite an experience spending a week with fellow Pumik fans and so many Pumik!

~Laura and Fuji

With Membership Comes
Privilege!

NOMINATE A JUDGE!

Do you know that YOU can recommend judges for Pumifest?

It's easy!

Go to the Members Only Section on the HPCA website, then scroll down to

- Conformation Info, then select:
- Recommend a Judge

Open the form and fill in the blanks, then submit!

The HPCA Judges Selection Committee uses members' input to create a short list of available and eligible judges who our members say, "get the Pumi".

That short list is then circulated to the entire membership for a vote to choose who gets the honor of judging our Pumik at an upcoming Pumifest.

Your input is always eagerly welcomed!

Lindy Miller

PUMIK ACQUIRING A CHIC NUMBER

By Chris Levy

**Congratulations to all who work to
improve the health of the Pumi!**

The Hungarian Pumi Club of America is proud of the dogs who have completed all their recommended health tests for their Pumi. In order to qualify for a CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) number, the 4 HPCA required health tests (Hip Dysplasia, Patellar Luxation, Primary Lens Luxation, and Degenerative Myelopathy) must be completed with results released into the public domain. The dog must also have a permanent identification, such as a tattoo or microchip.

The CHIC number does not imply normal test results, only that all tests were performed, and the results released to the public. You can always see the current list of dogs at www.ofa.org with additional information on the Pumi Health page of the HPCA website at <https://pumiclub.org/about-the-pumi/pumi-health/>.

This list was also printed in the Pumifest catalog. From now on we will be posting the names of the dogs who newly earned a CHIC number in each newsletter issue. In other words, the next newsletter will contain the names of Pumi that acquired a CHIC number after 9/28/2023. This list is in alphabetical order.

Name	Date Earned	CHIC #	Name	Date Earned	CHIC#
Abiqua Gabi	11/8/2013	93573	Abiqua Varazs	2/18/2022	167064
Abiqua Gizella	7/18/2014	98812	Abiqua Villam	2/18/2022	167065
Abiqua Herceg	2/20/2014	95726	Blacksheep Candy Man	1/25/2018	126557
Abiqua Heves	4/18/2014	96971	Blueridge Vista Abrand	8/31/2017	123386
Abiqua Iharos	1/23/2015	102761	Blueridge Vista Aproka	6/27/2014	98336
Abiqua Jatekos	2/16/2017	119136	Blueridge Vista Bogancs	6/17/2015	106112
Abiqua Larmas	3/14/2018	127667	Blueridge Vista Csillag	5/18/2017	121122
Abiqua Malna	5/5/2017	120829	Blueridge Vista Duna	12/12/2017	125678
Abiqua Nani	10/3/2018	133853	Blueridge Vista Edes	10/17/2018	134415
Abiqua Nudli	12/7/2017	125470	Blueridge Vista Eger	7/26/2018	132302
Abiqua Ocsi	3/14/2019	137737	Blueridge Vista Erod	8/2/2018	132476
Abiqua Odavisz	3/1/2023	180621	Blueridge Vista Huba	2/5/2021	155539
Abiqua Opal	9/5/2018	133275	Bohemia Vivace Ash	5/16/2014	97584
Abiqua Pasztor	2/13/2020	147140	Braviary Big Ben	10/8/2020	152339
Abiqua Pipacs	8/8/2019	141910	Buttermilk Crik's Ace On The Trinity River	1/30/2020	146808
Abiqua Ravasz	9/19/2019	143637	Buttermilk Crik's Arlington Home Of The Cowboys	10/17/2019	144402
Abiqua Tavaszk	12/28/2020	154359			

Buttermilk Crik's Boogie Back To Bastrop	10/21/2021	163680	Hegyvidek-Eke Himes	5/8/2015	105301
Buttermilk Crik's Candelaria Star Sailor	6/27/2023	184824	Kaffogo Agyag	6/16/2016	114174
Buttermilk Crik's Tejano Alice	11/21/2019	145221	Karizma's Felicity Shagwell	1/17/2023	178202
Buttermilk Crik's Quannah Arrow Of Colorado City	8/28/2023	186940	Karizma's Lost Creek Collette	1/17/2023	178203
Catskill Apacatancos Anka	8/4/2016	115162	Karizma's Thunder From Down Under	12/10/2021	165263
Catskill Battyogo Bikfic	4/27/2017	120621	Karizma's Walking The Tightrope	8/23/2018	133001
Catskill Csendes Csobanka	8/23/2018	133000	Karvaktorvan Ilotulitus	6/8/2017	121642
Copper's Americai Jazzy Gizmo	3/30/2023	181649	Kemences Barita Almaspite	4/17/2015	104744
Copper's Extraordinary Whirlwind, Hurricane	4/11/2023	182177	Kemences Barita Aranygaluska	5/8/2015	105302
Copper's Green Like Wasabi	6/6/2023	184191	Klipsan Calgary	10/19/2017	124418
Copper's Pikachu, I Choose You	11/9/2020	153244	Klipsan Nagano	8/10/2017	122973
Copper's Pushkin Mighty Dream	12/6/2021	165086	Klipsan Runnin' Down A Dream	9/29/2020	152095
Copper's Vanilla Mocha Latte	5/23/2022	170307	Mariell De Marque Fabel Fylgia Barn	10/23/2013	93102
Cseri-Subas Amal	10/14/2013	92834	Mayalu's Artemis	12/31/2015	110450
Cseri-Subas Edes	4/17/2015	104743	Mayalu's Bartek	11/30/2017	125320
Cuidado Tallyho Tardos	1/12/2021	154799	Mayalu's Charbono	4/12/2018	128342
Cuidado Ultimate Urak	3/20/2015	104120	Mayalu's Daeira	4/11/2019	138475
Cuidado Upbeat Ugro	4/22/2015	104928	Mayalu's Eon	6/27/2019	140686
Cypress Bay Butter Brickle At Mayalu	10/20/2020	152663	Mayalu's Ever	10/13/2020	152472
Cypress Bay Kundalini Crystal At Mayalu	10/13/2020	152471	Mayalu's Fianna	8/16/2022	173370
Cypress Bay's Bubbles Rise To The Top	8/16/2022	173371	Nyirsegfia Fuge	11/8/2013	93572
Cypress Bay's El Gaszi Avalon Bey	7/2/2020	149849	Onyx Bay's Antipodean Opaleye Avalon Bey	1/31/2022	166556
De La Ville Aux Trois Vallees Electra	5/11/2017	120980	Onyxbay's Naughty In Napa With Neet	6/7/2021	159061
Ederra's Black And White	11/9/2020	153245	Pattogo Parazs Buda	4/22/2015	104929
Ederra's Hello Dolly	6/21/2023	184619	Pilisi-Kocos Jeles	4/18/2014	96970
Ederra's Meant To Be	7/10/2023	185196	Pilisi-Kocos Okelme	8/3/2021	160961
Ego Dog's Fab Forte	8/3/2021	160962	Post Jurgen	8/19/2022	173482
Embers White Hot	3/1/2023	180622	Seraphine-Du-Coeur Des Devezes D' Aubrac	9/28/2023	187858
Galla-Hegy Gomboc	10/14/2013	92833	Szimfonia Amerikai Egyesiti A Szavak At A Zenevel	1/12/2021	154800
Galla-Hegy Nyiko	10/14/2013	92835	Szimfonia Cigany Zenesz	6/8/2017	121641
Galla-Hegy Ugyes	12/9/2020	154022	Twister's Goblin	11/1/2016	117028
			Vidam Kertesz Gyongy	11/21/2013	93928
			Vidam Kertesz Sugar	8/10/2017	122972

MEET THE BREEDS: CHICAGO

By Nancy Nelson

August saw the return of the Great American Dog Show hosted by the International Kennel Club of Chicago. As a Chicago native the International Kennel Club show was on my bucket list. It was an annual Chicago adventure when I was growing up. When I "got into" showing ZsaZsa I wanted to go – for nostalgic reasons, but about the time Pumik were fully accepted by the AKC the show moved out of Chicago, became an unbenched show and not as I remembered. When the return of the show in Chicago at McCormack Place, along with a Meet the Breeds event, was announced it immediately went on my calendar.

Although the event was not well attended – less than 700 dogs entered each day, it was fun. The Pumik made a good showing with one of the larger entries. Because there are not many Pumik in the Midwest we found ourselves answering the question of "what kind of dog" is that to many people. Fellow competitors were amazed when they saw us travel in a group. We stopped traffic.

Our booth at MTB was a bit out of the way, but we had, as the marketers put it, great traffic and were kept busy. Again, attendance was light, but several attendees visited us more than once and at length.

The best part of the weekend was the friendship in the group. We all went out to the oldest restaurant in Chicago – Bergdoff's. Had great German food (although they had taken my childhood favorite off the menu).

Thanks to Julie Nover-Horn, Catherine and Ed DeVillers, Andrea Schnelten, Ildiko Repasi, Kate Cavanaugh, and my sister, Linda Kammer, who put up with all the CRAZY dog people.



GROOMING (TRIMMING) TO THE PUMI STANDARD (PART 3: HEAD)

By Chris Levy

This is the third in a series of articles on grooming the Pumi to conform with the AKC Pumi Standard. This part deals with the head (I was going to do ears next, but we need the head groomed correctly first). I promise – the next issue of the newsletter I'll deal with the ears. The Pumi head is probably the most difficult to do for a new owner (or a professional groomer) because it's not like any other breed.

The standard says:

“Head: Long, with the muzzle 40 to 50 percent of the length of the head. The planes are parallel with a slight stop. Expression is lively and intelligent. Eyes are medium sized, dark brown, deep set, and oval, set moderately wide apart and slightly oblique.Skull is long, moderate in width, with a very slight rounding at the sides and back, but flat when viewed from the side. The occiput is not apparent. Muzzle is strong, tapering to a blunt end at the nose.....”

The Skull

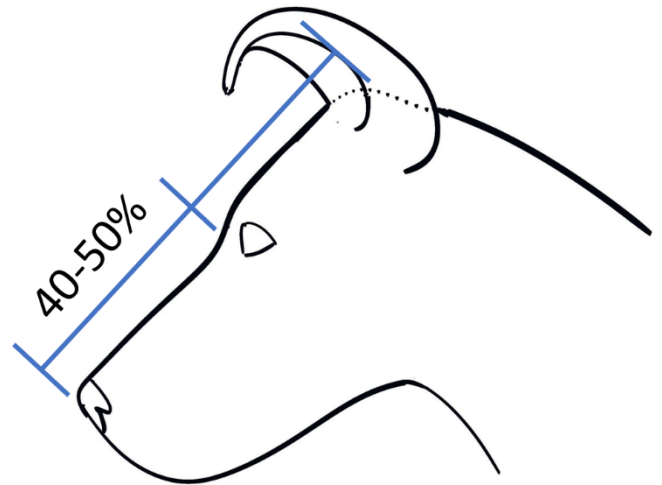
A lot is being said here, and there's a lot to address when grooming. Let's start with the skull.

“Skull is flat when viewed from the side.”

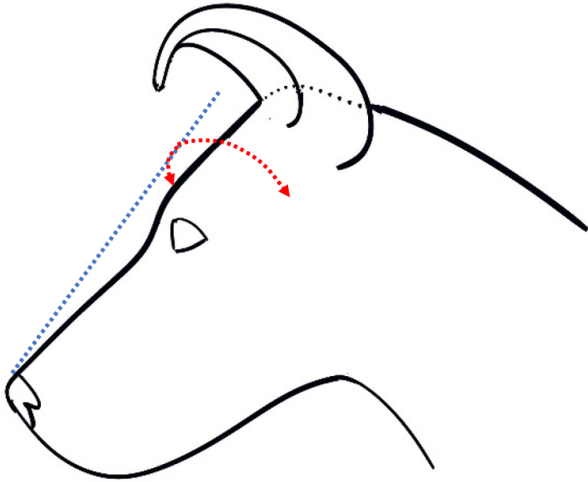
I will add here that the skull is also flat when viewed from the front. We don't want a rounded skull or an apple head.

Here's a diagram of the head without hair (such as it is with my limited artistic ability and rudimentary knowledge of iPad's Procreate art software). Notice the “slight stop” and flat skull in the ideal Pumi. Also notice the length of muzzle compared to the length of skull. The midpoint of the stop is the measuring point for each.

While the standard calls for a “slight stop”, the Pumi is groomed without any stop – a straight line from the nose backwards. But the way the head is structured, if you did that all the way back, they would end up with a bunch of long hair at the back of the head! Not only that but having a lot of hair between the ears makes the ears look like they're coming out the sides of their head instead of on top.

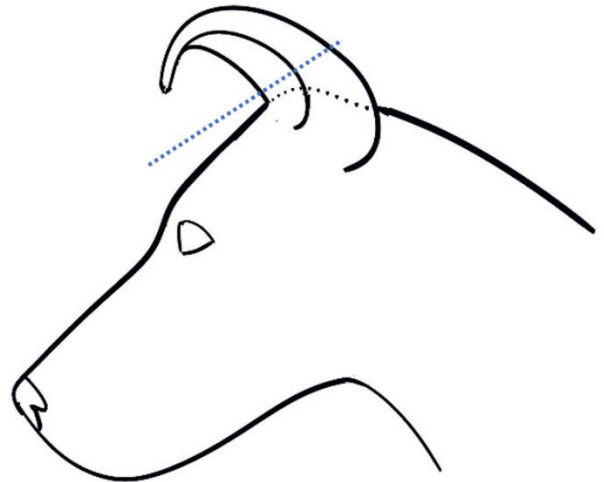


I struggle with the best way to show how to trim the skull, so here are two diagrams and I hope one will make sense to you. Rest your scissors on the Pumi's nose (lightly, of course) straight up between his eyes and make your first long cut. Then rotate the scissors around to each side, cutting the hair on the skull and blending to short hair on the cheeks. Trim the muzzle hair, too, if it gets in the way. We'll do more with the muzzle later.

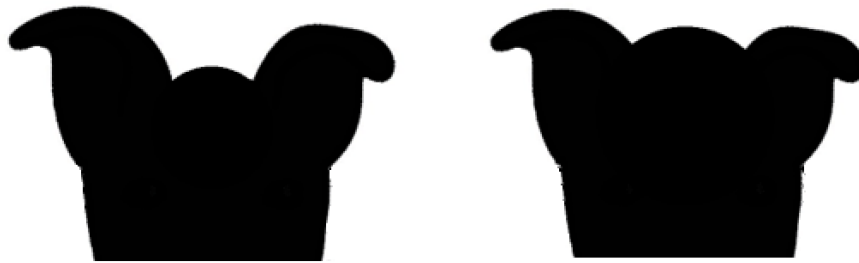


This trim from the nose will leave the hair too long between the ears so we need another cut for between the ears. Notice the straight line in the diagram on the right.

You can see from the diagram below that the more hair you leave on top of the head, the shorter the ears are going to look. The one on the left is ideal.

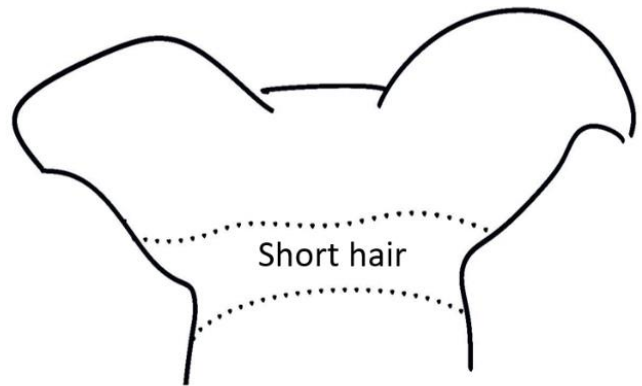
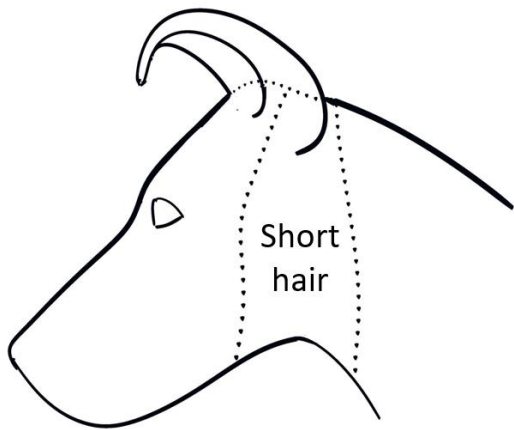


A common mistake is cutting the hair too short at the inside base of the ear and leaving more in the center. This doesn't show a flat skull as called for in the standard, and the more hair you leave, the worse the ears look!



Cutting it Short

Now let's talk about the trimming around the occiput and the base of the ears. The hair should be shortest where the lead would be if you had your Pumi on a leash high around his neck.



The hair should be short on the cheeks (remember the standard says the skull is "long, moderate in width" which distinguishes it from the Puli whose skull is "slightly domed and medium broad"). Having the hair too long on the cheeks makes the head look too wide.

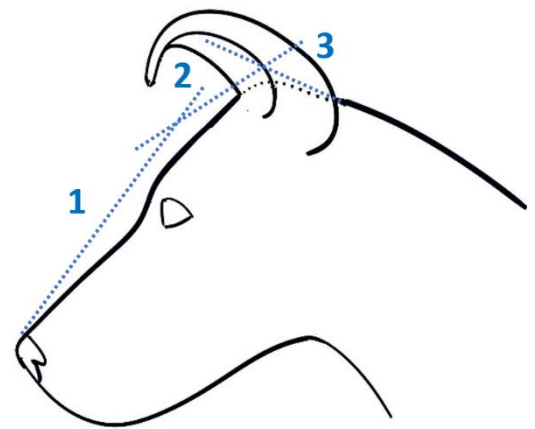
I think a good rule of thumb is to have the hair about 1/4" deep. Curly hair will of course be longer than 1/4", that's why I chose the term "deep". You could stick a ruler to the skin and the hair would come to the 1/4" mark.

So, on the right are the 3 cuts from the side:

The Muzzle

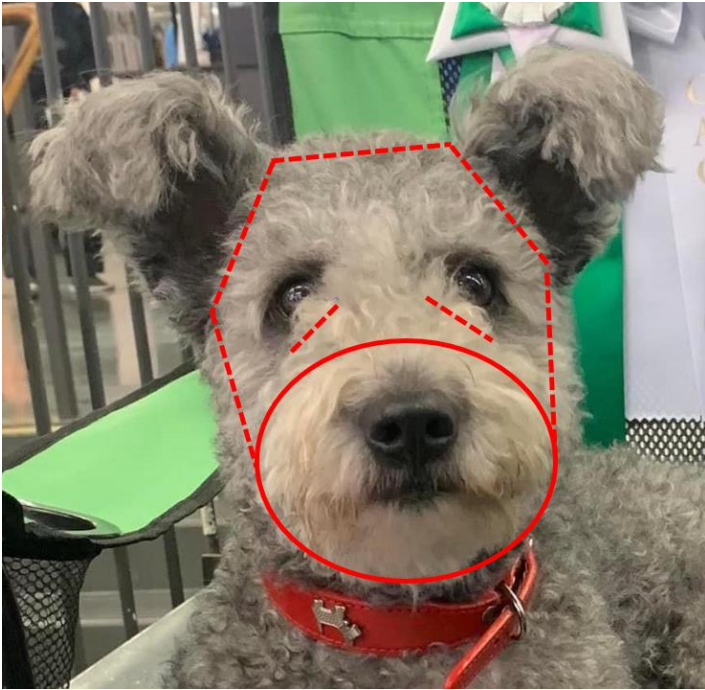
Let's go back to the standard to tell us what we need to do:

"Muzzle is strong, tapering to a blunt end at the nose."



Needless to say, we want the muzzle to have plenty of width to look “strong”, so we leave more hair there than on the cheeks. When I trimmed my first Pumi for the first time, I had to figure out how not to make a Schnauzer beard which I'd been doing for the last 30 years!

My rule of thumb is that the hair on the chin should be about 1 inch long. (This hair is rarely curly, so I figure the hairs should be 1”). Ok, that's a start. On the sides of the head, while the muzzle is narrower than the cheeks, the hair should make a somewhat, but not quite, a rectangle. It should taper inwards just a bit.



Here is a photograph that might help.

Notice that the side lines are not parallel – they converge slightly towards the nose, but not so much that the muzzle looks narrow or weak.

Where the Pumi diverges from the Schnauzer beard, is that it's trimmed to look oval as opposed to grown long and combed down.

I comb the muzzle hair up at about a 45-degree angle and then trim that off. You should be able to see the eyes when looking straight on at the face. Be sure not to trim the hair between the eyes because you need that to form the straight line you can see from the side.

As always, feel free to text or email me with questions. Happy grooming!

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ZSA ZSA's MUSINGS

By Zsa Zsa and her Assistant Nancy Nelson

As many of you know I am obsessed with fashion and cultural trends. I am a bit mystified by the current fashion – Mom says it is very 1980's with a tad of '70's thrown in for good measure. I just don't know, I am, of course, too young to remember those eras. What I do know is that the fashion in the Barbie movie thrilled me. So many suits, many of them a bit pink for me, but I love the tweeds. The shoes were fab too, but I don't wear anything but an occasional Wellie when it rains. I love seasonal wear. I am currently wearing a fall bandana, but plan to switch out to Halloween styles this week. It is just fun to have a bit of holiday pizzazz. All this has a point, I promise.

I want to address the issue of Pumpkin Spice everything. There are t-shirts. There are sweaters. I even spotted a pair of leggings with pumpkins, spice containers, and coffee cups – and of course words saying pumpkin spice. I can assure you, there will be no pumpkins in MY fall fashions!

Then there is the food. Coffee, of course, but there is cereal (both hot and cold), popcorn, ice cream, creamer, donuts, and cake. Important to me is the pumpkin spice dog treats and food toppers. UCK! I am claiming I am on a diet, until it is over. Whatever happened to apple cider? Apple anything is much yummier. Mom says blame Starbucks. They probably made Puppicious pumpkin spice for the season.



I know that pumpkin is a nice squash. I am sure that the folks in Morton, IL think all this attention to pumpkin is wonderful. Being the Pumpkin Capital of the World is, I guess, an important thing. Don't get me wrong, I like a little pumpkin in my food, but that is the squash – not the spice. I think I might be starting to obsess about all of it.

Waiting on winter flavors,



ZsaZsa



New address or email?

If any of your contact information changes or you have a new Pumi, please let the HPCA know. You can go to: [Update Member Info – Hungarian Pumi Club of America, Inc](#)
Please only put in the changes you've made. You can check our current info for you at: [Membership List – Hungarian Pumi Club of America, Inc](#)

WORLDWIDE PUMI HEALTH SURVEY



Attention all Pumi owners!

We need your help to determine the most important health issues for the Pumi breed. All you will need to do is fill out an online survey for each of your Pumik.



The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) is assisting the Hungarian Pumi Club of America to conduct a worldwide health survey for the Pumi.

This Health Survey is the first conducted by the Health Committee of the Hungarian Pumi Club of America. By surveying the current state of health in the Pumi, we can determine which health issues are of most significance today.



In order to serve our breed it is important that **all Pumi owners participate** in this project.

This survey will be analyzed and recorded by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and numbers will be provided to the HPCA and will be available to everyone on the OFA web site. **All information submitted is confidential and not associated with any particular dogs.**

Fill it in NOW!

You need to fill out a survey for each Pumi you have owned, living or deceased. If the dog has lived in more than one household, only the most recent household should complete it. For those breeders with a lot of dogs over the years, that will be a large undertaking but so worth it!

We need your help!

YOU can help the Pumi by filling out the survey for your dog(s). Click the link below and follow the orange **Health Survey** link to complete your dog's survey and look at current responses.

<https://ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/?breed=PM>

For questions or problems, text or call [Karen Beattie Massey](#) at 425-633-9661 or [Chris Levy](#) at 503-569-0147.

CANINE FITNESS AND CONDITIONING

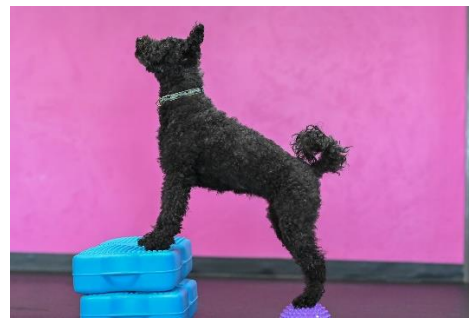
By **Becky Heiner CPCFT, CPDT-KA**

Are you looking for something fun and easy to help take the "edge" off your Pumi? Perhaps you'd like to keep your canine athlete as strong as possible to reduce the risk of injury from high impact sports? Maybe your girl needs a little help getting back in shape after whelping a litter? Are you looking for a post rehab exercise program after your dog is cleared to exercise following surgery or injury? Most dogs can benefit from a strength and conditioning program. A certified Canine Fitness Professional has the knowledge to design custom fitness programs for your seniors, puppies, overweight dogs, canine athletes, companion dogs and more.



My Inspiration Team

(L to R Healthy Wild Child, DM and IVDD patients)



Tessa, my Wild Child

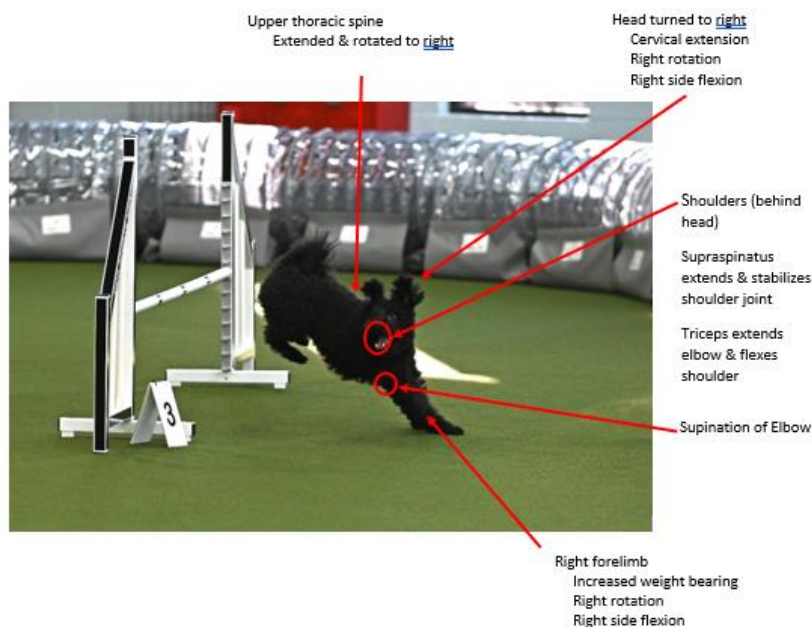
Our Pumi are athletes at heart. They were born to run, jump, and hunt for food. Dogs are one of the few species that continue play activities throughout their lifetime. Like humans, dog's bodies were meant to move. Canine fitness training is a great way to build strength, body awareness and balance, as well as strengthening the bond you have with your Pumi. Canine fitness training focuses on all five aspects of total canine health: Strength, flexibility, balance, cardiorespiratory and mental endurance.

I started my canine fitness journey after the heartbreak of trying to rehab a dog with Degenerative Myelopathy and another with IVDD. There were no rehab veterinarians within three hours driving distance from me, so I did a little research and started dabbling in canine fitness exercises. At the same time, I stumbled across Bobbie Lyons and Dr. Debbie Gross Toracca, with whom I was familiar with from Clean Run, an agility focused magazine. They were writing compelling articles on the benefits of fitness for agility dogs. Although I wish that I knew then what I know now so I could have helped my dogs, I completed a certification program through Dr. Toracca and started a canine fitness coaching business to help other dogs and reduce the risk of injury to my own dogs competing in high impact sports.

Benefits of Canine Fitness and Conditioning

A fitness and conditioning program for your dog creates opportunities for bonding with you, builds body awareness and confidence in your dog, and enriches the dog's mind. Learning new exercises is a great way, much like nose work, to give your Pumi something to do during inclement weather.

Properly conditioned dogs perform better, are less likely to suffer injuries, and if injury does occur, they often times are less severe and recovery time is faster. A canine conditioning program can help your dog to live the best quality of life for as long as possible. New studies are showing that dogs suffering from degenerative myelopathy, when started on a strengthening program early, can improve quality of life for another year to 18 months or so.



Analysis of stress to dog's body while jumping

Most of the activities we do with our Pumi whether it be herding, agility, dock diving, Fast CAT, Obedience and Rally are high impact sports. Running, twisting, turning sharply and stopping all put stress on bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons. The photo above shows what happens to a dog's body when they take an agility jump. Each sport has similar stresses, plus some stresses that are unique to a specific sport.

How to get started

Attend an AKC Fit Dog Class or start with foundation exercises in the Canine Conditioning and Body Awareness Exercises Face Bokk group. (CCAEB) Both are good ways to learn how to teach your dog the foundation skills required while building strength and body awareness.

Below is a link to the CCBAE free exercises:

<https://www.facebook.com/legacy/notes/1409238305949104/>

I like to start my clients and my puppies on the simple routine below, It's a fun, basic routine that focuses on core, shoulder, and hindquarter strength. It is recommended to do these exercises 3 times per week, with a day off in between. Aim for three sets of 3-5 repetitions of each exercise, working up to ten repetitions over several weeks. This will depend upon your dog's age and current fitness level.

Weight shifting exercises can be held for 10-20 seconds, working up to 30-60 seconds, for 2 sets, performed twice a day.

1. Head nods (weight shifting)

Weight Shifting is a highly effective exercise that targets the **postural muscles** that support the spine, specifically the epaxials, hypaxials, and abdominals.

2. Tuck sit

Teaches the dog to keep their front feet still while moving their rear feet. Tuck sit introduces the square sit position with hocks parallel and stifle tracking straight. Builds shoulder, core and hip flexor strength.

3. Kick back stand

Builds shoulder, core and hip flexor strength. Teaches the dog proprioception.

4. Fold back down

Teaches body awareness and balance. Teaches weight shift. Works scapula rotation. Increases abdominal strength. Engages hamstrings and hind leg adductors (inside of the leg, gracilis, and psoas muscles).

5. Pivot around a bucket or sidestep

Engages the iliopsoas, adductors, and abductor muscles of both hind and front legs, hip flexors, and teaches body awareness.

Never force the dog to do an exercise, always let them make the choice. They may be trying to tell you they are hurting or just can't do it. My Wire Fox Terrier has great difficulty turning his neck to the left. We work on range of motion stretching to gently work those muscles and help him become more limber.

Be aware of proper form and fatigue when exercising your dog. The spine should always be neutral (flat) in the stand, sit or down, front legs underneath the shoulders, hind legs underneath the hips, muzzle level with the ground and no higher than 11:00 o'clock, and the joints should look stacked when in the sit or down.

Any shaking, wobbling, avoidance, stopping work or panting are signs of fatigue and you should quit. There is nothing to be gained by working the dog beyond their capacity and overworking the body can result in injury.

What equipment do I need?

The good news is, you can acquire as little or as much canine fitness equipment as you want! To start out with, you'll need some kind of platform such as a Cato board, KLIMB, or DIY platform that is covered with a non-slip material (yoga mats or Gator grip tape work well). Two 2- or 4-quart black rubber feed buckets a Propel, Fit Bone, Yoga pad (around \$25 through Amazon) or even couch cushion, will complete your canine gym. When beginning a program, always start with stable equipment such as the floor or a solid platform like a Cato board, Klimb, or platforms you made yourself. After a few weeks of conditioning and the dog is fluent in the exercise, you can graduate to something less stable like a Yoga mat, Propel, Fit bone, etc. Increasing the inflation and decreasing the size i.e., going from standing on a Propel to a small 2x4 or Paw Pod, increases the challenge. This is akin to increasing weight in a body building routine.



DIY 2x4s with yoga mat surface



K9 Kore Roller by Toto Fit (may substitute a foam roller)



Fit Bones by FitPaws



Propel by Blue-9

One of the first things I do with a new client, or a new puppy, is to condition them to different surfaces. The Uneven Path is a great way to help your dog with body awareness. I make a path with whatever I can find, couch cushions, ladders, yoga mats and of course, fitness equipment. I lure the dog over the different surfaces and highly reward any engagement at first. Putting a foot on equipment gets several rewards and "good dogs". Most dogs will go over the entire path of 6-10 obstacles the first day, but if they don't, it's ok. Take it slow and let the dog make the choice. They will

be more confident in the long run. Soon enough, they will come running when you get the equipment out and you have to ask them to get off!

What's the Difference between a Vet, a Rehab Vet, a Rehab Therapist, and Certified Fitness Trainer?

Your regular vet has gone through many years of schooling and internships and passed a state board. They are similar to a General Practitioner in human medicine. They are the gateway to specialists, who often require a referral. A rehab vet, sports medicine vet (yes, there is such a thing for dogs), orthopedic vets and neurologists are all specialists who can diagnose and treat injuries in dogs. They have gone through vet school and specialized training in their field. They diagnose, perform surgery if needed, and guide your dog through a rehab program for a specific injury or illness. Certifications for rehab veterinarians, physiotherapists and vet technicians are: CCRP (Canine Rehabilitation Certificate Program) <https://www.utvetrehab.com/canine-rehab-ccrp/> and CCAT (Certified Companion Animal Rehabilitation Therapist <https://www.ncsuvetce.com/canine-rehab-ccat/>

Often times rehab professionals will refer your dog to a certified canine fitness trainer after their patient has completed rehab. Dogs, like people, should participate in an exercise program for life in order to have the best quality of life for the longest time possible. Conditioning is even more important if the dog has suffered a previous injury. Certified Canine Fitness Trainers have undergone many months of training in canine anatomy and exercise theory, completed several case studies, and passed a comprehensive exam to achieve their certification. The recognized credentials for Canine Fitness Trainers are: CPCFT (Certified Professional Canine Fitness Trainer) <https://cpcf.com/find-a-cpcf/>, CCFT (Certified Canine Fitness Trainer) <https://www.utvetrehab.com/canine-fitness-ccft/ccft-graduates/> and CSCC (Certified Canine Strength and Conditioning Coach) <https://www.ncsuvetce.com/canine-fitness-csc/>.

Not all exercises are safe for every dog, so it's essential to consult a certified canine fitness trainer for customized help in targeting your dog's individual needs. Canine Fitness Trainers are like Personal Trainers for your dogs. AKC and Do More With Your Dog instructors are dog trainers with no specialized training in anatomy or exercise theory. They have been taught how to teach fitness foundation skills and are a great place to start, but they do not have the knowledge to create customized exercise programs for your dog.

If you'd like to learn more, visit the links above and join the Canine Conditioning and Body Awareness Exercises Face Book group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanineConditioning.BodyAwareness> for free video tutorials on foundation exercises. You may also follow my Facebook page at [K9 Connections FB](#) or www.k9connectionswi.com for tips and tricks or drop me an email, I'd be happy to talk about your Pumi! wirefoxagility@gmail.com

I've also included the links to some of my favorite canine fitness equipment suppliers:

TotoFit

www.Totofit.com

Fit Paws

www.fitpaws.com

Blue 9

www.blue-9.com

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Becky lives in Menasha, WI with her husband Steve, and is currently owned by her 5-year-old Pumi, Tessa, and her 9-year-old Wire Fox Terrier, Django, who is still fit enough to enter 9" dens and hunt rats.



2024 PUMIFEST FLYER

Mark your calendars!

Saturday September 21-Tuesday September 24
at Premier Dog Sports and Event Center in
Lancaster, NY



Herding

Wednesday September 25
at Spiritwinds Farm in Chaffee, NY

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<https://pumiclub.org/events/pumifest/trophy-drive/>



2022 EVENT WINNERS

Each year recognition is given at PumiFest for the top performers in seven categories. Conformation includes Breed and All Breed, as well as Owner Handler. We also recognize top dogs in Obedience & Rally, and Agility, MACH & PACH.

Congratulations to the following winners for the year 2022! To excel at this level takes a lot of time and dedication and HPCA is proud to recognize your efforts!

Terrie Cowan
Award Chair

#1 All Breed - GCHG CH Aprodombi Meresz Maszat Marci owned by Cindy Cassidy

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#1 Owner Handler – GCHB CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers DCAT owned by Heather Stimson & Edward DeVilliers & Cathy DeVilliers (Qualifying Period: September 21, 2022 - September 20, 2023)

#1 Junior Handler Paige Ryan handling GCH Caprocks Suddenly Seymour (Qualifying Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

#1 Obedience –OTCH Abiqua Lanyka UDX7 OGM RE CGC owned by Bruce Coffman & Sandra Coffman

#1 Rally – CH MACH Catskill Furge Falat Frankie BN RM RAE MXG MJG NF T2B FCAT2 CGC TKA owned by Maria Barnum

#1 Agility MACH – MACH2 Abiqua Pompas MXC MJG MFS TQX T2B5 ACT2 TKN owned by Kathie Ogden

#1 Agility PACH – AGCH MACH7 PACH2 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP6 MXPS PADP MJP6 MJPS PAX2 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA owned by Kathie Ogden

2023 RECIPIENT OF AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: TERRIE COWAN

By **Maria Arechaederra**

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each AKC Member Club with an embossed AKC medallion to award on a yearly basis. The award is given solely at the club's discretion and nominations are accepted yearly by members in good standing.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC Member Club.

The HPCA member who was the 2023 Recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was Terrie Cowan. Terrie Cowan embodies all the attributes of a good sportsman. My admiration for her runs deep. She is always a committed owner/handler and never grouches or complains about being beaten by "pros" and instead is always focused on improving her presentation or condition of her dogs. She conducts herself with the utmost class and is a person the Pumi Fancy should be proud to call one of theirs.



Terrie is always willing to help anyone whether it is a grooming, training or even motor home issue (although most of the latter often falls on the shoulders of her faithful husband Ed). I have seen Terrie take precious time from her day at Pumifest to do the nails on a puppy whose owner swore would be impossible to trim.

Not only did she do a beautiful trim on the rambunctious pup but spent hours explaining her method and showing the new owner some successful tricks and practices. In the ring Terrie is always a wonderfully fierce but respectful competitor. She conducts herself with integrity. As a breeder Terrie is always there to help and support her puppy owners for the duration of the dog's life and her word is GOLD and her solid bond upon which you can rely.

In addition to these traits, Terrie understands the importance of giving back to the community and the Parent Club and is always available to help in any capacity whether official or unofficial. She has now taken on the responsibility of being an HPCA Board member as well as already chairing two very important and time-consuming committees: Membership and Awards.

Terrie Cowan embodies the essence of good sportsmanship, and it is with great pride that we recognize her this year.

2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUMIFEST: CONFORMATION WINNERS



National: Best of Breed, NOHS BOB, & Best BBE

CH Catskill Meses Masni BCAT. DN58556401. 4/21/2019. Bitch.
Breeder: Owners. By Mayalu's Eternal Laughter – Catskill Becsi Barsony.
Owner: Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok



National: Best of Opposite Sex

CH Catskill Nyul Bela BCAT. DN58677504. 6/22/2019. Dog.
Breeder: Owners. By Catskill Bocskoros Baka Otto – Kaffogo Agyag.
Owner: Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok



National: Select Dog & Best Veteran

GCH Abiqua Larmas CD RA PT OA OAJ BCAT. DN40954104. 9/2/2014. Dog.
Breeder: N. Kirschner, T. Botkin, T & C Levy. Karpati Kerito Ezis - CH Abiqua Gizella.
Owner: Lindy Miller, Chris & Tom Levy



National: Select Bitch

CH Abiqua Zsofi. DN71744002. 4/20/2022. Bitch.
Breeder: Owners. By Szurkebarat Ebenguba – GCHS Abiqua Opal SWN CA BCAT.
Owner: Chris Levy & Tom Levy



National: Winner's Dog and Best of Winners

Silhouette's Rumor Has It. DN74327701. 1-6-2023. Dog.

Breeder: Owner. By GCHG Aprodombi Meresz Maszat Marci – CH Ego Dog's Gossip Is a Winners Title.

Owner: Cindy Cassidy. Michelle Scott P0242, agent.



National: Winners Bitch

Ederra's Lady for a Night. DN71358903. 4-13-2022. Bitch.

Breeder: Maria Arechaederra.

By GCHS Blacksheep Leader of the Squadron – CH Ederra's Lullaby of the Lost.

Owner: Judy Piros & Jules Lopes



National: Reserve Winners Bitch

Szimfónia Fantázia. DN65129504. 1-7-2021. Bitch.

Breeder: Ginger Butler.

By CH Kemences Barita Aranygaluska – Szimfónia Amerikai Egyesít a Szavakat a Zenével.

Owner: Ginger Butler



National: Reserve Winners Dog

Buttermilk Crik's Candelaria Star Sailor NA NAJ NF DJ TKI. DN67447506. 6-18 -2021. Dog.

Breeder: Fred & Sandy Crumpian.

By GCH Catskill Bocskoros Baka Otto – CH De La Ville Aux Trois Vallees Electra DS CGC.

Owner: Emma Coombes & Sandy Cumpian



National: Best in Sweepstakes

CH Abiqua Zinka. DN71744003. 4-20-2022. Bitch.

Breeder: Tom & Chris Levy. By Szurkebarat Ebenguba – GCHS Abiqua Opal SWN CA BCAT.

Owner: Karyn Simmons & Barbara Morgan



Regional: Best of Breed

GCHG Bojtosfulu Pajkos Aria of Perfect Images. DN58024902. 10/24/2018. Bitch.

Breeder: Janos Botyanski. By Arkosligeti Kocos Gomolya – Arkosligeti Kocos Loca.

Owner: Cheri Harmon-Klein. Brian Livingston, agent.



Regional: Best of Opposite Sex

GCH Blacksheep Leader of the Squadron. DN58736401. 3/10/2019. Dog.
Breeder: Linda Pitts. By CH Chankazz Delling – Csunyatelepi Orveny.
Owner: Connie Drake



Regional: Select Dog

CH Ederra's Handsome Bobansome at Fastrax. DN71358904. 4/13/2022. Dog.
Breeder: Owner. By GCH Blacksheep Leader of the Squadron – CH Ederra's Lullaby of the Lost.
Owner: Maria Arechaederra



Regional: Select Bitch, NOHS Best of Breed, & Best BBE

CH Abiqua Zsofi. DN71744002. 4-20-2022. Bitch.

Breeder: Owners. By Szurkebarat Ebenguba – GCHS Abiqua Opal SWN CA BCAT.

Owner: Chris Levy & Tom Levy



Regional: Winners Dog, Best of Winners, & BOS Sweepstakes

Csnyatelepi Hetyke. DN74647801. 8-28-2022. Dog.

Breeder: Csilla Puskas. By Csnyatelepi Zuzmara – Csnyatelepi Barackvirag.

Owner: Cindy Cassidy. Michelle Scott P0242, agent.



Regional: Winners Bitch

Szimfónia Fantázia. DN65129504. 1-7-2021. Bitch.

Breeder: Ginger Butler.

By CH Kemences Barita Aranygaluska – Szimfonia Amerikai Egyesiti a Szavakat a Zenével.

Owner: Ginger Butler



Regional: Reserve Winners Bitch

Szimfonia Amerikai Egyesiti a Szavakat a Zenével. DN49564501. 4-4-2017. Bitch.

Breeder: Owner & Virginia Hayes.

By Szimfonia Duna Keringo – MACH3 Szimfonia Amerikai Csilla MXC MJS2 T2B3.

Owner: Ginger Butler



Regional: Best Veteran

CH Cypress Bay's Boglarka at Kardarka. DN43735201. 8-17-2015. Bitch.
Breeder: Debbie Thornton. By Kemences Barita Aranygaluska – Hegyvidek-Eke Himes.
Owner: Maria Arechaederra



Regional: Best in Sweepstakes

CH Abiqua Zofi. DN71744002. 4-20-2022. Bitch.
Breeder: Owners. By Szurkebarat Ebenguba – GCHS Abiqua Opal SWN CA BCAT
Owner: Chris Levy & Tom Levy



Regional: Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH Vidam Kertesz Gyongy CM2 CA SWN. DN20399505. 1-21-2008. Bitch. Breeder: Owners. By GCH Galla-Hegyí Gomboc CM2 PT CA – Yippy-Yi-Yea Aniko. Owner: Chris Levy & Thomas Levy



Regional: Best in Veteran Sweeps & BOS in Veteran Sweeps

CH Vidam Kertesz Gyongy CM2 CA SWN. DN20399505. 1-21-2008. Bitch. Breeder: Owners. By GCH Galla-Hegyí Gomboc CM2 PT CA – Yippy-Yi-Yea Aniko. Owner: Chris Levy & Thomas Levy

GCH Abiqua Larmas CD RA PT OA OAJ BCAT. DN40954104. 9/2/2014. Dog. Breeder: N. Kirschner, T. Botkin, T & C Levy. By Karpati-Kerito Ezis – Abiqua Gizella. Owner: Lindy Miller & Chris & Tom Levy

2023 HPCA JUNIOR PROGRAM WINNERS

By Lindy Miller

The HPCA introduced our Junior Program last year to encourage, acknowledge and reward our youngest members who participate with their Pumi in any AKC Junior events.

Our 2023 Best Junior award was won by Ms. Paige Ryan, a 7th grader from Conroe, TX. In addition to competing in AKC conformation and Junior Showmanship, Paige plays club volleyball, and is on her school's A team.



Paige with chair and rosette

Now 13, Paige has been actively showing dogs since she was 5 in breed and in Juniors since she was 9. She started showing her pumi, GCH Caprocks Suddenly Seymour (call name Seymour), last year after retiring her basset hound Albert.

Paige is mentored by Seymour's breeders HPCA members and professional handlers Jennifer and David Harper. Her dream is to compete in Juniors at Westminster by 2025. Having won Best Junior at Westminster in 1985, David is perfectly suited to help guide Paige to achieve her dream.

Our 2023 runner up Top Junior was Ms. Alora Verch of Chardon, OH. Alora and her Pumi, Odin, bred by and co-owned with Cindy Cassidy, were also the HPCA runner up Junior last year, demonstrating consistent performance.

Paige received an HPCA logo/Jr Program embroidered folding camp chair. Both Juniors received beautiful fancy rosettes and certificates acknowledging their awards.

The HPCA Junior Program is open to all Junior handlers registered in the AKC Jr Recognition Program, who compete with a Pumi in **any** AKC dog sport. The Junior, or their family, must be a member of the HPCA.



Paige and Seymour



Alora and Odin

2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUMIFEST: HIGH IN TRIAL WINNERS



Agility High in Trail (Trial 1)

Buttermilk Crik's Quanah Arrow of
Colorado City BN RI ACT1 CGC.
DN67447507. 6-18-2021. Pumi. Dog.
Breeder: Fred & Sandy Crumpian.
By GCH Catskill BocskorosBaka Otto –
CH De La Ville Aux Trois Vallees
Electra DS CGC.
Owner: Laura Lane, Mark Laken, &
Sandy Cumpian



Agility High in Trial (Trial 2)

Catskill Pottom Penni Meika.
DN63861003. 8/6/2020. Pumi. Bitch.
Breeder: Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok.
By Catskill Csatakos Csoma –
GCHB Becsi Barsony CM PT NA NAJ
CAA FCAT.
Owner: Kimberly Pease & Ildiko Repasi



Rally High Combined ExB/AdvB (Trial 1)

CH Blueridge Vista Huba CD RAE FDC.

DN53273303. 4-18-2018. Dog.

Breeder: Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror.

By Blueridge Vista Erod CGC –

CH Blueridge Vista Duna PT OA OAJ CGC.

Owner: Julie Nover-Horn



Rally High Combined ExB/AdvB (Trial 2)

CH Ederra's Sabbia Bianca CD BN RAE

FDC NA NAJ NF BCAT SWN SHDN CGC

TKI. DN54521204. 5-28-2018. Bitch.

Breeder: Maria Arechaederra.

By GCHG Italian Style Casper –

GCH Cypress Bay's Boglarka at Kadarka.

Owner: Diane Fletcher



**High Scoring in
Obedience Trial
(Trial 1 & 2)**

High Combined (Trial 2)

OTCH2 Abiqua Lanyka
UDX9 OGM RE IT BCAT
CGC. DN40954101. 9-2-
2014. Bitch.

Breeder: Tom & Chris Levy
& Nora Kirschner & Tom
Botkin.

By Karpati Kenlo Enzins –
Abiqua Gesella CM.

Owner: Sandra Coffman
& Bruce Coffman



**High Scoring in
Scent Work Trial
(Trial 1 & 2)**

CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC
CA FCAT3 SWNE SWM TKA.
DN45837804.

3-9-2016. Bitch.

Breeder: Tom & Chris Levy.

By GCH Galla-Hegyí
Gomboc CM2 PT CA –
CH Nyírségfia Füge CM.

Owner: Josephine A Gast



Herding High in Trial (Trials 1 & 2)
MACH Karvakorvan Ilotulitus HSAs MXB MJP MXF T2B
CGC TKN. DN43514501. 4-2-2015. Dog.
Breeder: Helena Mattila.
By Arkosligeti Kocos Abbizony –
Karvakorvan Enttententen.
Owner: Taru Holinsworth

FROM THE ARCHIVES: PUMIFEST BLAST FROM THE PAST

PUMIFEST 2010: Vallejo California



From Left: Tom Levy, Larkin Martini, Chris Levy, Shirley Erle, Soni Jager, Ginger Butler, Kristen Coppola, Mary Reardon, Jacque Martini, Pam Jackson, Alexa Maros

Photo: Chris Levy

AN OVERVIEW OF LIVESTOCK BEHAVIORS WHEN TRAINING AND TRIALING THE PUMI

By Meir Ben-Dror

After Pumifest 2023 there was an interesting discussion on the HPCA Facebook Group regarding the fact that the Herding Instinct Test was done on goats. This is a bit unusual in AKC HI Tests, but it is legitimate according to the Herding Regulations. The main question was whether there is a difference between sheep and goats. I've been involved in competitive herding with several of our Pumi for almost 15 years, working with all the species of livestock used in herding trials by AKC and AHBA (American Herding Breed Association), with the exception of cattle, and I believe it'll be beneficial for Pumi owners if I present a brief review of livestock behavior as it applies to working them by both the dog and the handler.

Sheep flocked into one group will attempt to keep a minimal distance from the dog and react accordingly when the dog comes closer. The escape distance is kept both by a single sheep and a group. Different breeds of sheep have different degrees of flocking instinct, and different tolerance of pressure by dogs (and humans). In general, the more sensitive breeds are called by the herding community "light" sheep, and the less sensitive breeds as "heavy" sheep. Some breeds are more aggressive towards a dog who shows weakness, but there are individual sheep in any breed who can be aggressive if pushed too much or cornered with no chance to escape. Sheep are constantly watching their environment for danger – therefore they have a wide field of vision. Although they react to a moving dog even from a great distance, they don't react to a stationary one, because they don't see it in detail as humans do.



Asztro driving a Racka herd.

It is much less difficult to move a flock than to separate a few sheep from it (shedding). However, a well-trained dog will make separating them easier. Often, it's less difficult to herd the whole flock into a pen, even if we need only a few sheep. Herding works with a dog or person due to the sheep's attempt to keep the "escape" distance. A dog's or a person's position, body posture, movement, distance, and voice all influence the sheep's reactions.

Goats generally don't flock together like sheep. It's more like a group that takes a hike together. As a group, they may keep some distance from each other. They will work for a dog who is firm, but not pushy. They take advantage of weak dogs and test a dog they're not familiar with. Sheep do that too, but goats are bolder in general. They'll "play" along if they don't feel intimidated, harassed, or

pushed, in which case they either split and scatter or become belligerent. They usually don't follow the person in the balance structure (the point, usually opposite the handler, in which the dog has the most influence on the stock to control the behavior of the stock and move them in the desired direction) of handler-flock-dog. Goats usually work better when the shepherd/handler is on the side relative to the group of goats (unless the goats know and trust the handler), or behind, and the dog is behind the goats, driving.



Asztro driving Nubian goats.



**Asztro heading off Call Ducks at a trial.
Image courtesy of Kay Delk-keziah**



Indian Runner Ducks

<https://backyardpoultry.iamcountryside.com/poultry-101/indian-runner-duck-breed-profile/>

Ducks, depending on their breed, the dog and handler need to work each somewhat differently. The prevalent breeds in trials are Call Ducks, Campbell Khaki, and Indian Runners. Call Ducks are a small breed that flocks well and are relatively smart. They're sociable by nature and usually don't mind people near them. If pushed by the dog beyond their tolerance, they'd run into and under people's feet to escape. Due to their small size and speed, sometimes, they run under the dog on their way to escape. The dog/handler team must be quick to react to Calls.

Indian Runners are a larger breed, standing erect, their poise and waddle resemble Penguins. Runners are wearier of people, the handler needs to be behind them with the dog or on their side, but not too close, because they respond to pressure from people as much as from dogs. They scatter from excess pressure, and the individuals have to be rounded up into a flock again.

Campbell Khakis are somewhat in between the two breeds mentioned, a bit more tolerant of pressure than the Runners, some are more tolerant of people.

Another breed which is not common in trials, but some use for training their dogs, is the Muscovy Duck. The breed is relatively large and heavy, more aggressive than most other breeds, and is also stubborn. If pushed, or just decide to quit, they lie down, and play dead. They won't get up until the dog is at a safe distance as far as they're concerned. The other extreme is that they become agitated and try to turn on the dog. Our only encounter with Muscovys was at a 2-day trial. We didn't qualify the first day for timing out, due to ducks "dying" and us going off course to get away from them to "revive". I had to reassess what needed to be done and apply the lesson I learned. Luckily, I trained Asztro to take one step at a time on command, like the single steps a pointer takes, to slow him down when working with slow, sensitive ducks. This trick really worked with the Muscovys! When I saw that the flock refuse to move in a fluid motion, we started the step – wait until the ducks move – step – wait until the ducks move – step, and so on until we finished the course without any duck "dying". He got a high in trial and a championship point for that run.



Asztro moving Khaki Campbell Ducks through a short chute at a trial (with Meir).



Asztro driving American Gray Geese at a trial.

Geese are less sensitive to pressure by the human half of the herding team, and they can be aggressive, especially the males. Females are touchy and short-tempered before setting (nesting and incubating their eggs). Ganders protect their "harem" and would even attack the dog if the dog is too pushy. The attack is usually just an attempt to intimidate the dog and a cover to let the females escape while the dog is paying attention to the flapping, hissing gander. Geese will usually cooperate as long as they're not pushed beyond their tolerance. They may tolerate the shepherd in front, as the dog is wearing behind them, if they are familiar

with the human. They work better with quiet, calm dogs who can maintain a steady, even pace. The most common goose breed used for herding training and trialing is the American Buff. Generally, they're even tempered (except in the before mentioned setting) and sensible. They'll flap their wings and will split if they feel too much pressure.

Turkeys raised and used for herding are relatively comfortable with people and dogs, as long as their perceived personal space is not violated. They feel comfortable in flocks, but scatter if under too much pressure, and the individuals start to panic. Their escape is flight, and even with their usually

slightly clipped wings they can fly up to a low branch, or a fence. Usually, if one takes off in panic, the others follow.

If the dog can keep at the boundary of their flight zone, they'd cooperate and move willingly. When they feel safe, their herding behavior is somewhere between that of sheep and ducks in general. The handler can be in front of the flock, so the dog can maintain a balance on the handler, with the flock in between.



Meir and Asztro competing at AHBA Ranch Large Flock course moving Bronze, Heritage, and other turkeys through panels.

Regardless of the livestock species they work with, most Pumi need to be trained for driving. Interesting that in Hungary they call the Pumi "driving dog", but that's the way traditional herding was done there - you usually don't want to walk in front of a large flock of Racka sheep! Working dogs learned to drive from puppyhood. The natural herding style of the Pumi is fetching and not driving, so driving is just an acquired skill. Naturally driving dogs also learn to fetch. A good herding dog will read the livestock it's working with and is able to figure out the distance, pressure and speed the stock will respond to in a calm, orderly fashion. The experienced dog will also learn the body language of the given livestock relatively quickly.

I hope more Pumi owners will be interested in herding. I'll be happy to provide more information regarding the subject if requested.

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PUMIFEST 2023 – INTRODUCES SNIFFY GAMES!

By Lesley Evans

The Sport of Dog Sniffing

HPCA premiered AKC Scent Work trials at the Colorado Springs Pumifest. A small group attended, but enthusiasm was plentiful. There were only two Element trials held, as the activity needed to fit into a half-day time slot. Element offerings included Interior and Container classes, at both Novice and Advanced levels. Your dog must qualify in three trials to earn an AKC title.

AKC held its first sanctioned Scent Work trial in September 2017, so this is a relatively new venue for them¹. The sport is also known as K9 Nose Work, which was first developed in 2006, and is sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work, NACSW. The first sanctioned NACSW trial took place in 2008. The purpose of K9 Nose Work was to “bring the concept of detection-dog style training to dog lovers and their companion dogs.”² Safe scents were introduced to allow all kinds of dogs to mimic what working detection dogs do—sniff for drugs, explosives, human remains, or to track lost/hidden humans. Both NACSW Nose Work and AKC Scent Work have developed avid followers, and the rules are not significantly different between the venues. Some dogs compete in both venues.

In the AKC Element Interior, the scent container is hidden in a room area, often defined by barriers of some kind such as cones or screens, and the scent is located on a surface where humans cannot easily see it. Areas underneath chairs and other obstacles are favored as ideal hiding places. If a handler bends down to locate the scent work container, you earn the title of NOT qualified, so no sneaky peaks allowed! Unlike all other dog sports that I am aware of, your dog must do all the work and you just come along to humbly hold the leash (attached or not) and identify when your dog has found the scent by claiming “Alert!” It is customary to treat your dog at the scent site once it is correctly identified. There is generally not much talking to your dogs. It is not forbidden, as in Obedience, but will not help you much as talking distracts your dog from their sniffing work. A limited amount of direction is common to guide your dog away from a find that it's already identified. I tell Jade, “find another!” In AKC trials, the second you correctly claim “Alert,” the time stops, and you earn a qualification, unless there were handler errors. For example, if you and your dog do not step all six feet through the entry cones you do not qualify due to handler error. In classes Advanced or above, you will have multiple scents and must identify each with an “Alert” and then claim “Finished” after the final alert. Dogs generally wear harnesses and owners use long leads to allow pups to navigate the area for scent. Sometimes, the judge will allow leash removal. The tricky part is to guide your dog towards the relevant area without getting in between the scented article and the dog. And of course, learning to carefully wind and unwind a long leash to give your dog room to explore (without tripping) takes a bit of practice.

The AKC Container Element at the Novice level involves a regulation sized box set in a type of pattern, like a circle, horseshoe, or horizontal rows and only one container has the birch scent. At the Advanced Containers level, it can be held outdoors and there are 2 scents to find, Birch and Anise. The containers can be anything, such as an old child's lunch box, cardboard box, suitcase, backpack, etc. The four scents used in all Scent Work trials include 1) Novice: Birch, 2) Advanced: Anise or Birch, 3) Excellent: Clove, Anise, or Birch, and 4) Master: Cypress, Clove, Anise, or Birch. Sometimes your instructor will make a cocktail (not the kind with a cute little umbrella), that consists of a mix of the scents. For example, a dog only cued to birch is introduced to a cocktail that includes

birch and anise—to help them also scent on anise. Amazingly, dogs can distinguish each of the four regulation odors in a four-odor cocktail. This is another skill we humans lack. Once your dog is alerting to odors, using cocktails can speed up your scent work skills.

In each trial, no matter which Element, your dog must find the scent in a specified time frame. The time limit depends on the type of activity and advancement levels. If you fail to find the scent(s) within the time limit, you will not qualify. Dogs win placement awards by qualifying and having the fastest times. To test whether a trial is doable, the judge will first bring in an experienced demo dog (termed “dog in white” for NACSW trials) to test its ability to find the scent. If the demo dog fails, the judge will readjust the scent placement until the dog can find the placement.

Additional AKC Scent Work Elements include Exterior (scents hidden in nature or on objects) and Buried (scents buried in a small object that is then buried in water or sand). Dogs must finish their 4 levels of difficulty in the Elements of Container, Interior, Exterior, and Buried, before they can progress to the ultimate challenge of Detective Class. In Detective, there is an unknown number of scent hides, in a variety of environments, and all four essential oils can be involved. Scents can even be placed anywhere, even on the ceiling. Classes in NACSW include Interior, Exterior, Container, and Vehicle (where scents hidden on the outside of a car or truck). To receive a title in NACSW you must pass all four elements on the same day.³

Scent Work was a blessing for me. Nine months ago, my then shy dog, Jade, started in NACSW classes. She was going through a horrible fear period and would not even step inside our normal training facility. In contrast to many dog sports, in Scent Work, your dog works alone in the room. Other dogs are either kenneled or in a different room. This helped build Jade's confidence. The NACSW philosophy is to build drive in dogs by hiding their favorite treats or toys among a pile of boxes. Jade began timidly sniffing boxes and startling, even cowering, when one box fell over. In no time, she was asking me to hold her beer as she eagerly pounced on the messy pile of boxes to find her treats. In the NACSW classes we took, they were slow to introduce odor, preferring to first build that drive to search. After two sets of lessons, Jade found her strong drive and we switched to AKC Scent Work classes. After your dog becomes “on odor,” you merely treat them quickly after alert, close to the level of the scent container.

One thing I find interesting about scent work is to quietly observe your dog on task, with virtually no directions. Your dog makes an odd sound that you may not have noticed before - sniffing in and out at the same time creating a unique sound. When I hear that sound, I try to stay quiet, because Jade is in her “I'm solving this puzzle” zone. On days when the weather is horrible, I have experimented with hiding her favorite obsession ball in nested boxes, then giving her my “Find it” cue! It is hilarious watching her work vigorously ripping boxes apart, panting, making that funny sniffing sound, and barking once she finds it. You can even ask your Pumi to find your phone. Yes, I did smear it with a bit of chicken, but the experience made me think...finally an AKC sport with actual practical uses!

Comments on AKC Scent Work Trial at Colorado Springs, Pumifest

Now to Scent Work at Pumifest! The event was held upstairs and the 22 steep steps to the second floor were a bit challenging as no elevator was available. Luckily, as pointed out by Jo Ann Gast, Judge Stricker chose to run Novice Container and Novice Interior Elements back-to-back, which helped reduce stair navigating. At least one trial was held outdoors--the Advanced Container trial.

This was only my second scent work trial, and I was unaware that containers could be outside at the Advanced level (my bad). The small outside area was so loud as Interstate-25 was two stone throws away and filled with super noisy semi-trucks. Plus, there was a 10–20-foot drop just on the left side of the entrance cones and...no railing. There was no railing because this was where the HVAC units were placed, and it was presumed that only able-bodied workers would walk the area.

Clearly, the space was not designed for women over the age of 60 with possible balance or vertigo issues, I'm just saying. But if you have taken any scent work classes, and had instructors as meticulous as mine, they warn you about how to position your dog so they can pick up on scents in windy, outdoor conditions. Well remember that 20-to-30-foot drop (I like to exaggerate)? The wind came howling straight up that drop straight across the containers area and then maybe turned into a mini-Colorado tornado before it passed over the roof. How did those containers not blow away? Clearly these were impossible conditions. Nobody qualified in this event, which made me feel better. The look on Jade's face was priceless: "You've got to be kidding me, I have no idea where it is!" She tried sniffing each item, then looked up at me to ask if that was the correct place. I had no reply, only sympathy!

Even indoors, you must be a wind direction specialist. A drain in the floor or intake or outtake vents can influence where the scent navigates. This is what makes Scent Work interesting. Wind can move scent from one container to another prompting your dog to incorrectly alert on the wrong container. You just shrug your shoulders and prepare for the next event. If you are outside, hide places sitting in the hot sun can cause odors to rise, while nearby containers that are in cool shade will cause odors to fall and spread. It is a whole science learning how to navigate outdoor scents on a windy day. This sport requires a bit of humility and a sense of humor. You may find that your Pumi has preferences for a particular Element, but you should keep training on their weakest event to continue progressing.

Scent Work is a wonderful sport for Pumik. This breed likes to work hard, delight in playing games with their owners, and have a significant need for brain challenges. In bad weather, a bored Jade with no outlet for her energy will simply move my furniture. (Was she a Sumo Wrestler in a previous life?) Scent work is a perfect answer for poor weather days. It is also a low barrier sport to start. Very little equipment is required, other than some essential oils and junk found in your attic, basement, garage or at FedEx (I didn't say the latter). You can and should practice indoors, outdoors, at the park, and in all weather conditions. Outdoor only events can be challenging if the weather is extremely hot. In such cases, folks set up their cars with reflective blankets and fans to keep their dogs cool.



Chris Levy and Zsofi

I emailed questions to the Scent Work participants and comments made by Pumifest Scent Work participants were highly favorable. Judge Ruth Ann Stricker had a great sense of humor and would let your dog find the scent, even if they first miscued in a trial. Others found her encouraging and kind, a true blessing for inexperienced teams. Some of the more experienced dogs such as those owned by Jo Ann Gast, Diane Fletcher, and Chris Levy had great success with their pups. Jo Ann Gast's dog, Ruffles, earned her Novice Interior Elite

title, which requires ten qualifying runs. She also won High in Trial and we know how cool those ribbons are! Jo Ann mentioned that she was glad so many folks came to watch the scent work trials. Chris Levy competed with her 15.5-year-old, Pearl, and baby dog, Zsofi. When classes nearby Chris's home disappeared, she decided to train inexperienced Zsofi on odor herself, having competed in NACSW Nose Work for ten years. They had two weeks left to train and she worked daily with Zsofi pairing odor with food. Chris held her breath that the last-minute lessons in the motorhome worked, writing "Whew! Now I knew she would search somewhere besides in our family room, but a strange place without food.....who knew?" But Zsofi came through and qualified in her first Containers Element and one of the Interior Element, earning two first places. Senior Pearl aced one of her Advanced Container Element and another in Interior Element, earning a 1st and 2nd place.



Chris Levy and Pearl

Gail Oneal brought Radar to the trial, even though it had been a year since he'd last trialed or had scent work lessons. After enlisting a Detective level friend's help, she practiced hard in August and September to get ready for Pumifest. She was worried about containers as "Radar thinks they're boring. Gail stated that, "we got one pass out of two tries for third place, so that was a positive. On to advanced interior for two more chances for ribbons. First the 'upstairs' trial. He nailed everything quickly and I was excited and so happy we got our first advanced leg. On to trial #2-in the water treadmill room. We were first, and in we went. He again found both hides quickly and I was surprised and thrilled." Gail commented that she thought the judge had placed hides in interesting locations.



Judith Piros and Muttsko

Some of the younger dogs, with less experience, also placed and enjoyed themselves. Andrea Schnelten's 17-month-old, Reba, was attending her first trial at Pumifest. Reba took no formal lessons, and qualified in one Container trial. I was reading Andrea the AKC Rule Book aloud (a first for both of us) as we drove to Colorado together. After her trials, Andrea wryly told me that Reba failed a few trials due to her operator error. This happens easily when you are just starting in scent work as it can be difficult to read a novice dog. Judith Piros's dog, Muttsko, was also trialing for the first time, having only practiced for six weeks. He won first place in his second Novice Container trial. Laura Lane's 2-year-old, Fuji, had also just started sniffy classes taking only six classes before Pumifest. Entering only Novice Containers, Fuji succeeded in both trials earning a 2nd and 3rd place. Laura stated that "Fuji enjoys the game now that he knows it, but I think he likes to do it because he responds to my praise and wants to please me." Laura's instructor taught a clear behavioral alert instead of letting the dog provide a

natural alert. Sitting was the behavior that worked for him. Other means of alerting owners include lying down, a head snap right at the scent, placing a paw near the scent location, barking, or pointing.

Jade entered 4 trials but qualified in just one, Novice Interior, earning 2nd place. She had four trials earlier that day in Obedience and Rally and was exhausted before she started Scent Work afternoon trials. Her fatigue was owed to her multiple silly-girl herding circles she ran in off-leash Rally and Obedience trials. Good grief! (So glad you all were entertained.) I was pleased that she even tried. A key to success in scent work is to develop the ability to read our dog when they indicate scent placement. As Chris Levy mentioned, you must work together as a team enough to learn to “trust your dog” to find and indicate a scent.

Jo Ann Gast heard other Pumi owners say that they had just started scent work and did not think their dogs were ready for a trial. But those of us with inexperienced dogs found out that the trial was just fun, and our dogs did better than expected. I have now competed in four scent work trials with Jade, but still consider us newbies. I am more concerned that she finds an odor than her placement. Her drive to find scent is improving with each trial, and I am more accurate in reading her alerts. In a recent trial in late October, she was highly focused, became a fast detective and won three 1st places and a 2nd place in six trials with tough competition.

As for future Pumifest Scent Work trials, all involved were grateful that this sport was introduced at our Nationals. If you have done any scent work trials before, you might know that it can be difficult to have your entry accepted as consumer demand is high. Having this sport at Pumifest meant that everyone who entered could trial. Suggestions for future scent work trials at Pumifest included requests to have more time to have three trials (to allow earning titles), to include ability levels above Advanced, (Excellent, maybe Master). I would also like to see other Elements added, such as Buried and Exteriors. Laura Lane stated that if we added more classes, it would be difficult to share the day with Obedience and Rally events due to time constraints. Perhaps we could just add another half-day? Gail Oneal hoped others would come out and trial in Scent Work at future Pumifests and loved how the competitors supported each other. Andrea Schnelton stated that she “loved how Pumifest is a great opportunity to try new things in a safe space, this trial was exactly that—I hope to see more scent work in the future at Pumifest, we had so much fun and Reba thoroughly enjoyed it.” Judy Piros stated the “judge was extremely nice, after our first failure and was very helpful in her comments...overall, a great experience for us both...super to have it offered at Pumifest.” It was fun to meet new people and see dogs and owners coming out of trials with smiles (or rolled eyes). Once you leave a trial, you cannot indicate anything to other competitors, for obvious reasons, so carrying a green qualifying ribbon or rolling your eyes must suffice! Thanks to Judge Ruth Ann Sticker, Trial Secretary (Maureen Baumtrog), Jo Ann Gast (Trial Chair), and volunteers who collectively helped make HPCA's first Scent Work trial a grand sniffy success! We would love to see the events at our next Pumifest.

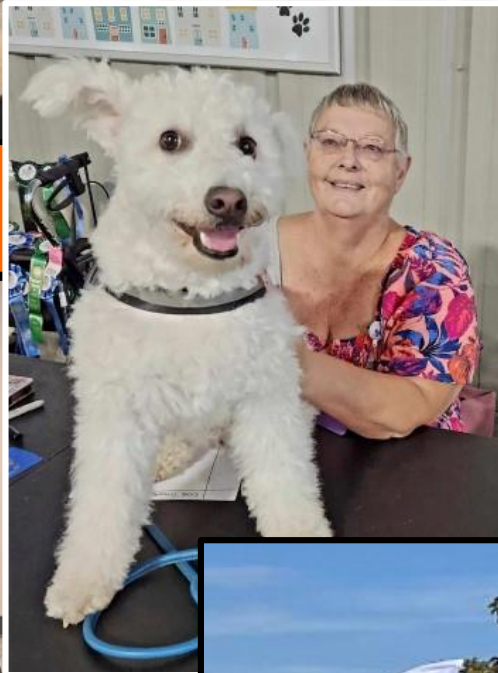
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MY DOGS: MY FAMILY

By Laszlo Sulyok

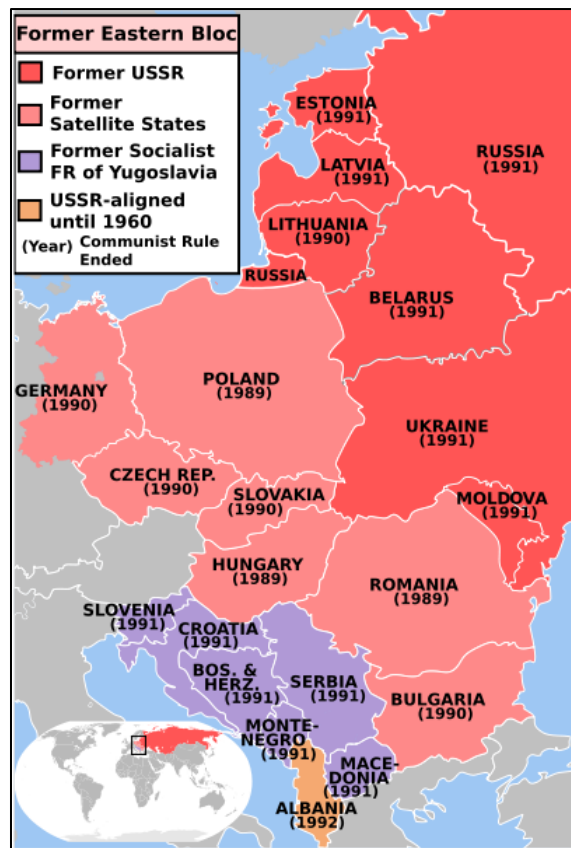
It was in the fall of 1982 when I ran into a Transylvanian friend of mine on a crowded tram in Budapest. Even though we had not seen each other for a while we picked up a conversation like we just parted a day before. As he was stepping off the tram at his stop, he paused for a moment then turned back and invited me along to his upcoming three-day weekend trip in his hometown, Oradea.

A couple of days later we were on the train crossing into Romania and I was looking forward to an exciting three-day party. To summarize the aftermath of that weekend, I've been married for forty years.

Marrying across international borders is a long, tedious, and challenging process. This was especially true when the planned union was between Hungarian and Romanian citizens during the communist era because of long standing historical animosity between the two countries¹. Transnational pre-marriage administrative procedures are the ultimate probes of long-distance commitments, and it can also challenge the loyalties and support of various clans of one's family. In our case, we both were quickly declared "persona non-grata" by our respective families after they found out about our plans. Consequently, we did not have to worry about a big expensive wedding, lavish dowry, or later down the road possibly collecting a family inheritance.

Our wedding party consisted of six people including us and a close knit of four friends, a quasi-family, feasting on a goat roast in a communist block apartment. A few years later we found out that the adolescent caprine was illegally raised by a friend in his Oradea high rise apartment and was grazed under the cover of the night in the nearby botanical garden where he had a part time job of taking care of exotic plants between the hours of midnight and 4:00am. To be fair to our urban goat herder friend, the story must be looked at in the context of the historic Romanian food shortage of the 1980s.

A year later, right around our first anniversary, Ildiko was permitted to join me in Hungary by the authorities. When she arrived in Budapest, a surprise English Pointer puppy, Adi, welcomed her as our anniversary present. (It had been a long-time dream of Ildiko to get a pure-bred hunting dog). From this point on dogs have permanently become part of our lives. Ultimately, they have filled the gap that had been created by our "lost families." Adi traveled with us everywhere, including our long-delayed honeymoon to the Black Sea in 1985. As it turned out, this trip did provide the final push to get out of Eastern Europe and abandon the most sinister and ultimate real life totalitarian version of the Truman Show that had run behind the Iron Curtain.



Source: <https://app.sophia.org/tutorials/a-new-world-order>



Adi (left) visiting a dog at the Black Sea beach in Costinesti with the inflatable boat (Right)

At the Black Sea we spent our days under the spotless blue sky at the nudist beach of Costinesti where mostly university students and the Bohemian types gathered. One morning we entered the water in a two-person inflatable boat and were quietly floating on the sea about 100 yards from shore when a high-speed Romanian sea patrol navy boat stopped us with six sailors screaming at us while pointing their AK-47 rifles to our boat. We got briefly detained and accused of trying to defect from Romania through the sea to Turkey in the inflatable dingy with a safety rating questionable even for a back yard Koi fishpond. Our exculpatory evidence, to support our sole intention to sunbathe, the bottle of sunscreen, did not seem to convince the navy men either. Luckily, after about a half an hour into the interrogation things started calming down and the focus gradually shifted to the dog. As it turned out, the captain of the swift boat was an avid bird hunter and always dreamed of getting a fancy bird dog. Shortly after we were released and taken to shore. The boat had to be deflated and dragged to the beach. Its airless red and yellow flat plastic body served well as a makeshift body cover for our sunburned naked bodies as we were walking out of the crowded family beach, about a mile away from the spot where the sea current took us in from. The rest of our vacation was spent mostly on the sandy beach and never deeper than four feet in the water.

A couple of years later we moved halfway across the globe to the US, with Adi, away from the daily frustrations, humiliations and absurdities offered by the Eastern Bloc. The grim events that we'd lived through in the past gradually pickled into absurd memories and entertaining stories to tell our friends around dinner tables.

While living in Chicago, we got reacquainted with the practice of long-distance marriage for a significant period of time. We often lived apart because of teaching jobs, artists in residency programs, and exhibitions at different parts of the country and sometimes abroad. The reoccurring question had always been who gets the dog while apart. No question that Adi had remained an important part of our family.

In the mid-90s we moved to Brooklyn, NY. New friends, different parties, and the old stories got refurbished. However, as years went by and times changed, gradually more and more chairs stayed



Dinner party in Chicago with full chairs at a table originally made for an art instillation with Ildiko and Laszlo in the middle



Laszlo and Adi visiting the Grand Canyon

unoccupied around the dinner table. Friends established families, started raising children and, naturally, their focus shifted toward different, primarily family-oriented peer groups. Our own family had also expanded with two JRT-s and a German Shorthair Pointer. However, deep sadness filled our heart when our old dog, Adi, from Hungary died of bloat in 1998. He was the last connection to the old country.

In 2000 we decided to give up our semi-nomadic lifestyle and moved to upstate NY where we started our fiber farm. We've got more dogs, the Pumik and our dog affair became quite serious from that point on. The Pumik also opened our

horizon and introduced us to the eccentric world of organized pure bred dog subculture in the US. The addiction has come gradually; training, herding, sports, then conformation shows, and later breeding. We were hooked. The Pumik have connected us with this new family, who frequently appear as a group of odd fellows to the outside. Members of the group might be different in many aspects of their personal lives, age, social and economic status, education, religion, professions, political affiliation, and the list goes on. The common links that glue them together and make them a family regardless of any disagreement are their functional contradictions and most importantly the love of their dog breed.



Hunting cabin on Catskill property. Pumik (Agyag, Fruska, and Csupasz), Komondor (Harang), JRT (Bubnles and Schatze), Kelpie (Nene – back left)

As families look forward to their annual Thanksgiving get together to reunite with the favorite cousin to gossip with, have a political argument with the weird uncle, refuel the resentment toward the new wife of the ex, brag about the new job, or just simply enjoy dinner with the clan and break bread again. I suspect that dog people look forward to their annual specialties in a similar way. Then, when the event is over, we usually promise ourselves like the kid who overindulged himself with chocolate cake, that we will never do this again. The drive is too long, it is too expensive, and it is so exhausting. But in the end, we always go back because it is all about family.

This year we decided to participate in the National Specialty again, this time in Colorado Springs. Regardless of the distance, the expenses, potential exhaustion, and all the complexities of an

extended family at Thanksgiving, it was an adventure worth taking. It was also a symbolic journey for us after sailing such a long time “alone together” and reaching port after a while to resupply with hope and optimism before we set sail toward the horizon again.



Ildiko the Pumik Whisperer at their Catskill home

While in Colorado, we were days away from our 40th wedding anniversary. For years, our anniversaries have been quiet and intimate events, most of the time with the routine dinners and the exchange of modest gifts. However, this year, the ritual was different. This time we could share our “alone together” journey’s 40th year with a group of eccentric odd fellows, by competing in dog sports, and sharing dinner tables with no empty chairs while exchanging stories. This year the anniversary gifts were also different; they were delivered by our dogs in the conformation ring at Pumifest 2023 and we could not have asked for more...

Do I miss the contraband apartment raised goat roast and the simpler times? Sure, I do. In fact, sometimes I reminisce about it while waiting in my van at a drive through lane of a fast-food joint trying to order my burger and fries for the fifth time because no one can understand anything on the other end of the intercom because my Pumik, my family, bark so loud in the back of the vehicle – “pass back a fry!”.

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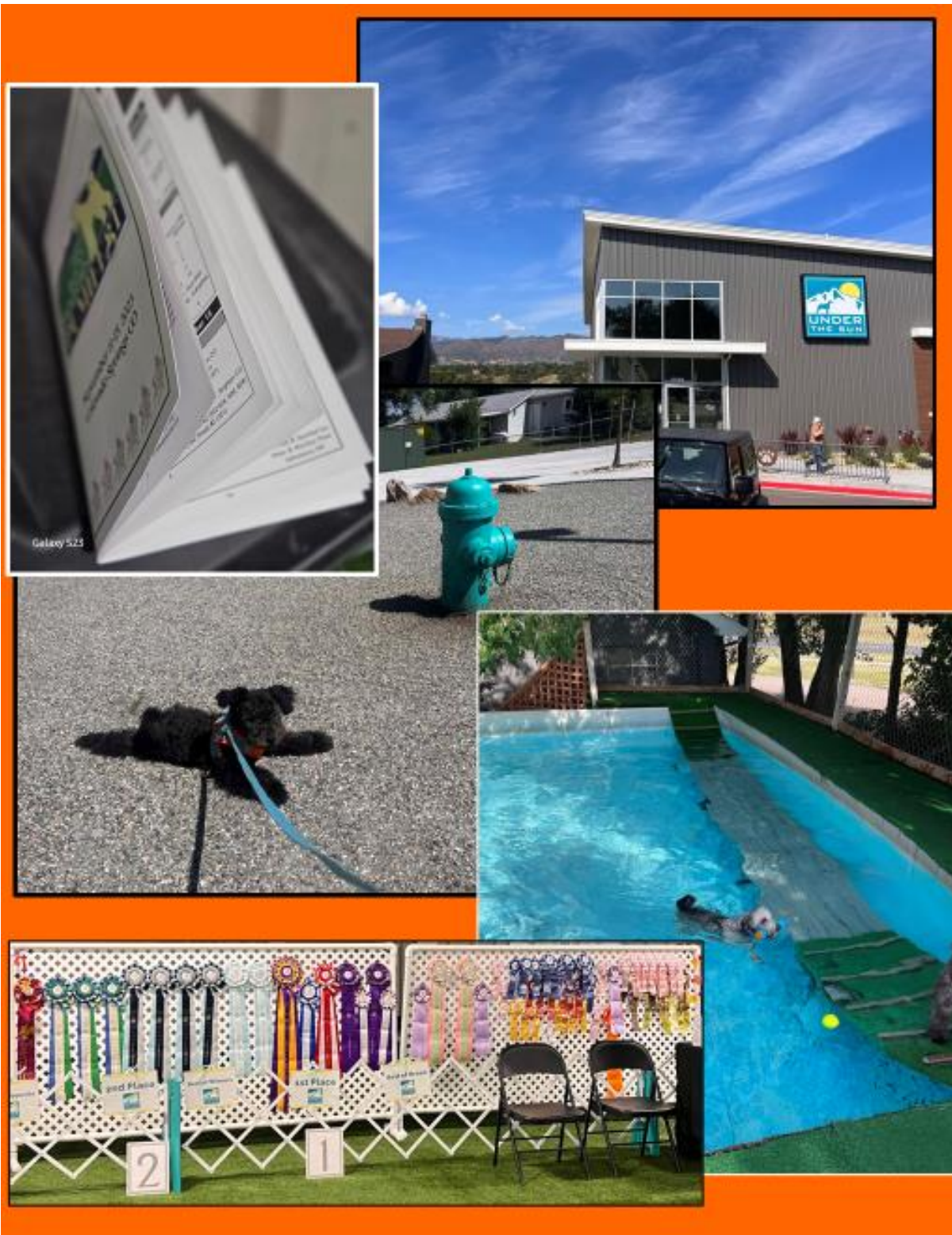
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Laszlo Sulyok and his wife Ildiko Repasi moved to the US from Budapest, Hungary and the Transylvanian region of Romania respectively in 1988. They studied studio arts and arts administration at the School of The Art Institute of Chicago’s graduate program. Currently they live in upstate NY where they own “GoatSheepShop” a niche fiber farm producing woolen artisanal items. They also own Catskill Pumi Kennel and have bred Pumik for close to fifteen years. Their dogs earn their paychecks herding sheep at the farm. Laszlo and Ildiko also show their dogs successfully in Conformation. Their Pumik have earned BOB, BOS, and Select placements at Westminster, have won BOBs at the AKC National Championship in Orlando, and earned BISS titles at National and Regional Pumi Specialties. Several of their Pumik have also been competing in Agility, Rally, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, CAT, and Fast CAT over the years. Their dog, BISS GCHB Catskill Meses Masni, recently won the 2023 Pumi National Specialty in Colorado Springs, Colorado, taking Best in Specialty Show, Best Bred-By and Best Owner-Handled, while BISS GCHS Catskill Nyul Bela placed Best of Opposite Sex at the show.

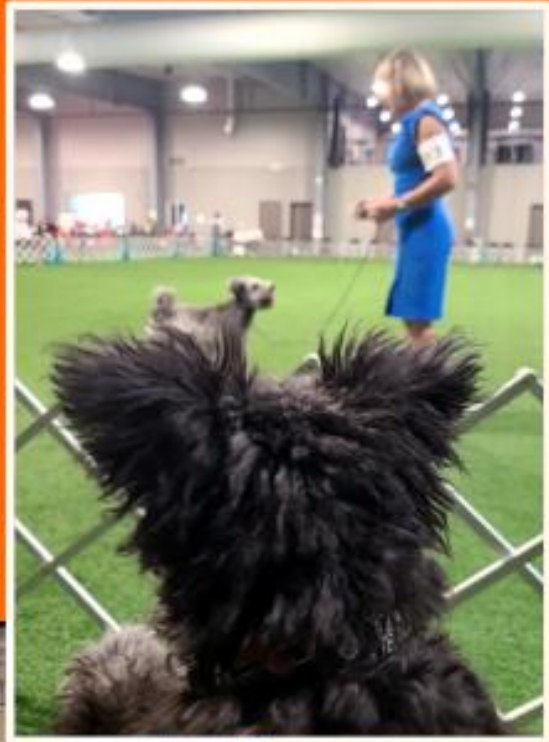


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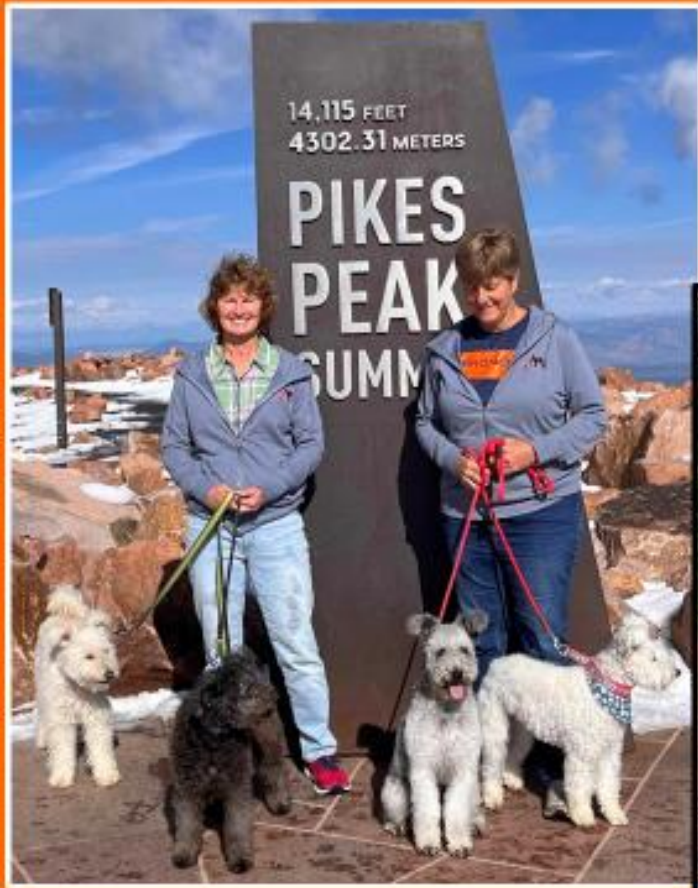














2023 RANKING PUMIK IN AKC EVENTS

AGILITY

TOP PUMIK IN AGILITY MACH COMPETITION

01/01/2023 THRU 10/01/2023

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	DbI Q's
1	MACH3 Abiqua Pompas MXB2 PAD MJB2 MFG TQX T2B6 ACT2 TKN	B	2,003	28
2	MACH3 Amerikai Jar Jar Binks Senator Of Naboo MXC MJC MFS TQX T2B3 BCAT	D	1,446	25
3	Abiqua Riana CD BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJB MFB T2B3 FCAT CGC TKP ATT	B	676	11
4	Amerikai Magyar Ukko CDX BN RN MX MXB MXJ MJB MFB T2B2 CA FCAT CGC	D	507	3
5	CH MACH Karizma's Thunder From Down Under MXS MJS OF	D	472	25
6	MACH2 Mayalu's Carmenere MXC PAD MJC MFC TQX T2B	B	453	0
7	CH MACH Catskill Furge Falat Frankie BN RM2 RAE2 MXG MJC NF T2B FCAT2 CGC TKA	D	308	16
8	Buttermilk Crik's Amarillo By Morning MX MXJ MXF BCAT	D	307	2
9	Cypress Bay's Csaba MX MXB MXJ MJB XF CGC TKP	D	272	3
10	Buttermilk Crik's It's A Long Way To Buda-Pest RN MX MXB MXJ MFB T2B DCAT ACT1 DS DJ	D	254	3

TOP PUMIK IN AGILITY PACH COMPETITION

01/01/2023 THRU 10/01/2023

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	DbI Q's
1	AGCH MACH7 PACH5 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP12 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPC PAX5 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	B	3034	51
2	MACH Cuidado Ultimate Urak MXB MJC PJD MJP T2B3 CGC	D	659	7
3	Blueridge Vista Derus MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS XFP T2BP CA BCAT CGC TKN	D	234	2
4	Abiqua Mazsola NAJ AXP AJP NF XFP TKN	B	70	0
5	Abiqua Rozsi At Mayalu NA AXJ MJP TKN	B	69	0



CONFORMATION**ALL BREED RANKING****01/01/2023 THRU 10/06/2023**

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS	Group Placements					BOB/V	Defeated
				I	II	III	IV			
1	GCH CH Silhouettes Beginning To Inspire	D	0	3	5	7	8	85	2,707	
2	CH Csunyatelepi Hetyke	D	0	0	3	2	3	13	613	
3	GCHG CH Bojtosfulu Pajkos Aria Of Perfect Images	B	0	1	0	2	4	66	540	
4	GCH CH Hegyaljai Szerencses Muskotaly	B	0	0	0	3	3	41	468	
5	GCHS CH Nixie Phantasia	D	0	0	0	0	2	10	305	
6	GCH CH Ederra's I Whistle A Happy Tune	D	0	2	0	1	1	29	227	
7	GCH CH Far East Great Expectations' Lazlow	D	0	0	0	0	2	13	194	
8	GCH CH Caprock's Suddenly Seymour Of Bujo'S	D	0	0	0	1	0	23	162	
9	GCHS CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC TKN	D	0	0	0	0	0	24	100	
10	GCHS CH Catskill Nyul Bela CA FCAT	D	0	0	0	0	1	10	91	

BREED TOTALS**01/01/2023 THRU 10/06/2023**

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/V	Defeated
1	GCH CH Silhouettes Beginning To Inspire	D	85	178
2	GCHG CH Bojtosfulu Pajkos Aria Of Perfect Images	B	66	130
3	GCHS CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC TKN	D	24	100
4	GCH CH Hegyaljai Szerencses Muskotaly	B	41	48
5	GCHS CH Catskill Nyul Bela CA FCAT	D	10	47
6	GCHS CH Blacksheepleaderof The Squadron	D	9	45
7	GCHB CH Catskill Meses Masni FCAT2 DN	B	5	40
	GCH CH Far East Great Expectations' Lazlow	D	13	40
9	GCHS CH Bojtosfulu Pajkos Almos Of Perfect Images	D	24	38
10	GCH CH Ederra's I Whistle A Happy Tune	D	29	31

OBEDIENCE**01/01/2023 THRU 10/06/2023**

Rank	Name	Sex	PTS
1	OTCH2 Abiqua Lanyka UDX9 OGM RE BCAT CGC	B	38
2	Cypress Bay's Andor UD PCD OM1 BN	D	3

RALLY**01/01/2023 THRU 10/06/2023**

Rank	Name	Sex	PTS	TRIPL Q's
1	CH Ordog De L'Ouche Des Geais CD BN RM RAE	D	117	13
2	CH Ederra's Sabbia Bianca CD BN RM RAE NA NAJ NF DCAT SWN SINE SHDN CGC TKI	B	85	8
3	CH Blueridge Vista Huba CDX RAE2 FDC CGC ATT	D	73	8
4	GCH CH Abiqua Pipacs VCD2 BN RM RAE2 MX AXJ MXF BCAT SWN SCA RATN TKN	B	69	3
5	CH MACH Catskill Furge Falat Frankie BN RM2 RAE2 MXG MJC NF T2B FCAT2 CGC TKA	D	62	4
6	Blacksheep Cornus Powder Keg RAE OA NAJ XF FCAT2 SWA SIE SEE DJ CGC TKN	B	5	0

NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES (NOHS)

Qualifying Period: September 21, 2022 through September 20, 2023.

For Events Processed Through: October 7, 2023

Rank	Name	Sex	NOHS Pts.
1	GCHS CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC TKN	D	670
2	GCH CH Hegyaljai Szerencses Muskotaly	B	530
3	GCH CH Caprock's Suddenly Seymour Of Bujo'S	D	455
4	GCH CH Ederra's Hello Dolly FDC BCAT	B	320
5	GCHS CH Catskill Nyul Bela CA FCAT	D	235
6	CH Abiqua Zinka	B	200
7	Buttermilk Crik's Quanh Arrow Of Colorado City BN RI NAJ NF ACT1 CGC TKN	D	115
8	GCH CH Far East Great Expectations' Lazlow	D	100
9	Kismet's Kalooki RN CGC	B	95
10	GCH CH Copper's Vanilla Mocha Latte	D	85

FAST CAT

01/01/2023 THRU 10/10/2023

Rank	Dog Name	Sex	MPH
1	CH Catskill Kurtos Kelen RI CAA FCAT9 ACT2 RATS DJ DN CGC TKA BN-V FITG	D	28.34
2	CH Catskill Moka Miki Ponca CA FCAT9 ACT2 DM DSX3 HDN CGC TKA FITG	D	28.20
3	GCHS CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC TKN	D	27.37
4	Kismet's Bezique RN CA DCAT CGC TKI	B	27.20
5	CH MACH Catskill Furge Falat Frankie BN RM2 RAE2 MXG MJC NF T2B FCAT2 CGC TKA	D	27.07
6	GCH CH Ederra's Hello Dolly FDC BCAT	B	26.90
7	Karizma N Wright's Lucio Runs with Rhythm NA NAJ AXP OJP OF FCAT5	D	26.77
8	CH Karizma's Lost Creek Collette RN FDC CA FCAT3 ACT1 ACT1J CGC ATT	B	26.29
9	Buttermilk Crik's It's A Long Way To Buda-Pest RN MX MXB MXJ MFB T2B DCAT ACT1 DS DJ	D	25.88
10	CH Catskill Witty Viti BCAT	B	25.78

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

The annual qualifying period is July 1st – June 30th. The next newsletter will have the 2024 period.

All Competition Types as of 6/30/2023

Rank	Name	PTS
1	Paige Ryan (TX)	107
2	Alora Verch (OH)	42
3	Savannah Mentzer (NC)	6
4	Leah Graham (PA)	6
5	Apria Phillips (WV)	2

- Agility events are processed through October 07, 2023.
- Coonhound events are processed through October 06, 2023.
- Coursing events are processed through September 30, 2023.
- Earthdog events are processed through October 20, 2023.
- Field Trial events are processed through October 04, 2023.
- Herding events are processed through October 07, 2023.
- Hunting Test events are processed through October 05, 2023.
- Junior Showmanship events are processed through October 07, 2023.
- Obedience events are processed through October 07, 2023.
- Rally events are processed through October 07, 2023.
- Scent Work events are processed through October 05, 2023.
- Title Recognition Program events are processed through September 30, 2023.
- Tracking events are processed through September 30, 2023.

NEW TITLE HOLDERS (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023)

Agility

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Agility Excellent	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RE FDC AX AXJ OAP OJP XF OFP CGC TKN	30-Sep-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Agility FAST Excellent	Buttermilk Crik's Boogie Back To Bastrop OA OAJ XF FCAT2 TKN	26-Aug-23	Linda Barrett
Agility FAST Excellent	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RE FDC AX AXJ OAP OJP XF OFP CGC TKN	30-Sep-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Agility FAST Novice	Buttermilk Crik's Quannah Arrow Of Colorado City BN RI NAJ NF ACT1 CGC TKN	11-Sep-23	Laura Lane & Sandy Cumpian & Mark Laken
Agility FAST Novice	Catskill Mini Mano Mayhem PT OA OAJ NF TKP	3-Jul-23	Ms. Jennifer Nowak
Agility FAST Novice	Mayalu's Iniko OA AXJ NF ACT2	6-Aug-23	Ronnie Cimprich & Karen Beattie Massey
Agility FAST Open	Buttermilk Crik's Candelaria Star Sailor NA OAJ OF DJ TKI	11-Sep-23	Emma Coombes & Sandy Cumpian
Agility FAST Open	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RI NA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	14-Jul-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Excellent Agility Jumper	Catskill Mini Mano Mayhem PT OA AXJ NF TKP	20-Sep-23	Ms. Jennifer Nowak
Excellent Agility Jumper	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RA FDC OA AXJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	19-Aug-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Excellent Agility Jumper	Mayalu's Grand Duke OA AXJ	25-Aug-23	Kay Rackley & Karen Beattie Massey
Master Agility Champion	CH MACH Karizma's Thunder From Down Under MXS MJS OF	3-Sep-23	Judith S Aycock & Marilyn Funke
Master Agility Champion 3	MACH3 Amerikai Jar Jar Binks Senator Of Naboo MXG MJC MFS TQX T2B3 BCAT	6-Aug-23	Alice Holm
Master Agility Excellent	Mayalu's Ever RE MX MXJ	14-Jul-23	Karen Beattie Massey
Master Agility Excellent Preferred 11	AGCH MACH7 PACH4 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP11 MXPC PADP MJP11 MJPC PAX4 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	13-Aug-23	Kathie Ogden
Master Agility Excellent Preferred 12	AGCH MACH7 PACH5 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP12 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPC PAX5 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	23-Sep-23	Kathie Ogden

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Master Bronze Jumper 2	MACH3 Abiqua Pompas MXB2 PAD MJB2 MFG TQX T2B6 ACT2 TKN	4-Aug-23	Kathie Ogden
Master Century Agility	MACH3 Amerikai Jar Jar Binks Senator Of Naboo MXC MJC MFS TQX T2B3 BCAT	24-Sep-23	Alice Holm
Master Century FAST	MACH2 Mayalu's Carmenere MXC PAD MJG MFC TQX T2B	1-Jul-23	Ronnie Cimprich
Master Century Jumper	CH MACH Catskill Furge Falat Frankie BN RM2 RAE2 MXG MJC NF T2B FCAT2 CGC TKA	26-Aug-23	Ms. Maria Barnum
Master Century Jumper	MACH2 Mayalu's Carmenere MXC PAD MJC MFC TQX T2B	15-Jul-23	Ronnie Cimprich
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred	Abiqua Rozsi At Mayalu NA AXJ MJP TKN	2-Sep-23	Karen Beattie Massey & Charlene Hoch
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred	MACH Cuidado Ultimate Urak MXB MJC PJD MJP T2B3 CGC	28-Jul-23	Kay Rackley
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 11	AGCH MACH7 PACH4 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP10 MXPC PADP MJP11 MJPC PAX4 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	3-Aug-23	Kathie Ogden
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 12	AGCH MACH7 PACH4 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP11 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPC PAX4 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	16-Sep-23	Kathie Ogden
Master Silver Jumper	CH Karizma's Thunder From Down Under MX MXS MXJ MJS OF	30-Jul-23	Judith S Aycock & Marilyn Funke
Novice Agility	Catskill Ulterior Ursula NA NAJ	2-Sep-23	Ms. Karen Beattie Massey
Novice Agility	Mayalu's Fergal NA ACT2	11-Sep-23	Linda Montano & Karen Beattie Massey
Novice Agility	Mayalu's Fianna NA NAJ XF FCAT CGC TKA	12-Aug-23	Denise Visco & Karen Beattie Massey
Novice Agility Jumper	Buttermilk Crik's Quannah Arrow Of Colorado City BN RI NAJ NF ACT1 CGC TKN	11-Sep-23	Laura Lane & Sandy Cumpian & Mark Laken
Novice Agility Jumper	CH Mayalu's Gemma C-Yugen Pinkerton NAJ	14-Jul-23	Karen Beattie Massey & Pam McWethy
Novice Agility Jumper	Mayalu's Fianna NAJ XF FCAT CGC TKA	30-Jul-23	Denise Visco & Karen Beattie Massey
Open Agility	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RI OA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	15-Jul-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Open Agility	Klipsan Ticket To Ride OA OAJ OF BCAT ACT2 SWN TKN	5-Aug-23	Becky Heiner
Open Agility	Mayalu's Grand Duke OA OAJ	1-Jul-23	Kay Rackley & Karen Beattie Massey

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Open Agility	Mayalu's Iniko OA AXJ ACT2	15-Jul-23	Ronnie Cimprich & Karen Beattie Massey
Open Agility Jumper	Buttermilk Crik's Candelaria Star Sailor NA OAJ NF DJ TKI	13-Aug-23	Emma Coombes & Sandy Cumpian
Open Agility Jumper	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RI NA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	14-Jul-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Open Agility Jumper	GCH CH Abiqua Larmas CD RA PT OA OAJ BCAT	22-Jul-23	Lindy Miller & Chris Levy & TH Levy
Preferred Agility Champion 5	AGCH MACH7 PACH5 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP11 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPC PAX5 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	17-Sep-23	Kathie Ogden
Preferred Agility Excellent 5	AGCH MACH7 PACH5 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXC2 PAD MJB3 PJD MXP11 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPC PAX5 MFG TQX T2B7 T2BP CGC TKA	17-Sep-23	Kathie Ogden
Premier Agility Dog	MACH3 Abiqua Pompas MXB2 PAD MJC MFG TQX T2B6 ACT2 TKN	8-Jul-23	Kathie Ogden
Time 2 Beat	Catskill Csipos Csuzli MX MXJ MFB T2B FCAT2 CGC TKN	5-Aug-23	Pat Wright
Time 2 Beat 3	Abiqua Riana CD BN RA MX MXB MXJ MJB MFB T2B3 FCAT CGC TKP ATT	13-Jul-23	Shirley Reid

Canine Good Citizen

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	CH Serteperti Cidri CD BN RA CGCA	20-Sep-23	Julia Hewitt
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	Waiting For The Link FDC NA CAA FCAT2 ACT2 DSA DJ CGCA CGCU ATT	1-Jun-23	Morgan Motreneec
Canine Good Citizen	Buttermilk Crik's Candelaria Star Sailor NA OAJ OF DJ CGC TKI	13-Sep-23	Emma Coombes & Sandy Cumpian
Canine Good Citizen	Catskill Goofing Around With Goofy Henry CGC	13-Sep-23	Ms. Diane Kelsay
Canine Good Citizen	Catskill Reba Gobbles Entire Mc&Cheese CGC	13-Sep-23	Ms. Andrea Schnelten
Canine Good Citizen	CH Aero Just Wright FDC CGC TKN	1-Sep-23	Catherine Perron
Canine Good Citizen	CH Blueridge Vista Huba CDX RAE FDC CGC	13-Sep-23	Ms. J Nover-Horn
Canine Good Citizen	CH Far East Blazing Saddles CD BN RE CGC	13-Sep-23	Bruce Coffman & Sandra S Coffman

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Canine Good Citizen	CH Rocklin Asa Gloria CGC	13-Sep-23	Daryl Schnelten & Andrea Schnelten
Canine Good Citizen	Kismet's Kalooki RN CGC	13-Sep-23	Bruce and Sandra Coffman
Canine Good Citizen	Kismet's Royal Flush BCAT CGC TKN	25-Jun-23	Michael and Denise Gill
Canine Good Citizen Urban	Waiting For The Link FDC NA CAA FCAT2 ACT2 DSA DJ CGCA CGCU ATT	1-Jun-23	Morgan Motreneec

Conformation

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Champion	CH Aero Just Wright	9-Jul-23	Catherine Perron
Champion	CH Csunyatelepi Hetyke	13-Sep-23	Cindy Cassidy
Champion	CH Cypress Bay's Chantilly Lace	17-Sep-23	Theresa Weber
Champion	CH Ederra's Lady For A Night	14-Sep-23	Judith Piros
Champion	CH Kismet's King Of Hearts	18-Aug-23	Katherine Gulmert
Champion	CH Onyxbay's Nunya Business Zfg	24-Aug-23	Theresa Weber
Champion	CH Onyxbay's Sticks And Stones Zfg	27-Aug-23	Theresa Weber
Champion	CH Silhouette's Rumor Has It	14-Sep-23	Cindy Cassidy
Grand Champion	GCH CH Caprock's Suddenly Seymour Of Bujo'S	29-Jul-23	Mrs. Ann Harris-Chaffin & Mari Jones & Paige L Ryan
Grand Champion	GCH CH Ederra's Handsome Beaubansome At Fastrax	29-Jul-23	Connie Drake & Maria Arechaederra
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB CH Catskill Meses Masni FCAT2	25-Aug-23	Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS CH Catskill Nyul Bela CA FCAT	25-Aug-23	Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC	19-Aug-23	Heather Yount & Edward DeVilliers & Cathy DeVilliers

Coursing

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
BCAT	Catskill Larmas Lajcsi Zuni NA NAJ NF BCAT	29-Sep-23	Ms. Pat Wright
BCAT	Klipsan Born To Be Wild BCAT	24-Sep-23	Donna Lilly & PJ Lilly
BCAT	Rocklin Dizzy Dean (Roscoe) BCAT	1-Jul-23	Laura Susnik & Andrea Schnelten
Coursing Ability Advanced	Blueridge Vista Elektra FDC CAA FCAT CGC TKN ATT	1-Sep-23	Annette V Dowell
DCAT	Amerikai Szymfonia Fonix Felemelkedes HSAs NA NAJ OF DCAT TKN	7-Jul-23	Ava Trent
DCAT	Rocklin Clever Clark DCAT	8-Jul-23	Michele Beecher

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
FCAT2	CH Catskill Finnyas Fani PT NA NAJ CAA FCAT2	5-May-23	Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok
FCAT3	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT3 SWNE SWM TKA	17-Sep-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
FCAT5	Karizma N Wright's Lucio Runs with Rhythm NA NAJ AXP OJP OF FCAT5	29-Sep-23	Mrs. Pat Wright
FCAT9	CH Catskill Kurtos Kelen RI CAA FCAT9 ACT2 RATS CGC TKA BN-V FITG	25-Jun-23	Valeri M Maisch
FCAT9	CH Catskill Moka Miki Ponca CA FCAT9 ACT2 DM DSX3 HDN CGC TKA FITG	29-Sep-23	Ms. Valeri Maisch

Dock Diving

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Dock Junior	CH Catskill Kurtos Kelen RI CAA FCAT9 ACT2 RATS DJ DN CGC TKA BN-V FITG	12-Aug-23	Valeri M Maisch
Dock Novice	CH Catskill Kurtos Kelen RI CAA FCAT9 ACT2 RATS DN CGC TKA BN-V FITG	23-Jul-23	Valeri M Maisch
Dock Novice	GCHB CH Catskill Meses Masni FCAT2 DN	26-Aug-23	Ildiko Repasi & Laszlo Sulyok
Dock Senior Excellent 3	CH Catskill Moka Miki Ponca CA FCAT8 ACT2 DM DSX3 CGC TKA FITG	22-Jul-23	Ms. Valeri Maisch
HydroDash Novice	CH Catskill Moka Miki Ponca CA FCAT8 ACT2 DM DSX3 HDN CGC TKA FITG	23-Jul-23	Ms. Valeri Maisch

Farm Dog

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Farm Dog Certified	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RA FDC OA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	21-Jul-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Farm Dog Certified	CH Aero Just Wright FDC CGC TKN	1-Sep-23	Catherine Perron
Farm Dog Certified	CH Aero Take To The Skye FDC CGC TKN	1-Sep-23	Annette Dowell & Catherine Perron

Herding

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Herding Started Course A Ducks	Amerikai Szymfonia Fonix Felemelkedes HSAds NA NAJ OF DCAT TKN	17-Sep-23	Ava Trent

Obedience

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Beginner Novice	Blueridge Vista Igaz BN RN CGC TKI	15-Jul-23	Iris Bonatesta

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Companion Dog Excellent	CH Blueridge Vista Huba CDX RAE FDC	12-Sep-23	Ms. J Nover-Horn
Companion Dog Excellent	GCH CH Abiqua Pipacs VCD2 BN RM RAE2 MX AXJ MXF BCAT SWN RATN TKN	16-Jul-23	Peter G Piusz & Marilyn E Piusz
Preferred Companion Dog	Embers Only The Brave PCD BN RI CA FCAT5	5-Aug-23	Kris Woodke & Barb Moran

Rally

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Rally Advanced	Buttermilk Crik's Highland Lass Of Cameron BN RA BCAT SCN CGC TKP	23-Sep-23	Lesley Evans & Sandy Cumpian & Steve Evans
Rally Advanced	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RA OA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	20-Jul-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Rally Advanced	CH Serteperti Cidri CD BN RA CGC	8-Sep-23	Julia Hewitt
Rally Advanced	Kismet's Anti Up RA BCAT	8-Jul-23	Diane E Fletcher
Rally Advanced Excellent 2	CH Blueridge Vista Huba CDX RAE2 FDC CGC ATT	24-Sep-23	Ms. J Nover-Horn
Rally Advanced Excellent 2	GCH CH Abiqua Pipacs VCD1 BN RM RAE2 MX AXJ MXF BCAT SWN RATN TKN	15-Jul-23	Peter G Piusz & Marilyn E Piusz
Rally Excellent	Abiqua Riana CD BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJB MFB T2B3 FCAT CGC TKP ATT	22-Jul-23	Shirley Reid
Rally Excellent	Catskill Pottom Panni Meika RE FDC OA AXJ OAP OJP OF OFP CGC TKN	12-Sep-23	Ildiko Repasi & Kimberly Pease
Rally Intermediate	Catskill Bazsajgos Borsika RI MX MXJ NF	30-Jul-23	Stacy Lehman
Rally Novice	Buttermilk Crik's It's A Long Way To Buda-Pest RN MX MXB MXJ MFB T2B DCAT ACT1 DS DJ	17-Sep-23	Ronda Clark D.V.M.
Rally Novice	MACH Karvakorvan Ilotulitus RN HSAs MXB MJB MXF T2B CGC TKN	12-Sep-23	Taru Holinsworth

Scent Work

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Scent Work Buried Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN	15-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Buried Novice Elite	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT2 SWM SCNE SENE SBNE TKA	20-Aug-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Container Advanced	GCH CH Abiqua Pipacs VCD2 BN RM RAE2 MX AXJ MXF BCAT SWN SCA RATN TKN	17-Sep-23	Peter G Piusz & Marilyn E Piusz
Scent Work Container Novice	Buttermilk Crik's Highland Lass Of Cameron BN RI BCAT SCN CGC TKP	27-Aug-23	Lesley Evans & Sandy Cumpian & Steve Evans

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Scent Work Container Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN	15-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Exterior Excellent	Blacksheep Cornus Powder Keg RAE OA NAJ XF FCAT2 SWA SIE SEE DJ CGC TKN	25-Sep-23	Corrine Dreyfus & Frank Dreyfus
Scent Work Exterior Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN	15-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Exterior Novice Elite	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT2 SWM SCNE SENE TKA	19-Aug-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Interior Advanced	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN SIA	20-Aug-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Interior Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SIN	14-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Interior Novice Elite	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT2 SWNE SWM TKA	12-Sep-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Interior Novice Elite	CH Ederra's Sabbia Bianca CD BN RM RAE NA NAJ NF DCAT SWN SINE SHDN CGC TKI	12-Sep-23	Diane Elizabeth Fletcher
Scent Work Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN	15-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Novice Elite	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT2 SWNE SWM TKA	12-Sep-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Novice	Embers White Hot FDC FCAT2 SWN	15-Jul-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast
Scent Work Novice Elite	CH Abiqua Odavisz FDC CA FCAT2 SWNE SWM TKA	12-Sep-23	Josephine A Gast & Rebecca Gast

Temperament

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
AKC Temperament Test	Blueridge Vista Elektra FDC CA FCAT CGC TKN ATT	31-Aug-23	Annette V Dowell
AKC Temperament Test	CH Blueridge Vista Huba CDX RAE FDC CGC ATT	23-Sep-23	Ms. J Nover-Horn

Trick Dog

Title	Dog Name	Date	Owner(s)
Trick Dog Intermediate	Buttermilk Crik's Crockett Hero Of The Alamo CGC TKI	11-Jul-23	Annabelle Moore & Chad Moore
Trick Dog Novice	Buttermilk Crik's Quannah Arrow Of Colorado City BN RI ACT1 CGC TKN	2-Sep-23	Laura Lane & Sandy Cumpian & Mark Laken
Trick Dog Novice	CH Aero Just Wright FDC CGC TKN	1-Sep-23	Catherine Perron

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Trick Dog Novice	CH Aero Take To The Skye FDC CGC TKN	1-Sep-23	Annette Dowell & Catherine Perron
Trick Dog Novice	GCH CH Seraphine-Du-Coeur Des Devezes D' Aubrac CA BCAT CGC TKN	2-Aug-23	Edward M Devilliers & C E Medina-De Villiers
Trick Dog Novice	GCHB CH Copper's Flamme Du Coeur Ignacio De Villiers CA FCAT CGC TKN	2-Aug-23	Heather Yount & Edward DeVilliers & Cathy DeVilliers
Trick Dog Novice	Karizma Fizika TKN	18-Aug-23	Samantha Miyamoto
Trick Dog Novice	Kismet's Royal Flush BCAT CGC TKN	25-Jun-23	Michael and Denise Gill

