

**GARDEN STATE SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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### President's Message

We are entering another season and my only hope is to see the club pull together again and I think that is starting to happen. Our club has been around for many years and has always been a very respected club with a number of dedicated members. I would love to see our numbers grow, but even if that does not happen we can move ahead with the members we have.

Jean has offered to be out 2008 match show chairman and Laura will be the obedience chairman. The match will be in September. The exact date and time will be released as soon as we have it. If anyone has any ideas for judges please send them to Jean or Laura. As usual, Kathy did a great job with the eye clinic. Having the meeting at the eye clinic worked well. Thank you very much for all of your help.

I am looking forward to a good year and am open for any suggestions on how the club can better serve its members. With the price of gas, we will look into a more central meeting site and combine the meeting with an event as often as possible. We need to get back to a place where the meeting is a fun time and at the present time can not get programs because not enough people attend meetings. It is my opinion that combining a meeting with an event is our best answer for now. All comments and suggestions are welcome.

Lynne

### 2008 Activities Calendar

**The currently scheduled events on the 2008 GSSHC calendar.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>August (tentative)</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Annual Match Show</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>September 19</b>	<b>General Meeting (8:00pm)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Fall Specialty (with Ramapo KC)</b>	<b>Sussex County Fairgrounds Augusta, NJ</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>General Meeting (8:00pm)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	<b>TBD</b>

### Achievements, Howls, & Brags



#### Mike & Maggie Marion:

**Marionhill's Dylan Of Siberlink:** **WD** for 3 pt. major at Trenton KC on May 4; **WD, BOW, BOB** for 1 pt. at Chester Valley KC on May 9; **WD** for 1 pt. at Chester Valley on May 10; **RWD** at Garden State Siberian Husky Club Specialty on May 25; **WD** for 1 pt. at Greater Philadelphia DFA on May 30.

#### Mike & Mary Spatz:

**Siberlink's Silver Shadow:** **RWD** at Trenton KC on May 4.

**Siberlink's Crystal Glow:** **1<sup>st</sup> in Open Bitch** at Lancaster KC on May 11.

#### Carol Wicki:

**Madchen's Little Honey Bee:** **RWB** at Chester Valley KC on May 9.

**Laura Anderson:** *received the Harvey Saltzer Award from the PA Sled Dog Club*, presented to the individual or kennel that best exemplifies all mushers' love & concern for their own dogs as well as for sled dog sports & dogs in general. Nominees for this award must promote a positive image of sled dog sports within the sled dog community, to the public at large, & to the media through both their words and actions.

**North Node's Just Chillin' CDX RE:** **1st in Rally Ex B** with a 97 & **2<sup>nd</sup> in Rally Adv B** with a 98 for his 5th RAE leg at Bucks County KC on May 3.

**Bralin's Walkin' On Sunshine:** **WB, BOW** at Monmouth County KC on May 24.

#### Lynne Kerstetter & Michele Szczepanski:

**Rockland's Cracker Jax:** **RWD** at Old Dominion KC of NVA on Apr 19.

#### Irwin & Lois Linker:

**Am./Can. CH. Marionhill Chairman Of the Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, AXP, MJP, CGC, TDI, Can. CD:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Excellent Preferred B Standard** & **1<sup>st</sup> in Excellent B Preferred JWW** at CSCA agility trial on Apr. 28; **received an invitation** to the 2008 SHCA National Specialty **Top 20 Competition as one of the Top 7 CH. Performance Siberians.**

**Siberlink's Chairman's Choice:** **1<sup>st</sup> in 9-12 Mo. Puppy Dogs** at Bucks County KC on May 3 & at Trenton KC on May 4; **RWD** at Chester Valley KC on May 9 & May 10; **WD** for 1 pt. at Lancaster KC on May 11; **Best Adult In Match** at the joint Eastern Alaskan Malamute Assoc./No. Jersey SHC match show on May 18; **RWD** at Staten Island KC on May 23; **WD** for a 3 pt. major at Garden State Siberian Husky Club Specialty on May 25; **RWD** at Greater Philadelphia DFA on May 30; **WD** for 1 pt. at Huntingdon Valley KC on May 31; **WD, BOW** for 1 pt. at Bryn Mawr KC on Jun 14; **WD, BOW, BBBE, BBE Group 2** for 1 pt. at Bryn Mawr KC on Jun 16; **WD, BOW** for 1 pt. at Staten Island KC on Jun 22.

**Siberlink's Dot Comet O'Marionhill:** **WB, BOW** for 1 pt. at Staten Island KC on May 23; **RWB** at Monmouth County KC on May 24, at Burlington County KC on Jun 1 & at Bryn Mawr KC on Jun 14.

**Siberlink's Once In Love With:** **WB, BOS** for 1 pt. at Midland MI KC on May 11.

#### Rose Bucci & Michele Szczepanski:

**Rockland's Just A Doll:** **RWB** at Old Dominion KC of NVA on Apr 19; **WB, BOW** for a 4 pt. major at Garden State Siberian Husky Club Specialty on May 25.

**Jean Buscaglia:** **Jean got engaged** to Barry F. Yurkiewicz on Apr. 11 & she says the dogs are very happy to have a father, finally!

**Topaz How Sweet It Is:** **RWB** at Sand & Sea KC on Mar. 30; **BOS** in Sweeps at Siberian Husky Club of Greater Pittsburgh on Apr. 6.

Ed. Note: Our apologies if we missed your brags – we can only print results from the information available at press time. If you would like to add your brags to the next Newsletter, please email Link.

**2008 GSSHC Spring Specialty Results**

From Rose Bucci.

Sunday May 25,2008  
Judge Mr. John Costello  
17 dogs 3 points, 17 bitches 3 points

WD – (from BBE)

Siberlink's Chairman's Choice

By CH Marionhill Chairman Ofthe Bd UD RAE MX MXJ AXP MJP & CH Arlington The Critic's Choice RN NA OAJ  
Breeders/Owners Irwin & Lois Linker

RWD – (from Open)

Marionhill's Dylan of Siberlink

By CH Marionhill Chairman Ofthe Bd UD RAE MX MXJ AXP MJP & CH Marionhill's Jazz O'Madchem  
Owners/Breeders Mike & Maggie Marion

WB/BOW – (from Open)

Rockland's Hot Little Number

By CH Alcinta's Winter Glitter & CH Rockland's One Hot Mama  
Breeders Rose Bucci, Michele Szczepanski & Cindy Wortmann  
Owners Rose Bucci & Michele Szczepanski

RWB – (from 12-18 mos.)

Rockland's Just Chillin At Kunu

By Rockland's Cracker Jax & CH Rockland's Chic Fizeek  
Breeders Michele Szczepanski & Rose Bucci  
Owners Lynne Kerstetter & Michele Szczepanski

BOB

CH Noatak's Party Of One

By CH Wildestar's North Face & CH Wildestar's Angel Dust  
Breeder Judith Rogers  
Owner Johanna DuWaldt Coutu

BOS

CH Tackora's Cookies And Cream

By CH Nando's Kunuk Arctic Symphony & CH Tackora's Precious Moments  
Breeders/Owner Debbie Studwell

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NO SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS WERE AVAILABLE

### Researchers Seek to Demystify the Metabolic Magic of Sled Dogs

By DOUGLAS ROBSON

Published: May 6, 2008, NY Times

When humans engage in highly strenuous exercise day after day, they start to metabolize the body's reserves, depleting glycogen and fat stores. When cells run out of energy, a result is fatigue, and exercise grinds to a halt until those sources are replenished.



Dogs are different, in particular the sled dogs that run the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska. This is a grueling 1,100-mile race, and studies show that the dogs somehow change their metabolism during the race.

Dr. Michael S. Davis, an associate professor of veterinary physiology at [Oklahoma State University](#) and an animal exercise researcher, said: "Before the race, the dogs' metabolic makeup is similar to humans. Then suddenly they throw a switch — we don't know what it is yet — that reverses all of that. In a 24-hour period, they go back to the same type of metabolic baseline you see in resting subjects. But it's while they are running 100 miles a day."

Dr. Davis, who studied the sled dogs, found they did not chew up their reserves and avoided the worst aspects of fatigue. He is pursuing the research for the [Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency](#), which gave him a \$1.4 million grant in 2003 to study the physiology of fatigue resistance of sled dogs.

Dr. Davis, who is teaming with researchers at [Texas A&M](#) in a \$300,000 Darpa grant, awarded last fall, has been traveling to Alaska for years to learn why the sled dogs are "fatigue-proof."

"They have a hidden strategy that they can turn on," he said. "We are confident that humans have the capacity for that strategy. We have to figure out how dogs are turning it on to turn it on in humans."

Researchers have not demonstrated that ability in other species, but Dr. Davis said migratory mammals or birds could have it. Nor is it similar to the mammalian diving reflex that lets aquatic mammals like seals, otters and dolphins stay under water for long periods of time by slowing metabolic rates.

"The level of metabolism is staying the same," Dr. Davis said. "It's not slowing down their calorie burn rate."

In fact, sled dogs in long-distance racing typically burn 240 [calories](#) a pound per day for one to two weeks nonstop. The average Tour de France cyclist burns 100 calories a pound of weight daily, researchers say.

How the dogs maintain such a high level of caloric burn for an extended period without tapping into their reserves of fat and glycogen (and thus grinding to a halt like the rest of us) is what makes them "magical," Davis says.

If Dr. Davis and the Texas A&M researchers identify the biomarker, or "switch," that could help the military understand and develop ways to control and prevent the physiological effects of fatigue in strenuous cases like combat.

"Soldiers' duties often require extreme exertion, which causes them to become fatigued," Jan Walker of Darpa wrote in an e-mail message. "Severe fatigue can result in a compromised immune system, making soldiers more susceptible to illness or injury."

Obedience/Rally/Agility Tournament

**You and your Dog May already be  
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- ☆ Did you earn a UDX or OTCH title?

***In Rally:***

- ☆ Did you earn a rally title—RN, RA or RE, an APDT title, or a title in another registry—with any three scores that average 95 in AKC or 190 in APDT or better?
- ☆ Did you earn an RAE or equivalent?

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**Ain't It The Truth**

From the Internet

With some people you just don't have a chance...

If you talk about dogs, you're a know-it-all; if you don't, you're a snob.

If you don't stop to chat at a show, success has gone to your head; if you do, you're a show-off.

If your dogs are at all the shows, you're not letting others have a chance; if your dogs aren't at all the shows, you're afraid of the competition.

If your dog wins, you know the judges; if they don't win, you know nothing about breeding.

If you win and thank the judge, you're playing politics; if you win and don't thank the judge, you're rude.

If you lose and congratulate the winner, you're a hypocrite; if you lose and don't thank the winner, you're a poor sport.

If you've been breeding less than 20 years, you're a novice; if you've been breeding for more than 20 years, you should step down and let the newcomers have a chance.

If you use your own stud, you're kennel blind; if you go outside for stud services, you don't think much of your own breeding.

If you sell most of your puppies, they aren't good enough to keep; if you keep them, you can't find buyers.

And so it goes.....

(Author unknown)

### **Congress Curtails Flow of Foreign Dogs into US**

May 14, 2008

Conferees from the US House and Senate have finally reached agreement on the current Farm Bill. One amendment that was accepted is of special importance to dog enthusiasts and professionals because it would put more stringent health and screening requirements in place for dogs and puppies imported into the US for resale, an issue NAIA has monitored and lobbied for many years. Although the bill may need further clarification down the road to achieve its purpose, this is a critically important first step in ensuring public health, the health of our pets and the vitality of the pet industry in America.

The bill is expected to pass both houses of Congress, and if President Bush vetoes it, as he has indicated he will due to provisions which he considers wasteful, the Senate and House are expected to attempt an override.

This provision has become necessary due to a disturbing dynamic at work that NAIA has been working to inform American pet consumers about. Ironically, campaigns to end pet overpopulation have been so successful that demand for puppies actually outstrips supply in the United States today. The result is that US pet suppliers, both commercial distributors and animal shelters alike, have turned to foreign sources to fill it. A staggering 300,000 dogs were brought into the US in 2006 alone, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and that total may not include the significant number of puppies smuggled in through the black market.

Imported dogs, legal or illegal, typically come from countries without the high level of veterinary medicine found in the US and they displace higher quality American-bred dogs and existing shelter dogs struggling to find homes. Without the new Farm Bill provision, or without enforcement, imported dogs will continue to be a public health threat, exposing Americans to zoonotic (animal-to-human) diseases such as rabies, and exposing the U.S. pet, livestock and wildlife populations to diseases and parasites that they would not contract otherwise.

NAIA favors the language recommended by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in their Animal Rabies Compendium, namely that: "The movement of dogs for purpose of adoption or sale from areas with dog-to-dog rabies transmission should be prohibited." We think the Farm Bill with its 6 month requirement for puppy imports is a major step in the right direction.

In the meantime, NAIA continues to support the Center for Disease Control's ongoing efforts to develop tougher import regulations, urging their adoption of standards that will protect Americans from sick foreign dogs. You may read NAIA's comment letter here. Enhanced CDC rules, combined with passage of the new Farm Bill, would finally bring our decade-long campaign to address puppy imports to fruition.

We urge you to go to our Farm Bill Action Alert and write your US Senator and Representative today asking them to support the Farm Bill when it comes to the floor.

Please also Make a Donation Today to help NAIA shut down puppy imports and protect healthy pets in America.

For more background and press coverage of this issue, see the following articles:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-10-21-dog-imports\\_N.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-10-21-dog-imports_N.htm?csp=34)

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=3765973&page=1>

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/CustomsToday/2006/jun\\_jul/other/puppies.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/CustomsToday/2006/jun_jul/other/puppies.xml)

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**Dog "owner" versus "guardian" - Words matter!**

**N.H. Sunday News - Dog Tracks Column - 5/25/08**

By: Gail T. Fisher

Words matter. In 1999, In Defense of Animals (IDA) an animal rights group located in the San Francisco Bay area, began a movement to change the word that refers to those of us who pay for our pets' food, vet bills, housing, and even the purchase of the pet (dog, cat, gerbil, parakeet, goldfish, horse – you name it). The IDA started referring to "owners" as "guardians." Seems innocent, doesn't it? How can someone mind such a nice (and seemingly harmless), warm and fuzzy term like "guardian" over "owner?" So the person who pays \$1200 to a pure-bred dog breeder, \$300 to a rescue organization for a dog of uncertain parentage, adopts a free puppy or kitten from a friend, or pays hundreds of thousands for a thoroughbred racehorse would not "own" that animal; they would be its "guardian."

Advocates for this change express the opinion that guardianship will lead to better treatment of pets – that somehow a "guardian" is kinder, gentler, and more responsible than an "owner." What flawed and ridiculous reasoning to think that what one calls oneself affects overall behavior. If this were the case, no parent – or "guardian" – would ever abuse a child; Laci Peterson and her unborn child would not have been murdered by her "loving spouse."

Much like "a rose by any name," changing the word from "owner" to "guardian" simply means that abusive people will abuse their pets by a different title. But there is a much greater issue at stake. For those who may think, "What difference does it make? Calling myself my dog's 'guardian' is fine with me." It makes a great deal of difference. Words matter – and if we pet owners are not aware of it, and don't take a stand, we are in danger of losing our rights to have and keep pets.

As I wrote last week, there are two animal movements in this battle: the animal "rights" movement versus animal "welfare." Animal welfare is based on the belief that we humans have a moral obligation to treat animals humanely and responsibly. Animal rights organizations, on the other hand, see absolutely no difference between humans and any other live being. Michael Fox, a senior scholar at the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS – an animal rights organization) said it all when he wrote, "The life of an ant and that of my child should be granted equal consideration." I have nothing against ants (unless they're trying to destroy my house – in which case it's me versus the ants!), but one has to feel compassion for Dr. Fox's child!

In researching this topic, I came across countless quotes equally or even more incredible than this, as well as a number of articles outlining the subtle movement toward achieving the Animal Rights agenda, including the legal implications of "guardian" versus "owner."

Let's start with our founding document, the U.S. Constitution, which gives citizens the right to "own" property, and not be deprived of that property without Due Process of Law. "Guardians" have no such rights. If you think that no one cares enough to want to deprive you of your rights of "guardianship," look no further than the Animal Rights organizations, with PETA at the helm.

Ingrid Newkirk, co-founder and President of PETA wrote of her vision for the future of our pets: "[A]s the surplus of cats and dogs (artificially engineered by centuries of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship -- enjoyment at 'a distance.'"

Newkirk envisions undomesticating dogs and cats to live feral existences much the way strays in 3rd world countries do, surviving by foraging at dumpsites and eating food scraps tossed at them as people feed pigeons in a park. Having just adopted a stray dog rescued in a foreign land, and having assimilated him beautifully into our home, our lives and our hearts, I can too-easily envision his struggle to survive, slowly dying of the heartworm with which he was infested when he was first captured. Newkirk's vision is not a world I want for him or any dog or cat.

Taking the concept of "guardianship" a step further, guardians are appointed or removed by judges, often without a hearing or trial, simply relying on testimony from an "interested party." Do any of us want to turn over our rights of ownership – our basic, decision-making rights about what to feed, whether or not to spay, neuter or breed, or what method of training to use – to the courts?

To quote from an article by Attorney Genny Wall <http://www.nfss.org/Legis/AR-alerts/Companion/Comp-Wall-1.html> "If we are 'Guardians' rather than owners, then ultimately it will be the State, and not the individual, who has the power to say who will care for the animal, how it will be cared for, where it will reside, what medical treatments it will or will not undergo, and who will make all the other decisions regarding the health, welfare, life and death, or destruction, of that animal. ... [H]istory has shown us that when a State is unprepared to carry out a role that has been imposed upon it, [it] delegates that function. So...who will the States delegate to? The former 'Owners?' The citizenry at large? Animal Control? USDA? Animal Rights organizations? Local or national rescue organizations? What is the point of making the State the owner of animals if the State is not prepared to perform this function and must delegate this right and duty? It seems pointless to engage in this kind of useless legislation, if in fact the goal is to make things better for animals. But as I have said, that is not the real purpose behind the push for 'Guardianship' for animals.

*"So, what is the true purpose behind this push for using the term 'Guardian'? From my legal perspective I see that purpose to be to achieve public acceptance for the concept of animal 'Guardians' in a general sense, so that the door can be opened to animal rights activists who don't believe humans should have or keep animals and who seek the removal of animals from their owners on simple, perhaps unfounded, allegations of abuse or neglect."*

The bottom line for us as pet owners is that if PETA, HSUS, and other animal rights organizations have their way, our legal rights, advantages and choices as dog "owners" will slowly be eaten away until they disappear. The word matters!

### **PETA Protest Likens American Kennel Club to KKK**

Editor's Note: In case you did not see this nonsense that continues to be spewed forth by PETA.

#### **Breeding 'Pure' Bloodlines and Master Pedigrees While Pound Pups Die Makes the AKC a Ku Klux Klan for Dogs**

##### **For Immediate Release:**

June 6, 2008

##### **Contact:**

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**Quincy, Mass.** - Holding signs that read, "The AKC is the KKK for Animals," PETA members will protest in Quincy on Sunday outside a meeting of delegates and directors of the American Kennel Club (AKC). PETA's point? It's cruel and irresponsible to promote bloodline dog breeding and spur interest in "purebreds" while animal shelters overflow with unwanted mutts who are dying for lack of good homes. Protestors will show video from a PETA TV spot that shows a KKK member making himself right at home at an AKC meeting. (**Click here to view.**) The ad has aired in various cities, coinciding with AKC-sponsored dog shows:

**Date: Sunday, June 8**

**Time: 12 noon-1 p.m.**

**Place: Boston Marriott Quincy, 1200 Marriott Dr., Quincy**

For every dog or cat purchased from a breeder or a pet store, an animal awaiting adoption in an animal shelter loses his or her chance of finding a loving home. And because breeders and pet stores almost never require that the animals that they sell be sterilized, many of those animals will have litters of their own--creating even more unwanted animals. Nearly 8 million animals--many of them purebreds--are abandoned at animal shelters every year in the U.S., and about 4 million of them must be euthanized for lack of good homes. The AKC not only promotes breeding but also vigorously opposes lifesaving spay-and-neuter legislation designed to combat the animal overpopulation crisis and reduce euthanasia rates.

"When it comes to contempt for 'mixed breeds' and an obsession with 'pure bloodlines,' the KKK and the AKC have a lot in common," says PETA Vice President Daphna Nachminovitch. "All dogs should be created equal, yet millions of wonderful dogs in animal shelters across the country are paying with their lives because of purebred supremacy."

For more information, please visit [PETA.org](http://PETA.org).

### **Address or Email Changes????**

We know some of you have had changes in your email or US Mail addresses. Since future Newsletters will be available online only, we need your current email address to notify you when a new issue of the Newsletter is available. Additionally, email has become the primary communication vehicle for the Club and a current address enables you to receive all pertinent GSSHC-related information. Please send these changes to the Club Secretary.

### **More Newsletter Changes**

The Newsletter will continue to be available on the GSSHC website. It will also be sent to all GSSHC Club members with a valid email address as a PDF attachment. Soon back issues of the GSSHC Newsletter will be available on the Club website.

**Newsletter and Howl Submissions**

See Submission Information below for where to send your Howls, or any other information for the **GSSHC Newsletter**. You may leave a message on my answering machine, 908-213-6957, but leave **only** your name, phone number and a brief message; I'll call you back for the details. To insure accuracy, also send the information to me one of the ways provided below. **Email is the preferred method for submission of material.**

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**Note:** Per Club rules, information about litters must be accompanied by OFA/SHOR/CERF information on the parents.

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