

NJSHC Newsletter



North Jersey Siberian Husky Club, Inc.

Welcome...

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to the first issue of the North Jersey Siberian Husky Club Newsletter.

This Newsletter has two primary purposes 1) to provide information Siberian Huskies, and 2) to inform about what the members and their Siberians do.

The primary audience for NJSHC is North Jersey, but we welcome anyone interested in the Siberian Husky to come join us and the fun.

The NJSHC has been in existence for a little over three years. And we have been busy and active. Among these activities are: participation in the Morris County 4-H Fair since 2006, conducting two joint match shows with the Empire Alaskan Malamute Association, participation in the FOWA Rescue Fair and sponsoring Photos with Santa at

Cherrybrook Pet Supply since 2007 & 2008.

Members participate in Conformation, Rally, Obedience, Agility, Sled Dog Racing and Therapy Dogs.

But one thing that we have in common is that we all love and have fun with our dogs. Having said that, let's turn to point 2) above and let you know how NJSHC members and their dogs fared at the Siberian Husky Club of America National Specialty that was held from Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 2008 in Gettysburg, PA, and at our recent Specialty Match Show.

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NJSHC @ SHCA

Now that you have an idea of who we are and what we are about, let's turn to item 2) in the previous article and let you know how NJSHC members and their dogs performed at the recent Siberian Husky Club of America National Specialty. The SHCA was held from October 27-November 1 in Gettysburg, PA.

Club members participated in Rally, Obedience, Agility, and Conformation.

RALLY:

Excellent B: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Siberlink's Hunter At Two Rivers CD, RA* placed 4th.

Relay: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Siberlink's Hunter At Two Rivers CD, RA & Olympus Sea-Cruise At Sno-Arch CD, RA* placed 4th.

OBEDIENCE:

Open A: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Siberlink's Hunter At Two Rivers CD, RA* placed 1st with a 194.0.

Open B: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Two Rivers Gold Strike UD, RE* placed 3rd with a 188.5.

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Utility B: Irwin Linker: *Am. Can. CH. Marionhill Chairman Of the Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, NF, AXP, MJP, NFP, CGC, TDI, Can. CD* placed 1st with a 172.5, good for 4 OTCH points.

Wild Card Open: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Siberlink's Hunter At Two Rivers CD, RA* placed 1st with a 197.5.

Wild Card Open: Ruth Henningsen & Elaine Barone: *Olympus Sea-Cruise At Sno-Arch CD, RA* placed 4th with a 153.0.

Wild Card Utility: Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningsen: *Two Rivers Gold Strike UD, RE* placed 1st with a 188.5.

AGILITY:

Excellent B JWW P: Irwin Linker: *Am. Can. CH. Marionhill Chairman Of the Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, NF, AXP, MJP, NFP, CGC, TDI, Can. CD* placed 1st with a perfect 100.0.

2009 NJSHC Match Show

The first NJSHC Specialty Match Show with all-breed Obedience and Rally was held on Sunday May 10, 2009 at Camp Jefferson, Jefferson, NJ. Fifty dogs were entered with a total entry of 100 (*really!*) broken down into 19 Sweepstakes & Conformation, 65 Obedience, 15 Rally and 1 CGC.

A great job was done in putting on the show, and many positive comments were offered regarding the show site and how well the show was organized and run. The Club is already looking towards 2010. Only Sweepstakes and Conformation results are provided as Obedience and Rally were run as a timed "show-and-go" with no scoring.

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SWEEPSTAKES:

9-11 Year Dogs: Irwin Linker: *Am. Can. CH. Marionhill Chairman Of the Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, NF, AXP, MJP, NFP, CGC, TDI, Can. CD* placed 2nd.

9-11 Year Dogs: Cindy Geertesema: *CH. Rockland's The Iceman Cometh* placed 4th.

CONFORMATION:

Irwin Linker: *Am. Can. CH. Marionhill Chairman Of the Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, NF, AXP, MJP, NFP, CGC, TDI, Can. CD* was *Best of Opposite Sex*.

AWARDS, ETC.

Frankie was a participant in the SHCA's *Top20 Competition*.

Frankie received SHCA Awards for being the #1 Siberian Husky for 2007 in *Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred, Excellent Standard Preferred and Master Jumpers With Weaves Preferred*.

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Patricia Bryce

6-9 Month Dogs:

1. Louie, Cindy & John Geertsema
2. Hobbes, Paul Trapp

12-18 Month Dogs

1. Digger, Irwin & Lois Linker
2. Jimmy, Margaret & Richard Pape

3-6 Month Bitches

1. Chi-Chi, Mike & Maggie Marion

12-18 Month Bitches

1. Jamie, Irwin & Lois Linker
2. Zoe, Irwin & Lois Linker

Best Puppy In Sweeps: Digger

BOS to Best Puppy In Sweeps: Jamie

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Barbara Swisher

6-9 Month Dogs

1. Louie, Cindy & John Geertsema
2. Hobbes, Paul Trapp

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12-18 Month Dogs

1. Jimmy, Margaret & Richard Pape

Open Dogs

1. Digger, Irwin & Lois Linker
2. Spencer, Janice Ryerson

3-6 Month Bitches

1. Chi-Chi, Mike & Maggie Marion

12-18 Month Bitches

1. Zoe, Irwin & Lois Linker

Open Bitches

1. Crystal, Mike & Mary Spatz
2. Comet, Irwin & Lois Linker
3. Mimi, Mike & Maggie Marion
4. Libby, Kathy Murarik

Best Puppy In Match: Chi-Chi

BOS to Best Puppy In Match: Louie

Best Adult In Match: Digger

BOS to Best Adult In Match: Crystal

Best in Match: Digger

NJSHC Dogs Honored

The SHCA Annual Awards Program has honored 4 NJSHC members' dogs for their performances during 2008.

2008 Novice Obedience Award: Siberlink's Hunter at Two Rivers CDX, RA. Owned by Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningson and Irwin & Lois Ann Linker. Bred by Irwin & Lois Ann Linker.

2008 Utility Obedience Award: Two Rivers Gold Strike UD, RE. Owned/bred by Elaine Barone & Ruth Henningson.

2008 Agilty Novice FAST Award: CH Marionhill Chairman Od The Bd UD, RAE, MX, MXJ, AXP, MJP. Owned by Irwin Linker

2008 Open Standard Agility Award: CH RedRiver's Travellin' Man CD, RN, OA, OAJ, NJP. Owned by Irwin Linker

You Can't Really Ban a Word

Article: by Cindy Cooke, UKC...EXCELLENT! Re Breeding

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/Articles/LegislativeUpdat e06012009>

You can't really ban a word. In fact, an attempt to ban something often backfires, particularly in the United States, where we don't like people censoring our speech. So I'm not going to tell you not to say "puppy mill". I'm going to give you some very good reasons for not using that phrase.

I speak to a lot of dog clubs and frequently hear dog breeders supporting so-called "anti-puppy- mill" laws. When I ask these people to define "puppy mill," invariably the definitions given include:

- . People who "overbreed" their dogs;
- . People who don't take care of their dogs;
- . People who have too many dogs;
- . People who breed dogs "just for money"; and
- . People who don't take health issues into account when breeding their dogs.

Let's look at these definitions in turn. What is "overbreeding" ? In the wild, most canids can only

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reproduce once a year. Most domestic dogs can have two litters a year. When I first became a dog breeder, it was almost a religious belief that no female dog should be bred more than once a year. We were told that it was important to "rest" the uterus between litters. Today, however, thanks to advances in veterinary medicine, we know that an uterus is actually damaged by the elevated progesterone levels that occur in each heat cycle, whether the dog is pregnant or not. Veterinary reproduction specialists recommend that dogs be bred on their second or third heat cycle, that we do more back-to-back breedings, and that we spay the dogs at around age six.

The "overbreeding" argument also treats reproduction as something that female dogs wouldn't do if they had a choice. Dogs aren't people - female dogs actually want to be bred when they're in heat and, with few exceptions, enjoy raising their puppies. It's not an unwelcome event for dogs.

People who don't take care of their dogs are already guilty of a crime in all 50 states. There is nowhere in the United States where it is legal to neglect or abuse dogs. Sadly, a small minority of all dog breeders - commercial, home and hobby - commit neglect and abuse. Some of these do so out of ignorance, some out of laziness, and some out of meanness. All are already breaking the law. It just needs to be enforced.

One of our biggest problems now is that animal radicals insist that every dog be raised like a hothouse flower. One bill proposed this year would have required every kennel to be air conditioned. Many owners of working dogs prefer that their dogs be acclimated to hot weather so that they can work when the temperature goes up. Likewise, sled dogs in the north often sleep outdoors in the snow. Dogs can live and thrive in a wide range of environments. The Arctic Circle, the jungles of Africa, and the deserts of Arabia have all produced breeds of dogs that can live happily in conditions that might not suit all dogs. It is important that we not let activists redefine the needs of dogs to the extent that we are forced to provide a brass bed and a down pillow for every animal in the kennel!

What is "too many" dogs? Most of our breeds were developed by wealthy people who kept large numbers of dogs. Hound breeders traditionally kept good-sized packs, and early show breeders did as well. Now that our sport includes more mainstream people - people with jobs or people who need jobs - it's hard for many of us to keep large numbers of dogs. There is no inherent link between numbers of dogs and neglect. People who have the resources to keep big kennels provide a service for all of us, particularly if they maintain a good number of useful stud dogs.

Breeding dogs is expensive, and getting more so daily. It's just plain silly to pretend that none of us needs the money generated by puppy sales and stud services. Without that income, the vast majority of middle class breeders could not afford this sport. When our sport was solely in the hands of rich people, it was the norm to sneer at people in "trade", and part of that attitude was handed down to us with the culture of our sport. Today, however, the majority of us in the sport are "in trade", in the sense that we have to work to support ourselves. Our dogs must, at least in part, support themselves or most of us would have to get out of the game.

We have among us a small but vociferous group of people who think that breeders only care about producing great hunting or show dogs, and nothing about health. In fact, I've never met a breeder who wasn't concerned about the health of his dogs and the health of his breed. Most health problems in dogs don't have simple solutions, so it is only natural that breeders are often going to disagree about how to address health problems. When there's no right answer to a question, then breeders who follow a different path than you might choose are not necessarily wrong or unconcerned. I know that many believe that commercial breeders don't care about health, but the fact is that their professional organizations provide some of the most sophisticated health seminars in the country for their breeders.

Twenty years ago, animal activists created the phrase "puppy mill". Back then, it was only applied to commercial breeders, and then only to those who were breaking the law by neglecting their dogs. In a futile attempt to placate activists, many hobby breeders adopted the term "puppy mill" and used it to separate "them" from "us". It was a mistake then, and it's rapidly becoming fatal today. Every one of these so-called "anti-puppy-mill bills" has a definition that could easily include breeders of hunting and show dogs. Every time you use that phrase, you're contributing to the idea that dog breeders need to be regulated out of existence.

The message we need to send to America is that purebred dogs are good, not just because they have pedigrees, but because of their predictability, and that people should shop at least as carefully for a puppy as they do for a car. We don't need to help the animal radicals spread their message by using their favorite term: puppy mill.

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*Don't forget to pick up those
furballs.*

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