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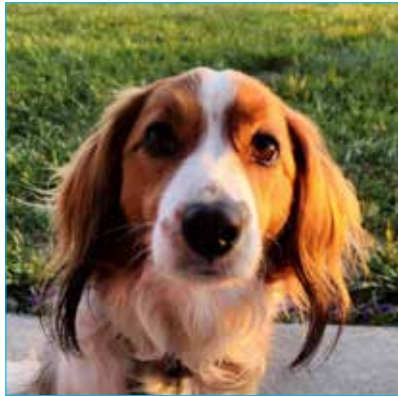
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From the Editorial Team

As we promised, this issue is packed full of news from our recent 2023 NKCUSA Specialty held on Memorial Day weekend. To start us off, the weather in Bloomington, Illinois was spectacular. If you were unable to attend, you missed a jolly good time, but you can still experience some of the fun here in our articles about our conformation winners, our rally and FastCAT competitors, our awards recipients, the annual meeting and lovely awards dinner, our fabulous fundraising activities, our generous trophy donors, and our educational activities for both aspiring judges and NKCUSA members. For this issue, we were extremely fortunate to receive 3 articles from our Dutch judge and Dutch breeder visitors. It was truly a weekend of fun, friends, and Kooikers. We hope you think the delay to include these items in this issue was worth the wait.

Not to be missed, we have two Westminster Dog Show articles by the owners of our BOB and BOS winners, Gitta and Luka, complete with photos of these Westminster rock stars. In the remaining articles, Meko meets a horned owl (and lives to tell about it). From the Midwest we hear from a little Kansas (Kooiker) Sunflower named Lulu who rules the roost. If you contemplate a home upgrade, there is even some advice from the lead designer of Iowa State University's Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center and Small Animal Clinic. Finally, as summer approaches, we will give you the scoop on dog hair, shedding and advice on summer hair cuts (don't).

All our usual features are here, too: new members, new titles, touching memorials, and our NKCUSA directory, in case you need to contact one of us.

We are so grateful to everyone who, on short notice, quickly and good-heartedly stepped in to help us gather content and photographs, write, proofread, design, and layout articles to produce the issue. As they say, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going—and, boy, did they!

A Message from your President

To the wonderful membership of the NKCUSA,

We have had all hands-on deck for the planning of our 2023 National Specialty over the Memorial Day weekend in Bloomington, IL. The months leading up to the event may have been a little chaotic, but the event itself was without a doubt a huge success. To every single person who was involved in the planning and also those of you who were able to attend, thank you! The atmosphere was wonderful with everyone grooming in the same area, members and Kooiker friends helping one another. Even our Dutch delegation was impressed not only by the event, but by all of our well behaved Kooikers! The Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner was also wonderful. Everyone seemed to be smiling and having a great time! The location was beautiful and the name Chateau was no overstatement.

As we come off this amazing Specialty, let's get ready to have fun in Brookville, Ohio at the NKCUSA FastCAT event! So many of our Kooikers have picked up the sport and run with it! This will be the third year our club has sponsored this event, and we have added an extra day of fun; Friday, October 20 through Sunday October 22!

There are so many great things to do with these beautiful "Hondjes"!

Tot ziens,

Lucinda Paganin



MY IMPRESSION OF THE KOOIKERHONDJES IN AMERICA

By Hannie Warendorf
Our Dutch Judge at the 2023 NKCUSA National Specialty

First of all, I wish many thanks to the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Club of the United States of America for inviting me to judge the Kooikerhondje National Specialty Show. It is always a great privilege to judge one of our national breeds abroad, to do so in the US was really a great honor. I will start with my compliments to the organization of this national for finding this venue which was wonderful for this occasion. I know from my own experience that it is never easy to organize

an event over multiple days and several disciplines, always a worry how many entries there will be in the end, but they were there! For the Specialty show there were 26 entries and the other 3 shows of the Heart of Illinois Cluster Dog Shows had supported entries with a similar number Kooikerhondjes. There were beautiful prizes from the club for the class winners at the Specialty show and I was over the moon to get one as a present, too. Also, with the other activities like Rally, FastCAT and the awards Dinner

with the State Baskets Silent Auction was wonderful, great food and great company!

I was very pleased with the overall quality of the breed and, also that the breed hasn't changed from the original Dutch type. This breed still shows a lot of variety in type, size, and quality in the breed's original country, and we see that of course in all other countries too. It is important that breeders around the world breed as close as possible to the breed standard so that we

will not get 'local' types, like we see in breeds like the English Springer Spaniel just to name one example. If I compare American dog shows to the European yours are so well organized and everything in the ring goes so smooth, it looks like everybody knows exactly what to do and when, a real pleasure to judge this way and go home inspired.

I was really pleased with my winners, always exciting to look in the catalog afterwards and see the names and breeding. My Winners Dog was Dutch import Stella's Graaf v.d. Zuidendijk, a decent classic Kooikerhondje with all the breed essentials but he had to give BOW away to the nearly 11-year-old Amazing Amerika van den Iserman Hoeve, another classic decent Kooiker who did not show her age at all. She has a wonderful head, is strong in body and topline and balanced all over.

Best puppy and best bred by exhibitor puppy was the just 6 months old Ambermoon's Party All The Time, a lovely sound young girl again with a lovely head, she even made it to Reserve Winner Bitch while there were a total of 10 class bitches which I was told is very special for this breed. Best of breed competition was very exciting with so many worthy champions in the ring, it was a real treat to judge. Best of Breed and BOB-NOHS was

Amazing Luka van den Iserman Hoeve, what a wonderful boy he is. He is full of breed type and his head and expression made me nearly melt, he is balanced all over, strong in muscles, moves effortless, topped in a quality coat and most of all he is not overdone in any way. I was pleased to see in the catalog afterwards that he is a son of the BOW. BOS was Ambermoon's Salsa Music Jubilee another high-quality bitch and the daughter of Select dog Ambermoon's Return Of The Jedi. The select bitch was another Dutch import, Cheila v.d. Ayka Hoeve, a quality girl showing excellent breed type.

After judging and the next day I did a breed assessment on many Kooikers, I absolutely loved doing that too, in a very relaxed atmosphere I looked in depth at each Kooiker and dictated a very detailed judge report. While assessing I discussed the dog with the owner and explained my vision if necessary. Some dogs I had already seen in the showing, others just came for this assessment only. This is a very important initiative of the Club and I'm pleased so many people took the opportunity to bring their dogs in for the assessment.

My overall impression of the dogs is that the temperaments and ring behavior were Excellent Plus! Most of them

were very relaxed on the table, very easy to examine. I know in this breed that doesn't always come naturally, some need more training than others, but on the whole I was impressed with the way your Kooikers behaved, well done all!

I saw many very attractive heads, a few could have had some more filling under the eyes. Most animals had the correct almond shaped dark eyes, just a few dogs with eyes that could have been a little smaller.

Construction wise I think fronts should be watched. I have seen excellent fronts; if the shoulder and upper arm are of equal length and placed well backwards the dog will show a good reach of neck and a flowing topline from neck to back. The front legs will be placed well under the body so they can carry the weight and stand balanced. The chest should reach the elbows which should be placed close to the chest, forming a solid front. In some Kooikers I found the upper arm too up-right so the chest does not reach the elbows and the legs are not placed under the withers but slightly forwards. This is not a solid front, and those dogs show a movement which is loose in the elbows. This is a point that can be improved by selecting and luckily, I also found many Kooikers with good solid front construction.

The Kooikerhondje is a working breed and should have a decent and balanced construction so it can work as long as there is work to be done.

Size varied a lot, with the assessment on Monday I have measured most of them as that is the only way to monitor the size. The standard allows 1.5 inches over or under the ideal size, so try to stay in the middle. The standard asks for a small sporting dog and in Dutch the word 'hondje' means small dog, but it still must be a sporting dog and must never look like a toy breed. Of course, sporting breeds should be well muscled, and I could feel many of you are very active in some kind of dog sport as most of them were very well muscled. Think about the correct size while making breeding plans, breeding a too large Kooiker to a too small one doesn't solve the problem. Try to find out the size of the parents and grandparents in the pedigree to give you an idea about the background of both parents. A dog slightly oversized with a pedigree filled with correct size Kooikers will most likely not sire big, but if there are many big Kooikers in the pedigree he will. The same is of course for small Kooikers.

The color and coat are very typical for the breed and the standard is very clear about it. Distinct patches of clear orange red on pure white are ideal, but mantle is also accepted.

Most of your Kooikers have excellent colors, nice warm orange, and very little ticking in white. I found a few with too dark patches, near the skin I could see orange, but the whole patch should be orange, the hairs should be orange from skin to tip. Some black hairs intermingling the orange is allowed, but they might not affect the orange. If one must search for orange in a dark patch then the patch is



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not orange. Please keep the color like it should be as the color is mentioned in the first line of your breed standard, so essential for the breed. The standard also mentions that the ears may have black hair at the tips, and it is desirable, but type, construction, temperament, movement, and overall quality must come first, the earrings are a bonus but

must never be the main point of selection.

You are doing very well breeding Kooikerhondjes to the standard, please keep it up this way. Always remember it should be a moderate dog, I think the words moderate, and medium are at least ten times written in the standard, so that is how they should be, not overdone in any way. Do not select breeding stock for one purpose only then the breed will change. Do not try to breed an ultimate agility winner, buy a Border Collie, do not try to breed the fastest Fast-CAT winner of the US, buy a Whippet, stick to the standard and the Kooikerhondjes will stay the same lovely breed as they are now.

I nearly forgot to thank you all, all exhibitors for their entries and everybody who came for the assessment, but also all the hard workers who made this all possible. You all made me feel very welcome, and I am very proud of you all who care so much about this wonderful breed.



NKCUSA National Specialty

May 28, 2023

Heart of Illinois Cluster
Bloomington, Illinois

Sweepstakes Results

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

Judge: Shari M Kirschner

Data source:

<https://barayevents.com/results/887-heart-of-illinois-cluster-illinois-valleycorn-belt/5398-nederlandse-kooikerhondje-sweeps-52823/153-nederlandse-kooikerhondjes>

Best Puppy in Specialty Sweepstakes

Puppy Bitch 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
TAKARI'S HOBBELPAARD JOURNEY. SS32176002.
2021-12-05. By Amazing Leonard Van Den Iserman
Hoeve - Foothills Foolin' Around. Bred by: Tari A
Hafner. Owners: Penny Shewfelt.

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy Sweepstakes

Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
AMBERMOON LET'S GET THIS PARTY
STARTED. SS37490101. 2022-10-26. By MACH
Duckhill Flash Ambermoon Emma BN RE MXB

MJS MXF T2B FCAT2 ACT1 DJ DN CGCA TKI
- GCH CH Ambermoon Vonlin Whisper In The
Dark RN BCAT CGC TKN ATT VHMA. Bred by:
Alyssa-Kathy Kimmeth/Linda Culpepper. Owners:
Kathy Kimmeth/Alyssa Kimmeth/Deena Heins.

Best Veteran in Specialty Sweepstakes

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs & Under 11 Yrs
AMAZING AMERIKA VAN DEN ISERMAN
HOEVE CGC. SR79492705. 2013-08-23. By Iron
Ravenswood Von Wichtelhaus CGC - Amazing
Queen Achteraf CGC. Bred by: Jac M Knoop.
Owners: Lucinda Paganin.



Photo: John Lugo

Specialty Conformation Results

Regular Classes & Best of Breed

Dutch Judge: Ms. Hannie Warendorf

Data Source

<https://barayevents.com/results/887-heart-of-illinois-cluster-illinois-valleycorn-belt/5381-illinois-valley-kc-of-peoria-conf-52823/153-nederlandse-kooikerhondjes>

Best of Breed, Best of Breed Owner Handler, and Owner Handler Group 2

GCH CH AMAZING LUKA VAN DEN ISERMAN HOEVE FDC BCAT CGC TKN ATT. SS14687001. 2019-05-31. By Amazing Floris Van Den Iserman Hoeve - Amazing Amerika Van Den Iserman Hoeve CGC. Bred by: Lucinda Paganin. Owners: Amber Corduan/Hailey Perkins/Lucinda Paganin.

Best of Opposite Sex

CH AMBERMOON'S SALSA MUSIC JUBILEE. SS27143404. 2021-06-17. By GCHG CH Ambermoon Return Of The Jedi PCD BN RN FDC BCAT ACT1 DJ CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA VSWB FITB - CH Ambermoon's Dancing In The Moonlight BCAT CGC TKN ATT VHMA. Bred by: Kathy Kimmeth/Alyssa Kimmeth. Owners: Kathy Kimmeth/Alyssa Kimmeth.

Select Dog

GCHG CH AMBERMOON RETURN OF THE JEDI PCD BN RN FDC BCAT ACT1 DJ CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA VSWB FITB. SR94385001. 2016-05-04. By Ambermoon's Frosted Toast Crunch RN CGC - GCH CH Fantasie Z Plouznicke Staje BN RI FDC NAJ NJP CAA BCAT ACT1 SCN SBN THDN RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VHMA. Bred by: Kathy Kimmeth/Joseph Kimmeth. Owners: Alyssa Kimmeth/Kathy Kimmeth.

Select Bitch

GCH CH CHEILA V.D. AYKA HOEVE FCAT3 DJ CGC TKN FITB. SS14667601. 2019-04-20. By Arie Von Lady Wanda - Anastasia V.D. Ambershoeve. Bred by: A J Floor. Owners: Christine Carroll/Lucinda Paganin.

Winners Dog

STELLA'S GRAAF V.D. ZUIDENDIJK CGC TKN. SS28933901. 2021-02-14. By Huber Hasco V.D. Zwarte Bellen Hoeve - Stella. Bred by: Lydia J V.d. Wielen-mulder. Owners: Vicki Storrs/Eamon Matthew Storrs/Lucinda Paganin.

Reserve Winners Dog

WATERBOUND AGAINST THE WIND. SS22201501. 2020-11-05. By GCH CH Waterbound Making Waves BN RI BCAT DN CGC - CH Waterbound A Splash In Time CD BN RI CGC TKN. Bred by: Sheryl Fuller/Marlene Valter. Owners: Andriea Hilger.

Best of Winners and Winners Bitch

AMAZING AMERIKA VAN DEN ISERMAN HOEVE CGC. SR79492705. 2013-08-23. By Iron Ravenswood Von Wichtelhaus CGC - Amazing Queen Achteraf CGC. Bred by: Jac M Knoop. Owners: Lucinda Paganin.

Reserve Winners Bitch

AMBERMOON'S PARTY ALL THE TIME. SS37490105. 2022-10-26. By MACH Duckhill Flash Ambermoon Emma BN RE MXB MJS MXF T2B FCAT2 ACT1 DJ DN CGCA TKI - GCH CH Ambermoon Vonlin Whisper In The Dark RN BCAT CGC TKN ATT VHMA. Bred by: Alyssa-Kathy Kimmeth/Linda Culpepper. Owners: Kathy Kimmeth/Tina Neubauer/Alyssa Kimmeth/Deena Heinz.

And the winners are...

Photo: AJ Floor



Dutch Reflections on the 2023 NKCUSA Specialty Show

By Lydia van der Wielen, Kennel van den Zuidendijk
Photo Collage provided by Lydia van der Wielen

For several years now I have been wanting to go to a conformation show in the US to see some of our Stella's puppies again, but the dates have never coincided with a school vacation from my husband who is a teacher.

Last month however, from Friday to Monday the annual Heart of Illinois Cluster was held in Bloomington, Illinois. This show included the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje National Specialty with dates coinciding with a long weekend off for my husband who could take care of our 4 Kooikerhondjes. The decision was soon made; I went to Bloomington, Illinois. USA. Of the 8 puppies I bred and exported to the US, 4 were present, Rae Paganin, Skookum Storrs, Lydia Shane, and the 7-year-old Dutch Shepherd Euro Williams.

Fellow breeder John Floor had also come over from the

Netherlands to encourage Cheila Carroll, a Kooiker that he bred.

It was a fantastic event with many friendly, sporty people helping and encouraging each other. Peace reigned in the show halls. The dogs almost all stand quietly on a grooming table and are brushed and pampered and wait for what is to come, without barking or acting ugly to each other. For the Specialty, which was on Sunday, the breed club, together with sponsors, had provided beautiful rosettes and painted ceramic plates with the NKCUSA logo on them. For this National Specialty the Dutch judge, Hannie Warendorf, was invited to judge.

After the Specialty, she viewed and discussed a large group of Kooikerhondjes one-by-one, and a report was made of these Kooikerhondjes at a way we are used to in the Netherlands.

These reports will be mailed to the owners.

I really enjoyed being Hannie's scribe on Sunday! And I have learned a lot of new words. I was asked to talk about the way in which we breed Kooikerhondjes in The Netherlands and all the rules that come with it. The turnout was moderate because many activities took place at the same time. In addition to the conformation, one outdoor area featured FastCAT and at another outdoor area under a marquee was Rally-O. Of course, I watched and talked extensively with participants because you rarely see these two sports in the Netherlands.

On Sunday evening there was the Awards dinner and the Annual meeting. Besides delicious food and catching up, the sports and show certificates were presented here, and there was also an auction of well-filled



baskets that were donated by the members and also by the Dutch Judge!

Unfortunately, I had to go home the next day, with my suitcase full of mementos and a well-filled goodie bag! Cheryl Miedema, who picked me up from the airport, took me back to the airport on Monday. Thanks again, Cheryl!

This long weekend was a fantastic time for me with lots of lovely people, lovely dogs, and

beautiful weather. In short, I enjoyed it very much and would like to thank everyone involved very much!

But of course, I also thank my husband who took good care of my 4 Kooikerhondjes!



A Dutch Breeder's View of the 2023 NKCUSA National Specialty

By John Floor



My initially planned America trip was blocked at the beginning of the corona virus pandemic because the US borders were closed by the US President. Now I caught up on this trip. Together with judge Hannie Warendorf we left for Chicago on May 26. After we picked up the rental car, we still had to drive more than 2 hours to Bloomington, Illinois. There was a private room reserved for both of us that was within walking distance of the 4 day show grounds. But in America we do everything by car.

Hannie kept a little aloof from the Kooiker presence, but there were several breeds that also interested her. Four days of shows at which the Kooikers were judged by 4 different judges. On Sunday the NKCUSA National Specialty was judged by Hannie Warendorf. There were 25 Kooikers entered, whereby a male, Luka, became BOB.

That afternoon and Monday the Kooikers were also individually

judged by Hannie for a Dutch breed-specific judging report. She had all the time and that was much appreciated.

As an exception from normal procedure, the show Superintendent of the American Kennel Club (AKC) allowed me to take pictures in the ring as long as it didn't take too long. Normally this is not allowed.

What really struck me was that all the Kooikers were inspected on the table and could be touched with ease. Also outside the ring, I noticed that all the Kooikers could be approached by strangers. And we were Dutch strangers after all. All open and certainly not reserved in their character towards strangers. We enjoyed this 4 day show.

Outside was a FastCAT track and a rally trial tent, a kind of obedience course. Both Kooikers and other breeds could be registered separately for this.

After the show I drove on to Somerville, Ohio where the Cheila v.d. Aykahoeve lives. She lives there with Chris Carroll and another Kooiker, 4 Labrador retrievers and an English Springer. They have a lot of space on their property. I also went to the National Military Museum in Dayton. Visited a FastCAT event in Brookville, Ohio. And via Homer, Illinois where Lucinda, Jac and Ann Knoop live, I drove back to Chicago airport.

I live in an open and spacious area but everything here in America is even bigger. We live on a 1600 m² property (17,222 sq. ft.) with 3 females. Ayka 11, Ashley 7 and Lana 4 years. Lana, Cheila's sister, is pregnant.

My thanks also go to the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Club of the USA (NKCUSA) who made this possible. I had a great time in America, seen and learned a lot about their way of judging and breeding our sweet breed, the Dutch Kooikerhondje. Thank you and see you next time.

NKCUSA Specialty FastCAT Report

By Marilyn LeDoux



Photo: Marilyn LeDoux

Deao with Kelley and Vanoy Welch. Deao received his FCAT12 title rosette. 25.39 is the miles per hour speed of his title run! Fastest Kooiker of the weekend!

In an adjacent field to the Conformation Show buildings, the Greater Chicago Whippet Club sponsored a two-day FastCAT event on May 27-28, 2023. The weather was warm but not hot. Field conditions were good, and all Kooikers and their humans had a fun time!

Nine Kooikers were entered in FastCAT: Deao, Greta, Rutger, Tasha, Tucker, Bandit, Eve, Dutchman, and Rae. In FastCAT, speed determines points received and Deao was not only the fastest Kooiker there, but he also received the highest title at this event, an FCAT12 (6500 cumulative points from all the FastCATs he has run over the years). Tasha and Tucker got their first FastCAT titles at this event, both BCAT (150 points). Bandit, Eve, and Rae did not title at this event but are working toward

their DCAT titles (500 points). Dutchman is working toward his FCAT title (1000 points for the first FCAT title, then 500 additional points for each of the next FCAT titles). Rutger is working toward his BCAT title and Greta toward her FCAT19 title (10,000 points) which she actually received the next weekend at a different event.

Most Kooikers love this sport since it encourages their natural prey drive. Please try to join us at the NKCUA-sponsored annual All Breed FastCAT October 20-22, 2023 at the K9 Splash Zone in Brookville, OH. Even if your Kooiker has never done this sport before, there will be plenty of people there to teach and encourage you! Plus it's great fun to get together with other Kooiker lovers and their dogs!



Photo provided by Susan Smith

RALLY-HO!

by Susan Smith, Rally Chair

Penny and Susan Hit "Pay Dirt" with a New Rally Title and Several Qualifying Rally Runs!

May 27 dawned clear and cool. The tent was up, the grass was closely mowed and the Rally Ring was ready!

The first class to run was the Rally Master Class. All competitors were excited and the course was challenging. The winner of the first trial was a Kooiker! One of only two entered in all the Rally trials. Exhibitors pitched in to help steward due to a shortage of stewards, but everyone was eager to help. Both days the weather was beautiful and the wind abated so the Rally signs did not blow away.

Ramsey Greathouse ran the trials as Chief Steward both days. She did a fantastic job making sure the Judges book was correct, the scoring board was kept updated and entries ran smoothly. Thank you, Ramsey! She finished her Rally Excellent Title with the NKCUSA Trial. WHOOTWHOOT! Members Penny, Kim, Kelly, Andrea, Marilyn and a couple whose names

escape me all pitched in and helped run the trials. A big thank you! Marsha loaned us her canopy and several competitors commented on how nice it was to have a place to get out of the sun. Thank you Marsha!

The winners of the lovely Rally Marathon tumblers are Penny Shewfelt and Susan Smith. They ran their Kooikers and qualified in all four Rally trials. Congratulations! (See photo). Penny finished her Rally Novice Title and ran in Rally Advanced for her first leg. Congratulations Penny! Susan ran all four trials in Rally Master

for four qualifying legs with her 12 month old Kooiker, Lottie. Good job!

We had a very enthusiastic and happy contingent at the Rally Ring. Things ran smoothly and efficiently because of the wonderful people that all pitched in and helped each other. It was a heartwarming thing to see all the competitors working together, laughing at the dogs keeping us humble, and cheering for those that had run well. This is what Rally is all about—good sportsmanship, camaraderie, and encouragement.

NKCUSA Specialty Rally Results

May 28, 2023

Rally Judge: Mrs. Nancy K Withers

Rally #1

Rally Novice A

95/3

TAKARI'S HOBBELPAARD JOURNEY.
SS32176002. 2021-12-05. By Amazing Leonard Van Den Iserman Hoeve - Foothills Foolin' Around. Bred by: Tari A Hafner. Owners: Penny Shewfelt
Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes Bitch

Rally Master

93/1

AMAZING PIETERNEL LOTTE VAN DEN ISERMAN HOEVE RI. SS34897902. 2022-05-21. By GCH CH Amazing Gerard Ravenswood Van Den Iserman Hoeve BCAT THDN CGC - Amazing Garcia Achteraf CGC. Bred by: Ann Knoop-Siderius. Owners: Susan Smith/ Lucinda Paganin
Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes Bitch

Rally #2

Rally Advanced B

79/3

TAKARI'S HOBBELPAARD JOURNEY.
SS32176002. 2021-12-05. By Amazing Leonard Van Den Iserman Hoeve - Foothills Foolin' Around. Bred by: Tari A Hafner. Owners: Penny Shewfelt
Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes Bitch

Rally Master

81/3

AMAZING PIETERNEL LOTTE VAN DEN ISERMAN HOEVE RI. SS34897902. 2022-05-21. By GCH CH Amazing Gerard Ravenswood Van Den Iserman Hoeve BCAT THDN CGC - Amazing Garcia Achteraf CGC. Bred by: Ann Knoop-Siderius. Owners: Susan Smith/ Lucinda Paganin
Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes Bitch



Paraphrasing "The Voice", Frank Sinatra,

"It was a Very Good Year"...

for little Dutch dogs...with smart little minds

Introduction by Nancy Melone & Awardees Provided by Chris Carroll

After a beautiful dinner, arranged by Cheryl Miedema, NKCUSA Treasurer, and Jac Knoop, AKC Liaison, held at the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington, Illinois, NKCUSA President Lucinda Paganin opened the annual meeting with an enthusiastic, "Are you having fun?" She was greeted with a resounding "YES!" from the crowd.

Lucinda introduced the members of the Board who were present and then the fun began. People were reminded to take another look at the fabulous raffle baskets. There were some friendly bidding wars, in particular between Health & Genetics Committee member, Barry Rinker, MD, and Rally Chair, Susan Smith, over one very special basket which Barry ended up taking home.

At this point, Lucinda introduced Specialty Show and Awards Chair, Chris Carroll, for her presentation of NKCUSA awards, with the exception of the award Chris herself won, which was presented by the President. As is evidenced below, it was again "a very good year" for our little red-orange-and-white dogs. Below are our NKCUSA awardees.

2019-2021

NKCUSA Versatility Award Recipients

Platinum

GCH Haylee De Hemert FCAT2 DJ CGC TKN.
Call Name: Haylee. Owners: Chris Carroll & Ann
Knoop-Siderius (2021)

GCHB HARTENZOUL'S TACKSAM TO B & T BN
RN CA BCAT DJ CGC TKA. Call Name: Gitta.
Owner: Margaret Aldridge (2020)

Gold

Cirtap's Hertogin Ziel V Kila N BN RI CA RATO
DS DJ CGC TKA. Call Name: Ziel. Owner:
Margaret Aldridge (2020)

Silver

Golden Gate Alpine Ben Elegant. Call Name:
Ellie. Owner: Cheryl Cardwell (2021)



Awards Chair, Christine Carroll
Photo: : John Lugo

CH Cheila V.D Ayka Hoeve
FCAT DJ CGC. Call Name:
Cheila. Owner: Chris Carroll
and Lucinda Paganin (2021)

Bronze

CH Cirtap's Unique Kapten V
-Indie-Z. Call Name: Kapten.
Owner: Margaret Aldridge
(2019)

UKC CH Duckhills Dazzling
Maja of Rubah RN CGC TKI.
Call Name: Maja. Owner: Tulay
Darstek (2019)

2023 NKCUSA Awards

Best of Breed Award

GCH CH Dreamcatcher's
Wonderboy Harper Lue Von
Nenrub, owned by Kimberly
Layman

Top-Winning Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Owned by a Member

GCH CH Silverskates My One
And Ohno CD BN RI BCAT,
owned by Jennifer Methlie

Best Of Opposite Sex

GCHS CH Hartenzoul's Tacksam
To B&T BN RI CA DCAT RATN
DS DJA CGC TKA ATT, owned
by Margaret Aldridge

Top-Winning Owner Handler

GCH CH Amazing Luka Van
Den Iserman Hoeve FDC BCAT
CGC ATT TKN, owned by
Amber Corduan, Hailey Perkins
and Lucinda Paganin

Top-Winning Breeder-Owner-Handler

GCH CH Silverskates My One
And Ohno CD BN RI BCAT,
owned by Jennifer Methlie

Outstanding Junior

Gianna Burzi

Top Kooikerhondjes In Agility

GRCH CH MACH2 Carousel
Bessie's Flight Of Fancy MXS
MJS MXF TQX T2B CGC,
owned by Cheryl Short

GCHB CH MACH PACH2 Bree
Lynn Van Crystalkooi MXS MJS
MXP8 MJPG PAX3 CGC TKN,
owned by Cheryl Short and
Susanne Martin

MACH 7 Redgold's Dream
Lover RN MXCS MJC3 CGC
TKN, owned by Cheryl Short
and David Mattix

Top Kooikerhondjes in Preferred Agility

MACH8 Kips Valentine VCD2
UDX OM1 BN GN GO VER RI
MXC2 MJC2 MJP MFB TQX
T2B BCAT SWM CGCA, owned
by Alison Studer

Golden Gate Alpine Ben
Elegant RE MXP MJP OFP
FCAT ACT2 ACT2J RATO TKI,
owned by Cheryl Cardwell

MACH2 Ambermoons Amazing
Starfire CD BN RE MXB2 MJG2
AXP MJP MXF T2B2 FCAT2
CGCA TKI, owned by Debra
Tervelt

Top Kooikerhondjes in Obedience

Amazing Lutcia Van Den
Iserman Hoeve CD BN GN RI
FDC, owned by Alison Stufer &
Ann Knoop-Siderius

CH Kim V.D. Jack Bulls Hoeve
CD BN GN RA FDC AX AXJ NF
CAX FCAT CGC TKP, owned by
Stephanie Lowe, Susan Jackson
and Betty Wathne

Top Kooikerhondje In Rally

Golden Gate Alpine Ben
Elegant RE AXP AJP FCAT ACT
ACT2 RATO TKI, owned by
Cheryl Cardwell

Certificates:

CH Madcap Here Comes the
Sun CD BN RA CA BCAT CGC
TKN, owned by Stephanie
Lowe, Susan Jackson and Betty
Wathne

Top Kooikerhondjes in AKC Trick Dog

Carousel Come Together TKA
VHMA, owned by Katie and
Ron Obitz

Top Dock Diving

GCHS CH Harley De Hemert
BCAT TT DMA CGC TKA,
owned by Yesnia Bravo

Coursing Ability

CH Kim V.D. Jack Bulls Hoeve
CD BN GN RA FDC AX AXJ NF
CAX FCAT CGC TKP, owned by
Susan Jackson, Stephanie Lowe
and Betty Wathne

Barn Hunt

Golden Gate Alpine Ben
Elegant RA OAP OJP NFP
FCAT ACT2 ACT2J RATP TKI,
owned by Cheryl Cardwell

Certificates

Sami De Hemert AX OAJ DCAT
ACT2 ACT2J RATN, owned by
Bill Space

GCHS CH Hartenzoul's Tacksam To B & T BN RI CA DCAT RATN DS DJA CGC TKA, owned by Margaret Aldridge

Tracking-Scentwork

Red Gold's Christmas Belle FDC NA NAJ ACT2 SWM SCME SEME SBME RATS DS AJ CGCA CGCU TKI, owned by Julie Travers

Redgold's Galileo FDC ACT2 SWM SCME SEME DN CGCA CGCU TKI, owned by Julie Travers

Certificates

Amazing Lutcia Van Den Iserman Hoeve CD BN RI FDC MZ MXJ MJB XF SWM TKP, owned by Alison Studer and Ann Knoop-Siderius

Carousel Primavera Flight BN RN BCAT SWE SCM RATN CGC TKI, owned by Kendra and Charles Holt

FastCat

Carousel The Call Let The Day Begin FDC CAA FCAT9 CGC TKI, owned by Kelly Welch

Amazing Zoey Achteraf FCAT16, owned by Marilyn Ledoux

Certificates

GCHB CH Haylee De Hemert FCAT5 THDN DJ CGC TKN, owned by Chris Carroll, Amber Becker-Briscoe and Ann Knoop-Siderius

GCH CH Cheila V.D. Akya Hoeve FCAT3 CGC TKN, owned by Chris Carroll and Lucinda Paganin



The Link's Best of Breed Challenge Trophy, presented by Dutch Judge Hannie Warendorf, to GCH CH Amazing Luka Van Den Iserman Hoeve FDC BCAT CGC ATT TKN, owned by Amber Corduan, Hailey Perkins, and Lucinda Paganin
Photo: John Lugo



Award winners (left to right) Christine Carroll, Kelley Welch, Marilyn LeDoux, Hailey Perkins and Amber Corduan.
Photo: John Lugo



At Awards Dinner with Dutch Judge Hannie Warendorf and Dutch breeders and visitors.
Photo: John Lugo

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at the Specialty

Judge's Education Seminar

By Chris Carroll, NKCUSA Judge's Education Chair

Offering a Judge's Education Seminar is a must for any National Specialty. Besides the presentations given, it gives both the judge and the exhibitors a chance to see many different representations of the breed. The Judge's Education Seminar was very well attended. It was held after judging of the Kooikerhondje National Specialty so the Dutch judge and Dutch breeders would be able to attend. Kudos to the large number of club members who attended. Through education, we can improve our breed.

There were three AKC judges that attended the seminar and the hands-on workshop that followed. The seminar consists of an excellent powerpoint that looks at many aspects of the breed. The history of the Kooikerhondje, the re-establishment of the breed, the Kooikerhondje's purpose and the structure of the Kooikerhondje are all covered.

The hands-on workshop is for judges. Several dogs are presented, and the judges examine the dogs and watch their movement. After all dogs are examined, the judges then have a round table where they discuss the dogs. Dogs are identified only by sex and age. The judges

that attended the seminar and workshop were truly dedicated to learning about the breed. They asked many questions and gave excellent, detailed responses in the workshop portion.

I was so pleased to see so many Kooikerhondje enthusiasts in the group. Judge's Education is so important for the education of all who love this breed.



Conformation Handling Seminar

with Laurin Howard

By Chris Carroll, NKCUSA Judge's Education Chair
All photos provided by Chris Carroll

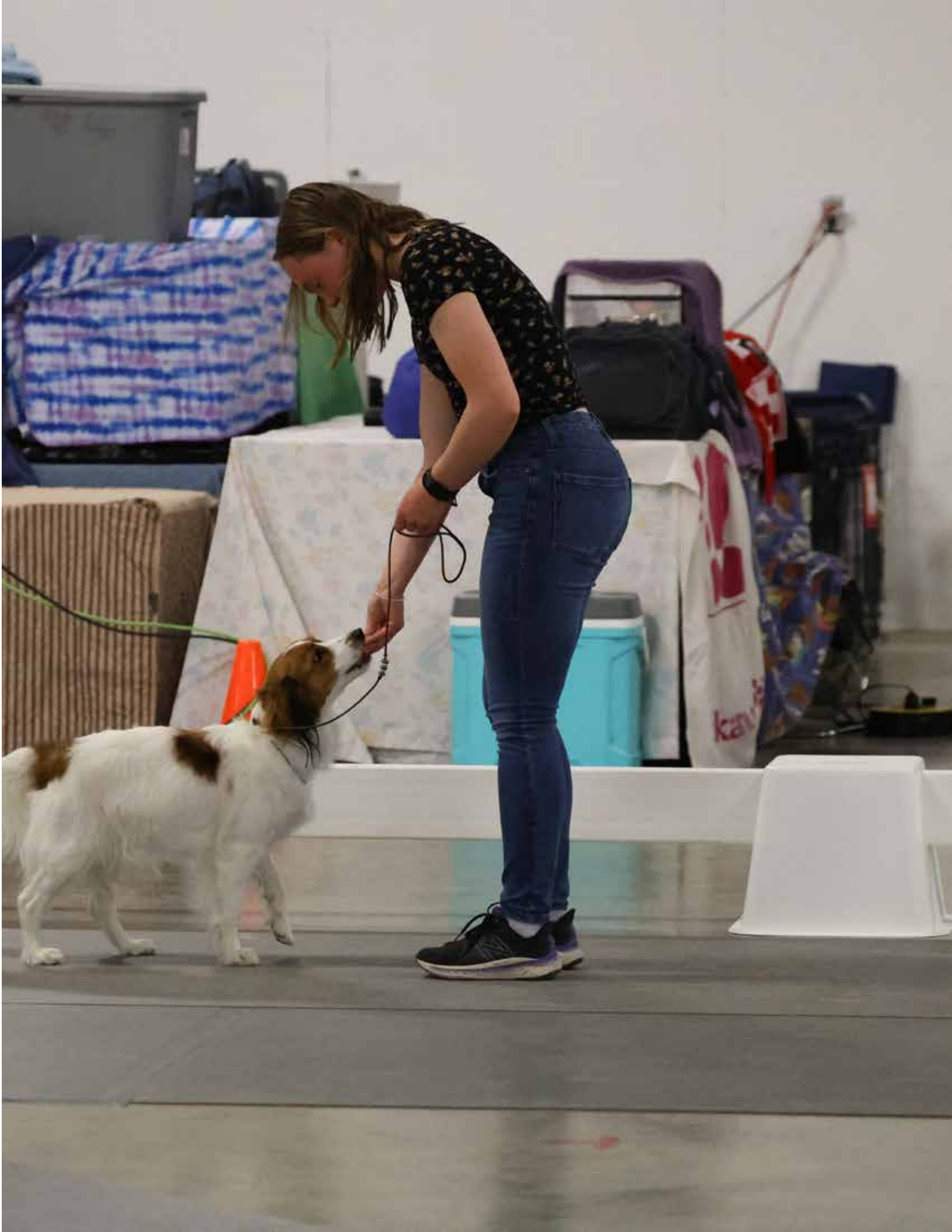


While planning for the NKCUSA's National Specialty, as co-chair I wanted to offer something that was hands on and beneficial for the exhibitors. I knew a former handler who has offered handling seminars which are excellent and can be adapted to any skill level. I contacted Laurin Howard from Kentucky, and not only did she accept, but she waived her handling seminar fees. She only asked for gas reimbursement.

Two seminars were held, one on Friday night for beginners and one on Saturday night for more experienced handlers. However, several who attended the Friday seminar came back for more on Saturday. Praise goes out to the exhibitors who have not only never attended a dog show but had absolutely no ring experience show up on Friday night. The most gratifying part for me was watching the exhibitors in the ring the next day and seeing improvement in their handling skills. The same occurred on Sunday morning.

I have always felt that learning to show dogs is a lifelong sport. I always learn something new and never pass up a chance to attend a Laurin Howard seminar. Hopefully, the exhibitors who attended this year feel the same way.





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We extend a special thanks to all of you.



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By Nancy Melone & Karen Parker

Best of Breed—XLG Treat Jar offered by Hailey Perkins, Roo's Holistic Pet Supplies

Best of Opposite Sex—LG Treat Jar offered by Lisa Gerardi

Best of Winners—Medium Treat Jar offered by Christine Carroll

Winners Dog—Square Platter offered by Vicki and Matt Storrs

Winners Bitch—Square Platter offered by Jac Knoop, Kooikerhondjes Van Den Iserman Hoeve

Select Dog—Square Platter offered by Kelley and Vanoy Welch

Select Bitch—Square Platter offered by Lucinda Paganin, Kooikerhondjes van Fogelsangh

Reserve Winners Dog—Oval Platter offered by Matt and Vicki Storrs



Photo: John Lugo

Reserve Winners Bitch—Oval Platter offered by Amber Briscoe

Best Puppy—Heart Plate offered by Angela Stritt

Best Bred By Exhibitor—Heart Plate offered by Carol Malec

Best Veteran—Heart Plate offered by Vicki and Matt Storrs

Novice Dog—Small Oval Platter offered by Mary Demastes

Novice Bitch—Small Oval Platter offered by Barbara Ritenour

American Bred Dog—Small Square Platter offered by Nancy Melone, Eendenkooi Kooikers

American Bred Bitch—Small Square Platter offered by Nancy Melone, Eendenkooi Kooikers

Open Dog—Small Oval Platter offered by Margaret Aldridge in memory of Redgold's Hart Van Rotterdam

Open Bitch—Small Oval platter offered by Amber Briscoe

Amateur Owner Handled Dog—Small Square Platter offered by Kooikerhondjes Van Den Iserman Hoeve

Amateur Owner Handled Bitch—Small Square Platter offered by Doug Tsao

Best Bred By Dog- Small Square Platter offered by Susan Gilmore

Best Bred By Bitch—Small Square Platter offered by NKCUSA

First Place Puppy 6-9 Dog—Small Round Platter offered by Christine Carroll

First Place Puppy 6-9 Bitch—Small Round Platter offered by Christine Carroll

First Place Puppy 9-12 Dog—Small Round Platter offered by Kimberly Winkler

First Place Puppy 9-12 Bitch—Small Round Platter offered by Kimberly Winkler

First Place 12-18 month Dog—Small Round Platter offered by Dawn and John Lugo

First Place 12-18 month Bitch—Small Round Platter offered by Patti and Mark Cohen

First Place 6-12 month Bred By Puppy Dog—Small Round Platter offered by Judi Van Hemert

First Place 6-12 month Bred By Puppy Bitch—Small Round Platter offered by Judi Van Hemert

Veteran Dog—Small Square Platter offered by Marsha Hall, Hanabi Kooikerhondjes

Veteran Bitch—Small Square Platter offered by Marsha Hall, Hanabi Kooikerhondjes

Handmade Dog Toy Trophies— all four Rally Trials 1st through 4th Places offered by Handmade dog toy by Susan Smith



Photo: Nancy Melone

Our Specialty Fundraisers were a Tremendous Success ... THANK YOU!

By Nancy Melone with Dawn Lugo

Photos by John Lugo



Dawn Lugo organized another amazing series of fundraisers to support the NKCUSA National Specialty with gobs of Kool Kooiker stuff and other “must-have” goodies. We are grateful to our goodie organizer, our goodie donors, and our goodie bidders and buyers.

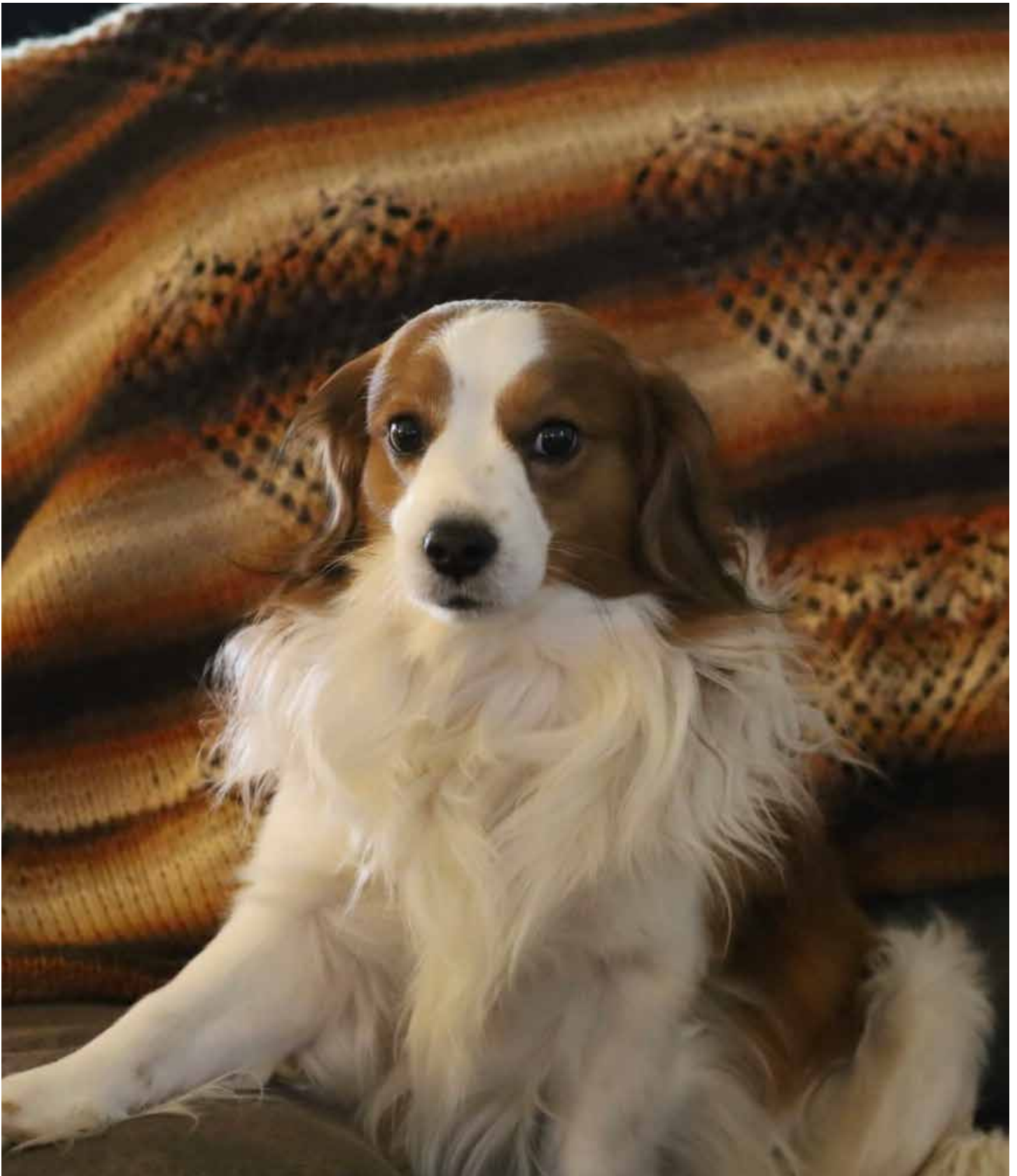
The initial *online auction fundraiser* ended on March 21, earning the Club \$1,261.00. Our winners of auction items were Margaret Aldridge, Becky Carlson, Chris Carroll, Ron Egidio, Rutger Lugo, Melanie McNaughton, Stacey Pizzullo Lynne Rathberger, Barbara Ritenour, Aldena Ruch, Terri Van Schyndel, Vicki Storrs, Angela Stritt, Kelley Welch, and Elaine Whitlow. The highest Bidder was Ron Egidio—and not surprisingly, Ron won 7 items!

A special thank you to our auction item donors: Rachel Burzi, Roo’s (Amber Corduan and Hailey Perkins), Chris Carroll, Mary Demastes, Linda Henderson, Sarah Krueger, Dawn Lugo, Ken McLeod, Melanie McNaughton, Barbara Ritenour, Lee Jones Salmon, Terri Van Schyndel, Angela Stritt, Vicki Storrs, and Kelley Welch.

Not to be outdone by her first success, Dawn organized a *silent auction* in Bloomington with State Baskets, coming from as far away as Canada and the Netherlands. Members had a bucket load of fun bidding against each other *before*, *during*, and *after* the Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting. The baskets earned a cool \$1,141 for the Club.

Winning bids for baskets came from Chris Carroll, Ramsey Greathouse (3 items), Beverly Hoffman, Ann Knoop, Nancy Melone, Cheryl Miedema (3 items), Hailey Perkins, Barry Rinker, Barbara Ritenour, Carol Singleton, Susan Smith (3 items) and Kelley Welch.

Donors of state baskets were: Lesley Vanderpoel (Massachusetts), Chris Carrol (Ohio), Amber Corduan and Hailey Perkins (Indiana), Marsha Hall (Pennsylvania), Ann and Jac Knoop (Illinois), Marilyn LeDoux (Missouri), John and Dawn Lugo (Oklahoma), Carol Malec (Tennessee), Nancy Melone (Pennsylvania), Cheryl Miedema (Pennsylvania), Barry Rinker (Pennsylvania), Penny Shewfelt (Canada), Susan Smith (Virginia), Vicki Storrs (Maryland), Hannie Warendorf (Netherlands), and Kelley Welsh (Maryland).



"Rutger" Lugo is caught modeling one of the most coveted items in the auction—a gorgeous, Kooiker color-coordinated, handmade afghan by Mary Demastes.

Celebrating Our Dogs!

The 2023 Westminster Dog Show

Gitta Steals the Show

By Margaret Aldridge, MD
Photo provided by Margaret Aldridge, MD

The 147th edition of the Westminster Dog Show premiered in May 2023 from Saturday, May 6 to Tuesday, May 9—as America’s Top Dog contest returned to New York City at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, home to the US Open tennis championship.

GCHS CH Hartenzoul’s Tacksam To B&T BN RI FDC CA FCAT RATN DS DJA CGCA TKA ATT, lovingly known as Gitta, was born April 18, 2016, daughter of GCH CH Cirtap’s Unique Kapten V Indie-Z CM ACT2 ACT2J CGC TKA and Cirtap’s Hertogin Ziel V Kila-N CD BN RE NAJ NF CA SWN SHDN RATO DS DJ CGCA. Gitta is first-generation American. Her sire and dam are from Birgitta and Thomas Lindblad of kennel Cirtap’s in Sweden.

From her beginning on April 17-18th, it was a very eventful and scary night, starting with a search for an emergency clinic to do a C-section. She came popping into this world that morning and hasn’t ceased to amaze me.

Gitta is Gaelic for exalted one. Since her ultrasound was on Saint Patrick’s Day it seemed appropriate, and nickname of Birgitta Lindblad, breeder of her sire and dam whose kennel is Cirtap’s which happens to be Patrick in reverse of the Swedish spelling. All seemed to fit her to be the exalted one.

Gitta has become my one singular sensation. She has an amazing personality and is very versatile as her titles show. She is a delight at home. She has had many shining moments, including group wins, including an owner-handler group one.

Gitta was at Westminster 2019, the very first year that Kooikers were allowed to enter. At that show, she received Best of Opposite Sex. Going back this year, she was going for the Trifecta—having won Best of Breed at both the National Dog Show in 2021 in Philadelphia and the Royal Canin AKC National Championships in 2022 in Orlando, Florida, winning there over several very nice males.

I thought we would enter Westminster, and what a thrill is all I can say. She had a blast, loving the spotlight. She loves people, especially Karen Mammano, her teammate/handler, and her precious son, Hans.

The Kooikers and Toller family celebrated her win with sardines.



2023 Westminster Dog Show Placements

Total Entry: 3 Dogs and 1 Bitch

JUDGE: Dr. Michael J. Woods of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

Best of Breed

GCHS CH HARTENZOUL'S TACKSAM TO B&T BN RI CA FCAT RATN DS DJA CGC TKA ATT

Bitch (DOB 4/18/16)

Owner/Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Best of Opposite Sex

GCH CH AMAZING LUKA VAN DEN ISERMAN HOEVE FDC BCAT CGC TKN ATT

Dog (DOB 5/31/19)

Owners: Amber Corduan & Hailey Perkins & Lucinda Paganin

Owner/Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

Select Dog

GCHG CH AMBERMOON RETURN OF THE JEDI PCD BN RN FDC BCAT ACT1 DJ CGCA CGCU

TKI ATT VHMA VSWB FITB

Dog (DOB 5/4/16)

Owners: Kathleen & Alyssa Klimmeth

Breeders: Kathleen & Joseph Klimmeth

Award of Merit

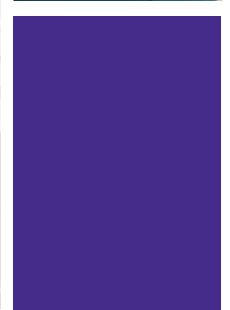
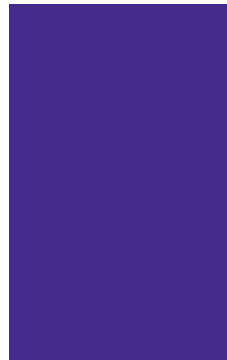
GCH CH DREAMCATCHER'S WONDERBOY HARPER LUE VON NENRUB

Dog (DOB 4/7/21)

Owner/Breeder: Kimberley Layman

Amber & Luka "In a New York State of Mind"

By Hailey Perkins



Photos provided by Hailey Perkins

This year at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, GCH CH Amazing Luka van den Iserman Hoeve CGC TKN BCAT CL1 FDC ATT CHIC #166063 was awarded Best of Opposite Sex, presented by his owner, Amber Corduan.

We cannot begin to explain how proud we are of him and his performance! To say that Luka has been a Godsend in our lives is an understatement. Most of our top moments from the last 4 years have revolved around him and his beautiful personality. He turns 4 years old at the end of May 2023,

and he keeps getting better and better! His temperament is friendly, loyal, respectful, and full of joy. He truly loves us and loves doing anything, whether it is an all-day movie marathon or a 10 mile hike in the woods!

Luka's first show, he won Best of Breed over specials for a major at 6 months old. After that (COVID began), we had a bit of trouble finding majors, but no trouble winning! Amber and Luka have won NUMEROUS Owner Handler Group placements and Sporting Group placements.

In 2021, Luka was #3 Owner Handled Kooikerhondje, and in 2022, he was #1 Owner Handled Kooikerhondje. They accomplished this by being a wonderful team and placing in groups nearly every single show we went to.

Luka continues to mature and show off wonderful assets for the breed. His temperament, health testing, versatility, and great representation of the breed make us very proud to show him off and where he came from. We look forward to many more years of fun with our sweet boy!

Meko meets a great horned owl

...and lives to tell the tale

By Lisa Gerardi

"It was a dark and stormy night." Oh, wrong story! It was a clear and pleasant morning for Lesley Vanderpoel's morning stroll with Meko, her 4-year-old Kooiker, near Westover Air Reserve Base in western Massachusetts. Meko was minding his own business, when, out of the blue, a young and clumsy great horned owl swooped out of the sky, aiming for Meko. Fortunately for Meko, and not so much for the young bird of prey, the owl became entangled in a fence and crashed to the ground, injuring its wing and ability to fly. Recognizing that the wounded bird was now prey to coyotes that roam the area, Lesley saw that she needed to get the bird to safety. Meko, unharmed, was unfazed by the morning's adventure, as Lesley made some inquiries and found a wildlife rehabilitator who would care for the raptor. Now the difficult part of the mission--getting the scared and defensive baby owl from the ground to a vehicle, to a sanctuary.

A neighbor contacted the Massachusetts State Police, and an officer came to their assistance by scooping up the bird and placing him in a cardboard box. Now contained, the bird could be transported



Photos courtesy of Lesley Vanderpoel

safely to the Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center in Conway, Massachusetts. Lesley named the owl "Soren," after the young owl protagonist in *Legends of the Guardians*. Tom Ricardi of the Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center reports that Soren is doing well and will be released back to the wild in the fall. The nonprofit center has been rescuing raptors since 1969. Donations are welcome!

As we humans continue to encroach on natural habitats with housing developments, it's important to know what animals consider our dear little Kooikers as prey. Porcupines, especially the mamas, are fiercely

protective of their territory and babies. They are prevalent pretty much everywhere in the US. Generally, dogs get attacked in the face and neck and at times, the quills need to be removed surgically. Other predators include all types of raptors, skunks, raccoons, coyotes, alligators, and venomous snakes. If you are in an area known to have these animals, the best insurance is to keep your dog on a leash or at the least, to never leave your dog unattended while outside.

If you and your Kooiker have a noteworthy wildlife encounter, tell The Kooiker Chronicle about it!

Kansas Sunflower, Lulu Greene, Rules the Roost

By Fred Greene

Lulu is not our pet, we are a family, each of us equal, and we love each other equally. We have never boarded Lulu; we couldn't leave her with a stranger. As we have found out recently, even when we pick out furniture, we think of Lulu first.

But Lulu's story would not be complete without mentioning Freckles. Freckles came to us as a stray, on the evening of my father's funeral. She was perhaps eight weeks old and as beautiful a puppy as you would ever see. Everyone said she was God's gift to us, and indeed she was. As she grew, she developed a thick red and white coat and a beautiful, plumed tail. Her appearance was such that we just knew she was mixed with some pure breed, and we spent most every day guessing how and where she might have come from. Then one Saturday our next-door neighbor called us and said, "Freckles is on TV!" We tuned-in and there was a show about Kooikerhondje. We watched the show with these beautiful dogs in amazement.

Freckles was a mix, her legs were shorter, but everything else was very close to a Kooiker. She even had a wisp of black hair down the front of her ears. Of course, we didn't believe Freckles was an actual mix with a Kooikerhondje, how could that happen? But from then on, we



associated Freckles with Kooikers, and we began to read online and learn more about them. After nine perfect years Freckles passed away. We grieved for such a long time but eventually began looking for another companion. We looked many times at adoption, but it just never worked out. For the longest time we had been checking with Kooiker breeders across the country, but there were so few, and all the pups were spoken for, in advance. We would give up for a while, then later try calling again. I'd spoken with Ann in Ogden Illinois several times and she had always been helpful. One day she mentioned Barb Ritenour in Maryland. We called Barb and she had a litter to be available in February, but the pups were all spoken for, the same story we had heard many times. All this time searching we had this big hole in our hearts from the loss of Freckles, thinking it would never be filled. But several days later we received a call from Barb. There was a girl that

Barb was planning to keep, but now decided to let her have a new home. It was Lulu. Barb had named her Lulu, Noah Wexford Lulu, and we didn't want to change her name. But from time to time she has other names, such as Sweet Girl, Good Girl, Pumpkin, and even Scalawag!

Lulu has been a delight from the first drive home. She slept in Nina's lap the entire nine-hour ride home. They must have bonded during that trip because Lulu is a mama's girl. The first thing we noticed about Lulu is how vocal she is. She talks to us, and she has a wide vocabulary. When she was a baby, she would talk in an almost cat-like meow, but more puppy-like. Lulu is five now, so she doesn't meow anymore, but she still talks with a wide variety of language, and just like when she was young her remarks are right on cue. She can't speak English but I'm real sure she understands it.

Lulu is very bright, energetic, and excitable. Lulu would much rather tussle and play-rough than be calmly petted. Lulu loves to watch TV. She thinks she is looking through a window and that all the animals that run across the screen are running to another part of the house, and she chases them through the house. For us, this brings a whole other level to watching an action movie.



All photos provided by Fred Greene

Lulu doesn't seem to be afraid of anything, in fact she goes after it, whatever it may be. Of course, she barks at birds, squirrels, dogs, cats, etc. but she also barks at thunder, rain, and wind. A good storm gets her wound-up and ready to go. But on the other hand, she doesn't like rain. Even though she might need to "go" she will stand at the door watching it rain, as if to say, "I'm not going out in that." And oddly she doesn't like for us to sneeze. Any other human noise is ok, but when we sneeze Lulu barks, runs and goes berserk. So, we try not to sneeze, and when we see each other about to sneeze, we say "No-no, don't sneeze" and that's always good for a laugh.

Lulu's senses are so keen, that we long ago coined the phrase "Never doubt the dog!" Every single time Lulu gets antsy, walks in circles, or won't stay away from the door, there is a reason for it. We don't know, can't hear it, and we used to say, "Oh its nothing." That was a long time ago, and we were wrong each time. Now when Lulu starts acting suspicious, we start looking, because sooner or later we will find the thing that she knows is there. Something, in the house, in the garage, under the house, in the yard, in the trees, down the street. No matter how small, you can count on it.



Photo provided by Fred Greene

Lulu has had a wide variety of toys. When she was young, she loved the stuffed rabbits but of course they didn't last long, and we had to buy them by the gross. She eventually graduated to balls, but she only liked the one, and we played "throw & chase" every day outside, and every night inside. We are fortunate to have a large, fenced back yard, so Lulu can run at full speed. She is good at everything, chasing through the tunnel and catching the Frisbee. Her most recent toy, "baby gator" has turned out to be unique among toys. It is a stuffed toy, but she doesn't destroy it, she likes to keep it around, and we do the usual

tug-game using baby gator. But something else developed out of it. When Lulu becomes irritated over not getting her way, she takes it on baby gator. So, she's mad at us, but she shows it by angrily growling, flipping, and throwing baby gator. We know exactly what it's about, and Lulu gets her point across. And of course, it's another of those things that makes us laugh.

I work out of our home, while Nina works at an office. Lulu is a perfect companion while I work at my desk. She naps in a chair beside my desk, and even though I must make dozens of calls during the day, and concentrate on my work,

she is never a bother. When I take a break, Lulu gets up and goes with me, and when I go back to my desk, she goes back to her chair beside me. I love music and have a guitar collection, and when I play Lulu comes from wherever she might be and hops into the chair next to me. She relaxes, closes her eyes and smiles. She loves the soothing sounds, and perhaps the vibrations of the strings echoing within the wood. My days couldn't be more perfect. But near 5:00 PM things begin to change. It's time for dinner, and time for Nina to be home. And Lulu is very excited when Mama gets home. Lulu has

a very accurate internal clock, and she likes for things to be on schedule. Dinner on time, Nina being home, getting last minute chores done, and then lastly getting to the den for our "family time." We all three must be there and we better not be late to the den for family time, Lulu will already be there waiting.

The most difficult thing we encounter is when strangers ask, "what breed is she?" But I always take the time to break down the pronunciation and give a brief history of the breed. I could

use a simpler explanation, but we are proud of her and her heritage, and if someone asks, we want them to know about these wonderful dogs. There was a time when we first learned of the Kooikerhondje breed that it never occurred to us that someday we could have a Kooiker in our family. But life has a way of leading us in the right direction, and we are so thankful that it has.

My sister once said, "Lulu doesn't know she's a dog," and that is true. She is so much more.



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AT HOME WITH DOGS

Furnishing a Pet-Friendly Home

By Marcia R Melone

Our pets have become an indispensable part of our lives. We are a country of over 89.7 million of them according to the American Pet Products Association, with about 44.5% of us owning at least one dog and 29% owning a cat. I know several friends that have made an even larger commitment to the furry community and have acquired a houseful!

Many of us take them with us to the coffee house, running errands, and just about anywhere else we can think of. They are part of the family, and we wouldn't have it any other way! We care and fuss over them, and they in turn make us feel like the most important person on earth. Naturally we want to accommodate our four-legged friends by making our homes as pet-friendly and safe as possible, not to mention keeping it looking beautiful.

If we have the luxury of furnishing and designing a new home, we should keep our pets in mind and create spaces that respond to their activities and needs as well as our own. If we are quite content with our current home, we can make sure that any repairs or

replacements will be smart choices for the entire family. What does that mean, exactly? Our spaces should incorporate our needs and our pet's needs in a sensible, safe, and attractive package. If we reach this goal, we create a home that is easy to keep clean, a safe environment, and a place of joy and relaxation for the entire family, no matter where we live. But be sure that you remain realistic about your spaces, furniture, fabrics, and especially your building finishes. Everything can be beautiful, if it is well thought out, before you make those purchases.

Rethink Spaces

Although we cannot change the floor plan of our homes, we can rethink areas and make sure we are utilizing spaces to their fullest and best use. Our time is as valuable as our space. Something as simple as keeping the leash by the door instead of walking back to the kitchen, each time you need it, can save footsteps. Arriving home from that walk, is there a place to sit, grab a towel and clean the dog's feet before we have a new pattern on the family room carpet? This will not only save time, but also



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Dust, Mold, Mildew, and VOC's—Where They Hide

Allergens are another consideration for pets as well as people. Allergens, including dusts, molds, mildews and VOC'S (volatile organic compounds) can be harbored in some types of flooring, fabrics, wall finishes and other finishes or furniture. Wall finish choices have expanded to include paints and wall coverings with low VOC's. These applied finishes can be extremely delicate or tough as nails. Once again, think about how the space is utilized. No one must give up the niceties that make a house a home. There are many great options. Paint is the old standby and comes in finishes ranging from flat to high gloss, and all finishes can be purchased in washable versions. Some are better than others, so be careful accepting the manufacturer's claims. Go online and check reviews before you buy. Other wall options include wall coverings, ceramic tiles, and the use of design features such as wainscoting or corner details at those places that receive excessive wear and tear. Don't forget that color can hide smudges, dirt and all the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) that appear on walls.

additional cleaning. Another scenario: when snuggling up in the evening in your comfy chair with your puppy, is the fabric easy-care? Maybe a slipcover? We need to use this type of thought process to explore these and other areas of the home. Imagine the pet scenarios, in each space. Also think of the problem areas, and let's design or redesign these spaces to work for you.

Floor Finishes

The floor is where our pet spends a good portion of time; at least, when we're at home. Sometimes, I wonder if there isn't a big pet party that goes on at my house while I'm gone. Water bowls turned over, kibbles in the corner, and unforeseen accidents on the floor that are not always discovered right away. Obviously, when making selections for these surfaces, cleanability tops the list; but how well the floor holds up to everyday traffic affects the "look" of your floor. Also, your floor finishes should be an important consideration as our pets and we age! Slippery floors and hard surfaces can be detrimental to their health and safety. We will talk in depth about hard surface floors in another article.

Furniture for the Family

Furniture can be a challenge when you have pets that want to lounge with you. Who can resist those big brown eyes and that whimper? I love how they put one foot up on the sofa, then two, then three and before you know it that sweet little guy is laying on your lap. Fortunately, you don't have to be the meany anymore! With all the fabulous new fabrics, fibers, and finishes, you can repel liquids and stains and still have breathable, comfortable upholstery. Sounds too good to be true, but new fibers in the market are no less than miraculous. Commercial fabrics are a great place to start. They tend to have these fiber options in a plethora of colors and hair

hiding patterns. Get to know about the Wyzenbeek test. It gives you the lab results for the “double rub” durability of a fabric. That is exactly what it sounds like. It is a count of the rubs of an industrial machine that rubs back and forth on the fabric. Hence, one double rub! Also, there are many indoor-outdoor fabrics on the market that are beautiful and hardworking.

Slipcovers can also be a great option if you like an informal look. They can be a semi-permanent answer to dirt and hair and can be sewn by a local upholstery shop. Just make sure that any slipcover fabric will not

shrink when washed. And you will be washing it!

There are so many more areas and options in your home that can be reviewed if you truly want to live “dog friendly”. I am just getting started; window treatments, accessories, plants and let’s not forget special furniture for dogs. So many thing to think about. Over the next several issues of this magazine, I will be chatting with you and exploring in depth, the options for living “At Home with Dogs.”

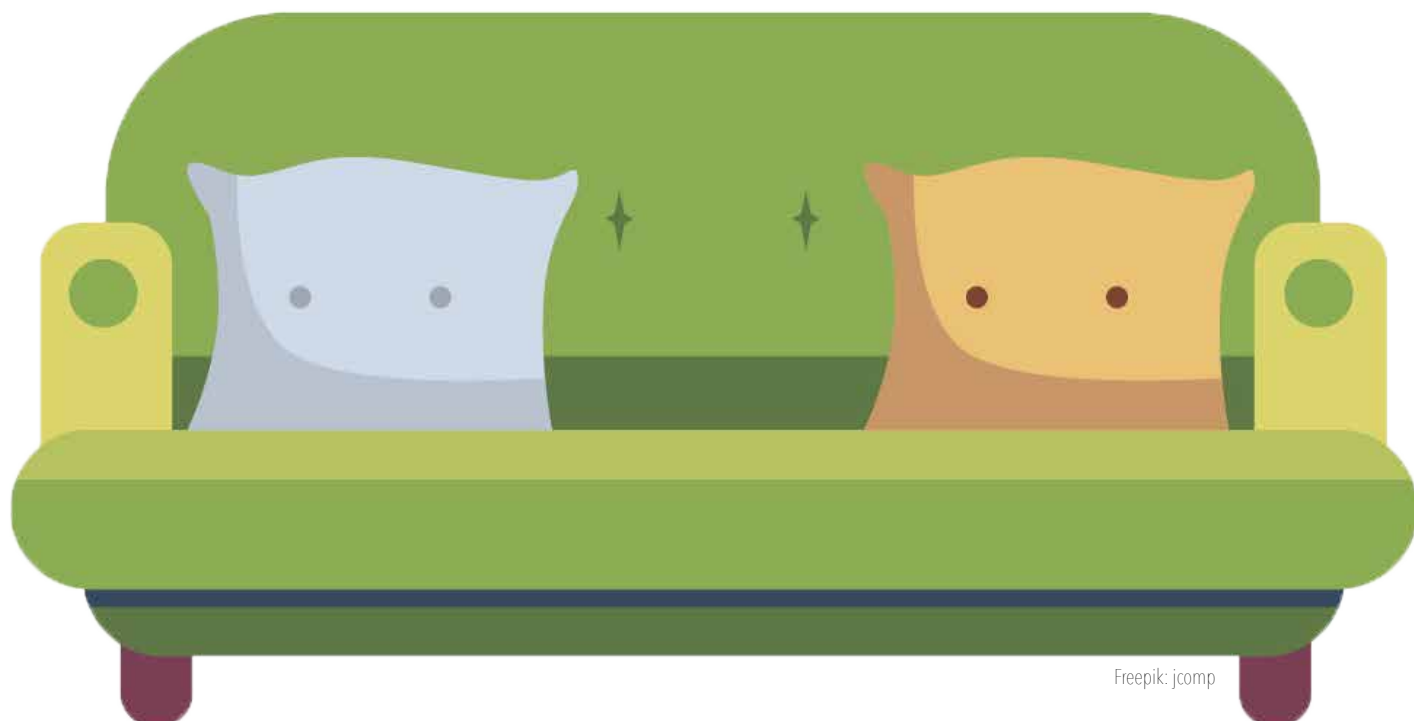
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The Hairy Truth About Hair, Shedding, and Summer Hair Cuts

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Although it seems that your Kooiker loses his coat all at once, shedding is really a gradual process where one coat merges into another. In this way, the dog is never without substantial covering to protect him from extreme temperatures or the sun's harmful UV rays. Folklore abounds on what triggers shedding and how to prevent or minimize it. Here is the science behind shedding.

Genetics to some extent controls shedding but the environment also plays a major role in how those genes are

expressed. Many people think that warm temperature triggers shedding, but researchers have demonstrated that hair is not only shed during or just after the period of high temperatures but is also shed in a seasonal pattern depending on the length of daylight. Both coat growth and shedding are considered phototropic (i.e., they are triggered and controlled by amounts of daylight).

Anyone who has lived with an intact (unspayed) female dog knows that hormones play an

influential role in shedding. In addition to the normal seasonal shedding (often around twice a year), intact females will also shed on or before the times they are receptive to males and able to conceive. Indeed, the research indicates that ovarian hormones trump the influence of even light (photo period) and seasonality when it comes to shedding! So, if mammary cancer and pyometra weren't enough to convince you to spay your female (at the medically-advised time), the tumbleweeds of hair might be!

House dogs shed at different times than dogs that remain outdoors all the time. House dogs with hair of normal length generally shed in the spring and the fall. In spring, for a dog that is groomed daily, shedding lasts about 5 weeks. Growing a new coat varies by breed. The average dog takes around 4-5 months, but some breeds can take up to 18 months to come back into full coat.

Coat types vary, too. For example, Poodles and some terriers have so-called "non-shedding" curly coats. Non-shedding is a bit of a misnomer since their hair does fall out, but instead of falling to the ground as it does with double-coated dogs, like Kooikers and Bernese Mountain Dogs, it tends to

collect in mats that remain on the dog's body unless physically removed. Double coats consist of long coarse guard hairs that serve to protect the dog from the elements of weather and a fine, dense undercoat to keep it warm. In general, coats should not be shaved in warm weather as they protect the skin from damage by the sun's UV rays. If it is too warm, bring your dog inside.

Understanding shedding involves understanding hair growth. The process of growth and shedding takes place over three stages—a growth cycle (anagen), a transition cycle (catagen), and a resting cycle (telogen). New-hair growth occurs during the growth stage. During the transition cycle, the old hair, now called a "club hair," separates from the base of the hair follicle, and the hair stops growing. This club hair begins to work its way out of the hair follicle during the resting stage. A caring owner can accelerate the removal of the club hairs by brushing the coat daily. If the club hair is not removed by brushing, then during the early part of the growing stage the new hair will push the old club hair out of the follicle to make room for new hair growth. The undercoat of a double-coated dog often falls out in patches, giving an otherwise beautiful dog a moth-eaten look. Don't be upset if during this period of shedding (resting cycle and early growth cycle) the coat appears very dull or takes on a reddish or faded color. This appearance is normal.

When your dog begins to shed, the best thing to do is to remove the dead hair with a daily brushing. If you use a brush or comb, make

sure that the bristles or teeth are of appropriate length for the coat. If they are too short, you will leave the mats behind in the undercoat. If they are too long, you may injure the dog's skin. Give him a bath to further loosen the dead hair so that it will be easier to remove. Always brush the dog before bathing. When the hair is completely dry, brush or comb again.

Mats typically form around the ears, armpits, and rear and groin areas. These are places where the hair is usually finer and softer. If you find a mat that is difficult to remove, apply coat conditioner for several minutes to the area. This closes the barbs on the hair shaft, making it easier to remove. Once the hair is well hydrated, then use your fingers to untangle the mat. Burrs obtained on walks in the woods can often be removed by spraying non-stick cooking oil to the area in which the burr is embedded. Kooiker owners have also found that certain horsehair detangling products such as Cowboy Magic™ available from Chewy work well, too.

Notwithstanding the information presented in this article, there is considerable variation in the way dogs shed—even among dogs of the same breed, living in the same household, and eating the same foods. So, if all the dogs in your household happen to shed at the same time, you should probably attribute it to luck (or lack thereof) and nothing more! Similarly, if your dog has a dog show next week and is "blowing coat"—forget the cold bath—you will probably have better luck with Elmer's Glue™!

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Edited by Linda Dean

Years	Jan	Apr	Jun	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2022		2	1	2	7	34	22	68
2023	27							27
Grand Total	27	2	1	2	7	34	22	95

Agility Excellent Preferred

*MACH2 Ambermoons Amazing Starfire CD BN RE MXB2
MJG2 AXP AJP MXF T2B2 FCAT2 CGCA TKI*
Owner: Debra Tervelt
Breeder: Kathy Kimmeth & Joe Kimmeth

Agility FAST Novice

Golden Gate Alpine Skye NA OAJ NF TKN
Owner: Margaret Ferguson
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Agility FAST Novice Preferred

Cirtaps Prinses Flow V Micra-A RN NFP FCAT CGC TKN
Owner: Kimberley Layman
Breeder: Birgitta Lindblad

Agility FAST Open Preferred

*Golden Gate Alpine Ben Elegant RE MXP MJP OFP FCAT
ACT2 ACT2J RATO TKI*
Owner: Cheryl Cardwell
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Agility Master FAST Excellent

*MACH Waterbound For The Love Of The Game RN MXB
MJB MXF T2B FCAT CGC TKA*
Owner: Maribeth Pajtas
Breeder: Kirk Simpson & Sheryl Fuller & Sandra Simpson

AKC Temperament Test

*GCH CH Amazing Luka Van Den Iserman Hoeve FDC
BCAT CGC TKN ATT*
Owner: Amber Corduan & Lucinda Paganin & Hailey Perkins
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

Golden Gate Believe In Your Dreams SIE SCA SEA ATT
Owner: Emma Vescovo
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Hanabi Dutchman Von Singleton RI BCAT DJ CGC TKN ATT
Owner: Carol Ann Singleton
Breeder: Marsha Hall & Mark Heimbecker

BCAT

Amazing Nanet Van Den Iserman Hoeve BCAT
Owner: Ann Knoop-Siderius & Lucinda Paganin
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin
CH Vilges Beanas Belladonna @ Carousel BCAT
Owner: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl
Breeder: Nann Sissel Vaernes & Thomas Vaernes

*GCH CH Amazing Gerard Ravenswood Van Den Iserman
Hoeve BCAT THDN CGC*
Owner: Ann Knoop-Siderius & Jac M Knoop
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

Hanabi Dutchman Von Singleton RI BCAT DJ CGC TKN
Owner: Carol Ann Singleton
Breeder: Marsha Hall & Mark Heimbecker

Wexford's Charming Freckles BCAT CGC TKN
Owner: David Holland & Kimberly Holland
Breeder: Lucinda Douglas

Canine Good Citizen

Ambermoon's The Last Kashmiri Rose CGC TKI
Owner: Rob Lavoie & Amy Lavoie
Breeder: Kathy Kimmeth & Alyssa Kimmeth

*Chambrays Sunshine I Put A Spell On You CGC TKN
VHMA VHMP*
Owner: Jessica Herzon & Clarissa Ferrer & Hailey Ferrer
Breeder: Jessica Herzon & Yesenia Bravo

Duckhills Joy Danube Of Milo CGC TKA
Owner: Danny Gonzalez
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

Golden Gate Alpine Cailler CGC TKI
Owner: Noemi Wyss & Susanne Martin
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Sunshine's Mistress Of Evil At Chambray CGC
Owner: Carla Wheeler & Jeff Naimon
Breeder: Jessica Herzon & Yesenia Bravo

Waterbound Hurricane Hugo BCAT CGC TKI
Owner: Heather Henderson
Breeder: Sheryl Fuller & Marlene Valter

Champion

CH Blazing Raiden CGC TKN
Owner: Tulay Darstek
Breeder: Tulay Darstek

*CH Chambrays Sunshine I Put A Spell On You CGC TKN
VHMA VHMP*
Owner: Jessica Herzon & Clarissa Ferrer & Hailey Ferrer
Breeder: Jessica Herzon & Yesenia Bravo

CH Duckhills Joy Danube Of Milo TKN
Owner: Danny Gonzalez
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

CH Golden Gate Dreaming Of A Miracle RN CGC
Owner: Susanne Martin
Breeder: Susanne Martin

CH Hartenzoul's The Tale Spinner
Owner: Margaret Aldridge
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

CH Jubelend Golden Gate Sky High
Owner: Elizabeth Mound & Sharon Hiemenz & Lawrence Mound
Breeder: Sharon Hiemenz & Susanne Martin

CH Madcap Meadowsweet Memories Of Love CGC
Owner: Jenna Walkling & Betty Wathne
Breeder: Susan Jackson & Stephanie Lowe & Betty Wathne

CH Waterbound Holiday Spirit RN BCAT TKN
Owner: Caitlyn Czinder & Sheryl Fuller
Breeder: Sheryl Fuller

Companion Dog

*Amazing Prins Jeroen Van Den Iserman Hoeve CD BN
SWN SCA SHDN*
Owner: Jim Twitchell & Lisa Twitchell
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

*CH Carousel Silver Skates Heiden In Plain Sight CD BN RN
BCAT*
Owner: Jennifer Methlie
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl & Betty Wathne

DCAT

GCH CH Dreamcatchers Apple Of My Eye Jazz DCAT
Owner: Kimberley Layman
Breeder: Kimberley Layman

Excellent Agility Jumper

Waterbound Here Comes The Son AX AXJ CGC
Owner: William P. Stevenson
Breeder: Kirk Simpson & Sheryl Fuller & Sandra Simpson

Farm Dog Certified

CH Duckhills Joy Danube Of Milo FDC CGC TKA
Owner: Danny Gonzalez
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

FCAT

*GCHS CH Hartenzoul's Tacksam To B&T BN RI CA FCAT
RATN DS DJA CGC TKA ATT*
Owner: Margaret Aldridge
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

FCAT16

Amazing Zoey Achteraf FCAT16
Owner: Marilyn Ledoux
Breeder: M V D Heuvel

FCAT5

GCH CH Haylee De Hemert FCAT5 THDN DJ CGC TKN
Owner: Christine Carroll & Ann Knoop-Siderius & Amber Becker-Briscoe
Breeder: Stanley Van Hemert

FCAT9

*Carousel The Call Let The Day Begin" FDC CAA FCAT9
CGC TKI*
Owner: Kelley Kathleen Welch
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

FIT Dog Bronze

Alluring Amalia Van Fogelsangh CGC TKN FITB
Owner: Vincent, Rachel & Gianna Burzi
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin & Ann Knoop-Siderius

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Ambermoon's Roller Soaker CD BN RE FDC OA NAJ OAP OJP CAA FCAT2 RATN OSD CGCA CGCU TKP FITB
 Owner: Sarah Krueger & Chuck Brendel & Kathy Kimmeth
 Breeder: Kathy Kimmeth & Joe Kimmeth

CH Cheila V.D. Ayka Hoeve FCAT3 DJ CGC TKN FITB
 Owner: Christine Carroll & Lucinda Paganin
 Breeder: A J Floor

GCH CH Ravenswood Quincie's Little Bean CGC TKI FITB
 Owner: Vincent Burzi & Rachel Burzi & Gianna Burzi
 Breeder: Rodney Beckstead & Marta Beckstead

GCHB CH Haylee De Hemert FCAT5 THDN DJ CGC TKN FITB
 Owner: Christine Carroll & Ann Knoop-Siderius & Amber Becker-Briscoe
 Breeder: Stanley Van Hemert

Reese De Hemert FITB
 Owner: Sarah Krueger
 Breeder: Stanley Van Hemert

Grand Champion Bronze

GCHB CH Haylee De Hemert FCAT5 THDN DJ CGC TKN
 Owner: Christine Carroll & Ann Knoop-Siderius & Amber Becker-Briscoe
 Breeder: Stanley Van Hemert

Master Agility Champion

MACH Amazing Lutcia Van Den Iserman Hoeve CD BN GN RI FDC MXB MJB XF SWM TKP
 Owner: Alison Studer & Ann Knoop-Siderius
 Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

MACH Duckhill Flash Ambermoon Emma BN RE MXB MJS MXF T2B FCAT2 ACT1 DJ DN CGCA TKI
 Owner: Debra Tervelt & Kathy Kimmeth
 Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

MACH Waterbound For The Love Of The Game MXB MJB XF T2B FCAT CGC TKA
 Owner: Maribeth Pajtas
 Breeder: Kirk Simpson & Sheryl Fuller & Sandra Simpson

Master Agility Champion 5

MACH5 Redgold's Chocolate Chip MXS2 MJB2 OF T2B
 Owner: Colleen Dressler
 Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Master Agility Champion 7

MACH7 Redgold's Dream Lover RN MXC3 MJC3 CGC TKN
 Owner: Cheryl Short & David Mattix
 Breeder: Dee A Nichols

Master Agility Excellent Preferred

Golden Gate Alpine Ben Elegant RE MXP MJP NFP FCAT ACT2 ACT2J RATO TKI
 Owner: Cheryl Cardwell
 Breeder: Susanne Martin

MACH8 Kips Valentine VCD2 UDX OM1 BN GN GO VER RI MXC2 MJC2 MXP MJP MFB TQX T2B BCAT SWM CGCA
 Owner: Alison Studer
 Breeder: No Data

Master Agility Excellent Preferred 2

MACH4 Waterbound Ayrie Pedal To The Medal MXB2 PAD MJB2 PJD MXP2 MJP2 XF T2B SIN SEN
 Owner: Cindy Cohagen
 Breeder: Sheryl Fuller

Master Bronze Agility

MACH Amazing Lutcia Van Den Iserman Hoeve CD BN GN RI FDC MXB MJB XF SWM TKP
 Owner: Alison Studer & Ann Knoop-Siderius
 Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

Master Bronze Agility Preferred

MACH11 Redgold's Bodie Always On My Mind CD BN RE MXG3 PAD MJS4 PJD MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF T2B CA DCAT SWN SCA SIA SHDN THDN DS TKI
 Owner: Bonnie Edmond
 Breeder: Dee A Nichols

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred

MACH2 Ambermoons Amazing Starfire CD BN RE MXB2 MJB2 AXP MJP MXF T2B2 FCAT2 CGCA TKI
 Owner: Debra Tervelt
 Breeder: Kathy Kimmeth & Joe Kimmeth

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 2

MACH4 Waterbound Ayrie Pedal To The Medal MXB2 PAD MJB2 PJD MXP MJP2 XF T2B SIN SEN
 Owner: Cindy Cohagen
 Breeder: Sheryl Fuller

Master Silver Agility

Redgold's All You Need Is Love CD BN RE MX MXS MXJ MJB NAP NJP XF NFP T2B SEM SCE SIE CGC TKI
 Owner: Bonnie Edmond
 Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Master Silver Jumper

Duckhill Flash Ambermoon Emma BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B FCAT2 ACT1 DJ DN CGCA TKI
 Owner: Debra Tervelt & Kathy Kimmeth
 Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

Novice Agility

*GCHS CH Harley De Hemert NA BCAT ACT1 ACT1J TT
DMA CGC TKA*

Owner: Yesenia Bravo
Breeder: Stanley Van Hemert

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred

*Amazing Leeuwe Van Den Iserman Hoeve NAP NJP ACT1
ACT2J CGC TKA ATT VHMA*

Owner: Melanie McNaughton
Breeder: Lucinda Paganin

Open Agility

Golden Gate Alpine Skye OA OAJ NF TKN

Owner: Margaret Ferguson
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Open Agility Jumper

Golden Gate Alpine Skye NA OAJ NF TKN

Owner: Margaret Ferguson
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Preferred Agility Champion

*MACH11 PACH Redgold's Bodie Always On My Mind CD
BN RE MXG3 PAD MJS4 PJD MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF
T2B CA DCAT SWN SCA SIA SHDN THDN DS TKI*

Owner: Bonnie Edmond
Breeder: Dee A Nichols

Rally Intermediate

CH Ayla-Ati Thamy Vom Fantasieschloss RI TKN

Owner: Susanne Martin & Susan Van Dyke
Breeder: Sabine Raps

*GCH CH Golden Gate Simply Decker Vd Waterbound RI
FDC CGC*

Owner: Carol Malec & Cheryl Short
Breeder: Cheryl Short & Susanne Martin

GCH CH Waterbound Making Waves BN RI BCAT DN CGC

Owner: Sacha Eckert & Sheryl Fuller & Alissa Eckert
Breeder: Sheryl Fuller

Rally Novice

*CH Carousel First Among Men O'Er The Rainbo CD BN RN
CGCA TKI*

Owner: Lu-Anne Spencer-Hartle & Joyce B Weichsl &
Deborah Bean
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

Cirtaps Prinses Flow V Micra-A RN FCAT CGC TKN

Owner: Kimberley Layman
Breeder: Birgitta Lindblad

Foothills Gustavus Adolphus BN RN CGC

Owner: Peter Fruge & Cindy Fruge
Breeder: David Wiltbank

*MACH Waterbound For The Love Of The Game RN MXB
MJB XF T2B FCAT CGC TKA*

Owner: Maribeth Pajtas
Breeder: Kirk Simpson & Sheryl Fuller & Sandra Simpson

Scent Work Buried Advanced

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCA
SIA SBA SHDN CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Buried Excellent Elite

*Redgold's Christmas Belle FDC NA NAJ ACT2 SWME
RATS DS AJ DDS CGCA CGCU TKI*

Owner: Julie Traver
Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Scent Work Container Excellent Elite

Redgold's Galileo FDC ACT2 SWME DN CGCA CGCU TKI

Owner: Julie Traver
Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Scent Work Container Master

*Carousel Primavera Flight BN RN BCAT SWE SCM RATN
CGC TKI*

Owner: Kendra Holt & Charles Holt
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

Scent Work Container Novice

Sunshine's Wonderlijk Flash SCN CGC

Owner: Armand Pinard & Irene Pinard
Breeder: Yesenia Bravo

Scent Work Container Novice Elite

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCNE
SCA SIA SBA SHDN CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Excellent

Carousel Primavera Flight BN RN BCAT SWE RATN CGC TKI

Owner: Kendra Holt & Charles Holt
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

Scent Work Exterior Novice

*Cirtap's Hertogin Ziel V Kila-N CD BN RE NAJ NF CA SCN
SIN SEN SHDN RATO DS DJ TKA*

Owner: Margaret Aldridge
Breeder: Birgitta Lindblad

Scent Work Handler Discrimination Advanced

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCNE
SCA SIA SBA SHDA CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Handler Discrimination Novice Elite

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCNE
SINE SHDNE SCA SIA SBA SHDA CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Interior Advanced

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCA
SIA SBA SHDN CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Interior Excellent

Carousel Primavera Flight BN RN BCAT SWE RATN CGC TKI

Owner: Kendra Holt & Charles Holt
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

Golden Gate Believe In Your Dreams SIE SCA SEA

Owner: Emma Vescovo
Breeder: Susanne Martin

Scent Work Interior Master Elite

*Redgold's Christmas Belle FDC NA NAJ ACT2 SWME
RATS DS AJ DDS CGCA CGCU TKI*

Owner: Julie Traver
Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Scent Work Interior Novice Elite

*Hartenzoul's Elliptical Orbit Kepler CD BN RE SWN SCNE
SINE SHDNE SCA SIA SBA SHDA CGC TKP*

Owner: Debra Bundschuh
Breeder: Margaret Aldridge

Scent Work Master Elite

*Redgold's Christmas Belle FDC NA NAJ ACT2 SWME
RATS DS AJ DDS CGCA CGCU TKI*

Owner: Julie Traver
Breeder: Dee A Nichols & Linda Culpepper

Time 2 Beat

*Duckhill Flash Ambermoon Emma BN RE MX MXB MXJ
MJB MXF T2B FCAT2 ACT1 DJ DN CGCA TKI*

Owner: Debra Tervelt & Kathy Kimmeth
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

Trick Dog Advanced

*CH Carousel First Among Men O'Er The Rainbo CD BN RN
CGCA TKA*

Owner: Lu-Anne Spencer-Hartle & Joyce B Weichsl &
Deborah Bean
Breeder: Deborah Bean & Joyce B Weichsl

Duckhills Joy Danube Of Milo TKA

Owner: Danny Gonzalez
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

Trick Dog Intermediate

Duckhills Joy Danube Of Milo TKA

Owner: Danny Gonzalez
Breeder: Femke Van Ratingen

GCH CH Ravenswood Quincie's Little Bean CGC TKI

Owner: Vincent Burzi & Rachel Burzi & Gianna Burzi
Breeder: Rodney Beckstead & Marta Beckstead

Madcap Don't Stop Believin TKI

Owner: Jill Muha & Mike Muha
Breeder: Susan Jackson & Stephanie Lowe & Betty Wathne
& Carol S Brown

Trick Dog Novice

CH Chihiro Iz Snezhnoy Skazki TKN

Owner: Kathy Kimmeth & Alyssa Kimmeth
Breeder: Yu N Maksimova

Chambrays Sunshine I Put A Spell On You CGC TKN

VHMA VHMP
Owner: Jessica Herzon & Clarissa Ferrer & Hailey Ferrer
Breeder: Jessica Herzon & Yesenia Bravo

Madcap Don't Stop Believin TKN

Owner: Jill Muha & Mike Muha
Breeder: Susan Jackson & Stephanie Lowe & Betty Wathne
& Carol S Brown

Virtual Home Manners Adult

Chambrays Sunshine I Put A Spell On You VHMA VHMP

Owner: Jessica Herzon & Clarissa Ferrer & Hailey Ferrer
Breeder: Jessica Herzon & Yesenia Bravo



Hernia in the Kooikerhondje

Do you own a Kooikerhondje with a herniated disc (IVDD) diagnosis? Have you had your dog genotyped or are you open to do so? If your dog has been diagnosed with Intervertebral disc disease, or herniated disc through an x-ray, neurological exam, MRI or CT scan you may be able to help us prevent the spread of this disease in the breed.

As part of her PhD project, veterinary geneticist Citlalli Limpens is currently studying the genetic background of this disease in the Kooikerhondje. Within this project, we aim to investigate whether mutation in the FGF4 gene is related to IVDD in the Kooiker dog breed.

For this study, we are looking for pedigree Kooikerhondjes diagnosed with IVDD by a veterinarian.

If your dog is eligible, and you are interested in participating, please contact us at: c.limpens@uu.nl or ecgg@uu.nl.

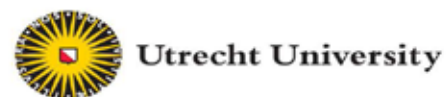
About the study

If your dog meets the above requirements, a veterinary specialist will review their veterinary records to verify the IVDD diagnosis. Once your dog is confirmed to meet the study's criteria, we would like to receive a blood sample from your dog. If DNA of your dog was previously stored at Utrecht University (when the dog was sent in for ENM or VWD diagnosis), you only have to give us consent to use this data for the study. If your dog was also genotyped using a commercial kit, such as Embark, you can additionally share this data with us, by filling in the following survey:

https://survey.uu.nl/jfe/form/SV_6QfbBVADCYQhaQK

During this study, your dog's pedigree and genotype data will be analyzed and compared to a group of Kooiker dogs that did not develop IVDD. This will help us with future breeding advice with regard to IVDD in the Kooikerhondje.

As part of this study, you will receive a report with the relevant genetic information from the population. You will also be informed on the final results of the study.



About IVDD

Intervertebral Disc Disease is a degenerative disease that affects the dog's intervertebral discs. When herniation of the intervertebral disc takes place, this will compress the spinal cord, causing the clinical signs: pain and mobility issues, keeping the neck low and inability to lift the head, neck or back pain, weak, abnormal or uncoordinated limb movement, incontinence, shivering, paralysis, and hunched back. The clinical signs can vary depending on the area of the neck or back the herniation takes place.

This disease can be diagnosed via an X-ray, CT scan, MRI and neurological exam. If you are interested in participating in this study, please send over all clinical data you have available of your dog (including clinical images).

In Memory



Photo provided by Susan Saul

Remembering “Q”

November 11, 2010 to January 13, 2023

We remember our dear “Q” with love and chuckles. Born and identified as “Roderich van den Ulshesteijn” by the breeder, “Q” was a bright boy, who loved, protected, and herded the family with all his might. We sometimes called him UnderDog as he loved to hang out under the kitchen table. Little brother to Jack (d. August 2021), he loved to start a wrestling match or play mirror to the posture of the moment. He was sweet, sensitive, and always alert to the opportunity to go along wherever and whenever.

Sadly, he ultimately lost his battle with lung cancer.

Susan Saul

If you are a member of NKCUSA and wish to have your Kooiker included here, please provide the registered and call names of your dog, pertinent dates (birth-death), cause of death, a statement (no more than 200 characters, which is around 35 words), your name, city/state, and your email address (we will not print your email address and will only contact you if there is a question about your submission). submissions will normally be published within 3 months of receipt and must be received within 12 months of the Kooiker’s passing. The Kooiker Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions.

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