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## Back-to-Back Owner Handled Best in Show



### **BISS GCHS CH Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart, BCAT "Willie"**

**(GCH CH Fullmoon's Silver Shadow at Moonstar, CGC, TKN x GCHB CH Cedarwood's Southern Belle)**

**Hips: SH-20440E25M, Eyes:SH-EYE1900 and S-12337/23-76**

**Breeder: Rita L. Montgomery and Emily Jackson  
Owners: Anita Riley, Rita Montgomery, Eileen Gacke and Sandra Reitsma**

**Thank you Judges for NOHS:  
Friday, March 8, 2024 Tullahoma KC of Tennessee:  
Group 1 - Mr. John Constantine-Amodei  
BIS - Mrs. Darle Heck  
Saturday, March 9, 2024 Tullahoma KC of Tennessee:  
Group 1 - Mrs. Cindy Meyer  
BIS - Mr. John Constantine-Amodei**



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# President's Message

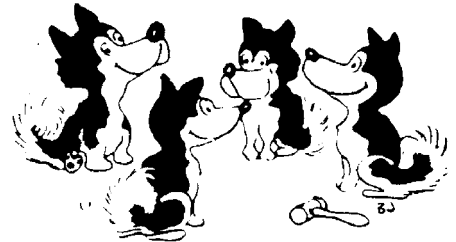
The 2024 Specialty in Estes Park Colorado is now only a few months away! If the rapid pace of pre-Specialty "novelty of the month" sales is any indication, it should be a well-attended show. Beyond the novelty of the month concept there are some firsts for this Specialty. In addition to the traditional schedule of conformation and companion events, there will be four FastCAT trials held onsite. Thanks to new AKC rules, two additional SHCA-sponsored conformation shows will be held prior to the start of the National. A lot of hard work has been put in by the various show committees and I am looking forward to an exciting week of Siberian activities.

One of the most difficult aspects for Specialty show organization is the administration of the Judge's Poll from which the Chair is to select their judges. Based upon the success of digital balloting for the 2024 Specialty, the Board conducted two rounds of digital balloting for the 2025 Judge's Poll and had a very good rate of return. However, discussion showed that further investigation into the methodology for the Judge's Poll was necessary. As a result a 5-member Committee (two from the Board, three from the membership) was formed to review options to modify the way that the Poll is conducted. As an interesting note, there is significant chatter on the AKC Parent Club email list from many other parent clubs questioning how clubs are doing their judges selection for National Specialties, so this is a timely investigation to have a process in place for 2026 and beyond.

The Board will also be undertaking a comprehensive review of the Working Program and its awards. Climate change and other factors have fundamentally altered the landscape of sled dog racing sports, so it is therefore important to examine what factors are significant to promote, continue, and reward the working ability of our breed.

Digital advances are also expanding to other club operations. From now on, the Newsletter and SHCA Bulletin are available in digital format. Membership applications may now be completed on-line, which should dramatically reduce the time it takes to review and approve new memberships. Payments for annual dues are being processed with on-line invoicing and the expansion of the on-line Club Store is making life easier and more efficient for the Treasurer. The website is being updated with new content and features, as are the Club and Specialty Facebook pages.

Our club is moving forward in a positive way with the goal of increasing member involvement and participation in all the things the club has to offer. I look forward to greeting old friends and making new ones in Estes Park in October.



George Cook  
President SHCA

## Sunshine News by Mike Headle



**Please send me notice of any member illness, so that I may send out a card from the Club.**

**Thanks very much! Email: [mmheadle@gmail.com](mailto:mmheadle@gmail.com)**

# Her name was Mary...



She was our friend and we miss her!

Mary Stuart Pierson Uhlir was born February 9, 1953 in Plainfield, Connecticut. Mary passed away peacefully January 22, 2024 at her home on Camano Island, Washington. Mary was a courageous fighter and battled cancer successfully for five years before her passing. Her brother, Leland S. Pierson III, her sister Elizabeth A. Smoot along with her dear friend Debra Turner were with her as she passed.

When Mary was 6 years old, the Pierson family moved from Connecticut to Pasadena, California. Mary graduated from Westridge High school and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, earning her bachelor's degree in social anthropology. This degree, focused on social history and relationships was to form a theme she followed her whole life. A strong characteristic of Mary was her focus and determination. She had a lifelong never stop attitude when it came to helping others.

First, it was assisting with physically handicapped children in Pasadena, which led to her completing a Master's degree in special education. She moved to San Diego where she found her true calling in teaching verbally handicapped children how to communicate using new technologies. The joy these children discovered by being able to communicate with their parents and others was truly special and she opened up entire new worlds to many children during this period of her career.

Mary also began helping in the care of animals such as penguins and other birds. After moving to Tucson, Arizona, Mary became involved in the protection of wolves through her support of the Wolfsong Ranch Foundation. A lifelong lover of dogs, Mary fell in love with Siberian Huskies. She purchased a show quality bitch from Kathleen Kanzler of Innisfree Siberians. To add to her pack, she entered into a co-ownership with Vern and Olivia Harvey of OSHVAH Siberians. He became CH OSHVAH'S Designated Driver (Indy), who was sired by CH Sunset Hill's Chile Connection. Indy trained in harness with the OSHVAH team and then Mary entered into a co-ownership for two more Chile puppies: MBISS CH OSHVAH's the Devil Made Me Do It (Mayhem) and OSHVAH'S Caos Rules. Mayhem was bred to MBIS MBISS Seeonee's Point Blank CGC AOM and produced MBIS/MBPIS/BISS/MAOM CAN Gr CH/AM CH; AM RN OSHVAH's Roo the Day, CH OSHVAH's Cool Monsoon (Hey Mon), and CH OSHVAH's Tsunami.

Hey Mon was bred to Myeska's Mariah of Poli, who produced BIS BISS CH Poli's Forget Aboutit. Additionally, Hey Mon was bred to Northwapiti's Daisy Duke. Mary became a dedicated member of the Siberian Husky Club of America.

Mary became a Trustee of the SHCA Trust and was later made Chair. She held that position until her death. The SHCA Trust was established in 2006. Their mission is to collect and distribute funds to aid the Siberian Husky breed in the areas of health, rescue, and education. They are dedicated to improving the lives of all Siberians.

Mary spent much of her remaining years volunteering at the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center in Arlington, Washington. Her joy at rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing raptors back into the wild was infectious and pure. I think the one adjective to describe Mary's time on Earth was her compassion and caring toward all creatures' great and small. Godspeed, Mary.

In lieu of flowers, Mary asked that you please consider a gift to the SHCA Trust <http://www.shcatrust.org/> or Sarvey Wildlife <https://www.sarveywildlife.org/>

*Editor's Note: This tribute is being included instead of my usual column.*



When I heard that my new Linda Lane neighbor was going to be a woman with TEN dogs I was horrified! I imagined ten nuisance dogs running wild, terrorizing my old cat, chasing the neighbor's horses, and disrupting the gopher hunting abilities of the foxes that I so enjoyed. Then I met Mary and her team and immediately had eleven new friends. Instead of upsetting the foxes, Mary's dogs, in their enclosure, became a target of the foxes teasing. They would set up gopher watch in her yard just outside the enclosure and remained the successful hunters they always were. Mary and I enjoyed evenings sitting on the deck, her with her camera, just watching the foxes hunt and play with their kits.

Mary taught us so much about her Siberian family and was loved by all. When we were threatened with possible fire evacuations, she loaded up the dogs and took them to the Fair Grounds in Gold Beach which also served as a fire camp. They soon became an attraction and townspeople made excuses of delivering food and goodies just to come see Mary and her dogs. It was a win-win for all.

I miss them mightily; they were my best Linda Lane neighbors ever!

Linda Elfman



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# SIOBHAN

**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX**  
at the 2023 Siberian Husky Club of  
America National Specialty

**MULTI BEST IN SHOW WINNING**  
in 2023



Best Of  
Opposite  
SHCA 2023  
National Specialty  
Held on 21-22-23  
Houston, TX



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**BITCH**  
\*AKC ALL BREED STATS AS OF 12/31/23

**Breeders/Owners:** Mrs. Mara Snyder and Dr. Kevin Snyder, DVM, MS, DACVO  
**Exclusively Breeder Owner Handled by:** Mrs. Mara Snyder  
**RUN'S IN LEAD**  
**Dog Team Driven by:** Dr. Kevin Snyder, DVM, MS, DACVO

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SIBERIAN HUSKY

# MEET THE SIBERIAN HUSKY

*by Donna Beckman, Judges Education Chair*

## Part 2: Size, Proportion, Substance and Head

*In the dog world we frequently discuss Breed Type, referring to those characteristics which identify a breed and sets it apart from all others. As a Working Breed, when we refer to Siberian Breed Type, we refer to those traits that make Siberians successful long distance, endurance sled dogs. In this installment of our Standard review, we will cover the Head, where we find many of the traits which identify our Breed. But, we begin with Size, Proportion, and Substance, where the Standard starts to specify the all-important structural Breed Type required for the Siberian Husky athlete.*

### Size, Proportion, Substance

*Our brief presentation on the History of the Breed and the General Appearance section of the Standard provided some background about characteristics to expect in the Standard. The indigenous people in northeastern Siberia needed reliable transportation to traverse long distances in search of food; where climate was frigid, terrain was difficult, food was scarce. The sled dogs needed to exist and even thrive in the climate and terrain, to have enormous stamina with little food, and be so well built that they could “pull a light load at a moderate speed over great distances” day-after-day without injury.*

### Size, Proportion, Substance

**Height:** Dogs, 21 to 23 1/2 inches at the withers. Bitches, 20 to 22 inches at the withers.

**Weight:** Dogs, 45 to 60 pounds. Bitches, 35 to 50 pounds. Weight is in proportion to height.

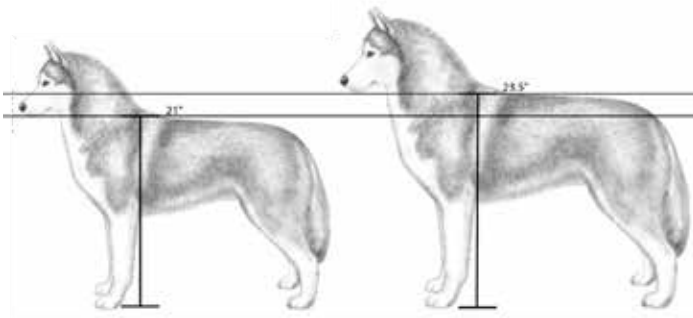
The measurements mentioned above represent the extreme height and weight limits with no preference given to either extreme. Any appearance of excessive bone or weight should be penalized. In profile, the length of the body from the point of the shoulder to the rear point of the croup is slightly longer than the height of the body from the ground to the top of the withers. Disqualification: Dogs over 23 1/2 inches and bitches over 22 inches.

And, from **Forelegs:** Length of the leg from elbow to ground is slightly more than the distance from the elbow to the top of withers.

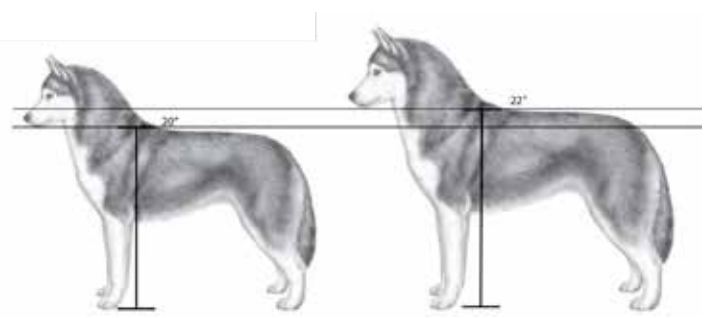
This section begins with the ranges of height and weight for male and female Siberian Huskies, and at the end of the paragraph states what prior to 2021 had been the only disqualifications: being over the maximum ranges in height. The height range for males is 2-1/2 inches, and 2 inches for females. These ranges overlap, making the range from the

shortest female to the tallest male a mere 3-1/2 inches. It is possible and acceptable to have a Standard-fitting 22” female and a Standard-fitting 21” male.

Weight ranges are also given, although there is no disqualification associated with weight. Weight is to be in proportion to height



Male height range 21 to 23.5"



Female height range 20 to 22"

*The illustrations above show the height ranges for Siberian Husky males and females, and the comparison between these height ranges of the two genders. Siberians within these height ranges are all correct, and we ask that no preference be given to any height within the Standard's height ranges. While owners of taller Siberians are aware of their dogs' height and usually will not show a disqualifiable dog, the same is not true for shorter-stature Siberians. Of course, without a disqualification for being under height, a smaller appearing Siberian may not be measured in the ring. But, traits falling outside of the Standard's specifications are considered faults. SHCA and Siberian fanciers want all to know that if there is **any question** of an exhibit being over height, please wicket the Siberian in question. Judges may be surprised to discover that the dog thought to be "tall," may be well within the Standard, calling into question if the other*

*exhibits are within the Standard height range. With no weight disqualifications, a Siberian may not be weighed in the ring. But, the Standard is specific that "weight is in proportion to height" and that "any appearance of excessive bone or weight should be penalized." These two specifications will help you determine if an exhibit's weight is correct. If a Siberian appears heavily boned or carrying excess weight, it may not fall within the Standard's weight range or its weight is not in proportion to its height. In any characteristic, Siberians should not be extreme or give you any impression of another breed.*

*Siberians are to be fit, well-muscled, and carry no excessive weight; hard, not squishy. And, remember, this Breed is "**Husky**" the noun, meaning a sled dog; NOT "husky" the adjective, meaning burly and heavily built.*

In addition to the height/weight proportions, the Siberian Standard contains three specific structural proportions. One is in the **Size, Proportion, Substance** section, another is in the **Forelegs** section, and the final proportion is from the **Head** section, which we also cover in this issue.

*In this article, I wish to present both of the proportions specifically related to the overall structure of the Siberian together, even though they do not appear in the **Size, Proportion, Substance** section of the Standard. This is because only when viewed together can one see the correct outline of the Siberian.*

*First, we have the length-to-height proportion of the Siberian: "In profile, the length of the body from the point of the shoulder to the rear point of the croup is slightly longer than the height of the body from the ground to the top of the withers." So, the Siberian has a slightly rectangular outline. A squarely-built dog could potentially injure itself if its feet were to interfere under its body. A long-backed dog could suffer back strain and injury especially if the excess length is in the loin.*

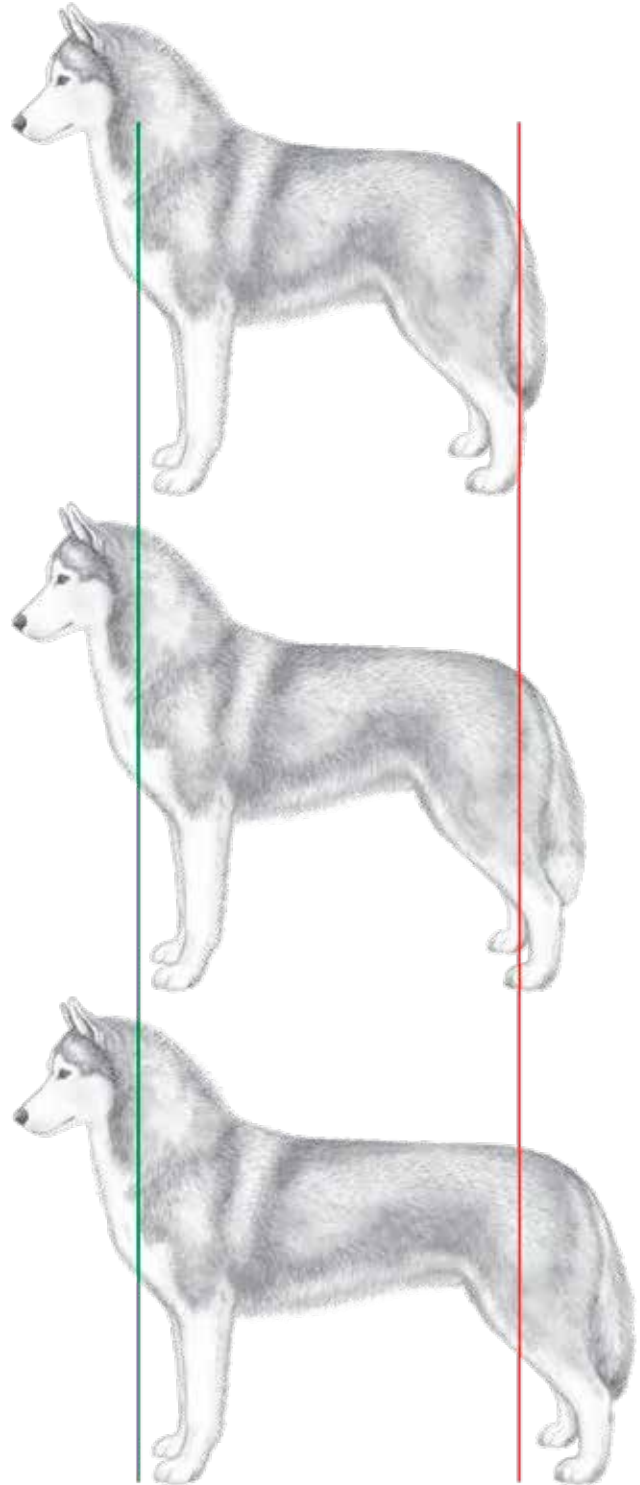


The illustrations at the right show Siberians with three different length-to-height proportions. The dogs in each of the three drawings are of the exact same height at the withers. The vertical **green** line is placed approximately at the point of shoulder (the front point from which to measure the length of body established by the Standard). Not only does this line approximately depict the front point from which to measure the length of body as described in the Standard, but it also illustrates that each of the three dogs' bodies are aligned at the point of shoulder.

The dog in the middle shows the proportions called for in the Standard ("the length of the body from the point of the shoulder to the rear point of the croup is slightly longer than the height of the body from the ground to the top of the withers"). The vertical **red** line is placed at the approximate location of the middle dog's rear point of the croup (i.e., the rear point of the pelvis or the ischium), the rear measuring point for the length of body.

You will notice that on the Standard-fitting Siberian in the middle, the **red** vertical line falls through the rear foot of the dog. If you follow the **red** vertical line up through the dog at the top, it falls behind the ischium and the rear leg, showing that the dog is too short of body for its height. And if you follow the **red** vertical line down through the bottom dog, you will note that it falls significantly fore of the ischium and rear foot, indicating a dog with a back too long for its height at the withers.

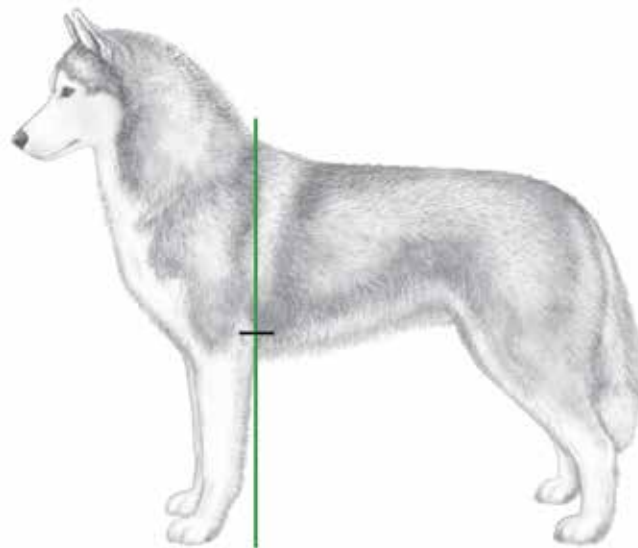
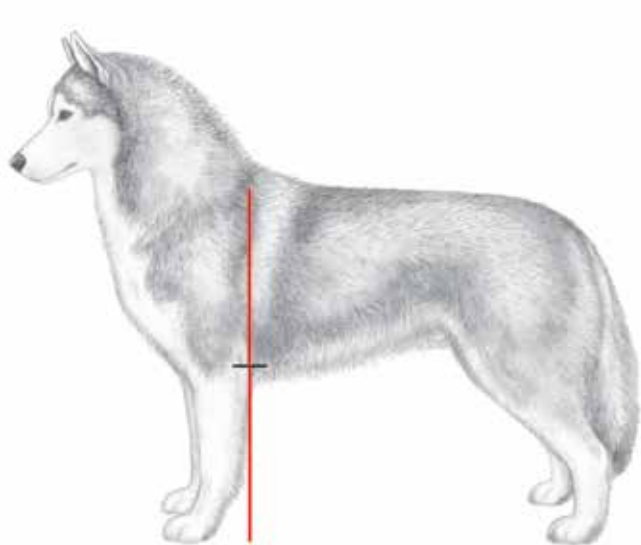
The top illustration is too square, the bottom is too rectangular, and the middle is slightly rectangular as called for in the Standard.



The equally important as the length-to-height proportion is the elbow-to-ground distance compared to the elbow-to-withers distance. Knowing (as we will learn later in the **Chest** section) that the Standard calls for the deepest point of the chest to be "just behind and level with the elbows;" this proportion is really the leg-to-body proportion. And the Standard calls for the length of leg (elbow-to-ground) to be slightly more than the depth of the body (from elbow to the top of the withers).

The following illustration shows drawings of two dogs. In each drawing, you see a black horizontal line at each dog's elbow. There is a vertical line in each drawing from the ground to the elbow line. In each drawing that line from elbow to the ground has been duplicated and placed at the elbow straight up. The picture on

the right shows the proportion specified in the Standard, with the distance from elbow-to-ground being slightly longer than the distance from elbow to withers. The drawing at the left shows a dog with legs too short for its height and depth of body.

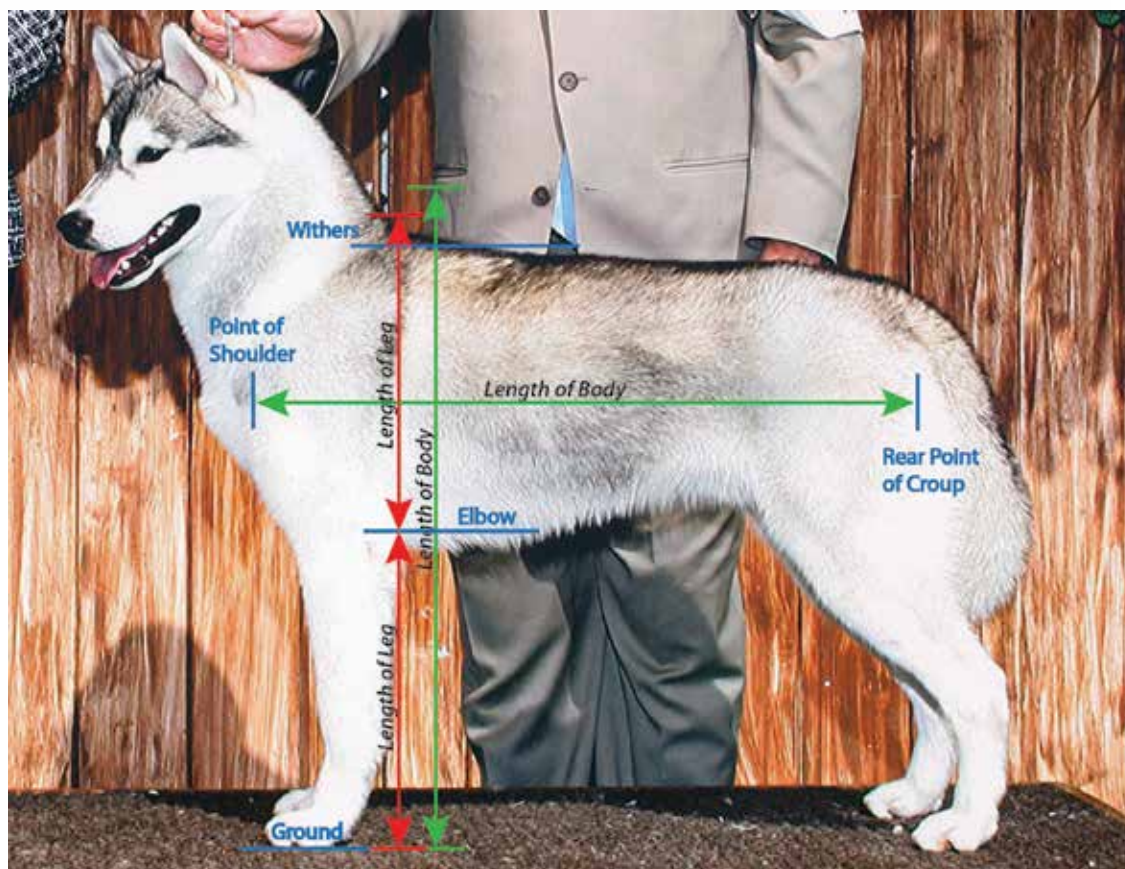


This picture shows a young dog with Standard-fitting proportions.

**Blue** shows measuring points

**Green** horizontal line (length of body) is copied, rotated, and placed vertical up from the ground.

**Red** vertical line (elbow-to-ground) is duplicated and placed vertical up from the elbow.



The **Size, Proportion, Substance** section of the Standard is the cornerstone of a correctly constructed Siberian Husky. The height/weight range, substance defined, and specified proportions are the starting requirements for this long distance endurance sled dog to be successful at its job. In later sections, we will add additional specifications needed for this athletic breed. Please, keep this outline in your mind.



## Head

The Standard presents the Siberian Husky's head in the following fashion.

### Head

**Expression:** Is keen, but friendly; interested and even mischievous.

**Eyes:** Almond shaped, moderately spaced and set a trifle obliquely. Eyes may be brown or blue in color; one of each or parti-colored are acceptable. *Faults:* Eyes set too obliquely; set too close together.

**Ears:** Of medium size, triangular in shape, close fitting and set high on the head. They are thick, well furred, slightly arched at the back, and strongly erect, with slightly rounded tips pointing straight up. *Faults:* Ears too large in proportion to the head; too wide-set; not strongly erect.

**Skull:** Of medium size and in proportion to the body; slightly rounded on top and tapering from the widest point to the eyes. *Faults:* Head clumsy or heavy; head too finely chiseled.

**Stop:** The stop is well-defined and the bridge of the nose is straight from the stop to the tip. *Fault:* Insufficient stop.

**Muzzle:** Of medium length; that is, the distance from the tip of the nose to the stop is equal to the distance from the stop to the occiput. The muzzle is of medium width, tapering gradually to the nose, with the tip neither pointed nor square. *Faults:* Muzzle either too snipy or too coarse; muzzle too short or too long.

**Nose:** Black in black, gray, sable or agouti dogs; liver in red dogs; black, liver or flesh-colored in white dogs. The lighter-streaked "snow nose" is equally acceptable

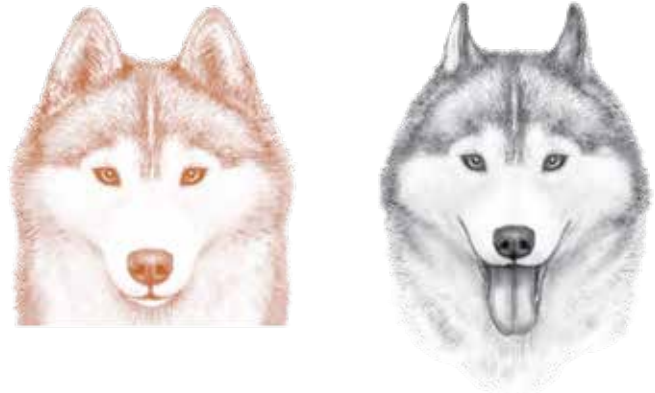
**Lips:** Are well pigmented and close fitting.

**Teeth:** Closing in a scissors bite. *Fault:* any bite other than scissors.

*Although the section covering characteristics of the Siberian's head is the second-longest of the Standard, the Siberian Husky is **NOT A HEAD BREED**. With that said, however, a number of the Breed's treasured hallmarks are found in the head, many of which help the Siberian thrive in its home environment.*

**Expression:** Is keen, but friendly; interested and even mischievous.

*At first glance, a Siberian's face should give you the impression of an intelligent dog that may well be plotting its next prank. This impression is due to its correct eye set, shape, and placement; earset and mobile ears; markings; and even its eye color. And this expression will be evident whether the dog trotting toward you or standing. Although a friendly breed, if a Siberian gives you the impression of sweetness rather than mischievousness, there may likely be a head fault.*



**Eyes:** Almond shaped, moderately spaced and set a trifle obliquely. Eyes may be brown or blue in color; one of each or parti-colored are acceptable. *Faults:* Eyes set too obliquely; set too close together.

A Siberian Husky's eyes are significant contributors to its mischievous expression, but those same characteristics are part of the Siberian's survival traits. Along with the shape of the skull, the eyes' shape, set, and placement protect the Siberian's eyes from blowing snow and debris on the trail.

*There are Eye faults listed for this section, and of course any deviation from a Standard should be considered a fault. The faults that we see most frequently are those affecting the shape and set. A round eye or one not obliquely set could leave Siberian's eye without its necessary protection, and will completely change the expression, as you will note in the illustrations below.*



Correct eye set, shape, and placement



Eyes not almond shaped



Eyes not set a trifle obliquely

And, of course, the Siberian Husky is known for unusual eye colors and combinations that are not seen in many other breeds. Here are just a few examples.



*There are a few things to remember about Siberian eye colors. First, there are ranges of each color, from very light ice blue to somewhat darker blue, and from a light amber to the darkest brown (nearly black), and no preference should be given to any color, combination of colors or shade of color. Blue eyes do not indicate a lack of pigment. There are no health issues associated with blue eyes in the Siberian (such as blindness or deafness), and blue eyed Siberians do not suffer from snow blindness. Finally, if one finds bi-eyed or parti-eyed Siberians distracting when evaluating them, please concentrate on the eye set, shape, and placement, and ignore the color.*



**Ears:** Of medium size, triangular in shape, close fitting and set high on the head. They are thick, well furred, slightly arched at the back, and strongly erect, with slightly rounded tips pointing straight up. *Faults:* Ears too large in proportion to the head; too wide-set; not strongly erect.

The Siberian Husky's ears are his alone and unlike those of the other Arctic breeds. The Siberian's ears, with its eyes and other characteristics of the head, help convey typical expression. But, a Siberian's ears can be quite mobile. Moving together, the ears can be erect to show interest and attention, or folded to the head awaiting cuddles. Moving separately, they can concentrate on noises in different directions. And all of these positions can occur within moments.



Correct size, set, thickness, placement, and furredness of ears.

Ears too wide set



Ears not strongly erect



Ears too large

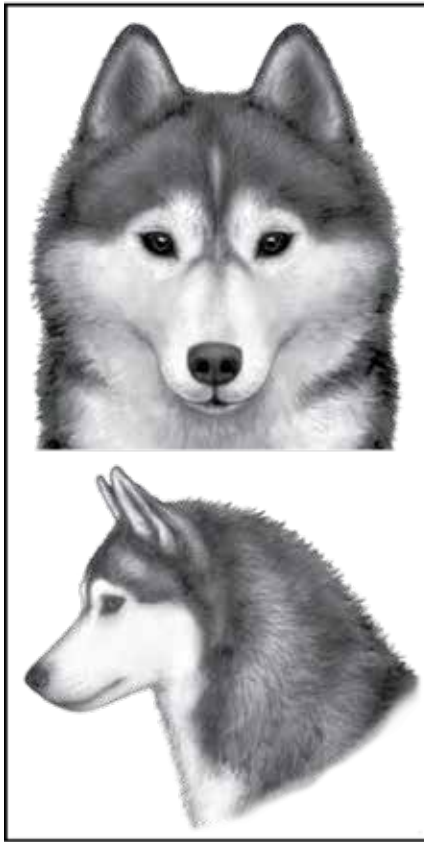


Ears not of medium size

*Due to the mobility of the Siberian's ears, a judge should evaluate the ears when the dog is at attention. Remember that set is more important than size. Siberian breeder-judges will generally far prefer a well-set ear (one set close-fitting, erect, set high on the head of triangular shape. with rounded tips pointing straight up) even if it is a bit tall over ears poorly set. How well furred an ear is should be obvious to see, and an ear that is not strongly erect will be apparent as a Siberian trots toward you; its ears should not flap forward at the tips. Those which do bend when gaing are either not strongly erect or not thick enough.*

**Skull:** Of medium size and in proportion to the body; slightly rounded on top and tapering from the widest point to the eyes. *Faults:* Head clumsy or heavy; head too finely chiseled.

The Siberian is a medium sized working dog. He is well built, and an endurance dog, that must be able to run long distances day-after-day. Because of this requirement, the Siberian should have no exaggeration in its conformation or movement. The head should also show no exaggeration; nothing abrupt or insufficient; excessive or insubstantial; too heavy or too light. The Siberian skull, the basic structure of the head should fit the body, with its slightly rounded to and tapering composition.



Correct skull from front and in profile.



Head clumsy or heavy



Head too finely chiseled



*When examining the Siberian head, an incorrect skull (either too clumsy, heavy, or finely chiseled) should be apparent when the other parts (ears, eyes, etc.) also seem incorrect or out of balance with the skull. In the illustration, notice how the incorrect skulls affect the other head characteristics either in profile or looking directly at the head, to the point of not being able to recognize the dog as a Siberian.*

**Stop:** The stop is well-defined and the bridge of the nose is straight from the stop to the tip.  
*Fault:* Insufficient stop.

This is such a short section, but an important one. It calls for the bridge of the Siberian's nose, from the Stop to the tip to be straight. And it defines the Stop as being well-defined, which is essential to the Siberian's eye shape, set, and placement.



Correct, well-defined stop.



Insufficient stop

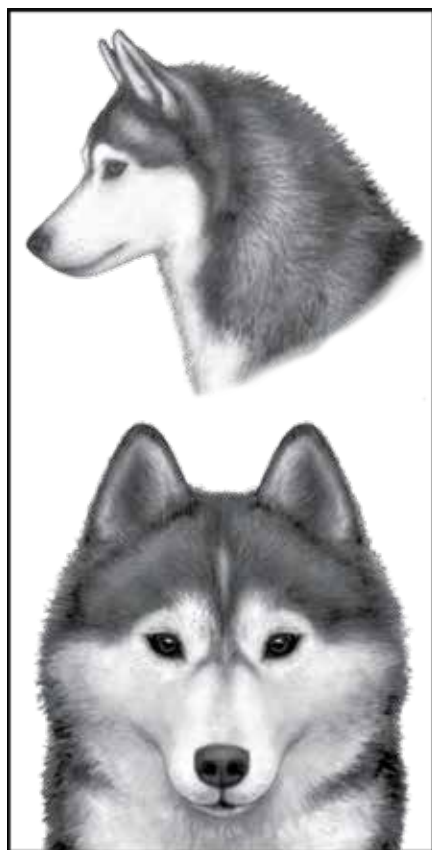


A well-defined Stop, which is neither insufficient nor too abrupt, helps protect the Siberian's eye by enabling it to be set and oriented correctly. In evaluating the stop, make sure you are actually looking at the stop rather than the brow ridge.

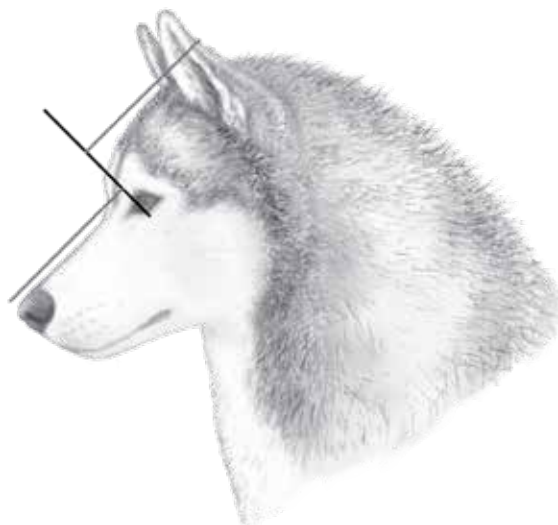
Although the only listed fault in this section is an insufficient stop, I think it is far more common to find a stop that is too abrupt. An overly abrupt stop often does not allow for an almond-shaped eye set a trifle obliquely, so you will often see an abrupt stop and round eyes together, which changes the expression and removes the eye's protection.

**Muzzle:** Of medium length; that is, the distance from the tip of the nose to the stop is equal to the distance from the stop to the occiput. The muzzle is of medium width, tapering gradually to the nose, with the tip neither pointed nor square. *Faults:* Muzzle either too snipy or too coarse; muzzle too short or too long.

The section on the **Muzzle**, contains the last of the three specific proportions in the Siberian Standard: "the distance from the tip of the nose to the stop is equal to the distance from the stop to the occiput." Some breeds allow for a shorter muzzle-to-back skull ratio than the Siberian does. This slightly longer muzzle allows a bit more distance for the Siberian's inhalation of frigid air to warm before it reaches the dog's lungs—important for an Arctic endurance sled dog.

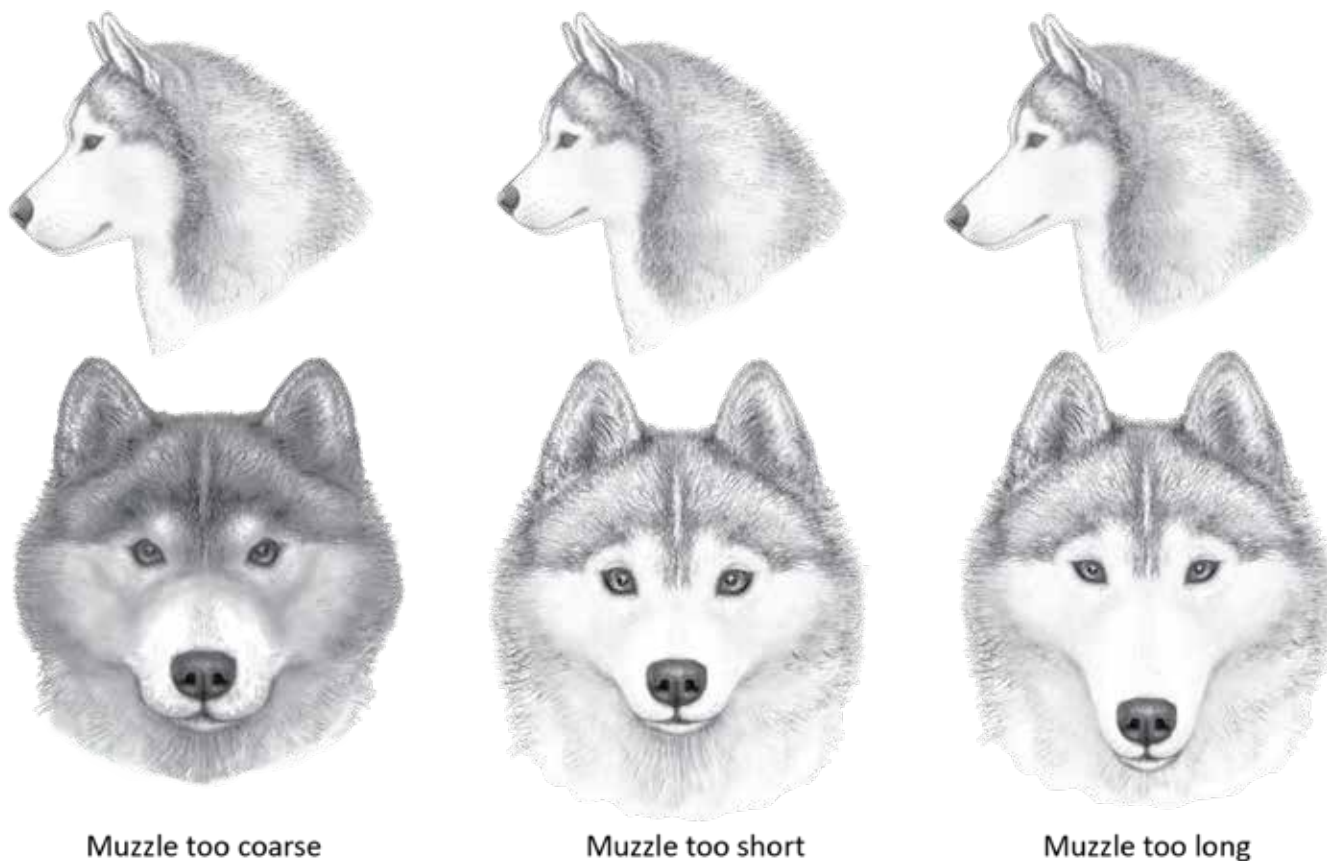


Correct muzzle from front and in profile.



The distance from the tip of the nose to the stop is equal to the distance from the stop to the occiput.

This section also specifies additional characteristics of the muzzle, which are very much in keeping with other head requirements for medium, gradual tapering, and nothing extreme on either end of the spectrum.



*The listed Muzzle faults of snipy, coarse, short, and long, are not only are the extremes that should be avoided in the Siberian, but also change the look of the desired head and expression, and may not provide the benefit of the specified length of muzzle.*

**Nose:** Black in black, gray, sable or agouti dogs; liver in red dogs; black, liver or flesh-colored in white dogs. The lighter-streaked “snow nose” is equally acceptable

The **Nose** section is really the section on pigment. Color and pigment are closely related.

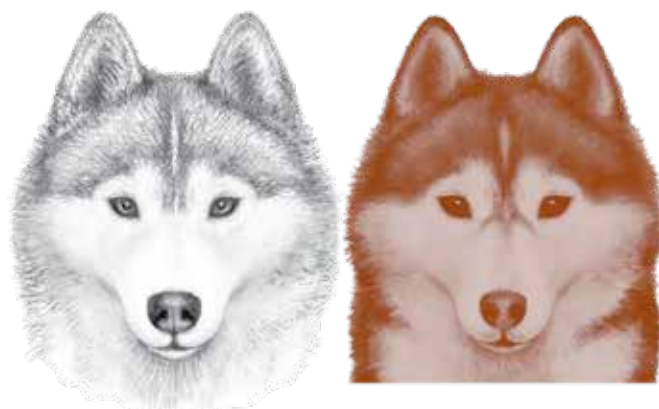


Black nose in Black, Gray, and Agouti dogs.

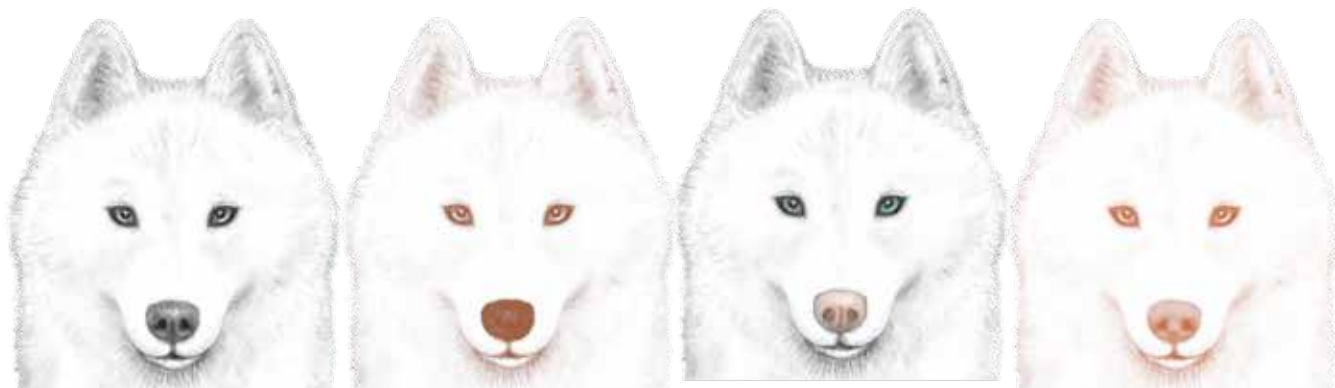




Liver nose in Red dogs.



Lighter-streaked Snow Nose is equally acceptable.



Black, Liver, or Flesh-colored nose in White dogs.

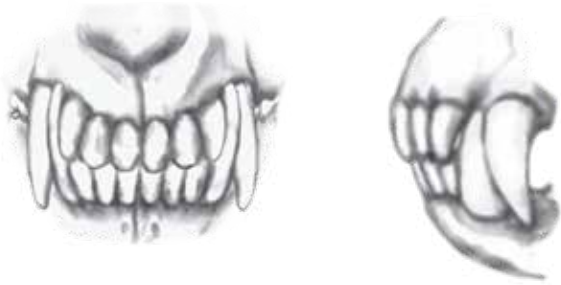
*There are two nose/pigment color “families” in the Siberian Husky. In the black nose/pigment family are black, gray, agouti, sable, and some white dogs. In the liver nose/pigment family are red and some white dogs. In either black or liver nose/pigmented Siberians, lighter-streaked snow noses are equally acceptable. White dogs with either black or liver noses/pigment may have flesh-colored noses. And, please do not confuse a snow nose or a flesh-colored nose with a lack of pigment condition. A snow nose is a lighter streak of the nose pigment color, but that streak is never bright pink, and neither is a flesh nose. Further Color specifics will appear in a future issue featuring **Color, Patterns, and Markings**.*

**Lips:** Are well pigmented and close fitting.



*As sled dogs that work in frigid conditions, wet, exposed lips could become chilled and freeze,*

**Teeth:** Closing in a scissors bite. *Fault:* any bite other than scissors.



There are no faults specifically stated in the Standard for the Teeth. However, as we know,

any out-of-Standard condition is considered to be a fault.

Remember that the Standard only calls for a scissors bite, so judges need only to look at the front of the mouth. If, however, if a judge insists that full dentition is required of a good exhibit, please do not fault handler or dog for not being adept at showing the whole mouth.

Here a couple of final points about the Head section for your consideration. We have now seen how many of the Siberian's head characteristics are key to proper expression, how their call for medium and nothing extreme fits with what we all know about the Siberian, and how many relate to the Breed's purpose and initial location. All aspects of a breed are important, but it is impossible to set every trait as a breed's top priority. Remember that the Siberian is not a "head" breed, but rather it is an athletic long distance endurance sled dog that carries "a light load at a moderate speed over great distances." Although as breeders, we work diligently to produce that most elusive creature, the perfect Siberian which meets all specifications in the Standard, as judges our job is different. Rather than spend our two minutes per dog trying to find the Siberian with the best head, please consider finding the exhibit with the best proportions, structure, and movement that also has a correct coat and a good head.

And, toward that end, here are some ideas to help you evaluate the Siberian head quickly, and will help you avoid the optical illusions caused by markings and eye color. Look for 4 things: 1) a straight muzzle that is equal in length to the back skull; 2) a stop that is well-defined, but not too abrupt; 3) almond shaped, moderately spaced eyes set a trifle obliquely; and 4) medium sized strongly erect ears, triangular in shape with slightly rounded tips, well furred, close fitting, set high on the head, and pointing straight up (while remembering that set is more important than size).

You see, a short muzzle often occurs with a stop that is too abrupt, which often results in rounder, less obliquely set eyes. This set of faults eliminates some of the important characteristics that lead to proper expression and the features which help the Siberian succeed at its job. The other component that is key to correct Siberian head structure and expression are the ears. If you find an exhibit with these 4 things, the dog most likely has a good head. And, in our next issue, we will continue our quest for the best Siberian structure.

Please Note: Most of the illustrations in this series of articles come from the Siberian Husky Club of America's **Illustrated Standard**. Not all of the **IS** illustrations have been included herein. If you wish to view the **IS**, you can order your own copy which includes the beautiful cover by noted Alaskan artist Jon Van Zyle, through the Club Store on the SHCA website ([www.shca.org](http://www.shca.org)), or you can view it online by clicking on the website's Education link.



# *Editor's Note: Thank you, Donna Beckman!*

*Below is the Tentative Schedule for the continuation of the "Meet the Breed" series:*

Spring, 2024	Size, Proportion, Substance, Head
Summer, 2024	Neck, Topline, Body, Tail
Autumn, 2024	Forequarters & Hindquarters
Winter, 2024	Coat and Color
Spring, 2025	Gait



# KENNEL VISIT WITH ALKAS'IBER SIBERIANS GEORGE & ANN COOK



The hallmark of Alkas'iber Siberians is versatility. For 46 years, we've been on a grand adventure with our dogs. We've pursued proficiency in a number of disciplines and have had our share of achievements in all of them. In our breeding program, we've emphasized working quality while trying to remain faithful to the Standard. We use the same dogs for all our activities, rather than keeping dogs who only excel in one arena.



Our first Siberian was from an "oops" litter born to a New England racing team. We were told she had three possible sires: two handsome red males purchased from Peggy Grant (Marlytuk), or one Shepherd-looking thing. We took a chance. The odds were in our favor, but the outcome was not. She was quickly spayed.

Following along the learning curve, our second Siberian was a Monadnock descendent from reputable breeders Jack and Pat Billings, who introduced us to Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club. Through an unfortunate incident, the puppy acquired a scar on his muzzle. As Ann stood and watched her first AKC Match, a woman came up to her and asked why she wasn't showing the puppy. When she explained, the woman gently told her that she was being overly sensitive and encouraged her to enter him. The woman was Jean Fournier and the puppy grew up to be a ranked Special. (Of course, those were the days when you didn't have to attend shows year-round to climb up in the rankings.)

Connecticut Valley SHC had at the time, an excellent 6-week "Learn to Mush" course. That influenced us to quickly acquire two more Siberians who were litter sisters out of fellow newcomer Steve Serafin's (Tokomac) first litter. The sisters had a fairly common Lombard (Igloo Pak)/Posey (Yeso Pac) pedigree, but with a twist: one grandsire was Ch. Baltic Pacesetter, Bob and Barbara Conyers' dog from the west coast. We were more lucky than knowledgeable in that acquisition. The sisters were great movers and had working talent.





*Tokomac's Makushkin Nunatak, "Kushkin"*

We moved to New Hampshire in 1980. In 1982, friends were going north of the border to the Siberian Husky Club of Canada's Eastern Specialty. It was held at Gray Rocks Inn in St. Jovite, Quebec, a mecca of Siberian history. We were still quite new to showing, but we decided to tag along. We entered one of our sisters and were thrilled when she was awarded Winners Bitch. We also met Harry Wheeler (of Seppala) at that show!

When we were considering becoming breeders, Ann approached Adele Gray (now Gray-Sackter) (Tawny Hill) with the other sister, Tokomac's Makushkin Nunatak. Ann was apologetic about Kushkin because she knew Kushkin didn't look like a lot of bitches Ann had seen in the show ring. When Adele saw Kushkin, she spent an entire afternoon teaching Ann about proportion and angulation and showing her what was *right* about Kushkin. We've always been grateful for Adele's generous advice, since this was a true turning point in our understanding of the breed.

Kushkin, bred to the ultra-versatile Canadian lead dog Ch. Channikko's Nordic Digger, Can CDX, Am CD, Can TDX, Can TT owned by Glen and Linda Brown (Channikko) of Ontario, Canada produced our first homebred champion and our first HIT obedience titlist. She also gave us a son Alkas'iber's Steely Dan, SDX, a fast command leader who began to put us on the map in racing.



*CVSHC rig race c.1982. Can CH Tokomac's Kashega in left lead*



*Alkas'iber's Steely Dan SDX "Dan"  
Sire of 4 champions and 3 Yukon Quest veterans, all of whom  
earned sled dog titles  
Judge: Peggy Grant*



*Nekanesu's Pete SDX, Yukon Quest veteran and a major contributor  
to Alkas'iber and other working Siberian kennels*

Kushkin's sister (by then) Can Ch Tokomac's Kashega was bred to the leader of an Open Sprint team out of Igloo Pak/Yeso Pac bloodlines. She, too, produced conformation champions and sled dog titlists, most notably our Ch. Alkas'iber's Kid Kreko, SDX.

Linda Brown introduced us to distance racing—we were quickly hooked—and to Canadian musher Don McEwen and his Nekanesu Siberians. Don was an exceptional trainer and racer. His soft-spoken manner on the trail and his cheerful, hard-working dogs just seemed a fit for us. His dogs traced their lineage quite directly back to Poland Springs in surprisingly few generations. Their pedigrees had not relegated Harry Wheeler's ("of" Seppala) dogs, McFaul's (Gatineau), Shearer's (Foxstand), and Landry's (White Water Lake) to the distant past. We absorbed four dogs bred or co-bred by him-- two dogs and two bitches-- and they, combined primarily with the offspring of Steely Dan, built the core of our kennel. This is still the main line in our kennel today.





George at the Sandwich Notch 60  
 "Dan" and Keewatin's Mighty Mishka SDO  
 "Minnie" in lead. Minnie was linebred  
 Nekanasu and the first bitch to earn  
 an SHCA SDO title.  
 Behind her, CH Alkas'iber's Kid Kreko SDX  
 At wheel Nekanasu's Scamp SDO

George and Alkas'iber's Dig it Deeper CD, SD "Aldi"  
 (Can Ch. Channikko's Nordic Digger, Can CDX, Am CD, Can TDX,  
 Can TT x Tokomac's Makushkin Nunatak)





*Best conformation team SHCA National, Buena Park CA*



*Winning Obedience team (Graduate Novice)  
with Carol Benway, Laurie Merritt and Christine Johnson DVM  
Sweaters by Barbara Johansson*



*Celebrating a win of the SHCA Working/Showing Trophy with CH Alkas'ibers Silver Lining SDX, and CH Alkas'ibers AI X Canaan SDX,  
Sons of Alkas'ibers Steely Dan SDX x Canaan's Lil Dickens*



From the mid to late 1980s, we participated in the well-established circuit of 60-mile, 6-Dog races that ranged from Pennsylvania to New England, to Ontario, Canada. Our team grew ever faster as we traveled, gained experience, and learned from racers we met further afield. We racked up a lot of Sled Dog titles in those years racing on par with crossbred teams. (Purebred divisions were not common then, nor were Eurohounds.) As the close of the decade came, we grew the size of our kennel and I (George) began entering longer distance races. We were very busy! A career Geologist, I worked a demanding schedule. Ann worked part-time as a writer and additionally at a veterinary practice. We often trained the dogs at night and got very little sleep. This was further complicated by the arrival of our daughter in 1988, but we persevered.



Races I ran multiple years included Lewis Run Pennsylvania, The Marmora Long Distance Championships and the Fort Kent 250. We were the first team from the east to enter the Beargrease 130. (Though I finished that race somewhere in the middle of the pack, the road trip of 1300 miles through a massive blizzard with our then three-year old daughter and a babysitter, a truck breakdown in Michigan that nearly caused us to miss the mandatory drivers' meeting, and the stress of having only just so much time off of work resulted in me running the race with a bad case of the flu. Our dogs didn't handle the trip well, either, having spent too much time in the truck on a lift in a mechanic's garage.)

*Ann racing at Marmora, Ontario CA*

*Leaders: Keewatin's Mighty Mishka SDO, CH Alkas'ibers Editorial Comment SDX. Team dogs: Alkas'ibers Deno-Soar SD, Nekanesu's Pete SDX, Ch. Alkas'ibers Silver Lining, SDX, Alkas'iber's Rapid Repete SDX.*



*George at the start of the Fort Kent 250, Handlers (Ann) ride as ballast in the chute  
This is Main Street in town. At the end of the chute, you're at the junction of Maine, New Brunswick, and Quebec. There is a customs booth  
and teams sometimes bolt and try to cross the border, so handlers ride, ready to jump out and save the day.*





*George in Alaska training 14 candidates for our Quest team*



*Publicity shoot for "Running North"  
Ann with  
Alkas'ibers Rapid Repete SDX*



***CH Alkas'ibers Manly Mentor (Alkas'iber's Midnite Moonbeam, SD x Northstar's Alaskan Natalie, SD )added a touch of Anadyr to our bloodlines via Blackwater***

As our daughter grew older and more independent, Ann raced a number of 30 to 60 mile races. Though our daughter came to prefer competing at horse events, she was a very good musher, too. She wanted very badly to run the Sandwich Notch 60, so when she was 12 (the minimum age to enter), she ran a qualifying 30-mile race in Maine. The brake broke off her sled less than mile from the start and yet she made it around the course. Not surprising that her team came in fast!

From both adventures and *misadventures*, we kept learning. In the winter of 1991, I ran the inaugural Labrador 400. Then in 1991-1992, we took a leave from our life in the Lower 48 and moved up to Alaska to run the Yukon Quest. Ann later wrote a book about this chapter in our lives entitled "Running North". If we have any regrets, it is that we didn't stay to run the race again, because the minute you get off the trail, you know probably 16 ways to correct your rookie mistakes and run it better and faster. Having never run a thousand miles before, I had no idea how much to expect of our dogs, so I catered a little too much to them. All twelve made it to the finish line in fine condition. We were amazed at how much "gas was left in the tank". We didn't know at the time that we were the first team from the lower 48 to ever finish the Quest. We went into the race knowing Siberians were tough, but we found out that they were even tougher than we realized. Out of that experience, we were able to create a pinnacle team. When I returned to the Labrador 400 in 1993, I placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a very strong, very experienced field.



***Ann racing at Craftsbury VT  
Rt lead: Alkas'iber's Rapid Rosalee, SD, L lead: Alkas'iber's Nite Lily, Nekanesu's Pete, SDX, Ch. Alkas'iber's AI X Canaan, SDX, Ch. Alkas'iber's Manly Mentor, Mirkou Beau W Taro SD***

All this time spent racing left little time for showing and no time for obedience trials. Kathleen and Trish Kanzler took note of this and to our great surprise, suggested that Trish do some handling for us. Trish started by going through our kennel and selecting dogs that had some points but weren't finished. The first dog she selected was turning ten years old but looked much younger. It had been so long since Ann had shown him that she had to look up what his standings were. It turned out, he only lacked one point. Trish took him out four weeks later and put a third major on him!

Trish systematically brought us back up to speed in the Conformation ring. It was a contest every summer to get our team dogs finished before they had to start fall training. Ann and I would make exceptions for a weekend here or there up until the Springfield, Ma. "Turkey Circuit", but after that, all of our dogs had to be back on the trails.



*Trish Kanzler with Ch. Alkas'iber's Al X Canaan, SDX (Alkas'iber's Steely Dan, SDX x Canaan's L'il Dickens)*

In the first decade of the 2000's, we spent a lot of time mushing with a group of people who frequented a wilderness reserve in Mattawin, Quebec. The place offered winter camping and hundreds of miles of trails. Motorized vehicles were not allowed in the reserve. (Sadly, that has changed.) Initially, teams had to cross the ice of the rather mighty Mattawin River to get to the reserve. That was dangerous enough that I think our whole group still wakes up some nights wondering what we were thinking. On some excursions, Trish, Norbert, and other Kanzlers joined us with their teams, having exacted a solemn promise from the rest of us that we would not tell "Mother Innisfree" that they were crossing the ice.

The international group of mushers who gathered there created an informal organization called "Club Randonnee". We held a very relaxed schedule of races, taking turns being the timers. Ann and I were frequently called upon to interpret among the group because some-to-no French or English was spoken by the participants. Nevertheless, we all spoke the language of fun and love for dogs. Ann, I, Iditarod veteran Pete Johnson and his wife Donna (Blackwater) often encouraged mushers who wanted to make the transition from short races to distance events to come up to Mattawin and try the experience. We graduated a lot of students! At least three went on to run the Iditarod.

The last time the Sandwich Notch Race was held (25 years after it began), we realized that nearly half of the teams had some Alkas'iber dogs or descendants of Alkas'iber dogs running on them. We've supplied foundation stock and encouragement for many teams from outfitter Kathy Bennett to Quest/Iditarod musher Mike Ellis.





**CH Alkas'ibers Tres Pete**

*(CH Alkas'ibers Al X Canaan SDX x Tokomac's Nite Lily)*

*One of the finest dogs we ever produced but we had no time to fill out his SD paperwork!*



**CH Yetieska's Knight Before Christmas CGC SD PCD CD RE TKI**

*(CH Alkas'ibers Tres Pete x CH Yetieska's Holly Go Lightly SD)*

*"Knight" and son, "Gimlet,"*

*placing first and second at SHCA National.*

*Both dogs have had multiple perfect scores at various level Rally trials*



Collaboration with breeders Pete and Donna Johnson (Blackwater), Scott and Corina Alexander (Kiana), Whatleigh Torsey (Barking-Brook), and Laurissa Schmidt (Yetieska) has given us avenues for continuing to produce multi-talented Siberians. We are proud to have co-produced with Laurissa OTCH Yetieska's Silver Lining of Tshagi UDX BN RN CGC TKN "Teekon" who made history winning the Working Group at the National Obedience Championships in 2023. His owner/trainer is Sharon Wendelgass. Teekon's sister, Alkas'ibers Yetieska Lady Lennox FCAT was #2 Siberian and #1 Siberian bitch at the AKC FastCat Invationals in 2020 and 2021. Her owner/trainer is Tanya Partenski. We are also proud of these two great owners!

Ann and I no longer race. We were going to settle back into some occasional conformation showing and maybe some obedience, but in the early 2010s, Kaitlyn Sutherland (now Yacobucci) came to work for us as a barn manager for our horses. She'd already owned a Samoyed and as a child she'd dreamed of mushing. We set her up with our team and became her coaches. She proved a natural on the runners. Kate Homan also came to work with the horses, but she, too, was lured to the joys of mushing. Both women now run our dogs very successfully at local races. For about half the season, we participate in the circuit and then go (horses, dogs, and all) to South Carolina for spring training of our horses. Yes, a little part of us still wants to run the whole season, but I am an active equestrian competitor, as well. Between all four of us, we have continued to finish champions, we've gained more Sled Dog, Rally, and Obedience titles, participated in FastCAT and Agility, and best of all, Kaitlyn and Kate co-own two Siberians on their own now. The sun may be setting on Ann's and my career in dogs, but a new day has dawned.



George aboard his Percheron/Thoroughbred Baker's Dozen. Photo credit Flatlands Foto



Kaitlyn Yacobucci racing the Alkas'iber team at Lamoille Valley 2023. SHCA Silver Medal award. Photo credit Chasing Fireflies LLC



CH Alkas'ibers Kiana Firewater SDX "Spirit" sire of the youngest generation at Alkas'iber



Thesewood's a Toast to Alkas'iber SDX CGC PCD CD TKI RE BCAT "Gimlet"

Sire: CH Yetieska's Knight Before Christmas CGC SD PCD CD RE TKI



Kaitlyn surviving a sharp corner at speed in the Mike Tierney Memorial Race Milan NH  
Leaders: Yetieska's Cumulonimbus over Alkas'iber and "Gimlet".  
"Spirit" at left wheel



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1	GCHP CH Highlander's Snow Pilot	M	1007	4	06	20	24	0	120	A Palmer/D Shinko/D Palmer
2	GCHP CH Topaz Willing For Limonhus THEN TRN	F	1004	12	06	32	20	0	157	R McQueen/L HOUSE
3	GCHB CH Topaz Dark Sky	M	447	1	4	1	1	2	30	D Thompson
4	GCHB CH Highlander's Game Set Match All Points D RN DAAI PCAT3 CGC TRN	M	361	0	6	4	6	5	65	J Brewer
5	GCHB CH Kennovick's Foggy Night	M	353	1	6	0	3	8	31	J Rylander/D Beckman/J Russell/B Hubbach
6	GCHB CH Echoing Winds All My Love To M Kama	M	342	0	6	2	3	2	27	C Rogers/R Makhouf/V Papp/J Black
7	GCHB CH Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart M B/CAT	M	255	0	1	2	3	0	17	A Riley/R Montgomery/E Goble/B Fellars
8	GCHB CH Tobacco's Cat To The Chase	M	253	0	0	0	3	1	20	D Stuchweil/M Stuchweil
9	GCHB CH Highlander's Winds Of Change	F	221	0	0	0	0	0	7	A Palmer/B Palmer/A Riley
10	GCHB CH Antares's Warmth Be A Seller Best Caller	M	217	0	0	1	0	0	32	T Davis/M Standon/E Crisp/K Cleveland
11	GCHB CH Kennovick's Desperado	M	190	0	0	0	1	1	15	D Beckman/J Russell/B Hubbach
12	GCHB CH Midnight White's Fly Me To The Moon B/CAT CGC TRN	M	170	0	1	2	1	2	25	L Tobin/D Winkler
13	GCHB CH Highlander's Pride And Joy	M	140	0	0	1	0	0	11	A Riley/M Adams/A Palmer/D Palmer
14	GCHP CH Myra's Dazzling By The Book	F	136	0	0	1	2	2	6	M Palmer
15	GCH CH Noble's Dazzling Co	F	125	0	0	0	1	1	14	R York/Graham/Gang
16	GCHB CH Treeline's Succession	F	124	3	6	2	0	1	9	M SNYDER/K SNYDER
17	GCH CH Fullmoon's Kabe's Crazy Little Thing Called Love	F	119	0	0	1	2	1	22	K Bailey/L Bailey
18	GCHB CH Little Hills Do You Believe In Magic	F	114	0	3	8	2	2	45	K Olander
19	GCH CH D'Torocio El Navegante (Blanco) M	M	104	0	0	0	1	1	7	K Wyszewski/M Blanco
20	GCH CH Trillum Elsie's Pairing Glimmer & Gold N Silfox	F	97	0	1	1	3	0	24	B Perkins/D Perkins

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January 1, 2023 up to and including December 31, 2023

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BOB	OP1	OP2	OP3	OP4	BOB	Owner
1	GCHP CH Topaz Wildlife For Umunhum THEN TON	F	10004	12	30	32	20	6	137	R McQueen/L HOUSE
2	GCHP CH Highlander's Snow Flirt	M	19228	4	28	26	24	6	128	A Palmer/H Shimizu/S Palmer
3	GCHB CH Echoing Winds All My Love To M Kama	M	2525	0	0	2	3	2	27	C Rapaz/R Matkova/V Poppi/J Brack
4	GCHB CH Kamaoanda's Foggy Night	M	2284	1	0	0	3	6	21	J Ryland/D Baseman/L Russell/S Hubbsch
6	GCHQ CH Highlander's Game Set Match AL Paris O RUN DAA PCAT'S OGD TON	M	1010	0	5	4	0	0	65	J Brewer
8	GCHB CH Topaz Dark Lily	M	1585	1	4	1	1	2	28	D Thompson
7	GCHB CH Treeina's Successtia	F	1228	3	5	2	0	1	0	M SHYDER/K SHYDER
9	GCHB CH Little Hills Do You Believe In Magic	F	910	0	3	0	2	2	45	K Olander
11	GCHB CH Cedarwood's Be Still My Heart M BCAT	M	782	0	1	2	3	0	17	A Wiley/R Montgomery/E Gotsch/O Pittman
10	GCHB CH Midnight White's Fly Me To The Moon BCAT OGD TON	M	758	0	1	2	1	2	20	L Tolan/C Winslow
11	GCHP CH Myra's Dancing By The Book	F	648	0	0	1	2	2	0	M Falconer
12	GCHB CH Redon's Cat To The Chase	M	629	0	0	0	3	1	29	D Bluchwitz/R Glushko
13	GCH CH Fullmoon's Koba's Crazy Little Thing Called Love	F	477	0	0	1	2	1	22	K Bailey/L Bailey
14	GCHB CH Kamaoanda's Desperado	M	487	0	0	0	1	1	18	D Baseman/L Russell/S Hubbsch
15	GCHB CH Antares' Warmth Be A Beller Street Caller	M	378	0	0	1	0	0	32	T Devlin/M Branton/S Critch/K Cloud
16	GCHB CH Olympe Silver Escape Fresh Really BCAT OGD TON	F	368	0	0	1	1	0	13	S Kupiec
17	GCH CH Kamaoanda's Steve Nya BCAT TON	F	358	0	1	1	1	0	0	S Meggitt/L Russell/S Hubbsch
18	GCHB CH Kama Something To Be Proud Of BCAT	M	318	0	3	0	1	0	12	J Lemonika
19	GCHB CH Joe Playin With Fire @ Da Mac	M	290	0	3	3	7	2	10	N Char/C Chang/D Char
20	GCHB CH Windrunner Glistening Dream OGD	F	288	0	1	0	1	3	12	M Khatov



# SNOEBEAR SIBERIANS

## 2022 SHCA BREEDER OF THE YEAR

*Celebrating our champions for 2022...*

### CH SNOEBEAR'S TUNDRA

OWNED BY GREG SILVA, TIM & MEGAN TERELLA,  
PENN HIP, SH EYE2734



### GCH JO-KAR'S ICEMAN OF SNOEBEAR SD

OWNED BY MARA & KEVIN SNYDER, TIM & MEGAN TERELLA  
SH-22057G3, SH-EYE2731



### CH SNOEBEAR'S EMMA FROST

OWNED BY TIM & MEGAN TERELLA  
SH-21742E52F-C-VPI, SH-EYE2727



### GCH SNOEBEAR'S INDELIBLE INK

OWNED BY KAREN SHANER  
SH-2224G32M, SH-EYE3167



### CH SNOEBEAR'S CRIT'S ALL ABOUT ME

OWNED BY ROBBIN HEIM & SCOTT THACKSTON  
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**CH SNOEBEAR'S LET THE WOO KIE WIN**  
OWNED BY TIM & MEGAN TERELLA, HIROYO SHIMIZU  
TOO YOUNG OFA, SH-EYE3034



**CH SNOEBEAR'S SILVER MIST CD,**  
**PCD, BN, RI, CGCA, CGCU, ATT**  
OWNED BY CAROL PREBLE & SHERYL PHELPS  
SH-21935E24F, SH-EYE2811

**CH SNOEBEAR'S WINDS OF WINTER**  
OWNED BY TIM & MEGAN TERELLA  
TOO YOUNG OFA, SH-EYE2738



**CH JO-KAR'S SAHARA OF SNOEBEAR**  
OWNED BY MEGAN & TIM TERELLA  
TOO YOUNG, OFA, SH-EYE2737

**CH SNOEBEAR'S WILDLING**  
OWNED BY ERICA | STEPHEN SPONCIL, KRISTEN | NATE ADAMS  
TOO YOUNG, OFA, SH-EYE3559



**CH SNOEBEAR'S DARWINIAN DEMON**  
OWNED BY TRACY SMITH  
SH-22149F24M-C-VPI, SH-EYE3257



JKC CHAMPION  
AMERICAN CHAMPION  
CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN TANQUERAY AT SNOEBEAR

*“Gin”*



**Sire:**  
Multi CH Kristari's Oscar Kingdom Navjord

**Dam:**  
CH Snoebear's Champagne Crystal Fountain

2023 was a busy year for Gin! He was the #1 Siberian Husky in Japan, Select Dog at the SHCA National Specialty, and an AOM Winner at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Looking forward to what 2024 brings,,,

**BREEDER | OWNER**  
**HIROYO SHIMIZU, CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN SIBERIANS**  
**TOKYO, JAPAN**

SH-EYE2736/43M-VPI



*Best in Specialty Show Winning . . .*

**JKC CHAMPION**

**AMERICAN GRAND CHAMPION**

**CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN JP BRING US FUTURE**

*“Lei”*



**Sire:**  
**MBIS MBISS Can CH/Am GCH**  
**Highlander's Take It To The Limit**

**Dam:**  
**Misanga JP Amber Crystal Fountain**

*Lei finished her championship with multiple BEST OIF BREEDS from the classes.  
Her first weekend out as a special, she won a GROUP I under Judge Doug Johnson.*

**BREEDER | OWNER**

**HIROYO SHIMIZU, CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN SIBERIANS**  
**TOKYO, JAPAN**

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

By: Bob and Pam Thomas

## Chinook Kennel Postcards part 2

In this issue, we finish up the real photograph postcards of Chinook Kennel with some notable, and a couple of not-so-notable Siberians that were in residence, as well as a couple of puppy views. Once again, most of the postcards were printed by C. E. Walker of Tamworth, NH or by E. D. Putnam of Antrim, NH.



1. "White Eyed Siberian, Chinook Kennels." This is Bozo, a female, born August 10, 1929. She was still at the kennel in May 1939. Unfortunately, her parents are unknown. (Info from Nancy Cowan's "Carded")



2. "Chinook Kennels Siberian Husky Pups"  
Three adolescent puppies, the photo circa late 1930s-early 1940s. Parents unknown.



3. "Chinook Kennels Siberian Husky Puppies"  
A nice photograph of a litter of six puppies, circa mid 1930s, parents unknown.



4. "Chinook Kennels Disko and Baldy"  
Disko is misspelled. Littermates out of Ch. Turu of Alyeska and Tosca of Wonalancet, born 1940. Baldy was the first Siberian to win the Working Group, and together they were the first Siberians to win a Best Brace in Show.





5. "Chinook Kennels Laddy" Laddy is misspelled. Ch Laddy of Wonalancet (Cheeak of Alyeska x Belford's Wolf) was brother to Ch. Turu of Alyeska. Laddy sired Igloo Pak's Vixen, Grey Dawn, and Igloo Pak's Chuckchee (littermates,) out of Doc Lombard's Tchuchis of Wonalancet in July 1945.



6. "Chinook Kennels Tcheeakio". (T-Cheeakio) T-Cheeakio was a littermate to Turu and Laddy, and was bred to Baldy, producing Bluie of Chinook (photo in part 1.)



7. "Registered. Siberian Sled Dog, Chinook Kennels, Wonalancet, N. H." Unidentified Siberian, photo circa mid 1930s. Any info on this out there?



8. "Chinook Kennels Brown-Eye Blue-Eye – Siberian Husky." A nice head study of Ch. Disco of Alyeska, circa 1945. Disco was born May 10, 1940.



9. "North Conway, N. H." A nice photo to end with. Here we see Milton Seeley, Short's husband, running a Chinook Kennel team with Waska in lead. This team appears to be a mix of both Siberians and Alaskan Malamutes, circa late 1930s. Sadly, Milton finally succumbed to diabetes in 1943.



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# PILOT



## MBIS MBISS GCHP HIGHLANDER'S SNOW PILOT

2023 SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREED WINNER  
& PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



We are absolutely honored to have been chosen by Judge Mrs. Paula Nykfel at the Siberian Husky Club of America NATIONAL SPECIALTY!

Our Sincere appreciation to Top 20 & People's Choice Judges:  
Ms. Nancy Sumida  
Mr. Oscar Quiros  
Mrs. Pamela Lambie!

Eyes SH-EYE2856  
Hips SH-21558

Kelli Gander DESIGN

# Upcoming Specialties

Club Name	Location	Event Date	Close Date
Seneca Siberian Husky Club (1) Judge: Jeffrey Joseph Gillespie	Batavia, NY	5/17/2024	5/01/2024
Seneca Siberian Husky Club (2) Judge: Joe Lobb	Batavia, NY	5/17/2024	5/01/2024
Siberian Husky Club of the Niagara Frontier (1) Judge: Dr. May S. Jacobson	Batavia, NY	5/18/2024	5/01/2024
Siberian Husky Club of the Niagara Frontier (2) Judge: Martha C. Lage Schulte	Batavia, NY	5/18/2024	5/01/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Anchorage Alaska (1) Judge: Mrs. Terry Dennison	Wasilla, AK	5/18/2024	5/01/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Anchorage Alaska (2) Judge: Wendy Sorrell	Wasilla, AK	5/19/2024	5/01/2024
Garden State Siberian Husky Club (1) DS/SWPC	Freehold, NJ	5/24/2024	5/08/2024
Garden State Siberian Husky Club (2) DS/SWPC	Freehold, NJ	5/25/2024	5/08/2024
Garden State Siberian Husky Club (3) DS/SWPC	Freehold, NJ	5/26/2024	5/08/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Greenville, SC Judge: Carolyn A. Herbel	Fletcher, NC	5/25/2024	5/08/2024
Yankee Siberian Husky Club (1) Judge: Mr. Edward W. Hall	Wrentham, MA	5/31/2024	5/15/2024
Yankee Siberian Husky Club (2) Judge: Mr. Michael Jennings	Wrentham, MA	5/31/2024	5/15//2024
Puget Sound Siberian Husky Club (1) Judge: Mrs. Frances C. Stephens	Elma, WA	6/01/2024	5/15/2024
Puget Sound Siberian Husky Club (2) Not Yet Approved	Elma, WA	6/01/2024	5/15/2024
Puget Sound Siberian Husky Club (3) Judge: Maria Arechaederra	Elma, WA	6/02/2024	5/15/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Kansas City Judge: Ms. Kim LeBlanc	Topeka, KS	8/23/2024	8/07/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater St. Louis Not Yet Approved	Gray Summit, MO	9/21/2024	9/04/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago (1) Judge: Mrs. Cindy Meyer	Huntley, IL	10/12/2024	9/25/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago (2) Judge: Shira Barkon	Huntley, IL	10/12/2024	9/25/2024
Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago (3) Judge: Mrs. Christiaan P. Curtis	Huntley, IL	10/13/2024	9/25/2024
Northern California Siberian Husky Club Designated Specialty/Pended		11/24/2024	11/06/2024

**PLEASE SEE THE AD FOR THE SHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**ON THE BACK COVER**

# Performance Place

By: Theresa Przybylski

## Thoughts on Training

If you want to title your dog in Performance Events there are numerous options! Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, Fast Cat, CGC, Trick Dog and the list goes on! So, where do you start?

With the basics! The best way to start is with basic obedience – walking/heeling on leash, sit, stay and coming when called and FOCUS. A basic obedience class will not only assist you in teaching the foundation behaviors necessary but will help your dog and you to execute these behaviors with the distractions of other dogs and people. It is also important to expose your young dog to a variety of sights, sounds and surfaces. The important thing to remember is that with a young dog keep this training brief and fun. At this beginner level you may be using food to shape the behavior. Once the dog understands the behavior the food becomes a reward, but a verbal cue should precede the reward.

Once you are confident that your dog and you have the basics then it is time to train for whichever event or events you hope to title your dog in. The most important thing to remember is this is your choice, not your dog's! Make it fun. If you are using food, use a variety of treats. If there is something the dog is having a particular difficulty with then use a high-level reward you use only when training that behavior. Especially with Siberians it is important to not drill your dog. For example, if you are working fronts in Obedience and your dog does it correctly, great, go on to something else. If once or twice it is not quite perfect go on to something else and then go back and help your dog understand exactly what you want, then praise, praise, praise! If you are working weaves in agility and the dog does it correctly praise, reward and go on to something else! If it is having difficulty help the dog out, then go to something else. When your dog is having difficulty with a particular behavior, and you go on to something else make sure that is something your dog will be successful at. In training you not only want to teach your dog a behavior you also want

to build your dog's confidence!

In training don't ever forget that you may need to back up and reinforce something that your dog was doing correctly and then for some reason is no longer doing the behavior you wanted. It would be great if we could ask them what happened but that isn't an option. If something creeps up taking a step or two back will help both you and your dog progress.

In conclusion, one of the most important things to remember when training and showing is that your dog only wants to be with you (and get treats!). They don't care about ribbons, titles, or awards. There will be times when they will be a true Siberian and those will be the memories you will cherish! So go and make those memories!

Theresa Przybylski





# PRESS RELEASE

Date: 02/14/2024

For Immediate Release

## Alaskan Artist Jon Van Zyle Announces Final Official Iditarod Limited Edition Print

"Into the Mystic" is the final installment in the 42 year Collectors Limited Edition Official Iditarod Print Series, dating back to 1983.



"Into the Mystic"

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**Anchorage, Alaska** - The Official Artist of the Iditarod, Jon Van Zyle, is announcing that after 42 years, the Official Iditarod Limited Edition Print Series has reached its final image. "Into the Mystic" will officially be the last Limited Edition Print in the Iditarod Series. Jon says "I was born in 1942, so I figured this year was as good a time as any to create a final, 42nd Official Iditarod Print".

The separate Collectible Iditarod Poster series will continue next year.

The 42 year traditional history of Jon's Iditarod Print started a few years after Jon ran his first Iditarod race in 1976. Jon started painting his memories and experiences from the trail in 1977 with the first Iditarod Poster, and since fans couldn't get enough, he created a Limited Edition Iditarod Print which debuted in 1983. For the past 42 years, fans and art lovers have collected the print series, with many art collectors securing the same signed, limited edition number every year.

Jon is proud of Alaska, the race, and the mushers who endure the trail. He and his wife Jona continue to support mushers and race-related subjects around Alaska, as well as mushers and the sport nationally.

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***"I was born in 1942, so I figured this year was as good a time as any to create a final, 42nd Official Iditarod print"***

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This is an historic event, as thousands of art fans, mushers, and dog lovers from Alaska and around the world have been collecting this series for 41 years. **The print is available at [www.jonvanzyle-ak.com](http://www.jonvanzyle-ak.com)**

**[www.jonvanzyle-ak.com](http://www.jonvanzyle-ak.com) | INFO CONTACT: [Ravenink.Print@gmail.com](mailto:Ravenink.Print@gmail.com)**

"The end of an era .... I started the Official Iditarod posters in 1977 shortly after my first Iditarod race in 1976 ... By 1983 my international art publishers Voyageur Art in Minneapolis had decided to publish a series of signed and numbered limited edition prints based on my own two Iditarod experiences ... The yearly images told of my own trail experiences , or portraits of several of my favorite loved team dogs , or an occasional jovial experience with puppies or our super cat Dickens .. .. The yearly series was entitled The Official Iditarod Collector Series .. A large fan base purchased their same numbered print throughout the years ,( a paperwork nightmare ) ... Its now 42 years later , that same fan base is still collecting , and I have decided ( at over 81 years old ) , its time for something different ..... " INTO THE MYSTIC " will be the 42nd. and final image in the Official Iditarod Collector Series .. My annual Official Iditarod posters will continue ..... This final image of the print tells my feelings over my difficult decision better than I can explain it in words , I've always expressed my thoughts in paint , never words ... Available now from my website [www.jonvanzyle.com](http://www.jonvanzyle.com) "

# MUSHING

by: Natalie van der Merwe



# JUNIORS...

By Natalie van der Merwe

Snowdrift Siberians

- Do you have children who love dogs?
- Do you have children who love the outdoors?
- Do you have children who love being active?

3 things that are a positive start to getting them involved in the sport of sledding – no matter where you live – as options for both dryland and snow abound in the USA.

Any breed of dog can be used – as long as the individual dog is healthy and can physically run in harness (no brachycephalic dogs, including but not limited to: Bulldog; Pug; Shih Tzu; Boston Terrier; Boxer; French Bulldog; Chow Chow; Lhasa Apso; Mastiff).

Classes currently available in Australia (ASSA) give an indication of what we can strive to achieve in the USA in the future at fun as well as sanctioned/accredited races.

Mini Pee Wee

4-6 years of age : Young children (and 1 adult) attached to the same dog. Canicross - Dryland only.

## Pee Wee

7-9 years of age : Older children – no adult attached.  
1 -Dog only. Canicross - Bikejor - Sled

## Junior

10-12 years of age : A class for Juniors involving 1 dog and musher (whether Canicross - Bikejor – Rig - Sled)

## Junior Sen

13 – 16 years of age : A class for Juniors involving 1-3 dogs and musher (Canicross (1) - Bikejor (1)- Rig (1-3) – Sled (1-3)

Our sport is an amazing teaching tool for children and teenagers – teaching respect for animals; self-discipline, kindness, awareness, sportsmanship and much more!

If your family is not interested in taking part in races – that's OK! Learning this sport alongside your children is an amazing way to spend time with your children and forge a bond that will forever be a positive influence in their lives. The sledding community (and other dog sport communities) is one of the best out there...friendships forged through our love of our dogs are truly special and bring much joy into our lives – as do our dogs!

Find a dirt trail in your neighborhood and get your child/ teenager and family started in a sport that will bring everyone so much emotional balance and enjoyment.

Reach out to the Junior Chairperson of ISDRA – Lauren Stierman to find out how you can start, participate and assist in growing the sport for our Juniors into the future. [www.isdra.com](http://www.isdra.com)

The ISDRA website also gives great info on local clubs to join.

Meredith Michener

Executive Director

ISDRA

As of today, junior classes were offered at 11 planned dryland and 6 planned snow races. 48 participants competed in the dryland categories.

Unfortunately due to the lack of snow across the country there has only been one snow race for juniors this year - The Junior North American Championships hosted by the North Pole Lions Foundation in Alaska. This race is the most competitive juniors-only snow race in the country. There are 31 people competing in the 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 dog classes.

There are three more Spring dryland races to go, so the number of participants for that category will likely end up on the 50's.

While not every ISDRA Race Giving Organization offers classes specifically for junior participation, most do. The fee for sanctioning juniors is only \$5 per class, though in most cases it's free. When at least three adult classes are sanctioned, junior classes are free.

For the 2023-2024 season we anticipate awarding a medal in the junior canicross class. This will be the first junior medal awarded since 2015 and the first time it has been awarded in canicross.

ISDRA does not currently have an active junior mentorship program, but we are reviving our Junior Committee, headed by Lauren Stierman of Alabama. Lauren has already been working with parents to increase kid's participation at ISDRA sanctioned events.

She and her committee will be responsible for presenting new opportunities for junior involvement in ISDRA. We are really excited to see more kids being introduced to our sport!

Manchester, NH

[www.nnesportdogtradefair.com](http://www.nnesportdogtradefair.com)

Other interactive dog sports for Juniors and their dogs are:

1. Canine Biathlon
2. Dock Diving
3. Agility
4. Junior Conformation

Juniors (and parents)— join a club - find a mentor and a lifetime love of being out in nature and spending time with your best friend can start with something as simple as Canicrossing with your dog...

See you on the trails!



JOIN US!

The annual NNEST Trade Fair & Seminars is another great opportunity to learn about our sport from experienced mushers – with Canicross, Bikejoring and Rig Clinics to get rookies started and for the experienced to brush up on skills. It's a fun weekend for all! 13-15 October 2024 in





# Doc Cera

## Why does testing breeding stock help me as a breeder?

### And Why should I test the sires???

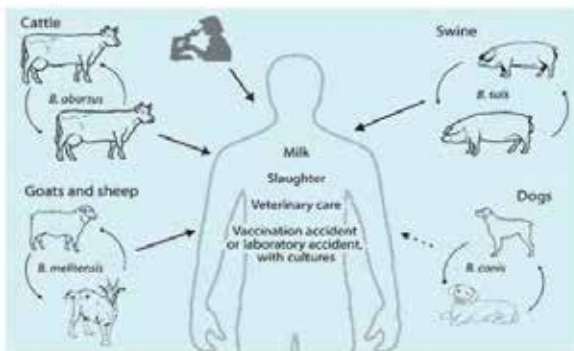
Lee Cera DVM, PhD, reprinted with permission. Working Dog Digest, February 2024

Well, from the veterinarians' side of this issue, there is terrible emotion when a pup or an adult dog comes into your office with a potentially preventable disease. Particularly when it is not curable. My heart always went out to these individuals, and it broke my heart to watch children say goodbye to their pet. That is one of the worst parts of our jobs.

Health screening can help the breeder understand some of the genes or other hereditary issues that may be passed on to their puppies. It will help the breeder make responsible, informed decisions. **Testing your sires is of utmost importance because they can be bred more often than the dams.** Such testing also helps breeders anticipate health conditions and initiate proactive health care for certain carriers.

Remember that each breed varies in its type of risky breeding behaviors. So don't just take your information from your friend who breeds a different type of dog than you do. Certainly, some tests are important for all dogs. Brucellosis is an example. Brucellosis is a contagious bacterial infection that can lead to infertility in the male and abortion in the female. It is contagious to your whole kennel. In the US and some parts of Canada it is a reportable disease. It is a reportable disease because it is zoonotic, meaning it can be transferred to other animals including the human. This is not a common scenario except for immune compromised individuals

### Brucellosis



This is a disease understood well by farmers. It can ruin a cattle, goat, sheep, or pig farm. So, get your dogs tested. The AKC can give you a list of such tests.

Now, as to specific breed testing, there are several good resources to review. The national breed clubs generally have lists of breed specific diseases as does the American Kennel Club. Just because an animal with superior qualities may be a carrier of a specific gene, that does not preclude

using that animal in your breeding program. Breeders can analyze pedigrees and selected a match that is not a carrier. AKC has a **Bred with H.E.A.R.T** program which requires health testing of breeding stock in accordance with the parent club's standards.

Many long-time breeders did breed dogs without the benefit of modern genetic testing. They relied on intense observations and scrupulous record-keeping. These individuals were vested in their animals and spent long periods of time in observation and training. They are getting pretty rare as in today's hectic world this becomes difficult for many. Genetic tests can somewhat replace this. Specific disease trait tests rely on DNA screening to test for genetic variants related to a specific disease or trait.

I would advise going to a veterinary reproductive specialist to conduct and interpret the tests for owners. Some of the tests will give you the answer such as "incomplete penetrance" which generally means the individual tested may not result in the disease. These results can best be reviewed by a breed specialist or veterinary breeding expert.

Diseases that follow a dominant pattern of inheritance only need one affected gene- only one parent with the detrimental gene. The individual affected with this sort of disorder can be difficult to detect, and this is the reason that certain diseases are said to skip generations.

Polygenetic disorders result from the cumulative action of many genes. Study your pedigrees and pay attention. Linebreeding involved breeding a dog to a distantly related ancestor. Inbreeding revolves around breeding any two close relatives. Many clients tell me linebreeding is inbreeding. No it is not to the very knowledgeable owner.

This is just one of the reasons why breeding the shelter dog, a puppy mill dog, or an import with an unknown pedigree can be such a bad idea. We are working without any data here. This is also one of the many reasons that "puppy mills" are such bad ideas. I believe these types of breedings with terrible outcomes is one of the reasons the veterinary profession became the highest suicide rate profession. Telling owners to say goodbye is terrible on the owner and the vet. Breeding dogs requires part art, part experience, part science, total devotion, and money. I had a teacher in veterinary school who used to say the real bettors on racehorses are not those at the window placing bets, but those who breed the thoroughbreds. It is that way in dogs as well.

Experiments in some countries have genetically "edited" dogs for specific traits like the strong muscular whippet



Siberian Huskies will obey if required to, but their natural tendency is to be cooperative rather than obedient, and they prefer to be companions rather than mere pets.

or the super lean, running machine. This is a very bad idea for general breeding. When you translocate, or knock genes in or out, we see changes in mouse breeding that leads to lethal genes incompatible with life.

Science changes daily and there is never enough reading you can do on your breed. Try to stay informed with your National club and the American Kennel Club. I guess it takes a village to raise good dogs.

Know the desired traits originally bred into your dog. Don't try to change the dog into something it isn't. This is not responsible breeding. My dogs have done almost every AKC/UKC confirmation and dog sport except barn hunt (where they got hold of the tube and cracked it-poor scared rat). Not a sport for a dog with really high prey drive. I know some competitors who do this successfully with their Siberians. A different dog may do something very well. Mine are also not the best in obedience- they would rather entertain themselves and the audience.

Please breed to your standard and do everything you can to make a better dog.



# SHOR

SIBERIAN HUSKY OPHTHALMIC REGISTRY

SHOR is a low-cost alternative to CERF/CAER (OFA's Eye Registry) for the registration of Siberians who have been checked clear of inheritable eye disease by an ACVO animal eye specialist veterinarian. Upon receipt of a clear ACVO exam report form for a Siberian Husky, the dog will be issued a SHOR number. This number may be used in advertising to indicate unaffected eyes. PLEASE NOTE: As of April 27, 2008, the price for a dog's initial SHOR registry has increased to \$5.00.

•In order to participate in SHOR, a dog must be at least 12 months of age at the time of the examination. The cost of the first SHOR registration for each dog is \$5.00 per dog; updates are free. To obtain a SHOR number send the original and 1 copy (or 2 copies) of the exam report form (make sure all names, dates, etc., are legible) with \$5.00 (for the first registry of each dog), your phone number and e-mail address (if any), and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to

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# History Hub

by John Linnehan & Carol Nash



Sometimes the reverse of a photograph is more important than the front. Take this one for example. It shows a handsome dog team about to start a race. But on the back, in very faint script is the legend,

H Wheeler. Laconia 36. Team #2

Kreevanka R whl  
Tserko R Id

So here we have Harry Wheeler of St. Jovite, Quebec driving a team of Siberians at the start of the 1936 Sled Dog Derby in Laconia, New Hampshire. Most importantly for our purposes, the team includes the last two surviving imports brought to the U.S. by Olaf Swenson for Mrs. Elizabeth Ricker of Poland Spring, Maine. The other dogs, purchased in the Kolyma River area of Siberia by Swenson had succumbed to disease on the return voyage.

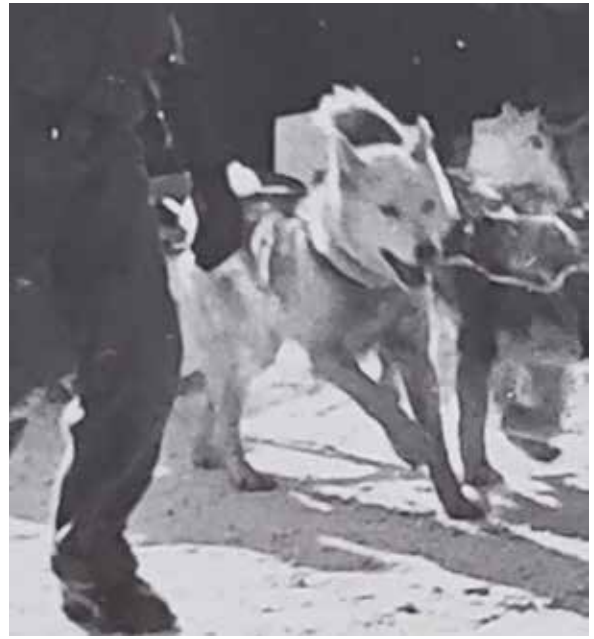
At right lead you have Tserko and at right wheel, Kreevanka.

In this remarkable image we have two of the most important Siberians in history. The rest of the team perhaps contains some of their get. In the teams and kennels of today, there are countless thousands of their descendants.





**Tserko**



**Kreevanka**

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# Area Club Reports

by Karen Shaner



## SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The SHCGC has been extremely busy with programs and events in January and February 2024. We have given presentations on the Iditarod, Balto, and Siberian Huskies at Schools, Libraries, Parks, Recreation Centers and Public Outdoor Events throughout

Northeastern Ohio. We are proud to spread the history of the Great Race and the Siberian Husky. April 19-21 will be our Spring Specialty held at Cleveland All Breed Training Center. This year we have a special guest and presenter, Tekla Monson, daughter of 4 time Iditarod Winner, Susan Butcher. Our Presentation is open to the public and is sure to draw a packed crowd! We hope our exhibitors decide to make our Specialties as we are holding three shows, including sweepstakes, Juniors, All Breed Obedience Trials and All Breed Rally Trials, in addition to the Dinner and Presentation on Saturday evening! This summer we will be working on partnering with another club to hold AKC Fast Cat trials..... Stay Tuned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Kacenski



## North Jersey Siberian Husky Club.

1. We had our annual post-Holiday party at a member's home and a great time was had by all!

2. We have once again been invited by the Crystal Springs Resort in Vernon, NJ to provide an educational program for their guests covering the Siberian Husky and Sled dog Racing. This includes exhibiting a sled and equipment, several Club members bringing their dogs, and a presentation by a Club member.

3. Our annual Eye Clinic is scheduled for May 31 at the Somerset County 4-H Center.

Irwin Linker

NJSHC



## Connecticut Valley

### Siberian Husky Club

CVSHC is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2024. So far this year, we have held a hike/fun run, participated in a sled dog demo for the state of CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's winter fest - *No Child Left Inside*, and held back-to-back specialties.

A great time was had at our anniversary year specialties on February 17th. The entries were encouraging and the trophies for both shows were outstanding. The morning show featured beautiful glass ribbon color-coordinated ornaments and windchimes created by Fantasy in Glass. Additionally, each exhibitor received a suncatcher Siberian ornament as a commemorative gift. The afternoon show winners received handmade, painted pottery featuring Siberians and their winning ribbons from Oak Hill Pottery. Thank you to all outside the club that sent us wishes and trophy donations.

The morning started with our brave obedience entrants and the typical Siberian antics. Highest Scoring Dog was Whispering Pines Power of Illusion at Evenstar, owned by Michelle O'Brien and Darleen Plourde in the Open A class. Breeder-judge Julia Rylander chose GCHB Highlander's Pride and Joy owned by Nate Adams, Anita Riley, and Anne & Brian Palmer as BISS. BOW/WD was Northern Light's Born With Fire owned by Sheila, Ryan and Chris Blanker. BOS was GCHB Liyaza's Classic Edition owned by Johanna Coutu and Debbie Studwell. SD was GCHB Tackora's Cut to the Chase owned by Debbie Studwell. SB was GCH Etah's April Showers of Doxhobbi owned by Suzie McDougall and Delinda Davis. Finishing her Championship with WB was Mochafrost's Naughty Irish Lace owned by Denise Moynihan.

The afternoon started with a delightful sweeps entry judged by Marianne "Tuni" Conti. Best Puppy was Topaz & Dardan's Bijou owned by C. French and Darcy Foulkrod and Best veteran was GCH Whispering Pine's It's In the Cards owned by Kara Hickey, Robert Cataldo, Darleen Plourde and Hailey Gillotti. Susan Carr judged our afternoon group and chose GCHB Tackora's Cut to the Chase as her BISS. Finishing his championship with BOW/WD was Northern Light's Born With Fire, BOS was GCHB Whispering Pines River of Dreams owned by Kara Hickey, Darleen Plourde and Robert Cataldo. SD and SB were GCHB Highlander's Pride and Joy and GCH Etah's April Showers of Doxhobbi. Judging ended with Best Junior

Handler Isabella Trail.

We have a few more demos and some fun runs planned for the winter season as well. This anniversary year will feature some more hikes and special events. Please check our Facebook page or website, cvshc.org, for more info as the celebration continues.



**Rocky Mountain  
Siberian Husky Club**

In December, we held our Annual Meeting/Holiday potluck at the home of Julie, Daley and Matt Fadden. In addition to our yearly review of RMSHC's past events, planning for our upcoming endeavors, and our annual raucous Thieving Santa Gift Exchange, this year, we added a Chili Cookoff to the mix. It's amazing how many versions of "chili" there are. While every offering was delicious, Sheri Wright and Mike Lavin

were declared (by a tie vote) the winners. Congratulations to both! I don't know whether or not their recipes are family secrets, but you could ask next time you see them.

Not surprisingly, our focus since the Holidays has been those "upcoming endeavors", the Rocky Mountain Siberian Husky Club Specialties to be held on April 26, 27 and 28, 2024. The venue for this year's Specialties is unchanged from recent years - the Adams County Fairgrounds in Henderson, Colorado. It is a lovely site, with acres of grassy park area for walking dogs and plenty of parking and grooming space. Our host hotel, the Best Western Brighton Inn, located in Brighton, Colorado, offers a comfortable area just off the lobby for our Friday night Hospitality activities, and is located just up the road from the Fairgrounds. We look forward to seeing you for Hospitality, and hope you will join us for the Saturday night banquet.

Club members are busy putting together Welcome Bags, collecting and sorting useful, beautiful and collectable items for our Silent Auction, as well as gathering lightly used and sometimes surprising treasures for our ever-popular "Togo's Table", where you can take what you love and pay what you want.

We invite you to our Specialties, where you can visit old friends and new, and show off your dogs to our wonderful panel of Judges!

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

Obedience & Rally Classes  
Judge: Ms. Patricia L. Maynard

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes  
Ms. Mary Schonberger Judge:

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

All Regular, Non-Regular &  
Junior Showmanship Classes  
Judge: Mrs. Olivia A. Harvey

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

All Regular, Non-Regular &  
Junior Showmanship Classes  
Judge: Ms. Cynthia Hutt

2024 is a banner year for Siberian Huskies in Beautiful Colorado. The RMSHC Specialties in April and The SHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY in October in Estes Park, Colorado, the Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. We hope to see you at both of these special events!

Shelley Calisher





PSSHC is inviting you to come join us for our Annual Outdoor Specialty Saturday, June 1, 2024, and Sunday, June 2, 2024 at our beautiful Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds located in Elma, Washington State. Entries will be closing May 15, 2024, by 12:00p.m. PST through Baray Event Services, Inc.

In addition to Regular Conformation Classes and Best of Breed Competition, we are offering AKC National-Owner Handled Series, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes for Puppy, and Veterans. We will also be holding our Annual Parade of Rescues, Raffle and BBQ Potluck.

We will have more information coming soon. Consider coming and joining us for a fun-filled weekend with friends and fanciers alike in the beautiful outdoors of the PNW.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Nicole Barrozo

PSSHC Secretary



**The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago Spring 2024**

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Snow came and went. I think we had 2 weeks of winter. Mush-Fur-Fun actually had a few

chances to use sleds!! Now we're back to rigs if the temps aren't too high.

Our next club involvement is the RENAISSANCE CLUSTER & CONCURRENT SPECIALTIES OF MADISON, WI. The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago has joined the cluster for 6 opportunities for Majors. FEBRUARY 22 - 25, 2024

The club's Winter Picnic is coming up on February 25. The picnic is potluck and involves winter activities with our furkids. Sledding, skijoring, hiking, etc. Once again, hoping for snow!

The next club event involving mushing is our annual live broadcast Party of the 2024 Iditarod restart. The ceremonial start is on March 2. We will watch the recorded events of March 2<sup>nd</sup> until the restart begins. Since this is a party, everyone will bring a potluck item. We did this last year thinking this would be fun as a club event and to watch the restart as a group. It went over so well we decided to do this annually!!

Our club's Awards Banquet will be held on March 8. To be held at Shoeless Joe's for an evening of pizza and accolades for members and furkids.

Enjoy Spring!!  
Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Hanner



**Chesapeake Siberian Husky Club**

Spring is upon us! The club has been busy since the New Year. Our member, Ron Gagne has been busy with his team running in snow and dryland races and doing really well. In addition, he has helped a number of other mushers who needed help on the trail. We also held our February three day Fast CAT, which is always fun, thankfully this year we

had better weather than the freezing temps of last year. A big thank you to Gale Tench for organizing our Fast CAT event and an even bigger thank you to those members and non-members who stepped up to help keep the event running smoothly. Coming up is our annual CSHC Specialty, which is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to a great weekend and will post results after the shows. We have another Fast CAT scheduled on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Club members are also busy going to dog shows and working towards their dogs' championship. We hope to see some of you at our upcoming Specialties. Have a great spring everyone!





**Siberian Husky Club of Greater Kansas City**

Members of the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Kansas City have been enjoying outdoor activities with their dogs this past winter. Tricia French and family vacationed in Colorado during January, taking the dogs along to enjoy the snow. A great time was had by all!

We have also been hard at work planning our annual specialties which will be held Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24 2024 in conjunction with the four-day cluster in Topeka, KS. Pending AKC approval, our judges are Kim LeBlanc (Friday) and Donna Beckman (Saturday). Puppy and Veteran sweepstakes will be offered on Friday, and Jr Showmanship will be offered on Saturday. Please plan on joining us – six opportunities for majors in four days!







## Siberian Husky Club of Greater Atlanta

Peach Blossoms are Blooming so on here in Atlanta and we are excited about our coming Specialties with the **Peach Blossom Cluster** in Perry GA. Dates are **April 10-14<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Closing March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our specialty Judges will be breeder judge, Tom Schonberger the Saturday Concurrent Specialty#1 and breeder judge Marie Falconer for the Sunday Specialty # 2. Sweeps is Sunday only with judge Carol Hjort, of Jubilee Samoyeds. Junior's judge is Marie Falconer on Sunday with huge rosette and cash prizes.

Judges for the all-breed shows Wednesday - Saturday are Chas. Olvis, Jimmy Moses, Peggy Beisel McIlwaine, & Dana Cline respectively. All shows will be offering the BBE Puppy classes. BBE groups are offered Wed, Thurs, and Friday and all shows are NOHS. There will be an all-breed 4-6 mos. Puppy competition on Friday. & Sat as we added FSS shows 2 days and 4 shows. There will also be 2 4-6 mos. puppy classes Fri & Sat.

Plan to **Come Play at the Peach** where there are always a lot of fun events to experience over 5 days.

In addition to Conformation will be Agility, Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing, FAST CAT, Diving Dogs, CARTING clinic and test, Obedience and Rally with CGC, CGCA, and Trick Dog, Pee Wees, 4-6 puppies, FSS Open shows. Top Versatile Dog in Cluster Awards with \$100 for the Top DOG! Special prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Enter onsite. Also, there is a Versatile Dog Parade. [www.peachblossomcluster.org](http://www.peachblossomcluster.org) for more info.

**Members of the SHCGA were able to again support and help our local sled dog race events** in February at the Allatoona Sled Dog Dryland Challenge in Georgia.

Last month several club members participated in the Alabama Dryland Dawg Derby.

Birgit Von Pelser placed First in the 4 -Dog Rig Class Registered Breed (pictured below)

Lisa Lewis Hall placed Second in 2-Dog Bikejor Class Registered Breed

Katie Sample placed Third in 2-Dog Bikejor Class Registered Breed

Anna Marmann placed First in the 2-Dog Scooter Class Registered Breed

Anna also placed Second in 1-Dog Bikejor Class Registered Breed

We are super proud of these members getting out and doing what our dogs were bred to do!

Thank you to the Cheaha Mushing Club for hosting this event and to the SHCA for providing

medals for our winners!

Birgit Von Pelser won 1st in 4 dog rig RB class at the Alabama Dryland Dawg Derby!



Katie Sample and Enzo earned his Scentwork interior novice, Scentwork container novice, and rally intermediate titles in December.

Zora started trialing in Agility and earned her first qualifying agility runs in November with novice preferred jumpers and novice preferred FAST. She also earned first place in novice jumpers with a clean run and first place in novice FAST.



Huge congrats go out to our Victoria Tesh & "Poe" who competed in the **AKC Fast CAT invitational** in December and made it to the finals. He was 2nd overall! Whooo Hooo !

For 2023 he was the 3rd fastest in Fast CAT and the 2nd fastest in Master level barn hunt. Last month he earned his RATCHX2 title in barn hunt. Only 5 Siberians out of over 500 that are registered to the Barn Hunt Association have made it to that level.



Poe and my youngest Siberian, Mae competed in their first dryland race this month and placed 3rd. They earned one of the coveted SHCA medals and their first miles towards the SHCA DW title!

Anna Marmann has also been super busy and has been all over competing in sled races.

Notably in Kearney Sled Dog Race she was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2 dog Sled out of a huge field of competitors. And also, was 1<sup>st</sup> in 2 dog scooter RNB and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall. Her enthusiasm and leadership have really made the sport of sledding popular in GA and we all thank her for her enthusiastic support of the sport of sledding in our area and beyond.

There is always fun to be had at **Disney for Dogs in Perry!** Come Play with us!

**Peach Blossom website** is [www.peachblossomcluster.org](http://www.peachblossomcluster.org) – It is up online now! [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)

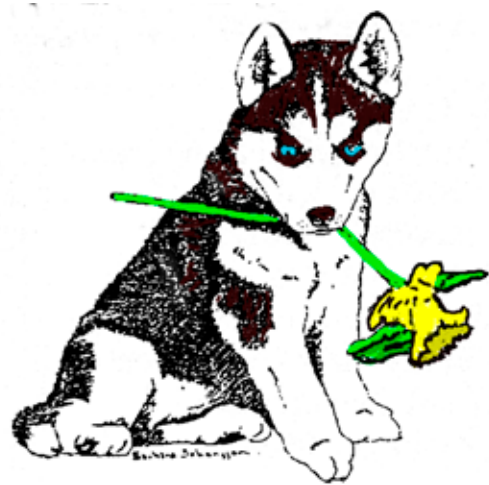
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## **Deadlines:**

<b>Winter</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>
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<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Sep. 1</b>

# **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

## **Member Advertising:**

**Full Page \$75    Half Page \$40**  
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**SHCA National Specialty  
October 13th-19th  
Estes Park event center  
Hotel- Holiday Inn Estes Park, Colorado**

**JUDGES:** Breed Judge: Ann Cook  
Dogs: Carol Nash  
Bitches: Carole Preble  
Sweepstakes Tim Terrella  
Veteran sweepstakes: Megan Terrella  
Sled dog: Wayne Curtis  
4-6 month: Martha Lageschulte  
Junior Showmanship: Dawn Eisele  
Peewee: Dawn Eisele

**Visit the Rocky Mountain National Park  
Stanley Hotel  
Town of Estes Park**



**Events for the week:  
Working Hike Pack  
Fastcat  
Weight pull  
Agility/Obedience**



**Seminars include: Therapy dog certification  
Behavioral K9 seminar  
Tim Terrella hands on training seminar**



**Little Bit of Heaven  
Judge Robin Hug  
October 15 2024**



**Counting Stars  
Judge Kathleen Carter  
October 16th 2024  
1/2 Specialty after Sweepstakes**