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Message from the SCA President



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I continue to wish everyone well during these troubling times. Hopefully we will soon see a light at the end of this long COVID tunnel in the near future.

As I previously stated plans are moving forward for our 2021 National Specialty in Topeka, Kansas.

Room reservations can be made by following the instructions on the National Specialty Website under "Host Hotel".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have stepped forward and graciously volunteered to either chair or work on a National Specialty Committee. Our Nationals would not happen without your help.

There are still a couple of committees open

such as Hospitality, Obedience & Rally and Catalog Ads.

I have been in contact with a dog training facility in Topeka that is located about four miles from the Host Hotel. The owner is willing to allow us to use their ring gating and when I asked her she stated she would be very interested in assisting us in holding an all-breed obedience/rally trial at her facility on the Sunday leading into the national week. If there is a club member interested in helping to make this happen, please contact me.

The 2021 logo merchandise is now available on the National Specialty Website. If you want items for Christmas your order must be in and paid for no later than 5:00 p.m. PST November 23, 2020. Individuals who place orders after November 23rd will have the option to either have their items mailed or can pick their merchandise up at the National.

The 2023 National is scheduled to be held in the Western Region. If a group of fanciers or a Regional Club in the Western region is interested in co-hosting the SCA National Specialty please contact the SCA BOD as soon as possible to express your interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jaime Stanchina the Chair of the Ways and Means committee and Lisa Haines for the four successful online raffles that have been held since August. They have raised over \$2000.00 for the SCA, please keep up the fabulous job ladies. The committee is also selling 2021 calendars so make sure you watch for the pre-order information that will be out soon.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

As always, please feel free to utilize the "Contact your Board" feature on the SCA website with any questions, ideas or concerns.





Merry Christmas

from

Moby Dick

Lucifer

and

Anne Colgan

A Friendly Reminder!!

SCA membership renewals
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We may need time to ensure that your ad meets the Bulletin specifications and will easily insert into the final document as you expect it to, so please submit as early as you can.

Bulletin Themes:

The following Themes have been assigned to upcoming issues.

- **March 2020** issue will feature Stud Dogs, Brood Bitches and Rising Stars (3 mths to 23 mths)
- **June 2020** issue will feature 2019 Top Winners and 2020 SCA National Winners
- **September 2020** issue will feature Schips in Performance and Service
- **December 2020** issue will feature Veterans (7 years plus)

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August 15th	September 1st
November 15th	December 1st

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DeAnne Dowland

My heart girl, so much love in a little body.



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



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Living with Veteran Dogs

By *Kathy Swan*

This issue of the Bulletin is dedicated to our Veterans; senior pals, special stars and older companions. There are several seniors in my household. The two oldest are cats. Reigning queen Mercy is fifteen and my housemate's cat, Gizmo is fourteen. Sibling Schipperkes Gracie and Chance turn thirteen in January, Gracie's daughter Missy will be nine-years-old two days later. My youngster, Glory is only four.

I am not a veterinarian or licensed vet tech. In this article, I want to share tips I use for living with my aging dogs. There is a list of helpful references written by a variety of sources following this article.

Determining Age



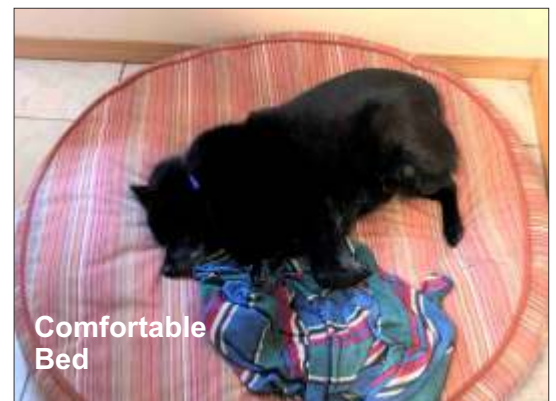
Misty

We are blessed to have a long-lived breed. Schipperkes life expectancy is 13-15 years. Over time, the methods used to compare a dog's age to a human has evolved. When I was young, the standard was one year for a dog equaled seven for a human. While not scientific, this ratio was based on the 1960's statistic that people lived to about 70 and dogs to about 10. Studies about longevity in dogs have made adjustments for size and breeds. Although aging in large and giant breeds differ by study, Schipperkes age 15 years in their first year. They add another nine in their second year and maintain a 4:1 ratio for the rest of their lives. My nine-year-old will be 52 and her older relatives turn 68. Her grandmother, Sassy, died shortly after her sixteenth birthday equal to 80 years of age. They are all considered seniors. The most important step in preparation for those golden years is to have a complete geriatric well dog checkup with extensive blood work. This provides a baseline to monitor aging changes.

Keeping Them Safe

Living with senior dogs can be challenging. I recently saw the word "seniorize" used to describe special accommodations older dogs need at home. Think of it as puppy-proofing for elders. Simple changes can greatly improve their daily routines. Ramps or stairs will help older dogs maintain access to favorite spots. I have a bench for easier access to my bed. Providing traction on slippery floor surfaces is an easy fix with rubber-backed rugs. This prevents falls and helps maintain traction when rising. My house has no carpeting, so there are rugs everywhere. The added bonus is I can throw them in the wash. Chance's massage therapist noticed the hair on the bottom of his feet had grown and caused him to slip on their floor. I need to trim it more often now that he is less active.

More frequent trimming applies to their nails too since they no longer wear them down through activity.



Comfortable Bed

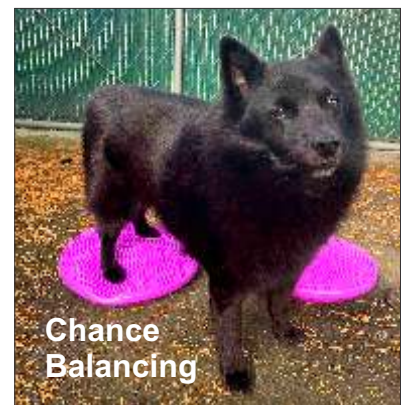
As dogs age, hearing and sight begin to deteriorate. They are more easily startled and may struggle

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to navigate around familiar areas in the house and yard. There are several causes for loss of vision. Your vet can evaluate your dog. When Sassy was a teenager, she would bark at the sliding glass door rather than come through the doggie door 8-inches away. She could see the light though the glass and focused on that. I arranged an X-pen to funnel her to the correct door. I have night lights to help my dogs get around the house more easily at night. My home is a single-story, so there are no stairs to block off.

Hearing loss is gradual, degrading slowly over several years. In her teens, I knew Sassy wasn't hearing me as well on the agility course. She would only pick-up a few sounds. It confused her. I started running mostly silent. She was able to play the game she loved by following my body cues and a few staccato words. She learned obedience hand signals when young. These were useful communication tools as she aged. With her reduced hearing, Gracie sleeps soundly in her big bed in the corner and often misses the sounds of my return. She joins in my welcome home dance after the other dogs rouse her.

In addition to issues with hearing or vision, old dogs' behaviors may change. She might bark at things unseen, stand in a corner or forget where he normally eats. Sometimes called "doggy Alzheimers," this condition is [canine cognitive dysfunction](#) (CCD). Like us as we age, dogs can become distracted or forgetful. I refer to it as "visiting another planet." Some dogs become very disorientated or frightened. Your vet is the best resource for determining the correct diagnosis and at-home plan.



Bladder issues may also surface. There are many potential causes for loss of bladder control. Some of the more common are hormonal imbalance, weak bladder sphincter tone, urinary tract infections possibly involving stones, and spinal injuries or degeneration. After an exam, urine sample and blood work to rule out other diseases and disorders, Gracie is now on a prescription for her occasional leaks.

Exercise your dog's body and mind

Our older dogs experience pain and have difficulty performing physical activities they used to enjoy. However, exercise continues to be imperative to their health and well being. I take the two siblings on short, gentle walks where they set the pace. The younger dogs enjoy the much longer and strenuous hikes. It is fun to take everyone out together occasionally.



Sometimes we go to my friend's farm with goats, a horse and rats (domestic used for Barn Hunt). Everyone gets to run or amble around and sniff the country air. Exercise is good for their brains, so are interactive games and puzzles. Chance and Gracie enjoy Nosework class where they find odors by solving scent problems. Life-long learning improves quality of life. Missy competes in several agility venues and is learning treibball.

Maintaining correct body weight and tone can make their advanced years even better. Exercise is one part and diet is the other. Keeping core strength and flexibility can be done at home. Chance has experienced discomfort in his left front leg. After the second visit to the rehab specialist, I brought some equipment from home. We reviewed which exercises were best for him and began a home exercise program. Another

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recommendation was to elevate his food and water dishes. I cut a circle in the bottom of a plastic tub to fit his dish and painted it blue. There are five water dishes in the house. I raised one of the two in the kitchen by building a simple PVC stand. Several of the other animals drink out of it too.



Caloric needs and metabolism change with maturity. Older dogs often have food issues, including problems chewing, lack of appetite, obesity and digestive difficulties. Adjust your dog's food intake to reduce calories. I rotate brands and proteins regularly. Check with your vet for the best choice for your dog. Dental hygiene is particularly crucial as a dog ages. Regular cleaning can prevent painful dental disease. My dogs do not enjoy having their teeth brushed. I use dental treats, gel, chews and carrots.



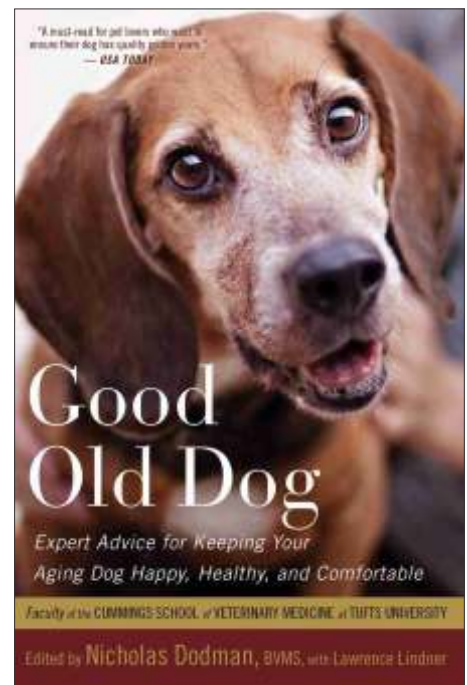
While seeking relief and comfort for Chance, I have followed my veterinarian's advice and tried other complementary medical approaches (the rehab vet being one example). Although her practice did not have one, she recommended cool laser therapy. I researched several and bought one recommended by a friend who has agility dogs. After she retired, my vet asked me which laser I bought so she could get one for her whippet. Chance tried hydrotherapy. He currently receives alternative back care and massages as part of his health care. He sees our new vet, has regular blood work and takes NSAID. All of my dogs receive Omega-

3 and glucosamine supplements. Growing old is hard work!

The Dog Aging Project

I recently found out about a unique research project that focuses on the challenges of aging by studying aging in dogs through a creative collaboration. The premise is that by studying aging in dogs, researchers will learn more about aging in humans. The team will follow tens of thousands of companion dogs for ten years or more in order to identify the biological, lifestyle, and environmental factors that maximize healthy longevity. I nominated Missy to participate in the study. The following is from their website:

The Dog Aging Project includes expert scientists and research veterinarians from over 20 research institutions and veterinary teaching hospitals. Our core leadership is based at the University of Washington and Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. The goal of the Dog Aging Project is to understand how genes, lifestyle, and environment influence aging. We want to use that information to help pets and people increase healthspan, the period of life spent free from disease.



Good Old Dog: Expert Advice for Keeping Your Aging Dog Happy, Healthy, and Comfortable - I read this helpful book in one setting. It is full of easy-to-understand advice about veterinary care for older

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Missy on the Teeter



dogs. The faculty of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University authors it. These folks treat more than 8,000 older dogs annually. They care for aging dogs with empathy for each individual dog and owner, a comprehensive approach to patient care, cutting-edge science and technology, and a commitment to innovation. I highly recommend it for everyone with an older dog.

Old dogs are the best. They hold a special place in my heart and always appreciate extra love.

Scent Work



Raised Bowl



Walking Together



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Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas

*From our Home
to Yours*

Brought to you by
the working elves
Glory, Missy, Gracie & Chance

*Olympic Crest Schipperkes
Kathy Swan*



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**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

From
Ebony Sands
Schipperkes



THE SURPRISING HISTORY OF VICTORIAN DOG SHOWS

by *Neil Pemberton & Michael Worboys*

Modern dog shows first began more than 150 years ago. Here, Neil Pemberton and Michael Worboys look at the 'Dog Fancy', a fashionable Victorian phenomenon which attracted controversy then as now.

This article was first published in the June 2009 issue of BBC History Magazine.

The first modern dog show, on 28–29 June 1859 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was an added attraction to the annual cattle show. Its country character was clear, as only setters and pointers – sporting breeds – were shown and the prizes were guns. It was a low key start to what would be, by the end of the century, a hugely popular pastime, with dog owning fashionable among all classes of society, and which had huge implications for canine breeding.

The first show to include non-sporting breeds was held in Birmingham later in 1859 and was such a success that a year later, the Birmingham Dog Show Society ran the first National Dog Show, for which there were 267 entries, with 30 breeds, judged in 42 classes. The main organiser was Richard Brailsford, a gamekeeper on the Knowsley estate of the Earl of Derby, then leader of the Conservative opposition and three-time prime minister. The earl's pointer, Juno, won a prize in 1862, indicating how rapidly participation in dog shows spread to the country's elite, making dog fancying fashionable and respectable. By the end of the 1860s, the National Dog Show was attracting over 700 dogs and 20,000 paying visitors.



January 1909:
Putting dogs onto a
train for the
Manchester Dog
Show. (Photo by
Topical Press
Agency/Getty
Images)

Dog show extravaganza

The provincial phenomenon came to London in 1862 with the first show at the Agricultural Hall in Islington. In 1863 there was a week long extravaganza at Cremorne Gardens in Chelsea. The new respectable 'Dog Fancy' came of age with this event. There were 100,000 visitors, including the Prince of Wales, and it was the occasion of the season. The number and size of dog shows then grew rapidly.

Across the country, shows were established by local enthusiasts, often with particular characteristics. For example, at Belle Vue zoological gardens in Manchester, dogs shared the limelight with poultry for many years. Events were of variable quality and more importantly repute, and such was the unease among elite dog fanciers, that, under the leadership of Sewallis Evelyn Shirley, MP, the Kennel Club was founded in London in April 1873 to regularise shows. Among its founder members was JH Walsh, who had been a judge at the first ever show in 1859. He did so much to popularise the showing of pedigree animals that he has been called 'the father of the modern dog show'.

The first show organised by the club was at Crystal Palace in 1873, which became their favoured venue, along with a second London show at the Alexandra Palace. By this time, the best shows had become grand affairs, requiring professional organisation to ensure good order, fairness and a profit.

The first entrepreneur-manager was John Douglas, though he was later surpassed by Charles Cruft, whom contemporaries styled the 'British Barnum', after the famous American showman, PT Barnum. Cruft entered the world of the Dog Fancy from his position as general manager of Spratt's Patent Limited. Through selling dog biscuits to aristocratic owners with packs of hounds, and association with the specialist breed clubs that grew up among fanciers, Cruft saw the potential of dog shows to promote the business further. The first show that he organised was in Paris, as part of the L'Exposition Universelle de 1878, followed by events in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Brussels.

Cruft's strengths were first as a publicist, using the press effectively with advertisements and stories, and second in organisation and innovation; for example, he designed special railway carriages to help ensure national entries. His first London venture was the Great Terrier Show in 1886, though it was not until 1891 that the all-breed show that still bears his name was established. By then, there were over 40 shows licensed by the Kennel Club each year, along with many smaller local and single breed shows.

Before 1900, Cruft's shows were looked down upon by the Kennel Club and leading breeders. They were said to be about the quantity of dogs on show rather than breed quality, to offer poor facilities to owners and animals, and to be associated with commercialism and sharp practice. For example, Cruft exaggerated the number of dogs to attract news coverage and had rules which meant that only 'subscribers' could win prizes. The man and his high profile London show threatened to reverse what many breeders and exhibitors saw as big improvements made since the 1860s in the quality of the dogs, exhibitors and visitors.

Commentators observed that the early shows had been patronised by 'extremes': by 'toffs' with their aggressive sporting dogs and by 'roughs' with their terriers, with both more likely to kick than stroke their animal. Over time these types had been squeezed out, so that by the 1890s shows were patronised by all classes, from royalty, through the middle classes, to the respectable working class. At the same time, the increased number of breeds ensured that there were show classes for all tastes and pockets.

The balance of entries shifted and non-sporting breeds dominated, with 'Toy' classes being particularly popular with women. Visitors now attended to view 'Dogdom' in all its varieties, to promenade and be seen, while exhibitors sought pride and prestige in winning classes and displaying their rosettes and cups. However, competition and commerce was never far away, as winning raised the value and stud fees of top

dogs, and some shows continued to offer cash prizes.

Doggy identity fraud

Judging was always controversial. First, there was the question of the qualifications and integrity of the judges. Were they born with an 'eye' for the right conformation, or could they be trained? Were judges biased towards friends and business associates? Could judges be bought by unscrupulous owners? Fierce competition meant that 'faking' was widely practised, or at least suspected. Tricks varied from trimming ears and colouring a dog's coat to 'identity fraud' – substituting a superior for an inferior animal. There were even reports of the same dog winning across the country in the same week, being moved after judging days, while their 'doubles' sat out at their previous appearances.

Most important of all were the criteria for judging. This question had arisen at the very first show in Newcastle in 1859, when sporting dogs were assessed on their look and shape, rather than their abilities in the field. Indeed, there were complaints throughout the Victorian period that the quality of English sporting dogs was in decline because breeders looked for “a good neck, bones and feet”, rather than “intelligence, a good nose and stamina”.

One solution to the problem of judging standards was the system of standardised 'points' – that is, a list of desirable features for parts of the dog's body. For example, a minimum height, a preferred shape of head, and a required conformation of front and hind legs.

The Kennel Club was also challenged over the welfare of dogs. Owners reported that some shows were centres of contagion, spreading fleas and the much-feared distemper. Thus, Jeyes Sanitary Company became as important a sponsor as Spratt's Patent. There were also reports of dogs choking on the chains that secured them to benches, while the close confinement of dogs in strange surroundings produced interminable noise, which turned to pandemonium when dogs escaped their leashes to fight and run amok.

To validate pedigrees and identities, the club established a Stud Book, in which owners could record the lineage of their individual dog or kennel. Registrations were allowed to be back-dated to 1859 and after 1880 it became the national register of pedigrees, after differences with the Birmingham Society were settled in 1885. The Stud Books became important in the selling and buying of dogs, as proof of good breeding could alone increase an animal's value.

The Kennel Club also became the arbiter of breeds and breed standards. Since the 1860s, there had been a proliferation of recognised breeds, with new types coming from many sources: the sub-division of existing breeds, as with terriers; the revival of 'extinct' breeds, such as the Irish Wolf Hound; the importation of foreign breeds, such as the Pekinese; and the 'manufacture' of new breeds, as with the Doberman Pinscher, first produced in 1890.

Lapdog Controversy

At the same time, the improvement of breeds towards 'perfection' was controversial. While there was approval for the greater regularity of type, many fanciers complained that standards were being set on arbitrary, largely aesthetic grounds by enthusiasts in specialist clubs, without concern for utility or the health of the animal. This meant that breeds were changing, and not always for the better. For example, the modern St Bernard was said to be a beautiful animal, but would be useless in Alpine rescue work.

In the late 1880s, veterinarians worried about the physical and mental well-being of ladies' lapdogs –

anticipating the recent controversies between the Kennel Club, RSPCA and the BBC. One vet, JH Steel, wrote of a toy dog, “whose stomach refuses all but the most delicate morsels artificially prepared, whose limbs can scarcely support his weight, whose natural atmosphere is that of a close and heated room, and who has become petulant and snappish through the enervating influence of his surroundings”. However, vets reported that overall the health of pedigree dogs was no worse, and perhaps better, than that of mongrels.

Dog shows were a phenomenon of the Victorian era, which spread from Britain around the world. Paris held its first show in 1863 and the premiere American event began in 1877. Shows appealed to the public as entertainment and became symbols of progressive canine breeding and ownership. Viewing and showing dogs crossed boundaries of gender and class, and allowed all to join in polite competition.

Of course, the shows changed the lives of dogs. They initiated the public preference for pedigree over mongrel dogs, hence, dividing 'Dogdom' into hierarchies and classes that mirrored Victorian social structure. They made dog owning fashionable, accelerating the trend towards dogs becoming well-treated, domestic companions across British society.

Neil Pemberton and Michael Worboys are the authors of Mad Dogs and Englishmen: Rabies in Britain 1830–2000 (Palgrave, 2007).

Our Veteran “Maxine”

Maxine is a bossy, mighty mite, treat-loving little girl. When we had her 13th birthday party in September all the club members brought their girls to the party. Maxine was very quiet for awhile then got into the thick of it. When treats were handed out, she was the first to beg or stand on the treat givers leg. When the playing got rowdy, little Jet (whose name fits her to a tee), found Maxine jumping on her and placed her paw on Jet's head. It was so obvious Maxine was telling her to stop running around like crazy and settle down. She has always been our Alpha even with the big boys. We call her Mrs. Clean as she was with her puppies and still is with everyone else. She steals our hearts daily and we thank Johnnie and Alan Maschoff for selling her to us long ago.

Ken & Vicki Marks



De Sang Bleu Is Expecting

Ch Katch Mimi If You Can De Sang Bleu

Sire: Ch Dantes All Fired Up

Dam: Ch Godivagoddess de Sang Bleu

**Litters expected the
end of November!**



About Mimi:

SCA National Specialty April 12, 2019

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best Bred by Exhibitor

SCSC Specialty Winners Bitch April 8, 2019

Mimi—has been bred to Decker:

**Ch Deloran's On Board with
Seasun N'Ebony Sand's**

Best Puppy and BOW at
SCSC January 2018
Sire of major pointed offspring

Ch Just About Me De Sang Bleu

Sire: Ch Spindrift Bravo

Dam: Ch Godivagoddess de Sang Bleu



About Rainy:

SCSC Specialty weekend

Winners Bitch,

Best of Winners,

Best of Opposite to

finish her championship

Shown twice in 2020 winning **Group 4**

Rainy—has been bred to Connor



BISS GCH Ebony Sand's There can be Only One

SCSC Specialty Winner,
AOM 3 of 4 Specialty shows
at the 2019 California National Week
Sire of Champions



Breeders: Maureen Garrity, Arleen
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Veteran's Bring Such Pride & Joy!

especially **Hercules**

Waybren's Hercules God of Strength,
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My Veteran Dogs

by Brenda Nilio

For years I have thoroughly enjoyed reading stories written by fellow Schipperke lovers about their furry friends. Every time it brings a smile to my face.

It wasn't until now, when the SCA decided to shine a spotlight on our lovely Veteran Schipperkes, that I decided to tell the story of my 2 wonderful Veteran Schips.

Freya: GCH CH Waybren' Freya—ady in Black, NAP, NJP, ACT 1, CGC, TKN

This pretty girl is 13-1/2 years old and has done everything I have asked of her; and then some. Freya spent the first 6 years of her life on the conformation dog show circuit (from 1-2008 to 8-2014), achieving great things. She has a couple group placements on her resume, as well as a 2x Top Twenty Qualifier in 2010 and 2013. And sprinkled in between her show career, she whelped 12 lovely pups to carry on her legacy.



Once I retired her as a conformation show dog, she and I trained and competed in agility. She was such a fun little teammate and brought so much joy and laughter, not only to me, but to all other agility exhibitors at the trials. She poured out her little heart in the agility arena, despite the fact that this sport really wasn't Freya's jam. So we only did that for a couple of years when I finally chose to honor her desire not to be my agility teammate. She obtained her last title in June 2017.

But, as we all know, Schipperkes are dogs that don't like to sit idle so from there, she and I got her Therapy Dog Certification, and since October 2017 until Covid-19 hit, Freya has been bringing joy and happiness into the schools in our community.

Three times a week she and I would go into the grade schools and she would listen to the little children read to her. Freya loves the kids. As soon as she knew where we were, I would strap on her Therapy Dog vest and she couldn't trot fast enough into the school to be with her friends. We have also gone into some nursing homes and the local college and high schools during finals week as a stress reliever. Although Freya loves all people, her real passion is the Canine Reading Program. She has quite a following and I know she misses the children as much as they miss her. One day we hope to return to normal but until then, this little girl gives me countless hours of love and laughter every day. Being 13-1/2, I recognize that each and every day with Freya is a gift and I do not take it for granted.

Jupiter: Waybren's Jupiter god of the gods, CD, BN, RAE, NA, NAJ, CGC, TKN

This special little boy is a Freya son. He was my pick boy from her 8/2010 litter. Unfortunately, things don't always go as planned. At the



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very young age of 6 months old, Jupiter tried to follow his momma by jumping onto the couch and then onto the back of the couch from there. Momma landed it; Jupiter did not and flew right over the backside of the couch to the floor and shattered his forearm. After two surgeries, multiple pins in his leg and months of hydro-therapy, he had a full recovery.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Jupiter was also cryptorchid, so, his "show and breeding" career ended before it even started. At that point, I was financially and emotionally invested in this little dog and just because things don't go as planned, it doesn't mean we have to throw the baby out with the bath water. So I kept Jupiter and went to "Plan B"; which, for me, at that time, was Obedience and Rally.



Now ... I would be lying if I didn't openly admit that Jupiter was a little stinker to train in these sports. But there was something about this little dog that just didn't allow me to quit / give up on him. Temperament wise, Jupiter isn't everyone's cup of tea. But there was always something about him, whereby he and I became soul mates. I think part of it was that I had JUST lost my rescue dog, Spartacus, 2 months prior to Jupiter being whelped and he reminded me so much of Spartacus. It almost felt like he was sent to me by Spartacus. I believe all of us have probably had an experience like this. If I hadn't bred Jupiter myself, I honestly would have thought he was a rescue who was mistreated, just based on how he was. But, again, I had just finished rehabilitating one "head case of a Schipperke" so I wasn't gonna give up on this gift sent to me from above.



So we kept at it. Jupiter taught me how to be a better trainer. He helped me fill my toolbox with multiple creative ideas. But he was fun and I loved him. He eventually not only managed to get his Beginner's Novice Obedience title, but he went on to earn his CD, as well as his Rally RAE (Rally Advance Excellent) title. In fact, Jupiter and I went High Combined at one of the rally competitions. I was walking on air! We did it! My little guy and I were able to overcome his goofy little brain and get his head in the game.

While training obedience and rally, I was also dabbling with Jupiter in agility. I was trying to find the sport that resonated with this special little dog. That really wasn't it either. We managed to get his Novice Jumpers and Novice Standard titles, but I picked up what he was setting down and stopped forcing him to do something that didn't excite him.

So then Jupiter and I strapped on Tracking gear and began training in that sport. Now I did it! I found Jupiter's sweet spot ... His passion! Jupiter loved, loved, loved to Track. We had soooo much fun training in Tracking. Unfortunately, our tracking group kinda fell apart before he was able to compete and earn his TD. Which is fine. For me, it's not about the ribbons and titles, it is about the relationship and bond I develop with my dogs.

And then, like his momma, Freya, Jupiter followed in her footsteps and got his Therapy Dog

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Certification in October 2017. Until Covid-19 hit, Jupiter also had 3 elementary schools he was serving via the Canine Reading Program. Jupiter; however, does better with the Special Needs children. He has transformed the lives of so many special children. It has been exceptionally heartwarming to watch. He finally found his calling. We hope that one day soon he can get back to the thing he is most passionate about. Until then, like all my Schipperkes, Jupiter brings light to my life and joy to my heart. He is quite a "Talker" / "Story teller" and each morning he wakes me by sharing his dreams with me.

I love all Schipperkes, but the Veterans really pull at my heartstrings.



Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year

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Jupiter & Freya



choosing a kibble for your dog

by

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What kibble should I feed my dog?

I know what you're thinking: why is The Raw Feeding Community writing about kibble? Well, the answer is simple: not everyone can feed raw. Raw diets require significantly more research, prep time, and freezer space, and typically a bigger budget than would be necessary with most dry foods. For this reason, it would be unrealistic for us to assume that every pet owner can or will switch their dog to a raw diet. But just because someone can't feed raw doesn't mean they can't improve their dog's diet in other ways, including switching to a high quality kibble.

Quick side note: just as important – if not even more so – than what brand of kibble you choose is what you add to it. There are some really simple supplemental items you can add that come with some really important benefits. ([Click here for a couple ideas!](#)) For example, due to the nature of processing and shelf life, all kibble – no matter how high quality – is lacking in omega 3 fatty acids, which are important for skin/coat, heart, and brain health. ([Read more about adding omega 3 fatty acids to your pet's diet here.](#))

Now that that's out of the way, back to the kibble!

What should I look for?

Browsing the dry dog food aisle can be an overwhelming experience. Many of the things that might draw you into a specific product probably aren't actually any real indication of a good quality food, like a bag covered with colorful images of fresh meat and veggies or a brand that boasts that it is made of "natural" ingredients".

As an example, a brand that is notorious for its great marketing yet subpar product is Blue Buffalo. I'm sure you've seen the convincing commercials or even run into one of their food reps in a big box pet store. Yet, Blue Buffalo has been [caught lying about ingredients](#) and has recently been sued over allegations that their products have been [causing kidney disease in dogs and cats and contain toxic levels of lead](#). The allegation that Blue Buffalo has been causing kidney disease and urinary stones isn't a new one, either: [this concern has been raised by veterinary professionals for years](#).

How could this happen? Blue Buffalo is supposed to be a safe, natural, holistic food, isn't it? It is sold at the price of a high end products, so owners are lead to believe that they are purchasing a high quality product. Unfortunately, that isn't how it works.

As it turns out, the pet food industry is very under-regulated. Blue Buffalo can get away with claiming that their food is "natural," "healthy," and "made with high quality ingredients" even if it is not, because legally, those claims are meaningless. Although the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) [has defined some terms and set rules](#) for labelling pet foods, [they are not a regulatory authority](#); they cannot approve, certify, test, or authorize pet foods or ingredients in any way – only the FDA and individual state laws can do that.

What all of this means is that if we want to analyze the quality of pet food products, we will have to look deeper than the pretty pictures on the bag or the claims made by the pet food commercials.

Here are some things you should consider when choosing a kibble.

AAFCO statements

What is AAFCO?

AAFCO, or the Association of American Feed Control Officials, is an organization that helps establish rules and regulations for the pet food industry. AAFCO itself is not a regulatory agency, but it works with the FDA and state lawmakers who then adopt AAFCO regulations at the federal and/or state level. [Read more about AAFCO's role in the pet food industry here.](#)

[You can purchase the most recent official AAFCO publication here](#) if you are interested. A 14 day free trial is also available online.

Life stages

If a food is deemed “complete and balanced,” that means it meets [minimum nutrient requirements as determined by the National Research Council \(NRC\) and adopted by AAFCO](#). Foods that are balanced must meet the minimum requirements, based on laboratory analysis and/or feeding trials, for at least one life stage:

- Adult Maintenance, or
- Growth & Reproduction.

Sport Dog Food's Active Series Whitefish Formula for Dogs is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for All Life Stages including growth of large size dogs (70 LB or more as an adult).

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“Formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO dog food nutrient profiles for all life stages **including** growth of large size dogs (70 lb or more as an adult)” means that this food is safe for adults and all puppies, including large breed puppies, based on an analysis of the diet that demonstrated it to have appropriate levels and ratios of all nutrients required by AAFCO for these life stages.

EUKANUBA™ Puppy Formula Dog Food is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for growth except for the growth of large size dogs (70 lbs. or more as an adult).

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Dr. Tim's Metabolite Dog Food is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for maintenance.

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“Formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO dog food nutrient profiles for maintenance” means that this food is appropriate for adult dogs, but it does not meet the minimum nutritional requirements for puppies. These foods should be fed to adults only.

It is very important to make sure your growing puppy or kitten is fed a diet that is formulated to meet

requirements for Growth or All Life Stages. Puppies and kittens are not as effective at regulating nutrient levels in the body, and the process of growing and maturing demands more protein, fat, and other nutrients than an adult would require. For these reasons, growing animals require more specific nutrient ratios and higher amounts of many nutrients than adults. Feeding an adult maintenance diet to a growing puppy or kitten means you are feeding a deficient diet, and that can potentially cause irreversible long-term health issues. [Large breed puppies grow at an even faster rate thus are particularly sensitive to certain nutrient ratios, and feeding an inappropriate diet can result in skeletal deformities.](#)

In 2016, [AAFCO implemented new requirements for large breed puppies.](#) Due to their rapid growth, large breed puppies are particularly sensitive to certain mineral ratios. Incorrect ratios can be very detrimental, and can even cause permanent skeletal deformities. According to AAFCO's new requirements, All Life Stages diets are supposed to also specify whether or not they are adequate for large breed puppies in their AAFCO statements. Pet food companies were supposed to comply with this new rule by 2018, however it is now April 2019 at the time I am typing this and unfortunately many pet food companies still have not updated this information on their websites.

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“Formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO dog food nutrient profiles for growth” is an example of an incomplete AAFCO statement. It does not specify whether or not it is appropriate for the growth of large size puppies.

If a diet's AAFCO statement does not specify whether or not it is appropriate for the growth of large size puppies, I would recommend contacting the company to ask for this information.

“Formulated” vs “feeding trials”

There are two ways a diet can be proven to be “complete and balanced” according to AAFCO:

- by formulation, or
- by feeding trials.

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“Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate” that this food “provides complete and balanced nutrition for maintenance” means that this diet went through feeding trials to demonstrate its adequacy for adult dogs. These feeding trials can be used in addition to or in place of an analysis. Both methods have pros and cons.

When a diet is determined to be “complete and balanced” by formulation, this means an analysis of the diet showed that met the minimum nutrient requirements and ratios established by AAFCO for that life stage. This is important, but just because a diet is balanced “on paper” doesn't mean it actually will be in practice; bioavailability, nutrient interactions, and anti-nutrients might have significant effects and can be the difference between balanced and unbalanced, but the formulation analysis will not always reflect that.

Feeding trials involve actually feeding the diet to a group of dogs and obtaining data about their health while they are on this diet, so this method will be more likely to catch issues relating to bioavailability or nutrient interactions than a formulation analysis. However, feeding trials are not anywhere near long enough to determine if a diet is *truly* adequate. A feeding trial for adult

maintenance diets lasts 26 weeks, but only very severe nutritional deficiencies or excesses will be clinically observed in this time frame. Some deficiencies/excesses can even take years before manifesting clinical symptoms! In addition, AAFCO procedures do not require a comprehensive blood panel, further limiting the number of clinical symptoms that may appear on an unbalanced diet in a short time frame. Plus, as more and more evidence emerges that different breeds of dogs can have different dietary needs, feeding trials using one breed of dog (usually Beagles) won't take breed related differences into account either.

Still, feeding trials are a valuable tool in assessing the adequacy of a diet, and are considered by many veterinary professionals and nutritionists to be the "old standard" at this time. Some pet food companies claim that they choose not to do feeding trials because of the issues explained above, asserting that feeding trials aren't a definitive method of assessing a diet's adequacy...in my opinion, something is better than nothing. Meanwhile, other pet food companies do feeding trials that exceed minimum requirements, such as [Purina](#) or [Just Food For Dogs](#).

[Here is an article that further explains and compares the laboratory analysis and feeding trial methods of demonstrating a diet's adequacy.](#)

[Read more about AAFCO statements and what they mean here.](#)

Ingredients

Look on the back of the bag to find the ingredient list. Those ingredients are listed in descending order according to their weight.

Ingredients to avoid

- **Colors & dyes:** these are unnecessary because they serve no purpose other than to make the food look more appetizing to owners – the dogs don't care what color their food is. Not only is there no nutritional benefit, many color and dye agents commonly used in pet food, such as red 40, yellow 5, and yellow 6, [may be linked to tumor development and other significant health issues](#). When you weigh the risk (high) vs the benefit (none), it is clear that colors and dyes are best avoided.
- **Sugars or sweeteners:** unnecessary additions to pet food whose only function is to make the food more appetizing to dogs; look out for ingredients such as "corn syrup" or "sorbitol." While not necessarily harmful in moderation (for example, molasses or honey in treats), consider that kibble is intended to be used as the main or sole source of nutrition for most dogs, and excessive consumption of sugars is not healthy.
- **Unnamed meat ingredients:** the official AAFCO definitions of ingredients such as "meat meal" or "animal fat" are purposefully vague and leave out key words and phrases found in other ingredient definitions, increasing the potential for highly variable nutrient content and ingredients from questionable sources.
- **Mineral oxides:** such as zinc, copper, iron, manganese, and magnesium oxide. Minerals exist in many different forms, but they are not all equal in the world of nutrition. Studies show that mineral oxides have some of the [lowest absorption rates](#) of all mineral compounds. If the food contains minerals in forms that are not easily absorbed or metabolized, then they won't be effectively utilized by the body. Without adequate amounts of minerals in balanced ratios, an animal could suffer health consequences including but not limited to an impaired immune system, hair loss, hyperkeratosis, and decreased fertility.
- **BHA & BHT:** the US Dept of Health and Human Services National Toxicity program states that BHA is ["reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity from studies in experimental animals."](#) Tissue accumulation is greater for BHT than it is for BHA. Still, [some studies have found BHA and BHT to be non-carcinogenic](#),

but considering the [variety of alternative antioxidant compounds that can be utilized as preservatives](#) that [do not show genotoxic or carcinogenic effects and are just as or more effective](#), the use of BHA and/or BHT seems unnecessarily risky, even if we assume the risk is relatively minimal at low quantities.

- **Ethoxyquin:** initially utilized as a pesticide, ethoxyquin is an antioxidant compound that is used as a preservative in dog foods whose [safety has been questioned for decades](#). [Toxicity observed in in vivo and in vitro studies have demonstrated potential harmful effects](#). In addition, the concern has been raised that [environmental contamination by ethoxyquin due to its widespread use in animal feed may pose a risk to vertebrate and aquatic life](#).

Controversial ingredients

Some ingredients are controversial, but their bad reputation doesn't necessarily mean they are bad.

- **Corn:** one of the crops most commonly treated with the herbicide glyphosate, increasing the likelihood of [glyphosate contamination in pet foods](#) containing large amounts of corn. The consumption of high amounts of glyphosate has not been well-studied, but it may be associated with [alteration of the gut microbiome](#) (particularly in animals consuming low protein diets). The potential [carcinogenic effects of glyphosate are debated](#). That said, [glyphosate has been detected in pet foods without corn](#) too. Another potential issue with corn is the [presence of mycotoxins](#), though some pet food companies have quality control procedures that routinely test for this. A common complaint about corn is that it is not digestible by dogs, but this is incorrect; corn in kibble has been processed in a way that makes it significantly more digestible, and digestibility studies indicate that [corn is actually more digestible than peas and lentils](#) in kibble.
- **Soy:** like corn, soy is one of the most common glyphosate-treated crops. In addition, soy contains compounds called phytoestrogens, such as isoflavones and lignans, which can have both beneficial or detrimental effects. Long-term consumption of pet foods containing significant amounts of soy [may be detrimental to reproductive or endocrine health in cats](#) and [dogs](#). Soy isoflavone consumption [may be associated with hyperthyroidism in cats](#); this correlation has not been established in dogs, but [thyroid function in dogs does seem to be affected by the long term consumption of soy phytoestrogens](#) to some degree, though the significance of these seemingly minor changes has yet to be established. That said, a number of studies have also demonstrated potential [benefits](#) of phytoestrogen consumption in dogs, including [chemopreventive](#) and [cardioprotective](#) actions.
- **Flax:** like soy, flax is a major source of phytoestrogens. Anecdotal reports suggest that dog foods containing flax ingredients can be detrimental to reproductive health in intact animals. Though it is a great source of the omega-3 alpha linolenic acid (ALA), this must be converted to eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and/or docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) before it can be utilized, and this conversion is extremely inefficient in dogs.
- **Legumes:** in the vast majority of grain-free diets on the market today, grains are replaced by legumes such as peas, lentils, and beans. However, there is no proven benefit associated with feeding legumes instead of grains, and [according to veterinary cardiologists, it may put your dog at risk of nutritional dilated cardiomyopathy \(DCM\)](#), a fatal heart condition notorious for showing little to no clinical symptoms until the dog goes into heart failure. Until we know more about this correlation between legumes and DCM, avoiding them would be the safest choice. Isolated protein ingredients like "pea protein" are particularly worrying, because legumes or other plant based protein sources are not easily digestible and are deficient in many essential and nonessential (but important) amino acids. Like soy and flax, peas also contain phytoestrogens.

- **Brewer's rice:** though it has earned a bad reputation because it is a byproduct of the rice industry and is not as nutritionally dense as brown rice, brewer's rice is an affordable and sustainable ingredient that provides fiber and a digestible source of carbohydrates. Despite claims to the contrary, [brewer's rice is one of the most digestible carbohydrate sources](#) in kibble for dogs. It is also [one of the best sources of polyphenols](#), and studies in rats indicate it may even provide [antioxidant and anti-cancer effects](#), but I have not found any similar studies in dogs.
- **Meat by-products:** according to the AAFCO definition, by-products include the parts derived from slaughtered animals other than meat, including but not limited to lungs, spleen, kidney, brain, liver, blood, bone, fatty tissue, and cleaned stomachs/intestines freed of their contents, and *not* including foreign matter, hide trimmings, manure, stomach/rumen contents, hair, feathers, horns, teeth, or hooves "except in such amounts as may occur unavoidably in good processing practices." Poultry by-products can consist of heads, feet, viscera, and whole carcasses. In theory, by-products can be highly nutritious ingredients; organs like liver and spleen are some of the most nutrient-dense parts of a food animal, providing highly digestible, natural sources of many vitamins and minerals (which is why these parts play such an important part as ingredients in raw diets!). However, the broad definition of what by-product ingredients can consist of means that the nutrient content and quality can be highly variable and is largely dependent on the manufacturer.
- **Lamb meal:** in digestibility studies, [lamb meal consistently ranks the worst of the worst](#). Lamb meal and rice dog foods were previously [associated with taurine deficient DCM](#), leading to the incorrect assumption that lamb itself is low in taurine (nope – lamb *meal* is a very different ingredient than lamb itself, and [lamb is comparable to beef in its taurine content](#)). Instead, studies hypothesize this issue was due to the extremely low bioavailability of nutrients and low levels of sulfur amino acid (taurine precursors), probably due to the composition of this ingredient being lower in muscle and organ meat and higher in bone, connective tissue, and fat, which are not good sources of amino acids.
- **"Novel" ingredients:** while novel ingredients can be lifesavers in dogs with food allergies in some cases (though keep in mind that [undeclared ingredients can still cause setbacks](#)), they are not as well researched as more conventional ingredients, and what limited studies we do have about them demonstrates that they may carry a similar risk as lamb meal – low digestibility and incomplete amino acid profiles ([yet still none of them scored worse than lamb meal in this study](#)).
- **Menadione:** a synthetic form of vitamin K. The FDA does not allow human supplements to contain menadione, because it does have a much greater potential for toxicity than the non-synthetic forms of vitamin K. However, this doesn't mean the levels in dog food will cause toxicity. Studies evaluating the toxicity of menadione involve [extremely high doses given by intravenous injection](#), not small dietary doses like those found in kibble. A water-soluble vitamin, menadione is eliminated from the body rather than being stored, so long term consumption of low doses is very unlikely to cause toxicity. That said, vitamin K is synthesized by gut bacteria in dogs, so whether or not it actually needs to be provided in the diet in the form of synthetic additives has been disputed.

Good ingredients

- **Chelated/organic minerals:** organic in this context doesn't mean the same thing as that organic label on the veggies you buy at the grocery store – rather, the literal definition of organic means that the molecule contains carbon. Chelated minerals are bound with amino acids or other organic compounds – for example: proteinate, glycinate, or methionine. Studies consistently demonstrate a much higher bioavailability in chelated

minerals in comparison to inorganic minerals. In other words, more of the mineral is absorbed and utilized by the body, and less is excreted in urine. Chelated minerals can be fed in much smaller amounts than inorganic minerals since they are utilized more effectively. Chelated mineral supplements are more expensive, but a high quality dog food company will opt to use the higher quality, more bioavailable chelated mineral supplements in their food.

- **Meat meals:** “chicken meal” is preferred over just “chicken” because meals are dried and rendered before weighing, making it a much more concentrated source of protein in comparison to a non-meal ingredient, which will be mostly water by weight. So just because “chicken” might be the first ingredient doesn’t mean it is actually the main source of protein – all that means is that it weighed more in proportion to the other ingredients, but that raw weight includes about 70% water. ([Read more about meats vs meals here.](#))
- **Low temperature, low pressure, low ash:** all of these are descriptions of the processing and composition of animal based ingredients associated with [higher quality](#) proteins that are generally more digestible and retain more nutritional value.

This is not an exhaustive or complete list of ingredients in dog food. If you don’t see something listed under “food ingredients” that does not mean it is not a good ingredient!

[You can find more detailed explanations of AAFCO pet food ingredient definitions here.](#)

Carbohydrates

Carbs are not considered an essential nutrient for dogs or cats, but carbs in moderation can be beneficial ingredients. However, notice I said *in moderation*. [Excessive carbohydrates may contribute to obesity](#), and can be especially problematic when dealing with certain health issues such as [epilepsy](#). See below to learn how to determine the amount of carbs in your pet’ food.

Calculating carbohydrates

Although carbohydrate content isn’t required to be listed on the guaranteed analysis, [it is easy to calculate](#). Simply subtract the % protein, fat, moisture, and ash from 100 and you will get the % carbs (including fiber). Sometimes ash isn’t listed on the label, so we use the average ash % found in most dry foods, which is about 8%.

Grain free vs. grain inclusive

Grain free foods have become popular amongst some owners because they want to avoid unnecessary carbs or ingredients that are not “species appropriate.” But even grain free dry foods must add starches of some type to keep the kibble together in bite-size pieces. Sometimes, the starches chosen for grain free foods aren’t necessarily any better than in grain inclusive foods.

Concentrated plant based protein ingredients, like pea protein, can contribute significantly to the protein content of a food. We want the majority of the protein to come from animal-based sources like

Potato, Chicken Meal, Chicken Fat (Preserved with Mixed Tocopherols), Whole Blueberries, Potassium Chloride, DL-Methionine, Choline Chloride, Calcium Propionate

Before: potato is listed as the first ingredient, followed by chicken meal.

New Ingredients: Chicken Meal, Burbank Potato, Norkotah Potato, Chicken Fat, (preserved with mixed tocopherols), Whole Blueberries, Potassium Chloride

New Ingredients: Chicken Meal, Burbank Potato,
Norkotah Potato, Chicken Fat, (preserved with mixed
tocopherols) Whole Blueberries Potassium Chloride

After: chicken meal is listed as the first ingredient, followed by “burbank potato” and “norkotah potato”
The composition of the food never changed, but the ingredient list was modified to make it seem like
there was more chicken meal than potato.



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Dam: Am Can Ch Mardeck's Camenae T'Dae

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How long have you been a member of SCA?

I think about 3? (Close to that if not already)

Name of Schipperke(s) you have/currently owned.

Obie

How did you start in schips? -first schip? first experience with the breed?

My boyfriend, now husband, and I were watching a dog show on television and were absolutely captivated by this silly, fun, energetic little black dog that came racing on the screen. We thought the physical look was very unique and sought out to learn more about this little character of a dog. After almost 10 years, when we were able to buy our first home, with a fence ;), we started reaching out to breeders. Ursula Hutton was the first to respond, inviting us to this thing called a "Schipnic" We drove 3 hours to her home that weekend and were goners after being in the presence of at least 30 crazy schipperkes of various ages. We were fortunate enough to get on a list almost instantly with Marnie Layng, and welcomed Obie into our home December 2015. The rest is truly, history.

What do you love about the breed?

The personality. It's truly what makes them special outside of the fact nothing in this world truly looks like them. Obie is such a character and is endless entertainment and frustration. Working with a stereotypical Schipperke, who aims to please himself and not us the owners, makes everything that much more rewarding. He's our first dog together and has become so much more.

If involved in sports or conformation with your schips please describe your involvement.

Obie has multiple group placements and was the 2018 Owner-Handled Best of Breed in Orlando, Florida. He has continually ranked in the top 20 for Owner-Handled Schipperkes for the past 3 years as well as an SCA Top 20 invitee. He is currently ranked #14 All Breed Schipperke for 2020. He has titles in Rally, Trick Dog, Barn Hunt, and basic manners (CGC), as well as he has done dock diving and is one of only a handful of Schipperkes to get his FCAT title in Fast CAT, and to get the Versatile Schipperke Award.

Any exciting recent brags?

The FCAT title was in October of this year, and based on rankings and timing, he should finish in the Top 20 All Breed Schipperkes.

What is your most memorable schip moment?

Showing up to Ursula's house for our very first SchipNic. I pulled my VW Beetle up onto one of the hills near her land. I was so taken in awe by the flood of schipperkes that ran down her kenneled area, I almost drove my car over the embankment. I liken it to the wildebeest stampede scene down the gorges in the Lion King. It makes me smile to this day thinking about that. Some memorable wins were Grand Champion Major wins in Syracuse winning over almost 20 schipperkes and a few BOB wins

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that allowed us to finish his GCH as well as have National Rankings. Every earned title with Obie is memorable as well.

Share a photo of you and your schips!



**Obie handled
by
Evan Emmert**

Obie



Member full name:

Brenda Nilio

General location:

Wisconsin

How long have you been a member of SCA?

I am not 100% certain. I know it's at least 10 years; maybe 15 (???)

Name of Schipperke(s) you have/currently owned:

Currently Own: Freya, Jupiter, Karma, Simba. Across the Bridge: Spartacus, Anastasia, Apollo, Sterling

How did you start in schips? -first schip? first experience with the breed?

First Schipperke: 2003. A good friend had Schipperkes when he was younger (his parents bred them). He would talk about these dogs all the time. Finally, one year I got him one for a birthday present. From the day I brought that dog home for him, I was HOOKED! I had never heard of them before. I was a cat person to the core prior to experiencing and being owned by my first Schipperke.

What do you love about the breed?

Primarily I love their intelligence. Contrary to what a lot of people say, I find that they DO want to please their owners. I do a lot of performance and companion events with my Schipperkes and I find them to be FANTASTIC teammates. They are silly. I love that they are basically a wash and go breed. Their energy keeps me young, alive and vibrant!

If involved in sports or conformation with your schips please describe your involvement.

I am involved in conformation with my breeding stock. Two of my retired show dogs are now Certified Therapy Dogs. Prior to Covid-19, we would go into the schools 3x/week and the children would read to my two older/retired dogs (ages 13 and 10). I also train and compete in agility, nosework, tracking, obedience and FAST CAT with my dogs.

Any exciting recent brags?

Due to Covid-19, it's been challenging to compete so brags in 2020 don't exist. If you would have asked me this same question leading up to this year, I would have had a challenging time limiting my brag to just one brag for just one Schipperke as each of them give me multiple reasons to frequently brag.

My Therapy Dog, Jupiter (age 10), helped a Special Needs child in one of the schools we go to overcome his fear of dogs. Prior to Jupiter attending this child's school, he wouldn't even allow the teachers to wheel his wheelchair into the same room that the Therapy Dogs were in. From the first time Jupiter arrived at the school, him and the little boy connected and as the school year progressed, not only did the little boy want to be in the same room as Jupiter, but he would want out of his wheelchair and he would sit on the floor and pet Jupiter. The entire staff at the school was astounded at the transformation they saw in this boy once he met Jupiter the Schipperke. It was a feel good story in the community.

What is your most memorable schip moment?

Back in 2005, I rescued a Schipperke from Amish country out in PA. Apparently no one wanted to adopt him because he had a tail (who cares; he wasn't ever gonna be a show dog). This poor little dog had never been outside of a 4' x 4' kennel prior to me rescuing him. He was flea infested and his coat was severely matted. It was apparent he didn't know what love was and no one had ever talked to him, as he knew no words. In fact, when I first got him home, he wouldn't

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even come into the house; he was clearly most comfortable on concrete (in my garage). Very, very long story short, after about 2-1/2 years, that precious little dog loved love. He had a vocabulary as large as my well bred dogs. He knew he was worthy of pillows, blankets and toys. He loved going for walks (when I first got him home, he would only walk along the fence line, as going around and around a 4' x 4' kennel was all he knew for the first 5 years of his life). He would run in the yard and even became brave enough to cross a street without a curb there to guide him. He loved going for car rides. His name was Spartacus. He was a warrior and my heart dog.

Share a photo of you and your schips!



**Brenda & crew
picture perfect**

Brenda & Crew...



A Gold Champion Weekend

"LJJ Pups Sweep In Ohio!"

Kiara-n-Sarava Kool Kool as Ice

Ice became a new Champion by winning BOB for a Major win.

Loved and owned by Sara Name, Vicki and Gary Hester

Kiara LJJ Kool Kool L4J

L4J became a new Champion by winning BOB for a Major win.

Loved and owned by Vicki and Gary Hester



Breeders: Gary & Vicki Hester
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Kiara Kool Dude

Crush earned a New Title "RN"

Owned, loved and trained by Kathy Sweet



MGD

2020 SCA BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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Should host National in even years.

(As of 11/1/2020)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(As of: 11/1/2020)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

April 11-15, 2021—Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612

ERIE CANAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

ILLIANA SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

Our January 2021 Southern Michigan Specialty is scheduled to be held on January 16, 2021, in conjunction with the Oakland County Kennel Club. This is a 4-day weekend of All breed dog shows.

COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS (Eastern Region)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA (Western Region)

November 21st and 22nd, 2020. Concurrent Specialties at Rawhide Event Center, Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, Arizona, with the Fiesta Dog Show, all breed show, which runs from Friday through Monday. We will be having conformation both days and sweeps and Junior Handler on Saturday. There will be an opportunity to show in six separate conformation classes. This is **not** Thanksgiving weekend this year. Judges will be Don Hanson and Kenneth Levison. Sharon Holmes-Hyde will judge sweeps.

For information contact show chair, Ken Marks, kmarks50@cox.net. Show superintendent is Onofrio Dog Shows.

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Western Region)

March 5, 2021 Tentative Regional back-to-back specialties on Friday, March 5, 2021 sandwiched between the Malibu KC shows Wednesday & Thursday, March 3 & 4 and the KC of Beverly Hills shows Saturday & Sunday, March 6 & 7, 2021. Judges TBD. For information contact show chair, Karen Ward, karen@klward.net.

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

CENTRAL ROCKIES SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

LONE STAR SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

October 2, 2021 Back to back Regionals with 4-6 month Beginner Puppy at morning show. Beth Lilly, show chair, bethlilly@gmail.com. Caper, Show Secretary.

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Regional Club

LONE STAR SCHIPPERKE CLUB
BACK-TO-BACK SPECIALTIES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
by Beverly Henry

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, our club made the decision to go ahead with our shows, but to follow AKC's Best Practices guidelines in order to keep our exhibitors and spectators as safe as we possibly could. Masks were mandatory in the building, not just because of the AKC guidelines but at the request of the property owner. We did not allow blow dryers in the building, but provided 2 shaded areas with 2 dryers each, 6' apart for exhibitors to use.

Beth Lilly and Lezlie Hall did a fantastic job choosing our trophies. Beth also solicited enough donations to cover 100% of the trophy and ribbon costs.

The entry was excellent with 7 dogs, 13 bitches, 4 dog specials, 3 bitch specials, 1 veteran in both shows plus one 4-6-month Beginner Puppy at the morning show. So even with absentees, it was 5 points in both sexes at the morning show. Winners dog from the morning show finished and was moved-up to best of breed at the afternoon show. Because Winners dog at the afternoon show was also Best of Winners, it was still 5 points for both sexes.

The day before the show club members, Beth Lilly, Lezlie Hall, Deb Decker, Bonnie Baker, Clare Garlick, Sherry Gill and Beverly Henry met at the show site to set up for the show. Bill and Barbara Murray stopped by to set up their grooming area and Bill helped set up the ring. And we sincerely thank him and everyone else for the help. Since the building is used for obedience training it is already matted so we don't have to worry about that.

As suggested by AKC, we had an entrance gate and an exit gate. We had a table at the entrance and each exhibitor had an envelope with all of their armbands in it plus two rubber bands. So, this task was totally no contact. Since the entrance gate was on the opposite side of the ring from the judges table, Bonnie Baker, as outside ring steward, sat 6' from the table and exhibitors handed her any absentee armbands which she held up for Sherry Gill, the inside steward, to see.



There was a table at the exit gate where winners picked up their own ribbon or rosette and trophy. Our photographer did not do what many photographers are doing - photo-shopping the judge into the win photos - they felt that with masks and the judge standing at a distance from the handler it would be safe, and a lot cheaper than the standard \$50 extra per photo for the editing. We checked in advance to make sure all 4 judges were comfortable with

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this and they were.

The judges were provided a bottle of odorless hand sanitizer for their use between dogs. One judge preferred to use the Clorox wipes, though.

I had the glamorous job of sanitizing the bathroom every time it was used. I sat where I could see when someone came out and armed with my trusty Lysol spray would spray both door knobs, the toilet seat and handle, and faucets at the sink and a spray around the room for good measure. We left the light on with a piece of duct tape over the switch so we did not have to sanitize it each time. I used hand sanitizer after coming out.

Also, in accordance with AKC's Best Practices, we did not offer our famous Texas feedbag, however we did take pre-orders for boxed lunches delivered by Panera.

Everyone seemed to be delighted to get out and be at a dog show again. We had 3 people caravan up from Florida, two came from Arizona, two from Colorado, 1 from Missouri and 2 from Arkansas, the rest were all from Texas.

My daughter, Sherry Gill, has made over 2,600 masks and given them away. We had masks onsite for anyone who wanted one. There were probably 120 masks made by Sherry, sterilized and in Ziplock bags, packaged 3 to a bag and I think we only brought home 4 bags. Sherry and I also went together and had custom material made with the Lone Star logo on it and she made about 25 masks from that material. After making sure all club members at the show received one, we offered them to attendees.

As I write this, it is 20 days out from the show and we know of no one that was present coming down with COVID-19. So, let's get to what you all really want to know the winners.
As you will see, Dara Wilcox had a really good day!!!

MORNING SHOW

Sweepstakes –**Judge: Ward McAfee**

Best in Puppy Sweeps –Crosswind' Rising From the Ashes, owned by Jan Erickson and Teri Motola.

Best Opposite to Best in Sweeps –Barbil Exquisite Ella'ance, owned by Barbara Murray

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy –**Judge: Beth Lachnitt**

Best 4-6 Month Puppy – Safari Stampede Set Fire to the Rain, owned by Beth Lilly and Lezlie Hall

Conformation – **Judge Beth Lachnitt**

Winners Dog –Tumbleweed Blaze of Glory, owned by Rebecca Stahl, Ryanne Stahl and June Moore

Reserve Winners Dog – Barbil Eye of the Tiger, owned by Lynne and Bill Ray

Winners Bitch –Safari Stampede Copacabana, owned by Lezlie Hall and Beth Lilly

Reserve Winners Bitch –Dream MTN' Daradan Undercover Angel, owned by Dara Wilcox and Susie Sexson

Best of Breed –GCHB Daradan' Wild at Heart, owned by Dara Wilcox

Best of Winners - Safari Stampede Copacabana, owned by Lezlie Hall and Beth Lilly

Best Opposite Sex – CH Cachet' Not My First Rodeo, owned by Kathy Chebret

Select Dog – GCHG Daradan' On the Fast Track, owned by Dara Wilcox and Betty Rego

Select Bitch – CH Shalako Barbil N KenBe Southern Wind, owned by Barbara Murray

AOM – none awarded

Best Bred by Exhibitor - Safari Stampede Copacabana, owned by Lezlie Hall and Beth Lilly

Best Veteran - GCHG Daradan' On the Fast Track, owned by Dara Wilcox and Betty Rego

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AFTERNOON SHOW

Sweepstakes – **Judge: Ronny Junkins**

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes – Tumbleweed' Angel In our Midst at Barbil, owned by Barbara Murray and June Moore

Best Opposite to Best in Sweeps – Barbil Exquisite Ella'ance, owned by Barbara Murray

Conformation – **Judge: Judith Brown**

Winners Dog – Daradan's Full Throttle Danzn Starz, owned by Dara Wilcox

Reserve Winners Dog – Barbil Eye of the Tiger, owned by Lynne and Bill Ray

Winners Bitch – Crosswind's Journey to Serendipity, owned by Mariah Jeon

Reserve Winners Bitch – Victoria & Tumbleweed's I Want It All, owned by June Moore

Best of Breed - GCHG Daradan's On the Fast Track, owned by Dara Wilcox and Betty Rego

Best of Winners - Daradan's Full Throttle Danzn Starz, owned by Dara Wilcox

Best Opposite Sex - GCHB Daradan's Wild at Heart, owned by Dara Wilcox

Select Dog – CH Stampede Tumbleweed Ruff Rider, owned by Lezlie Hall and June Moore

Select Bitch – CH Shalako Barbil N KenBe Southern Wind, owned by Barbara Murray

AOM's – Tumbleweed's Blaze of Glory, owned by Rebecca Stahl, Rynne Stahl and June Moore
CH Mandan's Running with the Devil of Tumbleweed, owned by June Moore

Best Puppy – Crosswind's Playing with Magic, owned by Mariah Jeon

Best Bred by Exhibitor – Daradan's Full Throttle Danzn Starz, owned by Dara Wilcox

Best Veteran - GCHG Daradan's On the Fast Track, owned by Dara Wilcox and Betty Rego

Y'all come back next year. Our shows will be on Saturday, October 2, 2021. They will be at the same location.

Morning Specialty Pictures:



Best of Breed



Best of Opposite

Best of Breed



Morning Trophy

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Winners Dog



Select Bitch



Best Puppy in Specialty



Best 4-6 Mth Puppy in Specialty



Best Puppy in Sweepstakes



Best Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes

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Afternoon Specialty Pictures



Best of Breed



Best of Opposite Sex



Select Dog



Select Bitch



Winners Dog - Best of Winners



Best in Sweepstakes

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Afternoon Best of Breed Trophy

Schipperke Breed Standard (AKC)

General Appearance

The Schipperke is an agile, active watchdog and hunter of vermin. In appearance he is a small, thickset, cobby, black, tailless dog, with a fox-like face. The dog is square in profile and possesses a distinctive coat, which includes a stand-out ruff, cape and culottes. All of these create a unique silhouette, appearing to slope from shoulders to croup. Males are decidedly masculine without coarseness. Bitches are decidedly feminine without over refinement. Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Faults common to all breeds are as undesirable in the Schipperke as in any other breed, even though such faults may not be specifically mentioned in the standard.

Size, Proportion, Substance

Size—The suggested height at the highest point of the withers is 11-13 inches for males and 10-12 inches for bitches. Quality should always take precedence over size. **Proportion**—Square in profile. **Substance**—Thickset.

Head

Expression—The expression is questioning, mischievous, impudent and alert, but never mean or wild. The well proportioned head, accompanied by the correct eyes and ears, will give the dog proper Schipperke expression.

Skull—The skull is of medium width, narrowing toward the muzzle. Seen in profile with the ears laid back, the skull is slightly rounded. The upper jaw is moderately filled in under the eyes, so that, when viewed from above, the head forms a wedge tapering smoothly from the back of the skull to the tip of the nose. The stop is definite but not prominent. The length of the muzzle is slightly less than the length of the skull.

Eyes—The ideal eyes are small, oval rather than round, dark brown, and placed forward on the head.

Ears—The ears are small, triangular, placed high on the head, and, when at attention, very erect. A drop ear or ears is a disqualification.

Nose—The nose is small and black.

Bite—The bite must be scissors or level. Any deviation is to be severely penalized.

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck—The neck is of moderate length, slightly arched and in balance with the rest of the dog to give the correct silhouette. **Topline**—The topline is level or sloping slightly from the withers to the croup. The stand-out ruff adds to the slope, making the dog seem slightly higher at the shoulders than at the rump. **Body**—The chest is broad and deep, and reaches to the elbows. The well sprung ribs (modified oval) are wide behind the shoulders and taper to the sternum. The forechest extends in front of the shoulders between the front legs. The loin is short, muscular and moderately drawn up. The croup is broad and well-rounded with the tail docked. No tail is visually discernible.

Forequarters

The shoulders are well laid back, with the legs extending straight down from the body when viewed from the front. From the side, legs are placed well under the body. Pasterns are short, thick and strong, but still flexible, showing a slight angle when viewed from the side. Dewclaws are generally removed. Feet are small, round and tight. Nails are short, strong and black.

Hindquarters

The hindquarters appear slightly lighter than the forequarters, but are well muscled, and in balance with the front. The hocks are well let down and the stifles are well bent. Extreme angulation is to be penalized. From the rear, the legs extend straight down from the hip through the hock to the feet. Dewclaws must be removed.

Coat

Pattern—The adult coat is highly characteristic and must include several distinct lengths growing naturally in a specific pattern. The coat is short on the face, ears, front of the forelegs and on the hocks; it is medium length on the body, and longer in the ruff, cape, jabot and culottes. The ruff begins in back of the ears and extends completely around the neck; the cape forms an additional distinct layer extending beyond the ruff; the jabot extends across the chest and down between the front legs. The hair down the middle of the back, starting just behind the cape and continuing over the rump, lies flat. It is slightly shorter than the cape but longer than the hair on the sides of the body and sides of the legs. The coat on the rear of the thighs forms culottes, which should be as long as the ruff. Lack of differentiation in coat lengths should be heavily penalized, as it is an essential breed characteristic.

Schipperke Breed Standard (AKC) (con't)

Texture—The coat is abundant, straight and slightly harsh to the touch. The softer undercoat is dense and short on the body and is very dense around the neck, making the ruff stand out. Silky coats, body coats over three inches in length or very short harsh coats are equally incorrect.

Trimming—As the Schipperke is a natural breed, only trimming of the whiskers and the hair between the pads of the feet is optional. Any other trimming must not be done.

Color

The outer coat must be black. Any color other than a natural black is a disqualification. The undercoat, however, may be slightly lighter. During the shedding period, the coat might take on a transitory reddish cast, which is to be penalized to the degree that it detracts from the overall black appearance of the dog. Graying due to age (seven years or older) or occasional white hairs should not be penalized.

Gait

Proper Schipperke movement is a smooth, well coordinated and graceful trot (basically double tracking at a moderate speed), with a tendency to gradually converge toward the center of balance beneath the dog as speed increases. Front and rear must be in perfect balance with good reach in front and drive in the rear. The topline remains level or slightly sloping downward from the shoulders to the rump. Viewed from the front, the elbows remain close to the body. The legs form a straight line from the shoulders through the elbows to the toes, with the feet pointing straight ahead. From the rear, the legs form a straight line from the hip through the hocks to the pads, with the feet pointing straight ahead.

Temperament

The Schipperke is curious, interested in everything around him, and is an excellent and faithful little watchdog. He is reserved with strangers and ready to protect his family and property if necessary. He displays a confident and independent personality, reflecting the breed's original purpose as watchdog and hunter of vermin.

Disqualifications

A drop ear or ears.

Any color other than a natural black.

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