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# Message from the SCA President

*Kathy Navarrete* - [knavarrete.sca@gmail.com](mailto:knavarrete.sca@gmail.com)

In my August newsletter message, I stated I hoped everyone and their little BD's were staying cool in the summer heat. In this message I want to say I hope everyone and their little BD's are staying warm as it looks like we may have skipped right over autumn and



headed straight into winter.

As you will read in Beverly Henry's Policy and Procedure Committee report the BOD is well on its way to having the revisions to the manual completed prior to the end of the club year.

The proposal from Mardeck Graphic Design (Marnie Layng) to continue publishing the Bulletin for another year has been accepted. In the first year of being published in digital format, the Bulletin was delivered to the members as a free service and each issue provided a profit for the SCA. The BOD hopes that all are enjoying the Bulletin and that

you will continue supporting it to repeat that success in the future. The December issue will be honoring our Veterans.

Again our 2020 National will be held at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio April 19-24. Please consider volunteering to either chair or work on one of the show committees. You will find the list of available committees on the National Specialty website. Also, there are a number of trophies that are available for sponsorship this list can also be found on the National website. I have been told by Sara Name the Show Chair that the trophies for 2020 will be dog related items.

The final judge's ballots for the 2022 National were recently mailed out, don't forget to vote. These ballots are due back to the Corresponding Secretary by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committees 2020 slate was also included in this same mailing. Nominations from the floor must be received by the Corresponding Secretary by December 1<sup>st</sup>. In closing I would like to wish all of you and your families (two and four legged) a happy and safe holiday season.

*Kathy Navarrete*

**SCA President**



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### **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)

## Bulletin Submission and Publication Dates:

| Submission Dates | Publication Dates |
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| February 15th    | March 1st         |
| May 15th         | June 1st          |
| August 15th      | September 1st     |
| November 15th    | December 1st      |

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# My Veteran's Story

by *Melanie Coronelz*

In November 2018, Ch. Danzn Starz Legend of the Seeker (Seeker), age 8, packed his bags and left Arkansas for a new adventure in New York City. His mom, Kathy Lytle, had heard about a family whose schip had suddenly crossed the Bridge at age 9, leaving a huge hole in their hearts. Though she loved Seeker, Kathy had a new litter of pups, and decided he'd get more attention in a new home.

And he did! Arriving in the city, he met Chicadee, the other dog in the household, a little toy poodle, who'd been best buddies with the departed Schip. She and Seeker became fast friends, and to this day, we often wonder if she thought this new fellow might be a tamed down version of her dear friend, Hercules.

Seeker quickly adjusted to his new environment. He earned his CGC and is working on his novice titles in Rally and Obedience. Many people follow Chicadee and him on Facebook, as they had previously followed Hercules.



Seeker and Chickadee



A decorative border of red bows and ribbon frames the top and sides of the card. A large red bow is in the top left, and a smaller one is in the top right. A red ribbon winds across the top and down the right side, ending near a small gift box.

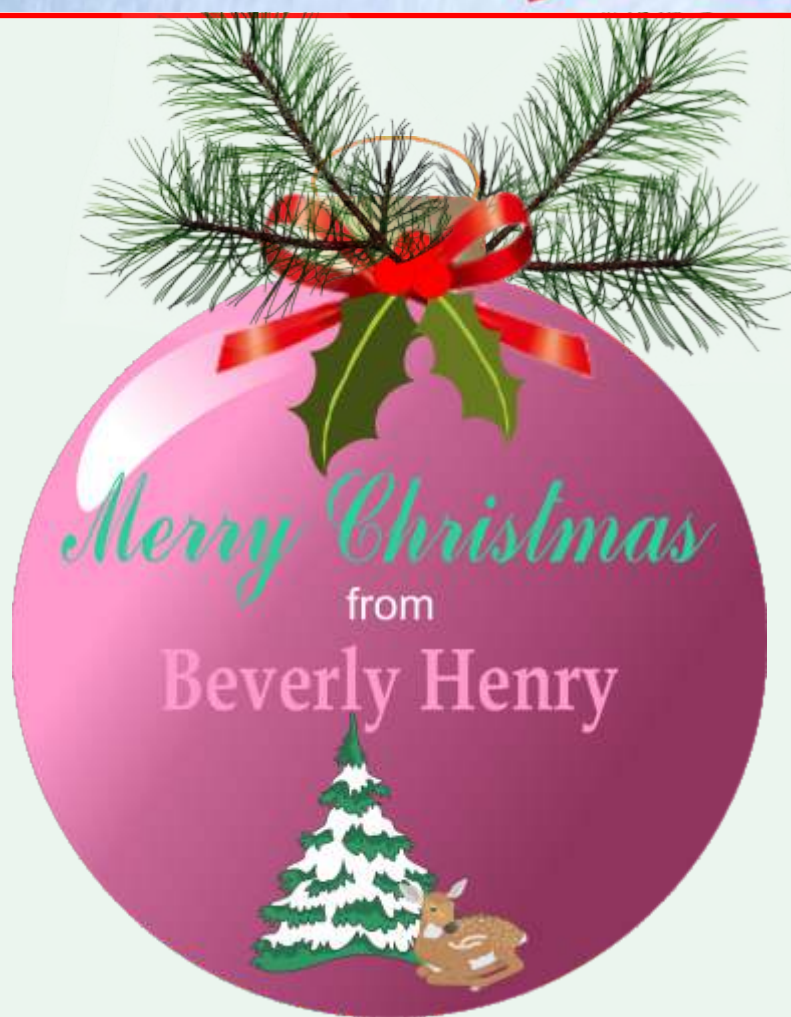
# Greetings from

Ch. Danzn Starz Legend of the Seeker, CGC, \*RN

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**Chickadee and**

*Melanie Coronetz*





*Niki*

**Bronze GCH Petite TouTou Noire Nauti Kisses In The Night**

Loves to chill under the big oak tree at Twin Oaks Ranch in Tennessee and watch the horses run now that she is retired from the show ring ~ life is good!



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Karen Ward

# Diatomaceous Earth

Submitted by: *Betty Jo Patrick*

A large majority of the food-grade version is composed of amorphous silica, which is safe for human and pet consumption. The food-grade version is what's used in both insecticides and in some animal feed.

Diatomaceous Earth comes from aquatic life, so anywhere a body of water is that is where you'll find this product. You will find it in oceans, lakes, streams, rivers, and other bodies of water where aquatic life known as diatoms are present. Throughout the years, layers of diatoms have sat in the water and naturally turned into silica. Diatomaceous Earth is made from that silica and is regularly mined from these bodies of water.

Regardless of what you are using this product for, the main precaution to take, is to not inhale the product as that could potentially cause you health issues.

Food-grade Diatomaceous has many uses and benefits regardless of where you want to use this product. Diatomaceous Earth is one of those products that has benefits for both people and pets including as a flea prevention medication and a household cleaning product. Here is a list of just some of the most popular uses of food-grade Diatomaceous Earth.

## Pest Control Uses

Diatomaceous Earth has been used for over 50-years as an insecticide and works pretty well as a **pest control option**. It's important to note that the food-grade option is what you should be using for pest control. Diatomaceous Earth can kill a lot of different bugs and insects including slugs, worms, mites, and beetles. Spiders and many other small insects can also be killed. Diatomaceous Earth is also a great product for killing fleas both in your home and on your pets.

Using this product you can also kill crickets, centipedes, **bed bugs**, millipedes, and silverfish. Earwigs and grasshoppers also can be eradicated, along with many other small bugs. If you have a **cockroach problem**, then use Diatomaceous Earth to quickly and easily get rid of them before it turns into a full-blown infestation.

## Health Uses

The food-grade version of Diatomaceous Earth has a lot of health uses and has started to become a popular trend as a dietary supplement. Some of the health benefits of food-grade Diatomaceous Earth include promoting healthy skin and nails, encouraging hair growth, and improving overall bone health. It's also said to help clear out the digestive tract and also aid in healthier digestion. The body also gets a small amount of trace minerals which is important for your internal organs. This product also helps improve heart health by lowering cholesterol levels.

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## Household Uses

Diatomaceous Earth has a ton of household uses and it's really beneficial to use it as an odor neutralizer. You can sprinkle a small amount in the bottom of your garbage cans to help eliminate odors. It helps eliminate foot odors as well that might be hidden in your shoes. Just take an old sock and put some Diatomaceous Earth in the sock and place it inside the stinky shoes. You can leave it there until you want to wear your shoes again.

Leave a small open container of Diatomaceous Earth in your refrigerator to eliminate nasty odors from there just as you would baking soda. You can replace the small batch once a week to maintain the freshness. Diatomaceous Earth also can be used as a household cleaner and can be used on a variety of household items.

You can use this product to get out carpet stains by sprinkling the product over the stain and then letting it sit for at least two hours. After two hours you can vacuum up the powder and the stains will have been removed. Cleaning sinks, faucets, and tubs is also possible with this product.

The same cleaning method works for spills in your garage as well, including oil spills. You will need to let the Diatomaceous Earth sit on the oil spill for 24-hours or so before you scrape up the product from the floor. Diatomaceous Earth also works as a face mask and cleaner and it works as an exfoliate. Just mix some of the powder with water until it forms a paste. Rub the paste on your face using a circular motion and let it soak into your skin for about two minutes. You can then rinse it off with warm water and you will have noticeably smoother and cleaner skin.

Diatomaceous Earth can be effective for quite a long time depending on how you use the product. When talking about storing the product, as long as it's in a dry and cool place properly sealed, there is no expiration date on Diatomaceous Earth.

As a pest control option, it will work for as long as the area remains dry and isn't disturbed by being blown away. Once the area gets wet, you will need to reapply Diatomaceous Earth to maintain effectiveness as an insecticide.

## Can You Put Diatomaceous Earth on Dogs?

You can put Diatomaceous Earth on dogs as long as you are using the food-grade version of the product. Using Diatomaceous Earth on your dog can help as a deterrent for both fleas and ticks. Since Diatomaceous Earth is a natural bug repellent, it can stop bugs from biting your dog while out and about. Not only can you put Diatomaceous Earth on dogs, but you can feed it to them as well to help get rid of worms. Hookworms, roundworms, pinworms, and other internal parasites can be killed off by feeding this product to your dog. You will need to feed them a certain amount depending on their size with small dogs

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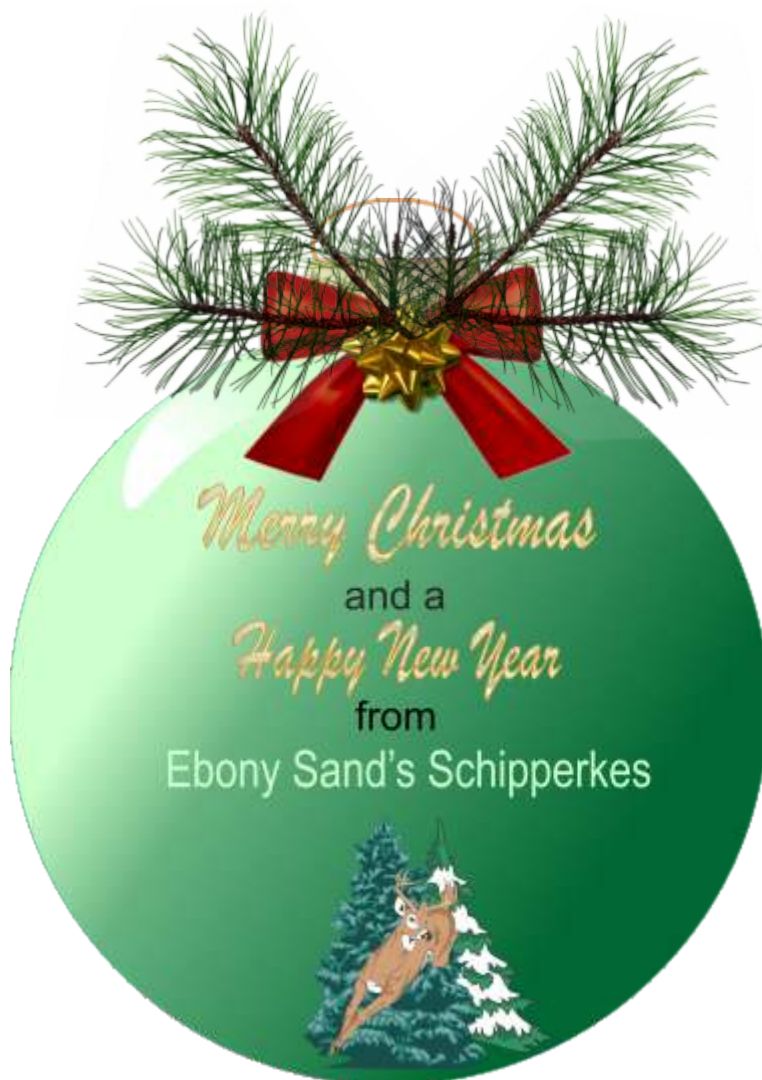
only needing ½ teaspoon a day.

One teaspoon for a dog that is under 50 pounds, 1 tablespoon for a dog over 50 pounds, and 2 tablespoons for dogs that are over 100 pounds. Feed them this mixed in with their food once a day for 30 days to get rid of all of the worms.

You can use this same formulation if you want to feed Diatomaceous Earth to your dog as a dietary supplement. There are many minerals found in Diatomaceous Earth including magnesium, calcium, and iron, which make it a great natural supplement for your pet.

### Pest Control Uses

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# In Memory of **Hottie**

**Am Ch Malagold Fun In The Sun De Lamer**

***“Run Free Sweet Piggy”***

**9/27/05 - 3/25/19**

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# **Wishing You The Merriest**



**Doreve Schipperkes**

**Dorothy Clem**



# The Schipperke Earns Another Name

by *Bernard Fears*

*(This story is an extract from an essay about a voyage of discovery undertaken quite some years ago. Vivienne and I had lived in England from birth but emigrated to New Zealand in 1966 where we were both employed at the same textile company.)*

It was in 1974 that we decided we needed to learn more about Schipperkes, having acquired our first one some four years earlier from Robert Thompson, whom we all believed had introduced the breed to New Zealand. This fact later proved to be incorrect but that is another story. Our employer in those days was very accommodating and agreed that we could take six weeks leave to travel overseas during the approaching winter (June/July in the southern hemisphere). Both Vivienne and I had relatives living in UK so what could be more satisfying and pleasurable than to visit them in their summer and at the same time attend as many dog shows and Schipperke breeders kennels as we could fit in.

I had a question prominent in my mind that needed an answer –why are Schipperke tails docked? I posed this question to every breeder but at the end of the trip I still did not have a clear categorical answer. I had however developed a theory that it was the only way to retain the typical silhouette with a ‘guinea-pig’ rump when I found quite a variation in those specimens with intact tails but there were still some that were born tail-less.

At this time our Schipperke family had grown to six so they were all fostered out to stay with friends while we headed away to England via Australia and South Africa. In mid-June we flew from Christchurch and on our first weekend time was spent at a dog show in Melbourne where we first met up with Penelope Brown (Gunyah), who had sent a couple of Schipperkes to Robert Thompson, one of which, Gunyah Needles, would later come to live with us when Robert’s health was in decline. We also renewed our acquaintance with May and Barbara Metherall (Bateau Chien) who had paid us a surprise visit the previous year. No-one could really answer the question about the tails but everyone agreed docking was a tradition to ensure they all looked the same!

Our next flight took us across the vast continent of Australia to Perth where we boarded a South African Airways Boeing 707 destined for Johannesburg via Mauritius, a gruelling 13 hour overnight flight across the incredibly wide Indian Ocean with the crew using the stars for navigation as there was no satellite GPS in those days!

Months before, when planning for the trip I had written to Basil and Rita Moore (Moorehaven), who were breeding Schipperkes in South Africa with great success. In fact a couple of years after our visit they bred a dog named Pudi of Moorehaven who was sent to England where he gained his title with the expert handling of Len Hammond and entered the history books as the first Schipperke in that country to win Best in Show at a championship show.

Basil was president of the Schipperke Club of South Africa and Rita was club secretary; they lived at Halfway House, a delightful township midway between Johannesburg and Pretoria in the province of Transvaal (later renamed Gauteng). We stayed for a week and spent long hours in discussion with them examining and analysing how the ideal Schipperke should appear. We visited several other Schipperke breeders in the vicinity and took many photographs of the Schipperkes we saw along the way. As well as dog kennels we took in the sights and visited tourist attractions including a diamond mine, a snake park and a gold mine.

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We were surprised to learn that the Schipperke breed there had risen in popularity to the extent that it was second numerically to the Bulldog in the Non-Sporting group. Our beloved breed had found favour among certain parts of the community as an excellent watch-dog because law and order was somewhat stretched and property burglary was rife. It was necessary to have high fences to protect one's home especially during the hours of darkness. Almost all home owners had a guard dog – large breeds like German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Doberman or Rhodesian Ridgeback, which usually slept on the veranda. However it had become apparent that some places without a Schipperke were still being burgled because the big dogs slept so heavily. Those homes with a Schipperke were more fortunate because, sleeping with its ears pricked, it barked at the first sound of perimeter wire being cut and immediately alerted its slumbering mate that danger threatened.

Their prowess and efficiency at raising the alarm very soon earned the Schipperke the catch name as 'THE BIG DOG's KEEPER'.

## Part 2

Our sojourn with the Moore family had been most enjoyable, incredibly informative and truly memorable but it was over too soon. However we had a plane to catch which flew us overnight directly from Johannesburg to London Heathrow. Dawn was breaking as we flew north over France and an early breakfast was served to the passengers. The plane was descending as it crossed the south coast of England but then the pilot announced that we had arrived a little early and as Heathrow had a morning curfew we could not land immediately. Instead we spent 45 minutes circling over southern England making stepped descents as numerous other aircraft from other distant nations arrived and were 'stacked' above us all waiting for their turn to land.

When we had cleared passport control and customs we took a train for London en route to Sussex where we had family excitedly waiting to see us again. A day or two relaxing and recovering from the long journey followed and once the effects of 'jet-lag' had dissipated we set off to the west for our first dog show which was being held in Devon not very far from where Vivienne's parents and greater family were domiciled.

The large 'all breeds' show was held at Paignton and we were in for a great many surprises as relative new comers in the world of international dog shows. As we drove nearer to the show grounds, the traffic became thicker and slower until we were eventually reduced to a crawl. The roads were well signposted to the show venue in Clennon Valley which looked a real picture with acres of lush manicured verdant grass. We were directed to the field for car parking and walked across to the show area; it was massive and the rings (there were 47 of them!) seemed to stretch as far as the eye could see.

Surrounding the clustered rings were huge tents and marquees which accommodated the benches for the dogs. Lined up between the benching tents and the show rings were trade stalls selling all manner of products and services. The largest stalls were occupied by major dog food manufacturers promoting their brands of biscuit, kibble, meal and most offered free samples to try. There were incentives and special deals to attract new customers in what was obviously a very competitive market.

We bought a show catalogue for 50p (about NZ\$1) and were surprised as it was really a book! It weighed 322gm (nearly 3/4lb) and contained 455 pages which recorded the show officials, judges, show

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regulations and listed details for every one of the 4174 dogs entered for display that day.

Judging started in most rings soon after the advertised time of 10.30am but we could not find the Schipperkes! We were in for a rude shock and such disappointment when we discovered there were no Schipperkes being exhibited. A friendly show official explained that the Kennel Club only allocated a limited number of challenge certificates to each breed annually and the quantity depended on the numbers of dogs registered for that breed. Only ten sets of challenge certificates were on offer in UK for Schipperkes that year and Paignton & District Fanciers Association was not one of the recipient shows. He explained that if we went to Windsor show the following week we would be sure to see Schipperkes being exhibited as challenge certificates had been allocated to that club.

As it was a most pleasant day and there many attractions to see we spent all morning going from ring to ring and visiting the trade stalls at the same time. There was so much 'stuff' on display - antiques, artworks, figurines, models, badges, dog leads, clothing - mostly dog oriented. The temptation was great and we probably bought more than we should but the phrase "e might never see this again" justified the buying frenzy!

Hunger drove us to purchase dressed baked potatoes from a stall at some quite ridiculous price and we sat down at a ringside to consume them. There was a breed being shown that we had never seen before but a check of the catalogue identified them as Norwegian Buhunds being judged by Mr George Down. He was meticulous in his examination of each specimen and took time to consider his decision before awarding the placements in each class. He saw me taking photographs from my ringside seat and came over to speak to me. I thought I was going to be admonished but instead he enquired about my interest in the breed. When he discovered we were from New Zealand and had never seen the breed before he invited me to duck under the ring rope to photograph the place winners of every class while he recorded his critique to be published in the dog press the next week.

By mid-afternoon many of the rings had finished judging and those exhibits all returned to the benches where they were supposed to stay until 4pm by when there was a mass exodus. We had come to see a dog show so we moved to the centre ring where the group judging was underway. We watched Mrs Gwen Broadley judge the Hound Group, then Mrs Judy de Casembroot with the Gundogs, followed by Joe Carteledge adjudicating the Terrier group. We were so impressed by the quality of the dogs in that group ring and while we waited for Harry Glover to judge Best in Show we chatted to an adjacent spectator among the now sparse crowd. He asked us what breed we had and was surprised when we told him Schipperkes.

"I know that breed well" he said, "I used to live next door to a man who bred them." He continued, "they barked at my dogs through the fence and at every door-to-door salesman and even at the rag and bone man's horse. Eventually, after I had moved away due to my work, I really missed those busy little characters. They were affectionately known by the people who frequented our street as "THE LITTLE BLACK BASTARDS at number 49".

I was quite shocked at first with the unfortunate label but then after a while I smiled to myself; the Schipperkes had earned another name, this time a strange term of endearment!

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## Part 3

The following week we booked in for four nights at a guest house in Windsor, so that we could attend all three days of the Windsor Dog Show. It was held on the extensive grounds of Windsor Home Park and it needed a venue of this size as we were told it was the largest outdoor show in the country. The setting was so impressive with the upper reaches of the river Thames along one boundary and the looming tower and walls of Windsor Castle in the background in the other direction.

The familiar layout of rings in the centre surrounded by trade stalls and benching tents was once more evident before us but this time there was more of everything. Even though we bought many items from the trade stalls at Paignton the previous week, now there were new opportunities to explore additional exciting displays of memorabilia. The show management was impressive and so professional; bowler hatted officials were everywhere to direct traffic to the appropriate parking areas for exhibitors and people like ourselves –there to observe and soak up the atmosphere. The first day we circumnavigated the venue and came across the “overseas Visitors” tent, where we were welcomed by most hospitable ladies who supplied tea and biscuits while we had a chance to sit and relax. We were invited to sign the visitor’ book and to see the names of other overseas folk. On each subsequent day we went back to that tent for rest and refreshment and even spotted familiar names in the book of other people from New Zealand.

Each day two groups were judged and we chose which breeds to watch. Some breed entries were so large that there was one judge for dogs and another judge for the bitches. The Utility group, which included Schipperkes, was on the third day so we were at the show early to secure ringside seats to watch our beloved breed. There was a great entry and we watched each and every one of them as they were judged and placed. It was a very impressive entry to see so many Schipperkes at one time and the quality was outstanding but at a show like Windsor all the best specimens were there to compete. When the breed judging was completed we went back to the benching area, there we talked with the exhibitors and made new acquaintances. We were reminded that the Schipperke Club would be holding their specialty championship show in two weeks and promised to meet many of our newly made friends again at that event. However before the club show I had an important side trip planned which involved a visit to France.

I had corresponded during the previous months with Monsieur Georges Arin who was the Secrétaire Général of Schipperkes-Club de France. We had agreed to meet in Angers and he told me to be at the railway station at midday of the following Thursday. I asked him how I would recognise him as at that stage I did not have his photograph. His reply was very brief –“you will recognise me!”, so I had faith in his confidence. I did not need to worry as at precisely noon a commuter train pulled into the station. I watched the people dismount and make their way to the exit. Towards the rear of the surge was an elderly silver-haired gentleman with a Schipperke on a lead. I knew immediately it was him and we smiled and shook hands. Over the next hour or so we chatted at a nearby café and we had so much to talk about (especially about tail docking) but he had an appointment at his business in Angers. He ran a laboratory which manufactured health salts and he had a customer to meet. He instructed me to proceed to his home in Beaulieu-sur-Layon where he would return later in the afternoon. “You will find the door unlocked, go in and make yourself at home” he said. This was the beginning of a wonderful friendship that lasted to the end of his life.

I followed his instructions and found his house with the door unlocked. He had lost his wife some years

## The Schipperke Earns Another Name

before and he lived on his own. I spent my time waiting for him to arrive looking at his wonderful collection of books and Schipperkes ornaments but the object that impressed me greatly was a large mural covering one wall of his living room. The background was the colours of the Belgian flag with several stylised silhouettes of Schipperkes in different poses (images I later found he had drawn and painted). Across the bottom of the mural were the words –‘E SCHIPPERKE, LE MEILLEUR CHIEN DE MAISON’ which I read as ‘THE SCHIPPERKE, THE BEST HOUSE DOG’. Many decades have passed since I met Georges Arin, but I have never forgotten that phrase which I consider so appropriate as perhaps the best name the Schipperke has earned!

**Bernard Fears** is a respected All Breed Judge who has enjoyed judging in many countries around the world

He and his wife Vivienne have bred Schipperkes in New Zealand under the EXMOOR prefix for many years.

# Merry Christmas

Hoping Santa Paws  
is generous to all

The Naughty & Nice Schipperkes...



Olympic Crest Schips  
& Kathy Swan



# AM CAN CH MARDECK'S MYSTIC ICE

# Mystic

DOB: 05-29-2010



2019 SCC National Specialty AOM & BV

**Sire:** Am Can Ch Mardeck's Whiz Kid DeTurenne, **ROMX**  
**Dam:** BIS Am Can GCHS Delamer's Black Ice, **ROM**

Mystic came out of retirement in style at the 2019 SCC National Specialty Show held in Brockville, ON in conjunction with the TIKO All Breed Shows. Not only did she win the Award of Merit, she also was awarded Best Veteran and Best Brace in Specialty with her daughter Dessa (Am Can GCh Mardeck's Iridessa). Now retired again, she is living the life, ruling the roost and playing princess couch potato.

**Bred By:**  
Ursula Hutton - Deloran  
Marnie Layng - Mardeck  
Krista Nuovo - Delamer

**Owned by:**  
Marnie Layng

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**MULTIPLE BISS GCH SILVER CH TUMBLEWEED'S BURN THE SHIPS**

# "SMOKEY"

**August 29, 2003 - September 28, 2019**

**2015 SCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNER AT  
AGE 11 1/2 YRS**

**AKC EUKANUBA BEST OF BREED AND BEST  
OWNER HANDLED**

**TWO TIME WESTMINSTER AWARD OF MERIT  
SCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY AWARD OF MERIT  
MULTIPLE GROUP WINNER**

**UKC GCH AND TOP TEN GROUP FOUR WINNER**



**Consummate Show dog**

**Schipperke Ambassador**

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# MULTIPLE BISS GCH SILVER CH TUMBLEWEED'S BURN THE SHIPS

## "SMOKEY"

August 29, 2003 - September 28, 2019



If you are lucky, a once in a lifetime dog joins your life's journey and you will never be the same again.

When they must leave, your heart is damaged beyond comprehension, but with time, the joys that dog brought you fills those voids and you find comfort.

**Rest well my Smokes, until we meet again.**



**Michele Kasten**  
[schipnut58@yahoo.com](mailto:schipnut58@yahoo.com)



**LOOK WHO JUST TURNED 10...**

**Happy Birthday Huck!**

**MBISS GCH Delamer A Fish Tale**  
(aka: Huckleberry)



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**AND he just became a Dad again**



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**Kiwi**

# CH. DELAMER WISH UPON A STAR FISH

INTRODUCING

Stella



HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!



"STELLA" completeed her championship in grand style with 4 major wins in One Weekend at the young age of 8 months old!

We are so proud of our special girl and our first Schipperke!  
e look forward to a fun year and getting together with a great schipperke crew!

**Owners:** Diane & Michael Cifuni  
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# SCA Breeders Directory

The Schipperke Club of America Breeder's Directory is a service to those members of the SCA who may have puppies or older Schipperkes for sale or who may offer other Breeder services to the public. Inclusion in this directory constitutes no endorsement of the dogs or breeding practices of any member listed, but it can be inferred that any person listed is a member of the Schipperke Club of America in good standing and is therefore bound by the SCA Code of Ethics.

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# Schipperke Club of America Regional Clubs

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Should host National in even years.

### COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB

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Regional Specialty: (As of: 11/01/2019)

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Regional Specialty: (As of: 11/01/2019)

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Regional Specialty: (As of: 11/01/2018)

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## WESTERN REGION

(AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY)

Should host National in odd years.

### CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB

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### SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

President: Vicki Marks

Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Marks, [kmmarks50@cox.net](mailto:kmmarks50@cox.net)

Concurrent Specialty: 11-23-19 at Rawhide Event

Center, Chandler, AZ

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Dog Shows Supt. (As of: 11/01/2019)

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Regional Specialty: February 29, March 1, 2020 at Kennel

Club of Beverly Hills all-breed shows with supported

entries, Fairplex, Pomona, CA (As of: 11/01/2019)

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Regional Specialty: September 26, 2020, Houn' House

Kennel, Carrollton, TX. Back-to-back specialties. Caper,

show secretary; Beth Lilly, show chair.

(As of: 11/01/2019)

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# Regional Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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(As of: 11/01/2019)

### **SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

April 19 –24, 2020 –**Roberts Centre** 23 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

Show Chair: Sara Name; [sara@joename.com](mailto:sara@joename.com) 317-522-6212

April 19 – Southern Michigan Schipperke Club #1

April 20 – Southern Michigan Schipperke Club #2

April 21 thru 24 – Schipperke Club of America National Specialty

### **ERIE CANAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)**

### **ILLIANA SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)**

### **SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)**

### **COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)**

### **SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS (Eastern Region)**

March 6, 2020 -

Regional Specialty: Friday, March 6, 2020, 2 Sweeps, 2 Specialties, Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO.

Followed by 2 all-breed shows hosted by Belle City Kennel Club on March 7 & 8

<https://foytrentdogshows.com>

### **SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA (Western Region)**

November 23, 2019 Concurrent Specialty 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, sweeps and Junior Handler. There will be an opportunity to show in five separate conformation classes.

For information contact show chair, Ken Marks, [kmmarks50@cox.net](mailto:kmmarks50@cox.net). Show superintendent is Onofrio Dog Shows.

### **SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Western Region)**

Regional Specialty: February 29, March 1, 2020 Concurrent Specialties at Fairplex, Pomona, CA with the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills All Breed Show, SCSC is supporting entries on both days. There will be conformation and Junior

Handler and an opportunity to show in four separate conformation classes. Saturday, February 29 is recorded for

showing on TV on Easter Sunday. Show Chair, Karen Ward, [Karen@klward.net](mailto:Karen@klward.net). Jack Bradshaw Dog Show

Superintendents, <https://www.jbradshaw.com/>

### **CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)**

### **CENTRAL ROCKIES SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)**

### **LONE STAR SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)**

Regional Specialties: September 26, 2020, back-to-back specialties at Houn' House Kennels, Carrollton, TX. Caper is show secretary; Beth Lilly, show chair. There will be sweepstakes at both shows and a baby puppy show before the morning show. There are no classes for Junior Showmanship.

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# Trick Dogs by *Kathy Swan*

A pictorial essay (con't from Fall Issue)



Glory Ball



Glory cavaletti



Glory driving



Glory Elevated  
Ladder



Gory on Bucket



Glory Get On It



Glory on Table

# Trick Dogs



Gracie two on &  
Sassie



Joy & Sassie in a box



Joy on plank



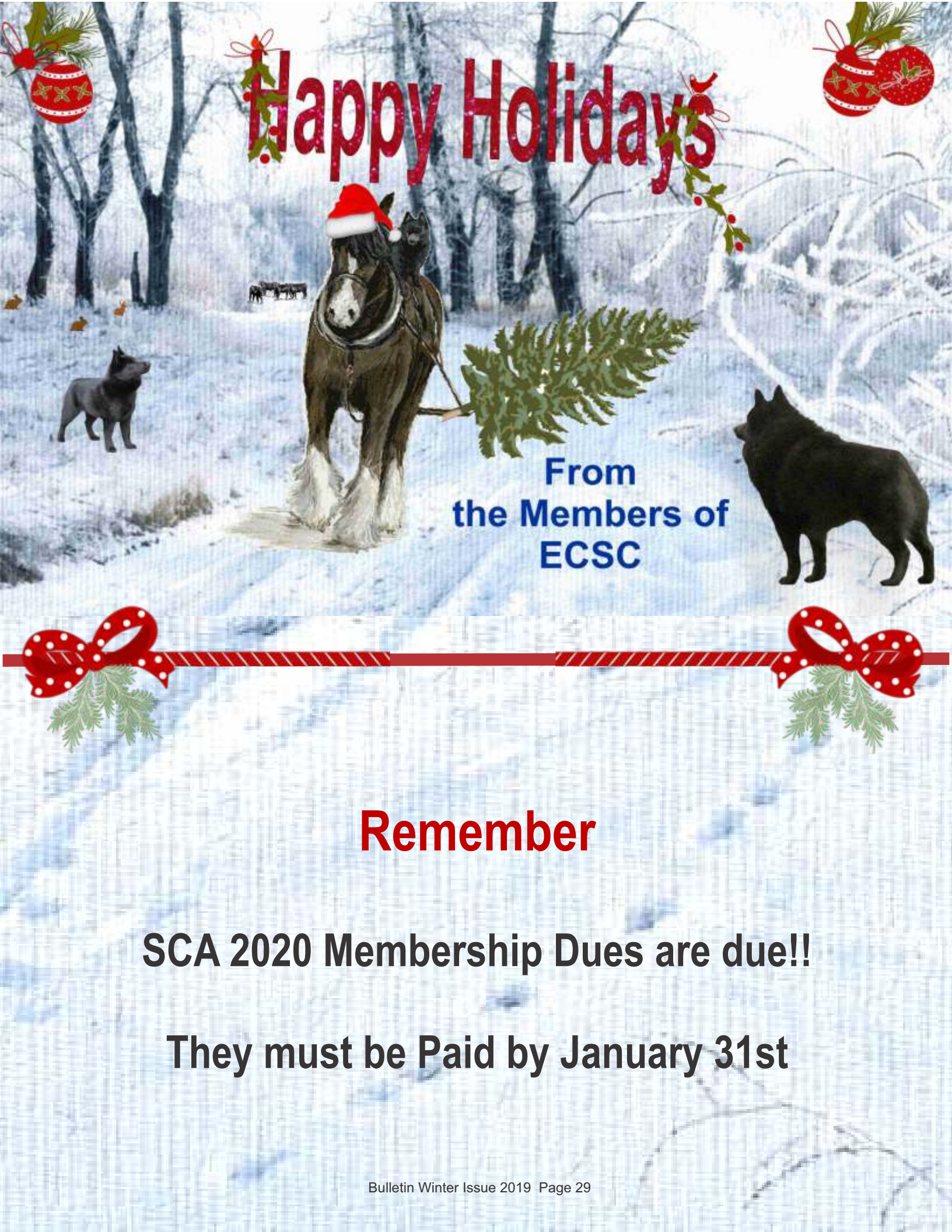
Missy two on



Joy figure 8 around cones



Missy perch wave



# Happy Holidays

From  
the Members of  
ECSC

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## Remember

**SCA 2020 Membership Dues are due!!**

**They must be Paid by January 31st**

Happy 3rd Birthday Glory

You've Been A Busy Girl!

# Skydance's Olympic Crest Glory

DOB: 11/16/16



## AKC

Achiever Dog  
CA (Coursing Aptitude)  
CGCA (Canine Good Citizen Advanced)  
FCAT (FAST CAT)  
2018 Fastest Schipperke FAST CAT  
3rd Lifetime Fastest Schipperke FAST CAT 22.48 mph(10/04/19)  
STAR Puppy  
TKP (Trick titles: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced & Performer)

## Barn Hunt

RATI (Instinct test)  
RATO (Novice Barn Hunt)  
Crazy 8 Bronze title

## CPE

CI1 (CPE Level 1 title: Regular, Fun Games, Handler Games & Strategy Games)  
CL2-H (Level 2 Handler Games)  
CL2-S (Level 2 Strategy Games)



**NADAC** (North American Dog Agility Council)  
Intro Versatility (8 Intro Agility titles)  
Novice titles: Jumpers, Tunnelers, Touch-N-Go, Hoopers & Barrelers

## Precision Coursing

RUNN (Novice title)  
RUNA (Advanced title)

## SCA

Versatile Schipperke Award

## UKC

CA (Coursing Aptitude)  
SPOT (Social Pet Obedience Test)  
UFA (United Flat Racing Aptitude)  
USA (United Steeplechase Racing Aptitude)  
URO-1

Love you more each day

Kathy Swan

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# Olympic Crest *proudly presents*

**AKC:** CGCA RN TKP **ASCA:** JSA-E RSA-E GSA-E  
**Barn Hunt:** RATN **CPE:** CATCH 4 **NADAC:** NATCH  
V-NATCH AA-NATCH **TDAA:** TACH 4  
**UKC:** AL CH UACH URO-1

## MISSY



01/13/12  
Olympic Crest Ain't Misbehavin'  
Versatile Schipperke Excellent



**AKC:** CGCA TKN **NADAC:** TN-I HP-I TG-I  
**TDAA:** TG1 TG2 **UKC:** PTN PTA

## CHANCE



01/11/08  
Olympic Crest Chance Rendezvous

**AKC:** CGCA RN TKP **ASCA:** GSA-O JSDA-E RSDA-E  
**Barn Hunt:** RATM CRZ8S **CPE:** CATCH 8 CS-ATCH  
**NADAC:** NATCH 3 V-NATCH 3 AA-NATCH 3  
**TDAA:** TACH 6 **UKC:** PTN PTA PTC

## JOY



01/11/08-11/12/18  
Olympic Crest Bright Star  
Versatile Schipperke Excellent



**AKC:** CGCA TKP **Barn Hunt:** RATI  
**NADAC:** HP-I T **DAA:** TG1  
**UKC:** MN EV EE EC

## GRACIE



01/11/08  
Olympic Crest Amazing Grace  
Versatile Schipperke Award

**Proud Breeder, Owner, Handler**

**Kathy Swan**

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# Schips Around The World

## Editor's Note:

In keeping with previous information and articles submitted by various Schipperke enthusiasts from around the world, this communication and supporting document is being published with the intent of sharing the perspective and views of others; to allow our readers to be aware of what is happening or being considered regarding the Schipperke elsewhere.

To the FCI members of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, South Africa, China, India, Japan, Australia and New Zealand

Dear Schipperke friends,

In light of recent DNA findings, we would like to call your attention to the need for correcting the FCI Standard for the Schipperke breed. It is evidently important that this standard does not contradict but is instead coherent with contemporary scientific evidence, so that the Schipperke can thrive on its own appropriate conditions, in accordance with its genuine genetic and sociocultural history.

Please let us all work together to achieve the necessary modifications.  
Feel free to disseminate this to whomever you think should be informed and act on this information.

We would be grateful to hear how you may contribute to this purpose.

**Best wishes and kind regards,**

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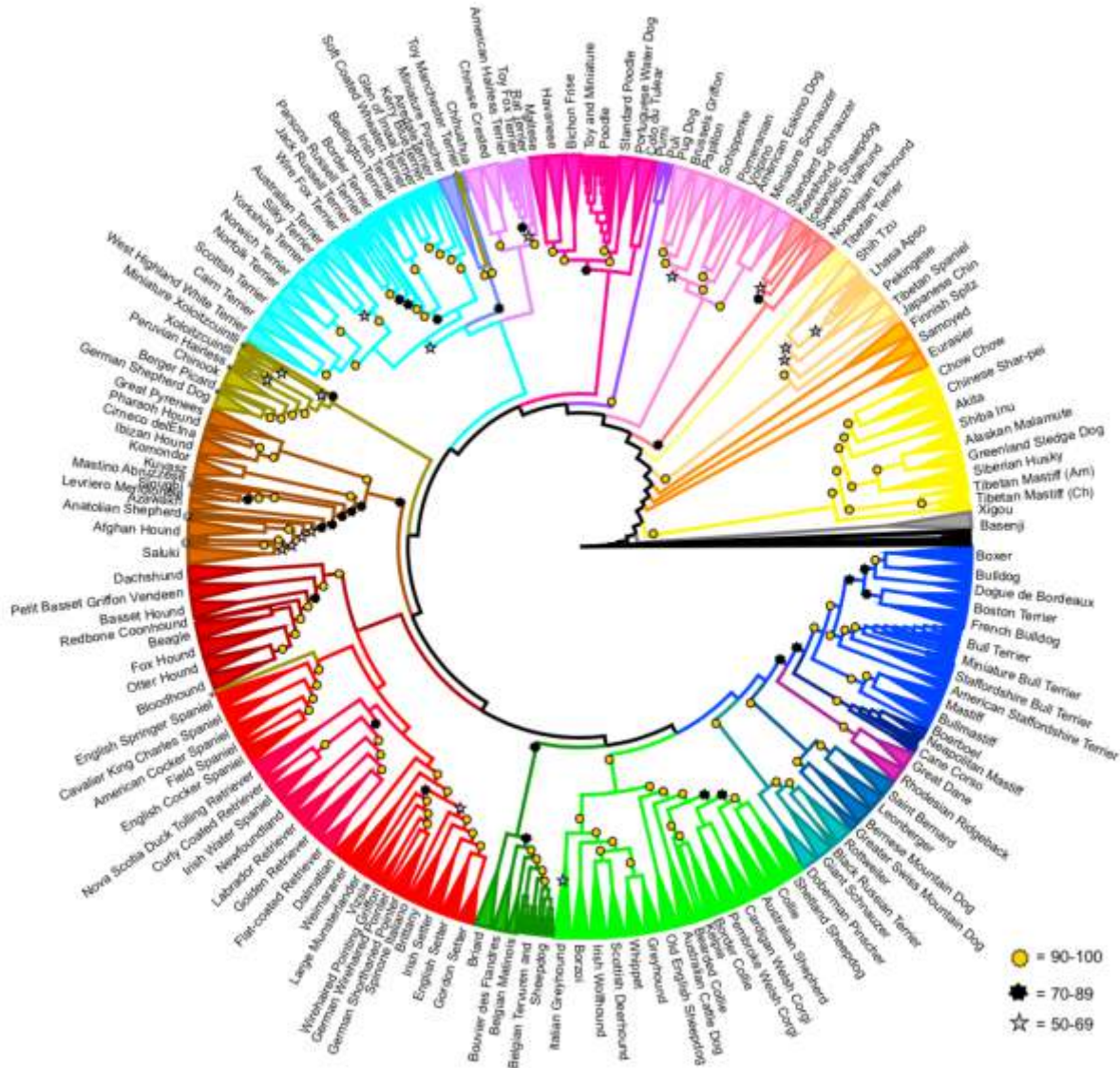
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Proposal to Revise FCI Standard



## Proposal to revise the Schipperke FCI Standard

We would like to call your attention to the need to **correct the FCI Standard for the Schipperke** breed in accordance with recent scientific findings of genomic analyses. Recent genomic research has revealed that the Schipperke is close to the Pug Dog, Griffon, Papillon, Pomeranian and Schnauzer but not at all to the Belgian herding dogs. This supports other observations that make it necessary to clarify the breed characteristics in order to correctly reflect and represent the true history and character of the Schipperke.



The currently most comprehensive study of genetic relations is offered by Heidi G. Parker, Dayna L. Dreger, Maud Rimbault, Brian W. Davis, Alexandra B. Mullen, Gretchen Carpintero-Ramirez & Elaine A. Ostrander (2017): “Genomic Analyses Reveal the Influence of Geographic Origin, Migration, and Hybridization on Modern Dog Breed Development”, in *Cell Reports* 19, pp. 697–708. As is shown in the diagram on page 698 in this article, the Schipperke (found top right in the diagram above) is most closely related to Pomeranian, Volpino, American Eskimo Dog and Schnauzer, and also with Papillon, Brussels Griffon and Pug Dog. There is on the other hand a very great genetic distance to the French Briard or Belgian herding dogs like Bouvier des Flandres, Malinois and Tervuren (found directly opposite in the diagram, indicating that they are not at all closely related to the Schipperke). (Thanks to Per Jensen, Professor of Ethology at Linköping University, for providing this information.)

# Proposal to Revise FCI Standard...

The Schipperke is surrounded by many different ideas, some based on historical facts, others with mythical origins. A famous example is its previously supposed lack of tail, another relates to its name, which has been interpreted to signify either a small skipper or a small shepherd. The latter may have fuelled temptations to construct a rather Romantic heritage according to which Schipperkes would go back to rural herding dogs. However, there is little evidence that the Schipperke was ever used for guarding sheep on a large scale. Instead, historical sources rather indicate that early Schipperkes were as far as can be reconstructed linked to guarding canal boats and urban craft shops of shoemakers and butchers. See for instance the late 19<sup>th</sup> century sources gathered in Craig & Dawn Bannister (2019): *The Historical Schipperke Vol. 1*, San Bernadino CA: Kurakuma Schipperkes, where the Schipperke is in the 1880s described as “the dog of the boatmen” (p. 14) and “inhabitants of cities” (p. 33). The idea of a shepherd lineage is thus a dubious construction based on (a) the coincidental linguistic similarity between the Flemish words for skippers and shepherds; (b) a misguided desire to create a rural origin of the breed; and (c) a wish to link it with other Belgian breeds in a nation-centred spirit according to which all Belgian breeds should be closely interrelated. It is on the contrary important to accept the mainly urban heritage of the Schipperke, as well as its close transnational interrelations with the Dutch Pomeranian and the German Spitz, confirming the recently reconstructed genomic indicators.

To conclude, these cultural and historical considerations are thus clearly supported by the scientific evidence from current genomic research. Today's Schipperke dogs have generic traits that reflect this combined genomic basis and cultural history. These observations make necessary for the Belgian Kennel Club and the FCI to **correct the Schipperke Standard**, so as not to contradict undeniable genetic facts and correctly represent the true characteristics, history and behaviour of this wonderful Belgian dog breed.

The required updating of the current FCI Standard, formulated in 2009 by Dr. Robert Pollet et al. ([www.fci.be/Nomenclature/Standards/083g01-en.pdf](http://www.fci.be/Nomenclature/Standards/083g01-en.pdf)), on several points implies a return to the 1988 FCI Standard, leaning on a tradition back to 1888. Several 2009 formulations mistakenly links the Schipperke to Belgian Shepherds. The etymological roots of the name should be left open, as “small skipper” or “small boat captain” are equally plausible as “little shepherd”. It should not falsely be stated that the Schipperke is “a sheepdog” with “sheepdog characteristics and temperament” and related to Belgian Shepherds, as all such formulations blatantly contradict genomic findings. Further changes required (back to the pre-2009 standards) concern the shape of the head (which is more fox-like than lupoid), the croup (no “Guinea pig rump”) and the tail (which is normally curled over the back rather than hanging down!). With such changes, the FCI Standard would again conform with scientific facts and with the unique history of the Schipperke.

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# 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.

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**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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