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"In less than a year Rayna has exceeded the expectations we had for her. We see sunny skies on the horizon for her future."

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Message from the SCA President

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March 1 marks the beginning of a new club year with five officers and four of the eight total directors assuming office. Please welcome these individuals who have agreed to serve:

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As you read this, SCA is on the cusp of holding its 2022 National Specialty Show. The show will be held Tuesday, April 19 through Friday, April 22. The site will be the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio. There are many opportunities for fun, learning and getting together with friends, not to mention showing our Schipperkes in conformation and performance events. The Top 20 theme will be 50s Rock & Roll. I'll be getting my circular skirt with the Schipperke on it made up to wear for sure. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.scanational.com> or visit on Facebook @scanational.



Scout CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy at TopperLyn

Made his ring debut in September 2021 at 6 months of age earning Best of Winners twice and two majors.

Scout rocked his next 4 shows going Best of Breed out of the puppy class; PLUS a Non-Sporting Group 4. Then they were off to Orlando FL. There he earned his Puppy of Achievement award AND finished his Championship title going Best Opposite Sex at the AKC National Championship at 9 months of age.



We are very excited about this "little" Rock Star!



Scout is being expertly presented by Connor & Jennifer Maplethorpe

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DISPELLING THE MYTHS OF CROPPED EARS, DOCKED TAILS, DEWCLAWS, AND "DEBARKING"

Purebred dogs are purpose-bred dogs: They come in all shapes and sizes. The characteristics that make each of these dogs unique also help them perform the functions for which they were bred.

The physical appearance of the dogs illustrates this, and is also an important part of each breed's history. For example, the thick body and heavy fur on a St. Bernard make it the perfect dog for mountain rescue. The short legs and long, narrow body of a Dachshund (German for "badger hunter") allow it to burrow underground to hunt badger.

Many owners of specific breeds wish to maintain their dog's historic practical function by having their puppy's ears cropped, tails docked, or dewclaws removed.

While some people unfamiliar with the breeds believe that these practices are purely aesthetic and question their necessity, these procedures often actually enhance the dog's ability to perform the tasks it is meant to do, and in many cases protect the dog from serious injury later in life.

Bark softening (often inaccurately called "debarking") is another hotly debated procedure. This is not purely a procedure of convenience, but rather a viable option that allows a dog in certain circumstances to remain in its loving home rather than being sent to a shelter.

Ear cropping, tail docking, dewclaw removal, and bark softening are not procedures of convenience, but rather safe and standard animal husbandry practices designed to protect the safety and welfare of dogs.

Understanding the Procedures

Ear cropping, tail docking, dewclaw removal, and debarking are procedures that are increasingly debated in the general public and in public policy. To help gain insight on these issues, let's begin by defining these terms:

Ear cropping is a procedure by which a dog's ears are trimmed, or "cropped", so that they can stand erect rather than flop over. Common breeds of dogs with cropped ears include Great Danes, all three sizes of Schnauzers, and Doberman Pinschers. The American Kennel Club (AKC) currently recognizes 20 breeds with cropped ears.

Tail docking refers to the removal of a portion of the tail. The length that is docked varies depending on the breed. Dogs with docked tails include Cocker Spaniels, Rottweilers, and Yorkshire Terriers. Currently, 63 breeds recognized by the AKC have docked tails. Some dogs, such as the Old English Sheepdog and Australian Shepherd, may appear to be docked, but may have actually been born with a "bobtail", or naturally short tail.

Dewclaw removal is a procedure by which the dewclaws, which are essentially extra claws that are located higher up the leg than the rest of a dog's claws and serve little to no purpose for the majority of breeds, are removed. Most dogs are born with dewclaws.

While a few dogs, such as the Norwegian Lundehund, use them to scale rocky cliffs, the dewclaw serves virtually no purpose for most dogs. Active dogs are prone to getting them caught and torn, causing extreme pain and significant injury. For these cases, it is better for them to be removed shortly after birth when little or no pain is experienced, rather than to risk serious injury and infection later in an injured mature dog.

Tail docking and dewclaw removal are performed shortly after birth, when the puppy's nervous system is not fully developed. As a result, the puppy feels little to no pain, has no resulting pain memory, and experiences no lasting negative health issues. Some lawmakers have sought to require anesthesia for these procedures. However, since they are performed so soon after birth, anesthesia should not be required, as this could be life-threatening for the young puppy. Waiting until they are old enough to handle anesthesia would actually result in a more painful and traumatic procedure.



“Bark softening” (often inaccurately called “debarking”) is a veterinary procedure that softens a dog’s bark by altering a dog’s vocal cords with a laser or biopsy tool. The dog may still bark, but at a softer volume. When performed correctly by a veterinarian, the most common method is minimally invasive and takes just a couple minutes to perform.

Bark softening is a veterinary procedure that may ultimately prevent a dog from ending up in a shelter or euthanized. Both the American Kennel Club and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) believe that this is a viable veterinary procedure that may be an option for some owners when other efforts to correct excessive barking have failed. This safe, viable procedure will soften the dog’s bark to a level that will not be a disturbance to the neighborhood, thereby allowing an owner to keep a dog whose excessive barking could otherwise be considered a nuisance. The AKC and the AVMA also agree that this procedure should only be performed by a qualified, licensed veterinarian.

Much of the opposition regarding these procedures comes from a misunderstanding of why and how they are performed. Many believe that these procedures are painful, performed purely for convenience or cosmetic reasons, and have no value. This is completely false. In fact, when properly performed, these practices are significantly less painful and much less physically traumatic for the dogs than other common elective surgeries such as spaying and neutering. Each of these procedures is a safe, humane standard practice that serves a practical purpose, and in the case of ear cropping and tail docking, may preserve a dog’s ability to perform its historic function.

Ear Cropping and Tail Docking: A Historical and Practical Perspective

All dogs recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) are placed in one of seven groups based on the functions for which they were developed and often continue to perform. Ear cropping and tail docking are historical procedures, performed in some breeds for over 100 years, that can help dogs better and more safely perform the functions for which they were originally bred.

Dogs in the Working Group, for example have traditionally been used for a number of important tasks including serving as guard, search and rescue, and seeing-eye dogs for the blind. As a working breed, the Doberman’s cropped ears help enhance its hearing, thereby helping it perform its tasks to the best of its ability. According to the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, “An erect eared dog can localize the source of a sound to within a 5-degree cone, whereas a drop eared dog can only localize a sound source to within a 20-degree cone. Since Dobermans do search and detection as well as search and rescue, cropped ears are a decided advantage.”*

Other dogs, such as the Bouvier de Flanders in the Herding Group, were traditionally used for many purposes on farms, and “tails and ears were routinely cropped because they were easy targets for farm predators.”**

Sporting Group breeds, such as spaniels, often go into thick brush to track game. While some of these breeds (such as a Labrador Retrievers) have thick, strong tails or tails with thick hair, other breeds have weaker tails with often wispy hair that are prone to injury when they run through thick brush or brambles.

In the same way, a docked tail on a Terrier makes it stronger, which in some situations can help protect the dogs. For example, the bottom two-thirds of the Airedale Terrier’s tail is incredibly strong and may be used to help pull this largest of the terriers to safety in certain circumstances when they are performing a variety of activities including hunting animals in the ground or water, or serving as a working dog. The last third, however, is very weak and fragile. When not docked, the tail is prone to breaking, splitting, or other serious injuries.***

Public Policy Considerations

The American Kennel Club and its local dog clubs throughout the United States are extremely concerned about animal cruelty and are dedicated to the breeding and raising of healthy, happy dogs.

We strongly support laws that target irresponsible owners and those who would mistreat or harm animals. Likewise, it is important that any legislation seeking to protect dogs not arbitrarily ban these or other procedures that can protect a dog’s safety and welfare. Standard, safe animal husbandry practices that preserve the ability of purpose-bred dogs to excel at the functions for which they were bred should remain legal and never be construed as cruelty.

In the same way, bark softening (“debarking”), which can preserve the home and the life of a noisy dog when other remedies fail, should not be banned. This decision, like other health care decisions, is one best left to the dog’s owner in conjunction with their veterinarian, and should not be subject to arbitrary government regulations or restrictions.

Clearly defining animal cruelty, neglect, and mistreatment in statute will protect the safety of dogs and hold owners accountable without placing arbitrary restrictions on safe, accepted procedures that allow dogs to excel at the tasks they were bred to perform and ensure their welfare, health and safety throughout their lives.



*Theresa Mullen, DPCA Public Education Committee, “Living with a Dobe”, published on <https://dpca.org/publiced/living-with-a-dobe/ears/>

**Kitty Korth for the ABdFC, “Beginner’s Guide to the Bouvier”, published on <https://www.bouvier.org/beginner-guide-to-the-bouvier.html>

***Letter from the Airedale Terrier Club of America, Inc. to the American Veterinary Medical Association, June 6, 2009.

The SCA National Specialty

Wilmington, Ohio
April 18th - 22nd 2022

So much to discover!



SCA

Conformation Judge: **Johnny Shoemaker**

Obedience & Rally Judge: **Anita L Eisthen**

Futurity / Maturity Judge: **Barbara Burns**, Sweepstakes Judge: **Dawn Hitchcock**

* pending AKC approval

Tues April 19th -

All-Breed Fast Cat, Obedience, Rally, Educational Seminars

Wed April 20th -

Futurity / Maturity & Parades & Top Twenty Competition

Thurs April 21st -

Puppy Sweeps, Judges Education, Judging Dogs,
SCA Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet

Fri April 22nd -

Judging Bitches, Judging Best of Breed

SMSC Regional Specialty

Conformation Judge: **Jeff Bazell**

Obedience / Rally Judge: **Kathleen Cook**

Sweepstakes & Juniors Judge: **Char Rutar**

Mon April 18th -

Regional Specialty, All-Breed Fast Cat, Obedience & Rally

Please Note:

The Hospitality Room will be open Monday evening April 18th to welcome SCA National attendees and hand out Welcome Bags (only 1 bag per person). Coffee, water, snacks will be available.

The Hospitality Room will be open Monday April 18th through Friday April 22nd in the morning prior to the start of events for attendees. Coffee, water and light breakfast fare will be available while supply lasts.

The Hotel Restaurant will be closed due to renovations, however the show committee has arranged that food can be purchased for lunch by attendees at concession stands each day of the show from 10am - 2pm in the back service hall of the Roberts Centre. There are also many other food outlets nearby where food can be picked up or ordered for delivery.

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**SCA National Specialty Events
April 19nd - 22nd**

**SMSC Regional Specialty
April 18th**

*Keep watching the SCA National
2022 Website for Details*

<http://www.scanational.com/2022/index.html>

MONDAY SMSC	TUESDAY SCA	WEDNESDAY SCA	THURSDAY SCA	FRIDAY SCA
Morning - All-Breed Fast Cat - Obedience - Rally - Sweepstakes Afternoon - Obedience - Rally - Breed judging Evening - SCA Welcome in Hospitality Room - Plus Welcome Bags	Morning - All-Breed Fast* Cat - Obedience - Rally Afternoon Seminars - Nutrition by Royal Canin - Scent Work - Treibball - Barn Hunt Early Evening - Breeder Education Seminar - Let's Make a Deal (fund raiser)	Morning - Futurity Competition - Maturity Competition Afternoon - Parade of Rescues - Parade of Veterans - Parade of Title Holders - Top Twenty Judging Evening - Top Twenty Exhibitor Rock'N'Roll - Winners Identified - Cash Bar - Desert Bar	Morning - Puppy Sweeps - Veteran Sweeps - Judges Education <i>Part One</i> Afternoon - Judging Dogs - Juniors - Stud Dog & Brood Bitch - Brace & Team - Judges Education <i>Part Two</i> Late Afternoon - SCA Annual Meeting Evening - SCA Banquet - Silent Auction - Cash Bar	Morning - Judging Bitches Afternoon - Best of Breed Judging



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Introducing our up and coming star... ★

Gigi

Zephyr-Beadale Coquettish GiGi



Gigi won a puppy Group 3 on January 29, 2022,
the weekend of the SCSC Specialty.

I would also like to thank Gigi's breeder, Cynthia Lewis "Zephyr Schipperkes" for my girl.

Maureen Garrity
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The Southern Michigan Schipperke Club

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This Half-Page Ad Space Could Have Been Yours!

The Genius of Dogs

By Kathy Swan

I recently purchased *The Genius of Dogs: How Dogs Are Smarter Than We Think* by Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods.

In the last ten years, there has been something of a revolution in the study of canine intelligence. We have learned more about how dogs think in the past decade than we have in the previous century.

Brian Hare is an evolutionary anthropologist who studies many different species in order to understand human cognitive evolution. This recent research has revealed a number of ways dogs seem to solve social problems more similarly to human infants than many primates. Comparisons to other species suggest the possibility that some of these skills are the result of domestication. Dog cognition researchers have modeled their approach after developmental psychologists studying human infants

His book explains how cognitive science has come to understand the genius of dogs through experimental games using everyday objects such as toys, cups, balls, and “anything else lying around.” He designed his first experiments in his family's garage with his dog Oreo. Scientists have been able to peer into the cognitive world of dogs and see how they make inferences and solve new problems. We all have opinions about how smart our dogs are. Now we have extensive scientific literature that sometimes supports or doesn't support these opinions. The authors reviewed thousands of scientific papers relevant to the study of dog cognition. They reference more than six hundred of these papers in their book. This book provides a comprehensive review of dog cognition, or “dognition.”

The many flavors of genius

Cognitive science views intelligence in animals differently. Scientists examine how successfully animals have managed to survive and reproduce in as many places as possible.

The dog is arguably the most successful mammal on the planet, besides us. Dogs have spread to all corners of the world, including inside our homes, and in some cases onto our beds. While the majority of mammals on the planet have seen a steep decline in their populations as a result of human activity, there have never been more dogs on the planet than today.

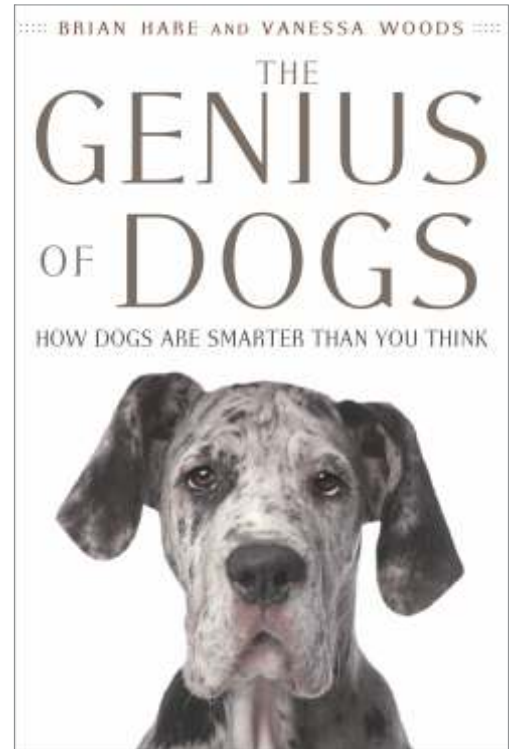
What Is Genius?

Alfred Binet designed the first standardized intelligence tests in the early twentieth century. His goal was to identify students in France who should receive extra scholastic attention and resources. His original test evolved into the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale. These IQ tests provide a very narrow definition and do not measure the full capabilities of each person.

In recent years, other views of intelligence have emerged. Harvard psychologist [Howard Gardner](#) proposed the theory of [multiple intelligences](#). His theory also suggests that traditional views of intelligence are too limited. Gardner advocates that all people have different kinds of “intelligences.” A cognitive approach is about celebrating different kinds of intelligence. Genius means that someone may be exceptional with one type of cognition while being average or below average in another.

Animal Genius

In animals, researchers are usually more interested in what a species as a whole is capable of, rather than each individual animal. Since animals cannot talk, scientists pinpoint their particular genius by giving them



puzzles. They just need to make choices. These choices reveal their cognitive abilities. By presenting the same puzzle to different species, we can identify different types of animal genius. As with people, just because a species looks like a genius in one area does not mean its members are geniuses in other areas.

Testing Animals Around the World

First, scientists look for genius in animals by comparing one species to another. Often, the challenges different species faces in the wild have provided them with different kinds of genius. Some dance, some navigate, and some have figured out how to have diplomatic relations with other species. Second, they look for genius in animals by testing their flexibility to solve new problems by making inferences.

Dr. Hare takes the readers on a journey that crisscrosses the world to study animal intelligence. He travels to Russia to see first hand how generations of fox bred on a fur farm had physically changed and perform tests. After his visit to Siberia, Hare reexamines popular theories of dog domestication and he wanted to investigate his hypothesis on self-domestication.

He next visits a Conservation Society that houses New Guinea Singing Dog in Eugene, Oregon to test their abilities at reading human gestures. From there, he travels deep into the Congo basin to rediscover a long-lost relative, the bonobos. Chimpanzees and bonobos are our two closest living relatives. Hare provides an in-depth comparison between these two animals.

Testing Dogs

While researching Dr Hare's work, I found an abundance of free classes related to animals available on Coursera. This included one presented by Brian Hare:

Dog Emotion and Cognition will introduce you to the exciting new study of dog psychology, what the latest discoveries tell us about how dogs think and feel about us, and how we can use this new knowledge to further strengthen our relationship with our best friends. Approximately 22 hours over eight weeks.

I was so engrossed in the book, I completed the course in two weeks! As part of the class, I signed up at Dognition to play the four free cognitive games discussed in the lectures. The more I read, the more I wanted to learn. I opted to pay a reduced fee (20% off) to enroll Missy for her complete profile. The results of her tests are in my article "Dognition Testing."

I highly recommend this book. It is insightful, scientifically based and fun to learn about how dogs came to be our best friends.

Another interesting read is the National Geographic special publication entitled *The Genius of Dogs* (April 10, 2020) available from EBay, Amazon and other used book outlets.

Resources:

Coursera <https://www.coursera.org>

Coursera Dog Emotion and Cognition <https://www.coursera.org/learn/dog-emotion-and-cognition>

Dognition dognition.com/mooc

National Geographic July 14, 2021 Some **Dogs Are Geniuses—Just Like Humans**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/some-dogs-are-exceptionally-gifted-and-talented>

OSU Human-Animal Interaction Lab <https://thehumananimalbond.com/>

Smithsonian Magazine December 2020 The New Science of Our Ancient Bond With Dogs

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/new-science-ancient-bond-with-dogs-180976226/>

We Are Just So Proud To Highlight Our Litter of October 2020



From Left to Right

Sire: GCH CH Ropaws Destiny's Tyme Traveler BN RN "Tripp" Owned by Pat Campbell, (qualified for 2021 & 2022 Top 20)

Get: GCH CH RusticVali's Travel'n Blue Skyz at Ropaws "Beau" (qualified for 2022 Top 20)

Get: RusticVali's Sailing the Wind "Whydah"

Get: RusticVali's Call me the Breeze RN "Bries"

Dam: GCH CH Spindrift Little Nell RA OAP OJP OFP CHC TKN "Leia" (qualified for 2019 and 2022 Top 20)

This successful litter of five puppies (4 dogs, 1 bitch) has produced our current rising stars. Each have exceptional temperaments and we could not be happier with their accomplishments.

Leia owned by Brenda Boell, has a performance title. Shown only four weekends she now needs only 4 single points to finish her championship.

Beau owned by Pat Campbell, is already a Grand Champion with group placements.

Whydah owned by Jeri Lynn Riggs, is major pointed out at limited shows, with a first time handler.

Tucker owned by Dawn Bush, is training in agility and has become the company mascot at a ReadyMix plant where he goes to work with his owner each day.

Jet is a social butterfly in the neighborhood where he lives with his family and promotes the breed to everyone he meets.

A repeat breeding is planned for sometime in 2022.

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Citizen Science and Missy's Dognition Results

By Kathy Swan

Citizen Science is public participation in scientific research. This is a relatively new term. It represents a partnership between professional scientists and volunteers to gather or process data in an effort to better understand and address a scientific problem. Scientists may create a citizen-science program to capture more or more widely spread data without spending additional funding. Modern advances in technology make citizen science more accessible.

History

Although citizen science is a relatively new term, people have contributed to scientific research for years. One of the oldest examples of citizen science is the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Started in 1900, groups of volunteers collect information about local populations of birds across the United States and Canada between December 14 and January 5.

How do dog owners become Citizen Scientists?

I first read this term last year when I signed Missy up to be part of the Dog Aging Project. [See my article in Bulletin Winter 2020 Issue]. I joined the team working together to accelerate medical breakthroughs for dogs and humans. Since then, I have learned more about the term and found additional ways to participate. **Dognition** is a citizen science program that collects and analyzes data through fun, science-based games to help reveal how dogs see the world.

What is Dognition?

[The Dognition Assessment](#) is a series of 20 interactive games that test five dimensions of dogs' cognition: communication, memory, and reasoning skills, plus how cunning or empathetic they are. Leading experts on dog behavior and intelligence developed the tests. They are fun and easy to play at home. An individualized Dognition Profile Report provides results on a spectrum.

Four tests were included as part of the course I was taking. I registered Missy to take them all. Using many treats and a few props (plastic cups and pieces of paper), we tested in my living room. You will need a helper. Missy tested over a few evenings. With treats involved, she was eager to play.

There are [nine profiles](#) (definitions are directly from the Dognition [dognition.com/mooc](#)):

Ace (Top Dog): 10% of all dogs - Aces are problem-solvers, socially elite, bond well and are good at almost everything.

Charmer: 16% of all dogs - Charmers have exceptional social skills, meaning they can read human body language like a book.

Socialite: 22% of all dogs - Although they rely less on independent problem solving skills than other dogs, don't jump to any conclusions about the Socialite's intelligence. They rely on a very specific strategy - using the humans in their pack to get what they want.

Expert (Problem Solver): 7% of all dogs - Dogs with this profile have all of the cognitive tools they need to solve most of their daily problems on their own. They have a relatively strong memory along with the ability to solve many types of problems they've never seen before.

Renaissance Dog (Dog of All Trades): 12% of all dogs. These are the canine embodiment of reliability. Rather than being completely dependent on individual cognitive strategies, Renaissance Dogs show impressive flexibility across all five cognitive dimensions.

Protodog (Pioneer): 15% of all dogs - A Protodog is a spontaneous pooch that bonds easily and can solve problems on its own or with people.

Einstein: 3% of all dogs - 'Einsteins' are the brainiacs. They can solve new problems by looking at the facts in front of them, a key attribute of a genius. However, like brilliant people, Einstein dogs can be socially awkward.

Maverick (Lone Wolf): 7% of all dogs - With cognitive characteristics closer to their wolf

ancestors than most other dogs, Mavericks are relatively unique in the dog world. These dogs definitely prefer to tackle problems independently.

Stargazer (Free Spirit): 8% of all dogs - Usually considered to be aloof by their owners, Stargazers have their own often misunderstood type of genius. Generally their cognition is geared towards self-reliant and present-minded strategies, rather than being overly concerned with past events and human collaboration. They have a wild, wolf-like side which can be a great compliment to the lifestyle of a rugged individual.

Missy is an ACE. The following are excerpts from her 16-page report.

Missy is the dog with it all. An accomplished problem solver with great communication skills, Missy has everything that makes dogs special, and a little more besides. You can feel lucky to have such a talented dog as part of your pack.

Empathy - Reading and responding to the emotions of others

Missy's empathy scores were off the charts. Missy certainly stands out from the small dog crowd. She absolutely adores you.

Communication - Using information from others to learn about the environment

Missy's performance was highly collaborative. This is a remarkable skill. Missy did so well in this game that her skills are similar to those of a human infant.

Cunning - Using information from others to avoid detection

Missy is an extremely obedient dog. She is a rare dog who not only obeys your command; she also wants to please you so much that she will resist temptation - whether you are paying attention or not.

Memory - Storing past experiences to make future choices

Missy has an amazing working memory. Missy skillfully searching for an object that has briefly disappeared. For her, out of sight is definitely not out of mind.

Reasoning - Inferring the solution to new problems

Missy just aced the most difficult games in the Assessment. She can solve a new version of a problem she has seen before, and spontaneously solve new problems she has never seen before. ***This is a sign of true genius.***

Consider testing

The test results did not surprise me. Missy willingly tries new sports for the fun of being together. She is a solid agility partner and is very responsive. Missy will seek out someone in pain and give comfort.

Consider testing one or all of your dogs. I recently expanded my membership to include more dogs and more games.

Resources

Dognition dognition.com/mooc

Daily Beast Apr. 14, 2017 *Dognition: The Myers-Briggs Test for Your Dog*

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/dognition-the-myers-briggs-test-for-your-dog>

PLOS ONE Journal *Citizen Science as a New Tool in Dog Cognition Research*

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0135176>



Congratulations to all the 2021 AKC Agility Invitational Qualifiers

All of the schipperkes that ran in Orlando did a great job showcasing the speed and agility of breed. We missed Blitzen and Freya who were unable to attend, but I am sure they would have all had a great showing.

These tremendous dogs boast various titles and are versatile with many great talents.

Jetta brought home the Breed Medallion, but it was a fierce and close competition.



Jetta Coco Jack's Jetta Bear, RI AX
MXJ XF BCAT CGCA TKA

Zipper CH DeLamer Windswept Island Escort,
CDX MXS MJB MFB T2B

Bocci MACH 2 Kurakuma's Dark
Island Castle, CD BN MXG MJB2
MFG TXQ

Freya MACH3 Dhs Loppan's Tale Of Freya, CD
RAE MXB2 MJB2 MFS TQX T2B3 CA
BCAT SEN CGCA TKA



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2021 AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL QUALIFIERS



Jetta, Zipper, Bocci and Blitzen have also qualified for AKC National Championship to be held in April 2022.



Blitzen GCH CH AGCH PACH6 Willow's Who'll Stop The Rain? RA FDC MXP18 MXPG2 PDSP MJP18 MJPG2

Moxie Spindrift Enter Stage Right MXP AJP XFP

Ralphie Tumbleweed's Something To Believe In MX MXJ MJB NAP NJP XF T2B TKN

Skydance's Geraldine Ferrarro CD BN MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF CGC TKN



2022 SCA BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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As of 2/1/2022

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Should host National in even years.

COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB

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Should host National in odd years.

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB

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BLACK FIRE SCHIPPERKES INTRODUCES OUR SHINING STARS

Cinder

CH Zephyr Leapin Black Fire, BN RA
Aug. 5, 2005 - Feb. 12, 2022

Sire: CH Sheradin When Spirits Talk
Dam: CH Sea Catch Zephyr Leapin Leah
Cinder was our first Schipperke and our foundation Brood Bitch, who produced champion and grand champions. She also produced multiple pointed great grand children.



Ziva

GCH Blackfire-Zephyr Aren'T I Special
By Willow, RN

Sire: GCHS Willow's Make My Day
Dam: CH Zephyr Leapin Black Fire, BN RA
Ziva has won several several Best Veteran in sweepstakes, Awards of Merit and OH Group placements. She is now working on performance titles.

Hops

GCH Blackfire's After Dark Double Shot
DOB: March 31, 2015

Sire: CH Zephyr California Dream'N
O'Blackfire, RN
Dam: GCH Blackfire-Zephyr Aren'T I Special
By Willow RN
Hops was BOS at the 2021 SCA Maturity and has several OH Group Placements.
He is working on performance titles as well.



Sue Waller
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BLACKFIRES RISING STARS



Opal

CH Blackfire's Opal Queen of Gems
DOB: January 10, 2018
SIRE: CH K-Lee And Masterpieces
Run River Run
DAM: GCH Blackfire-Zephyr Aren'T I
Special by Willow, RN

Opal finished with a 5 point major at San Fernando Kennel Club. Then got her first GCH 5 point major the next day at Los Encinos KC show her first time out as a special.

Opal's children are our 4th generation of stars.
Sired by:
GCH Delamer and Sailors All Hands On Deck

Blackfire's Spy Who Loved Me "Bond",
owned by Sue Waller and Karen Tye
Shown winning his first major.

Blackfire's The World Is Not Enough "Tufi",
owned by Karen Tye and Sue Waller.

Bond



Tufi



Sired by: GCHG Daradan's On The Fast Track
(not shown)
Blackfires Sky Full of Diamonds Yuki Ookami, "Lucy"
owned by Amanda Matthews.
Blackfire Daradan Let It Be Blue Max "Libby"
owned by Dara Wilcox
Shadowlends Blackfire Ain't She Sweet "Miko"
owned by Carol Davis
Blackfire Get Back Sweet Loretta For Zephyr
owned by Cynthia Lewis.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(As of: 2/1/2022)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

April 17-22, 2022, Roberts Convention Centre, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, Ohio.

Caper LLC is Show Secretary, www.caper-dogs.com. Co-Chairs, Marnie Layng & Jaime Stanchina.

For more information go to <https://www.scanational.com/2022/index.html>

ERIE CANAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

ILLIANA SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

April 18, 2022. Roberts Convention Centre, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, Ohio. Regional Specialty with sweepstakes, conformation, 2 obedience trials, 2 rally trials and FAST-CAT will be held on Monday, April 18th, the day prior to the 2022 SCA National Specialty at Roberts Convention Centre, Wilmington, OH. Jaime Stanchina, Show Chair. Caper LLC is Show Secretary, www.caper-dogs.com.

July 8th, 2022, the Southern Michigan Schipperke Club will be holding 2 back-to-back sweepstakes and specialties in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Maize and Blue specialties. These shows will be followed by 2 all-breed shows on July 9th and 10th, 2022. The Monroe County Fairgrounds are beautiful and the show is fantastic.

COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

April 2022. Possible Specialty

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS (Eastern Region)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA (Western Region)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Western Region)

March 4, 2022, back-to-back Regionals, sandwiched between the Malibu Kennel Club all-breed shows Wednesday and Thursday, March 2 and 3 and the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills all-breed shows Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 to be held at the Fairplex, Pomona, California. We will be having conformation, puppy and veteran sweepstakes, Junior Handler and 4-6 puppy competition. There will be an opportunity to show in seven separate conformation classes. For more information, contact the Show Chair, Karen Ward, karen@klward.net. Show Superintendent is Bradshaw <https://www.jbradshaw.com/>.

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

July 9th and 10th, 2022. Concurrent Specialties at Puyallup Fairgrounds, Washington in conjunction with the Western Washington Summer Cluster which run from Saturday, July 8th through Monday, July 11th. We will be having puppy and veteran sweepstakes, conformation and juniors both days. There will be an opportunity to show in 5 conformation classes. In 2021 there were majors in both dogs and bitches at all the shows. For information contact show chair, Grant Fredricks. Show Superintendent is Baray.

CENTRAL ROCKIES SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

The Central Rockies Schipperke Club of Greater Denver is holding 2 Regional Shows. There will be one show held on each of the following dates. The dates are June 17 and June 18, 2022. These shows will be in conjunction with the Plum Creek Kennel Club.

LONE STAR SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

October 1, 2022 - NEW LOCATION – North Texas Fairgrounds, 2217 N Carroll Blvd, Denton, TX. Back-to-back specialties with puppy and veteran sweepstakes at both. 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition at Morning Specialty. Will offer new puppy BBE classes at both shows. No limit on entries. These shows are almost always majors. Overnight parking for RVs on show grounds for \$25. Some hookups available. Beth Lilly, Show Chair, bethalilly@gmail.com. Show secretary is Caper LLC, www.caper-dogs.com.

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The Bulletin June Issue

Will Feature...

**The Results of the SCA 2022
National Week of Events**

**Remember that every win is special at a
Specialty**

Share Your Experiences

**Let Us Know What You Learned While
Attending The National**



See you in June...

