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Winter 2023



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Happy Holidays
from Deb Bruner
Pictured (L to R):
Peeps, Bourbon, Elzee, Cannoli, Blitzzen,
Ace, and Jupiter





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President's Message

Beverly Henry



WARNING!!! No member of the board will EVER ask you to use your own money to cover a club obligation. Emails you receive asking you to do so are scams – DO NOT FALL FOR IT!

I can honestly say that of all the things I have been involved in for the club, being proud of helping to get this new website up and running has got to be the topper! I cannot take full credit but I did remind the board that several years ago a previous board had approved a motion to look into a new website and pushed to get the ball rolling. Virginia Larioza found the marvelous webmaster, who does about 40 other parent club websites and also breeds and shows collies. At first, we thought we'd have to wait a few months before she could start on ours but the much larger website she had expected to start was delayed because that club could not come up with the high-quality photographs she needed, so she started on our website. To help her out, I spent countless 12-hour days harvesting files and information from the old site so she could concentrate on getting the site live in time to send out our 2024 dues notices from the new plug-in, MembershipWorks. And now you all know why we were searching for photos. We still need a good obedience photo and a good rally photo. I love the new website, it is fresh, modern and easy to navigate. Please be patient as we learn and get the missing documents uploaded.

The board decided to include an add-on called MembershipWorks (MW) which gives members the ability to update their own contact information when it changes. You can also choose which information can be seen by other members. Please do not delete any contact information. If you don't want it seen by the members, check the box to keep it private. The main attraction to MW is that we will eventually be able to use it for voting. **Only members have access to the membership list.** MW will automatically send out dues notices on October 1st each year and send reminders out until January 1st. Then it will send one more notice that your dues have not been paid and your membership will expire on January 31st.

You all should have received a Launch Letter via email explaining how to log in, how to get a password and how to pay your dues. If you did not receive this email, please contact Gary Hester at ghester19@aol.com.

Gary Hester and I are busy learning how to operate MW, likewise, Brian Carbone and I are learning how to update the new website. My participation here will be primarily to add and remove the new member applicants and other simple tasks, leaving the more technical stuff to Brian.

A number of people have contacted either Virginia Larioza or myself regarding available RV sites during the week of the National. I called the hotel and as of noon November 8th there are 8 sites remaining, 6 are full hookups and 2 are just electric and water. If you need an RV site, please call the hotel at 937-283-3200 as soon as possible to make your reservation. On October 19, 2023, the SCA board of directors voted to allow tails if AKC and the membership approve the revisions. Just because the SCA board voted to approve the decision of the committee does **not** mean it is a done deal. **Any change to the standard requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the total ballots cast by the SCA membership and then final approval by the AKC Board of Directors.**

A committee of 5, consisting of myself as chair, Lee Ann Stusnick, Donna Kenly, Maureen Garrity and Virginia Larioza, was formed to discuss the issue and come up with a decision. The experience level is high for the members of the committee – 3 have been, one of which is now, president; 4 have been, one of which is now, vice president and all have served on the board in various other positions. And they have a total of 209 years of membership in SCA and probably more than that in the breed. Two are historically anti-tails, 2 are historically neutral and 1 is pro tails.

Some of the main issues were that the exclusion of tails in our standard has caused a big division

among our members; that breeders on each side of the fence were refusing to allow their stud dogs to be used or puppies bought by anyone on the other side and that the exclusion also is affecting entries at shows, sending a lot of current, former and prospective members to exhibit in UKC.

The committee decided not to eliminate partial tails because we did not want to inadvertently hurt dogs with poor docks. AKC also indicated that it would be difficult to get their approval if we eliminate partial tails because it would be impossible for a judge to determine if a natural bobtail was that or just a poor dock. All of these things not being in the best interest of our club or the future of our breed.

The committee held multiple email exchanges and two Zoom meetings. At the 2nd Zoom meeting the following motion was made:

I, Virginia Larioza, move that we accept the following proposed changes to the standard:

SECOND SENTENCE OF STANDARD - In appearance he is a small, thickset, cobby, black-tailless dog, **traditionally docked to appear tailless**, with a fox-like face.

LAST TWO SENTENCES UNDER NECK, TOPLINE AND BODY - The croup is broad and well-rounded ~~with the tail docked~~. **If the tail is docked it should create a tailless appearance.**

Undocked, the tail may be carried high over the back, may curl or hang straight. It is acceptable for the tail to drop when relaxed. Partial or bobbed tails are allowed.

~~No tail is visually discernible.~~

ADD THE FOLLOWING AS THE NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE UNDER COAT - Length of hair on the tail is in balance with the rest of the dog's coat.

Motion seconded by Donna Kenly. Voting in favor of the motion in alphabetical order: *Maureen Garrity, Beverly Henry, Donna Kenly, Virginia Larioza and Lee Ann Stusnick*. Motion passed unanimously.

The results of this vote were presented to the board. There was much discussion by board members both for and against.

The following motion was made and passed: Moved by Melissa Grueninger, to **accept the Tail Committee report and changes to the Standard to allow tails and that these changes will be sent to AKC in a timely manner**. Second by Julia Sadler. *Approved: Brian Carbone, Sherry Gill, Melissa Grueninger, Geri Hart, Beverly Henry, Donna Kenly, Virginia Larioza, Julia Sadler, and Lee Ann Stusnick. Disapprove: Vi Hale, Gary Hester, Leisl Shagen, Jaime Stanchina; Abstain: None; No vote received: None. Motion passed 9-4.*

As president of this club, I feel it is my obligation to represent all of our members, not just one faction. I set aside my personal views on the subject and voted for what I believe to be best for our club and for the future of our breed.

The revisions were sent to AKC Staff, who approved it and sent it to the AKC Board of Directors who will review it at their November 13-14 meeting and if approved, will be published in the Secretary's Pages of the December AKC Gazette. If and when it is published in the AKC Gazette, readers will be given 60 days to comment on the revisions.

By now you will have received an all-member mailing with the Nominating Committees slate for next year's Board of Directors. If you are looking for the resumes for the nominees for the Board for next year, you will find them on the Members Only side of the SCA website under Club Documents. With that mailing will be the "Timeline for AKC Standard Revision Procedures" listing what happens after its publication in the Gazette. As you will see, it takes several months and if approved, the chances of the effective date being on or before April 3rd (closing date for the 2024 National) are slim to none.

As a voting member, you will probably be approached by one side or the other trying to persuade you to vote a certain way. It is my hope that you will not subject yourself to being someone's puppet and vote whichever way your heart tells you to vote and not the way someone else wants you to vote when the time comes. It will be a secret vote – no one will know but you how you really voted. If the revision makes its way to the December AKC Gazette on the Secretary's pages, everyone, not just SCA members, will have a chance to voice their opinion on it. We need trophy donors for both the SCA Parent Club Specialty and the SCA National Specialty. You can make donations at <https://schipperkeclubofamerica.org/trophy-donations-reservations/#!form/TrophyDonationsReservations>.

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SCA 3rd Quarter 2023 Top Ten Performance

Points are a simple total of qualifying run scores.



Regular Agility

1	CH MACH2 Delamer Windswept Island Escort CDX MXB2 MJC MFS TQX T2B	Marion Johnson	2300 pts
2	MACH2 Captain Jack Meek Imp BN RN MXS MJS MFB TQX T2B FCAT3 SWN TKN	Megan Lake	2200 pts
3	MACH3 Kurakuma's Dark Island Castle CD BN MXS2 MJC2 MFC TQX T2B	Marion Johnson	1400 pts
4	Coco Jack's Jetta Bear RA MX MXB MXJ MJB XF BCAT SCN CGCA TKA	Sheryl Meyer	1000 pts
5	Westeve The Devil's Cut AX AXJ XF	Joseph Sangenito	900 pts
6	Kurakuma's Music W'High Notes N'Loki MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B SWN SCA SIA CGC TKN	Mike Zajackowski	800 pts
7	Delamer Salty Vibes BN RN OA OAJ NF FCAT2 SCN	Sheryl Meyer	577 pts
8	Coco Jacks Kayce Bear NA OAJ NF FCAT CGC TKN	Sheryl Meyer	390 pts
9	Blackfire Get Back Sweet Loretta for Zephyr NAJ BCAT	Megan Lake	279 pts
10	Tumbleweed's Hang Tuf When The Goin' Gets Ruff AX OAJ AXP AJP NF NFP	Lynn Hartke	264 pts

Preferred Agility

1	Look At Me De Sang Bleu MJP3 MJPB PAX MFP T2BP FCAT RATO	Deborah Bruner	1200 pts
2	Tumbleweed's Something To Believe In MX MXB MXJ MJB OAP OJP XF OFP T2B2 TKN	Lynn Hartke	200 pts
3	Tumbleweed's Hang Tuf When The Goin' Gets Ruff AX OAJ AXP AJP NF NFP	Lynn Hartke	100 pts
4	CH Memyselfni For Blackfire De Sangbleu NFP DCAT	Deborah Bruner	95 pts

Regular FAST

1	MACH2 Captain Jack Meek Imp BN RN MXS MJS MFB TQX T2B FCAT3 SWN TKN	Megan Lake	654 pts
2	Westeve The Devil's Cut AX AXJ XF	Joseph Sangenito	229 pts
3	CH MACH2 Delamer Windswept Island Escort CDX MXB2 MJC MFS TQX T2B	Marion Johnson	218 pts
4	CH Delamer Sailing Solo AX MXJ MXF	Terry Sangenito	135 pts
5	Blackfire Get Back Sweet Loretta for Zephyr NAJ BCAT	Megan Lake	67 pts
6	CH Tumbleweed's Lady In Red At Stampede NF ACT1 ACT1J	Lezlie Hall	64 pts
7	Coco Jacks Kayce Bear NA OAJ NF FCAT CGC TKN	Sheryl Meyer	56 pts
8	Westeve Breakin' All The Rules	Joseph Sangenito	54 pts
9	CH Safari Stampede Copacabana	Lezlie Hall	52 pts



Preferred FAST

1	Look At Me De Sang Bleu MJP3 MJPB PAX MFP T2BP FCAT RATO	Deborah Bruner	345 pts
2	CH Memyselfni For Blackfire De Sangbleu NFP DCAT	Deborah Bruner	176 pts
3	Tumbleweed's Something To Believe In MX MXB MXJ MJB OAP OJP XF OFP T2B2 TKN	Lynn Hartke	137 pts
4	Sunrise's Bonnie Schooner Harry AXP AJP BCAT CGC TKN	Janet M Sutton	127 pts

Obedience

1	RACH Kiara Kool Dude UDX OM2 RM2 RAE2	Kathy Sweet	763.5 pts
2	Blk Diamond 18 Lbs Of Torq BN RA CGC TKN ATT	Becky Kaucky	381 pts
3	Delamer Salty Vibes BN RN OA OAJ NF FCAT2 SCN	Sheryl Meyer	364.5 pts
4	Coco Jack's Jetta Bear RA MX MXB MXJ MJB XF BCAT SCN CGCA TKA	Sheryl Meyer	184 pts
5	Lakewind Flyin' Canoe De Sang Bleu CD BN RE BCAT FDCH CGCA TKA ATT	Laura Wilson	180

Rally

1	GCHB CH Oasis Fasten Your Seat Belts CD RE FCAT ACT1 ACT1J CGCA TKP	Larry Wolfe Jr	2069 pts
2	CH RACH Shadowlends Danzn Starz Winter Ice UD PCDX BN GN GO RM4 RAE5	Kathy Lytle	1960 pts
3	CH Delamer A Fish Called Wanda RA BCA	Krista J Nuovo-Roe	816 pts
4	Doreve's Just Reeta Mae CD BN RAE FDC FCAT10 SWM SCEE SBEE RATCHX5 CGCA CGCU TKI	Serena Stephenson	566 pts
5	CH Oasis Legendary Enchantress RN DCAT TKI	Larry Wolfe Jr	476 pts
6	CH Tumbleweed's Touched By An Angel At Shadow Mtn RN ATT	Becky Kaucky	418 pts
7	Skyfyre's Don'T Stop Me Now RN CGC TKP	Linda Boggs	272 pts
8	Skydance's Olympic Crest Glory BN RN FDC CA FCAT4 RATS CZ8G CGCA CGCU TKP ATT	Kathy Swan	240 pts
9	Blk Diamond 18 Lbs Of Torq BN RA CGC TKN ATT	Becky Kaucky	234 pts
10	Oasis The Dark Knight Of Mardeck BN DCAT CGCA	Larry Wolfe Jr	200 pts



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distributed to all
AKC judges
approved for Schipperkes.

BREEDERS FORUM

BREEDERS' FORUM DISCUSSION TOPIC:

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Thanks to veterinary technology, some very experienced breeders have recently experienced instances of puppies dying in utero, or being absorbed, during the last couple of weeks of pregnancy. The question is, is this a new phenomenon or something that has been occurring for years but was unknown due to lack of technology? There have also been some instances of bitches not wanting to go into labor. As a breeder, have you experienced any such issues in your breeding program? Please share your observations related to pregnancies and delivery.

RESPONSES:

Barbara Murray

Shortly after we moved to Colorado in 1998, I began having repro issues with several of my bitches – no swelling & only a clear discharge when in season, very little milk after whelping and loss of puppies at 2-3 weeks of age for no apparent reason, very much like SIDS in human babies. Regardless of how many necropsies were done, an answer was not found. Many tests were done, nothing was found with the adults or puppies. About this time, I decided to bring in another line to merge with my breeding program, a line where the dogs & bitches bred on their own, the bitches whelped their puppies with no help from the breeder, had plenty of milk and raised healthy & robust puppies on their own.

I did ultrasounds for several years during the time of my repro issues and found that the number of puppies shown on the ultrasound was not the same as the number of puppies whelped. The ultrasound is typically done at about the same time as the embryos implant in the uterus. Ultrasounds were done by putting a bitch on her back & scanning for the embryotic sacs. When I started whelping the reduced litters, I felt the bitches were so stressed, they resorbed one or more embryo(s). I quit doing ultrasounds until the last few years when I had reason to work directly with a repro vet who does the ultrasound with the bitch lying on her side and now my current vet who does the ultrasound with the bitch standing. They hardly know anything is happening and they are not stressed at all. However, in each case, the ultrasound has shown resorption sites or later the pregnancy count x-ray shows fewer puppies than found on the ultrasound.

I think resorption of embryos has been happening all along, but our better technology provides the breeder with more information than we had before. We've had stillbirths and the occasional puppy that likely died a week or two before birth. We've never had any birth defects other than cleft palates (less than 5 over the 45 years we've been breeding). In our nearly 50 years of breeding, 5 years with Basenjis and 45 with Schipperkes, we've only experienced uterine inertia 3 or 4 times, twice with Basenjis and the other time(s) with Schipperkes.

Something we have experienced recently is the failure of a bitch to "mother" her puppies, babies extremely small, lack of interest in nursing and failure to thrive even with our support. She was bred twice 3 puppies in each litter, there was one stillbirth and the other 5 died within 48 hours to 10 days. The bitch was spayed & placed. The kicker is her mother is an awesome brood bitch, once got pregnant through a chain link fence, always whelped when we weren't around or in the middle of the night a day or two before her due date. She didn't need nor want any help from us at all. Certainly curious.

For the most part, our breeding program has had relative few pregnancy or whelping issues. Hopefully, the information I've provided is helpful.

Cynthia Lewis

First let me say that I have had 35 years of working in Newborn nursery, High Risk Antepartum, Postpartum and newborn intensive care working with babies as young as 22 weeks. I will say that in my experience working with a 26-week neonate is easy. We are now able to save the life of 22 week infants. I have been breeding intermittently since 1996. I bred maybe one litter a year, and once 2 litters (boy did that keep me busy.) I have utilized my work experience and knowledge in breeding Schipperkes. In Humans it is 9 months and dogs 9 weeks. The correlation is 1 month to 1 week. I have also attended many dog seminars on pregnancy, after birth care and taking care of premature newborn. These seminars taught exactly what I knew from my years of working in Maternity, newborn and newborn intensive care. I continue to attend seminars as there is always something new.

Possible causes of infertility

I question if the stub tail gene could be possibly related to some in-utero fetal deaths. Breeders do not tell their purchasers (knowing that they maybe breeding this animal) what type of tail they had at birth. We all know puppies that inherit a stub tail gene from each parent are fatal.

I also feel that the diminished diversity in our gene pool may be related to many fetal deaths either in utero or a sickly puppy that does not make and the mother kicks out of the nest. It is certainly the cause of decreased litter size.

A poor environment with too much stress can cause absorption. Yes, stray dogs deliver puppies in poor environments. However, there is no way to determine how many do not deliver puppies due to the stress in their environment.

Puppies being absorbed:

Yes this has happened to me several times. I am very good at palpating puppy's in-utero as far as their position the number of fetuses and listening to their heartbeats. My first absorption happened about 1.5 weeks prior to delivery. I listened to the 2 fetus' heartbeats before bed. The next day there was one less baby. I could feel that the fetus on the left side of the uterus was gone. The whole side was back to her normal size. Upon listening to the abdomen there was a huge increase in intestinal activity, (Absorbing the fetus.) The only one left grew and her size took over the entire space of the empty uterus. I then had to do a c/s as the remaining puppy was too large. There is no answer for this, only guesses. Moms' blood work was normal. I discussed this with the vet and he agreed this is what happened. An ultrasound was done at 28 weeks and a fetus was found in each horn.

If you wish to listen to your puppies' in-utero, I recommend getting a newborn size stethoscope and use the bell side to listen for fetal heartbeats. I usually start listening just above the lowest set of nipples no sooner than 3 weeks prior to delivery. The head is very hard and rounded, the butt end is softer and sometimes you can feel and tail or feet. Many times, you will be able to feel the spine. Ultrasounds are a great tool to examine fetus' later in their growth as well as determining pregnancy.

Another experience was with a friend's bitch. She brought me her pregnant bitch due to her having a bright blue belly. I mean really bright blue. I was shocked by this extreme color and had never seen it before. She was bred approximately 7 weeks earlier. She was going to have about 5 puppies. I palpated her and could not distinguish the body of a single fetus. I listened with my stethoscope and could not find any heartbeats. However, there was a tremendous amount of intestinal activity. I surmised she was absorbing the litter. I felt the blue color was due to the absorption of the large litter with all the hormones and fetal tissue. Absorption can happen if the bitch does not feel the environment is safe for her puppies. An example of this is too much conflict in the home. There can be a divorce happening or roommate issues. I knew an issue was happening in this case. She chose not to take her to the vet for an ultrasound. In humans for example, the cervix turns blue when a woman is pregnant.

Uterine dystocia: I have had one bitch that exhibited complete uterine dystocia. On or near her due date she started to act slightly different. No contractions or trembling. She was just hanging out with me more than usual. I took her to the whelping box. Nothing no scratching no contractions. I did this several times that day. The next day the same thing. It was the due date of her first litter. I spoke with my vet several times and she left it up to me if I wanted to bring her in. Boy was I unsure of what to do. I asked myself was I overreacting as she had not had a contraction. Well, I made an emergency appointment/visit to my vet who was well versed in all matters related to pregnancy and delivery. She did an ultrasound and could see that the placenta's were pulling away from the uterine wall. Of course, she did a c-section and I ended up with 3 healthy babies. I feel I was very lucky on this one. The ultrasound was the perfect tool to see the placenta's and the condition of the fetuses.

Dawn Bannister

We have only experienced something like this one time. We bred one of our girls, and about half way through she hurt her back, and thinking I was helping her, I gave her some turmeric to ease the pain. It caused her to abort her litter, and when I looked it up, it was definitely the turmeric that did this. So, her next season we bred her again, hoping to get a litter, and she did get pregnant. When her due date came, she seemed happy enough, but no puppies. We waited a few more days, and she did go into labor, but she birthed one puppy that was literally falling apart. We took her to the vet, and there was another puppy, and the vet called us and said she wanted to spay her, because the other puppy was also dead and her uterus was in really bad condition. Of course we did. We think the turmeric and the lost litter must have damaged her uterus, and we are glad we did not lose her to it. She is 10 and a half and a very happy, healthy girl these days. Long ago, we also had a small malformed pup from an older bitch.

There have been a lot of questions lately about bob tails, but in both of these cases all dogs involved did not carry the bob tail gene. I have never had an issue with a malformed pup or health issues from any of my bob tail puppies or bitches.

I have heard of other breeders having this issue (puppies dying in utero), though I cannot say why. One guess might be a high COI, but without Embark results or pedigree study on affected bitches, we cannot look to see if this is a trend. Another would be dog food - with the trend over the years of anti-corn in the dog food, many companies have turned to other starch sources, including peas and soys, and these are a natural form of birth control. A third reason might be flea preventatives, which have become significantly harsher over the years and have caused more

than a few health issues. I would also obviously recommend breeders look for any unknown sources of turmeric they might be giving their bitches.

To me the scarier trend is with vets not willing to do c-sections, or charging several thousand dollars for them. Any bitch could need a c-section by surprise with any litter, and not being able to get one might result in her death. That makes breeding these days a very scary proposition. I can only hope that some of the trends in the veterinary industry shift back to supporting breeders a little bit better.

Graham Cruse

It is my personal view, but I don't really feel that I need to put the bitch through unnecessary stress by taking them to the Vet, gelling them up and putting Ultrasound waves through them, just so that I can find out if they are in whelp or not. The same goes for X-Rays. Ultrasounds are generally done around 4 weeks into the pregnancy, and to be honest by that time I have a pretty good idea if they are in whelp or not just by looking at them or gently feeling their tummy. By 5-6 weeks I know for definite by their shape and again by feeling their tummy. I like the element of surprise as to how many they are going to have, so X-Rays aren't done either as this again involves a trip to the vet late on to see how many there are. Also, once I have had one of my girls mated they are kept at home in their comfortable home environment and not shown again until the puppies have gone to their new homes and they are back in their full coat and condition. Again, I feel the stress of a dog show with all it's noise, barking dogs etc. is not the place for a pregnant bitch to be.

On the subject of AI's..... this again is my own personal preference, but I much prefer to do natural matings as I feel this is the most normal and natural way to breed dogs and has been for centuries. The only time that we have needed to do AI's is when we imported one of the males from the US – he has only ever had AI's done in the US prior to bringing him out here and now he won't mount or mate a bitch naturally. I have to say that both ways have been successful, but the natural way is how I prefer my dogs to breed. We have never had any issues of bitches aborting puppies early.

RBIS Multi-BISS GCHB CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy at TopperLyn

Scout

Scout has multiple group wins to his credit. Thank you to all the judges who have recognized his quality, Jan Paulk, John Schoeneman, Marcie Dobkin and Michael Canalizo.

Special thanks to the 3 judges, Sharon Dykes, Gary Dunlop and Cheri Hollenback, who each awarded Scout BISS in 2023.

Ranked #4 Breed
Schipperke as of 09/30/23.

The future looks bright
for this 2 year old boy!

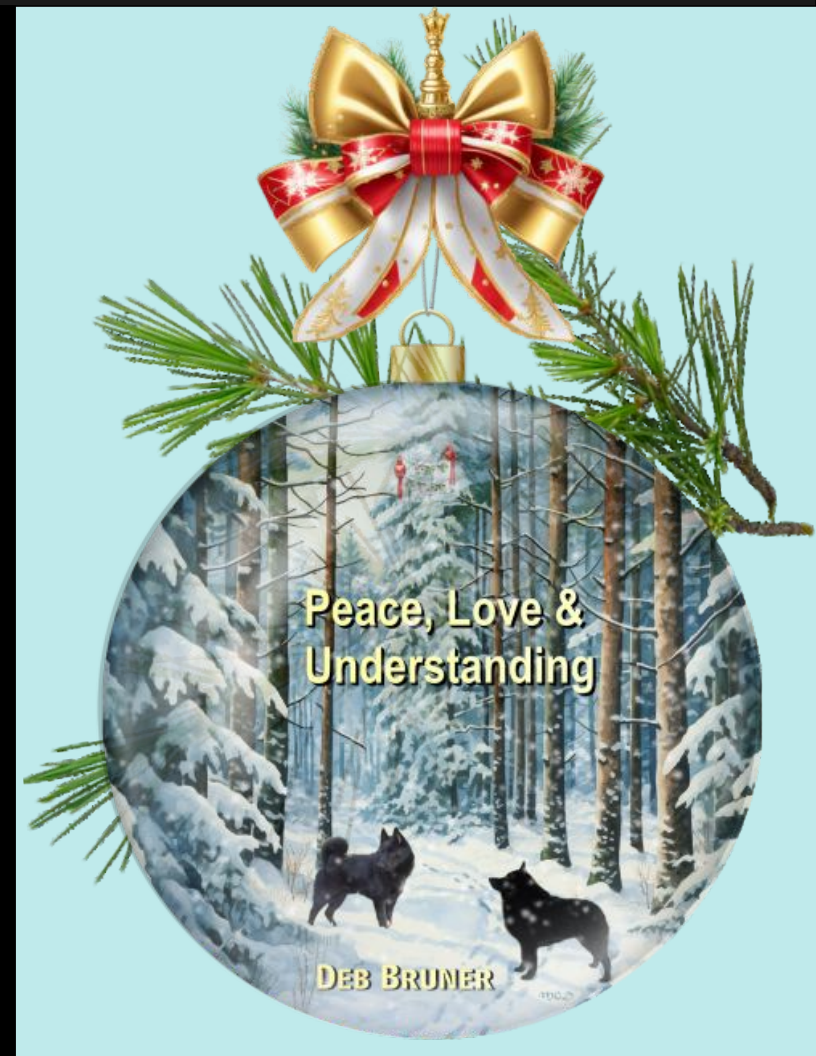


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What About Bobs?

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WHY CAN'T WE BREED NATURALLY BOBTAILED DOGS?

Tail docking is not a new phenomenon. The ancient Romans advocated preventing rabies by cutting the tails off of puppies when they were 40 days old and then pulling out the long tendons. The tendons resembled worms, which were thought to cause rabies.

Later, hunting and working dogs had their tails docked to avoid injury. Some even believed it strengthened the back or improved speed. In 1786, England exempted hunting and working dogs from their dog tax, and identified these dogs by their docked tails. So owners of non-hunting and working dogs sometimes docked their dog's tail just to avoid the tax.

In 1839, the professional English journal *The Veterinarian* published the first essay against tail docking. In 1896 the Kennel Club in England debated, but did not pass, a motion that would ban any docked dog from winning a prize at a dog show. In late 2008, the American Veterinary Medical Association issued this statement: "The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes. The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards." And of course, tail docking is now prohibited in many other countries.

It begs the question: With the malleability of the dog genome, and the ability to produce breeds with far harder to imagine traits than a short tail, why can't breeders just breed for natural bobtails?

BOBTAIL GENETICS

Note that several breeds that are traditionally docked also have individuals that have natural bobtails. Early Pembroke Welsh Corgis, for example, had tails that were more short than long, the short ones ranging from short bobs to half-length, terrier-type tails. The early Corgi standard requested "tail short, *preferably natural*." With time, the percentage of natural bobs declined, supposedly because the short tails weren't quite as tidy and consistent in appearance as the docked tails, and were more difficult to dock if desired. Corgi breeders in some European countries have tried to salvage the natural bob genes by breeding to bobtailed dogs, and they've succeeded in producing natural bob puppies, although not consistently. After 16 years, about 60% of Corgis born in Norway are natural bobs.

But what about breeds in which no natural bobs exist? In 1992 Dr. Bruce Cattanach, geneticist and longtime Boxer breeder, devised a scheme in which he introduced Corgi bobtail genes into his Boxer line. He bred his Boxer female to a Corgi male with a natural bobtail, then crossed the progeny (all of which had bobtails) back to Boxers for several generations. By the fourth generation he had Boxers that looked indistinguishable from other Boxers, except that some (not all) had natural bobtails.

These efforts demonstrate that natural bobtails can be introduced into traditionally docked breeds, and that their numbers can be increased within these breeds. But can breeders ever create lines

that produce only natural bobs? Some breeds, such as Bulldogs and Boston Terriers, do in fact breed true for naturally short tails. Why not Corgis and Boxers? It took a DNA study to find the answer.

The clues start with mice, where several different mutations can affect tail development. Scientists began by looking at similar mutations in Corgis, and found that every naturally bobtailed Corgi had a similar mutation, called a T-box mutation (or C189G mutation) as that found in some mice. The researchers next looked at other breeds in which natural bobs exist, eventually studying 156 natural bobs in 23 other breeds. The C189G mutation was found in 17 of these breeds including the Australian Shepherd, Brittany, Karelian Bear Dog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Pyrenean Shepherd, Schipperke, Swedish Vallhund and Jack Russell Terrier (short-legged version in Europe). Within them, a perfect correlation was found between the presence of the C189G mutation and a bobtail. The C189G mutation was never found in a long-tailed dog of any breed. Nor was there a single case of any dog found to have two copies of the gene; in other words, all bobtailed dogs were heterozygotes, with one bobtail gene and one normal gene (M. Hytonen, et al: Ancestral T-Box mutation is present in many, but not all, short-tailed dog breeds. *Journal of Heredity*, 2009: 100: 236-240.) These findings indicate that the bobtail mutation acts as a dominant trait, and suggest that having two copies of the mutation is lethal. In fact, the T-box mutation in mice is known to cause embryonic death.

To study the question of possible embryonic death in dogs with two copies of the bobtail gene, these researchers also looked at the number of puppies born from 56 litters of Swedish Vallhunds of either long to long tail matings or bobtail to bobtail matings, and found that litter size was reduced by 29% in the bob to bob litters—exactly what you would predict if one-quarter of embryos were homozygous bobs, as you'd get from a mating between two heterozygotes. It isn't known at what point prenatally death occurs, although evidence from Corgis suggest a few may even survive until shortly after birth. These puppies had abnormalities such as defects of the rectum and spine, or simply failed to thrive (Indrebo, et al: A study of inherited short tail and taillessness in Pembroke Welsh Corgis. *Journal of Small Animal Practice*, 2008: 49: 220-224).

Heterozygous bobtails do not have such defects or problems. Natural bobtails range in length from true bobs to half-length tails; the cause of this range isn't known, but is simply described as being due to variable penetrance of the gene. Perhaps the variation in age at death is similarly related to gene penetrance, but this is pure speculation.

SCREW TAIL GENETICS

The C189G mutation is responsible for short tails in many, but not all, breeds. The Bulldog and Boston Terrier both breed true for short tails, but do not have the C189G mutation. Their tails, which are also usually screwed or kinked, are caused by a recessive gene that has not yet been identified. In 2010 researchers at UC Davis found that a gene called DISHEVELLED 2 (or CVL2) was present in 100% of Bulldogs and French Bulldogs tested, and was very common in Boston Terriers.

There's a human connection. Genes at the DVL locus are part of a signaling pathway involved in the development of the skeleton and nervous system. In humans, mutation in the related DVL1 and DVL3 genes cause what's known as Robinow syndrome. This syndrome includes short limbs and digits, abnormal curvature of the spine, short stature, and "fetal Face" because the face resembles that of a developing fetus. (Mansour, et al 2018: Whole genome variant association across 100 dogs

identifies a frame shift mutation in *DISHEVELLED 2* which contributes to Robinowlike syndrome in Bulldogs and related screw tail dog breeds. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1007850>. Short-kinked tails sometimes appear in English Toy Spaniels, and may be caused by the same gene. Occasionally, short-tailed Miniature Schnauzers, Rottweilers and Parson Russell Terriers (the long-legged European version) are born from long-tailed parents, suggesting either a rare recessive or a spontaneous mutation. Natural bobs are also seen in Old English Sheepdogs, Rat Terriers, Catahoula Leopard Dogs, and at least 30 more breeds, but have not yet been investigated in them.

The point is that, at present, there are only two ways to breed bobtailed dogs. One way would result in one-quarter of all puppies dying in utero, and would also drastically reduce the gene pool so as to probably devastate the breeds. The other is to accept cross-breeding to introduce a very different short tail, a screw-shaped short tail, along with other possible skeletal defects.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

BREEDER'S FORUM 1983 Co-breeding pitfalls

This is a question-and-answer format, with five Schipperke breeders fielding the questions. The identity of the questioner is kept confidential. Any question regarding Schipperkes is acceptable. Send your questions to the Bulletin, from where they will be sent to the panel members as they come up.

To keep the column viable, we must have questions, so send yours in, you won't be the only one wondering about the same thing.

This time the column is a bit different. We have had several questions and letters regarding contracts, strings, etc., on dogs. So we compiled the following questions for the Panel. Some are true incidents, some fictitious, and they don't even make a start at presenting all the things that can come up in dealings with dogs. When we wrote it up, we immediately got into the first confusion. It was our intention that all the situations be handled as though the involved dogs were shipped, not picked out by the buyer. This was not clear, and different panel members took different views on some of the questions, whether they assumed the buyer had chosen the dog, or whether it was shipped, if it was applicable. All the more interesting!!!

After reading this you will perhaps assume that contracts are a problem. You are right. They mean almost nothing. If the two parties involved are in different states, the suit, should it get that far, has to be filed in the state of the party sued, meaning getting a lawyer in that state and handling the suit long distance. Let me tell you from experience, that only costs money and doesn't work! IT!!!! The costs involved in most cases will far exceed the monetary loss involved in the dog, and even winning your suit is meaningless. Failure to pay by the sued party means more suits to try and force payment. It just doesn't work.

Even an "in state" suit is costly, time consuming and decidedly unsatisfactory.

That perfect contract that is written up has at least one eventuality that isn't covered. And there are lawyers to settle in court what that eventuality didn't cover, and for every eventuality that is settled, two more are created to keep the lawyer' busy forever.

It would seem that contracts on dogs are rather like lending money to a relative. Don't do it, but if you must, assume that you are not going to recover either the things the contract insured, or the money you lent. If you can't afford to, or don't want to just write it off, should it go sour, then DON'T GET INVOLVED!!!!

The assumption in all these questions is that the panel member is the breeder involved in the question. Following is the basic situation.

Breeder claims "Poopsy" an 18 months old bitch, is a lovely show quality bitch, and pedigree makes her a great brood bitch prospect, as well. Prospective buyer really wants her, and persuades breeder to sell her. A contract is drawn up, and signed, stipulating that the bitch is to be shown, and when bred, breeder is to receive a show quality bitch puppy from buyer as part of the deal, in return. This puppy is to be from her first litter.

SITUATIONS THAT ARISE

A: The bitch has been shown considerably over a period of 18 months, has two points. Can't seem to get any more.

1. Does buyer have to breed her?
2. Is buyer entitled to a replacement or money back?

Marcia Bailey: (M.B.)

After reading these situations I'm more convinced that selling with "strings" creates more bad will than breed progress. So, from the point of view of someone who does not

believe in contract sales, I'll attempt these problems.

A: Buyer should be given the choice of a replacement bitch (assuming one is available) or his purchase price refunded.

The buyer is out the money he has invested in showing the bitch. The bitch should be returned to the breeder for use in his breeding program if he so desires.

Barbara Guerini (B.G.):

I must preface all my remarks by saying that as far as contracts go--if someone is dishonest--no contract is going to make them honest. If the two people entering the agreement can't do so with a simple handshake--then no matter what the contract is not going to work.

Some-one is always going to feel cheated.

A: Does the buyer WANT to breed the bitch? Buyer and breeder should honestly evaluate the bitch and realistically look at circumstances surrounding the showing of the bitch. Possibly bitch doesn't like the show ring but is indeed a worthy animal.

2: Again, does the buyer want a replacement or money back. This situation is something that hopefully two adult/mature people can determine a solution to by a realistic conversation.

Tish Keating (T.K.):

I would like to preface my answers and opinions to the following questions by, stating that I have a negative attitude toward formal contracts. In general, they seem to inevitably end in harsh words and injured feelings. Since I do not agree with the original premise, it is difficult for me to find sympathy for either the breeder or the buyer. Buthere goes...

A: (1) No. The contract, as stated, says "when bred" not must be bred.

(2) No. The adult bitch was seen by the buyer in what he accepted as show quality condition and appearance. It is also possible that the bitch might have suffered some sort of traumatic abusive handling, fright from an airline flight, etc.) that would prevent her from having the necessary show temperament. This would not be the fault of the breeder.

Joe Kornegay: (J.K.):

We take this opportunity to welcome Joe to the Breeder's Forum Panel.

Joe is Jetstar Kennels, with a long showing record. Her considerable experience should be helpful answering the questions.

answer air, let me say that I'm really against contracts of any kind. The people that are going to honor them, will do so whether or not a Contract is written. My general rule of thumb--is to have a dog or bitch that you really want to keep: keep it, Otherwise, be prepared to write them Off completely. If you are dealing with honorable people, you will get back what you wanted; if not, then because you have already written the dog off mentally--you're really not out anything.

So please, when you read my answers, be aware that they are coloured by the way I feel.

A: (li) No, buyer doesn't have to breed her, but also take into consideration that just because a dog doesn't win in the show ring does not preclude her from producing quality

(2) Buyer would be entitled to replacement if it was so desired between both parties.

Ann White: (A.W.):

Let me begin by saying that in my opinion, to keep from having any or all of the problems being answered here, the outright sale solves them all. Keep those puppies until you know which one you want to keep and let go of the others.

A: (1) As the breeder, I would ask in what condition is this bitch? This would include weight, coat, ding manners and what experience in the ring has the handler had. Is this bitch really weight I would want to see her for myself, particularly if she left me in what I considered show condition and ready to show. Then, I would determine if she should be shown and bred. If the condition is not good, I would not want her bred until it was corrected.

(2) The bitch being 18 months old at the time of the sale, I would think she should have been matured to what she was going to be and only a little more filling out would be due her in the next few months. After seeing this bitch and talking with the buyer a re-evaluation should be made. A contract is only as good as the word of the parties involved. As a breeder I would like to think that I could help this buyer in showing this bitch if she is in good condition when we got together. I feel that there is something going astray in the showing if she was as good as she was said to be at the time of the purchase and the original agreement.

B: Bitch finished easily. Now eighteen months later she still has never been in season. She is now almost four years old. Is buyer entitled to replacement?

(2): What about the cost of showing this dog, who is no good to buyer?

B: If the buyer has fulfilled all other conditions of his purchase agreement.

It seems fair that he be offered a replacement bitch if he wants another. However, sometimes it is very difficult to tell whether or not a Schip is in season (even my vet misses when running slides sometimes) unless an experience male is in an adjoining run. Therefore, the bitch should be refuser to the breeder in order to determine whether or not she actually does not come in season or whether the purchaser has simply missed them. I do not know of any breeders who refund money invested in showing animals purchased from them, even if finishing them was a condition of the sale.

B.G: B:

(1): the buyer is indeed entitled to a replacement, however, does buyer want a replacement? Would the buyer be happier with a monetary settlement?

(2): The breeder did not know that the bitch wouldn't come into season at the time of the contract, however, in this situation, I would certainly offer to split the show expenses.

T.K.: B:

(1): No. Fertility cannot be guaranteed in an unproven bitch. When the buyer purchased a show quality bitch, he did just that.

I am assuming that the contract did not state that the bitch would be fertile. Also, since the agreement provided that the breeder would receive a show quality bitch puppy in return, he has also suffered a loss.

(2): The cost of showing the bitch is the responsibility of the buyer.

He has benefited by

having the opportunity to show a lovely bitch. "No good?" Why not special her?

J.K.: B:

(1): This is to me a more serious problem than not finishing in the ring. And as a breeder, not merely an exhibitor, I would certainly replace the bitch.

At the time the bitch was sold, there is not necessarily any way you can say for sure if the animal is going to reproduce. You certainly hope so, but Mother Nature always has her fingers in the pie. As a breeder there certainly should have been something in the contract in case the animal proves to be sterile (it does happen, even to the best of them).

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A. W.: B:

(1): If this bitch was not sold before 18 months old, she should have been in season prior to selling her. Was she ever in season? or did the breeder think it was not a true season. I would like to know what checking has been done on this not coming into season.

Many Schipperkes keep themselves so very clean perhaps seasons have been missed. Has a Vet been asked for an opinion?

(2): If it is true that this bitch has not ever come in season, I as the breeder would offer this bitch at pet price to the buyer, for by this time they more than likely have become very attached to her and offer a replacement, for the agreement stated that she was to be bred. Much could be learned about showing with this first bitch and they have in their home a beautiful Schip.

But here again, in the agreement it was stated she was to be shown and I assume at the expense of the buyer.

C: Sorry, the bitch got out the door, got run over, and is dead. Am no longer interested in breed-in Schipperkes. Forget about puppy back!

(1): What recourse does seller have?

M. B.: C:

Unless death of the bitch was included in the original agreement, the breeder is without recourse.

B.G. C:

A lengthy court battle? Is it worth it to the breeder? Here again--if someone is dishonest then no matter what the contract says, it isn't going to make them honest.

T.K.: C:

None. Just mark it up to a bad judge of character.

J.K.: C:

Sorry, but in my book, seller has no recourse. Remember I said not to let go of any animal you wanted to keep. Dogs getting killed or injured happen to the best of us.

A.W.:

C: Whenever you sell a puppy to someone you always run the risk of just such a problem. This could have even happened with you. It is however, too bad to lose an interested Schipperke family, but just how interested were they? The seller has no recourse.

D: Bitch has had her litter, 1 female and 2 males. Bitch has terrible problems and vet said she had to be spayed or would be in big trouble.

(1): Who get the 1 bitch puppy?

(a. puppy looks very good

(b: puppy looks like a pet

(2): What about buyer who bought a breeding bitch, and doesn't have one?

M.B.:

D: Referring to the original agreement, the breeder gets the bitch puppy, good or bad. Since the buyer bought an unproven bitch, and has had possession of her for some time, he is the proud owner of a spayed pet. Perhaps he can sell the male puppies and use the money to purchase outright, a foundation bitch.

B.G:

D: Possibly the two people could retain the one (1) bitch puppy--sell the males and continue the contract with the new bitch. The sale of the males would hopefully cover the expense until this time on the original bitch.

TK.:

D:

(1): The breeder certainly gets the puppy bitch if she looks very good and has the right of refusal if the bitch puppy appears to be of pet quality.

(2): Tough. This situation could just have easily happened in a bitch which he bred rather than bought.

J.K. D:

(1/2): This appears to be something to be worked out between the co-owners. It all depends if they are still friends as of this time or not. Most always a co-ownership brings a lot of misunderstandings and ill feelings. If they are still on amiable terms then of course buyer could conceivably keep bitch pup, if she so desires, or perhaps want male pup and get another bitch from breeder or someone else. Of course, if they are not on good terms, according to terms of the contract, seller gets bitch pup and to heck with the buyer. So, I would say it depends strictly on attitudes and feelings of co-owners at the time.

A.W.: D

: (1) a. The agreement states that the breeder gets the puppy.

The agreement states a show quality bitch from the first litter. If this puppy is not show quality perhaps the breeder would take a male. Nothing was said about their quality. In this way the contract would be fulfilled. Here again, you have the agreement within an agreement between parties which can become confused at time. By the breeder taking a show prospect male, the possibility the buyer may have a possible brood bitch if bred properly who could produce some nice puppies for them in the future.

E: Puppy was chosen, given to seller. At eight weeks the bite looks good, and puppy looks good. Now the second teeth are in and she is undershot. Puppy no longer show quality, as stipulate go

(1). Is contract fulfilled?

(2): If not, what is to be done?

(3): If puppy is returned to breeder as not show quality, who pays transportation?

(4): If another puppy is demanded from a later litter, there is nothing to offer from this first litter, who pays transportation on second puppy?

M.B.: E

1) If the breeder accepted the puppy at eight weeks as the fulfillment of the contract, he has no recourse.

2) Perhaps the purchaser would be willing to sell the breeder the pick puppy from a future litter for a pet price, since in actuality the breeder has a pet for a show price. (3 If the breeder accepted the puppy when it arrived as the fulfillment of the contract, any future shipping costs should be paid by the breeder.

4) The breeder.

B.G.; E:

This entire situation rests on Who Selected the Chosen Puppy? Transportation should be split.

T.K.: E:

Yes, especially if the breeder of the dam was the one who selected the bitch puppy. If the breeder of the dam accepted the puppy selected by the buyer of the dam, the contract is still fulfilled. No firm guarantee can be made when a puppy is only 8 weeks old.

1. Contract is fulfilled

2. The person who returned it

3. The person receiving the puppy.

J.K.:

E: (1) First of all - yes, I would say contract is fulfilled. I certainly would never pick a puppy at 8 weeks of age; so, if it' done at that age, too bad! Neither person is responsible if parties agreed between them to pick at eight weeks.

(3 & 4): Seller on all accounts.

A.W. E: In my opinion the contract was fulfilled. The seller it would seem should have had experience with 8 wk. old puppies, we all know the possibility of bites going out is always present.

In a good breeding program this risk should be at a minimum.

(2,3&4: to me have been taken care of for as the seller I would keep the puppy that I chose and sell it into a pet home. In these contracts both parties must live with the good and the bad.

F: Original bitch is determined not to be quality for showing. Breeder gives replacement. Replacement bitch can't win either.

1. another replacement?
2. money back?
3. who pays for all this transportation? It is from one coast to the other.
4. Original breeder takes first bitch that was sold back, and after considerable investment breed handler, the bitch manages to finish. Was the original, bitch show quality? Does the original breeder have any claims on second bitch, or right to payment for same?

M.B. F:

- (1) Why would the purchaser want another? Or why would the breeder want to place another bitch with someone who, might not be raising or conditioning the individuals properly?
- (2) the best idea might be to give the purchaser his money back and end the relationship.
- (3) Since the quality of the dog is the issue rather than the contract, assuming both the purchaser and the breeder are being honest with each other, shipping costs should be shared equally.
4. The original bitch was not show quality, we all know most individuals can eventually be finished if enough money is available. If the purchaser keeps the replacement bitch, it is simply, that-- a replacement for the original bitch - and therefore the original contract can continue." If the second bitch is returned to the breeder, the purchaser's money should be refunded.

B. G.: F:

1. Has the buyer considered another breeder?
2. Money back should be the easiest solution.
3. Costs should be split.
4. No one should finance another person's ego trip.

T. K.: F:

1. No.
2. No
3. The Good Fairy! Sorry... the buyer. Transportation is not included in the price of an animal.
4. Yes, the bitch was show quality--she finished and only points toward her championship would have made her legally "show quality". No, the original breeder has no claims on the second bitch if he felt it was necessary to replace the first bitch.

J.K.: F:

1. One thing I think is being overlooked here is the breeding ability. Sold bitch as show quality and brood bitch. Why not breed her and see what happens, before decision is made? Some of the best producing animals are not finished due to one thing or another. Just because a dog is finished doesn't mean they will produce quality
2. I don't think money back should be given as the bitch could perhaps produce a nice litter.
3. I think transportation costs should be split. Their cost is so high now it's almost prohibitive to ship anything.
4. Any dog can be shown and finished, given time and money. I think that since a replacement was already given, then the seller does not have a right to expect to be paid

for the second bitch. The replacement should have taken care of the first dog, no matter what happens later. By offering replacement, and it being accepted, the seller actually negated first transaction completely.

A.W.: F:

(1: At this point I think I as the breeder would re-evaluate my breeding program.

What are my puppies doing in the show ring? Perhaps this buyer is not working with the quality conscious breeder. As breeder I think I would like to give the bitch (2nd bitch) at pet price if I feel that is what she is at a pet price, and be out of this agreement with the buyer.

(2: I believe that I might feel better by giving this puppy at a pet price and get myself out of such a contract. In this way there is no transportation involved for the buyer nor the seller or a long trip for the puppy.

(3: Perhaps the buyer could place this puppy in the area in a pet home and retain the money. In this way the puppy will not have to be transported across the country and the buyer will feel compensated somewhat.

(4: I feel that any dog if shown hard and long enough will someday complete its championship. This to me does not mean that this bitch is show quality. I don't feel that the original breeder has any claim on the second bitch which was a replacement. It was just that, a replacement.

G. Bitch has one litter, has to be spayed, breeder takes the one bitch puppy in the litter of two puppies. Breeder insisted as part of the contract to choose stud. Chose one of their own. Charged owner stud fee of \$250, and the owner paid transportation to and from coast to coast. Net result for owner one puppy and a monorchid male. Has the owner been treated fairly?

M.B.: G:

The purchaser has not been treated ethically, but technically this is "fair" if the purchaser accepted those conditions in the original contract. I would think that if the breeder is honestly trying to help someone get started with the breed, he would offer to extend the contract to the puppy bitch (let the purchaser keep her, take his puppy from the next generation). But he is not obligated to do so.

B.G. G:

The owner has Not been treated fairly. As I said previously--how about another breeder?

TK.: G:

Yes, as far as any legal arrangements are concerned. I assume that stud fee and transportation were d part of the contract. If not, the owner has two options--he can shake his head be this own gullibility or he can cast a spell on the breeder and wish for all of his puppies to be born with white chests!

J.K. Absolutely not! But if the owner or anyone signs a contract like that, they get exactly what they wanted --hafted!

A.W.: G:

In this case I do not feel that the buyer was treated fairly, In the first place if I were to receive as payment pick of the litter I would like and it would be to my advantage to use a stud of my choice and even better if it were mine and I like the bitch that well to not charge a stud fee.

The liter that would result I would hope would be better than either sire or dam. And, isn't this what we should be striving for. In this case I would again like to take a look at my breeding stock because of the monorchid male Where is it coming from? I may even say we could do another breeding on my breeding stock, and until breeders are open to ben problems, we do have how can we ever think we will get rid of some of these problems?

Following are unrelated situations.

1: Puppy was sold, (male or female) with agreement to show in the contract. Buyer has lost interest in showing after one show. Had the dog or bitch altered. Now what?

M. B.:

1: The breeder just received an expensive lesson about letting an individual go to, the wrong home. Neutering cannot be undone, there is nothing he can do except caution his friends not to place show quality puppies with that person.

B. G.:

1: Boy, that's good--so what? Is it worth a lengthy court battle? And if so--what's to be gained? Most times--the money is never enough for what has been lost.

T.K.:

1: There is nothing that can be done. A legal pursual would only be a waste of time, money, and blood pressure.

J.K.:

1: Too Bad! Never sell or contract out a dog you want to keep. Always be prepared to write dog off as loss when you do so.

A.W.:

1: This is the risk we all face when we let our good puppies go. If the puppy is so promising best, you keep it with you and let one of the others go. Try to know your buyers pretty well prior to letting one of those good ones get away from you.

No. 2: Bought puppy for show quality. Showed it, and judge said the bite is bad. Doesn't dis-quality it formally, but disregards puppy thereafter.'

When brought to breeder's attention, the breeder says the bite "is a little off", but if shown right away, it can finish before bite gets completely out. Buyer paid for show quality puppy? Is this a show quality puppy?

M.B.: 2:

This is not a show quality puppy, even if it can be finished. The best thing the buyer can do is return the puppy (let the breeder hurry and finish it if he can) and ask for his money back.

If he truly wants a show puppy, I would suggest he contact a more ethical breeder.

B.G.2:

A dog with a bad bite is NOT a show quality animal. Either money back or another, puppy--as the buyer chooses should be the immediate solution to this. There is no other solution.

TK.2:

I do not consider this a show quality puppy. However, if the buyer demanded the puppy at an early age (before permanent teeth were in) he now has what he demanded. If I were the purchaser and had been guaranteed that the puppy would be free of disqualifying faults, I would wait until the bite went completely off (who knows, it might correct), inform the breeder that I was going to show the puppy, hope that the puppy would be disqualified there are several judges who will do it), and then demand either a refund or a replacement. I doubt seriously that any sensible breeder would want one of his puppies disqualified.

J.K.: 2:

No--but depends on ethics of breeder and how they interpret standard. How bad is badly, etc.? How badly do they want dog to finish? Are they out to set records, or breeding for betterment of breed?

A.W.: 2:

In the Schipperke Breed this is a disqualifying fault and therefore, in my opinion is not show quality. More than likely the breeder is correct if the puppy is good enough it will finish before the bite goes completely out, but, is this what we have as breeder want? I do NOT and here again, I would not want this in my breeding program.

No. 3: Bought a five months old male puppy, entire. Shows for the first time at six months, pulls up a testicle and is disqualified. Dog is now nine months old, and still has only one testicle down, Breeder claims problem was caused by some kind of trauma, dog was entire when sold. Was that a show quality puppy? Does buyer have any redress? Contract stipulates show quality puppy.

M. B.: 3:

This requires the opinion of a veterinarian who has examined the puppy to truly evaluate it fairly. If the puppy actually pulled the testicle up at the show, it could have been pushed back down by an experienced person when the puppy was at home and again calm. If the testicle actually was up before the show (such as the cord not having enough length) but not noticed until the judge examined the puppy, this is another situation.

B.G.: 3:

A monorchid male is not show quality. Again, money back or a replacement puppy is the only solution.

TK.: 3:

Yes, that was a show quality puppy at the time it was purchased, I would hope that the breeder would feel obligated to replace the puppy as it did have a disqualifying fault.

J.K.: 3:

Probably was considered show quality at time sold. These things happen--unforeseen at the time. As the breeder I would think a replacement should be offered. Keeps good relations between breeder and owner and besides what have you lost. If you would have kept the dog it probably would have happened to you and you would have been out the animal, regardless.

A.W.: 3:

This puppy was not disqualified and does have until it is a year for this testicle to come down according to the rules of AKC. The puppy was at the time of the sale, whole. would check with my Vet to see if there is anything that can be done to aid this problem. the second testicle is there and up in the scrotum and left there it could be the cause of cancer at a later date. I feel that the breeder and buyer might want to consider whether or not a replacement puppy is due, but I feel that the original contract was fulfilled. I do not feel that trauma alone would cause a testicle to not come down.

No. 4: Year old bitch is bought for show and breeding at a year old. Finishes quickly. Buyer has dog better than a year, claims it has never been in season. Buyer does not "demand" replacement, but seller feels an obligation to stand behind what has been sold as a breeding bitch. Breeder sends litter sister as replacement, who has had regular seasons. Buyer loves original bitch and begs to keep her. Breeder agrees. Replacement arrives. Very soon thereafter breeder is informed that original bitch has come in season, is in whelp. Buyer claims the right to both bitches, claiming second bitch was not a replacement but a "gift". ????

M.B.: 4:

The buyer should at the very least, offer to replace the second bitch with the breeder's choice of puppies from the litter of the first bitch. It would be more honest if the buyer would return the second bitch to the breeder, or attempt to work out with the breeder a satisfactory sale price for her.

B.G.: 4:

Obviously—he breeder has been HAD. Was there any verbal agreement?

T.K.: 4: A very kind breeder who has been hoist by his own petard. I believe that the buy should feel some tinge of guilt and would return the second bitch but if this is not the case, the breeder has no recourse if he has signed papers over to the purchaser.

J.K.: 4:

Why not a reasonable compromise with the breeder getting a puppy from either of the bitches involved?

A.W.: 4:

This is a case to show written agreements are best. Whenever you contract with another party or parties, have it in writing. In this way there will be no misunderstandings. Just remember that there are always attorneys willing to go to court. Let's don't like it get that far. Another reason for my wanting only to sell outright, with this way of doing business I have no strings. I do not feel that the second bitch that was a replacement, it was a replacement up until the time the first bitch came into seasons, and to me should have been returned to the breeder at that time or purchased as a second bitch. Here I feel that the breeder was taken advantage of. It is with situations like this that we are finding breeders no longer willing to help new people other or other breeders.

End of contract situation questions



Rocky

Willow's Moving Mountains

Sire: GCHB Aria's Malibu Moon
Dam: Willow's Listen to the Silence

DOB: 06/30/23
MPSIIB Clear



In his first two weekends of shows in the 4-6 Month Puppy competitions, at just over 4 months old, Rocky was awarded two Group 1s, a Group 2 and a Best in Show.

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2023 SCA BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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Schipperke Club of America Regional Clubs

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Should host National in even years.

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Pictured making his show debut at age 10 years.

Kleingaul's Mightaswell

Midas



Sire: Ch Kleingaul's Gatekeeper
Dam: Telstar's Party Time At Kleingaul

First weekend out in the classes:
WD 4 points Mrs. Donna Buxton
BOW 1 point Mr. Adrian Quesada
WD 1 point Ms. Grace Fritz



Showing Kathy's companion for her is my honor.

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB SPECIALTIES RESULTS

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB - SWEEPS - 7/8/23 Judge: Pat Putman

Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1/BISW

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Susan J Altmeyer/Viola Hale. Dog

Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

2

(*) **STILARO RAMAR DARK STORM RISING.** NP78112501. 2022-07-30. By CH Ramar's Shotgun Rider - GCH
CH Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Traci Banks/Marsha Schafer.** Dog

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2

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Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Sheri G Brotten/Traci Banks/Marsha
Schafer.** Bitch

1/OSSW

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GCH CH Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Traci Banks/Marsha
Schafer.** Bitch

Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1

TOPPERLYNS FIRE AND ICE. NP77060603. 2022-07-04. By GCHB CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn -
GCH CH Topperlyns Anastazia. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Conner K Maplethorpe/Terren
Maplethorpe. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/ Jennifer Maplethorpe.** Bitch

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB - VET SWEEPS - 7/8/23 Judge: Pat Putman

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 8 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.

2

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Mckenna. Bred by: Diane C Johnson/Terry Johnson. Owners: **Stephanie Jones/Todd Jones/Diane Johnson.**
Bitch 1/BVSW

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My Drift - Rivendel's Winter Is Coming.
Bred by: Amy Halterman/Laura Halterman. Owners: **Amy Halterman/Lisa Haines.** Bitch

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB - JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - 7/8/23

Open Class

1/RBJH

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Banks/shelby Berry**

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GCH CH TOPPERLYNS ANASTAZIA. NP47559002. 2017-08-17. By GCHB CH Ramar's Dance With Dragons -
Ramar-Rockdale Mt. Aspen Ablaze. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/marsha Schafer. Owners: **Lynda Kieres/ Jennifer
Maplethorpe/ Connor Maplethorpe/ Terren Maplethorpe**

Master Class ·

1/BJH

Lillie Vogel. 96907052001

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CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB - CONFORMATION - 7/8/23 Judge: Mr. Gary A Dunlop

Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

1/W/BW/BP

5

NORDIC N HALE'S PAINT IT BLACK. NP81769701. 2023-01-06. By Delsur N Hale's Little Deuce Coupe By Daradan - GCH CH Aria's Nordic Sailor Moon. Bred by: Susan J Altmeyer/Viola Hale. Owners: **Susan J Altmeyer/Viola Hale.**

Dog

Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

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2

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Open Dogs

2

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1/RW

BLUMOON'S GRAND SON RISES ATT. NP61800501. 2020-09-10. By GCH CH Ebony Sands In The Black With Season - GCH CH Blumoon's Son Shines On. Bred by: Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks. Agent: Bonny Lynne Lewis. Owners: **Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks.** *Dog*

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

2

(*) **STILARO RAMAR EMERALD STILLETTO.** NP78112502. 2022-07-30. By CH Ramar's Shotgun Rider - GCH CH Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Sheri G Brotten/Traci Banks/Marsha Schafer.** *Bitch*

1/RW

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Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1

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Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

16

(*) **SEASUN BLACK SAILS ON THE HORIZON**. NP69464901. 2021-04-06. By CH Deloran's On Board With Season N'Ebonysands - CH Season 'N Ebony Sands Put The Candle Black. Bred by: Karen Ward/Kathy Navarrete. Owners: **Karen Ward/Kathy Navarrete**. *Bitch*

1/W/BBE

TOPPERLYNS ELEGANTE. NP71667204. 2021-12-24. By GCHB CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn - GCH CH Topperlyns Anastazia. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Connor K Maplethorpe/Terren Maplethorpe. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Connor Maplethorpe/Terren Maplethorpe**. *Bitch*

3

(*) **RAMAR ILLUSIONS IN THE MIST**. NP68729102. 2021-03-24. By Fandal's Anchors Aweigh To Fullmoon - Ramar Allure Of Darkness. Bred by: Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Marsha Schafer**. *Bitch*

Veteran Dogs 8 Yrs. & Older

1/AOM/BVET

(*) **GCH CH DELAMER A FISH TALE**. NP25040701. 2009-11-21. By CH Delamer Sea Me Go - CH De Lamer It's No Seacret. Bred by: Krista J Nuovo-roe. Owners: **Lynda Kieres**. *Dog*

Veteran Bitches 8 Yrs. & Older

1

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Best of Breed Competition

SEL/BOBOH

(*) **CH DELORAN'S ON BOARD WITH SEASUN N'EBONY SANDS**. NP45699301. 2017-02-24. By GCHB CH Oasis Fasten Your Seat Belts CD RE DCAT ACT1 ACT1J CGCA TKP - CH Deloran's Good Witch Of The North. Bred by: Ursula Hutton. Owners: **Kathy Navarrete/Karen Ward**. *Dog*

AOM

(*) **GCHB CH TELSTAR N EBONY SAND'S STARLORD**. NP64313901. 2020-12-08. By CH Rivendel's The First Avenger - CH Telstar Ebonysands Beyond The Clouds. Bred by: Lisa Haines/Beth Burke. Owners: **Lisa Haines/Beth Burke**. *Dog*

B

GCHB CH ARIA'S HUCKLEBERRY LEGACY AT TOPPERLYN. NP66096602. 2021-03-07. By CH Aria's Bee 'N Berry Beary Delicious - CH Aria's Black Caviar. Bred by: Linda Bates. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/ Connor Maplethorpe/ Jennifer Maplethorpe**. *Dog*

SEL

(*) **CH EBONY SANDS SKYE'S THE LIMIT**. NP55363101. 2019-04-10. By GCH CH Ebony Sand's Perrier-Jouet - GCHB CH Rivendel's Catching Fire. Bred by: Ms. Amy Halterman/Lisa Haines. Owners: **Jennifer Mcbride/ Lisa Haines**. *Bitch*

23

(*) **GCH CH BLUMOON N DANTE MY SON AND STARS**. NP51723301. 2018-05-21. By CH Blumoon's The Son Also Rises - Aned's Brava Blumoon. Bred by: Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks. Owners: **Amy Gossman/Anita Fredricks/John Gossman/Grant Fredricks**. *Dog*

OS

GCH CH TOPPERLYNS ANASTAZIA. NP47559002. 2017-08-17. By GCHB CH Ramar's Dance With Dragons - Ramar-Rockdale Mt. Aspen Ablaze. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Lynda Kieres/ Jennifer Maplethorpe/ Connor Maplethorpe/ Terren Maplethorpe**. *Bitch*

AOM

(*) **CH RAMAR VIKING SEA WOLF @ JAM**. NP68729101. 2021-03-24. By Fandal's Anchors Aweigh To Fullmoon -Ramar Allure Of Darkness. Bred by: Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Eva Kopf/Marsha Schafer**. *Dog*

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB SPECIALTIES RESULTS

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CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - 7/9/23

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Master Class ·

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Open Dogs

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(*) **RENDEZVOUS WITH CANNOLI DE SANG BLEU.** NP69822601. 2021-08-11. By CH Aficionado's Shadowhunter - CH Memyselfni For Blackfire De Sangbleu BCAT. Bred by: Maureen Garrity/Arleen T Meininger. Owners: **Deb Bruner.** *Dog*

1/W

BLUMOON'S GRAND SON RISES ATT. NP61800501. 2020-09-10. By GCH CH Ebony Sands In The Black With Season - GCH CH Blumoon's Son Shines On. Bred by: Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks. Agent: Bonny Lynne Lewis. Owners: **Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks.** *Dog*

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

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(*) **STILARO RAMAR EMERALD STILLETTO.** NP78112502. 2022-07-30. By CH Ramar's Shotgun Rider - GCH CH Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Sheri G Brotten/Traci Banks/Marsha Schafer.** *Bitch*

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(*) **STILARO RAMAR A SPRINKLE OF STARDUST.** NP78112503. 2022-07-30. By CH Ramar's Shotgun Rider - GCH CH Ramar's Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight. Bred by: Traci Banks. Owners: **Traci Banks/Marsha Schafer.** *Bitch*

Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

1/RW

TOPPERLYNS FIRE AND ICE. NP77060603. 2022-07-04. By GCHB CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn - GCH CH Topperlyns Anastazia. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Conner K Maplethorpe/Terren Maplethorpe. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/ Jennifer Maplethorpe.** *Bitch*

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

2

(*) **SEASON BLACK SAILS ON THE HORIZON.** NP69464901. 2021-04-06. By CH Deloran's On Board With Season N'Ebonysands - CH Season 'N Ebony Sands Put The Candle Black. Bred by: Karen Ward/Kathy Navarrete. Owners: **Karen Ward/Kathy Navarrete.** *Bitch*

1/W/BW/BBE

TOPPERLYNS ELEGANTE. NP71667204. 2021-12-24. By GCHB CH Aria's Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn - GCH CH Topperlyns Anastazia. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Conner K Maplethorpe/Terren Maplethorpe. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/Jennifer Maplethorpe/Connor Maplethorpe/Terren Maplethorpe.** *Bitch*

3

(*) **RAMAR ILLUSIONS IN THE MIST.** NP68729102. 2021-03-24. By Fandal's Anchors Aweigh To Fullmoon - Ramar Allure Of Darkness. Bred by: Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Marsha Schafer.** *Bitch*

Veteran Dogs 8 Yrs. & Older

1/AOM

(*) **GCH CH DELAMER A FISH TALE.** NP25040701. 2009-11-21. By CH Delamer Sea Me Go - CH De Lamer It's No Seacret. Bred by: Krista J Nuovo-ro. Owners: **Lynda Kieres.** *Dog*

Veteran Bitches 8 Yrs. & Older

1/BVET

(*) **WILLOW'S RULE EIGHTEEN ATT.** NP38459704. 2014-07-22. By CH Spindrift Bravo - GCH CH Spindrift Myra Mckenna. Bred by: Diane C Johnson/Terry Johnson. Owners: **Stephanie Jones/Todd Jones/Diane Johnson.** *Bitch*

Best of Breed Competition

SEL/BOBOH

(*) **CH DELORAN'S ON BOARD WITH SEASUN N'EBONY SANDS.** NP45699301. 2017-02-24. By GCHB CH Oasis Fasten Your Seat Belts CD RE DCAT ACT1 ACT1J CGCA TKP - CH Deloran's Good Witch Of The North. Bred by: Ursula Hutton. Owners: **Kathy Navarrete/Karen Ward.** *Dog*

AOM

(*) **GCHB CH TELSTAR N EBONY SAND'S STARLORD.** NP64313901. 2020-12-08. By CH Rivendel's The First Avenger - CH Telstar Ebony Sands Beyond The Clouds. Bred by: Lisa Haines/Beth Burke. Owners: **Lisa Haines/Beth Burke.** *Dog*

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GCHB CH ARIA'S HUCKLEBERRY LEGACY AT TOPPERLYN. NP66096602. 2021-03-07. By CH Aria's Bee 'N Berry Beary Delicious - CH Aria's Black Caviar. Bred by: Linda Bates. Owners: **Lynda L Kieres/ Connor Maplethorpe/ Jennifer Maplethorpe.** *Dog*

SEL

(*) **CH EBONY SANDS SKYE'S THE LIMIT.** NP55363101. 2019-04-10. By GCH CH Ebony Sand's Perrier-Jouet - GCHB CH Rivendel's Catching Fire. Bred by: Ms. Amy Halterman/Lisa Haines. Owners: **Jennifer McBride/ Lisa Haines.** *Bitch*

(*) **GCH CH BLUMOON N DANTE MY SON AND STARS.** NP51723301. 2018-05-21. By CH Blumoon's The Son Also Rises - Aned's Brava Blumoon. Bred by: Anita Fredricks/Grant Fredricks. Owners: **Amy Gossman/Anita Fredricks/John Gossman/Grant Fredricks.** *Dog*

OS

GCH CH TOPPERLYNS ANASTAZIA. NP47559002. 2017-08-17. By GCHB CH Ramar's Dance With Dragons - Ramar-Rockdale Mt. Aspen Ablaze. Bred by: Lynda L Kieres/Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Lynda Kieres/ Jennifer Maplethorpe/ Connor Maplethorpe/ Terren Maplethorpe.** *Bitch*

AOM

(*) **CH RAMAR VIKING SEA WOLF @ JAM.** NP68729101. 2021-03-24. By Fandal's Anchors Aweigh To Fullmoon - Ramar Allure Of Darkness. Bred by: Marsha Schafer. Owners: **Eva Kopf/Marsha Schafer.** *Dog*



Official Standard of the Schipperke

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 to 13 inches for males and 10 to 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.

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 outercoat 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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