



BISS SCA 2025 National Specialty

The Bulletin
Summer 2025

SCOUT



MBISS RBIS GCHS Aria's Huckleberry Legacy at TopperLyn

Owners: Lynda Kieres,
Connor Maplethorpe &
Jennifer Maplethorpe



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Huckleberry Legacy at TopperLyn

Scout



Scout shown winning **BISS** at the Cascade Schipperke Club Regional Specialty, Judge Linda Riedel
Handler: CSC Regional Jennifer Maplethorpe.



Best Junior
Kadence Maplethorpe
with Scout.

Handler Top Twenty
Evening Performance
Kadence Maplethorpe.

SCA Top Twenty -
1st AOM
Judges: Stephen Cabral,
Robin MacFarlane and
Christy Marley.



Owners: Lynda Kieres,
Connor Maplethorpe &
Jennifer Maplethorpe.

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2025 SCA National Specialty Winner

MBISS RBIS GCHS Aria's Huckleberry Legacy at TopperLyn, **Scout**.

BISS Judge: Kent MacFarlane

Breeder: Linda Bates

Owners: Lynda Kieres, Connor Maplethorpe & Jennifer Maplethorpe





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2025 National in Spokane, Washington is a wrap. It was a wonderful week with beautiful weather and great company. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Cascade Schipperke Club and the Show Committee for a job well done! I am excited to see the features and photographs in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

The 2026 National Specialty will be held March 16-20 in Louisville, KY immediately following the Kentuckiana Cluster of Dog Shows! The host hotel is Holiday Inn Louisville East. This will be a unique opportunity to attend one of the biggest clusters in America before the National. The cluster offers many performance events and tons of vendors. Look for more information forthcoming! Our Show Chair is Ruth Levesque. If there is anything that you can do to give Ruth a hand, please reach out to her at sca_ns_site_comm@aol.com. We feel the central location, the affordability of the hotel and the cluster ahead of the National, it will be a successful and memorable event. There are plenty of committees to volunteer for, and your help would be appreciated to put on a great week! Don't complain if you don't contribute!

As the new President, the first thing that hit me was the multitude of complaints regarding the content of the last Bulletin. I want to personally apologize for those who were offended. As we know, the "tail issue" is the hot-button issue within our club. Our standard is clear, BUT a tailed dog is not a disqualification, there are judges that will award dogs with tails, and the American Kennel Club DOES hand out Championship Certificates to undocked dogs. Anyone is allowed to advertise as they please, as long as the content is not slanderous or profane. However, the article that Jo Patrick wrote back in 2011 was a PAID ADVERTISEMENT, and was not presented as such, nor were Jo's credentials updated to show that she is no longer the AKC Delegate, or a judge. In the future, you will continue to see advertisements for both docked and tailed dogs, as well as articles relating to both. I would caution you to not take your frustrations out with the Editor, nor your fellow SCA members. This is polarizing issue and some members have become very poor sports because of it, which is extremely disturbing. Remember, many of your club's volunteers have tailed dogs, and they are instrumental in the success of the SCA.

Please consider a donation to the newly established Junior Showmanship fund. There is a tab on the SCA Website under SHOP for the two opportunities for support of our SCA Junior Members. These kids are the future of our breed club and our sport. Be as generous as you are able!

'Til next time...*Geri*

In Memory

Anita Fredericks

1941 - 2025

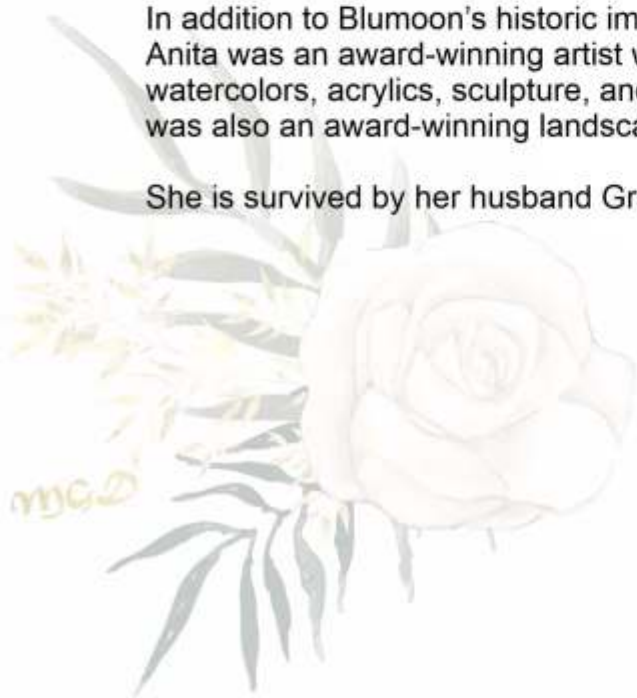
Anita was born near Spokane and raised on her family's farm developing a love of animals at an early age. After two years of fine arts education at Washington State University and Eastern Washington College (now University), she found her way to the Seattle World's Fair as a server at the Hof Brau Haus, and then to California where she ended up working as a cashier at Stanford's University Hospital. It was there in their shared apartment complex that she met Grant, her life partner for almost 58 years. Anita and Grant were married in June 1967 in Fairfield, Washington. Anita passed away on March 31st following a sudden heart attack.

Anita & Grant lived in California, Maryland, Virginia, central Washington where they bought their first show Schip in 1974, Kansas, Germany, and Omaha Nebraska before returning to Washington for Grant's command assignment before retiring from the Army in 1985. They built their dream house and kennel, moving for the last time in 1992. Anita, was a 50-year Schipperke Club of America (SCA) member, co-founder of Blumoon Schipperkes with her husband Grant and co-breeder of Best In Show and multiple Best In Specialty Show, multiple Register of Merit (ROM), ROM-Excellent, Hall of Fame and multiple High in Trial Schips, and award-winning artist and illustrator of SCA's Official Illustrated Guide to the Schipperke Standard.

Anita considered Cinder her once-in-a-lifetime Schip. Cinder was top SCA brood bitch in 1990, top obedience Schip in both the U.S. and Canada in 1991 and 1992 and earned Super Utility Dog awards for three or more same-show open and utility qualifications in AKC, CKC and UKC trials. Cinder is the foundation bitch for all generations of Blumoon Schipperkes.

In addition to Blumoon's historic impact on the Schipperke breed and Schip bloodlines, Anita was an award-winning artist working as an illustrator and in bronze, oils, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture, and stained glass often featuring Schipperkes. Anita was also an award-winning landscape designer, master gardener and gourmet cook.

She is survived by her husband Grant who lives at the family home in Olympia



In Memory

NICOLE YVETTE BARON

1972 - 2025

Nicole Yvette Baron, age 52, of Montgomery, Illinois
passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Words cannot express how sadly missed Nicole is by
her many dog world friends

SCA members send heartfelt condolences to
her parents, family and extended family.



THE SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THEIR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM!

To support the future education of Junior Handlers participating in the Sport of Dogs, the Schipperke Club of America offers a \$500 Scholarship to the Best Junior Handler, and a \$250 Scholarship to the Reserve Best Junior Handler at the annual National Specialty show.



Any SCA Member Junior Handler who qualifies for the AKC National Championship Invitational or Westminster Kennel Club in conformation or performance events has the chance to earn funds to help cover their expenses for attending the show. The SCA will award \$200 for a conformation qualifier, and \$200 for a performance qualifier.



These awards are open to Schipperke Club of America Junior Members **only**. For more information on becoming a Junior Member, contact **Junior Showmanship Coordinator Amy Burkemper** at dctgtg@gmail.com



Artwork by Danya "Momo" Esposito



WE LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING MORE JUNIOR HANDLING
CLINICS AND EVENTS TO OUR NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOWS!



SCA 1Q 2025 Top Ten Performance

Submitted by Kathy Swan

Points are a simple total of qualifying run scores.



1	MACH4 Kurakuma's Dark Island Castle CD BN MXC2 MJS3 MFC TQX T2B	Marion Johnson	1400 pts
2	CH MACH3 Delamer Windswept Island Escort CDX MXS2 MJS2 MFS TQX T2B	Marion Johnson	1000 pts
3	MACH Coco Jack's Jetta Bear BN RA MXB MJS XF BCAT SCN SIN CGCA TKA	Sheryl Meyer	800 pts
4	Westeve The Devil's Cut MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B	Joseph Sangenito	700 pts
5	MACH Kurakuma's Music W'High Notes N'Loki MXB MJG MXF T2B SWN SCA SIA CGC TKN	Mike Zajackowski	600 pts
6	Delamer Moonlight Mischief NA	Marion Johnson	460 pts
7	Westeve Breakin' All The Rules AX AXJ XF	Joseph Sangenito	400 pts
8	Coco Jacks Kayce Bear OA AXJ OF FCAT5 CGC TKN	Sheryl Meyer	300 pts
9	CH Delamer Sailing Solo MX MXJ MXF	Terry Sangenito	200 pts
9	CH Stampede Safari Fallin' Inside The Black NF TKI	Lezlie Hall	200 pts
10	Tumbleweed's Just Like Fire NF BCAT	Helen Chen-Rhodes	195 pts

Preferred Agility

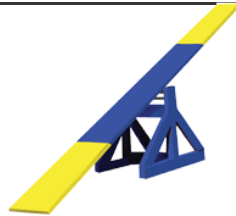
1	Delamer Salty Vibes BN RN OA OAJ AXP AJP NF OFP FCAT4 SCN SEN	Sheryl L Meyer	200 pts
2	CH Rendezvous With Cannoli De Sang Bleu FDC NAP NJP NF DCAT	Deborah Bruner	190 pts
3	CH Memyselfni For Blackfire De Sangbleu FDC NAP OJP OFP FCAT	Deborah Bruner	100 pts
3	CH Delamer Sailing Solo MX MXJ MXF	Terry Sangenito	100 pts

Regular FAST

1	MACH Kurakuma's Music W'High Notes N'Loki MXB MJG MXF T2B SWN SCA SIA CGC TKN	Mike Zajackowski	216 pts
2	Tumbleweed's Just Like Fire NF BCAT	Helen Chen-Rhodes	203 pts

Regular FAST, CON'T.

3	CH Stampede Safari Fallin' Inside The Black NF TKI	Lezlie Hall	184 pts
4	Westeve The Devil's Cut MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B	Joseph Sangenito	155 pts
5	CH Stampede's You'Ve Lost That Lovin' Feeling NA NAJ NF DCAT	Lezlie Hall	65 pts

No Preferred FAST this quarter**Obedience**

1	RACH Kiara Kool Dude UDX2 PUTD OM5 RM2 RAE2	Kathy Sweet	2501 pts
2	CH Rusticvali's N Ropaws Travel'N To The Limit BN CGC TKN	Patricia Campbell	785 pts
3	Rusticvali's N Ropaws Travel'N In The Fast Lane CD BN RA CGC TKI	Brenda Boell	585 pts
4	CH Shadowlends Blackfire's Ain't She Sweet CD BN RA	Dara Wilcox	394 pts
5	Olympic Crest Jubilee FDC FCAT CGCA STR TKN ATT FITG	Kathy Swan	370 pts
6	GCHB CH Ropaws Destiny's Tyme Traveler CD BN RAE CGC	Patricia Campbell	190 pts
7	Barbil Keeper Of The Hearth RA BCAT CGC TKI VHMP	Barbara D Murray	185 pts

Rally

1	Mystik's Heart Of The Storm BN RAE TKA VHMA VSWI FITG	John Basedow	2499 pts
2	GCHB CH Ropaws Destiny's Tyme Traveler CD BN RAE CGC	Patricia Campbell	756 pts
3	GCHB CH Rusticvali's Travel'N Blue Skyz At Ropaws CD BN RE CGC	Patricia Campbell	671 pts
4	CH RACH3 Shadowlends Danzn Starz Winter Ice UD PCDX BN GN GO RM7 RAE7 RC	Kathy Lytle	5 96 pts
5	CH Shadowlends Blackfire's Ain't She Sweet CD BN RA	Dara Wilcox	479 pts
6	Doreve's Just Reeta Mae CD BN RM RAE RC FDC FCAT10 SWEE SWM RATCHX5 CZ8G CGCA CGCU TKI	Serena Stephenson	356 pts
7	Skydance's Olympic Crest Glory BN RE FDC CAA FCAT7 RATS CZ8G CGCA CGCU TKP ATT	Kathy Swan	261 pts
8	Barbil Keeper Of The Hearth RA BCAT CGC TKI VHMP	Barbara D Murray	233 pts
9	Lackycreek Droid U R Looking For W Sheradin FCAT SCN CGCA TKI ATT FITS	Lori Hobbs	198 pts
9	CH Rusticvali's New Kid In Town BN RI CGC	Brenda Boell	198 pts
10	CH Doreve The Final Chapter CD BN RA CGCA CGCU TKN ATT	Dede Freeman	195 pts

Congratulations to the following teams for
earning their titles at the SCA Nationals:



Cannoli & Deb
Casey & Eileen
Elton John & Jamie
Jupiter & Deb
Luffy & Danya
Miles & Stephanie
Trip & Rosemary
Tru & Leisl
Vito & Sheryl

Beau & Pat
Ryker & Rosemary
Vito & Sheryl
Vinnie & Brenda

Beau & Pat
Cannoli & Deb
Casey & Eileen
Jupiter & Deb
Luff & Danya
Miles & Stephanie
Trip & Rosemary
Tru & Leisl
Vinnie & Brenda
Vito & Sheryl



Thank you, Stephanie Jones for your help with evaluating.

Hugs & scratches to my two canine helpers, Glory & Jenny.

Submitted by:

Kathy Swan



SCA's First Fit Dog Walkers Held at the Nationals in Spokane

Humans:

(L- R) Deb Bruner, Stephanie Jones,
Kathy Swan & Rosemary Fleener.

Schips:

(L- R) CiCi, Cannoli, Jupiter, Miles, Glory,
Julee, Jenny, Ryker & Trip.

*The following pages had previously been
submitted for the "From the Archives" column
and are included in this issue in honor of
A.nita Fredericks*

Largest Schipperke Entry in the Pacific Northwest Since the 1987 SCA National Specialty



JUDGE: Thomas C. Conway

BOB - CH. LANDMARK'S DITTO OF HI-LINE

Handler: Grant Fredricks

BOW (5 pts) - CH. BLUMOON'S NOTAIL T O'NIPOCIN

Handler: Anita Fredricks

BOS - CH. BLUMOON'S BB O'NIPOCIN

Handler: Ralph Owen

Special Thanks To . . .

DORRIS J. HEARING, LANDMARK KENNELS for allowing us to host and co-own for a year Kal Kan's 1987 and 1988 Top Schip, CH. LANDMARK'S DITTO OF HI-LINE.

"DITTO" at 8 years of age is still in great condition and a real gentleman. He is standing at stud to approved bitches for a limited time at BLUMOON KENNELS.

And To

RALPH OWEN, for his professional handling of "BEA," CH. BLUMOON'S BB O'NIPOCIN in breed this past spring.

Watch for our next DITTO X BEA litter.

BLUMOON SCHIPPERKES

Anita or Grant Fredricks (206) 491-6514

BLUMOON SCHIPPERKES

From the Bulletin Archives

At BLUMOON . . .

We're **finishing champions** while others are bragging about winning points.

- Jan 90 — Ch. Blumoon Heirocin Tuxn'Notail, with a 4 point BOW
- Apr 90 — Ch. Blumoon's BB O'Nipocin, with a 4 point BOW
- Apr 90 — Ch. Blumoon's Notail T O'Nipocin, with a 5 point BOW
- May 90 — Ch. Blumoon's Bud O'Nipocin CD
- Aug 90 — Ch. Rowann's Sorceress

AM. CAN. CH. MIDNIGHT MEADOWS CINDERELLA AM. CAN. CD, completed from scratch her Canadian championship with 2 BOB under a U.S. and Canadian judge and with 14 Canadian points and an impressive Group 4 over 2 Canadian and a California Group 1 winning Schips. PLUS in just 3 shows, she added a Canadian CD with a 2nd and two 3rd highest Novice B scores. (CINDER also earned her 1st U.S. CDX leg with a group 3 and is now in training for her UD).

*For additional information on
DITTO, CINDER or other BLUMOON champions,
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WE BREED FOR QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY

References: Dorris J. Hearing, (314) 966-8066.
Ralph Owen, (509) 747-8145

Cooper

Congratulate His **GIRLS!**

Littermates **Reine, Jewel** and **Gem**

BISS GCH Lochryan n'LoMar The Journeyman,TKN CGC



Gem

Gem: Delamer Isle of Diamonds
Owned by: **Krista Nuovo-Roe**

Cascade Regional Specialty #1
Best of Winners (5-point major)
SCA National Specialty
Best Bred-By
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

Reine: Sea La Vie Voyage Royale Delamer
Owned by: **Samantha Villenave**

Jewel: Delamer Isle of Gold Sea La Vie
Co-owned by: **Samantha Villenave and**
Krista Novo-Roe

Congratulations to all the winners!



Cooper
At 2021
Top Twenty
in Topeka



Reine & Jewel

Karen Testa
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BISS OHBISS GCH CH
TOPPERLYNS
HEARTBREAKER BCAT



2025 SCA NATIONAL BEST IN
MATURITY WINNER AND TOP
20 BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
WINNER! ✨

Owners: Amy and Charlotte Burkemper
Bred by: Lynda Keires and Jennifer Maplethorpe

GCH CH Tumbleweed's 99 In The Shade At Malagold



*Bikini's first time out as a Veteran didn't disappoint!
Her amazing record just keeps growing!*

AOM & Best Veteran - Cascade Regional #2

*Best In Veteran Sweepstakes - SCA National
Specialty*

9/19/20

*Bred By: June Moore & Michele Kasten
Owned By: Geri Gerstner Hart, Blake Hart & June Moore*

Malagold Tumbleweed Whale Of A Tale

Fin



At just 14 months of age, Fin is showing great potential!

*Reserve Winners Dog -
Cascade Regional #2
Best Of Opposite Sweepstakes -
SCA National Specialty*

*Bred By - June Moore & Geri Gerstner Hart
Owned By - Geri Gerstner Hart*



CH Rendezvous With Cannoli de Sang Bleu
FDC NAP NJP NF FCAT TKN FITB CGC

Cannoli



A Well-Rounded Schip, Cannoli won Select Dog and OHBISS at the Cascade Schipperke Club Specialty morning show in Spokane.



Cannoli is also a UKC Champion and has won two Best in Shows and a Reserve Best in Show.

As a NASDA dog, he holds titles in TL2, UL2, TB1, LI1, SD1 and holds Versatile Locating Bronze and Supreme Versatility Bronze titles too.



He's very much a fun partner in all things! Many thanks to Maureen Garrity / de Sang Bleu Schipperkes and Arleen Meininger for this special boy.

Owned & Loved by: Deb Bruner
Bred by: Maureen Garrity

DELAMER SCHIPPERKES IS PROUD TO PRESENT,

2025 SCA TOP 20 WINNER

MBIS MBISS DELAMER SUMMER SAND ELLE

#1 SCHIPPERKE ALL-SYSTEMS #8 NON-SPORTING DOG
*CC STATS 3/31/25



-UNIQUE DISTINCT SILHOUETTE-
SQUARE IN PROFILE



BREEDER OWNER HANDLED BY KRISTA NUOVO-ROE

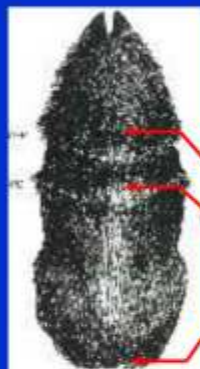
Continuing Schipperke Education

Submitted by the SCA Judges Education Committee



Coat Pattern

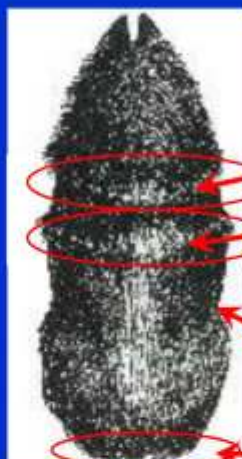
- ❖ The adult coat is highly characteristic and must include several distinct lengths growing naturally in a specific pattern.
- ❖ The coat is short on the face, ears, front of the forelegs and hocks.
- ❖ It is medium length on the body, and longer in the:
 - jabot,
 - ruff,
 - cape,
 - culottes.



drawing by Anita Fredricks

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Coat Pattern



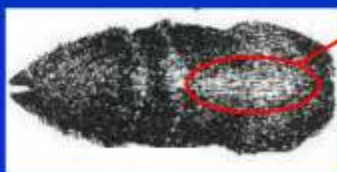
drawing by Anita Fredricks

- 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 first distinct line you see is the ruff, the second line is the cape
- Body coat
- Culottes (Longer than body coat)

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Coat Pattern

- ❖ The jabot extends across the chest and down between the front legs.
- ❖ The coat on the rear of the thighs forms culottes which should be as long as the ruff.
- ❖ 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 legs.



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Coat Pattern



Male



Female

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Coat Pattern

- ❖ *Lack of differentiation in coat lengths should be heavily penalized, as it is an essential breed characteristic!*
- ❖ *Coat pattern is obvious in all Schipperkes, even those out of coat or young puppies.*
- ❖ *Undercoat is necessary in the Schipperke, as it is what makes the ruff stand out.*
- ❖ *The undercoat should be dense on the body, and very dense on the ruff.*

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Coat Pattern

- ❖ While the overall dog must be black, the under-coat can be black, or an "off color," usually grey or a slight reddish brown.
- ❖ Occasional stray white hairs are permissible.
- ❖ Graying, due to age in the Veteran dog (7 years) is permissible, but should be faulted in younger specimens.
- ❖ The coat should be abundant and straight.
- ❖ Coats may take on a reddish cast during shedding.

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Coat Pattern

- ❖ The texture is slightly harsh to the touch.
- ❖ Silky coats, body coats over 3 inches or very short harsh coats are equally incorrect!
- ❖ Trimming of the coat is not allowed!



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FROM THE PERFORMANCE CORNER

by Deb Bruner

People who read the SCA Bulletin are aware that periodically I put a spotlight on something I find interesting in a Bulletin from years ago. I've been a member of SCA for about 10 years and I find the past issues of the Bulletin quite fascinating: They are truly a history of Schipperkes and bring to life those names that now may only show up in pedigrees.

I had been thinking about writing a Bulletin article about "Are Schipperkes really that difficult to train?" when I found Vicki Maher's article in the Obedience Forum from Fall of 1990. The Obedience Forum used to be a regular feature in the Bulletins. I was quite pleased to read Vicki's thinking "way back when" Training methods are continually evolving (something I think some people tend to forget) and there are more and more training specialties and specialists. Take a look at Vicki's article and read the following as a bit of commentary.

Like Vicki, I don't think Schipperkes are hard to train unless you have no clue about training. Yes, they have their breed "quirks" but so do Beagles and other breeds that show up in the performance ring. A trainer once told me she has more respect for someone running a Beagle in agility than someone running a Border Collie. I would say the same thing about Schips because they are not your typical working dog. "Train the dog in front of you" is what I try and remember at all times: Don't rush, Don't push, Don't compare. Schipperkes are doing pretty much every sport I can think of and if they aren't, it's only because someone hasn't tried it, not because they are difficult to train as a breed.

Also like Vicki, I agree that food is an excellent motivator and reward, but toy play is as well. In the agility world, great emphasis is put on toy play as a reward and a tool for staying connected (something you often see with people running border collies in agility, for example). I've had various degrees of success in using toys as an alternative to food, and in fact there are classes to be had on how to develop toy play with your dog which are a great thing! My experience is that introducing toy play as a reward to a puppy is far easier than if you have an adult who already has his/her opinions about rewards (but then, training puppies is typically far easier than adults in most things because a person is dealing with a blank slate and not having to teach a dog to "unlearn" something). Toy play is a huge motivator for my youngest Schipperke Jupiter. It can be a tricky balance when using both food and toys and it's easy to lose toy play as a reward if food is used too much but with Jupiter I consciously keep a balance. Playing tug with me is one of Jupiter's joys and it keeps us engaged as a team when food has long since gone into the tummy and is over and done with. I try and play tug and fetch after every training, no matter the sport (Rally, NASDA games, agility, etc.)

I found myself agreeing with pretty much everything Vicki says in her article from so many years ago. Although she doesn't address "recalls" I would think that she would agree that Schips can learn recalls! Again, it's all about teaching them early. I know so many breeders who, as they hand off a pup (or adult) to a new owner, emphasize that "Schips are runners!" Yes, they are most curious and adventurous ...as are numerous other breeds and mixed breeds. I can say that most dogs in my doggie daycare would fall under the category of "runners" or escape artists. Again, it's all about training. All of my Schips have an excellent recall. Rather than "doom" a Schip to a life without adventure, teach new owners the value of training classes and working with a Schip to develop the skills it needs to behave well, confidently, and safely in the world. Let's empower owners, not scare them. In my opinion, a person's interest in training should be part of the vetting process when evaluating potential new Schip owners.

Anyway, happy reading!

OBEDIENCE FORUM

Obedience Forum is The SCA Bulletin's forum to answer any questions you have about Obedience training, showing, or equipment. Questions will be selected for their informational and educational value, and submitted to our panel of trainers. Send your questions to Obedience Forum, Kathy Gaul Montgomery, 475 East Middle Avenue, San Martin, CA 95048.

By VICKI A. MAHER

Do you think the Schipperke is harder to train than other breeds? Why or why not?

I really don't think so. But the only other breed I have tried to train was an Afghan Hound (don't laugh). I've been in obedience classes and obedience seminars with trainers of other breeds, and it seems that each breed and even each dog has exercises which are easier or more difficult. I think most Skips are very smart and enjoy the training, but they don't do well with boring repetition. I am told that this is one reason why Golden Retrievers generally do so well in obedience; they are slow thinkers and don't mind repetition.

Skip trainers have to work harder to keep their dogs interested! I find them to be quick learners, but then they like to invent short cuts or modify the exercise for us, such as cutting corners, anticipating commands, taking extra jumps, etc.

Do you think dogs or bitches are easier to train? Why?

Those who know me already know my answer. I love the boy Skips. I love to live with them and I love to train them. My personal feeling is that the males are easier to train. If you want me to be more specific, I have to say that I find most Schip bitches to be air-heads. I agree with Terri Arnold (East Coast obedience trainer & seminar instructor) that male dogs have more "fire", more

"heart". I find that the boys want to please me and be with me; the bitches seem to be distracted, moody, and independent. I have trained my bitch through basic novice work because all my dogs deserve an education, but I prefer to concentrate my efforts on my boys.

Do you use food as a reward? Why or why not?

I train with food. The 6/90 Gazette has two excellent articles on food training, and I recommend reading them. They discuss how in the wild, dogs and wolves earned their food through hunting and working for a meal. Today's dogs still enjoy "earning" their food rewards.

Food in training helps us to hold the interest of a young Skip who is easily distracted by all the action in obedience class. It helps to keep the older dogs' attitudes up. I've heard food in training called the dog's "pay-check". How many of us would go to work without any pay?

Last year before the 1989 SCA Specialty, Esther Zimmerman and I spent a day at Sea World, and we happened to arrive early at the "USS Pinniped Show". The trainers were working with the seals, ignoring incorrect exercises and rewarding with food the exercises that were done right. Esther pointed out to me that is basically how we train our dogs. If food training works for expert animal trainers, I think there's a good chance it will work for us!

When beginning with a dog, I use more food, but as we progress I decrease the use of food but I never totally stop using food in training. Before we're ready for the ring, the food must be decreased to the point where the dog won't quit on me if he doesn't get it, but I try to always keep him guessing....maybe he will get a treat and maybe not.

I will NOT give my dogs hotdogs! I don't think hot dogs are any good for my dogs. For obedience food I give the same kibble they have for meals and I use some turkey boiled in garlic powder or some baby food turkey franks for variety. The baby food franks don't have the nitrates and stuff that regular hot dogs do, and you can take a jar of them with you without having to refrigerate them until it is opened.

I also use play, toys, back rubs, praise, smiles....all kinds of affection, etc. as rewards. Food motivates and gets the dog's attention, but praise and affection COMMUNICATES and creates the bond you need for obedience work.

At what age do you start obedience?

At my house every dog deserves a proper education. It begins with wait-at-the-door and come-here when they are puppies. "Formal" obedience training begins when they are about 5 to 9 months old, depending on the pup's attitudes and temperament. BUT I take it slow and easy with a young Schip. They are

distractible and playful, and I don't demand perfect attention and precision until they are older. I like to get the young Schips used to the routine of attending classes and being with the other breeds. They seem to enjoy the time with me and look forward to class more than I do! I usually don't even think about precision work until they are 2 1/2 or 3 years old, but I am lazy about practice so I am the real reason it takes so long for me to train a Schip!

Do you test a litter to see which puppy might be the best candidate to start in Obedience? What method do you use in choosing?

I'm not a breeder per se, and all the dog's I'm training came to me as show prospects and not as obedience whiz-kids. I train what I have and I haven't gotten a dog with strictly obedience in mind. If I did look at a litter for an obedience prospect, I would probably look for a puppy that was outgoing, had good eye contact with people, liked food and toys, was interested in his surroundings and was always ready to take on new experiences.

Winter Issue

*** Deadline ***

December 20, 1990

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I have known some people who have gotten very hyper Schips and have tried to train them in obedience. They succeeded, but it wasn't very easy! I like an upbeat, active Schip, but I'm talking hyper...I think it would be very hard to train a very hyperactive dog. I would think it would be hard to determine if a puppy was hyper since most Schip puppies are very active. It would also be hard to train a very sluggish Schip, but I don't know whether any exist!

The buyer of a prospective obedi-

ence puppy should hopefully try to get to know the breed and observe many different Schips of various ages. I think ideally the breeders should know their puppies well enough to help the buyer make an "educated guess" in their selection of an obedience puppy. As in selecting that show puppy, we never really know what we have until they grow up; we just guess and hope! Maybe "temperament testing" helps, but I think that observation and intuition (feelings) are just as good. ☐

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Thoughts from a Breeder

By Maureen Garrity

I fell in love with Schipperkes over 50 years ago. We would go to the shows and stay all day and watch the groups. I remember asking what was that little black dog in the Non-Sporting Group that reminded you of a big dog. There it stood looking so fine and mighty with its black stand-off coat and no tail. I had been looking at Old English Sheepdogs but I came to my senses and realized the Schipperke was the breed for me. I haven't changed my mind; the Schipperke is still the perfect breed for me.

My first Schipperke was Hilton's Hello Dolly. She was adorable and everyone fell in love with her. When I started going to matches (yes, we still had matches in those days) I was sure I had the perfect Schipperke. I started watching Schipperkes at the shows and getting to go over other Schipperke breeders' dogs; I realized very quickly my perfect Schipperke, Dolly, was not so perfect. I had to take off my rose-colored glasses and really look at Dolly: she still was perfect; however, she was less than stellar when you evaluated her by the Schipperke breed standard. So began my journey to breed the perfect Schipperke.

I am originally from Southern California. I started showing and breeding Schipperkes back in the mid 70's. When I first started showing I would generally be upset with the judging when I did not win. I really loved my Schipperkes and I did believe I had the best Schipperkes in the ring. Over time, and many years later I realized that whatever happens in the show ring did not impact my breeding program. I basically feel that showing in conformation is like playing the slots in Las Vegas: You put your coin in and sometimes you win. Does it change the quality of my dog, or my breeding program? No. I began to actually enjoy the shows more and meeting with fellow Schipperke breeders where we can talk about our dogs and our plans. The shows are just an additional event we can do with our dogs, not the final say about the quality of our breeding programs.

Over the years I have met many new Schipperke owners. What I try to tell them if they are planning on showing and breeding is that they first need to be able to fault their own dogs. If you are not able to fault your own dogs, how can you breed to correct and perfect the breed? If you are not aware of what you are starting with in your breeding program how can you go forward? Our numbers are diminishing, but there are still quite a few of us breeders that have been breeding for over 20 years and we know how long a process and ever-changing plans we go through trying to perfect our breed.

Recently, the SCA conducted a referendum on a proposed standard change that would have allowed Schipperkes with tails to be shown per a revised standard. The proposed change was because there are a number of breeders opting to not dock their puppies' tails for a variety of reasons. The change to the standard did not pass. It was a close vote, albeit not yet enough, but proving that many members are now leaning in this direction. (Remember this was a club member decision, not an AKC decision.)

I have heard second hand, that many folks who prefer Schips with the tails left on, are now choosing to no longer attend dog conformation shows with their Schips because they feel they are not wanted in that competition. Per our current standard, tails on a Schipperke in conformation is a fault, not a disqualification and that is the way they are to be judged.

I am sorry if anyone has felt that their Schipperkes are unwanted in the show ring, but you need to remember that the AKC has confirmed championships on tailed Schips. To appreciate your

convictions regarding Schipperkes with tails it is important to realize that quality specimens are seen and shown, docked or tailed. I personally give kudos to the ones that have earned their CH title at AKC shows. I know it was hard, but you did find those judges who actually judged the quality of your dog and saw past the tail. I knew from the start it would be an uphill battle to win with your Schipperkes.

If and when the AKC standard changes to no longer consider tails a fault it will just be a matter of let the best dog win. In the meantime, fellow Schipperke enthusiasts need to be kinder to each other, and more tolerant of different views.

In many other countries, the docking of tails is no longer allowed, or Veterinary Associations and Vet Clinics are refusing to dock, crop or declaw, even though not illegal. There are breeders in the other countries who continue to try to breed tailless puppies by getting dogs with the *stub tail gene. So, there are still breeders in other countries trying to maintain the original look of the Schipperke we all fell in love with - small black tailless dog - that have a silhouette that can be seen across the room.

I heard through another Schipperke owner that many breeders in other countries just ignore the tail. They can't control the type of tail they will produce and they do not have a description in their standard. Again, as breeders they are able to evaluate their dog, the tail does not impact the quality of the dog to the standard, just the silhouette of the breed.

So back to the decision to no longer participate because the change to the Schipperke standard did not pass, this reminds me of the old saying "don't cut off your nose to spite your face". The whole purebred dog breeding fancy is facing diminishing numbers, and we need each other to help our breed. If you truly love the breed, you should not let a judge's decision mean more than your own knowledge of the breed. Everyone should be faulting their dogs, doing all the health tests, studying pedigrees and making educated decisions about their breeding program. Never let the 2 minutes of ring time under a judge be more important than your own knowledge.

If we all truly love our Schipperkes we need to continue to cooperate and share all the information we have. I don't want to see the Schipperke get classified as a rare breed because we as breeders could not get along and our numbers continue to shrink.

I love Schipperkes, love hearing the many stories from other Schipperke owners, pet or show. I will always continue to try to breed the "perfect" Schipperke as I hope we all will.

References:

*(*T-box, Bob-tail or Natural Stump causes dogs to be born with shorter tails compared to dogs that carry no copies of the gene, and causes neonatal death in dogs carrying two copies).*

[DNA test –T-box \(bob tail\) | Dog health | The Kennel Club](#)

*(*Dogs with natural bobtail have naturally bobbed (shortened) tails. Length of the bobbed tail is variable; some individuals may have nearly full-length tails while others may have virtually no tail).*

[Natural Bobtail | Veterinary Genetics Laboratory](#)

2025 is the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Schipperke Club of Canada



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SCC National Specialty
Saturday, August 17, 2025

Judge: Stewart Dankner

SCC Regional Specialty
Sunday, August 18, 2025

Judge: Ken Berg



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Sire: GCH.EbonySands n Telstar Mercury Rising
Dam: GCHS. Rivendel's Chasing Rainbows, TKN FDC

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Owner Handled Best of Breed**

Decidedly Feminine Without Over Refinement

Bred & Owned by:
Jaime Stanchina & Emma Stanchina

Co-bred by:
Amy Halterman

AM CH Embrace Rocket Man

Elton John



Flash

**Elton wins
Group 4th**

Sire:CH. Ebony Sands Come Sail Away
Dam:GCHB. Embrace Chasing a Pot of Gold

Bred & Owned by:
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Presented by: M'Kayla Stahr



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WINNERS BITCH

SEA LA VIE SUZI'S DUNE *JUST*
FINE WITH DELAMER

PEBBLE

BRED BY KRISTA NUOVO-ROE & SAMANTHA VILLENAVE
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Group placing,
Multi NOHS BIS, BISS

GCH CH Telstar N Ebony Sand's A Dream Is A Wish
a Top Ten Schipperke

Continuing her winning ways:
Best in Specialty Show
Non-Sporting Group 3
Multiple NOHS Best in Show



Thank you judges Shalisa Neely, Janet Allen, Jay Richardson, Pat Putnam, Betsy Horn Humer, Debra Gschwender, Susan St. John Brown, and Rick Gschwender for awarding our girl!

Breeders / Owners:
Lisa Haines and Beth Burke

"a small, thickset, cobby,
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Celebrating

The 2025 SCA National Specialty Week



2025 SCA National Specialty
National Judge: Kent MacFarlane

CONFORMATION

Best of Breed: GCHS CH Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn

Breeder: Linda Bates

Owner: Lynda L Kieres, Connor Maplethorpe, Jennifer Mapelthorpe

Best of Opposite Sex: GCH GH Embrace' Chasing A Pot of Gold

Breeder: Emma Stanchina, Jaime Stanchina, Amy Halterman

Owner: Jaime & Emma Stanchina

Best of Winners: Delamer Down in Kokomo

Breeder: Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Owner: Taylor McCoy & Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Best Puppy: Delamer Expedition Sun Bound

Breeder: Mariah Jeon & Krista Nuovo-Roe

Owner: Krista Nuovo-Roe & Mariah Jeon

Select Dog: GCH CH Fullmoon Ramar Black Wing of Fire

Breeder: Kristin Morrison

Owner: Marsha Schafer, Traci Banks, Rene Wigen

Select Bitch: GCHS CH Delamer Summer Sand Elle

Breeder: Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Owner: Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Award of Merit: GCHB CH Skyfyre' Holiday in Havana, CGC

Breeder: Leisl Shagen

Owner: Leisl Shagen, Del Shagen, Gretchen Kleim

Award of Merit: GCH CH Tumbleweed' Bad To The Bone

Breeder: June A Moore

Owner: June A Moore

Award of Merit: GCHG CH Sarava' Peacemaker With Kiara

Breeder: Sara Beth Name, Gary Hester, Vicki Hester

Owner: Sara Name

Award of Merit: GCH CH Ebony Sand' Telstar Once Upon A Dream

Breeder: Lisa Haines, Beth Burke

Owner: Lisa Haines, Beth Burke

Award of Merit: GCHB CH Ramar' Sicily Mistress Of The Dark Knight

Breeder: Marsha Schafer

Owner: Traci Banks

Winners Dog: Unlawful Entry De Sang Bleu

Breeder: Maureen Garrity, Susan Garrity, Arleen Meininger

Owner: Maureen Garrity, Susan Garrity, Arleen Meininger

Reserve Winners Dog: Dideb Delamer One And Done
Breeder: Debbie Studwell, Krista Nuovo-Roe, Debra Dellamonica
Owner: Debbie Studwell, Krista Nuovo-Roe, Debra Dellamonica

Winners Bitch: Delamer Down in Kokomo

Breeder: Krista J Nuovo-Roe
Owner: Taylor McCoy & Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Reserve Winners Bitch: Delamer Expedition Sun Bound

Breeder: Mariah Jeon & Krista Nuovo-Roe
Owner: Krista Nuovo-Roe & Mariah Jeon

Best Bred By Exhibitor: Delamer Isle of Diamonds

Breeder: Samantha Villenave, Krista J Nuovo-Roe
Owner: Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Best Veteran: GCHG CH Sarava' Peacemaker With Kiara

Breeder: Sara Beth Name, Gary Hester, Vicki Hester
Owner: Sara Name

Best in Puppy Sweeps: Delamer Isle of Diamonds

Breeder: Samantha Villenave, Krista J Nuovo-Roe
Owner: Krista J Nuovo-Roe

Best Opposite in Puppy Sweeps: Malagold Tumbleweed Whale of A Tale

Breeder: June A Moore, Geri A Gerstner Hart
Owner: Geri A Gerstner Hart

Best Dog in Veteran Sweeps: Ramar's Roman The Divine Ruler, BN RN CGC TKI

Breeder: Marsha Shafer
Owner: Traci Banks, Michael Banks, Shelby Berry

Best Bitch in Veteran Sweeps: GCH CH Tumbleweed's 99 In The Shade At Malagold

Breeder: Michelle Kasten, June A Moore
Owner: Gerie Hart, Blake Hart, June A Moore

Best in Futurity: Delamer Expedition Sun Bound

Breeder: Mariah Jeon & Krista Nuovo-Roe
Owner: Krista Nuovo-Roe & Mariah Jeon

Best Opposite in Futurity: Ebony Sands Endeavor To Persevere

Breeder: Lisa Haines, Kathy Navarrete
Owner: Lisa Haines, Kathy Navarrete

Best in Maturity Competition: GCH CH Topperlyn's Heartbreaker BCAT

Breeder: Lynda L Kieres, Jennifer Maplethorpe
Owner: Amy Burkemper, Charlotte Burkemper

Best Opposite in Maturity Competition: Delamer Party In The Bahamas

Breeder: Krista Nuovo-Roe
Owner: June A Moore, Krista Nuovo-Roe

NOHS: GCH GH Embrace' Chasing A Pot of Gold
Breeder: Emma Stanchina, Jaime Stanchina, Amy Halterman
Owner: Jaime & Emma Stanchina

Juniors

Best Junior – **Kadence Maplethorpe**

Dog: GCHS CH Huckleberry Legacy At Topperlyn

Breeder: Linda Bates

Owner: Lynda L Kieres, Connor Maplethorpe, Jennifer Mapelthorpe

Obedience High in Trial - **GCH CH Delamer Makin'A Splash, RN BCAT TKA VHMA VHMP**

Owner: Justus Reichert, Krista J Nuovo-Roe

*Congratulations to all the winners and
to everyone who attended the **SCA**
2025 National week of events*





Best of Breed



Best of Opposite, NOHS BB



Best of Winners



Select Dog



Select Bitch



Award of Merit, Best Veteran



First Veteran Dog (10-12 Years)



First Veteran Dog (10-12 Years)



Reserve Winners Dog



Reserve Winners Bitch



Stud Dog



Brood Bitch



Winners Dog



Winners Bitch



Best Bred By



First Bred By Adult



Best Junior Handler



Best Brace



First Veteran Dog (10-12 Years)



First Veteran Dog (10-12 Years)



Reserve Winners Dog



Reserve Winners Bitch



Stud Dog



Brood Bitch



Best Puppy in Sweepstakes



Best Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes



Best Veteran in Sweepstakes



Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes



Second Open



Third Open Am Bred

Top Twenty Competition



Top Twenty Best of Breed



Top Twenty Best of Opposite



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty AOM



Top Twenty Judges & Ring Stewards



New Rally Title



Best in Futurity



Best Opposite in Futurity



Best in Maturity



Futurity Best 6-9 Month



Cascade Regional Pictures



Best of Breed



Best of Opposite



Best of Winners, Best Puppy



Select Dog, NOHS BB



Select Bitch



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Award of Merit, Best Veteran



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor



Reserve Winners Dog



First Veteran Dog 8-10 years



Best Junior Handler



Third Open, American Bred





Best of Breed



Best of Opposite, NOHS BB



Best of Winners, Winners Dog,



Select Dog



Select Bitch



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Award of Merit, Best Veteran



Winners Bitch



Reserve Winners Dog



Reserve Winners Bitch



Award of Merit



Third Open, American Bred





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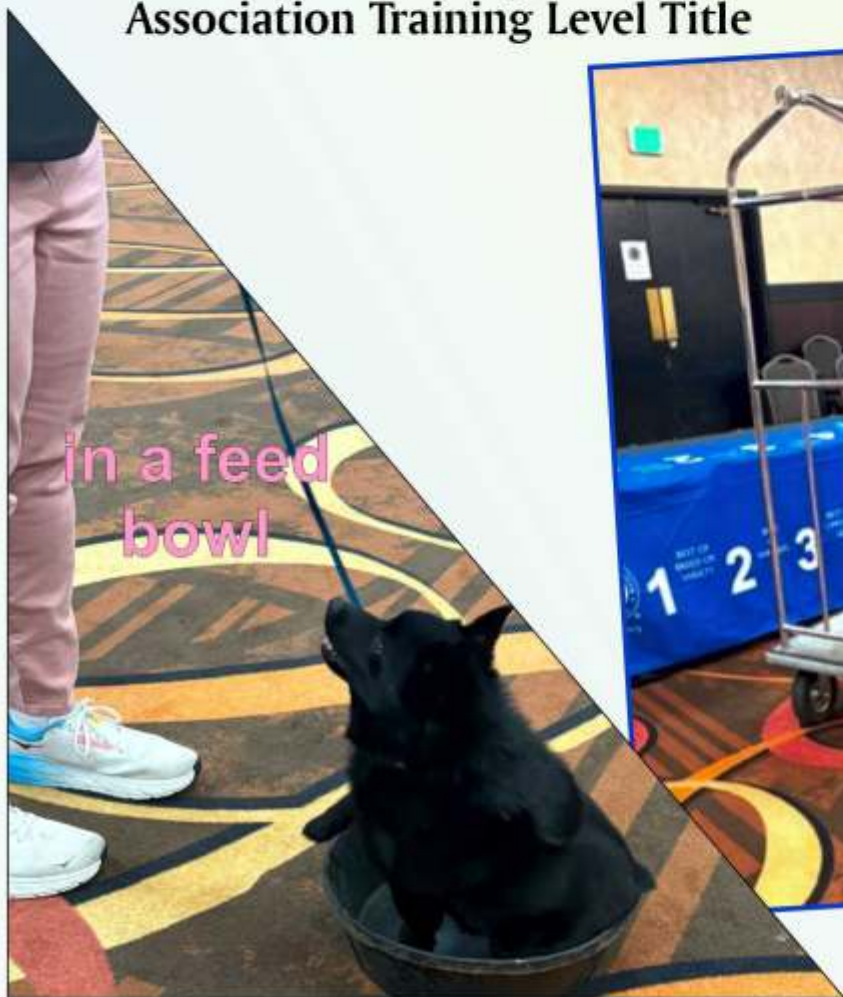


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