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Officers & Officials of ISWS

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DNA requests are being processed by Vicki Bratcher. Please email: ISWSRegistrar@SilkenWindhounds.org

We encourage members to send in their litter applications, puppy registrations, ownership transfers, and DNA requests to the email address listed above with a copy of the PayPal payment, or at least the PayPal transaction number. **We are trying to get away from sending these registrations through the mail.**

Note: All PayPal payments to be sent to **iswstreasurer@yahoo.com**



ISWS Committees

Below are the current ISWS Committees, their chairs and contact information:

Committee	Chair(s)	Committee Members
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SilkenFest Committees

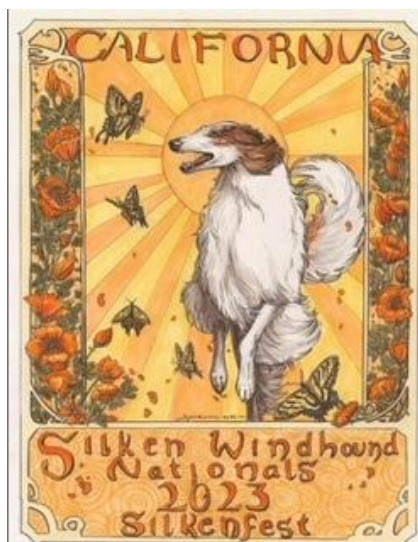
SilkenFest Planning Committee (Core Committee)

(These are the core people, regional people come in and out as the locations change; some take on more than one task and that varies from year to year):

SilkenFest National Coordinator/Director - Jerilynn Adin-Safran

Positions	Point of Contact
National SF Show Secretary	Jan Decker
National SF Treasurer	Jolene Hicks
National SF Rosettes & Medallions	Jerilynn Adin Safran
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National SF Performance	Chair, Keith Hicks
National SF ASFA Delegate & SF Field Secretary	Lori Silvestri
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National SF PR Chair	Echo Prafke-Marson
National SF RV Coordinator	vacant
National SF ISWS FAST Dasher	Lori Silvestri
National SF Official Photographer	Hillary Tregillus, Megan Lundberg

More on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1224591171640589>



****SilkenFest winning Logo 2023***
By Joyce Chin.*

From the (temp) Ed

Welcome to Issue 4 of the ISWS Newsletter, and what a bumper issue it is! With restrictions lifted, 2022 has seen 10 ISWS specialities hosted worldwide, including SilkenFest. Reports from Canada to Finland and UK to Texas are included further down.

The positions up for rotation on the ISWS Board of Directors were ISWS International Delegate and ISWS Corresponding Secretary. Nominations were cast and we welcome Justine Rodgers as ISWS International Delegate and Terri Lewis as ISWS Corresponding Secretary. Welcome aboard!

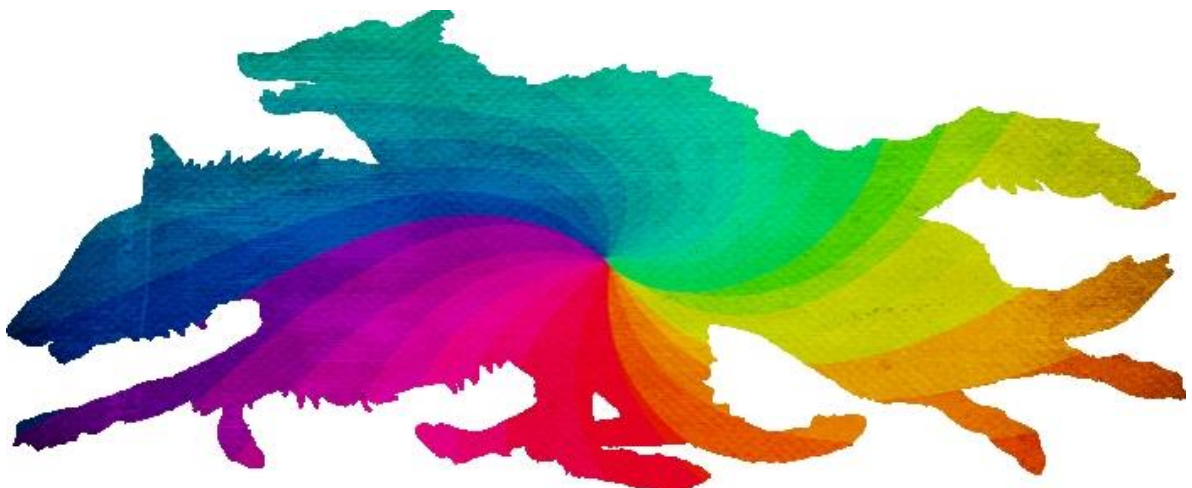
May we also extend our thanks to our past BoD volunteers: Carsten Banks who stands down after 4 years as International Delegate; Hilary Tregillus who served as Corresponding Secretary for a short while and once more Sue Lewis, who stepped in to bridge the gap for Corresponding Secretary. Your hard work and commitment are invaluable.

I hope you enjoy this latest issue which includes educational features, health updates and the End Of Year rankings from organisations recognised by and/or have an association with ISWS e.g UKC for the various disciplines that Silken Windhounds can compete in. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I have pestered for material, pictures and information and for your patience where my understanding is a little awry. Without your input this production would be far less interesting!

Dr Carmen L Battaglia (judge for SilkenFest 2023) has kindly shared a couple of his own articles – one on Longevity and one on Early Neurological Stimulation for inclusion in this newsletter.

There is much to look forward to in 2023 with SilkenFest only just around the corner, and of course the annual host of Specialties which once more become fixtures in our diaries. Good luck to everyone in whatever discipline you choose to follow and remember you always take the best dog home.

Justine
Stand-in Ed



New ISWS Champions

The following Silken Windhounds gained their ISWS Championships during 2022:
(Many have other titles, but this page is focusing on the ISWS title)

ISWS Ch Wyndolyn Just A 'Mo

Attained: 01/01/2022

B/O: S. Mohler



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Photo Credit: F. Stull

ISWS Ch Kristull Magenta Knight

Attained: 26/03/2022

B/O: F. Stull



ISWS Ch Kristull Q' Lover

Attained: 26/03/2022

B/O: F. Stull



Photo Credit Malinda Julien

ISWS Ch Entourage Jusrics One Love

Attained: 26/03/2022

O: J. Decker

B: J. Decker & R. Carr



ISWS Ch WildRose Allagante As You Wish

Attained: 20/03/2022

O: L. K. Alexander

B: T. Mills & K. & P. Sanders



Photo Credit Emily Buerger



Photo Credit: 4SteadyPaws

ISWS Ch Allagante Cloud of Ashfall

Attained: 13/11/2022

O: L. K. Alexander

B: K. Sanders



ISWS Ch Endeavor B*Witched

Attained: 09/07/2022

B/O: G. Grist



ISWS Ch Allagante Beyond Compare

Attained: 24/09/2022

B/O: K. & P. Sanders



ISWS Ch Kinobi Harvest Moon

Attained: 09/09/2022

O: S. Edgington

B: R. Peters-Campbell





ISWS Ch Sigil Spirit of Light

Attained: 09/09/2022

O: H. Luedecke

B: L. Moore



ISWS Ch Allagante WildRose Red Bull

Attained: 22/10/2022

O: T. Mills & K. Sanders

B: K. & P. Sanders



ISWS Ch Solo's Hot To Trot

Attained: 13/11/2022

B/O: P. Kilby



ISWS Ch WindnSatin Don't Reign On Me

Attained: 10/09/2022

B/O: M. Childs



ISWS Ch Empyrean Zinfindel

Attained: 17/11/2022

B/O: V. Frey



ISWS Ch Attaway-Kinobi Cha Cha

Attained: 20/03/2022

O: M. Pearce

B: R. Peters-Campbell & M. Pearce

ISWS Ch JusRics Entourage Pegasus

Attained: 26/03/2022

O: R. Carr

B: J. Decker & R. Carr

ISWS Ch Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium

Attained: 17/11/2022

O: J. Sharber

B: C. Dell & S. Mohler

ISWS Ch Clayborn's Mountain Man

Attained: 30/07/2022

O: G. & D. Claggett

B: C. Wester

ISWS Ch Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan

Attained: 24/09/2022

O: I. Stetson

B: S. Mohler

Congratulations!!

Thank you to all who contributed photos of their ISWS Champions for this feature

ISWS FAST Dash Titles - 2022

It is wonderful to see the ISWS Fast Dash program has attracted great attention: 91 Silken Windhounds participated in 73 different FAST Dash events in 2022! Perla Hounds have been making the most of the FAST Dash stakes with trailblazer Summerspirit Clint Eastwood crowned the first silken to earn his FAST title, having been the first to achieve IFAST in 2021. Below are the Year End Dash titles as verified by the ISWS Dash record keeper (20.01.2023).

Name	Ref Name	RegNo	Owner	Date Earned Title		
				BFAST	IFAST	FAST
Drifter	Summerspirit Clint Eastwood	2019-784/01	Allen			5/22/2022*
Rocky	Siendo's Rocky Mountain	2016-554/02	Allen	05/22/2022	10/29/2022	12/01/2023
Asti	Empyrean Moscato d'Asti	2018-729/04	Sydow		04/02/2022	
Marty	Back To The Future From Spirit	2018-717/04	T&D Baker & K Allen	3/20/2022		
Charity	Tangaloor a Million Dreams	2020-800/02	Rapier	04/09/2022		
Winnie	Perla Cant Help Falling N Love	2021-925/03	Allen	04/23/2022		
Duchess	Starfyre Don't Touch My Tiara	2019-779/02	Hicks	05/14/2022		
Sonnet	Starfyre Sonnet	2013-422/01	Hicks	05/14/2022		
Tawny	Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here I Go Again	2015-475/02	Shell/Whitlock	05/14/2022		
Iittalia	Starfyre Iittala	2019-780/02	Hicks	05/15/2022		
Harley	Starfyre Harlequin	2018-681/02	Hicks	05/15/2022		
Celeste	Allagante Celestial Starfyre	2015-505/02	Hicks/Sanders	05/15/2022		
Kirin	Avalon Beyond Compare	2019-742/04	Moore/Moore-Doby	05/22/2022		
Bitty	Avalon DragonSong	2019-788/02	Moore/Moore-Doby	05/22/2022		
Sylvie	Attaway's Mystic Topaz	2021-975/02	Sydow	10/01/2022		
Austri	Sigil Spirit of Light	2021-917/03	Luedecke	10/08/2022		
Cricket	WindNSatin Breath of Fresh Air	2017-597/04	Ulrich	10/28/2022		
Henson	Full Tilts Dreamfast	2021-984/05	Sydow	10/29/2022		
Lilo	Perla Stuck On You	2021-925/06	Allen	10/29/2022		
Ginger	Perla Suspicious Minds	2021-925/02	Allen	11/18/2022		
Fossil	Full Tilt Standing Stones	2021-984/02	Allen	11/19/2022		
Daphne	Perla Witchcraft	2021-925/01	Allen	11/29/2022		

Based on ISWS Dash Rules 2021



Two ISWS FAST Silken Windhounds in action

Looking forward to many more successes in 2023.

2022 End Of Year Rankings

Silkens are adaptable to many disciplines. In America Silken Windhounds can affiliate to one of three racing groups, each specializing in their own format. Most up to date rankings are as follows:

(Unfortunately, I can no longer access rankings for the disciplines of Agility and Barn Hunt).

ASFA – America Sighthound Field Association

This group promotes the sport of lure coursing where hounds are judged on their speed, enthusiasm, agility, follow and endurance. The club breaks the country down into 10 regions, each region having their own clubs and events. See www.asfa.org for more details.

ASFA: Top 10 2022 Rankings. Total Competing: 87

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner	Top 20 points	BOB Wins	BIF Earned
1	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante LCM	K. & P. Sanders	75	6	0
2	Chyna	Bill Allagante Beyond Compare LCM	K. & P. Sanders	65	2	0
3	Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara	K. & P. Sanders	55	2	0
4	Guinness	Starfyre Magical FCh	Hicks/Grant-Beuttler/Beuttler	34	8	0
5	Kenan	Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan	I. Stetson	32	2	1
6	Foxy	Avalon Foxtrot FCH	S. Moore/P. Moore	30	9	0
7	Sienna	Windspirit Allagante Sienna LCM3	P. & K. Sanders	29	1	0
7	Finnegan	UKC Ch Clayborn Flight Of The Bumblebee FCh,SSR,GRC,JOR	L. Halvorsen	29	7	0
7	Nita	CSB Agent Bonita @ Regalant FCh	K. Houghton/S. & C. Beckerman	29	3	0
10	Verse	CSB Multiverse Traveler @ Spirit FCh	S. & C. Beckerman	28	20	4

ASFA: Top 10 2022 Singles Stakes. Total Competing: 37

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner	Top 20 points
1	Rocket	CSB Agent Rocket Belt	Beckerman	48
2	Bodhi	Legend Kristull Cardamon Kheer	Rennenkampf	46
3	Audrey	Runway's Audrey Hepburn	Watson / Norris	30
4	Lars	CSB Agent Morzeny	Stegal / Sisler / Howdysheal	23
5	Thor	Starfyre Enraptured	Hicks / Jackson	18
6	Beau	Starfyre Spellbound	Hicks / Torres	16
6	Iduna	Chrysopoeia's Paris Angelicus	Storm	16
8	Lalique	Starfyre Lalique	Adamo / Hicks	13
8	Lou	CSB Agent Mr KissKissBangBang	Beckerman	13
10	Verse	CSB Multiverse Traveler @ Spirit	Beckerman	12

ASFA New Titles 2022.

Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Date	Owner
Field Champion			
Three	CSB Agent Rosa Klebb #3, B199,511, B, Sep 25, 2018	Mar 13, 2022	Steven & Christina Beckerman
BeeBee	Clayborn's To Bee Or Not To Bee, B342,435, B, Mar 22, 2020	Mar 19, 2022	Cathi Wester
Saucy	Allagante Sundance Sausalito, B212,248, B, Jun 06 2018	Apr 10 2022	Karen Sanders & Lori Idsinger
Nita	CSB Agent Bonita @ Regalant, B308,306, B, Feb 12 2020	May 14, 2022	Kathryn Houghton, Steven & Christina Beckerman
Finnegan	UKC Ch Clayborn Flight Of The Bumblebee, SSR,GRC,JOR, B342,438, D, Feb 22 2020	Sep 24, 2022	Linnae Halvorsen
Joker	Starfyr Prankster, B177,250, D, Apr 01, 2018	Sep 24 2022	Ashley Caskey, Andrew Huston, Keith & Jolene Hicks
Starr	Clayborn's Belle Starr, B191,552, B, May 07, 2018	Oct 15, 2022	Kathryn Houghton
Guinness	Starfyr Magical, B425,988, D, Nov 01, 2020	Dec 17, 2022	Jolene & Keith Hicks, Marybeth Grant-Beuttler & Richard Beuttler
Lydia	Clayborn's Ladybug, A795,170, B, Dec 18, 2014	Dec 18, 2022	Cathi Wester
Verse	CSB Multiverse Traveler @ Spirit, B183,744, B, May 21, 2018	Dec 28, 2022	Steven & Christina Beckerman
Foxy	Avalon Foxtrot, P981-755, B, Feb 08, 2021	Dec 31, 2022	Sandra Moore & Paula Moore
Lure Courser of Merit			
Kenai	Starfyr Whimsical @ Allagante, FCh, B177,251, B, Apr 01, 2018	Jul 31, 2022	Karen & Paul Sanders
Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP)			
Xena	Wildrose Allagante As You Wish, B265,101, B, Mar 03 2019	Apr 17 2022	Leigh Alexander
SW Audrey	Runway's Auderey Hepburn, B499,267, B, Feb 04, 2021	Nov 06, 2022	Lynda Watson & Casey Norris

LGRA - Large Gazehound Racing Association

This groups specializes in straight grass track racing over a distance of 200 yards. Winning hounds earn points towards champion titles, GRC and Superior titles, NRC. See www.lgra.org for more details.

LGRA: Top Ten 2022

SILKEN WINDHOUND					
RANK	LRN	NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	Points
1	SW-658	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SGRC	Sanders	56.00
2	SW-633	Joker	Starfyr Prankster GRC	Caskey/Huston/Hicks	24.00
3	SW-674	Zedd	Empyrean Zinfindel GRC	Frey	19.75
4	SW-565	EZ	Allagante Perect Isn't Easy SGRC3	Sanders/Sanders	19.00
5	SW-648	Briggs	Silken Mythology Briggs SGRC	Mohler	16.00
6	SW-691	Cricket-U	PR WindNSatin Breath of Fresh Air SGRC2	Ulrich	14.50
6	SW-772	Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara	Sanders	14.50
6	SW-471	Sienna	Windspirit Allagante Sienna SGRC	Sanders/Sanders	14.50
9	SW-746	Foxy	UKC Ch Avalon Foxtrot GRC	Moore/Moore	12.00
10	SW-656	Kenai	Starfyr Whimsical @ Allagante SGRC	Sanders	11.25

NOTRA - National Oval Track Racing Association

This group encourages competitive oval racing, and it is possible to earn points towards the Oval Racing Champion (ORC). See www.notra.org for more details.

NOTRA: Top Ten 2022.

PL	NRN	NAME	FULL NAME	OWNER	NORC
1	SW-304	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SORC	Sanders	17.00
2	SW-332	Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara	Sanders	7.00
3	SW-200	Sienna	Windspirit Allagante Sienna SORC	Sanders	5.50
4	SW-255	EZ	Allagante Perfect Isn't Easy SORC	Sanders	4.00
5	SW-322	Finnegan	Clayborn Flight of the Bumblebee JOR	Halversen	3.50
6	SW-298	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante SOR ORC	Sanders	3.50
7	SW-286	Aria	Maria de Medici SORC	Vondermuhl/Port	2.50
8	SW-268	Carina	HHF Catarina De Medici SOR ORC	Vondermuhl	2.00
8	SW-343	Guinness	Starfyre Magical	Grant-Beuttler/Beuttler & Hicks	2.00
10	SW-201	Tani	Kohana's Autumn Midnight Magic SOR ORC	Vondermuhl/Port	1.25

NOTRA New Titles 2022:

Title	NRN	CALL NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	DATE EARNED
JOR	SW-301	Saucy	Allagante Sundance Sausalito JOR	Sanders	May 22, 2022
JOR	SW-311	Joker	Starfyre Prankster JOR	Caskey/Huston/Hicks	May 29, 2022
JOR	SW-362	Finnigan	Windsong Faster Than Light	Otteson	May 30, 2022
JOR	SW-247	Camper	Inphenite Sumrsprt Happycamper JOR	Murphy	Nov 6, 2022
SOR	SW-298	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante SOR	Sanders	March 27, 2022
ORC	SW-298	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante ORC	Sanders	March 27, 2022
ORC	SW-258	Bourbon	Allagante Bourbon Street ORC	Sanders	May 22, 2022
SORC	SW-255	EZ	Allagante Perfect Isn't Easy SORC	Sanders	May 21, 2022
SORC	SW-304	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SORC	Sanders	May 29, 2022
SORC	SW-286	Aria	Maria de Medici SORC	Vondermuhl	Nov 5, 2022

2022 Statistics:

- Silken Windhounds achieved the highest number of new NOTRA registrations at a grand 28
- Silken Windhound owners were the most represented with 28 different owners
- Silken Windhounds scored second highest with 38 individual hounds participating

Silkens Windhounds registered with UKC can compete competitively at UKC Conformation shows and earn points which count towards the ISWS Champion title.

BREED: SILKEN WINDHOUND (https://www.ukcdogs.com/conformation-top-ten)			
Rank	Registered Name	Owner	Points
1	GRCH'PR' Allagante Inphenite-y & Beyond	Jennifer Vookles	114
2	EGCH'PR' Attaway Dancing On The Ceiling SPOT	Kirsten Ulrich	100
3	EGCH Kristulls Icon Of Royal Sooner	Brenda R Young	87
4	UCD EGCH URO3'PR' Firebirds B-1 Lancer SPOT	Denise Young	79
5	CH'PR' Allagante Cloud of Ashfall SPOT-On	Leigh Alexander	68
6	GRCH Allagante Inphenite-ly Special	J Vookles	63
7	EGCH'PR' Firebird's Han Solo Dna	Janell Sharber, Barbara A Deis	57
8	CH'PR' Talismans Gyrfalcon	Joyce Chin	54
9	CH'PR' Windhsatin Jewel In The Nite	Mary Childs, Richard Hunter, Chris Hunter	53
10	RGCH'PR' Huntersrun Time 4 Butterscotchdna	Richard Hunter	48

Rank	Registered Name	Owner	Points
8th	GRCH'PR' Allagante Inphenite-y & Beyond	Jennifer Vookles	149
10th	EGCH'PR' Attaway Dancing On The Ceiling SPOT	Kirsten Ulrich	140



ISWS Shows - Round Up 2022

A round up of sanctioned ISWS Specialties worldwide. Many Specialties run the course of 2-3 days and incorporate a racing discipline into the program of events. They are an opportunity for silken fanciers in each location to come together and celebrate the breed. Since the inception of the ISWS FAST Dash, this too has become a popular addition to the programme.

SWTT Lone Star Classic ~ 26.03.2022

Magnolia, Texas

10th Anniversary incorporating two ISWS Specialty Shows

Show One – Judge: Mrs Joyce Chin Principle Winners:

Winners Dog: UKC CH Magenta Knight – Francie Stull

Winners Bitch: UKC GRCH Kristull Q'lover – Francie Stull

BISS: UKC GRCH Kristull Q'lover – Francie Stull

BOS: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Empire – RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock

BOW: UKC GRCH Kristull Q'lover – Francie Stull

Best Veteran: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Empire – RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Kumbaya Silkendream Maychen – Jan Decker

Best Bred By Exhibitor: UKC CH Empyrean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey

Awards of Merit:

ISWS CH Wyndolyn First Noel – Carmen Carrouche,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here I Go Again - RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Kumbaya Silkendream Maychen – Jan Decker

Best Puppy: JusRics The Poetry Man – Rick Carr

Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Tangaloor Clean Sweep – Jan Decker

Best Junior: Dylan Sydow



BISS, BOW, WB – Kristull Q'lover



BOS, B.Veteran
ISWS Ch UKC GRCH Gryffyn's
Aeyrie Empire

Altered

Altered BISS: ISWS CH UKC CH Morgandell Up In The Air – Kent Jones

Altered WD: UKC AEGRCH Broadway's Once And For All – Janis Bastian

Altered WB: UKC GRCH Allagante Luminosity RioKin – Lydia Jorgenson, Karen Sanders, Paul Sanders

Altered Best Opposite: UKC AEGRCH Broadway's Once And For All – Janis Bastian

Altered BOW: UKC GRCH Allagante Luminosity RioKin – Lydia Jorgenson, Karen Sanders, Paul Sanders

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## Show Two – Judge: Mr Keith Hicks

### Principle Winners:

Winners Dog: UKC CH JusRics Entourage Pegasus – Rick Carr

Winners Bitch: UKC GRCH Entourage JusRics One Love – Jan Decker

BISS: UKC CH JusRics Entourage Pegasus – Rick Carr

BOS: UKC GRCH Entourage JusRics One Love – Jan Decker

BOW: UKC CH JusRics Entourage Pegasus – Rick Carr

Best Veteran: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Kristull Tirza – Francie Stull

Best Opposite Sex Veteran: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Empire – RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock

Best Bred By Exhibitor: UKC CH Empyrean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey

Awards of Merit:

Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here IGoAgain - RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Kristull Tirza – Francie Stull,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Empire – RLynn Shell and Victor Whitlock

Best Puppy: Full Tilts Dreamfast – Ashley Sydow

Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Tangaloor Clean Sweep – Jan Decker

Best Junior: Dylan Sydow

## Altered

Altered BISS: ISWS CH UKC CH Morgandell Up In The Air – Kent Jones

Altered WD: UKC AEGRCH Broadway's Once And For All – Janis Bastian

Altered WB: UKC GRCH Allagante Luminosity RioKin – Lydia Jorgenson, Karen Sanders, Paul Sanders

Altered Best Opposite: UKC AEGRCH Broadway's Once And For All – Janis Bastian

Altered BOW: UKC AEGRCH Broadway's Once And For All – Janis Bastian



BISS, BOW, WB  
UKC Ch. JusRics Entourage



BBE  
UKC Ch. Empyrean Zinfindel



Best Opp Puppy (with Judge)  
Tangaloor Clean Sweep





# SilkenFest 2022

8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Purina Farms, Gray Summit, Missouri

*ISWS National Breed Specialty featuring Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, UKC & Rally-O obedience trials, LGRA, ASFA and NOTRA race meets*



Coverage on SilkenFest 2022 is a little fuller than last year which hopefully is appreciated. Regrettably the weather conditions impacted some of the racing events where the decision was made to cancel ASFA and NOTRA. By default, this invalidated the results for Archway Iron Hound. However, awards for Archway Triathlete and Pentathlete were still presented.

This year our Judges have kindly shared their critiques and being the National show, it felt appropriate to include them.

Many of our events are reported in pictures, SilkenFest was no exception. These were as follows:

## SILKENFEST SHOW PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Wonderful Trophies by T. Timm-Miller



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National Sweepstakes Judge: Sandra Moore Principle Winners:

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: CSB Agent Bell Rocket Belt – Steven & Christina Beckerman

Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Sweepstakes: WindNSatin Jewel in the Nile – Mary Childs



Best Veteran In Sweepstakes: ISWS Ch, UKC Ch 'PR' SpringLane's Hermes – J. R. Miller-Stewart & T. Timm-Miller

Best Opposite of Sex Veterans in Sweepstakes: ISWS Ch Windspirit Allagante Sienna FCh, LCM3, GRC6, SORC – P. & K. Sanders

Critique

First of all thank you to everyone for bringing your puppies out. It was a privilege to be able to judge the Silkenfest sweeps. You are probably going to see that I will repeat myself in these comments, and that is because just as all judges do, I have my own set of priorities when assessing a dog.

3-6 puppy dogs- 1st. Regalant Sparkle Supreme. The first-place dog was a bit better trained and I got to see him trot a bit more than the second place puppy. First place also had better shoulder layback and prosternum and did not break at the pasterns. He will be interesting to watch grow up.

6-9 puppy dogs- 1st. Redshift Viking@ Starfyre. The first-place dog moved better going around and down and back. His tail carriage could be a bit better as he carried it rather like a setter but all in all a very well put together dog with a nice front end.

9-12 puppy dogs- 1st. Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons. Another nice male with good movement earned first in this class of 3. This class did not have as much shoulder and upper arm layback in it overall.

12-15 puppy dogs- 1st. CSB Agent Bell Rocket Belt. This was a tough class, the first and second place dogs were different in style but similar in movement. My choice in this class for first place brought comments from other people who were not exhibiting afterwards of "I thought you hated oversized dogs, or I would have entered". So yes, I had an oversized dog who aside from that and setter like tail carriage was near perfect with great running gear, good rib spring and a pleasant head and expression. He had the best front with tremendous upper arm, shoulder and prosternum of any puppy I examined, and he used them well all the way to Best in Puppy Sweeps. My second place dog was in size and a nice mover but not quite as good as first place. So what I would say breeders need to take away from this (since I believe a brother of his was also WD under the regular judge) is that if you don't want judges to put up over sized dogs then quit showing them, or agree on a size DQ or pick up the game putting good fronts on the dogs. As a judge it is one thing for me to choose not to go forward in breeding or showing with an oversize dog but the standard does not severely penalize oversize. It only faults oversize.

15-18 puppy dogs-1st. Broadway Howls Moving Castle CGC. First place in this class was a very well coated nice moving male, under the coat he did not have the prosternum of some of the other class winners, and I found his ear set a little lower than I prefer.

3-6 puppy bitches – 1st. Regalant Earliglow. Only one puppy but quite a nice puppy and when she settled down moved very well. I very much liked her front and her style. I found out later she was a littermate to first place in the same dog class.

6-9 puppy bitches-1st. Regalant Mezza Luna. 2 puppies in this class and again while both were nice, the first-place puppy had the better front set on than the second place.

9-12 puppy bitches – 1st. Kristull Xxss. I really liked my first place in this class, she was well put together and her front was exactly what it needed to be, had quite a lot of coat, and nice running gear. While she out moved her class her tendency to trot with her head beneath the level of the shoulders which is probably a training issue made it impossible to go any further with her as the other dogs in Best in Sweeps moved out better.

12-15 puppy bitches-1st. WindNSatin Jewel in the Night. This was another tough class that my eventual Best Op in Puppy Sweeps came from. This bitch and the second place in this class were just lovely with the eventual winner just keeping on delivering on movement and not setting anything wrong. I would say all the bitches who placed in this class have lovely fronts, but I had to grade them the way I saw them on the day.

15-18 puppy bitch-1st. Broadway Spirited Away. A nice bitch with good type but not the front end that I was looking for.

Best Puppy in Sweeps to the 12-15 male winner and Best Op Puppy in Sweeps to the 12-15 female winner.

Veteran Sweeps

Dogs 7-10 years- 1st. ISWS Ch, UKC Ch 'PR' SpringLane's Hermes. OK I'm going to say this dog is everything right about the breed, he's in size he is balanced front and rear, has coat and breed type and a great front. I realize that sometimes people think we must progress, but progress is not good if it means we forget how to breed good fronts. He was my Best in Veteran Sweeps and I understand he also went BOB in the regular show.

Bitches 7-10 -1st. ISWS Ch Windspirit Allagante Sienna FCh, LCM3, GRC6, SORC. This was a big class with a lot of bitches I wish I had more ribbons for, my eventual winner in this class never set a foot wrong, and looked like a true coursing hound as though she could run all day. That was really the difference in the 4 placing bitches in this class she was "on" for the entire time in the ring. She was also my Best Op in Veteran Sweeps.

Bitches 13 and over- 1st. UKC ALGrCH UR01 Firebird's Star of Sagitta. These girls were both incredibly sound with good fronts. On a given day either could win but one just out moved the other in front of me a little.

A note on veterans, in my opinion almost every veteran was better than most of the puppies in terms of movement and front ends. Maybe that is something we might all look at.

AKC Breeder of Merit Platinum-Borzoi
Borzoi Club of America Lifetime member

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## National Specialty Judge: Dr Francis Broadway Principle Winners:

BOB, Best Veteran: ISWS DC, UKC CH 'PR' SpringLane's Black Orchid DNA FCh – T Timm-Miller

BOS, Best Opposite Veteran: ISWS Ch, UKC Ch 'PR' SpringLane's Hermes – T Timm-Miller & J R Miller-Stewart



BOW, Winners Bitch: WindNSatin Rubies in the Night – Angela Crowley

Winners Dog: CSB Agent Mr KissKiss Bang – S Stegall-Sisler, C & S Beckerman

Res. Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor: Starfyre Magical – R. Beuttler, M Grant-Beuttler, K & J Hicks

Res Winners Bitch: Starfyre littala – Keith & Jolene Hicks

Best Bred by Exh: Starfyre Magical – K & J Hicks

Best Puppy: Regalant Mezza Luna – K Houghton & D Bozgan

Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Another Tequila Sunrise@Spirit NTD-M – H Borning & J Anderson



### Non-Regular Classes

Best Stud Dog: UR02 GrCH Starfyre Gold Zircon LCM, EC3, GRC, SSR, JOR, CD, ITD, CGC – K & J Hicks

Best Brood Bitch: BIS BISS ISWS Ch, UKC GrCh Kristull Tirza – Francie Stull

Best Brace: ISWS Ch, UKC Ch 'PR' SpringLane's Hermes / 'PR' SpringLane's Hera (*LHS below*)

Best Junior Showmanship: UKC GrCh UR01 Satsuma Beignet at Broadway SPOT – Annika Young (Age 14) (*RHS below*)

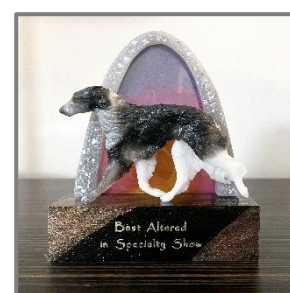


### **ALTERED**

Alt BOB, Alt BOW, Alt Winners Dog:

ALCH Road Warrrior @Spirit CD RE OAP OJP CGCA CGCU TKA JSR – H & J Borning (*LHS below*)

Alt, BOS: UKC ALGrCh UR01 Firebird's Star of Sagitta – J. Vookles (*RHS below*)



Alt Winners Bitch: Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico RATI, RATN – Emily Buerger

Alt Res. Winners Bitch: UKC ALCH Satsuma Tweedledee SPOT-ON – Leah Aleshire

Alt Res. Winners Dog – IABCA INT/NAT Ch, UKC AEGCH GrCh Broadways Once and For All – Janis Bastain

### Critique

I was honored to be invited to judge the International Silken Windhound Society National specialty show at Silkenfest 2022. The hospitality afforded to me was outstanding as well as the friendly inclusive atmosphere. I hope that I made everyone feel welcomed into my ring as well as given the opportunity to evaluate their entry. As well, I hope my patience and clearly articulated directions made the day memorable. In other words, I hope my contribution will encourage all to continue in finding happiness, comfort and joy in the exhibiting of pure-bred dogs, especially the Silken Windhound.

As a breed, a pure-bred dog breed, the Silken Windhound force traditional people like me to examine assumptions about what is a breed; what are Standards; how do Standards inform judging; and how does judging translate into the evolution and future of a breed? Although I do not directly address these questions, in this critique, essay, I focus on sharing the qualities that I used to make my decisions as well as the outstanding qualities of a few individuals who were awarded the top prizes by me.

**ISWS DC, UKC CH "PR" SpringLane's Black Orchid, DNA**, the Best of Breed and Best Veteran winner and **ISWS CH, UKC CH "PR" SpringLane's Hermes, DNA**, the Best of Opposite Sex to the Best of Breed and Best Veteran winner communicated companionship – “While this breed exhibits strong prey drive in the field, they are gentle, affectionate, devoted companion animals in the home”. In other words, these two individuals represented what I want in a companion. A dog primary for companionship is my synthesis of the standard. How companionship is quantified in the standard is difficult to determine. Another element in judging according to the standard is how do the individual elements combine to express the whole. This is not to negate or minimize physical requirements of the standard for “an elegant, small to medium-sized sighthound... a true coursing dog” but to prioritize function over form. If the aforementioned comments suggest the history of the breed – why was the breed developed? – then I can be accused of reading, analyzing and understanding the standard as an historical document that reflects the time and place when and where the standard was written and approved.

In studying and preparing for this assignment, I synthesized that the Silken Windhound standard is well written especially in terms of describing parts of the Silken Windhound, but the sum of the parts, which maybe is represented by the Silken Windhound outline included in the Official United Kennel Club Breed Standard, is very weak. In other words, I needed a picture (correct or incorrect) in my mind's eyes as I read and made sense of the words and the description of specific parts that compose the Standard.

**ISWS DC, UKC CH "PR" SpringLane's Black Orchid, DNA (BOB)** is an ideal size – somewhat small, somewhat medium, but definitely just right – for a companion with the elements that communicate a “true coursing dog”, a sighthound. She has a head set on a long, slender, slightly arched, well-muscled and powerful neck with the requisite arch coming out the skull which led to the topline described in the Breed Standard. (In general, a larger majority of the entry had the topline described by the Breed Standard which on one hand made judging difficult but speaks phenotypically well for the breed.) Her running gear was within the form(s) necessary for highly efficient functional coursing dogs. If a breed has a singular function such as drop/sprint or search/sprint, it is easier to determine the necessary running gear form for the function, but with the Silken Windhound that has a multiplicity of functions, the ideal form is problematic. In other words, adjectives, such as good, and adverbs, such as well, suggest a range as these words are used by numerous breeds, both sighthounds and other non-sighthound breeds in order to construct dogs' forms for different function. Considering the coat should not be “profuse enough to obscure the outline of the Silken Windhound, nor so long as to interfere with the function of a coursing hound, her coat was outstanding in length, texture and abundance – again to the point of making her an archetype. Probably the characteristic that most likely cause her to stand out was her expressions. In the setting such as The Gateway Hall in the Purina Farm Event Center demand a multitude of reactions, often facial expressions, to the overabundance of stimuli at any one

point in time. Because my Best of Breed winner had the head as described by the standard, she could and did communicate multiple expressions many I guess you would never see on her face if she was sitting on the couch at home. (One expression of appearing on her face was total disgust at being at the dog show in the first place although there were many more moments of pleasure, pleasing her handler!).

I do not think that there is anything that would have reversed my decision and place my Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, **ISWS CH, UKC CH "PR" SpringLane's Hermes, DNA** to the top award for the day. It comes down to the art of judging versus the science of judging. With this size entry and the commitment of many, many, many people to “prove” that the Silken Windhound is a pure-bred dog – writ a high correlation between phenotype and genotype, the art of judging was the overriding decision maker.

Professionally as a qualitative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education researcher, I am aware of the biases I bring to my research and, in this case, my judging especially if judging is viewed as a scientific empirical activity. For Best of Breed, you might accuse me of being bias toward bitches, which could be true as my Saluki breeding program evolved to produce outstanding bitches; for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch you might accuse me of a bias to a particular style namely the style communicated with the illustrations of the Silken Windhound, but it is my selection of Winners Dog, **CSB Agent Mr Kiss Kiss Bang**, that maybe illustrated my ability to overcome my biases. He won his class on his outstanding moving both coming and going and from the side. Coming and going he was very clean, no interference and enough distance between legs to support his body and from the side, his movement at the trot had “the appearance of placing the hind feet directly in the footprints of the front feet”; however, when it came to the Winners class, my bias towards the Bred-by Exhibitor winner reared. (Note: While I was judging, a Saluki I co-bred and co-own was awarded Best Bred-by Exhibitor – 6 months and under 12 months at the Saluki Club of America National Specialty in the Great Hall of the Purina Farms Event Center. Also, another Saluki I co-bred and co-own was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bred by Exhibitor 12 months and older Dog class at the 2022 SCOA National.) The bred-by exhibitor class winner who became Reserve Winners and Best Bred-by Exhibitor, **Starfyre Magical**, was outstanding because he possessed many of the parts and qualities I outlined in my description of the Best of Breed winner. I might debate if the Winners Dog and the Reserve Winners Dog were the same dog in different skins as I have intimated the written standard implies a “range” of acceptability and I (maybe) err in one direction. My recollection is, although both dogs exhibited plenty of angulation so that the legs are well set underneath the dog and the flat-muscled shoulder blades were well laid back, **CSB Agent Mr Kiss Kiss Bang** presented a smaller angle between the shoulder blade and the humerus than **Starfyre Magical**, but which forefront is more functional and functional for what activity? Very true to the standard as written, **CSB Agent Mr Kiss Kiss Bang's** pieces created a different phenotypical style, a style that I determine was within the genetic material that produced, originated, and established the Silken Windhound. The teacher who is me asked the student who was me in the middle of the ring, if this style is correct given that that style was not in large numbers, not seemingly popular? This may have been a mistake on my part, but it is a question: Are there numerous styles of Silken Windhounds described by the standard; what are those styles; which styles are acceptable and which are not acceptable? Those questions are questions that the Silken Windhound community will need to address as it moves forward to recognition within additional registries and organizations.

My supreme awardee Winners Bitch and Best of Winners **WindNSatin Rubies In The Night**, who effortlessly cover large amount of ground in long powerful strides, never letting down on the move – an endurance dog as well as a sprinter. Further, unbeknownst to me at the time, discovering the relationship between the litter mates **SpringLane's Flying Vixen** CIC, CQ, CGC (BOB, BOW, WB) and **SpringLane's Magical Prancer** (WD), at my first Silken Windhound judging assignment – Ohio Classic, September 2008 and the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex winners.

I have not written about the negatives. I wished to be thoughtful, inquisitive, and questioning in my recollecting and critiquing.

Dr. Francis Broadway



## SilkenFest 2022 ~ LGRA Results

BOB: Allangte Perfect isn't Easy EZ – K & P Sanders

BOS: Sienna – K & P Sanders

Best Veteran: Sienna – K & P Sanders



## SilkenFest 2022 ~ Archway Hounds Triathlete

(Specialty, ASFA & LGRA or NOTRA)

UKC Ch Starfyre Prankster JOR, FCH, SGRC – Ashley Caskey

(photo credit: Mary Huff Photography)

## SilkenFest 2022 ~ Archway Hounds Pentathlete

(Specialty, ASFA & any three other events: LGRA, NOTRA, Rally-O, Obedience)

CSB Agent Bonita @ Regalant – K. Houghton, S. & C. Beckerman



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SilkenFest 2022 ~ Rally O Results

High Junior in Trial: Satsuma Beignet at Broadway – Denise Young (RO2A)

High In Trial: Attaway Dancing on the Ceiling – Kirsten Ulrich (RO1B)

It could not be left unsaid that the first Silken Windhound to earn their United Rally Obedience Champion title (UROC) completed this during SilkenFest, where they collected the final points. Congratulations to Stephanie Rae Basler and UKC GCH ISWS CH UROC PN Tangaloor Whole Nine Yards CGC SPOT-ON ITD NTD-M 2K9 T3 Total Dog (x2)



SilkenFest 2022 ~ Obedience Trial Results

High In Trial: AICH Road Warrior @ Spirit – Hannah & Joe Borning (Novice B) *(LHS below)*
Combined High Score in Trial: Oak Creek's Once Phylo – Alexis Vernatter (Pre-Novice) *(RHS below)*



UK Silken Windhound Club ~ 9/10 July 2022

Kent, UK

A 2-day event including 2 ISWS Specialty Shows and a straight grass track competition



UKSWC Winner Show 2022 - Judge: Mrs. H. Busby Principle Winners:

Best In Show, BOW, WB: Endeavor B*Witched – G Grist

Best Opposite, Best Veteran: ISWS Ch & Gr Ch Kumbaya Moon Tide Effect – H & M Tringham

Winners Dog: Starborough Skylark – S. Coughlan

Res. Winners Dog: Kushbudar Velvet Moon – H & M Tringham

Res. WB, Best Bred by: Kushbudar Star of Cashmere - H & M Tringham

Best Junior, Best Puppy: Endeavor East 17 – H Muir

Best American Bred: Winsome's In Vogue – R & L Lloyd

Best Altered in Show: Endeavor Atomic Kitten - J Dobson



Best in Show & Best Opposite



Best Junior / Puppy



Res. WB / BBE



Best American Bred



Winners Dog & Res. Winners Dog



Best Altered in Show

KENT UKSWC Winner Show 2022 - Judge: Mr. D. Evans
Principle Winners:

Best In Show, BOW, WD, BBE: Kushbudar Velvet Moon – H & M Tringham
Best Opposite, Best Veteran: ISWS Ch Kushbudar Countess Caithleen - H & M Tringham
Res. Winners Dog: Wyndcharm Orinoco Flow – R & L Lloyd
Winners Bitch: Wyncharm Madam Moselle – S Chaplin
Res. WB, Best Junior, Best Puppy: Starborough Icelollie – L Marchant
Best American Bred: Silken Mythology Tabasco – A Kotova & A Dhar

Best Altered in Show: Endevor Miz Teeq – J. Dobson



Best in Show & Best Opposite



Winners Bitch & Res. Winners Bitch



Res. Winners Dog



Best American Bred



Best Altered in Show

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UKSWC Track Event 2022 ~ Racing

In conjunction with Harvel P.W.R.C, incorporating ISWS FAST Dash

A timed trial - run solo – to incorporate the ISWS DASH. Therefore, regardless of final placings every owner who selects to participate in the DASH still accumulates points towards these titles. The winners from the open dog/bitch class were a repeat of 2021 but that is no discredit to the others in these very strong classes. It was also good to see new talent emerging in the novice classes.

Fastest Dog: KUSHBUDAR VELVET MOON – H & M Tringham

Fastest Bitch: KRISTULL XQUIZEET - Lewis, Grist & Rodgers

Novice Dog: NAVYROSESH ANCHORS AWEIGH - Rodgers, Lewis & Grist

Novice Bitch: ENDEVOR SUNRISE SUNSET – G Grist

Best Veteran: ISWS CH. PENGYBROOK ENDEVOR JUSTADUDE – J Rodgers & S Lewis



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UKSWC look forward to their 2023 weekender



NWFEST 2022 ~ 30.07 to 01.08.2022

Allagante Silken, Damasus, Oregon

2 x ISWS Specialties; ASFA All Breed Field Trial & LGRA All Breed Race Meet



Show One - Judge: Stan Matsumoto

Principle Winners:

BISS, BV: ISWS CH Allagante Moondance WildRose – T Mills

BOSS, BOW, WD: Allagante DucatiEnduroStarfyre – K & J Hicks

RWD: Wyndolyn Winsome's Kenan – I Stetson

WB: Satsuma Endora – J Ceballos & R Miller

RWB, BBE: Wyndolyn I'm All That – S Mohler

Award of Merit

AOM - ISWS CH Allagante Bootlegger – H Tregillus, J Morris, K & P Sanders

AOM - ISWS CH Allagante WildRose BooCay - T Mills & K Sanders

AOM - ISWS CH Starfyre KoroitOpalatInPhenite – K & J Hicks



BOSS, BOW, WD & BP

Best Puppy: Allagante DucatiEnduroStarfyre - K & J Hicks

BOSS Puppy: Allagante Electric Serendipity – S & G Stone

BOSS Veteran: ISWS CH Allagante Bootlegger – H Tregillus, J Morris, K & P Sanders

Altered

BISS: Firebirds Star of Sagitta – J Vookles

Show Two - Judge: Rosemary List

Principle Winners:

BISS: ISWS CH WildRose Allagante True Love – T Mills

BOSS: ISWS CH Winsome's Macintosh – B Goodell & I Stetson

BOW, WB: Attaway Quickstep at Wyndolyn – S Mohler

WD: ISWS CH Clayborn's Mountain Man – G & D Claggett

RWD, BBE: InPhenite Awesome Possum – J Vookles

RWB: Winsome Mipha's Grace – C Cross & I Stetson

Award of Merit

AOM - ISWS CH Allagante Bootlegger – H Tregillus, J Morris, K & P Sanders

AOM - ISWS CH Allagante WildRose BooCay - T Mills & K Sanders

AOM - ISWS CH Clayborn's Mountain Man – G & D Claggett

Best Puppy: Satsuma Last Christmas– R Thijssen

BOSS Puppy: Satsuma Joy to the World – E Chapman

Best Veteran: ISWS CH Allagante Moondance WildRose – T Mills

BOSS Veteran: ISWS CH Allagante Bootlegger – H Tregillus, J Morris, K & P Sanders

Stud Dog: Satsuma Ray of Light – J Ceballos & R Miller

Brood Bitch: ISWS CH Allagante Moondance WildRose – T Mills

Altered

BISS: Allagante Samar Navabi – J Pracht

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Midwest SWA ~ Ohio Classic

Lorain County Kennel Club Park, Oberlin, Ohio.

A three-day spectacular comprising of 2 ISWS Specialties and 2 LGRA All Breed race meets



ISWS Specialty 09.09.2022 – Judge: Mr David Miller (AKC id #5128)

Principle Winners:

BOB Kristull Loyalty to the Creed – Terri Lewis & Kaitlyn Johnson (*LHS below*)
BOS Kinobi Harvest Moon – Susan Edgington (*RHS below*)



AOM	Tangaloor Whole Nine Yards – Stephanie Balser
AOM	SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart
BOW	Sigil Spirit of Light -Heather Luedecke
WD	Sigil Spirit of Light – Heather Luedecke
RWD	Melioris Hour of the Wolf – Judith Dennis & Ron Mater
WB	Kinobi Harvest Moon - Susan Edgington
RWB	Windsong Joyrun Lila Tov – Robert & Leona DuWors
BEST STUD DOG	WindnSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Kirsten Ulrich & Mary Childs
BEST BRACE	SpringLane's Hermes/SpringLane's Hera -Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart
BRED BY EXHIBITOR	Attaway's Love Will Find a Way - Melissa Pearce
BEST PUPPY	Sigil Spirit of Light – Heather Luedecke
BOS PUPPY	Sigil Hijinks – Joanna Lower
BEST VET	SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart
BOS VET	Kristull Honey Ryder – Steven & Christina Beckerman
No entries for: JR HANDLER I, II; JR SHOWMANSHIP I, II; BEST BROOD BITCH	

Altered

ALT BOB	Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler
ALT BOS	Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico - Emily Buerger
ALT BOW	Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler
ALT WD	Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler
ALT RES WD	- - - N/A
ALT WB	Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico – Emily Buerger
ALT RES WB	Satsuma Tweedledee – Leah Aleshire



ALT BOB

Sweepstakes: Judge: Katie Marr

BEST PUPPY	Sigil Spirit of Light – Heather Luedecke (<i>LHS below</i>)
BEST OPP PUPPY	Regalant Mezza Luna -Donna Bozgan & Kathryn Houghton
BEST VET	Kristull Honey Ryder – Steven & Christina Beckerman (<i>RHS below</i>)
BEST OPP VET	SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart



ISWS Specialty 10.09.2022 – Judge: Mrs Carol Spritzer (AKC id #6660) Principle Winners:

BOB	SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart (<i>LHS below</i>)
BOS	Windsong Joyrun Lila Tov - Robert & Leona DuWors (<i>RHS below</i>)

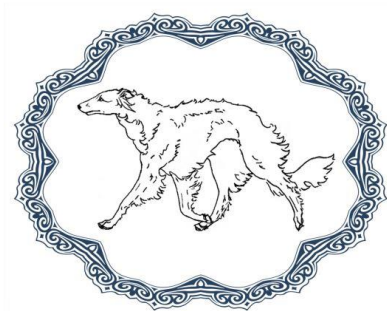


AOM	Kristull Loyalty to the Creed – Terri Lewis & Kaitlyn Johnson
AOM	Tangaloor Whole Nine Yards – Stephanie Balser
BOW	Windsong Joyrun Lila Tov - Robert & Leona DuWors
WD	WindnSatin Don't Reign on Me – Mary Childs
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BEST STUD DOG	WindnSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Kirsten Ulrich & Mary Childs
BEST BRACE	SpringLane's Hermes/SpringLane's Hera – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart
BRED BY EXHIBITOR	WindnSatin Don't Reign on Me – Mary Childs
BEST PUPPY	Regalant Allstar – Christine Liu
BOS PUPPY	WindnSatin 9 to 5 – Wendy Mydlo
BEST VET	SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart
BOS VET	Kristull Honey Ryder – Steven & Christina Beckerman
No entries for: JR HANDLER I, II; JR SHOWMANSHIP I, II; BEST BROOD BITCH	

Altered

ALT BOB	Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico - Emily Buerger
ALT BOS	Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler
ALT BOW	Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico – Emily Buerger
ALT WD	Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler
ALT RES WD	- - - N/A
ALT WB	Kinobi Oak Creek Frangelico – Emily Buerger
ALT RES WB	SpringLane's Aura – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart

NB: The Official Photographer for this event - Emily Buerger: www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com



Ohio Classic 2022 ~ LGRA Racing Results

In conjunction with Lorain Area Racing Klub

For 2022 there were 15 entrants on Saturday and 10 on Sunday.



This weekend indeed the joker was wild. Joker (Starfire Prankster) won all the high point races both Saturday and Sunday to sweep the meets. In doing so he joined an impressive list of champions that have won both race meets at the Ohio Classic: Logan, Alex, Foray, Aria, and Rocky. Joker won all the races in spite of his self-induced handicap. He prefers to run on the left side of the track. This is a good thing on the oval, but not on a straight track. On this weekend he did not give away any races by waiting for dogs to pass him so he could change lanes.

Kisch, running in her first Ohio Classic, was certainly a girl wanting to have fun. She ran second in all three races on Saturday for second place on the day and finished third on Sunday. She took the BOS award both days.

Cricket followed up very impressive second and third place performances at the 2021 Ohio Classic with second and third place performances in 2022.

Disco, Three, and Flynn were fourth, fifth and sixth on Saturday then the same three dogs changed the order on Sunday for the same three places: Flynn, Disco, and Three.

The highest scoring first time entered was Bodhi. Mouse grabbed best veteran both days. The dog with the big heart, but the fewest points on Saturday was Indy and on Sunday was Mouse. Both received strong ovations for their valiant effort and the turtle award.

2022 OHIO CLASSIC – LGRA RACE MEET - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

1 st Place	BOB	Starfyre Prankster – Caskey
2 nd Place	BOS	CBS Agent Kisch – Insley
3 rd Place		WindnSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Ulrich & Childs
4 th Place		Attaway Dancing on the Ceiling – Ulrich
5 th Place		CBS Agent Rosa Klebb #3 - Beckerman

2022 OHIO CLASSIC – LGRA RACE MEET - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

1 st Place	BOB	Starfyre Prankster – Caskey
2 nd Place		WindnSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Ulrich & Childs
3 rd Place	BOS	CBS Agent Kisch - Insley
4 th Place		WindnSatin Crown Royal Serthvn – Ulrich
5 th Place		Attaway Dancing on the Ceiling - Ulrich

Some images from the race meets. Many more on 4Steady Paws



ISWS Specialty Show hosted by Finnish Silken Windhound Club (SuSVK ry)

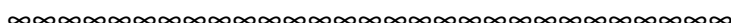


Principle Winners:

BOB Breeder group: Tsaarikon, M Saarikko



Photos by Katri Ilves: <https://karhukopla.galleria.fi/kuvat/2022/Silkkivinttikoirien+erkkari+2022/>



Canadian Silken Windhound Society ~ 24.09.2022

Airdrie, Alberta, Canada

This historic event incorporating two inaugural Canadian SW Specialties took place on 24th September 2022 with a staggering 52 entries. The second day included two opportunities to participate in the ISWS FAST Dash programme.



Show One – Judge: Merla Thomson

Principle Winners:

BISS: ISWS Ch, UKC GRCH Morgandell Vagabond – I Stetson & N Cross (*LHS below*)

BOS: BII, UKC Ch Allagante Beyond Compare FCH LMC SGRC2 ORC – K Sanders (*RHS below*)



BOW: Winners Dog: Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan - I Stetson

Winners Bitch: BII, UKC Ch Allagante Beyond Compare FCH LMC SGRC2 ORC – K Sanders

Res. WD: Runways Best Part of Waking Up – M Madeline

Res. WB: Wyndolyn's Mission Olive – I Stetson

Best Puppy: NavyRose's Heart of Oak – R Eirich & C Brown

Best Canadian Bred: Runways Best Part of Waking Up – M Madeline

Best American Bred: UKC Ch Attaway Running with the Night RATN ITD CRNMCL GRC – K & P Ng

Best Bred By Exhibitor: InPhenite Awesome Possum – J Vookles

Best Veteran: ISWS Ch, UKC GRCH, IABCA INT Ch Winsome Peppermint Patty – I Stetson

Altered BIS: Runways Blueberry Tea – A Maisuradze

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## Show Two – Judge: Valerie Hansen

### Principle Winners:

BISS: Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan - I Stetson (*LHS below*)

BOS, BOW, WB, BAB: Winsome-Kinobi's Sojourner – I Stetson (*RHS below*)



Winners Dog: NavyRose Admiral of the Fleet – N Lengies & A Kovacs

Res. WD: Satsuma Demetrius – A Kovacs

Res WB: UKC Ch Attaway Running with the Night RATN ITD CRNMCL GRC – K & P Ng

Best Puppy: Allagante Honey Bunches NTD SD-GOLD – S April

Best Canadian Bred: NavyRose Admiral of the Fleet – N Lengies & A Kovacs

Best Bred By Exhibitor: InPhenite Awesome Possum – J Vookles

Best Veteran: ISWS Ch, UKC GRCH, IABCA INT Ch Winsome Peppermint Patty – I Stetson

## Altered BIS: Runways Blueberry Tea – A Maisuradze

## Altered BOS: Satsuma Titania – E-S McLaren



## CSWS 2022 ~ Racing Results: 25.09.2022

## Results, Fast Dash #1,

1. UKC CH, STARFYRE WHIMSICAL @ ALLAGANTE FCH, LCM, SGRC, ORC (F)
2. RUNWAY'S BLUEBERRY TEA (M)
3. BII, UKC CH, ALLAGANTE BEYOND COMPARE FCH, LMC, SGRC2, ORC (F)

## Results, Fast Dash #2,

1. UKC CH, STARFYRE WHIMSICAL @ ALLAGANTE FCH, LCM, SGRC, ORC (F)
2. BII, UKC CH, ALLAGANTE BEYOND COMPARE FCH, LMC, SGRC2, ORC (F)
3. ALLAGANTE INPHENITE-LY SPECIAL (M)

NB: The Official Photographer for this event – Hillary Tregillus. More pictures at: [www.hillarytregillus.com](http://www.hillarytregillus.com)

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## Silken Windhounds of California ~ BooFest 2022

Lake Minden RV Resort, Nicolaus, California

A three-day festival hosting 2ISWS Specialty Show, Sprint racing and Lure Coursing



### ISWS Specialty Show One: 22.10.2022 – Judge: Wayne Cavanaugh Principle Winners:

BISS, BOW, Winners Dog: UKC Ch Allagante WildRose Red Bull – T Mills and K & P Sanders

BOS: Sundance Wings of Inanna – H Dakin & M Teng

Res. WD, BBE: Talisman's Gryfalcon – Joyce Chin

Winners Bitch: Winsome Mipha's Grace – N & C Cross and I Stetson

Res. WB: Talisman's New Leaf – Joyce Chin

Best Veteran: Talisman Ardent Falkor's Luck – Joyce Chin

Awards of Merit:

Gryffyn's Brave Talisman – Joyce Chin

Wyndolyn Just A Mo – S. Mohler

Best Puppy: Kadlec Catch You on the Flip Side – Susan Mohler

Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Wyndolyn No Limit – D & L. Voss

Best Stud Dog: Gryffyn's Brave Talisman – Joyce Chin

Best Brood Bitch: Winsome's Miss Kitty – H Tregillus & J Morris

Best Brace: Attaway Quickstep at Wyndolyn / Kadlec Coat of Many Colours



### Altered

ALT BOB / WB: Sunera Clayborn Inca – Christina Miller

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ISWS Specialty Show Two: 23.10.2022 – Judge: Gail Tutt Principle Winners:

BISS, Best Stud Dog: Gryffyn's Brave Talisman – Joyce Chin

BOS, Winners Bitch: Amethyst Magic Missile - H Tregillus & J Morris

BOW, Winners Dog: Talisman's New World – Joyce Chin

Res. WD: Talisman's Gryfalcon – Joyce Chin

Res. WB: Talisman of Hera – Joyce Chin

Best Bred By Exhibitor: Talisman's Gryfalcon – Joyce Chin

Best Veteran: Talisman Ardent Falkor's Luck – Joyce Chin

Awards of Merit:

Gryffyn's Kristull Blue Bayou – M Moline

Sundance Wings of Inanna – H Dakin & M Teng



Best Opposite Sex Puppy: Wyndolyn No Limit – D & L Voss

Best Brood Bitch: Wyndolyn Helia of Talisman – Joyce Chin

Best Brace: Attaway Quickstep at Wyndolyn / Kadlec Coat of Many Colours

Altered

ALT BOB / WB: Wyndolyn Helia of Talisman – Joyce Chin



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## BooFest 2022 ~ LGRA Sprint Racing Results

## High Score in Meet: Attaway Quickstep at Wyndolyn – S Mohler

High Score Opposite Sex: Silken Mythology Briggs SGRC – S Mohler

## High Score Show Champion: Wyndolyn Just a Mo – S Mohler

High Score Veteran: Wyndolyn Silent Night GRC – A Hsia



## BooFest 2022 ~ UKC Lure Coursing Results

Stake Winner/Breed Leader: Silken Mythology Briggs SGRC – S Mohler

### First Runner Up: Kinobi Star With Royal Beauty

NB: The Official Photographer for this event - Ashley Cirimeli. More pictures at: [www.ashleymcpherson.com](http://www.ashleymcpherson.com)

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Artwork by Joyce Chin.



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East Coast Silken Windhounds

Frenchtown, New Jersey

Held in conjunction with North Jersey KC UKC shows, this 2-day event included an ISWS Specialty Shows and Sweepstakes.



ISWS Specialty 13.11.2022 – Judge: Priscilla Gabosch (AKC)

Principle Winners:

Best of Breed, Best Veteran: Cool Run Winsome Sugarfoot – G Hyland-Fisher

Best of Opposite Sex: ISWS Ch UKC Ch Wildrose Allagante As You Wish – Leigh Alexander

Best of Winners, WB: UKC Ch Allagante Cloud of Ashfall Spot-On – Leigh Alexander

Res. WB, Best Bred by Exh: Cool Run Ladyhawke – A Thesis & G Hyland-Fisher

Winners Dog: UKC Ch Solo's Too Hot to Trot – Pam Kilby

Res. WD: Cool Run Adagio – G Hyland-Fisher & W Radolan

Best Puppy: CSB Agent Little Nellie – H Roller

Best Opposite Puppy: Cool Run Aracari Native Dancer – G Hyland-Fisher

Best Opp Veteran: UKC Ch ISWS Ch Kristull Honey Ryder GRC – S & C Beckerman

Best Stud Dog: Cool Run Cafe' Black Tuxedo – G Hyland-Fisher, B Bailey & W Ford

Best Brood Bitch: ISWS Ch UKC Ch Solo's Girl on Fire – Pam Kilby

Best Brace: UKC Ch ISWS Ch Kristull Honey Ryder GRC / UKC Ch CSB Multiverse Traveler @Spirit JSR – S & C Beckerman

Awards of Merit:

ISWS Ch UKC Ch, C-atch, SummersSpirit Secretariat CGC GRC TKN – Emily Buerger

ISWS Ch UKC Ch Solo's Girl on Fire – Pam Kilby



Sweepstakes & Altered - Judge: Rebecca Peters-Campbell

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: Aracari Runaway Bride – Alexis Thesis

Best Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes: Entourage Aces High – Cole I Garbo

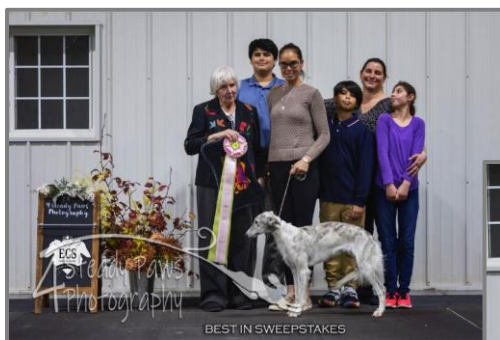
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes: UKC Ch 'PR' WindnSatin Smoke'n Hot – Anna Guinee

Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes: UKC Ch ISWS Ch Kristull Honey Ryder GRC – S & C Beckerman

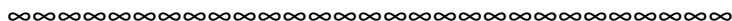
Altered Best in Show, BoW, Altered WD: Cool Run Odin – S Iacobucci & C Driscoll

Altered Best Opposite in Show, Altered WB: Cool Run Sumatra – C B Garmendia & V A White

Res. Altered WB – CSB Agent Dink: M & M Ayotte



NB: The Official Photographer for this event - Emily Buerger: www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com



SWTT Lone Star Classic ~ 17.11.2022

Bell County Expo Center, Belton, Texas

1 x ISWS Specialty Show

Judge: Alberta Evans-Conway

Principle Winners:

Winners Dog: UKC GRCH Empyrean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey

Winners Bitch: UKC CH Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium – Janell Sharber, Sue Mohler

BISS: ISWS CH UKC EGRCH Gryffyn's Kristull Blue Bayou – Monica Moline

BOS: UKC CH Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium – Janell Sharber, Sue Mohler

BOW: UKC CH Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium – Janell Sharber, Sue Mohler

Best Veteran: ISWS CH UKC GRCH Aigrette's Winsome Lass – Iola Stetson, Teresa Campbell

Best Bred By Exhibitor: UKC GRCH Empyrean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey

Awards of Merit:

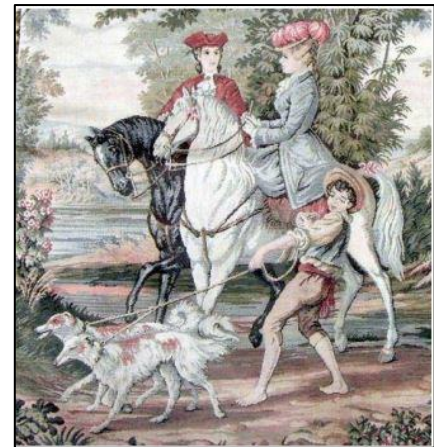
UKC GRCH Empyrean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Clayborn's Gepetto – Janell Sharber

Best Puppy: Entourage Bound To Impress – Jan Decker

Best Opposite Sex Puppy: JusRics Quierida Ava – Sarah Hill

Best Junior: Anna Wilson



Best in Specialty Show



Upcoming Events – 2023

****Please let us know of upcoming events so we can share them here.****

SilkenFest 2023

SilkenFest

Gibson Ranch, Sacramento

California

15th – 21st March 2023

Host Hotel:

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Cal Expo

1784 Tribute Rd.,

Sacramento, CA 95815

Phone: (916) 920-5400



Features

ISWS News:

AKC Judge Appointed for SilkenFest 2023

The ISWS club are extremely lucky to have appointed Dr Carmen Battaglia as our SF Conformation Judge. He will be Judging both Altered and Regular shows Friday and Saturday March 17-18, 2023.

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## The Sighthound Magazine

The Sighthound Magazine have produced a Winter 2022-23 Digital Annual for advertisers. For the first time since 1984 they have permitted advertisements for Silken Windhounds to be included. ISWS booked a two-page advert. Many thanks to Ashley Cirimeli for the artwork at quite short notice!

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The Canine Chronicles

The February 2023 edition of the prestigious magazine Canine Chronicles includes a feature 'Silken Windhounds – It's Time'. Written by esteemed judge Wayne Cavanaugh it is a thought-provoking article.

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## The Silken Windhound Health and Rescue

Confirmation received from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that effective December 2022, Silken Windhound Health and Recue is now a 501(c)(3) organisation. This means donors can now make tax deductible contributions.

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Switzerland recognizes the Silken Windhound as a national breed.

In June 2022 the Swiss KG (Schweizerische Kynologische Gesellschaft) agreed to accept the Silken Windhound as a recognised breed. This mean Silken Windhounds now bred in Switzerland can be issued with FCI papers.

Additionally, Silkens Windhounds will be permitted to be shown in class 11 (FCI non-recognized breed) at the FCI World Dog Show (WDS) in 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. This will be limited to Silken Windhounds from Switzerland and Slovenia only.

<https://worlddogshow.ch/>

Update: On 8th Feb 2023 phenotyping and anchoring of the breed was undertaken and approved.

Health Updates

OFA Statistics ~ July 2022

By Michelle Smith

It looks like OFA has made some fun updates to their website. They have always been a great resource for data and a very useful tool for tracking trends and health statistics. Of course, these tools only work when everyone uses them, so please take advantage of health clinics when you see them in your area and please register your results with OFA. You can find clinics here: <https://ofa.org/health-clinics/>

I was playing with the data the last few days and thought I would share some interesting numbers. Keep in mind these are only data/results that were registered/shared to the public. According to their database, 938 individual dogs have registered results with OFA. 2830 individual test results. (This would include multiple tests on the same dog and re-tests).

As an interesting side note: Windsprites have 13 dogs in the OFA database.

Here is a breakdown of registered results each year. The first Silken Windhound registered test results with OFA in 2004 and the first year I ran a health clinic at the nationals at Purina Farms was 2007. You can see an increase in registered results over the last few years. And it is great to see that COVID did not hamper health testing!

Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number
2004	4	2011	94	2018	264
2005	10	2012	68	2019	194
2006	47	2013	100	2020	329
2007	241	2014	127	2021	421
2008	37	2015	110	2022	204
2009	124	2016	213		
2010	80	2017	176		

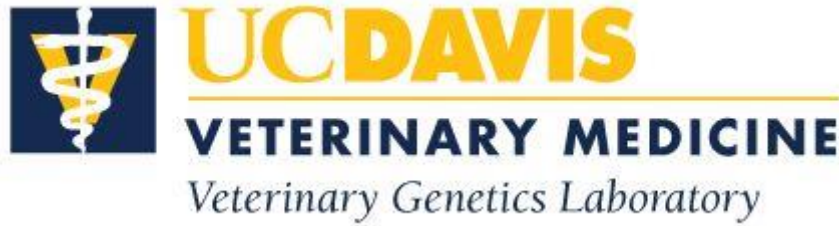
Even though the CHIC program just started this year for Silkens, lots of owners are already taking advantage and it looks like 123 Silken Windhounds already have received their CHIC numbers.

Here is a breakdown of results. Again, keeping in mind, these are results registered with OFA.

Registry	# Tested	Normal #	Normal %	Abnormal #	Carrier #	Equivocal #
EYES	798	778	97.5	20	0	0
THYROID	720	648	90	12	0	60
CONGENITAL CARDIAC	435	430	98.9	0	0	5
ADVANCED CARDIAC	247	241	97.6	2	0	4
COLLIE EYE ANOMALY	184	150	81.5	1	33	0
MULTIPLE DRUG RESISTANCE (MDR1)	171	142	83	0	29	0
DENTITION	168	150	89.3	18	0	0
BASIC CARDIAC	77	77	100	0	0	0
DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	46	46	100	0	0	0
BAER HEARING TEST	44	43	97.7	0	0	1
HIPS	5	5	100	0	0	0
ELBOW	2	2	100	0	0	0
PATELLA	2	2	100	0	0	0

Update from UC Davies

UC Davies is a Veterinary Genetics Laboratory whom ISWS collaborate with to undertake DNA verification of our Silken Windhounds. In December ISWS received this update.



As another year comes to an end, we reflect on the experiences we had and how grateful we are for our clients, collaborators, staff, and students. It is because of these relationships that we continue to advance our mission to provide accurate DNA testing services while significantly contributing to research and education that is impacting animal health.

The VGL is committed to providing high quality and accurate genetic testing services and, during the pandemic, our laboratory experienced a substantial increase in demand for services in the midst of the many COVID operational challenges. We worked hard to keep up with requests while maintaining our standards and accuracy. Despite our best efforts, our turnaround times increased. Recently, several of our clients have asked us for an update in this area, so when our clients inquire, we always answer!

Over the last year, we have continued to hire and train additional staff and we partnered with the UC Davis Office of Business Transformation to conduct a formal efficiency analysis across all our testing procedures. From this, we employed several new strategies to improve efficiency without compromising the quality and accuracy of our services. The last analysis conducted showed a 41.74% decrease in average turnaround time across species from last year. We are working hard to ensure this trend continues to improve and we hope you are noticing a positive difference.

In an effort to meet our educational mission, this year the VGL also launched our [Newsletter](https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/vgl-newsletter) (<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/vgl-newsletter>) with three issues already distributed. We hope you are learning something new about genetics, genetics testing, or the latest research with these communications. We use our newsletter to provide information on the [11 new or updated tests](https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/new-tests-2022) (<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/new-tests-2022>) launched throughout this year and describe our latest research published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. This year we contributed to 32 publications with topics ranging from the prevalence of [genetic disease variants in horses](https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/news/prevalence-genetic-variants-horse-muscle) (<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/news/prevalence-genetic-variants-horse-muscle>) with muscle disease to the [development of noninvasive technique](https://www.ucdavis.edu/climate/news/endangered-mouse-sampled-noninvasively-new-method) (<https://www.ucdavis.edu/climate/news/endangered-mouse-sampled-noninvasively-new-method>) to study the genetics of small endangered mammals.



LONGEVITY: WHY SOME BREEDS AND OWNERS LIVE LONGER

By Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

October, 2022

Not everyone who wants to be healthy and live longer will actually be able to do it. Recent studies show that those who own a dog and follow a few lifestyle recommendations have the best chances. According to research findings, scientists are racing to collect information and document how. Five factors have been identified that make the difference, and—when taken together—they confirm that doing the right things contributes to a longer and healthier life for both owners and their dogs.



Information recently collected confirms that the “absolute limit” of the human lifespan is between 100 and 150 years. This was based on the research and analysis of 70,000 participants up to age 85 and their ability to fight disease, risk of heart conditions, and cognitive impairment. Scientists now believe the future looks promising and that the secret to longevity centers around the improvements made in medicine, the environment and technology. Each plays a role and contributes to lengthening an expected lifespan for both dogs and humans.

For example, it is now known that the aging process is influenced by a powerful “biological clock,” represented by the telomere/telomerase system which repeats sequences of noncoding DNA located at the terminal ends of chromosomes. These sequences play a major role in maintaining chromosome stability including the protection of genetic material from degradation during cell division. A number of studies show that chronic social isolation results in elevated levels of hormones that consequently affects the cellular mechanisms of aging, and shortens the telomere lengths (Boonekamp et al., 2017).

Many researchers have noted that the human body is made up of about 30 trillion cells constantly dying and being replaced by new cells. Within the cell body there are chromosomes and DNA with the codes written for humans. At the end of a DNA strand is a microscopic bundle of important material that gets snipped off when the cell divides. The average cell divides itself about 50 times before it loses its ability to replicate, and as more and more cells become ineffective and die, the signs of aging start to show in gray hair, weaker bones and vision loss. For example, Puhlmann et al. (2019), reported that telomere shortening is associated with the development of several of aging-associated diseases and structural changes in various regions of the brain. His results show that in order to extend the human life span, a combination of factors must be considered that link together lifestyle, diet and exercise:

DOG OWNERSHIP AND CALORIES



Extending your dog’s lifespan by as much as three years can now be achieved by paying attention to their body condition, weight and intake of calories. This finding was reported by scientists at the Purina Farms research facility who found that owners who fed less had healthier dogs. It works for all breeds and sizes of dogs. Overweight and obese puppies and dogs have two things in common—they will have more health problems and most will have shorter lives. Researchers at several other institutions also agree that the thinner dogs who remain active are healthier and live longer.

DOG OWNERSHIP, PLAY AND EXERCISE

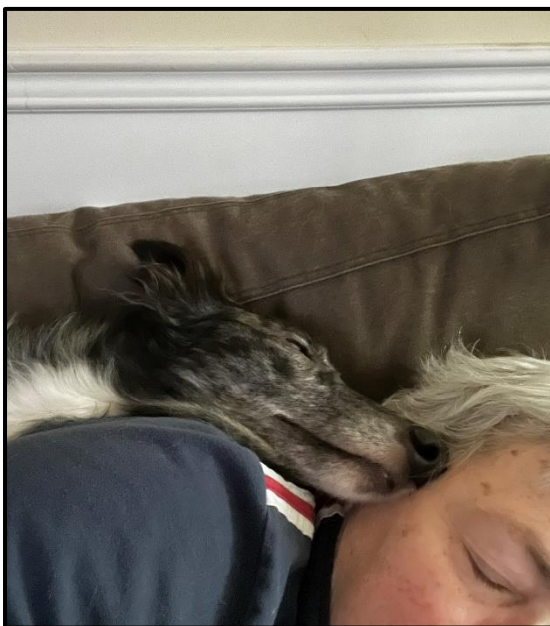
Humans, on the other hand, are more complex in their requirements to live longer. Two studies published in *Circulation*, a journal published by the American Heart Association, found that human mortality rates decreased by as much as 24% for those who owned a dog. This study was conducted over a period of 70 years and involved more than 4 million people. The World Health Organization reported that heart attacks and strokes continue to be the two greatest causes of death across the globe. Dr. Caroline Kramer, the lead author of this study, noted that people who lived with a dog and had already suffered such a serious health event had a 31% reduced risk of dying from cardiovascular disease. The gap widened even more for people who lived alone. Kramer found that heart attack sufferers who lived alone and owned a dog had a 33% lower risk of death as compared to those who did not own a dog. Similar results were found for those who suffered a stroke and lived alone. They had a 24% lower risk of death if they owned a dog. One of the best indicators of longevity was the stress associated with loneliness.



Researchers concluded that dog owners that stay mentally and physically active, live with a dog and use play sessions (throwing a ball, taking hikes etc.) have an advantage. They reported that 30 minutes of exercise three days a week reduces the growth and division of cancer cells and stimulates cancer cell death. (Stegall). These owner-play sessions, and Micro Workouts—or short “movement snacks” like brisk walks with their dog falls into the category of prevention. Additionally, dog-owners when tested who were active with their dogs were found to have improved cardiovascular functions.

DOG OWNERSHIP AND SLEEP

The second factor affecting longevity is sleep. According to Dr. Kien Vuu, assistant clinical professor of medicine at UCLA and author of *Thrive State*, stated that sleep is the “important foundation of health”. Getting at least seven hours of sleep each night helps the body repair itself. The opposite is also true. The lack of sleep has been linked to inflammation and obesity and a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes and other health conditions. Contrary to



those who believe they only need a few hours of sleep, the experts say that during the state of quiet sleep, the brain remains active carrying out many important functions which makes sleep essential for the body's ability to affect our physical and mental functions, our ability to fight disease and develop immunity, and reduce the risk of chronic disease. During deep sleep, the body works to repair muscles, organs, and other cells and strengthens the immune system. There are seven known benefits of sleep:

- Boosts the Immune System
- Helps Prevent Weight Gain
- Strengthens the Heart's Functions
- Improves Mood
- Increases Productivity
- Increases Performance
- Improves Memory

In the Mayo Clinic sleep study of 40 humans who allowed their dogs in their bedrooms at night, Mayo researchers measured sleep efficiency—the actual time spent asleep. Owners with dogs in their bedroom had a sleep efficiency score of 85 percent (9) which was higher than those without a dog in the bedroom. Sleeping with dogs on and off the bed was not measured; however, Mayo did find that people who slept with their dogs had lower levels of depression (5) and increased levels of Oxytocin, the love chemical. (6)

OXYTOCIN (OT)

The third factor affecting longevity is a body chemical called Oxytocin (OT). In humans it is known to spike in babies and their mothers during the first hour after giving birth during nursing. It has also been found to spike during periods of courtship when individuals report they are falling in love. Similar results were found by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Medicine Center who reported that cuddling close to another person and cuddling with your dog lowers cortisone levels, a hormone associated with stress. Cuddling releases OT which promotes the lowering of cortisone levels.

COFFEE

The fourth factor impacting longevity was coffee, and there was no shortage of research studies attesting to the benefits of 2- 3 cups every day. Some of the benefits include a reduction of risk for: Parkinson's disease, Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, prostate cancer, melanoma, depression and suicide, cirrhosis of the liver, Liver cancer (1). The newest study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* was based on 170,000 people in the United Kingdom, ages 37-73. Their finding was that the coffee drinkers were 16-21% less likely to die from the diseases listed above. In another study published in the *Journal of Circulation* that tracked 200,000 people for 30 years, found that the coffee drinkers (2-5 cups per day) were 15% less likely to die from the diseases listed above.



Many studies show that coffee contains many beneficial compounds for health, including caffeine, diterpenes, and chlorogenic acid and that coffee consumption has been linked to the prevention of chronic and degenerative conditions, including cancer, cardiovascular disorders, diabetes, and Parkinson's disease.

A new and impressive study published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* reported that balancing on one leg may serve to predict longevity according to this peer-reviewed study. Scientists studied 11,702 participants and found they were twice as likely to die in the next decade if they were unable to balance on one foot for 10 or more seconds. It is still too early to know how useful this test will be and what role a person's ability to balance plays in life expectancy across age ranges. More work is needed to test the issue of balance and whether it is better than aerobic fitness, flexibility and muscle strength.

The takeaway from all of these studies is the finding that there is an association between dog ownership, dogs in the bedroom, daily consumption of coffee, sleep and oxytocin. All are known to play a role in living longer or dying young (20)

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Early Neurological Stimulation

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Surprising as it may seem, it isn't capacity that explains the differences that exist between individuals because most seem to have far more capacity than they will ever use. The differences that exist between individuals seem to be related to something else. The ones who achieve and outperform others seem to have within themselves the ability to use hidden resources. In other words, it's what they are able to do with what they have that makes the difference.

In many animal breeding programs, the entire process of selection and management is founded on the belief that performance is inherited. Attempts to analyze the genetics of performance in a systematic way have involved some distinguished names such as Charles Darwin and Francis Galton. But it has only been in recent decades that good estimates of heritability of performance have been based on adequate data. Cunningham, (1991) in his study of horses, found that only by using Timeform data, and measuring groups of half brothers and half sisters could good estimates of performance be determined. His data shows that performance for speed is about 35% heritable. In other words, only about 35% of all the variation that is observed in track performance is controlled by heritable factors, the remaining 65% is attributable to other influences, such as training, management and nutrition. Cunningham's work while limited to horses, provides a good basis for understanding how much breeders can attribute to the genetics and the pedigrees.

Researchers have studied these phenomena and have looked for new ways to stimulate individuals in order to improve their natural abilities. Some of the methods discovered have produced life long lasting effects. Today many of the differences between individuals can now be explained by the use of early stimulation methods.

Introduction

Man for centuries has tried various methods to improve performance. Some of the methods have stood the test of time, others have not. Those who first conducted research on this topic believed that the period of early age was a most important time for stimulation because of its rapid growth and development. Today, we know that early life is a time when the physical immaturity of an organism is susceptible and responsive to a restricted but important class of stimuli. Because of its importance many studies have focused on the first few months of life.

Newborn pups are uniquely different from adults in several respects. When born, their eyes are closed and their digestive system has a limited capacity requiring periodic stimulation by their dam who routinely licks them in order to promote digestion. At this early age they are only able to smell, suck, and crawl. Their body temperature is maintained by snuggling close to their mother or by crawling into piles with other littermates. TABLES 1, 2, and 3 highlight their functionality.

TABLE 1. EARLY NEUROLOGICAL STIMULATION

Immature pups:

- can suck, crawl, smell and have limited vision
- cannot: maintain body heat or digest food without help
- cannot: shiver, urinate or defecate w/out stimulation from dam
- have: sub-normal body temperature, elevated heart beat

TABLE 2. OTHER INDICATORS OF IMMATURITY

Body temperatures at:

- 1 week = 96-97 degrees
- 2 weeks = 97 – 98 degrees

- 3 weeks = 98 – 99 degrees
- 4 weeks = 100 degrees

TABLE 3. OTHER INDICATORS OF IMMATURITY

- Heart rate at birth = 200 beats/minute
- Body weight doubles in 7 – 10 days

During these first few weeks of immobility, researchers noted that immature and under-developed canines are sensitive to a restricted class of stimuli which includes thermal and tactile stimulation, motion and locomotion.

Other mammals such as mice and rats are also born with similar limitations, and they also have been found to demonstrate a similar sensitivity to the effects of early stimulation. Studies show that removing them from their nest for three minutes each day during the first five to ten days of life causes body temperatures to fall below normal. This mild form of stress is sufficient to stimulate hormonal, adrenal and pituitary systems. When tested later as adults, these same animals were better able to withstand more stress than littermates who were not exposed to the same early stress exercises. And as adults, they responded to stress in "a graded" fashion, while their non-stressed littermates responded in an "all or nothing way."

Data involving laboratory mice and rats also shows that stress in small amounts can produce adults who respond maximally. On the other hand, the results gathered from non-stressed littermates show that they become easily exhausted and are near death if exposed to intense prolonged stress. When tied down so they were unable to move for twenty-four hours, rats developed severe stomach ulcers, but litter mates exposed to early stress handling were found to be more resistant to stress tests and did not show evidence of ulcers. A secondary affect was also noticed. Sexual maturity was attained sooner in the littermates given early stress exercises. When tested for differences in health and disease, the stressed animals were found to be more resistant to certain forms of cancer and infectious diseases and could withstand terminal starvation and exposure to cold for longer periods than their non-stressed littermates.

Other studies involving early stimulation exercises have been successfully performed on both cats and dogs. In these studies, the Electrical Encephalogram (EEG) was found to be ideal for measuring the electrical activity in the brain because of its extreme sensitivity to changes in excitement, emotional stress, muscle tension, changes in oxygen and breathing. EEG measures show that pups and kittens, when given early stimulation exercises, mature at faster rates and perform better in certain problem-solving tests than non-stimulated mates.

In the higher level animals, the effect of early stimulation exercises also have been studied. The use of surrogate mothers and familiar objects was tested by both of the Kelloggs and Dr. Yearkes using young chimpanzees. Their pioneer research shows that the more primates were deprived of stimulation and interaction during early development, the less able they were to cope, adjust and later adapt to situations as adults.

While experiments have not yet produced specific information about the optimal amounts of stress needed to make young animals psychologically or physiologically superior, researchers agree that stress has value. What also is known is that a certain amount of stress for one may be too intense for another, and that too much stress can retard development. The results show that early stimulation exercises can have positive results, but must be used with caution. In other words, too much stress can cause pathological adversities rather than physical or psychological superiority.

Methods of Stimulation

The U.S. Military, in their canine program, developed a method that still serves as a guide to what works. In an effort to improve the performance of dogs used for military purposes, a program called "Bio Sensor" was

developed. Later, it became known to the public as the "Super Dog" Program. Based on years of research, the military learned that early neurological stimulation exercises could have important and lasting effects. Their studies confirmed that there are specific time periods early in life when early neurological stimulation has optimum results.

The time frame of an immature pup can be defined as between three and sixteen days of age. At this early age most pups can only suck, crawl, smell and have limited vision. They cannot maintain their body temperature or digest food without help. They are unable to shiver, urinate or defecate without stimulation from their dam. Their body temperature which is subnormal as seen in Table 2. Other indicators of immaturity include their heart rate with at birth is 200 beats per minute. Early life is also a time when their body weight will double in 7 – 10 days.

The first period involves a window of time that begins at the third day of life and lasts until the sixteenth day. It is believed that because this interval of time is a period of rapid neurological growth and development. It is therefore of great importance to the individual.

The "Bio Sensor" program was also concerned with early neurological stimulation in order to give the dog a superior advantage. Its development utilized six exercises which were designed to stimulate the neurological system. Each workout involved handling puppies once each day. The workouts required handling them one at a time while performing a series of five exercises. Listed in order of preference, the handler starts with one pup and stimulates it using each of the five exercises. The handler completes the series from beginning to end before starting with the next pup. The handling of each pup once per day involves the following exercises:

1. Tactical stimulation (between toes)
2. Head held erect
3. Head pointed down
4. Supine position
5. Thermal stimulation.

Tactile stimulation

1. Tactile stimulation - holding the pup in one hand, the handler gently stimulates (tickles) the pup between the toes on any one foot using a Q-tip. It is not necessary to see that the pup is feeling the tickle. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds. (Figure 1)
2. Head held erect - using both hands, the pup is held perpendicular to the ground, (straight up), so that its head is directly above its tail. This is an upwards position. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds (Figure 2).
3. Head pointed down - holding the pup firmly with both hands the head is reversed and is pointed downward so that it is pointing towards the ground. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds (Figure 3).
4. Supine position - hold the pup so that its back is resting in the palm of both hands with its muzzle facing the ceiling. The pup, while on its back, is allowed to sleep. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 4)
5. Thermal stimulation—use a damp towel that has been cooled in a refrigerator for at least five minutes. Place the pup on the towel, feet down. Do not restrain it from moving. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 5)

These five exercises will produce neurological stimulations, none of which naturally occur during this early period of life. Experience shows that sometimes pups will resist these exercises, while others will appear unconcerned. In either case a caution is offered to those who plan to use them. DO NOT repeat them more than once per day and DO NOT extend the time beyond that recommended for each exercise. Over stimulation of the neurological system can have adverse and detrimental results. These exercises impact the neurological system by kicking it into action earlier than would be normally expected, the result being

an increased capacity that later will help to make the difference in its performance. Those who play with their pups and routinely handle them should continue to do so because the neurological exercises are not substitutions for routine handling, play socialization or bonding.

Benefits of Stimulation

Five benefits have been observed in canines that were exposed to the Bio Sensor stimulation exercises. The benefits noted were:

1. Improved cardio vascular performance (heart rate)
2. Stronger heart beats
3. Stronger adrenal glands
4. More tolerance to stress
5. Greater resistance to disease.

In tests of learning, stimulated pups were found to be more active and were more exploratory than their non-stimulated littermates over which they were dominant in competitive situations. Secondary effects were also noted regarding test performance. In simple problem solving tests using detours in a maze, the non-stimulated pups became extremely aroused, whined a great deal, and made many errors. Their stimulated littermates were less disturbed or upset by test conditions and when comparisons were made, the stimulated littermates were more calm in the test environment, made fewer errors and gave only an occasional distress sound when stressed.

Socialization

As each animal grows and develops, three kinds of stimulation have been identified that impact and influence how it will develop and be shaped as an individual. The first stage is called early neurological stimulation and the second stage is called socialization. The first two (early neurological stimulation and socialization) have in common a window of limited time. When Lorenz, (1935) first wrote about the importance of the stimulation process, he wrote about imprinting during early life and its influence on the later development of the individual. He states that it was different from conditioning in that it occurred early in life and took place very rapidly, producing results which seemed to be permanent. One of the first, and perhaps the most noted research effort involving the larger animals, was achieved by Kellogg & Kellogg (1933). As a student of Dr. Kellogg's, I found him and his wife to have an uncanny interest in children and young animals and the changes and the differences that occurred during early development. Their history-making study involved raising their own newborn child with a newborn primate. Both infants were raised together as if they were twins. This study, like others that followed, attempted to demonstrate that, among the mammals, there are great differences in their speed of physical and mental development. Some are born relatively mature and quickly capable of motion and locomotion, while others are very immature, immobile and slow to develop. For example, the Rhesus monkey shows rapid and precocious development at birth, while the chimpanzee and the other "great apes" take much longer. Last and slowest is the human infant.

One of the earliest efforts to investigate and look for the existence of socialization in canines was undertaken by Scott-Fuller (1965). In their early studies, they were able to demonstrate that the basic technique for testing the existence of socialization was to show how readily adult animals would foster young animals, or accept one from another species. They observed that, with the higher level animals, it is easiest done by hand rearing. When the foster animal transfers its social relationships to the new species, researchers conclude that socialization has taken place. Most researchers agree that among all species, a lack of adequate socialization generally results in unacceptable behavior and often produces undesirable aggression, excessiveness, fearfulness, sexual inadequacy and indifference toward partners.

Socialization studies confirm that one of the critical periods for humans (infant) to be stimulated are generally between three weeks and twelve months of age. For canines the period is shorter, between the fourth and sixteenth weeks of age. The lack of adequate social stimulation, such as handling, mothering and contact with others, adversely affects social and psychological development in both humans and animals. In humans, the absence of love and cuddling increases the risk of an aloof, distant, asocial or sociopathic individual. Over-mothering also has its detrimental effects by preventing sufficient exposure to other individuals and situations that have an important influence on growth and development. It occurs when a parent insulates the child from outside contacts or keeps the apron strings tight, thus limiting opportunities to explore and interact with the outside world. In the end, over-mothering generally produces a dependent, socially maladjusted and sometimes emotionally disturbed individual.

Protected youngsters who grow up in an insulated environment often become sickly, despondent, lacking in flexibility and unable to make simple social adjustments. Generally, they are unable to function productively or to interact successfully when they become adults.

Owners who have busy life styles with long and tiring work and social schedules often cause pets to be neglected. Left to themselves with only an occasional trip out of the house or off of the property they seldom see other canines or strangers and generally suffer from poor stimulation and socialization. For many, the side effects of loneliness and boredom set-in. The resulting behavior manifests itself in the form of chewing, digging, and hard- to-control behavior (Battaglia). It seems clear that small amounts of stress followed by early socialization can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under stimulation. Many improperly socialized youngsters develop into older individuals unprepared for adult life, unable to cope with its challenges, and interactions. Attempts to re-socialize them as adults have only produced small gains. These failures confirm the notion that the window of time open for early neurological and social stimulation only comes once. After it passes, little or nothing can be done to overcome the negative effects of too much or too little stimulation.

The third and final stage in the process of growth and development is called enrichment. Unlike the first two stages, it has no time limit, and by comparison, covers a very long period of time. Enrichment is a term which has come to mean the positive sum of experiences which have a cumulative effect upon the individual. Enrichment experiences typically involve exposure to a wide variety of interesting, novel, and exciting experiences with regular opportunities to freely investigate, manipulate, and interact with them. When measured in later life, the results show that those reared in an enriched environment tend to be more inquisitive and are more able to perform difficult tasks. The educational TV program called "Sesame Street" is perhaps the best known example of a children's enrichment program. The results show that when tested, children who regularly watched this program performed better than playmates who did not. Follow-up studies show that those who regularly watch "Sesame Street" tend to seek a college education and when enrolled, performed better than playmates who were not regular watchers of the "Sesame Street" program.

There are numerous children's studies that show the benefits of enrichment techniques and programs. Most focus on improving self-esteem and self-talk. Follow-up studies show that the enriched "Sesame Street" students, when later tested, were brighter and scored above average, and most often were found to be the products of environments that contributed to their superior test scores. On the other hand, those whose test scores were generally below average, (labeled as dull) and the products of underprivileged or non- enriched environments, often had little or only small amounts of stimulation during early childhood and only minimal amounts of enrichment during their developmental and formative years. Many were characterized as children who grew up with little interaction with others, poor parenting, few toys, no books and a steady diet of TV soap operas.

A similar analogy can be found among canines. All the time they are growing they are learning because their nervous systems are developing and storing information that may be of inestimable use at a later date. Studies by Scott and Fuller confirm that non-enriched pups, when given free choice, preferred to stay

in their kennels. Other litter mates who were given only small amounts of outside stimulation between five and eight weeks of age were found to be very inquisitive and very active. When kennel doors were left open, the enriched pups would come bounding out, while littermates who were not exposed to enrichment would remain behind. The non-stimulated pups would typically be fearful of unfamiliar objects and generally preferred to withdraw rather than investigate. Even well-bred pups of superior pedigrees would not explore or leave their kennels, and many were found difficult to train as adults. These pups, in many respects, were similar to the deprived children. They acted as if they had become institutionalized, preferring the routine and safe environment of their kennel to the stimulating world outside their immediate place of residence.

Regular trips to the park, shopping centers and obedience and agility classes serve as good examples of enrichment activities. Chasing and retrieving a ball on the surface seems to be enriching because it provides exercise and includes rewards. While repeated attempts to retrieve a ball provide much physical activity, it should not be confused with enrichment exercises. Such playful activities should be used for exercise and play or as a reward after returning from a trip or training session. Road work and chasing balls are not substitutes for trips to the shopping mall, outings or obedience classes, most of which provide many opportunities for interaction and investigation.

Finally, it seems clear that stress early in life can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under- stimulation. The absence or the lack of adequate amounts of stimulation generally will produce negative and undesirable results. Based on the above, it is fair to say that the performance of most individuals can be improved, including the techniques described above. Each contributes in a cumulative way and supports the next stage of development.

Conclusion

Breeders can now take advantage of the information available to improve and enhance performance. Generally, genetics account for about 35% of the performance, but the remaining 65% (management, training, nutrition) can make the difference. In the management category, it has been shown that breeders should be guided by the rule that it is generally considered prudent to guard against under and over-stimulation. Short of ignoring pups during their first two months of life, a conservative approach would be to expose them to children, people, toys and other animals on a regular basis. Handling and touching all parts of their anatomy is also a necessary part of their learning which can be started as early as the third day of life. Pups that are handled early and on a regular basis generally do not become hand-shy as adults.

Because of the risks involved in under-stimulation, a conservative approach to using the benefits of the three stages has been suggested based primarily on the works of Arskeusky, Kellogg, Yearkes and the "Bio Sensor" program (later known as the "Super Dog Program").

Both experience and research have dominated the beneficial effects that can be achieved via early neurological stimulation, socialization and enrichment experiences. Each has been used to improve performance and to explain the differences that occur between individuals, their trainability, health and potential. The cumulative effects of the three stages have been well documented. They best serve the interests of owners who seek high levels of performance when properly used. Each has a cumulative effect and contributes to the development and the potential for individual performance.

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Early Stimulation Exercises
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Figure # 1 Tactical Stimulation

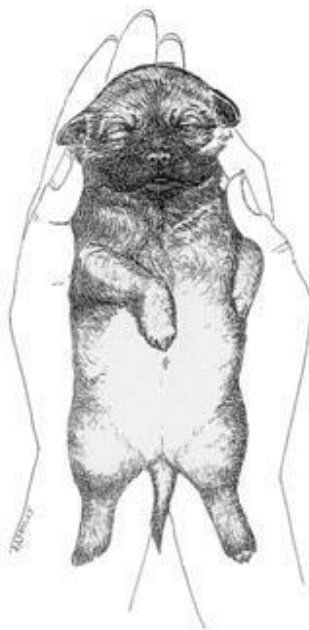
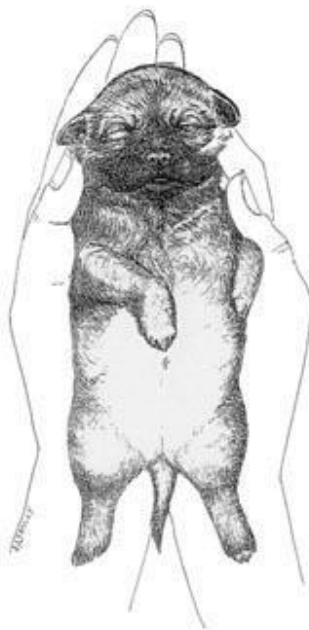


Figure # 2 Head Held Erect



Figure # 3 Head Pointed Down

Figure # 4 Figure Supine Position



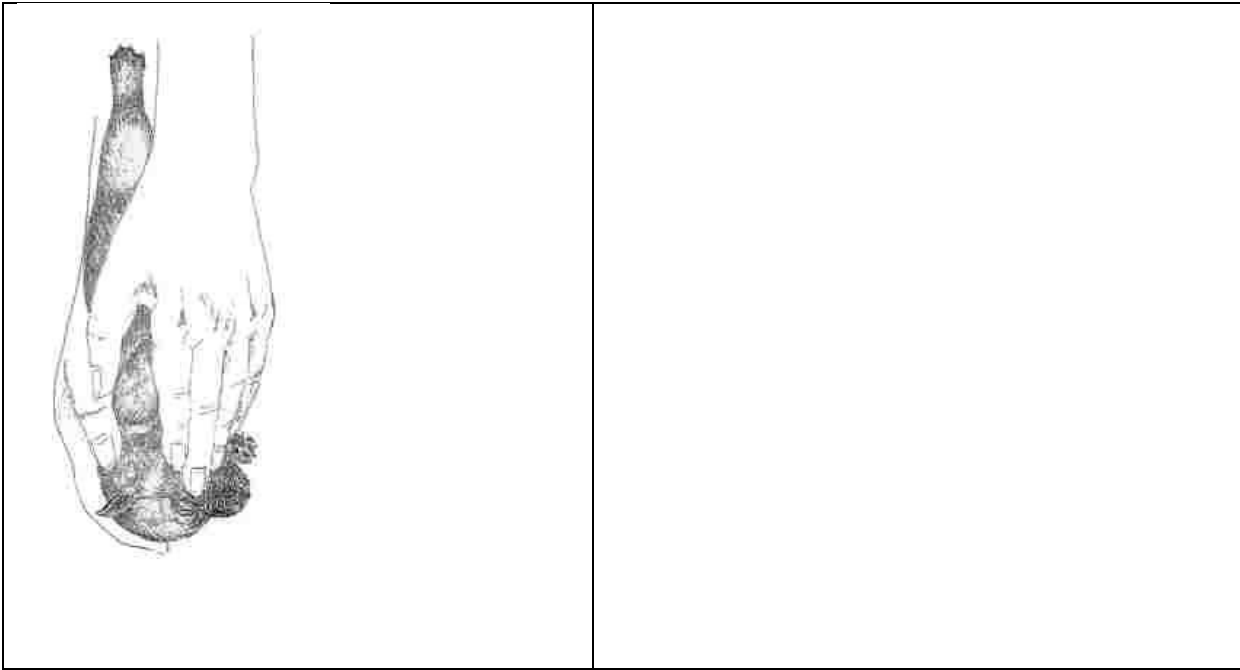


Figure # 5 Thermal Stimulation



GLOSSARY:

Almond shape eyes: Eye shape is important in most breed standards. The almond shape is very popular. It means elongated round, pointed at both corners. The Basenji, Dachshund and German Shepherd Dog are among several almond eyed breeds.

Apple head: A round-shaped skull; a crucial element in the Chihuahua breed.

Butterfly nose: Partially pigmented; spotted.

Dewlap: Loose, pendulous folds of skin on the chin, throat and neck.

Dudley nose: Weakly pigmented; pale pink.

Gay tail: A tail carried above the horizontal level of the back as seen in American Foxhounds.

Mask: Dark shading on the foreface as seen in the Pug, Great Dane, and German Shepherd

Muzzle: The head in front of the eyes; nasal bone, nostrils, jaws and foreface.

Otter: Unique in the canine lexicon. The word is used to describe both heads and tails. Otter head applies to the flat, broad skull of the Border Terrier; otter tail describes the thick, round, tapered “rudder” of the Labrador Retriever.

Pompon: A rounded tuft left on the end of the tail when the coat is clipped as seen in the Poodle. The spelling comes from cheerleaders that use pom-poms.

Rose ear: A small “drop ear” that folds over and back so as to reveal some of the cartilage (burr) of the external ear canal. This can be seen in the Whippets alerts expression.

Saber/scimitar tail: A saber is a sword which has a gentle curve. A scimitar is a sword whose curve is more exaggerated. The German Shepherd has a saber tail. The Dandie Dinmont Terrier has a scimitar tail.

Screw tail: A naturally short tail with a spiral twist which is acceptable in the Boston Terrier but is considered a serious fault in the Bichon Frise.

Skull: The top and back of the head.

Snipy: Means pointed and weak. A muzzle lacking in breadth and depth.

Stop: The space between the eyes. It is formed by the meeting of the skulls frontal bones. Stops vary greatly by breed.

Wry mouth: Asymmetrical alignment of upper and lower jaws. It is a lopsided bite.

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