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AKKAOA HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY

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AKKAOA's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Welcome to AKKAOA's 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Hotel Claremont, Claremont, CA, July 19, 20, 21, 2013. **Friday will be the Specialty with Judge Arlene Grimes starting at 3:30 pm.** Please get entries in to Sharon Hari for Specialty and Multi-Breed Shows following on the weekend. This year, the 'picnic' will not consist of typical 'picnic fare' but will be a **Chili Cook-Off**. See below for instructions for participating in Chili Cook-off.

There will be some **competitive games** involving Klee Kai owners and their dogs vs other owners and their Klee Kai. **Baby picture match-up with adult picture** will be your challenge to see how well you can determine what a puppy AKK will look as an adult. You will have an opportunity to judge your favorite chili as well as gain some interesting points for successful chili-making.

Around 7:00 pm on Friday, Judge Lynn Martin and Judge Barbara Marin will present a Seminar on Alaskan Klee Kai Structure and Movement. Lynn Martin will be judging Saturday Show 1 and Barbara Marin will judge Show 2, and will be available to help you assess how well you were able to implement what you learned in the Seminar.

Lynn's Suggested Reading in preparation for the Seminar include:

- 1) Dog Locomotion and Gait Analysis by Curtis M Brown
- 2) Structure and Terminology by Edward M Gilbert Jr and Thelma Brown (wife of Curtis Brown)
- 3) Dogsteps or The New Dogsteps by Rachel Page Elliott (Dogsteps is hard to find but The New Dogsteps is a little easier to find.) Lynn also states that "these books have so much information and you can refer to them forever." Lynn has been very supportive in helping us locally with improving our breeding matches. She loves this breed and really wants to help us and has been so helpful in the past. She will always answer any questions that anyone has for her about their AKK.

As usual, agility play area will be set up for your dogs to run and play, and a practice ring will be set up. Somewhere in here will be the Annual Business Meeting...time TBD.

Chili Cook-Off Guidelines (Rules and Regs)

Chile tastes best when it has been made, then allowed to rest for at least 72 hours to allow the flavors to mingle before serving. Chili **MUST** contain beans (beans means more than 1 bean), can be made out of most anything. (one competitor at a Chili Cook-Off made home-made ice cream with jelly beans.....it was a great hit!!). Chili can be white (chicken with white beans and white sauce or gravy), red, or brown, or somewhere in between. Make chili ahead of time and bring to the show a crock-pot to heat it in for the competition. We will provide tasting cups and spoons, additives such as cheese, onions, chips. You bring your favorite additives if other than this.

Please name your chili for the competition (mine will be **15 Bean Chili**); provide information on a card that indicates

what is contained in the chili (to avoid allergic reactions in those who might find something unexpected in the chili that will cause a reaction). Do not need to provide the recipe unless you want to, but must include the ingredients. Do not have to make chili to participate as a 'judge'. Each People's Choice participant will be given a spoon, small cup, and asked to taste and 'grade' each chili. After you have tasted and graded each chili, you can then go back and get a cup full to enjoy. Winner will be announced at the conclusion.

Participants in the Chili Cook-Off please contact, Lo Binkley with the following information: Chili name, contact person for the chili team, any questions that you might have. Lo Binkley lo.bink@verizon.net, (805) 279-0771



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskankleekaiadvocates/>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskankleekaidogclub/>
<http://www.huskyspot.com/>

BE SURE TO CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK
<http://tinyurl.com/yehqc87>

Factor VII information can be found on:

The UKC Licensed AKK Breed Club Websites:
<http://www.AKKAOA.org> or <http://www.uakka.org>
 (This was a joint AKKAOA/UAKKA project.)

Alaskan Klee Kai WebRing invites your participation:
<http://www.ringsurf.com/netring?ring=AKKwr;action=info;b=>
 Carol Din at caroldin@AdorableAKK.com

UKC SHOWS - <http://www.ukcdogs.com/evcal/b-ev.html> or Bloodlines
 ARBA SHOWS - <http://arba.org/2002ShowCalendar.htm> or ARBA



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 ciation, Inc. as your favorite cause.



AKK PEDIGREE DATABASE:
<http://www.akkpedigreesonline.org/>

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 each returned check, after 2 returned checks you are put on
 a "cash/MO" only policy & no additional checks will be
 accepted until outstanding checks are paid in full including
 the \$25 fee per check.

There is now a PayPal donate button on the website to
 pay for membership, merchandise or
 for making donations, please use this email address:
paypal@akkaoa.org ~ Note what the
 payment is for and where your donation should go.

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Sherry Nanney ~ President

First of all I would like to welcome our new Secretary Korine Faulk, I look forward to working with you. Korine's Bio is on page 4.

A big thanks to Glenda for her work as Secretary!

As this new year is getting started and our shows about to be in full swing, let us remember that AKKAOA is always looking for your help. Check out our website and find a committee that interest you and email the chairman to get involved.

We are always looking for new ideas and remember to always contact our Health Committee with any new or existing health concerns. Keeping a record of these will help to keep our lil' AKK healthy for a strong future.

We are also approaching our election year for President, Vice President and Director. We have our slate that our committee has submitted but if anyone is interested please sent in your information.

I look forward to seeing everyone at an event soon...

Looking for photos or pencil drawings to use in the Illustrated Breed Standards. We are missing photos of the following and we would really appreciate it if you could help. Photos or pencil drawings.

Please submit to Terry at twright@mtaonline.net for BOD consideration. Thanks much!

Skull - narrow head, too flat, too domed

Muzzle - loosely hanging lips, shallow lower jaw, receding lower jaw, pinched, snippy, too short, too long

Eyes - set too wide, too close together // **Ears** - set too low, hanging

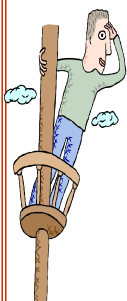
Forelegs - straight shoulders // **Body** - barrel, flat ribs, slack back

Hindquarters - over angulation, turned in, thin, weak thighs // **Feet** - splay, poor cushioned pads

Neither the dog nor owner will be identified.

Thanks goes out to Barbara Manley and the company she works for
Chase, for the generous donation.
THANKS MUCH !

Watch for MORE INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: 2013



JUNE 12TH - 16th ~ JOINT AKK SPECIALLY AT PREMIER IN MI, HOSTED BY AKKAOA, SUPPORTED BY UAKKA - AKK SPECIALTY WILL BE HELD ON WED. THE 12TH.

JULY 19TH - 21ST ~ ANNUAL EVENTS ~ CLAREMONT, CA — 25th ANNIVERSARY!

SEPTEMBER 21ST - 22ND ~ CARLISLE, PA

OCTOBER 25TH - 27TH ~ GATEWAY NATIONALS IN MO—HOSTED BY UAKKA, SUPPORTED BY AKKAOA

You can always check on the UKC website for future events:
www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M



MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY

Hi, my name is Korine Falk(I also go by Kory).
I live in Jackson, New Jersey.

I attended college and I am now Certified by the state of NJ to work in the field as an Animal Control officer & Animal Cruelty investigator, However I have had to put that goal aside right now due to taking care of my father for the past 2 years. He had a bad accident leaving him mentally and physically disabled. In my spare time outside of the dog world, I enjoy fishing, crabbing, camping, hiking, anything that involves being outside in nature. I am very open minded & always willing to help when needed.

I first found out about the Alaskan Klee Kai in 2007. I was reading about Siberian Huskies on the internet and somehow stumbled upon a dog that just looked way too small to be a Siberian. I clicked the link and immediately fell in love. I was in shock when I actually saw an AKK in person for the first time in 2009. I was at our

local dog beach with 2 of my dogs. My Jaw dropped and like a little kid in a candy store, I was overwhelmed with excitement. I made it a goal of mine to have my very own and once I did, my goal quickly became a dream to be a part of something much more; to show in conformation, better the breed, and be more involved with the Alaskan Klee Kai community. When I saw the Klee Kai at the dog beach, the owners were a little surprised that I knew exactly what type of dog they had, and well, now I understand why they were surprised. I can't tell you how many times Stark, my Klee Kai, has been called a Husky puppy (Lol!) - I am sure other Klee Kai owners can easily relate.

I personally train my dogs and help others with training on the side, as well as pet sitting. I have a wonderful boyfriend who shares the same passion as I do for animals & helps with the care of my father. (Anyone who accepts living with all the madness that goes on here and still feels right at home is a keeper in my opinion lol!). The Alaskan Klee Kai is not just another dog to me. They are incredible, loving, and intelligent companions. Stark from Shalimar Acres, has been nothing but a perfect member of our little family. I own 3 other dogs in addition to Stark. (Siberian Husky, German Shepherd, and Toy Fox Terrier). I am looking forward to adding another Klee Kai into our "pack".

Dear AKKAOA Members,

The 2012/2013 Nominating Committee has submitted their slate of candidates for this year's Election, shown below.

President - Patty Ramsburg of Maryland

Vice President - Lisa Monge of Illinois

Treasurer - Robin Carlstrom of Washington State has agreed to stay for another 2 year term

Director - Eric Fischer of California

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINEES: Article V. Section 2.4 of the Bylaws states the following:

"Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at the Secretary's regular address on or before March 15th, accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination from each additional nominee. No person shall be nominated for more than one position."

Therefore, **if you wish to nominate additional persons** for the positions of Secretary, Membership Secretary and/or Director, it is requested that you comply with the above, and send your nomination (s) to the Secretary at the following address **so that they are received on or before March 15, 2012**. If additional nominations are received, they will be included on the ballot that will be sent to you by April 1st. It should be noted that if no valid nominations are received by the Secretary on or before March 15th, the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates as presented above shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting and no balloting will be required (Bylaws Article V. Section 2.4). If you need an address or more information on a member, please contact the Membership Secretary, Bonnie Gabriel. Bonnie can be reached by e-mail at LEGabriel1956@MSN.com or by phone, [\(325\) 812-1544](tel:3258121544), or by snail mail at 3109 Scenic Vista Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904.

If you are making an additional nomination for any of the unfilled positions above, please send the nomination of the current member and their acceptance letter to me at:

They must be received on or before March 15th.

Sincerely,
Korine Falk
AKKAOA Secretary
686 Burke Road
Jackson, NJ 08527 // Korinefalk@gmail.com - (732) 882-6634

THE ALASKAN KLEE KAI ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA is **25 YEARS YOUNG**

*Come Celebrate
our Annual Specialty, Picnic and Meeting*

1988 -- 2013 Also Including 4 Multi-Breed Shows



at:

The Hotel Claremont.

Located: 840 S. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711

Phone: 909-621-4831 (get your reservations in early)



3 days of Fun in the Sun in Beautiful Southern California

Friday July 19, 2013

Our AKK Specialty at 3:30 PM judged by Arlene Grimes. Followed by

*Our Annual Picnic which will be a Judged Chili Cookoff with all the sides, deserts and drinks
(Make a pot of your favorite chili and also be the judge by tasting all the others, Yummmm!)

*Games (including our favorite "Match the puppy to adult AKK picture")
and some that AKK can do with their human partners

*Annual Meeting

*Around 7:00 PM Judges Lynn Martin and Barbara Marin will present a Seminar on Alaskan Klee Kai Structure and Movement. Don't miss this opportunity.

Saturday July 20, 2013

We will have 2 Multi-Breed shows with Lynn Martin and Barbara Marin Judging.

After the shows there will be a judges dinner with all attendees invited.

Sunday July 21, 2013

We will have 2 Multi-Breed shows with Valerie Piltz and Elizabeth McKennon Judging.

After the shows there will be a judges dinner with all attendees invited.

All 3 days we will have our great Raffles as well as our secure Agility Area will be set up for your enjoyment.

There will be a special **FREE** raffle held just for Completed AKK pre-entries.

So get those entries in early.

*****Raffle donations would be appreciated**

Please send to Virginia Skiby: 1838 Renfro Road, Bakersfield, Ca, 93314. You can also contact her at
661-393-5418 or virginia@minihusky.com

Show Chairperson: Lo Binkley lo.bink@verizon.net, (805) 279-0771:

Send Pre-Entries to Event Secretary by 7/12/13, Sharon Hari, 10372 Hollywood Lane,
Huntington Beach, CA 92649 ~ 714-846-0933 ~ kayron111@aol.com

See Lo's article in
the newsletter for
more details.

Dear Members,

If your Name is listed below then you are no longer a member of AKKAOA. If you sent in a form but no payment – you are not a member. If you want to be added back to the Breeders List and/or the On-Line members list, then you need to send in payment either by PayPal or through the US Postal service. I have sent out several reminders via the internet and even on some FaceBook accounts, and some were returned because members changed emails addresses and did not update them.

This is your LAST newsletter, if you would like to keep receiving them then you need to re-join ASAP.

**Sincerely, Bonnie Gabriel – Membership Secretary
Contact info on Page 2.**

Andrews, Kristen	Felts Carter & Tanya	Parlins, Ilya & Ainsley Kling
Borges, Nicole	Fink, Michelle	Phelps, Kelley & Amber Diaz (Jr)
Bowden, Blake	Finley-Rauch, Tara	Pratt, Jeff & Sarah Rogers
Chuang, Leslie	Fulgencio, Beverly & Sly	Reed, Julie Borst- & Kirk
Clancy, Rahe & Cindy	Gabler, Willie & Katie	Rosenberg, Morgan
Clark, Leanne	Ghaby, Sheridan	Sharpe, Christine
Cook, Jennifer DeHaven & David	Gorczynski, Pamela & Donald	Sinardi, Terri
Covillo, Stefano	Gotcher, Barbara	Sosa, Stephanie
Cox, Sandy & Walt	Holtz, Alicia	Stroberg, Shelby
Crawford, Lanie	Kallaher, Jenna	Thornton, Logan
Cummins, Joe	Keelin, Kathy & Steve	Tyrrell, Jessica
Cuscuna, Nicole	Kimbrough, Alexandra	Whelan, Katherine
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Dixon, Robert & Jennifer Jones	Mandolini, Tina	Wyatt, Amy & Jarin Rossiter
Emahizer, Jeff	Mostafa, Nagy & Stephanie Sohn	Zecek, Daniel
Faas, Rachel	Otsuji, Linda & Russell	

**Total membership of AKKAOA
As of Feb. 15, 2013**

Family Memberships – 69/ 138 votes
Individual Members – 82 with 82 votes
Lifetime Members – 5 with 5 votes
Junior Members – 2 No Vote
Newsletter Members – 10 No Vote
Complimentary Members – 3 No Vote
Total number of Votes – 220

WELCOME to our Newest and/or Returning Members –

Lance Farnham	Antonio Infante	David Lee
Ryan Caraway	Elisa Rataczak	Jeff Slusser
Brenda Dahlstrom	Tara Saltz	Maria Anderle
Gillad Matiteyahu	Fernando Pa	Pamela Scott
Laurissa Briggs	Marian Frick	Jim & Cheryl & Merrill

BREEDERS GIFT MEMBERSHIP – 2013:

3 Paid Memberships – 1 free year
 6 Paid memberships – Free T-shirt and 1 free year

Breeders Gift membership totals - Remember you only get credit for PAID memberships. Every Breeder should at least gift all their new puppy owners a Free Newsletter membership, but the Very Special Breeders also give them a Family or Individual membership to AKKAOA

Susan Cain – (2) Ferretti, Smith
 Susan Hawk – (1) Dahlstrom
 Sherry Nanney – (5) Lui, Turner, Heuton, Bull & Moszczenski
 Julie Baker - (11) Infante, RataczAK, Saltz, Pa, Frick, Lee, Slusser, Anderle, Tallarico, Scott & Merrill
 Pat Reeves – (2) Dougherty, Resterpo
 Carolyn Zinsser – (1) Matiteyahu

To all the Gift members – It is important that you fill out and return all the paperwork you were sent with your membership cards. The Data is entered into our database and it helps me when getting the directory ready for printing and also let me know how you want your Newsletter delivered. Please take a few minutes and fill out the Membership forms and mail them back or even just scan them and email them to me. That **even works. Thanks!**

Alaskan Klee Kai—Multi-Breed Shows — Claremont, CA

Saturday Show 1, February 2, 2013

Winner

Mini BFV	'PR' Naitok'S Bristol
Std BMV	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
BM	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
BF	'PR' Naitok'S Bristol
BOW	'PR' Naitok'S Bristol
CH	CH 'PR' Magics Dark Knight Dakoda
GRCH	GRCH 'PR' Macmali's Onyx Cruiser V Shoni
BOB	CH 'PR' Magics Dark Knight Dakoda

Owner

Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Alex Kimbrough, Brenda Tobin, Jenn Parks, Chrysta Ellis
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 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
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 Anthony Gomez
 Eric Fischer and Lo Binkley
 Anthony Gomez

Saturday Show 2, February 2, 2013

Winner

Mini BFV	'PR' Naitok'S Bristol
Std BMV	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
Std BFV	'PR' Kenai's Rogue
BM	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
BF	'PR' Naitok's Bristol
BOW	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
CH	CH 'PR' Magics Dark Knight Dakoda
GRCH	GRCH 'PR' Macmali's Onyx Cruiser V Shoni
BOB	GRCH 'PR' Macmali's Onyx Cruiser V Shoni

Owner

Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Alex Kimbrough, Brenda Tobin, Jenn Parks, Chrysta Ellis
 Julie Baker and Elisa Rataczak
 Alex Kimbrough, Brenda Tobin, Jenn Parks, Chrysta Ellis
 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Alex Kimbrough, Brenda Tobin, Jenn Parks, Chrysta Ellis
 Anthony Gomez
 Eric Fischer and Lo Binkley
 Eric Fischer and Lo Binkley

Sunday Show 1, February 3, 2013

Winner

Mini BFV	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
Std BMV	'PR' Naitok's Riverbrook Hunter
BM	'PR' Naitok's Riverbrook Hunter
BF	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
BOW	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
CH	CH 'PR' Magics Dark Knight Dakoda
GRCH	GRCH 'PR' Macmali's Own Kirin V Shoni
BOB	BBCook's Tipa Alasco

Owner

Brenda Tobin
 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Brenda Tobin
 Brenda Tobin
 Anthony Gomez
 Lo Binkley / Patricia Zengel
 Brenda Tobin

Sunday Show 2, February 3, 2013

Winner

Mini BFV	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
Std BMV	'PR' Alasco's Non-Dalton
Std BMV	'PR' Naitok's Riverbrook Hunter
BM	'PR' Naitok's Riverbrook Hunter
BF	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
BOW	BBCook's Tipa Alasco
CH	CH 'PR' Magics Dark Knight Dakoda
GRCH	GRCH 'PR' Kenais Bad Moon Rising
BOB	GRCH 'PR' Kenais Bad Moon Rising

Owner

Brenda Tobin
 Alex Kimbrough, Brenda Tobin, Jenn Parks, Chrysta Ellis
 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Virginia Skiby / Martin Skiby
 Brenda Tobin
 Brenda Tobin
 Anthony Gomez
 Chrysta Ellis / Julie Baker
 Chrysta Ellis / Julie Baker

DAKODA



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TIPA



BELLA (Bad Moon Rising)





The last month has been a busy one for Alaskan Klee Kai National Rescue. We currently have one AKK in rescue. He is mending from an injury, but well on his way to a full recovery. And he is fitting in well with his foster family and will likely be adopted by them when he is completely healed. Big "Thank You" to Regional Coordinator Susie Cain who did a Breed ID for us recently and also to Jay & Genevieve Randall who recently fostered an AKK rescue that has now been adopted.

With the May Day eBay Auction fast approaching, we are looking for donated items to put up for auction. Contact us at bod@akkrescue.com if you have item(s) you'd like to donate.

And we're excited to announce the following current fundraising event:

Alaskan Klee Kai National Rescue's Avon Event 2013

Alaskan Klee Kai National Rescue, Inc., (AKKNR)

The national rescue organization for the Alaskan Klee Kai dog breed 2013 ~ Online Avon Event

Go to: www.youravon.com/christinestein

Select: online events // Participate in: AKK National Rescue // Or simply go here:

http://christinestein.avonrepresentative.com/online_event/view.php?rep_spsnr_evnt_id=352026

Be sure to use our online event code: AKK2012 and 25% of your purchase will be donated. If your total purchase exceeds \$30 Avon will automatically send your order with free shipping!!! All orders are shipped directly to YOU!!!

For those of you who don't know us, we take in abandoned, abused, neglected, and owner surrendered Alaskan Klee Kai. We provide foster homes for rescued Alaskan Klee Kai that need a place to stay while they are waiting for their forever home, as well as work on socialization, training, and obtain any needed veterinary care. Our goal is to help all Alaskan Klee Kai that need to be helped. Take this great opportunity to help AKKNR!

There's SOMETHING for everyone!! And as always, AKKNR can always use more volunteers across the country.

PLEASE consider volunteering.



The database is continuing to grow, we currently have 2765 AKK listed and 700 users. Thanks to the many users we have 581 pictures that will display in the first 3 generations of a pedigree. To see older pics just select an ancestor further back in the pedigree. We have OFA information on 322 which shows status of tests for Cardiac, Patella, Thyroid, Hip and Eyes. Always refer to offa.org for the most current information as the database could be up to 3 months behind the OFA site. Also we list 167 dogs with DNA-VIP indicating DNA testing confirmed.

If you haven't already done so, make a commitment that you will get your AKK into the database. If you are a breeder that can be a bit of work but well worth the effort. And submit that favorite picture that shows off what a beautiful AKK you have. <http://www.akkpedigreesonline.org/>

~~ WHAT OUR AKK CAN DO ~~

Send Terry or Lisa your photos and videos for this special spot on the website.

Also check out the Performance Advisors that are posted.

You can give as much or as little information as you'd like, we need at least the following:

Name: Address: City/State: Phone: Email: Website: Sport(s):

Please choose from the following: agility, conformation, dock diving, scootering, flyball, freestyle, junior showmanship, lure coursing, obedience, rally obedience, search and rescue, tracking, K9 Nose work, service dogs, skijoring, therapy dogs, weight pull.)

Terry ~ twright@mtaonline.net or Lisa ~ lboland7@gmail.com





What Our Pet AKK Can Do

Lure Coursing

Submitted by Lisa Monge

How many of you have seen your AKK sprint across the yard in pursuit of a rabbit? Or attempt to catch a low-flying bird from the air? It's time to put that inherent prey drive to good use and try lure

coursing!

Lure Coursing is an extremely fun sport that tests how well your dog can follow a lure through a pre-determined course. The lure is attached to a cable, and is set to run in a specific pattern. A dog is judged on their ability to follow the lure, with enthusiasm and without interruption. In UKC, lure coursing is divided into Coursing Aptitude titles that are open to all breeds, and sight hound specific Coursing titles.

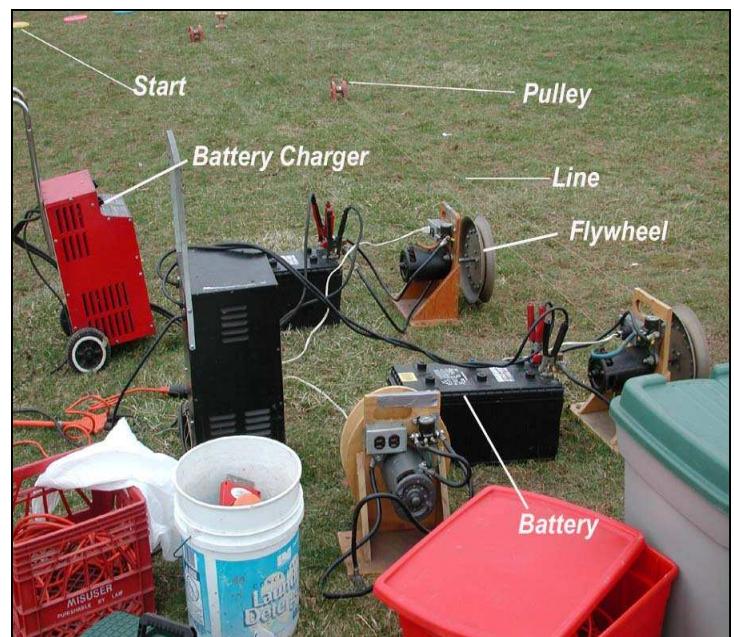
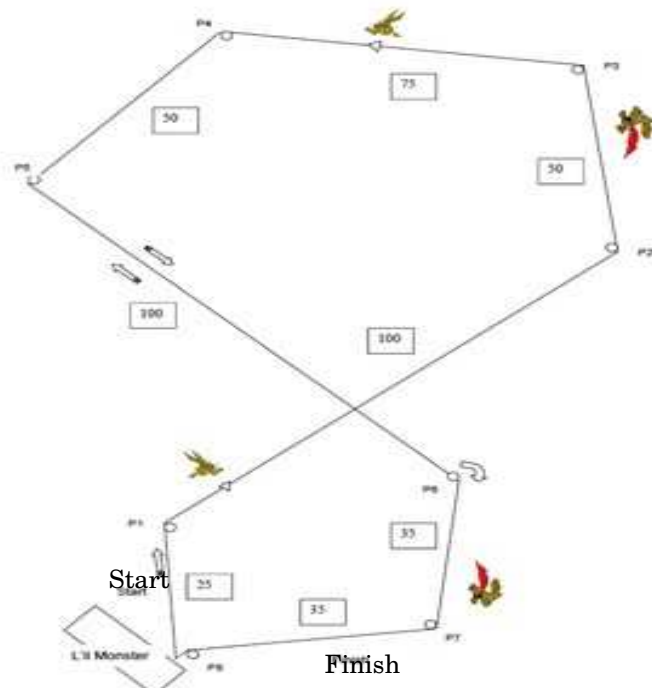
The first title that AKK can earn in lure coursing is the United Coursing Aptitude title (otherwise known as CA). Your AKK will be awarded their CA after receiving three qualifying scores in the Coursing Aptitude Test. After CA, they can then move on to the United Coursing Aptitude Excellent title (CAX). The CAX requires twelve qualifying legs in coursing aptitude tests.

The best part about participating in lure coursing is that it is really up to your dog's natural instincts! Most AKK find it extremely motivating to chase the lure, and do very well at the coursing aptitude tests. You can prepare your AKK at home by teaching them to follow a lure-like toy attached to a flirt pole. Encourage them to chase the toy at the end of the pole, moving the toy around in a very basic manner at first. Once they understand that it's exciting to chase the toy, you can begin making it more challenging for them to catch it by adding quick turns and changes of direction.

If you get a chance to practice with an actual lure coursing setup, start with shorter distances on more of a straightaway if you can. That way you're really setting up your AKK for success, and teaching them that this is FUN! Some groups routinely hold fun-runs where you can have your AKK try it out for minimal cost. Then it's on to the lure coursing meets!

Lure coursing meets are not as prevalent as conformation shows or rally trials, but if you can make it to one, it's not something to miss! It's so rewarding to see your AKK in hot pursuit of the lure, with a huge smile on their face!

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/DogEvents/LureCoursing>





HOWLING TAILS ~ The Tail of McCaghy's 4 PACK

When we were asked to write something for Howling Tails, our original question was – what would we possibly write about? We don't do dog shows. We don't do rally, obedience, agility, tracking or any of the other cool things that many others are doing with their Alaskan Klee Kai. In that respect, we're kind of boring.

But maybe there is an interesting story in the way our little four-pack has come together over the last (almost) ten years. We got our first AKK, Aumakua (better known as Kua) through the typical means – from Andrea Hays. He is a beautiful boy with a great personality – and he loves everyone (human and canine alike), especially going to doggie day care. Soon to be 10, he has arthritic challenges, but therapy and medicine have kept it under control. He loves squeaking toys and attention (when he wants it). His social skills have been critical in bringing together our furry family.

Our second AKK, Kiki arrived via a very different means. We were looking for a playmate for Kua and were made aware of a 4 ½ year old AKK who needed to be re-homed due to some challenges her family was having with her behavior. She was going to be heading back to her breeder so we decided that we would take her in instead. She is beautiful, blue-eyed girl – now 13. Kiki runs the house – or at least likes to think she does. She loves to play, though now it is in shorter spurts than it used to be. She entertains everyone at the doggie daycare with her talking and shouting – which has gotten louder as her hearing has faded.

Little Kami Clare was our third addition. She was a re-home from Eileen Gregory. Kami had a rough start that included being tormented by the existing dogs at her first home and attacked by some other puppies back at Eileen's. This left her shy and extremely skittish. We were very happy when Eileen entrusted her to us. She's a special girl and underneath her seemingly timid exterior lies a big personality. Now 9 years old, she is the family clown and is always the one who initiates play. Kami is also very adept at hiding "treasures" out in the yard for later retrieval (for some reason chews taste a lot better after "seasoning" outside). It took a long time, but now she actually wants attention and petting – on her own terms of course.

The last piece of the 4 pack has been Takota – who some of you may remember as Taz. Kota was originally found by animal control in LA wandering the streets with a useless right front foot. After biting the ACO, he was scheduled to be killed but was rescued by Husky Haven of LA – who eventually contacted Lo Binkley and AKKNR. The groups came together to pay for Kota's amputation surgery. We decided to take Takota into our home. He was not well socialized and didn't know how to act with other dogs. With the help of the staff at John Gagnon's Pet Resort (Colchester, CT), Kota has come a long way. He still doesn't quite know how to play, but at least he can go to day care and enjoy being around the other dogs. Kota likes attention and is almost always underfoot of one of us.

Having four dogs of such varied beginnings, personalities and challenges has taught us many lessons. We are passionate about dog rescue and apply the lessons we learned to the volunteer work we do with two all-breed rescue groups: PAWS New England and Protectors of Animals. Our gang is especially excited to smell our clothes when we get home from volunteering to see what new furry friends we have made through activities such as adoption events, rescue transports, owner surrenders, pre-adoption home visits and walking/feeding shelter dogs.

So, that's the tail, oops, tale, of our little 4 pack (6 Pack if you include us). Maybe not so boring after all...

Loren and Julie McCaghy



Snow Dogs
The McCaghy
4 Pack Family Photo (front to back:
Takota, Kiki, Kami, and Kua

(Members Since 1-31-2008)

Keeping an Eye on Neighbors -
Our gang takes their job of watching the
neighbors very seriously -
even after a blizzard





Alaskan Klee Kai Club of Great Britain

Puppy Socialisation Article

By Hannah Greenow of K9 Needs.

January 2013

The Primary Socialisation

Stage for puppies is 3-6 weeks old. In this time, at your pup's Breeder's house, your puppy will have gotten used to living in a household and familiarising itself with all the sights and sounds of everyday household things such as electrical appliances, people coming in and out, and hopefully kids running around, cats etc. This is also the time that your dog learns everything it needs to know from it's Mother and siblings and sometimes even Father. In a nutshell, by 6 weeks old your puppy has become fluent in 'dog language' having learnt everything it needs to know about being a dog.

At the age of 6 weeks, before the puppies have had any collars or leads on (it needs to be the puppies' first experience of the collar and lead) to prevent pulling on the lead later on, put the collar and lead on the puppy, tie the lead to the table leg and sit with the puppy, keeping him calm, while he works out that there's no use pulling when the lead is on as he can't get anywhere.

At the time of writing this article I haven't had the chance to try this with the AKK, I will have to wait another two weeks! It does work with other breeds though so it should work with the AKK!

The ideal age to get your puppy is around 7-8 weeks. Now it's your turn to make the absolute most of the Secondary Socialisation Stage. The Alaskan Klee Kai is a naturally shy and reserved breed, especially with strangers and different environments, so this will be crucial for the development of your puppy to ensure a well rounded adult! Don't worry if you get your puppy later, you can ask the Breeder to do this bit for you.

It has been written that the Secondary Socialisation Stage is between 6 and 9 weeks old but it is more commonly accepted as being 6-12 weeks old. The main aim here to teach your puppy 'human language' or how to integrate into human society. There is research available that supports the fact that puppy socialisation classes or parties where in, a group of puppies are put

together to play does nothing to teach your dog 'human language' or how to be part of your community. It only gives the puppy more opportunities to practise what it has already learnt in the litter and encourages your puppy to disregard people. The only situation where this would be of benefit would be in the circumstance of only pups (one born in the litter).

Even before your puppy is allowed to walk outside (pre jabs), it is up to you to carry your pup to everywhere he will be expected to accept when he's had his jabs and more. You also want your puppy to meet as many friendly people as possible so that your pup has positive experiences with people and learns that they are 'friends'. Pass your puppy around for cuddles when he is sleepy or encourage friends to play fetch with him when he has lots of energy! I find massage helps calm a puppy that just won't settle. Allow your puppy to spend time with/relax in the company of people from all walks of life, children and the elderly, drunks and extroverts, all races, different hairstyles, dreadlocks, punks etc all different types of clothing, different hats, hoods, big sweeping shawls and coats, people exercising outside, especially things like press ups etc. Examples of great places to spend time with your puppy would be pubs, cafes, shops, outside supermarkets, friends houses, parks (especially in Summertime), carnivals, festivals and big crowds, city centres, rural countryside, farms, all public transport, trains and stations, buses, tubes and trams etc. even if you don't plan on using all these things with your puppy in future, it all adds to varied life experiences for him. It can sometimes help to get a 'dog in training' vest/lead as people tend to be more permitting of dogs in public places wearing these.

It is also a great idea, if you have knowledgeable people willing to help you, after you have had your puppy for a couple of weeks, give your puppy to a friend/family member to look after for a few nights and maybe they give your puppy to another family member to look after for a couple of nights etc. it teaches your puppy that all humans have the same



intentions, all humans feed you, play with you, cuddle you and look after you etc. and are not to be feared. This exercise can be repeated several times!

Once your puppy is allowed out and about (post jabs) you can repeat the last paragraph, going to as many places as you can! You can also start to introduce how your puppy should behave around dogs. It is wise not to encourage your puppy to play with other dogs/puppies too much. It is a complete myth that dogs need friends of their own species. A dogs owners and family should be his friends if you want him to integrate into society. As an example of this research, the Anatolian Shepherds will take a puppy Anatolian Shepherd Dog at 6 weeks old and raise it with sheep and no human contact what so ever. The dog then grows up believing he is the same as the sheep or the sheep are the same as him but either way the dog will defend the sheep from anything including others of his own species - dogs, wolves, cheetahs, coyotes etc.

The best thing to teach your puppy if he is unsure or uncomfortable is to come to you, his owner, for help. That way your dog should never develop aggression problems as he will never have to 'deal' with a situation himself, he learns that you will deal with it for him.

The ideal is for your dog to ignore other dogs and ignore other people. Walks should be all about you and your dog, nothing else. If a dog comes running over to see your puppy just stand between your puppy and the other dog, blocking the other dog and protecting yours at the same time. It has been advised that your puppy should not have play mates of his own species until he has completed his training.

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If you have another dog at home, they can be permitted to play with toys together, sleep next to one another, clean each other etc at no point is your puppy allowed to put teeth on anything other than a toy. Something else to think about is if your second dog spends 24 hours a day with your first dog, the first dog becomes his role model and you will have little influence over his actions.

There has been a dramatic rise in court cases due to dogs wanting to play with each other and people getting injured in the process, there are even lawyers making a good living dealing solely with these cases! It is better that your dog ignores other dogs than encouraging him to play with them and it not only causing lead aggression problems but also costing you large sums of money!

Please feel free to contact me for more information or if you would like to discuss any of these points further. I hope you find this information helpful. mailto: info@k9needs.com

PLEASE KEEP ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE MISSING AKK THAT ARE LISTED BELOW**BlackJack**

Missing in Seneca, Illinois since 3/12/2012, male.
Contact: Jenny Ehler 630-768-3661

**Kodi**

Missing in The Colony (N Dallas between Lewisville, Frisco & Plano, TX) since 4/9/2012 Contact: Pets R Us at 972-377-9060

**Lucy**

Missing in Sparta, WI since 9/30/12 Last seen Hwy 16 Sparta Monroe Co. Animal Shelter. Contact: 608-225-6345 or 608-286-4730

**Vader**

Missing in College Park neighborhood of Irvin, CA since 11/2/12 - 11 months old / 12-15 pounds. Contact: 925-872-0385 or 510-449-8956

**Glenda**

Missing in Aliso Viejo, CA since 1/11/2013. 10 month old female, grey/white, contact Barbara Manley

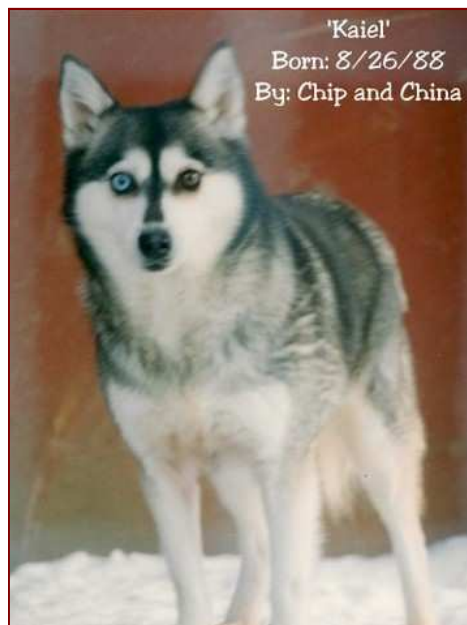
**Aya**

Missing in South Amboy, NJ since 1/12/2013, female. Contact Danny at 267-970-4734 or Patty at 443-254-4635 or local police.

**Bo**

Missing in Palatine, IL since 1/15/2013, male, 6 yrs old, blackish-gray/white, Microchipped, wearing collar. Call 847-609-6129 or 847-828-8172

From the Face Book Page ~ Missing AKK



'Kaiel'
Born: 8/26/88
By: Chip and China



Posting a couple old AKK photos that are posted on the Yahoo group Advocates, with permission from Linda Spurlin.

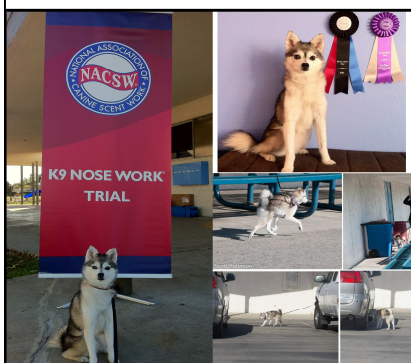
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AKK RAVES~2013

Rules: 1 photo, Date of event, Title(s) won at this event, Call Name, Reg. Name, under what Judge, at what Show/Club, City/State, Owner/Breeder. Same rules will apply to General AKK Raves i.e. Service and/or Therapy, Etc. Future Raves published according to space available.



December 8, 2012
 Registered name: 'PR' Bbcook's Tuvok
 Call name: Tuvok
 Owner/Handler: Robin Carlstrom
 Breeder: Bette and Bob Cook
 Title: UACH (United Agility Champion)
 Judge: William Quandt Sr
 Show/Club: Twin Peaks Dog Club, CO



January 12, 2013
 Registered Name: 'PR' Kenai's Circle of Life
 Call Name: Luna
 Owner: Christina de Juan
 Breeder: Julie Baker
 Title(s) Earned: NW1 Title and NW1 Container Element, 2nd Place
The first AKK to earn the Nose Work 1 (NW1) Title.
 At what Show/Club: National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC (NACSW)
 Judge: Certifying Official: Jill Marie O'Brien
 City/State: Huntington Beach, CA



February 1, 2 and 3
 Registered Name: 'PR' Del Mar's Storm
 Call Name: Storm
 Owner(s): Linda and Alyssa Orton
 Breeder: Aprilfawn White
 Title: High in Trial (12 in. dogs)
 Show/Club: TDAA (Teacup Dog Agility Association) at Canine Sports Academy
 Judge: Kim Brewer
 City/State: Norman, OK
 With her titles, she is now UAG1 GRCH 'PR' Del Mar's Storm TG3 TSAD CGC.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following family for the passing of their Beloved Companion...

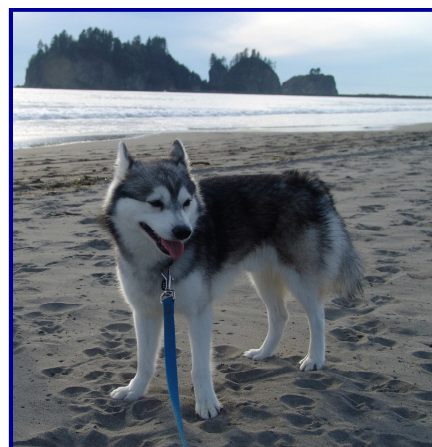
Janet Dubuque & Family~ WA
Alasco's SPIRIT AKKOPS

12-18-04 ~ 2-13-13

~ Gone but not forgotten ~

~ Forever in our hearts ~

*Alasco's Spirit AKKOPS passed away from cancer.
 We miss him tremendously.
 He was buried at sea,
 since he loved to walk and play on the beach.*



Taggs pet tracker review

Submitted by - Korine Falk

Activation & Appearance

The Tagg tracker is a GPS/Tracking system that helps you keep tabs on your pets & their whereabouts. I recently acquired one for Stark, my Alaskan Klee Kai. Stark is 12lbs (This product is not recommended for dogs under 10lbs). The tracker is waterproof/resistant but recommended to not submerge the product entirely underwater for an extended period of time. I had a little difficulty with setting it up since it failed to activate, but their customer support team had it up and running for me in under 10 minutes. The companies employees were very polite and even the wait to speak with one over the phone was only about a couple minutes. After the activation was complete & the tracker was charged, I set it up on Starks collar. This is a very simple thing to do. It's not a permanent attachment and will not ruin the collar. The tracker has a comfort band that secures it to the collar. The tracker and docking station (charger) are not big in size and does not seem to cause an issue for stark carrying the small device around on his neck. Both the tracker & docking station have a very neat/clean look to them. Stylish and up to date so to speak. I believe the tracker is fairly inexpensive if you think about it. For roughly around \$80 a year depending if you pay monthly or annually, you can be confident about your pets safety. In my opinion, you can't put a price on that. Also for an additional pet you would need to purchase a new tracker. You do not need another docking station as the one is already set up with your boundaries & information. To keep any additional tracker activated, it's only .95 cents per pet, per month. I do recommend buying the "Tagg guard" for those of you who own dogs that like to chew on anything and everything. Since the flaps/wings on the sides of the tracker bend slightly, it'll be easy for a smaller dog to try and chew it off. The flaps/wings are made out of a soft flexible material.. The Tagg guard is a soft fabric material for comfort, water resistant, & will secure down the flaps.

Boundary/Perimeter:

So lets get into the details. The docking station (Charger), is your "Home base". When going through the activation process through their website, you can set

up the boundary of where your pet is allowed to be. This is the only concern I have so far with this product. The boundary is about a minimum of ½-1 acre in the shape of a circle. So if you have a smaller sized property & home, you are out of luck with adjusting the size of the perimeter to less of an area. You can however, move the boundary circle around on the map and lock it in as your base. So since I want to make sure the GPS/Tracker alerts me if Stark leaves my home, I moved the boundary circle so that if he left my front door, it would alert me. But that does also mean he has all behind my house to explore before he passes the boundary and trips the signal to alert me. The docking station comes with a charger that doubles as a wall charger & a micro USB charger. The boundary doesn't have to be just at your home. Lets say you want to go on vacation and take your pooch with you. You can set up and add a new location without interfering with your saved settings for your "home base". This is a plus in my opinion since I take Stark everywhere. Whether I'm staying at a family's house, hotel, friends, I can be assured that Stark will be safe & check in on him.

Checking in/Activity:

This is a pretty interesting free perk to the Tagg pet tracker. You can actually keep tabs on your pets activity through out the day on the site or download the free Tagg application on your smart phone. The website itself has an Activity page for each pet you have with the tracker. You can see how active they have been. For example, if they are running around, walking, doing small tasks (Like rolling around or moving a little bit), or if they are resting. When I tested this out, I had taken stark outside (in my boundary perimeter) and ran with him, then walked a small amount. When I came to check the activity chart, it took about 5/10 minutes to update and to my surprise it was very accurate! It showed me that he significantly ran more than he walked. it's a neat way to motivate owners to get their pets activity levels up if needed. As for the phone application, this will show you on a map where your pet is. Very simple.

Alerts!

The tracker itself will alert you if the tracker comes off the pets collar, low on battery, in power save mode, if its on the charger, if your pet leaves the boundary,

if its turned off, if its turned on, pretty much everything you would need or want to know. The alerts can be sent to your phone through text messaging or to your email. You can also add people's contact information onto the account. For example, you want your wife/husband/brother/sister to be alerted as well in case you might not have access to your phone or internet 24/7. If your pet cross's over the designated boundary line, the tracker will alert you & pin point where your pet is. If you are using your phone, it will act as a GPS & give you driving directions to the location of your pet. Pretty cool if you ask me!

How accurate & quickly does the tracker respond when the dog leaves the boundary?

The question that everyone wants to know the answer to. I tested this one out by having a friend drive with stark down the road outside of the "Home base" boundary. I was not told where, how far, or in what direction my friend was taking Stark. I was to rely only on the Tagg pet tracker to help me find him. It took around 5 minutes for the tracker to update and send me the notifications that Stark was outside of his boundary zone. It was sent to my email & texted to my phone. I pulled up my Tagg application on my smart phone & was able to pin point where he was & get the driving directions to his location.

I also had the option of using the GPS (which I did use). The tracker can update you every 3 minutes for 30 minutes when the option is selected (in case your pet is on the run!). The directions & location were very accurate.

Conclusion:

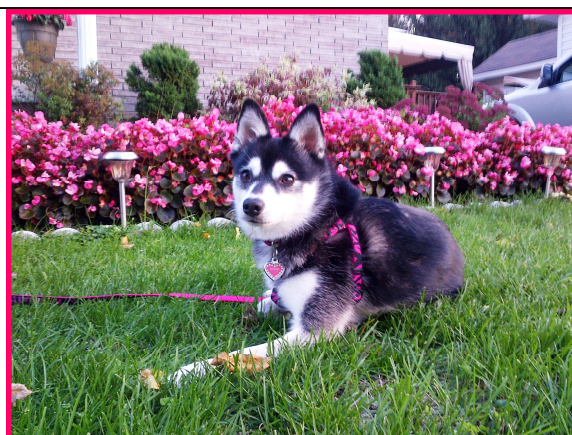
I would recommend this product to any pet owner. It's great and gives you a sense of security when you are not around your pet. Whether your pet runs off, gets lost, or you want to just check up on them, you can find them or stay up to date with the Tagg pet tracker. I rate this product 4.5 out of 5 stars in my opinion. I would give the full 5 stars if the perimeter of the boundary could be set to a smaller area. I plan on buying additional trackers for my other pets.

Springtime with the Alaskan Klee Kai



Denali

Owens ~ Heidi Agnic



"PR" NAITOK'S TEIKA-DELILAH
owns ~ Nathalie Dessureault



Kortok



Crystal

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The Wright AKK
← Past and Present →



Taku

May/June ~

Mother's Day/Momma's with Pups/Father's Day/Daddy with Pups

July/August ~ Beach Bums, Lake Lovers, 4th of July, Summer, Water, etc

September/October ~
Fall and AKK w/other Animals

November/December ~

Halloween/Winter/ Kids with AKK

January/February ~

Christmas/Winter Wonderland/Valentine's Day

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After a hard
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it's time for a
nice hot soak in
the tub.

Ms. Honor
Who owns
Lisa Monge

