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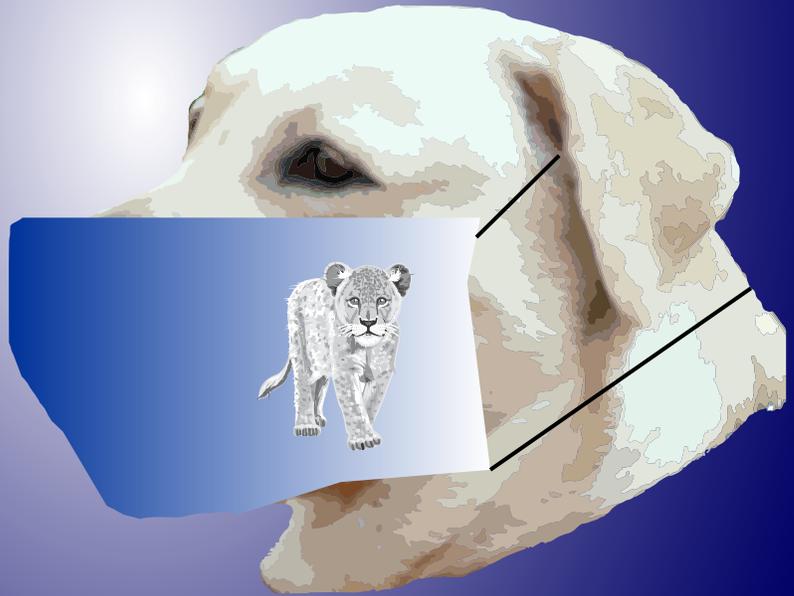
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TIKO President's Message

Welcome to our shiny new newsletter, and thank you to Marnie Layng, for designing it and being ready to produce it for us four times per year.

A newsletter is a great way for us all as club members to keep in touch and learn what each other are doing with our dogs. As with any communication tool, it is really only as good as we want to make it. It is my hope that the membership will take advantage of TIKO TAILS to share laughs, triumphs, proud moments, educational tidbits and pearls of wisdom. In addition, we will be providing the public (dog enthusiasts and people wanting to know more about the dog world) the opportunity to access TIKO TAILS on line via our website where it can easily be read, or downloaded as desired.

We are a community of like-minded dog enthusiasts, so let's support this club endeavour. We all want to hear about Sparky's antics in the show ring, learn about advances in technology, or medical care and how it will affect our dogs. And who doesn't want to brag just a little when we get noticed in the ring, or our bitch produces the-best-puppy we-have-ever-seen. Well now we can!

This newsletter will also be a means of staying aware of just what the club is up to. Your Board of Directors are your representatives. If you have an idea, please, bring it to a Board member so that we can collectively try to help you to achieve a goal. You can easily contact your Directors and Executive via the website. Let us know what you think, what you want, and most importantly how you think we can help make it happen. An active club is a healthy club, and a healthy club is just a good place to be.

I hope that you all enjoy this first edition, I know I will, and look forward to many more. See you all soon at a meeting, online or in person, and hopefully we will all be ringside soon to cheer each other and our respective dogs on.

Ginny



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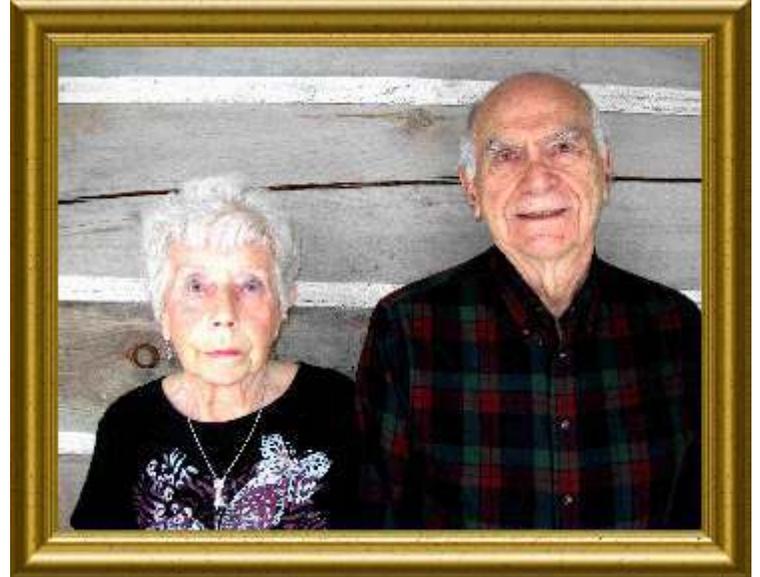
Reflecting On More Than A Half Century

by Marnie Layng

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Camplaren is a well-known name in the North American world of purebred dogs and is synonymous with the Bernhardt family. Jack and Joyce Bernhardt have been very active in pure bred dogs for over fifty years, so there is much to tell of their experiences. But let's start at the beginning.

Jack and Joyce met in Brantford, ON during their elementary school years (grades six & seven) as pre-teens. Their relationship grew as the years passed and in 1955 after Joyce graduated from Nursing school, they married. Following Jack's career goals, they moved to the States where Joyce worked at the University of Chicago Hospital while Jack attended George Williams, a YMCA college from which he graduated in 1957. Their well-chosen careers proved to be good choices and led them to a broad scope of experiences in many different locations in Canada as well including Belleville, ON, Winnipeg, MB, Regina, SK, Brockville, ON, and Ottawa, ON.



For six years the Bernhardt's lived in the Western Provinces furthering their careers while also beginning a family. It was during that time that they entered the world of purebred dogs with German Shepherds. They enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow exhibitors and in the process won two BISS with one of their female GSD's. This no doubt gave them a taste of the addictive show ring glory and hooked them, as it has so many others, into a lifetime in the sport. And so the story begins of life at the dog shows, participating with dog clubs and extending family circles. It was also during that time that the kennel name Camplaren was created by merging the Bernhardt's love for "camping" with Jack's middle name "McLaren".

In 1966 with their now two sons Martin and Stephen, plus two GSD's, the Bernhardt's moved to Brockville, ON where Jack served as the Brockville YMCA director for 10 years and then they moved to Ottawa where he was a YM-YWCA director for twenty years until he retired. At that point they moved back to the Brockville area, built their dream log home complete with built in kennel and where they still reside to this day.

Life In The Dog Game – A Family Affair

In 1967, Jack & Joyce acquired their first female Schipperke from Marj Kuyt of Vancouver, BC, thus beginning their long love affair with the Schipperke. This Schip was acquired for their now, three sons, Martin, Stephen and Paul to show in junior handling. The boys all participated in the shows to various degrees, but Stephen and Paul showed more often with many top junior and breed / group wins in both Canada and the USA to their credit. Stephen was the first boy to win the Top Junior Handler Finals & Perpetual trophy. He handled "Sonny" to SCC Best in Specialty in 1980 and again in 1982. Martin made up for not attending the shows by staying home and managing the kennel. If he had not done so, the

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rest of the family likely would not have been able to go to so many shows and be away from home so frequently. Paul assisted Joyce quite regularly over the years with many handling successes during and after junior handling. He eventually opened his own grooming shop which he still operates today. Stephen has become a regular helper at the annual TIKO shows and in recent years has helped his parents to take care of the dogs and house whenever Jack and Joyce have been able to attend shows and visit with their friends. All in all, for the Bernhardt's life with the dogs has been a family affair

Life With Schipperkes

When starting out in a new breed it is most advantageous to have someone to guide you. The Bernhardt's long-time friend and mentor in Schips was Fran Griggs, SchipALong, Chicago, IL who provided them with a lot of insight and information about the breed that she had garnered over her lengthy career breeding Schips.

In 1969 the Bernhardt's bred their first Schipperke litter which produced "Commander" AM CAN CH Camplaren's Commander as well as his sister "Cindy" CH Camplaren's Cinderella. Together they won Best Brace in 1970 at the SCA Specialty in Atlanta, Georgia.



Joyce & Sonny

Over the next 60 years Camplaren established an enviable show record by winning several Specialties, BIS's and many Group wins. One of the most well known Camplaren Schipperkes was "Sonny", BIS BISS AM CAN CH Camplaren's Native Son, whose show record is most impressive. Sonny was Canada's #2 Non-Sporting Dog in 1980. But for the Bernhardt's the most cherished of his wins are first, in Detroit, MI while handled by their son Paul when Sonny became the first Canadian Schipperke to win the SCA's National Specialty, and second in 1984 while handled by Joyce, when Sonny won a very competitive Best in Show in Syracuse, NY under well known judge Joseph Gregory. I can tell you that I consider myself lucky to have been there to witness Schipperke history, hear the thundering roar of the crowd (yes that happened back then) and to clap right along with the crowd as one of my favourite Schips of all times took the top honours that day. Many other Camplaren Schipperkes have done very well in the show ring as well and other breeders have started off their own Schipperke lines with Camplaren dogs, including me.

Some other notable Schips, but certainly not a complete list of Camplaren's successful show dogs are:

- AM BDA MBIS MBISS CAN CH Camplaren's Quite A Winner, owned by Murray Lutz, Halifax, NS – Past SCC President - Buddy's record MBIS (11) MBISS (2)
- AM Multi BIS BISS CAN CH Knighttime Banner O'Camplaren, CD, TD, HOF
- AM BIS BISS CAN CH Camplaren's Xmas Cracker, owned by Sally Gibbs, Severn, ON
- BIS AM CAN CH Camplaren's Yours To Discover
- AM CAN CH Camplaren's High Star, ROM
- AM CAN CH Bracken's Mark O'Camplaren, ROM
- BIS GCH Camplaren Klondike Connection, CGN RN PCD, Owned by Bonnitta Ritchie, Tagish, YT, Current SCC President

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Life Is A Dog Club

I don't know of many other families that have been as supportive of dog clubs or given as much of themselves to club endeavours than the Bernhardt's. They joined the German Shepherd club while in the west as well as local all breed clubs where ever they resided. Shortly after moving to Brockville in 1966, Jack and Joyce became founding members of the Thousand Islands Kennel & Obedience club bringing with them much experience gained from the dog clubs they previously belonged to. TIKO has been and remains a large part of them as they are still active Life Members. They are also Life Members of the Canadian Kennel Club and The Schipperke Club of Canada, and remain long time members of the Ottawa Kennel Club. Jack and Joyce have served each of these clubs well by participating in many events and holding numerous club positions. They also belong to clubs in the States such as the Erie Canal Schipperke Club and the Schipperke Club of America. The SCA in recognition of their fifty plus years as members, bestowed Honorary membership to Jack & Joyce in 2018.

Life Outside of Schipperkes

It is a fact that Joyce took to the show ring like a duck to water. Overtime, Joyce's skill at showing dogs allowed her to quit nursing and pursue handling professionally as a full-time job for twenty years. Handling would take Joyce and Jack all over North America and even to Bermuda four times and where their entries did very well.

Joyce was considered an all breed handler, but she was especially successful with Newfoundlands, Siberians, Beardies and Goldens. Some of her most prestigious wins as a handler were with:

- Newfoundland: Multi BIS AM CAN CH Hornblower`s Eye of the Storm, CD - owned by Robert & Doreen Linkletter who in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia won three Best in Shows in one weekend,
- Siberian: AM CAN CH) Innisfree`s Golden Star - owned by Ron & Kathy Stewart

Both of the dogs above were handled by Joyce at the prestigious Show of Shows in Ottawa that was a by invitation only and all entries were Best in Show winners.

A natural outcome of being a handler was the progression to teaching others how to show their dogs, resulting in the many handling classes Joyce offered via the TIKO training program in Brockville and classes she and Jack ran in the Kemptville area



Joyce & Gig in Dartmouth, NS 1980

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just south of Ottawa. for many years. Many an exhibitor owes their gratitude to Joyce and her classes for helping them achieve success in the ring with their dogs.

Something else that Joyce excelled at was her skill for doing the most legible tattooing of puppies and her reputation made her services much in demand by breeders on both sides of the border. I certainly had her tattoo my Beardie and Schip litters until the microchip came into being. Another skill Joyce possessed was tail banding. I am forever grateful that she taught me how to band my Schips properly over forty years ago.

It is also a fact that Jack earned kudos in a capacity well known to many spouses of dog exhibitors and that was as “unpaid kennel help”, “bucket boy” and/or “unloader” & loader upper” at the dog shows. However, it should also be known that beyond those roles, behind the scenes, Jack on occasion was shoved into the ring to handle as required when others like the Bernhardt boys...or anyone else was not available. And I know for a fact that on one occasion he also unexpectedly took the breed from the classes over their Special creating a bit of family drama. That fact I pointed out in fun, but to his credit I have also learned that Jack often served as mid-wife commonly referred to as litter whelper. We all know that this is a responsibility many spouses will not touch, much to the chagrin of exhibitors wishing to go away to shows when puppies are due to arrive. We can see in this collaboration of the Bernhardt’s, the perfect pairing for a dog show couple and perhaps a hint of why their marriage has lasted so many decades.



Jack & Chance

In Summary:

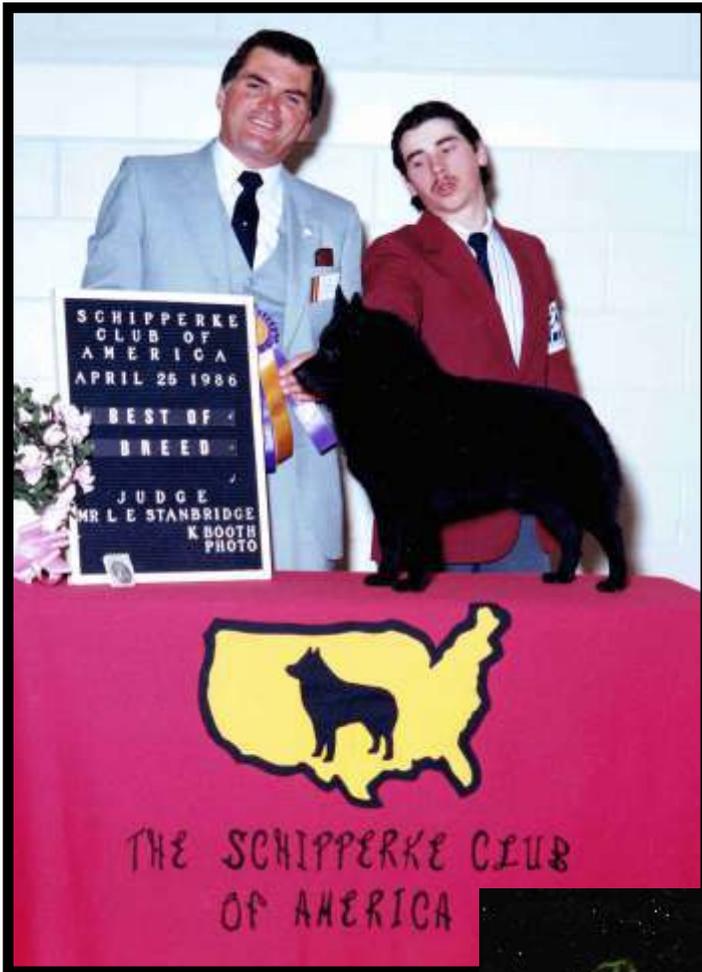
In their 65 plus years together Joyce and Jack have truly given back to the communities they have lived in, enjoyed their family and relationships with their friends. Their immediate family has grown with each of their boys having their own sons who are now also grown up. The Bernhardt's have supported and celebrated the Dog Show World for over half a century, promoted their breeds (especially Schipperkes) and done everything they could to help animal related organizations to thrive.

By recruiting and mentoring new dog show enthusiasts, which is very important to the Bernhardt's, they have earned the admiration and gratitude of the pure bred dog community. That is because without new enthusiasts, the dog-show world would not continue to exist.

The SCC congratulates Jack and Joyce on all their accomplishments and we celebrate their contribution to the Schipperke breed. It is my hope that their example will be recognized by all who love canines and that others will pick up the banner and continue to promote pure bred dogs and competitions so that we all can carry on forever with our much, loved sport.

Please enjoy the pictorial history of Camplaren and the Bernhardt family on the following pages.

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Sonny winning the 1986
SCA National
handled by Paul Bernhardt

USA Highpoints

Sonny shown winning
Best in Show in
Syracuse, NY in 1984



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Joyce handling dog ?
Judge ??



Joyce handling dog ?
Judge ??

Joyce handling Sonny
Judge Cyril Bernfeld



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Bernhardt Junior Handlers

Martin



Stephen



Paul



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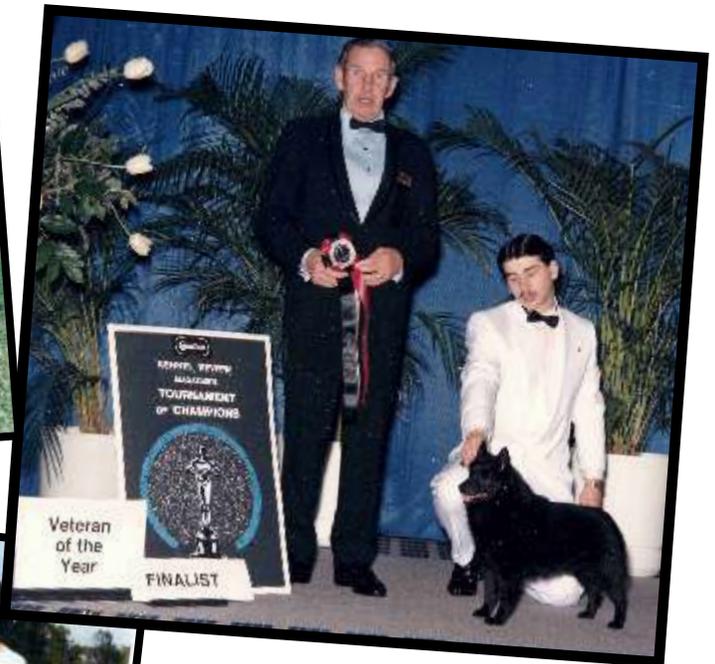
Memory after memory...



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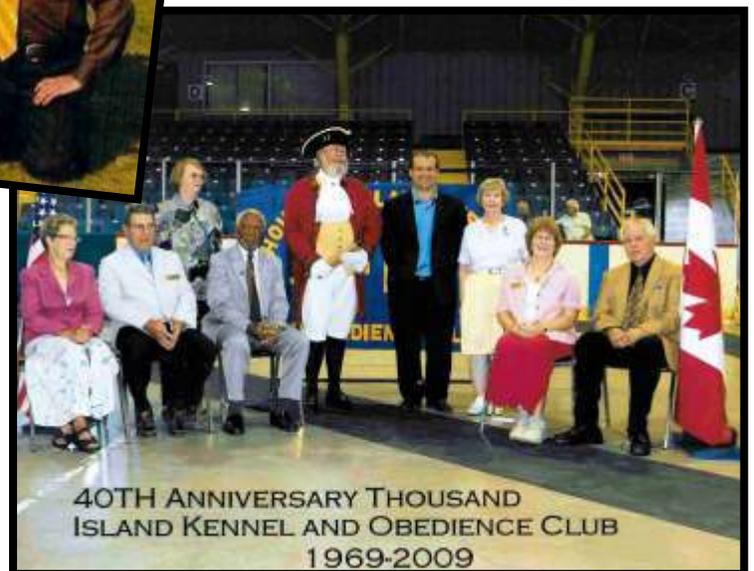
Jack & Joyce Bernhardt by their nature
and chosen professions...

have shared their time
and experience with many...



In the communities
they lived in...

And the dog world
they treasure.



Dog Treats – Salmon/Tuna/Sardines

2 Cans Cheap Salmon or Tuna or Sardines

2 Eggs

1 to 1.5 cups Flour

Mix all ingredients together including the salmon/tuna liquid

Spread in a rectangle on a parchment lined cookie sheet, about ½” thick

Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Let cool on cutting board before cutting.

Cut into cubes (pizza cutter works great) about 3/8” x 3/8”

Freeze on tray – once frozen, store in Ziploc bag in freezer – take out as needed (no need to thaw)

****FLOUR:** Can use unbleached all-purpose flour, oat flour, or coconut flour – or a combination of those. Coconut flour will tend to make a much drier/crumblly treat so keep this in mind and use it sparingly in combination with all-purpose for instance.

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**Salmon Dog Treats
Before Cooking**



**Salmon Dog Treats
After Cooking**



**Salmon Dog Treats
Cut and Frozen**

The Other Pandemic

by Cassandra de la Rosa, *Suntory Lhasa Apsos*, *The American Lhasa Apso Club Gazette Breed Columnist*

Lhasa Apso column
March 2021

Travelling in tandem with the Covid-19 pandemic is another disease that is a proved contributing or aggravating factor in gastrointestinal, skin, respiratory and cardiac conditions, behavioral disorders, a weakened immune system and a shortened lifespan. We're talking about chronic stress.

Stress affects both humans and dogs. It's the body's reaction to a threat. It triggers hormones that contribute to survival, such as the fight or flight response. The main hormone released is cortisol, which increases heartrate, triggers blood flow to the muscles, reduces it to the stomach and intestines and puts the brain and body in survival mode. But high levels of these hormones are destructive when chronically present in the system.

While the reaction to stress differs among individuals, the triggers are usually the same. Change in schedule, environment, travel, confinement, emotional loss, lack of exercise, situations that cause anxiety, boredom, grooming, a trip to the vet or stress signals given off by those to whom we are emotionally attached. And isolation. Lack of interaction with others – think the pandemic. Cut off from social interaction, community, friends and family.

The old saying that nervousness travels down the lead is scientifically proven to be true. Stress in their human is replicated in the dog. Dogs have 10,000 years' experience observing and analyzing human behavior and their anxiety level is usually similar to that of their owner. Cortisol leaves a history of its presence in the body found in hair or fur. Analyses of dog and human hair for evidence of cortisol revealed similar levels in humans and their pets.

Signs of stress in your dog include, but are not limited to, nausea, diarrhea, panting, licking, lethargy, excessive barking, pacing, chewing, frequent yawning (a stress reliever), separation anxiety and more.

Stress can be managed. In the case of show dogs, efforts to relieve boredom might trump ideal coat conditioning on a drop-coated breed, but yield physical and mental health benefits for both owners and dogs that surpass some loss of conditioning. Coats can be protected using creative solutions, whereas mind and body cannot.

Some ways to reduce stress and improve mental health are:

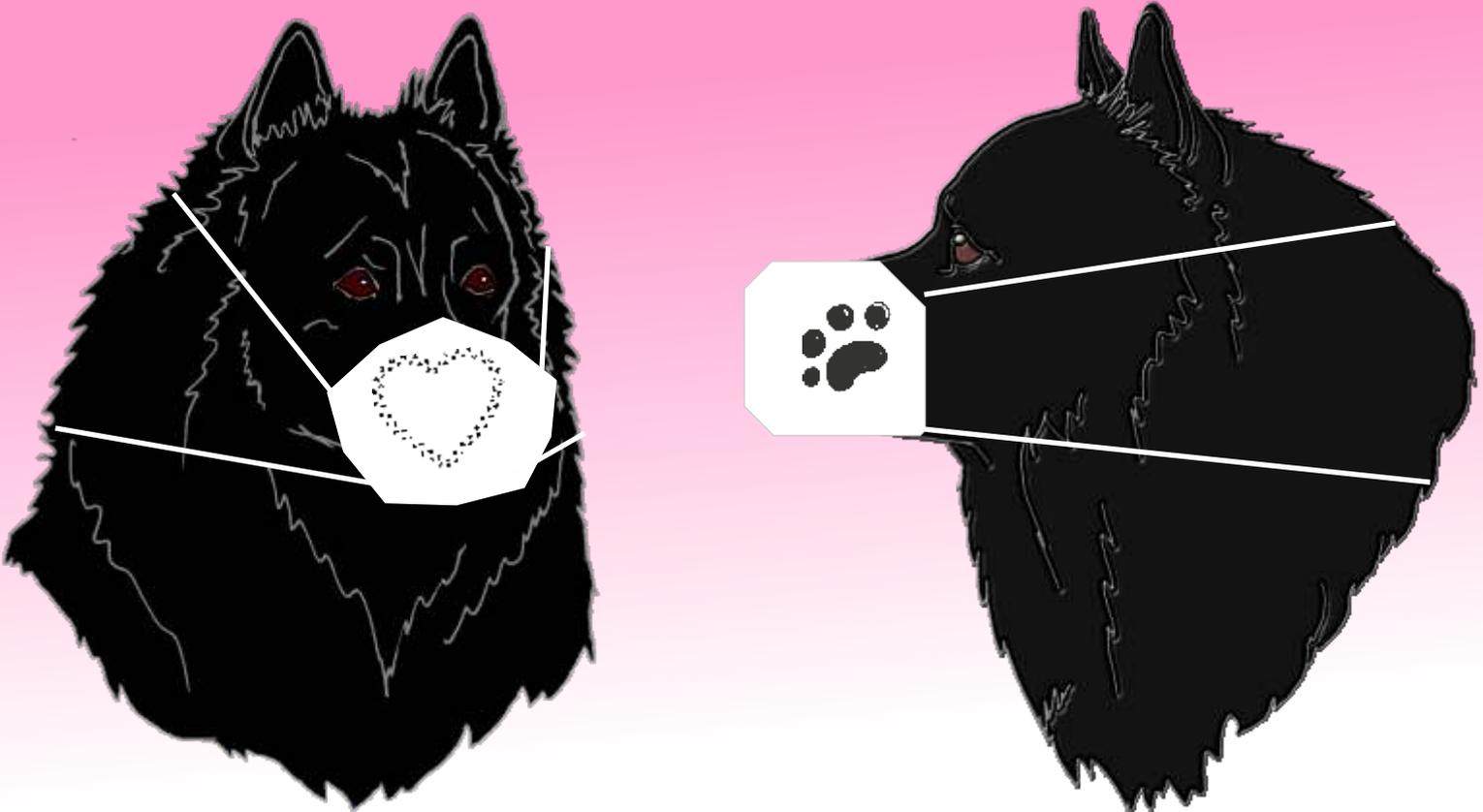
- More house time for show dogs – Being kenneled 24/7 is stressful. Show dogs are accustomed to travelling, seeing new places, people and other dogs, plus the excitement of competing. Put a belly band or panties on naughty boys or girls and bring them into the house regularly to play, run around freely and do all the things companion animals do.
- Training sessions – Try Rally online or teach tricks. Learning is good mental exercise for the dog and the owner will benefit from knowing how best the dog learns.
- Structured walks – Band up side coat, put on your mask, and, weather permitting, go for regular brisk walks. It's great muscle and aerobic conditioning, kills boredom, and releases hormones that

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combat depression. Some extra bathing might be needed, but the benefits outweigh the work.

- Change toys – A simple stimulation is to change toys frequently. New toys are always a diversion and puzzle toys are a bonus.
- Games – play fetch, hide the treat, or some other favorite game to exercise the mind. Practice free-stacking off lead in the kitchen or elsewhere.
- Beware of separation anxiety – There are reports of separation anxiety in dogs that never have exhibited it or in “Covid puppies”, both now used to seeing owners non-stop. Structured alone time for dogs may help avoid this issue.

These trying times demand flexibility, creativity and dedication to sustaining mental as well as physical health for us and our loved ones. The best stress relief of all? Play with puppies.



Hi mom and dad. I am ok. Really. Today I arrived and was greeted by this beautiful blue sky and fields full of grass and clover. The sun radiates warmth onto my fur and it feels so good. Somehow, I feel so different. I don't hurt anymore. My bad left leg works so well, I want to do zoomies all over. And my hurting tummy feels so good, I want to eat again. My eyesight has sharpened up so well, I recognize some of those people and dogs running around. And, my heart, you know the one that kept giving me so many health problems, feels so strong. My teeth are better. But that one that caused some problems in my early years has come back. And my back feels so good. I was having issues with walking before the light came and now I can wiggle and stretch without losing feeling in my legs. I am ok. Really.

I noticed a bunch of Schipperke's over at the edge of the field and was so anxious to join them. But, I was told I needed to do my paperwork, so I am waiting patiently in line to talk to the admittance clerk. There are so many in line. It might take a while to get through it. In the mean time, I am ok. Really.

I got to the front of the line really quickly. And this woman with these glowing wings leaned over the desk, lifted me up, and sat me on the desk. My, my, my, you are beautiful. What are you, she asked. I stood up and assumed my natural position, proud and tall, and barked, I AM A SCHIPPERKE. The others around me were taken aback by my barking, but I explained to them, that's us. That's part of what we are. We are bred to protect and alert our loved ones when danger enters our domain. We love to ride in anything that moves, and stick our heads into the wind to smell everything as we go. We are Little Captains. We are totally devoted to our family and will protect them with our lives. We are small in stature, but huge in heart. We are willful and stubborn, but have a mischievous nature about us. Some call us Little Black Devils. But, we are SCHIPPERKES.

The woman looked on this list after asking my real name. My Championship name meant nothing now. Just my family given name. She told me that there are a lot of sad people where I just came from. But, mom and dad, I am OK. Really.

She told me that they had a very, very special door for me. She pointed to a doggie door over next to this HUGE Gate behind which I saw the other Schipperke's playing. She gently lifted me up and enveloped me in her wings. I felt so much love from her. It reminded it so much of where I had just come from. Then she put me down and said get along. Someone special is waiting for you. I was a little scared trotting up to that doggie door. But, I put on my best Schipperke fluff and stuck my nose through. The smell of fresh grass, trees and the wind was gently blowing across the fields was amazing. It drew me through the gate. I was suddenly next to this bright, warm

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bench sitting at attention, and surveying my new forever home. A hand came down and touched my head. I felt so much love, warmth and energy. As I leaned into the hand, I was picked up and laid next to this person. I was not frightened. I was not scared. I felt such total peace. And such total love without measure. After what seemed hours I awoke and was gently put back on the ground. Go play and see your long lost Schipperke friends and family, he said. I ran with the speed I had not known in years. And as I approached the pack in the corner, they all turned and greeted me. I asked, where are we? In Heaven they all replied. See, mom and dad, I AM OK. REALLY!



So You Think You Want A Dog

By *Marnie Layng*

The Good, The Bad and the Stressful

Getting a new dog is a big, lifelong commitment that should never happen on a whim. Taking the time to educate yourself about the many breeds that exist will help you find out which one is best for you. Equally important is knowing *and accepting* what each breed requires in terms of exercise, grooming, food and activity level (*physical and mental*). All of these things will influence how well your relationship with your canine best buddy can develop. Contrary to popular belief puppies do not come fully trained with beautiful manners, nor do they feed and clean up after themselves. But knowing the normal needs of any breed will help you in part to avoid acquiring Cujo, or to becoming a slave to a pampered pooch that cannot accompany you on the long hikes that you had envisioned. And it is hard on everyone when you mistakenly think that getting the worlds smartest, fastest, dog guarantees a successful new friendship. Smart and fast really require extreme commitment to training, and providing lots of fun activities, plus an owner who enjoys getting off the couch to do more than go to the fridge. Yes, a bit of sarcasm, but better than a whole lot of avoidable stress and disappointment.

What You See Is What You Get – Not!

Dog show people have waited for a long time for our favourite sport to achieve the recognition that it has achieved in recent years. Many people are now able to view large, impressive, dog shows such as Westminster, or the Kennel Club of Philadelphia's National Show on television. That reality is thanks to the television producers who have recognized that the majority of people love dogs and enjoy watching TV shows that focus on them, or at least include dogs in them. In fact, beautiful show dogs prancing around the ring with their gorgeous coats flowing, and their handlers in formal attire, have caused a number of folks to say, "Yup...that's the dog for me!" Sales of pups in the breeds that win big at these shows often rise up directly afterward. Unfortunately, that beautiful image isn't always true for every dog in that breed.

It's easy to see how breed selection can be adversely influenced when proper research isn't done. And after acquiring what should grow up to be a replica of the model dog they watched in awe and immediately coveted, the new owner soon finds out they are living with something totally different. Worse it usually isn't the dog's fault. All canines, just like human children, require guidance, patience, wisdom and time to become all that they can be.

Going to dog shows in person, especially after doing some research into breeds, is a great way to find out first hand about the breeds you might want, talk to the people who actually live with them and to see how they interact with other dogs and people. *TIKO hopes to once again hold their annual dog show weekend in August 2022. We hope to see you there enjoying all of the dogs and events.*

TIKO is formally recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) which is covered under the Animal Pedigree Act and serves as the National registry body for purebred dogs in Canada. The CKC is a great resource for anyone looking to get a dog. Visit www.ckc.ca/en to start your research and read about topics such as:

- **Deciding To Get A Dog**
- **Choosing A Dog**
- **Finding An Accountable Breeder**
- **Raising A Dog**

And many more topics that will help you to make all the right decisions before you acquire your dog. We will continue this conversation in our next issue.

TIKO Member Kennel Cards



TIKO Members can have their kennel cards posted here free of charge.



TIKO Social

Bragging Rights:



Members tell us all about your recent accomplishments. You can list your dog's registered name, call name, the new title, the win, the show / trial / event name and date, plus the owner/s all for free. Good luck and we hope to see you and your dog/s here often!! **No pictures or pedigrees.**

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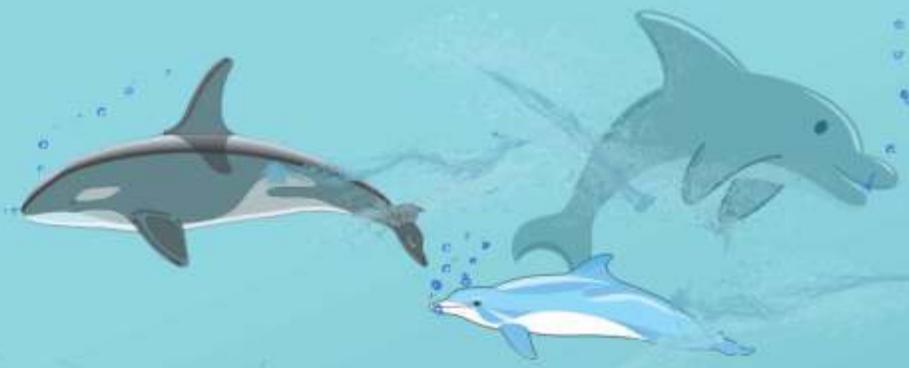
Members can list their current litter/s here, free of charge. You may list the breed, date of birth, number and gender of puppies, parents registered names and breeder. **No prices, pictures or pedigrees.**

Classifieds:



Members can list dog **related** items they want to sell here. No charge for this service. Items such as crates, ex-pens, dog runs, dog toys, etc. You can list the item with very brief description, a price and a means of contact (i.e. phone # / email address). **No Dogs or Puppies for sale**

Stay Cool This Summer



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Be watching for our September issue



*Thank you to TIKO member
Karen Nesbitt for letting us use
her beautiful picture of the St.
Lawrence River.*