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TIKO President's Message



Welcome to the Winter edition of TIKO Tails.

We are nearly ready to bid farewell to 2021, another year of strange new situations and novel approaches as we all dealt with pandemic driven changes to how we lived, worked and played. It might be rude to say good riddance, but I think I shall...with feeling! Here is hoping that 2022 will be an easier road for everyone to follow.

All was not lost however, as several members were able to get out to shows and make us all proud! Congratulations to our members who put impressive wins on their dogs this year with not only breed, but group placings as well as respectable showings in the obedience and rally ring.

Others were happy to announce the arrival of happy healthy puppies, and the club also was able to fulfill one of our mandates of supporting sound breeding practices by offering health clinics for eyes and heart checks, as well as a blood donor clinic for canines. Within the circle of life there were sadly some losses as a few members said good-bye to cherished pets and to them we offer ongoing condolences. One of the beautiful things about building special memories is that they will live forever in our hearts and minds.

As a club we are all looking forward to the new year and new adventures with our cherished dogs and hope that many of you will be able to join us for the ride.

Ginny



TIKO Social Page Information

Bragging Rights:

Members tell us all about your recent accomplishments. You can list your dog's registered name, call name, breed, 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.**

Stork Room:

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 a very brief description, a price and a means of contact (i.e. phone # / email address). **No Dogs or Puppies for sale**

TIKO TAILS Submission Cut-off & Publication Dates

Issue	Submission Cut-off	Publication Dates
Spring	March 1st	March 15th
Summer	June 1st	June 15th
Fall	September 1st	September 15th
Winter	December 1st	December 15th

TIKO Triple Clinic Report - November 6, 2021

Submitted by: Heather Fitzgerald

Prepared and presented by:

Heather FitzGerald
November 12, 2021

Location:

MERC Hall
120 E McLean Blvd
Maitland, Ontario

Stats:

- 156 dogs pre enrolled and confirmed
- 155 dogs attended (one no-show)
- 5 dogs attended But not in clinic
- So, a Total of 160 dogs came. :)

- 126 eye exams (14 Tiko and 112 non Tiko)
- 70 heart exams (11 Tiko and 59 non Tiko)
- 8 blood donors
- 204 appointments
- 2 dogs "ending"(cancelled)
- 1 dog added eyes mid day
- 40+ different pure breeds and 1 mix
- 74 breeders / homes (+ spouses and children)
- 1 breeder paid but left missing one eye apt - notified her and she has credit for next eye clinic.
- 22 TIKO dogs
- 133 non TIKO dogs
- We started @ 7:00 a.m. (loading and set up)
- First appointment 8:45 am
- Last appointment approx. 4:00
- We locked up @ 6:00 pm (clean up)
- 3 Piddle accidents so Adelaide mopped up at days end, Sean carpet cleaned all floor mats and runners

Canadian Animal Blood Bank blood

- 4 volunteers, so self supporting.
- 8 dogs donated
- 7 were successful

- Kimberly Hutton was super happy with the day and was very grateful for the exposure. She said clearly that she looks forward to working with TIKO in the future .
- Blood donor staff ALL said they had so much fun they can't wait for the next clinic with us.
- All 3 teenage volunteers took turns in the CABB clinic at their request and LOVED it.

Bake sale:

- Pretty much cleaned out of treats
- People obviously loved it (some requested the bake sale happen again)

TIKO Clinic Report

Lunch:

It Was awesome. Leftovers went to folks driving long distances home. Potluck is a great way to involve more volunteers and get folks participating . And the food was FANTASTIC.

Volunteers:

- YOU WERE ALL Extremely well received by the public
- Lots of kudos to the kids from folks
- Lots of kudos to the entire volunteer team from the participants
- One comment referred to "a very Well run ,professional clinic. ♡

A shout out to All that volunteered as members **AND as non members.**

And gratitude to all who attended with their dogs.

Overview:

I changed the format of the clinic this fall to all indoors and it was our first **triple clinic**. Lots of people were asking if we could add eyes to the planned heart and blood clinic so we did .

The goal was to eliminate the amount of running time handlers did and to make the line up move along more smoothly and in a more time effective manor. We set up chair for each of the clinics and did 30 min time slots with 10 eye appts and 6 heart appts and 1 blood donor.

It Was chaotic to start but we smoothed out the wrinkles as we moved through the first hour. Then things fell into place rather nicely.

I was super light headed and having a tough time settling into the flow of the day - was feeling very out of sorts and frustrated. turns out I have been rather sick (nothing contagious) brewing an internal infection that was rather advanced and I didn't slowdown long enough to realize this until Sunday and Monday. I'm all medicated up now and, in a few days, I'll be as right as rain again. In hindsight I'm amazed that It didn't even dawn on me just how "off" I was . PLEASE accept my apology if appeared to be a total flakey or "short" with you at any point. (Which I am certain I was.) I promise I'm doing much better now.

Dispite the slow start up, I only heard about one complaint regarding the disorganization, but not sure who made the complaint. and we did need a bit of time to get organized.

We received a lot of positive feedback again this time from folks about how well organized this was and how smoothly the line up went. Lots of gratitude for us hosting the clinic was expressed and owners were keen to be placed on a notification list for future clinics (as they were last clinic).

All volunteers seemed to be in amazing spirits too. (Thank you. - you guys are the best.)

One person left after paying for 4 dogs' eye exams. Only three were done (all four dogs looked identical) The woman was notified and a very clear apology given, but she took personal responsibility for her own actions and said the responsibility was on her. Instead of a refund she asked if she could just get a credit for our next eye clinic and I agreed. I still followed up with an apologetic email and her reply stated that she had to take responsibility for her own mistake of not checking before she left. She was quite happy with us and the clinic.

Again, a great track record, but room for improvement.

TIKO Clinic Report

Our cardiologist said we kept him at a steady flow all day that was very comfortable. Our Ophthalmologist was also kept busy with a fairly steady flow. Both doctors still had time for lunch and to check in personally with clients as needed. I closed down the clinic and turned away people who wanted to still sign up. In consultation with the vets, we decided we had enrolled as many people as we could absorb and more people might become unmanageable.

Two people (filling 5 appointment spots) cancelled at zero hour and unfortunately it was too late to fill their spots.

Things I felt were successful:

- The “ine up” that made owners responsible for getting their dogs up to the entrance of the clinic
- Having cheerful parking attendants to meet greet and direct attendees
- Hosting the blood donor clinic (enough blood was collected to save the lives of approximately 22 dogs.)
- The schedule / spreadsheet
- Having admin status on the OFA site was EXTREMELY useful.
- The venue
- Advertising on Canuck dogs and lots of word-of-mouth advertising happened.
- Having TIKO banners to identify us
- Coordinator/facilitator doing an appropriate venue introduction for fire extinguishers, AED, first aid and fire evacuation plan.
- New members being added from clinic.

Lessons to carry forward:

** are hold overs from last clinic

- **Don’ hold spots for anyone who hasn’ successfully registered (AGAIN.)
- **Consider cancellation fees
- Clearly layout floor plan for volunteers (I was not clear with my intended plan)
- Sarah Fitz Suggested: 1) Q card for every dog with dog’s name/ breed and owner name and clinics signed up for - 2) Bingo dabber in each clinic room and 3) card is stamped by handler when exam is done. (I'd really like to try this. Simple and easy.)
- **Having volunteers in TIKO T-shirt’ / hats for visibility
- **Parking attendants in high visibility vests for safety
- **Having a first aid kit on hand

Participant feedback from eye clinic August 2021

Emails:

1). I think you all did a wonderful job, and I do plan on becoming a member at TIKO in the new year. With covid and so many dogs you did fantastic and if someone grumbled well, they should maybe take their dog to a vet to have the testing done and pay 3 times the amount. Many of us are so grateful that the club was able to support this clinic. Again, thank you, and thank the volunteers for me as well

2). Hi Heather

It was a pleasure meeting you this afternoon.

I just had to drop you a note to say what a wonderful job you did. I found everything ran well. Smoothly. And how professionally organized it was.

I thank you for all your help with getting the forms filled out prior to today.

Most appreciated.

Beverley.

Thank you for holding Helen. As I mentioned to you before she's at that stage where she needs it.

Facebook:

3). Exceptionally well-organized clinic. Well done. and Thank you.

4). Thank you for organizing this clinic. Everyone did an amazing job.

5). Thank you for all the time and effort you put in to this event Heather. It was very well done. Thankful for you and your team of volunteers. ♥

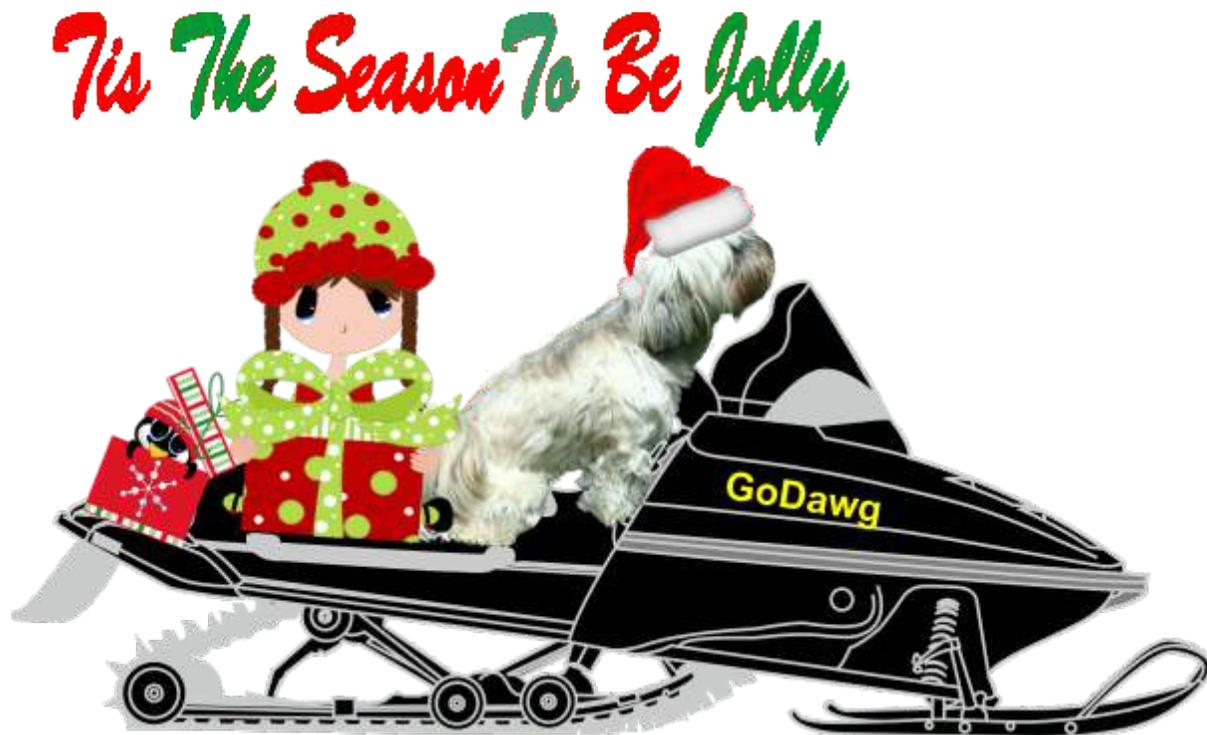
6). Thank you to you and your team of volunteers for putting these clinics on, Heather. Everything was very smooth from our perspective.

7). Thank you to everyone for a great clinic. Everyone worked so hard to provide a great service to the dog community. Fantastic.

In closing, remarks from the "slightly less of a newbie":

Once again, I am thrilled with the outcome of this clinic and the team work displayed. THIS was our biggest clinic by FAR.

I took great pleasure in organizing this event because it challenged me in new ways (first triple Clinic under my belt) and





Curtisfarms 2021



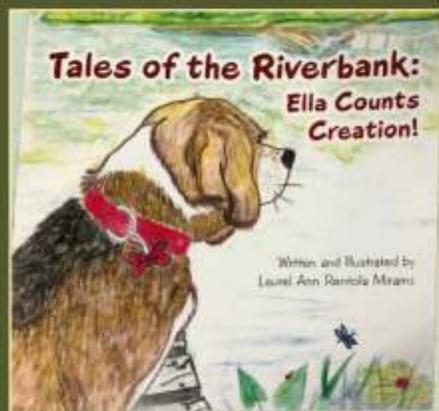
For dog show enthusiasts 2021 didn't seem hopeful. Our training classes were suspended leaving our show hopefuls unprepared and our puppies not well socialized. From that shaky start I am pleased what we have accomplished at *Curtisfarm Kennels*.

In May 2021, Shillington Curtisfarms Chanel delivered a litter of two puppies. A small litter but I did get a pretty female and a show quality male. The male, Curtisfarms The Farmers Son (aka Douglas) will be out to shows in 2022. After having a litter of puppies, Chanel ended 2021 with 7 points towards a title.



In July 2021, Curtisfarms Taybro Juliet, my Covid puppy, took a Group 2 in her first show. In limited showing Juliet finished 2021 with 9 Grand Champion points.

In November 2021, I welcomed a new breed of hound to our kennel. A PBGV puppy named Sadie arrived home on November 20th.



In November 2021 one of my puppy owners published a children's book featuring Ella, a *Curtisfarms* beagle puppy she adopted in 2013. *Tales of the Riverbank: Ella Counts Creation* is the first in a series of three children's books written and illustrated by Laurel Ann Rentola Mirams, a retired primary teacher. The next book will include the Miram's new addition "Lucy" who is the female puppy born in my kennel in May 2021.



*From Our Kennel to Yours,
we wish you a
Merry Christmas!*

A New Breed At Curtisfarms

by *Susan Curtis*



In the previous edition of our TIKO newsletter I was profiled as a member breeder. In that profile I mentioned I have always wanted to have a Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen. Immediately, I was contacted by Penny Murton and Michelle Cousineau. Penny is a PBGV enthusiast and Michelle's first breed are PBGVs.



Michelle was awaiting the arrival of a PBGV puppy from longtime breeder Susan Buttivant of Chapparel Kennel and Amblecroft Farm at Millbrook. I made the decision that this was the time for me to add a second breed to my kennel. I spoke to Susan Buttivant at the Belleville show about the possibility there would be a female puppy available from her September litter.

I knew that Susan had many requests for puppies, so I was willing to wait. When the message arrived that she would have a puppy for me, I was ecstatic. Michelle invited me to travel with her and Penny on November 20th when we took a road trip to Millbrook, Ontario to meet our new puppies.

It was a long drive especially for Michelle, but at the end of the day we each brought home female puppies. Hopefully, next year we will get our lives back to normal and our club will be able to offer confirmation classes so these puppies are ready for the 2022 show season.



Snowflakes
are kisses
from
heaven



Happy New Year

Reminder:
Membership renewals
are due Jan 1st.

Penny Murton

TIKO Membership
Chair

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It's Time!

VETERINARY STUDENTS TAKE DEEP DIVE INTO FINGER LAKES DOG SHOW WORLD



Credit: Carol Jennings/Cornell University

11/08/2021

By [Melanie Greaver Cordova](#)

Melanie Greaver Cordova is assistant director of communications at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

On a clear Saturday morning in early October, a caravan of veterinary students winds its way through vineyards and the lush Finger Lakes National Forest, heading from the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine to Romulus, New York, where this year's Wine Country Circuit dog shows are on the third day of exhibitions.

The event is a unique opportunity for students to refine their understanding of dog breeds and explore how veterinarians intersect with the American Kennel Club (AKC) dog show world. Their objective for the day is to listen, watch and learn.

“Few veterinary students have a chance to work at a dog show like this,” says organizer and event judge Susan Hamlin, who has been judging dog shows for 50 years.

The Wine Country Circuit is one of the largest dog show circuits in the country. Four independent kennel club shows happen over four days at this yearly event at Sampson State Park: Elmira Kennel Club, Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Kanadasaga Kennel Club and the Onondaga Kennel Association. Each of the four shows feature conformation, obedience and agility, and averages a daily total of over 1,400 dogs. Many go on to compete at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.



The Cornell veterinary care team. Credit: Carol Jennings/Cornell University

The 19 Cornell students arrive bright and early for their Saturday Elmira Kennel Club event. Students are assigned a mentor, and they spend the day getting an inside look into the world of breeders, exhibitors, field veterinary care providers and more.

“We were pleased to be able to send students to advance their understanding of different dog breeds and interact with the dog show community,” says [Dr. Meg Thompson](#), director of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

“I hope that this is the beginning of a long-term relationship, benefiting not only dog sports, but also canine health providers,” says Carol Srnka, event liaison and agility coordinator for all four days. Srnka currently sits on the board of directors for the Finger Lakes Kennel Club and has been involved with the event since 1986.

Although this is the first year with student involvement, Cornell has had a presence at the circuit for a long time. Retired ophthalmology professor [Dr. Thomas Kern](#) runs an eye exam clinic for the dogs on the show grounds, and [Dr. N. Sydney Moise](#), M.S. '85, retired CV Starr Professor of Cardiology, holds a cardiovascular clinic. Not only did Cornell clinicians provide the on-site veterinary care, but Hamlin herself retired from the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine.

Watchful observers

There are students present from each class year in the veterinary program. The event also functions as a way for them to get a fuller picture of what path — large or small animal — they might like to take when they're done with school. For many, the Wine Country Circuit will be the first shows they've ever seen.

"I had only watched the national dog show on television Thanksgiving Day, so I had no idea what to expect," says Michelle Greenfield, D.V.M. Class of 2023.

For Greenfield, the high point of the day was soaking up knowledge from her mentor, Ereign Seacord, president of the Finger Lakes Kennel Club and chief ring steward for the Friday show. "She was phenomenal," Greenfield says. "She not only took the time to explain all the intricacies of winning points and becoming a champion, but she also pointed out the various dog breeds so I could become more familiar with them — and there are so many." Indeed, there are 197 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club that participate in these shows.

Seacord also enjoyed the mentorship experience. "We visited the performance venues to see how much fun owners can have with their dogs," Seacord says. "I'm hoping that Michelle and the other students appreciated the bonds that exist between handlers and owners and their purpose-bred dogs."

Although Greenfield wants to become an aquatic veterinarian, she found there were principles from the show she could apply to other situations. "It was a unique experience to have as a veterinary student, and I'm truly thankful for the opportunity," Greenfield says.

Alanna Horton, Class of 2024, also had limited experience with dog shows. She says her mentor's enthusiasm was similarly contagious. Horton was partnered with mentor Julie Luther, Hamlin's daughter, who introduced her to fellow exhibitors and let her shadow the preparation process. "It was very clear to me how passionate the people at the dog show were about their dogs — and how much they loved talking about them!" Horton says.

Talking to the exhibitors about their motivation to enter dogs into shows like this was also a high point for Vivian Shum, Class of 2023. "I was surprised to find how much of a time and financial commitment it is to participate, and many of them do so because they love the entire process, from training to qualification," Shum says.

Hamlin likewise has been passionate about dogs since a young age, starting a junior kennel club at age 13. She says she was happy to facilitate this opportunity for the Cornell students. Over lunch, students were also able to meet with Kern as well as Sandy D'Andrea, the American Kennel Club field representative. "They were able to ask lots of questions and get a really good feel for the whole thing," Hamlin says.

Brushing up on breeding

While students basked in the excitement of the event and met an array of unique people, they also saw a door to a wider world open — a deeper understanding of dog breeding.

The show's mentors gave students an inside look at their own motivations and goals for breeding. Srnka, for example, notes that health, structure and temperament are equally important in a performance dog. "As a breeder and exhibitor, it's important to me to have all the genetic testing done for my breed to ensure that my dogs lead as long and healthy lives as possible," Srnka says.

Shum's biggest takeaway was hearing about responsible breeding, especially for breeds with a limited gene pool in the United States. "Their voices are largely overshadowed by less responsible puppy mill operations that dominate the news," Shum says. "I became more knowledgeable about the steps responsible breeders take, such as genetic testing their dogs and breeding to animals worldwide, in an attempt to maximize diversity."

Greenfield says that, after experiencing the show, she recognizes the love and care these owners have for their dogs. "I also can appreciate that the dogs have to fit certain standards, and many of these standards are developed for form and function," Greenfield says. "For example, we saw brachycephalic dogs — breeds with shorter skulls and snouts, like pugs and Boston terriers — breathing easily while competing in the show, which as the show mentors explained is critical since, if you're going to breed them, your goal is to provide them the healthiest and highest welfare situation."

Horton is ready to take what she learned about the breeders she interacted with into her career. "At times we may see very irresponsible breeding practices in veterinary medicine and assume all breeders are like that, but I think it is important to take a step back when we have breeder clients and try to avoid pre-determined judgements," Horton says. "At the end of the day, responsible breeders and veterinarians all want healthy dogs."

Gearing up for next year

Even as the students drive home to Ithaca that Saturday evening, plans for next year are in the works. A few of the students even hope to dip a toe into the dog show world with their own dogs. "My crew was planning to register their own animals, investigate their next breed, set goals to trial their own dogs," says mentor and judge Amanda Pough. "They were hoping and planning to attend other dog shows, and learning where to go for resources for healthy purebred dogs, now and in the future."

"I would love to stay involved in veterinary care at dog shows as a veterinarian eventually. It's a great way to get involved in the community," Horton says. And while she would enjoy training her (future) dog in agility after seeing them have so much fun on the course, meeting the people at the show was still the best part. "The best experience was to not only go to watch the dogs in the show, but also talk to a lot of people who have very interesting life experiences and perspectives."

With this first successful kickoff, this new partnership between Cornell veterinary students and the Wine Country Circuit dog shows promises to be an enriching opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge and professional skills.

"Their education is already so varied," Hamlin says. "They learn about dogs, cats, cows, horses, swine, birds, sheep, wildlife — our show is a deep dive into one species with 197-some breeds."

The unique learning opportunity wasn't lost on any of the students. Says Shum, "My time at the Wine Country Circuit dog show was absolutely fantastic and I couldn't have asked for a better experience."



Please attend
the TIKO General Meeting by Zoom
Saturday, December 18, 2021, 7 p.m.

We will be together in spirit. Invitations
to all members were sent by President
Ginny Kerr.



Start planning...
To Attend

The 2022 TIKO
Shows & Trials

August 19th, 20th, 21st
Brockville, ON

More news to come!

Season's Greetings



Wishing You The Very Best for 2022



Ch. Leahcim's Different Drum

Drummer finished his Canadian
championship this summer.



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Michael Guy & Ben Chin
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TIKO Member Kennel Cards



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



Member Health Update

Jack Bernhardt has advised that Joyce is now resting at home and receiving palliative care services. Jack and son Stephen are taking care of her, trying to keep all of their spirits up. Joyce & Jack appreciate the visits, cards and kindness they have received from their friends, especially from members of the many clubs they belong to. Please email or call Jack by phone to ask about Joyce as we approach the Holidays. Unfortunately visits are now just too tiring.

Bragging Rights:



Stork Room:



Classifieds:



SCENT DETECTION

By *Belle Severn*

Have you ever wondered why your dog always has his nose to the ground?

That's because the dog's nose is the most important part of his being able to "detect" things (who was here, what are they, etc.). Dogs greet each other by scent as well.

Scent Detection classes are a FUN THING to do with your dog. It's a true team effort and you learn to "trust" your dog to "FIND IT". "IT" being the scent of an essential oil. There are Trials held both through the CKC and SDDA for titles in this sport.

Classes are run by "professionals" in the field and are so much fun you won't believe it. The dog doesn't need to be in the prime of his/her life. This is a sport for dogs of all ages, that seniors (including us too) can enjoy.

If you would be interested in learning more about Scent Detection, you can contact Competitive K9s and speak with either Stephanie Perrier or Chris Hansen.

Now for me.

Hi I'm Belle Severn, a new member to TIKO. I do Scent Detection with all three of my dogs. Lollie (Sioul HugsNKisses for Lollipop, CGN) our Doberman so far has earned her CKC NOVICE title and SDDA Started Title. She also has two legs toward her CKC Open title and two legs toward her SDDA Advance title. Wicca (Tebralmist Granted Easter Wish, TDN, TDI) one of our Staffordshire Bull Terriers, has two legs toward her SDDA Started title and one leg toward her CKC Novice title. Beau (Wicca's son) has not trialed yet but will be doing so in 2022.

*Editor's Note:
Welcome to TIKO Belle. So
good to have you share with us.*





**HOUNDS
&
HERDERS**



**SARAH
&
TERRI**

PIC-COLLAGE

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**2021 IS ALMOST OVER
TIME TO CELEBRATE AND
LOOK FORWARD TO THE
NEW YEAR 2022**

Dessa

AM GCHS CAN GCH MARDECK'S IRIDESSA

**Dessa finished 2021 ranked in the USA
as follows:**

- All Breed - #4 Schipperke
- Breed - #6 Schipperke
- Owner Handled Series - #1 Schipperke
- New Grand Champion Silver Level
- AKC GCH Status #3 Schipperke

And also took time off to have a litter!

**WATCH FOR DESSA AT
THE GARDEN IN
JANUARY 2022**

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Larry Wolfe & Melanie
Pacanowski - Oasis Schipperkes
Loved, Co-owned & Bred by:
Marnie Layng - Mardeck Schipperkes**

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Getting To Know You “TIKO Members”



The following new column is dedicated to ensuring that all members can put a name to the faces of fellow members. This has never been more important than now during this time of limited socialization and a growing membership.

We hope you enjoy the following pages and hope that each of you will participate in this social networking event when you receive your interview questions to fill out.

Our hope also is that those who are not “yet” TIKO members will begin to understand the variety of folks who do belong to this long lasting club of canine enthusiasts and consider joining as we move forward into our next fifty years of fun and companionship.



Getting To Know You "TIKO Members"

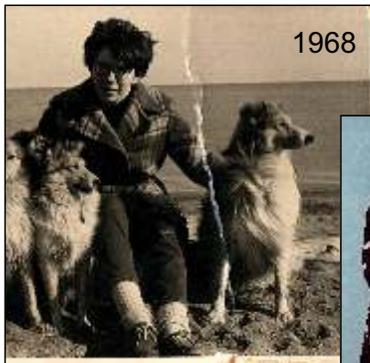


Donna Wilson,
Signet Poodles



Diane Biggar
Kendale, Collies & Shelties

Sarah Duff, Sassway
Bearded Collies &
Wolfhounds



1968



Marnie Layng
Mardeck



1974

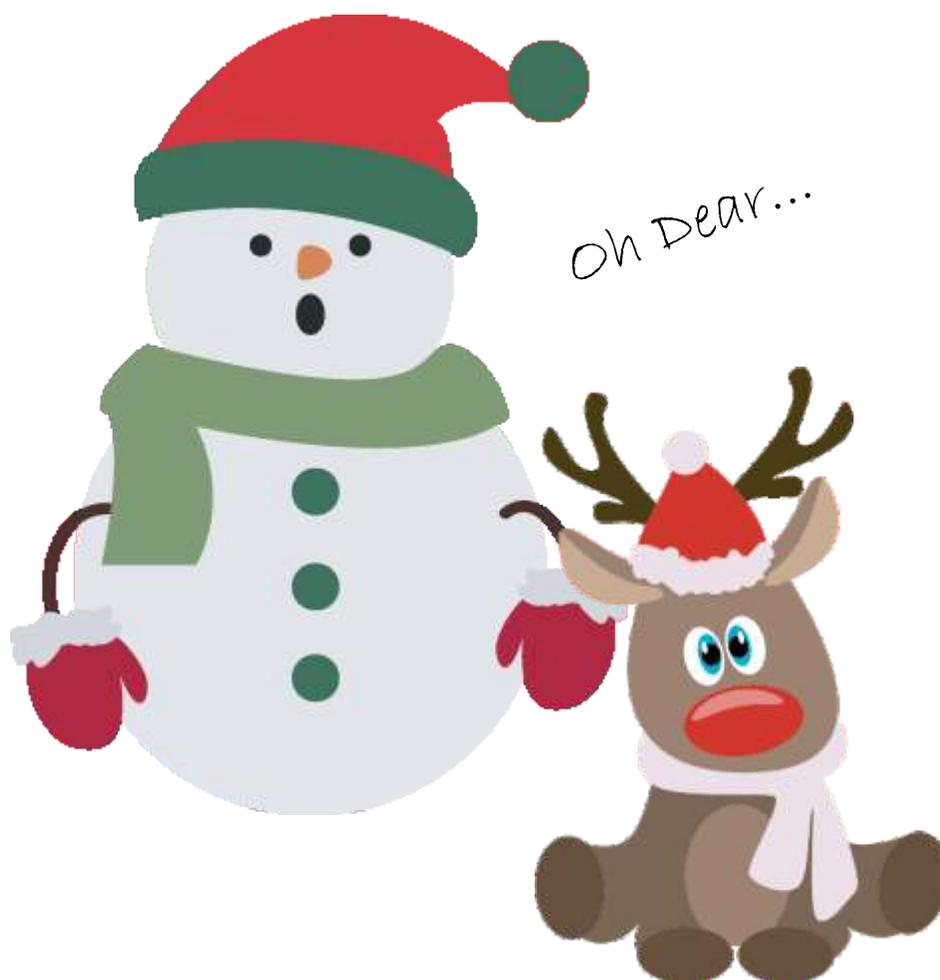
Getting To Know You “TIKO Members”

Member' Name:	Diane Biggar
How long have you been a member of TIKO?	Approximately 10 years
How long have you participated in the Purebred Dog World?	46 years
Which breeds do you currently have?	Shetland Sheepdogs
Are you a dog breeder? And if so for how long?	46 years
Which breeds have you owned and/or bred?	Collies (Rough & Smooth) and Shetland Sheepdogs
What is your kennel name?	Kendale (Reg. Perm.)
Which one of your dogs is your all-time favourite and why?	They are all my favorites, because they have all contributed their own unique attributes to my life and breeding program.
What win in conformation are you most proud of to date. And with which dog.	Specialty and All Breed wins in the USA and Canada with different dogs. It's nice to be able to meet the criteria for both countries consistently.
What win in performance events are you most proud of to date. And with which dog (call & registered name, breed).	Rough and smooth agility titles bred by but Absolutely NOT trained by me. Trained by Sherri Gourlie ...she is amazing. Kendale Lazlo smooth collie trained by Heather Warren ...and 2 more rough collies trained in the performance ring by Sue Purcell. These folks have made my collies look amazing in the performance ring...then my Shelties have done the same thing with Lynda Morrissey, and Glenda Jones amazing trainers they make my breeding program look good in the performance ring.
In which canine events do you compete?	Pretty much retired from competition events.
How has the pandemic affected you and your dogs?	Kept visitors to a minimum

Getting To Know You “TIKO Members”

Diane Biggar

Have you attended any shows / trials / training sessions in the last year or so? If you have, what was that experience like?	No
What is the funniest memory you have of being at a trial or dog show	It's impossible to pick one
Is there anything you would like your fellow members to know about you?	Not really. I'm a pretty private person. I'm proud of the over 150 conformation Collies and Shelties I bred. I only bred 1or 2 litters a year in the years I had litters. I gave up counting after that...the last 12 years or so my breeding has been kept to a minimum due to my battles with the big C. I am just try to finish dogs I own or co-own.



Getting To Know You “TIKO Members”

Member' Name:	Donna Wilson
How long have you been a member of TIKO?	38 years
How long have you participated in the Purebred Dog World?	Since 1982
Which breeds do you currently have?	Standard & Miniature Poodles
Are you a dog breeder? And if so for how long?	Yes, since (37 years)
Which breeds have you owned and/or bred?	N/A
What is your kennel name?	Signet (perm reg)
Which one of your dogs is your all-time favourite and why?	“Athena” Can Ch Signet Status Symbol, TP, HROM
What win in conformation are you most proud of to date. And with which dog.	Top Poodle and Top Non-Sporting (bdic) in 2007, (Hamish) AM CAN CH Multi BIS BISS CH Signet River Dance 2007 top Non-Sporting and Top Poodle in Canada
What win in performance events are you most proud of to date. And with which dog (call & registered name, breed).	Top Obedience Dog in Non-Sporting Group and #6 Top Obedience, All-Breed for 2005, “eyton”CH/MOTCH Signet Peyton Key To Irongate, AM UD, AGN, NA, NAJ <i>Peyton's mother was Signet Crowning Glory, owned and loved by Marnie & John Layng. You can see more at Donna's website, www.signetpoodles.ca/</i>
In which canine events do you compete?	I did play at Agility for a bit, but have competed just in conformation and obedience. However, many Signet poodles have earned Agility and other event titles handled by their owners.
How has the pandemic affected you and your dogs?	No affect really, except at first when dogs were entered in shows and they cancelled the shows, that had an impact. I had a puppy ready in show coat when Covid hit and had to trim him down and wait for shows to reopen.

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<p>Have you attended any shows / trials / training sessions in the last year or so? If you have, what was that experience like?</p>	<p>Yes, Kars, and Belleville for two days this summer. Those shows were definitely different. Belleville was so quiet and not many people. Not like shows used to be.</p>
<p>What is the funniest memory you have of being at a trial or dog show</p>	<p>Abby was a standard poodle who was shown by my daughter Kelly. She was a real ham and social butterfly. At an obedience trial in Brockville, while she was heeling, she always had her head turned toward any people outside the ring instead of where she was going. And, on the long down she got up and sauntered over to the judge to have a pat. Good for a laugh.</p>
<p>Is there anything you would like your fellow members to know about you?</p>	<p>I have enjoyed being a member of TIKO all these years. I haven't participated much in the last couple of years, but always read minutes, newsletter, etc. I used to help George Cornforth with obedience classes when they were held at the Youth Arena and then took over from him when he retired. I learned a lot from George. I was also Obedience chair for a few years, plus being an obedience instructor.</p>



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Member' Name:	Sarah Duff
How long have you been a member of TIKO?	22 years
How long have you participated in the Purebred Dog World?	I have always had purebred dogs all my life. I started showing in conformation as a junior handler when I was 11 and have never looked back. The dog world has provided me with confidence. I have met some great people through the years.
Which breeds do you currently have?	Bouncy Bearded Collies and Wonderful Irish Wolfhounds
Are you a dog breeder? And if so for how long?	Yes, I have been breeding Beardies since 2007 and co-breeding Wolfhounds for 10 years with my mother who has bred Wolfhounds for 24 years.
Which breeds have you owned and/or bred?	Early in life I shared my play pen with Cocker spaniels. I have shared my home with Cairn terriers, Shih Tzus, Whippets, Irish Wolfhounds, Bearded Collies.
What is your kennel name?	Sassway Reg'd.
Which one of your dogs is your all-time favourite and why?	This is not easy to answer. I have had many dogs that have stolen my heart for different reasons. My “heart dog” was my Shih Tzu “Meisha”. She was so special, she gave me the confidence I lacked as a shy child.
What win in conformation are you most proud of to date. And with which dog.	My proudest moment was when my Beardie “Cricket” (MBVIS Can CH Friendships Mystique Song) won her 1 st of many Best Veteran in Show at the age of 10 years young. Which ironically was at the TIKO show which was the first year the award was offered at the show. To see that spark shine bright again in her eyes was wonderful. It was like she was a puppy again. She was such a star in the ring and she knew it!
What win in performance events are you most proud of to date. And with which dog (call & registered name, breed).	Even though I don't compete in Performance, I have taken classes for rally. One of my fondest memory was with Max beardie boy (CH Baileysong Sassway's Potential). We were instructed to do a down stay and I was to call him from a distance. Max did well with the stay, but when it was time to come to me he decided he'd rather jump on the table near by. He was such a character!
In which canine events do you compete?	Conformation. I have participated in Herding instinct trials. Luring Coursing and Sprinters.
How has the pandemic affected you and your dogs?	We had to get our “Covid puppies” used to people and things outside of our property. It takes a bit more time, but they adjusted. It was so easy before, because people could come and go and more social events happened. (i.e. classes and shows. And you could go in with your dogs for vet appointments.
Have you attended any shows / trials / training sessions in the last year or so? If you have, what was that experience like?	Yes, I have been to conformation classes and competed in a drive by dog show event last year which I would never do again. It was too stressful on both dogs and people. I did compete in a couple of shows this year and did well. It's not fully back to normal yet, but it was nice to get out and see people and their dogs.
What is the funniest memory you have of being at a trial or dog show	Early in my junior handling days at my 1 st show, I was competing with my Shih Tzu Meisha. She must have slipped off her lead. I did not realize and did my last go around. Everyone started cheering and laughing. To my astonishment she stayed beside me the whole time like we had been attached and presented herself like the little star she was. It was an embarrassing moment as a new exhibitor, but love and dedication lead the way.
Is there anything you would like your fellow members to know about you?	I'm a woman of few words. Until we start talking about dogs. I'll remember your dog's name before I do yours.

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Member' Name:	Marnie Layng
How long have you been a member of TIKO?	Since 1969. (52 years)
How long have you participated in the Purebred Dog World?	Since 1964 (57)
Which breeds do you currently have?	Schipperkes
Are you a dog breeder? And if so for how long?	Yes, I bred my first litter of Shelties in 1969.
Which breeds have you owned and/or bred?	I have bred Shelties, Rough Collies, Bearded Collies and Schipperkes. I have also owned a Standard Poodle and some of the nicest randomly bred dogs one could ever meet.
What is your kennel name?	In the early years it was Woodfield after the street I grew up on in Toronto, but then it became Mardeck after my children were born. I combined the names of my daughter Marta and son Dereck.
Which one of your dogs is your all-time favourite and why?	I've had so many wonderful dogs, but I tend to love the clowns and the ones that appeared to adore me as much I do them. My first Sheltie "Roddie" had floppy ears and was 20 inches at the shoulder, but a genius at making people laugh. My first home bred champion Schipperke, "Rookie" BISS AM CAN CH Mardeck' sThe Rookie Diplomat. And my Schip "Oz" AM CAN CH Mardeck's Whiz Kid DeTurenne, ROMX. He was a territorial stud dog, but loved to play with his puppies too. Truly miss him. And our standard poodle Glory also stole my husband John's and my hearts.
What win in conformation are you most proud of to date. And with which dog.	In 1990 I won the Schipperke Club of America National Specialty with Rookie and at the same time won WB, BW and BOS with "Danae" BISS AM CAN CH Mardeck's Danae Odae. I only took the two dogs and it was one of the largest specialties held by the SCA. To date only two Canadian breeders have had that honour. Danae also won the Canadian National in 1992. And I have won it with other Schips as well. I have been thrilled that many of my dogs have excelled in conformation and performance with their owners. It keeps me in the game now that I'm not showing as much.
What win in performance events are you most proud of to date. And with which dog (call & registered name, breed).	Any and all of them. I have always said that brains was equally important as beauty in any dog. Performance titles prove a dog has intelligence. All of my dogs worked in Animal Assisted Therapy, proving that well mannered, good natured dogs are a joy and good for the soul.
In which canine events do you compete?	Conformation and Obedience. However, many of my dogs are titled in Agility, Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing and Scent detection, etc. thanks to their owners.

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<p>How has the pandemic affected you and your dogs?</p>	<p>I couldn't take my dogs to handling classes to socialize and practice ring manners. Plus, it's been hard to have friends visit. Breeding dogs across the border has become more difficult as well.</p>
<p>Have you attended any shows / trials / training sessions in the last year or so? If you have, what was that experience like?</p>	<p>I did compete with my two boys Mana & Butter during the Kars show in Lombardy, ON. They both did very well being awarded group placements each day despite their geriatric handler. It was certainly different, but it was nice to see people at a show again. Watching shows via the internet, or on television is great, but not like being there in person.</p>
<p>What is the funniest memory you have of being at a trial or dog show</p>	<p>In Open Obedience my Sheltie “Roddie” jumped over the high jump to retrieve the dumbbell, but then he somehow threw the dumbbell back over the jump and waited on the other side, just looking over at me, waiting... And Rookie during the National he ended up winning, decided to stay in a bowing position when I placed him on the table for examination by the judge. He stood up when I told him, but before I took him off, returned to the bow position. When I placed him on the floor he bowed again while looking at the judge. The judge laughed and called him a clown. That he was.</p>
<p>Is there anything you would like your fellow members to know about you?</p>	<p>The dog world and my dogs have played a major role throughout my life. They have been my support when I needed, a source of fun always and even provided “employment” in various ways. Over the years I have been a dog breeder, an obedience instructor, employed as one of the first Animal Assisted Therapists in North America and more recently as a graphic designer for fellow dog enthusiasts. I have served on the BOD of most specialty and all breed clubs I have belonged to. I am a life member of CKC, TIKO and SCC. I was also proud to have served the CKC as Chair of the Breeder Relations committee for three years and now serve as a CKC Judges Observer. The latter I was asked to do, or might never have thought to volunteer. My family is very important to me, as are the folks in my extended dog family. I have been very blessed by my canine friends and the many wonderful people I have met through them!</p>





BUT I DON'T WANT A SHOW DOG!

by Terri Lewin Gilbert

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Why do people recommend choosing a breeder who show their dogs to folks who are just looking for a pet and have no interest in showing? Why should breeding to breed standard be important to a pet home? Does it seem excessive, or “snobby”

It's not, and here's why. Dog shows are a means of evaluating dogs against the breed standard, to evaluate soundness, movement/gait, type, and temperament.

Soundness: The state of physical and mental health when all organs and faculties are functioning properly, each in its rightful relation to each other.

Type: Breed type encompasses appearance, character, condition, bone structure, temperament, and movement; "breed type is all these things." Breed type also includes a character specific to each breed, a combination of behaviour, temperament and carriage that demonstrate an essence of the breed.

Gait: The gait of a dog is its quality of movement. You want to see ease of movement, unimpaired by illness or poor structure.

Temperament: The general attitude a dog has towards other animals and people. From the Labrador Breed Standard "True Labrador Retriever temperament is as much a hallmark of the breed as the “otter”tail. The ideal disposition is one of a kindly, outgoing, tractable nature; eager to please and non-aggressive towards man or animal. The Labrador has much that appeals to people; his gentle ways, intelligence and adaptability make him an ideal dog. Aggressiveness towards humans or other animals, or any evidence of shyness in an adult should be severely penalized."

So. That's a very basic intro to what goes on at a show... why does this matter? You want a pet, a companion, not a show dog, right? Well, you chose a Labrador for a reason. You've done your research, and have read that they're great with kids and other animals, they're gentle, not aggressive, they make excellent companions and love spending time with their people. That their good and kind nature predisposes many Labradors to be excellent therapy dogs.

Good, responsible breeders seek to preserve those definitive and positive characteristics. What about type and structure? How the dog is put together, able to move freely and comfortably? Would you rather buy from someone who has proven publicly, over time, that the dog they're breeding can move well, free of limp, or a structural problem? Or just trust someone who has no interest in proving their dogs? It's your puppy's quality of life and comfort (as well as your wallet) that's at stake.

Not every dog in a well-bred litter is going to be show quality; - there will ALWAYS be pet-quality puppies. Well-bred, but maybe with a slight imperfection, and those are the puppies placed in pet homes. You don't have to want a show-quality puppy to get a well-bred puppy! This is not about being snobby, being elitist, thinking that one dog is “better” than another, it's about ensuring you

get a puppy that acts and looks like the breed you fell in love with. It's about ensuring that all puppies have the best start in life, and will grow into a loving family member. It's about loving our breed enough to want to see everything that's good about them preserved for future generations to enjoy.

If you want a healthy dog, with a properly sweet temperament, choose your breeder wisely!

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Happy 2022 Everyone!



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A photograph of a frozen river at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and grey clouds. A seagull is flying in the upper right. Three dogs are on the ice: a black curly-haired dog in the foreground, and two long-haired dogs (one grey and white, one black and white) standing together on a concrete ledge in the middle ground.

See you in the Spring...

Thank you to Karen Nesbitt
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