



The SSDCA News

The Official Newsletter of the Shiloh Shepherd Dog Club of America

Editor's Note: By now I'm sure that many of you have heard that a number of breeders have left our club and registry. Lisa had already written her column and submitted it for publication so you'll see it here in its entirety, but I also wanted to include her rebuttal letter here too. Olga wrote a heartfelt letter about it as well.

Many of us have gone through a range of emotions, including anger, frustration and feeling very, very betrayed. Among those who splintered off are people that we trusted and called friends but as Lisa mentioned in her Forum post as well as her column on the next page, the Board had been working hard and this will not change the course we're on, nor will it stop the work that we're doing. If anything this has brought everyone together with one goal — of being the best club and registry that we can be. - Debbie Knatz



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Welcome, Debbie and Tucker [Logout]

Lisa Barber



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They say imitation is the best form of flattery.

ISSR

ISSA

Thank you!

I know it's not because all the brilliant minds that left couldn't come up with a more original name for their new splinter group. So, it must be that they are following in the footsteps of those who have splintered before. They don't want to be us, but they want to confuse others that they are us.

They say timing is everything.... Knowing I'd be at a get together today, the newest splinter group chose today to announce their split.

No personal letters of resignation were received not even from the current Board member, except for one who resigned several weeks ago. It shows the moral fiber of this group. No guts, no glory, they couldn't stand on their own; they all had to jump together in one posted mass email.

They state that they have attempted through the last 5 years to improve the SSDCA club. Yet through this past year, when we as a Board were meeting monthly and making progress to update forms, make new health plans, put a breeding committee in place to review breeding proposals, update the website, find a new internet group to replace Infopop, have club meetings online, etc. 3 of them quit. I lost my mother 5 years ago. I was not allowed to properly grieve for her. I'm still not allowed to have a private life. How many times have the Board members used family reasons to not attend Homecoming? Reasons such as weddings to attend, family reunions, financial problems, surgeries, sickness, cancer treatments, deaths in the family? I've had 2 surgeries and many private issues, but I'm not given the same leeway I give the Board. So, I'm confused... they are leaving now that we're making progress.

They call themselves the tree... no ladies and gentlemen... you know Ma would never have recognized you. To her, you'd be just the latest splinter group. Nothing more.

The only club Ma recognized is the SSDCA club. The only registry Ma recognized is the ISSR registry, both created by her. Everyone else was a wannabe to her and you breeders know it better than all the rest. You can take your dogs out of her Registry, but can't take her soul. That stays with the SSDCA and the ISSR.

If anyone else wants to leave, please do so now. Those of us who still want to continue my mother's work and fulfill her dream are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Good luck to the rest of you.

Lisa Barber

The Breed Founder's Daughter

SSDCA/ISSR President

ISSR Breed Warden

New Zion Shiloh - Home of the Breed Founder

Posts: 204 | Location: Machias, NY | Registered: Wed November 12 2003



Letter from the President

**Club activities are moving along! Homecoming was a success!
We have plans for a strong future!**

Homecoming 2016

First, let me say thank you to Kim and Bob Burck for hosting this year's Homecoming 2016 event at their facility, the Black Rose Kennel at Orchard Park, NY. I am sure everyone who attended would agree on what a fabulous location it was and what a great time was had by all. The food was prepared by an outside vendor this year on Saturday and it was delicious. Although our attendee list was smaller than in past years, it was relaxed and upbeat and my favorite so far. We even managed to sneak in a bonfire between the raindrops and enjoyed a warm backdrop for stories and good times to be shared by all. We have ideas for future Homecomings as well, such as

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lights and the potential for an indoor SSDCA meeting to avoid any bugs, cold, or rain. We would love to hear your suggestions so that we can continue improve our Homecoming family experience.

Congratulations to all the 2016 winners, the Grand Victor, Grand Victrix, National Selects, and Top Puppies! Published winners will be listed in the newsletter so read on.

Calendar Contest

I will be starting quarterly SSDCA Members meetings to be held via Skype. Memberships are being renewed and individuals who are unsure whether their membership is due or not should email SSDCAmembers@gmail.com.

Pauline Keith was nominated by the Board to run the 2016 Calendar Contest this year, so please send in your entries with a thank you as follows:

1. Submissions must be made to ssdcacalendarcontest@gmail.com by Oct 17.
 2. Pictures must be submitted landscape (wider than they are tall).
 3. Pictures should be submitted from the original image preferably not cropped and unedited. Please do not ask us to go searching for images, or download from your sites there are just too many entries to do that.
 4. Images should be approx. 300 ppi - simply put the image should be at least 2mb to make sure it will be sharp once enlarged.
 5. Pictures may show multiple dogs. No people please.
 6. Please include the name of the dog as we would like to include it in the calendar. Full name preferable, if a puppy, call name (ex: Purple Rain Kaylee/Gibbs). If a litter of puppies, parents names (ex: Kaylee/Gibbs' puppies).
 7. New this year, if enough pictures are submitted we will divide the entries into Seasons with 2 months per season, one month featuring plush dogs or puppies, one month featuring smooth dogs or puppies. The remaining 3 months will be divided into plush and smooth puppies, groups of dogs, or seasonal themes, like Halloween.
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8. No more than 3 images per dog. If your dog's picture has been featured in past calendars, please send in a different picture of your dog, do not resubmit the same image.
9. In-keeping with tradition the club retains the right to publish a picture of their choosing for December but the cover picture will be part of the contest.
10. Deadline for submission Oct. 21st.
11. To avoid any issues with submissions, on emailing your pictures you will receive a confirmation email within 72 hrs. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt please post on the SSDCA Forum under the new calendar contest thread.
12. Once you submit a picture to the contest you agree to allow the SSDCA to use the image in its calendar without payment or other consideration.
13. Voting will take place via the SSDCA MEMBERS FORUM ONLY once the gallery of entries is ready. Opening and closing date to be determined. We aim to have the contest complete by early November ordering will again be available from Lulu.com.

*Don't forget our
Calendar Contest...
the deadline has
been extended!*

Chapters

Remember Chapter Presidents, utilize the opportunity to encourage new puppy owners to become active members of your group. Participation and community exposure to expand Shiloh awareness, puppy sales, and communication begins with you and will benefit all in the long run. Your Shiloh families depend on your leadership.

At times, fundraisers will be held to obtain more money towards the purchase of heart monitors. Our goal is to have every puppy monitored between 6 to 8 months of age. We are asking that all copies of holter monitor results be sent to ISSRregistry@gmail.com to be kept for recording and study purposes.

Shiloh Rescue

We have a website for Shilohs looking to be rehomed for many different reasons. Please check the website www.shilohrescue.com often and pass the word around so that all our Shilohs are able to find their forever and awesome homes.

Documentation and Technology Updates

Documentation and Forms: The ISSR is currently updating our Dominant & Recessive forms so we can have an easier layout for people along with more options for faults and virtues. We are also working on updating our Licensed Breeders Agreement and Breeders Code of Ethics, and should have the new ones out soon.

Organization of forms are also underway so that breeders can obtain reproducible forms and contracts in one location. This will enable breeders to obtain what they need and concentrate on more important matters making what breeders need to do more reproducible to other new breeders.

Website: We have been working on our web site and hope to have many more updates done soon, so please keep checking it at www.shilohshepherdclub.com.

Forums: We have also begun working on a new, more user friendly forum for our Shiloh Shepherd puppy owners, breeders, and SSDCA members. We also will encourage Shiloh fanciers to participate.

Newsletter: There are changes happening with our newsletter also. Debbie Knatz and Jan Foreman have agreed to chair our newsletter and it will be issued quarterly (January, April, July, and October). The deadline for all articles should be submitted on the last day of the prior month.

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Membership Drive

A membership drive will be planned, if you have any ISSR Shiloh friends who are not members yet please send them to the web site to sign up. Also if you have not yet joined your chapter please support them. If there is no chapter within your area and you would like to start one up, find 2 other active people and contact us on what to do next.

Announcements

Homecoming 2017 will again be held at the Black Rose Kennel at Orchard Park, NY. We will begin on Thursday, August 17th with a "Fun Day" Shiloh walk (location TBD) and shows and meetings on the 18th, 19th, and 20th. Mark your calendars now and notify your Shiloh family and friends so they can plan to attend.

**Homecoming 2017
Announcement!**

Elections Next year is an Election year! Please start to think about who you would like to see run for the Board of Advisors. The Board of Advisors consists of 5 positions to be filled for a term of 3 years.

Nominees must be actively participating SSDCA members of over 7 years. First, ask an individual to consider running, if the individual is willing to then send your nomination to the elections committee (the committee will be announced in the beginning of the year). Once the election committee is notified they would reconfirm with the nominee. The nominee then needs to write a letter of intent. Postings of nominations will be made available on SSDCA Facebook and the SSDCA forums. We will then have the opportunity to ask questions and evaluate who is running. Voting will be done in August 2017 and the new board members will be announced at the SSDCA members meeting at Homecoming. Remember this will be the board that will spearhead the forward movement of the Shiloh Breed for the next 3 years.

Lisa Barber, SSDCA President



The Shiloh Rehome Center is run by volunteers and we appreciate all the help we can get. If you are interested in helping, please CONTACT US and let us know how.

You can help by volunteering to:

- foster a rescue or rehome dog
- help with transportation
- perform a home check
- help with training
- or anything else

Please CONTACT US if you:

- would like to adopt a Shiloh Shepherd
- need assistance to rehome your Shiloh Shepherd
- know of a Shiloh Shepherd in need of rescue
- want to volunteer to help or make a donation

Breeder Rehomes

On occasion, Shiloh Shepherd breeders will put a dog up for adoption. These could be dogs retired from their breeding program, younger dogs that will not be used in their breeding program or dogs that were returned to the breeder for various reasons. We list these dogs here at the Shiloh Rehome Center to help the breeders in their rehoming efforts.

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SSDCA Members My thoughts on the recent splinter.

For my Shiloh friends:

Some of you have texted me, asking about the new splinter group that recently left our club. It's hard to answer via text. So, I'm answering here. Please realize these are my views and my views only.

We knew there was a group of breeders who were talking about leaving the club. I was not surprised when they did. What surprised me was how they did it. It's been a while since I've felt so hurt and so betrayed by people I called friends.

Back in 2004, when the last splinter group left, my friends called me to let me know they were leaving. All except for one. This time, it was reversed; only one emailed me to let me know she was leaving. In 2004, they each sent in their individual, official, letters of resignation to the club. This time, only 2 sent in an official letter of resignation.

I wonder if they thought they were showing solidarity by listing themselves together. They failed. I see it as a cowardly, unprofessional act.

Cowardly, because it gives the impression maybe they felt they needed to hold hands to find the courage to leave. Or perhaps, even sadder, they were holding on to any who may not have been 100% sure leaving was what they wanted to do.

If any of you have any doubt about what you've done. If any of you feel maybe you acted too soon, weren't given the chance to really consider what you were doing, still feel maybe you did the wrong thing, please contact me privately and allow me to see if I can help in any way.

I see their failure to officially, individually, resign from the club as unprofessional. One member of the Board, several officers of chapters, and several breeders, failed to send in a written/emailed resignation letter to the club. Imagine what your professional reputation would be, if you posted a letter of resignation in your company's Facebook page. I think social media has sunk to a new low.

The saying goes, those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. The majority of the group of breeders who just splintered was not around in 2004, when the last group splintered. If they had been, they would have realized their complaints are very similar to those voiced in 2004. Except, in 2004 the complaints were directed at Tina. It's ironic, because I was going to write a post praising the current Board of all they had accomplished this past year, more headway was being made than in the prior 14 years I've been a member of this club. I think it's important the membership realizes what they were working on. So, I will write a separate post on this subject.

At the end of the day, it doesn't matter why they left. What matters is that they've betrayed Tina's dream. Tina only recognized one Club, one Registry. The SSDCA (Shiloh Shepherd Dog Club of America) and the ISSR (International Shiloh Shepherd Registry). The others can call themselves what they want, can believe what they want. They are splinters. Tina would have been the first to blast them.

If you love gardening, you know some plants need to be severely pruned back in order to remove the dead, unhealthy branches, and allow new growth to grow. Well, thank you for the pruning. In doing so, you have removed the malcontents, the power hungry and the backyard breeders out of our club. It is now time for healthy growth!

I will continue to fight for the club and registry Tina Barber founded, the only one she recognized, protected and defended. And I will continue to work towards making her dream a reality. I hope the remaining loyal members are ready to jump in and help Tina's club shine!

- Olga Twombly



Chapter News

NESSA

North East Shiloh Shepherd Chapter

This year we reinstated the NESSA chapter. Our territory covers NY and northern PA (above I80).

Officers are:

- ◆ Lisa Barber – President
- ◆ Kim Burck – Vice President
- ◆ Paula Terranova – Secretary/Treasurer.

For our first event we will be having a Shiloh walk in Orchard Park at Chestnut Ridge Park, followed by some homemade Chili at Burck's Black Rose Kennel on Oct. 15th, 2016.

We also would like to do more walks, shows, and just fun get togethers throughout the spring/summer 2017.

We are planning a show in S. Salem, NY in the spring.

There is a plan for SSONE and NESSA to do a joint weekend with shows, temperament tests, possible training and some other fun events in the spring.

If you would like to join, help out or have ideas for places as well as events please email us at NESSAchapter16@gmail.com

SSONE

Shiloh Shepherds of New England

SSONE held a dinner get together last winter in Maine and we did it without the dogs in order to hold a social get together and discuss plans for the chapter and raise some funds for us to be able to once again participate in the Hartford, Ct Pet Expo, and it proved to be successful for us.

We had a get together in Ct at one of the state parks on New Year's day. We did some breakfast foods and also had a great lunch with a grill and campfire. We hiked with the dogs both on and off leash and it was just a great day to start off the New Year, since none of us are inclined to party New Year's Eve and we all agree the best time we actually have is being together with our Shilohs. On July 4th we had a mini walk with a couple people here on some trails in RI, again it seems holidays are our best times to get together. Several of our members are enjoying weekly pack walks here in RI doing some street walking and then hiking on the trails off leash and then the swimmers are enjoying their weekly swim in the Lake,

We are gearing up for the Hartford Pet Expo held Oct 29-30 at the Convention Center in Hartford. The hours are 10-6 on Sat and 10-4 on Sunday. We will have a donation jar to help secure funds for a holter monitor.. At time of this writing I know we will have the following Shilohs: Taj, Minnie, Daisy, Zacc, Belle, Lily & Abra.

We are hoping to team up with Paula for an up & coming show, no dates yet but I am thinking Spring. We are hoping now to get together again before 2017 rolls in, depending on what weather comes our way.

We also welcome anyone in NE to hook up with us by joining SSONE and showing your support to the breed we all love so much. If you have any questions don't hesitate at anytime to contact me through e mail -alm42@yahoo.com

Sheila Masse -Chapter Leader

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Tina's Soap Box

Posted in Memory of "MaShiloh"
- Originally Posted on the Shiloh Shepherds Friends Forum

MaShiloh



posted Tue June 01 2010 07:59 AM

After talking to some of the frauds & now to some of OUR folks -- I think that we need to do up an educational article about our dogs PERSONALITY!! The slivers have tons of GSD pics, some even have children in them, but what they CAN'T do is to toss a bunch of kids into a ring with a bunch of adult STUD dogs, bitches, and untrained puppies -- THAT THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW -- and expect them to "show" these dogs!! Oh, sure we get funny moments when kids trip (pants fall down) a dog may even try running out of the ring every now & then -- but I have NEVER seen a major problem, or a child getting hurt!!

How many breeds do you know that you can do THAT with??? Maybe Corgi's or even some Beagles -- but NEVER a *working* breed!! Heck, most adults can't handle those dogs (and they OWN them) much less little children! Jessica just sent me a tape of Siri playing at a school & meeting 2 boys on bikes -- this IS how I would expect a Shiloh to act!! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5SEM_f5RhU0

Now go & look at all of the HC "kids" pages!! In the REAL world we *do* have "junior handling" classes -- but most of those kids are MUCH older & let's be honest here -- they are working with TRAINED dogs that "do this" practically every weekend! The dogs also belong to *them* or their family -- not like we do things -- just hand a kid a dog! LOL

If you guys can't see the significance in this -- you need to pay attention!! When Jan called me to inform me that the judge they had was worried about letting the "children" handle these dogs -- but was COMPLETELY impressed after he saw how great the dogs were with children -- that PROVES that OUR DOGS ARE SPECIAL!! If you want to tell people about the ISSR Shiloh -- tell them to look at our KIDS @ THE shows pics!! 🐾

BTW .. if you have any great pics that could be added to my next article -- please send them in!! As soon as I finish this "who's who" I plan on doing something FUN -- like a SHILOHS & KIDS article! 🐾🐾🐾

What Are Your Shilohs Up To?

[Dennis RAdovitch](#) said: Since the Loki/Sapphire pups were born we decided to try and keep the pack mentality amongst them, by getting together as often as possible with all pups and owners who were available. We love watching them play and swapping stories about our furbabies. It first started with just 2 other Shiloh owners we went to puppy school with. Since then it branched out. Now we have Onyx and his people going to come in October, and Olgas going to come up from VA with Bronte. All Shilohs are welcome to attend. Lyn usually posts on the loki/Sapphire FB page on when the next one is. We try to get the guys together as often as possible. Snacks and or drinks are welcome. Its just frolicking and fun. All are welcome to attend.



International Shiloh Shepherd Registry, Inc.

September 23, 2016



Dear Shiloh Owners,

You are receiving this letter inviting you to be a part of an effort to see that all of our ISSR Shiloh Shepherd puppies have the opportunity to be fitted with a holter monitor between the ages of 6 – 7 months. We believe that this timing is crucial in order to gather the data we need to get a much needed picture of how GSDIVA is impacting the health of our breed. Then we will use that data to make better breeding decisions going forward.

This year, Christine Rydzeski, an SSDCA member, has begun coordinating the holtering of entire litters of puppies as they come of age with her personal holter monitor. With some of the smaller litters that will work quite well, however, with larger litters and multiple litters coming of age at the same time, it would be prudent to purchase a second holter monitor in order to achieve timely results.

Alba Medical has offered us a slightly used, newer model, holter monitor with the vest and fittings for \$1095 which will include a 3 yr. warranty. Asking for money is never pleasant, but if you are able to donate towards this very important cause, we would be grateful.

The plan involves contacting the breeder when the puppies in their litter are approaching 6 months old and then coordinating with their puppy owners to set up a schedule that works for each owner to pass around a holter monitor in order to get each puppy in that litter holtered in a timely fashion. We want to make this as affordable as possible to the puppy owner. The cost will include: \$30 for the card reading, \$5 for replacing the consumable supplies, and \$4 for pre-paid self addressed mailer to send the data disk back. In addition, one-way shipping cost approximately \$18.95 priority mail flat rate plus \$20 for insurance. Shipping may be able to be shared. The only other costs would be to replace any parts in the event they are damaged by a puppy. Supplies will be included in the package sent to hopefully minimize that occurrence.

All the data collected will be added to the ISSR Database and stored on disk or in an external hard drive. Results for each litter will be given to the breeder, and an individual report given to the puppy owner.

GSDIVA is heartbreaking to all of us when it takes one of our Shiloh puppies. If you feel you can help in this cause, please send your donations by check to: Pauline Keith 155 Lords Road, N. Waterboro, ME 04061 or by Pay Pal to: rpjj@securespeed.us

Sincerely,

Lisa Barber

Lisa Barber, President, ISSR, Inc.

Shiloh Shepherd Health Update

We need your support ... help us to Holter monitor our puppies!

Urgent Fundraiser:

We are hoping to help our Breeders by obtaining another Holter Monitor.



As you might be aware a letter was recently sent asking for donations towards the purchase of a holter monitor. We have received a few donations but are far short of the goal needed to purchase a another Holter monitor. The urgency behind these requested donations is imminent because beginning November 7th a total of 27 puppies needs to be holtered, last of which must be completed by December 23rd, 2016. The breeders of these 27 puppies are meeting with the puppy owners to keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

My personal holter will be sent to help with this endeavor which will include 11 discs so holtering can be done in a timely manner and between the ages of 6-7 months. By the beginning of January 2017 there will be another 10 puppies to holter. We are hoping to receive help with more holter monitors to assist Breeders.

The Holtering Process:

The following is an update on the most recent entire litter holtering of 9 puppies that were born this past February 2016. My personal holter was offered to the breeder. This Breeder opted to provide me with contact information for her puppy owners and the process began. The puppy owners were contacted in June regarding Holtering their pups beginning on their puppy's 6th month birthday, August 27th, and completing all the holter monitoring of the puppies no later than their 7th month birthday, September 26th. The puppies were located in 4 states. Coordination of the puppy owner's vacations, dog shows etc. were all noted prior to setting the final schedule. Even with preplanning the one way daisy chain mailing needed to be adjusted due to a puppy with fleas and another on medication.

The puppy owners were great, and all pups were completed before the 26th of September. Of the 9 puppies sadly (1) puppy had passed away at 8 weeks old and a second puppy was fatally injured in an accident shortly before holtering began.

Six females and one male were holtered, all were clear, except for abnormal readings for 2 BQ females that require reholtering within 2 months of the original holter date. This recommendation was made by a highly respected Cardiologist after reviewing the questionable holter reports. The Breed Warden reviewed all the holter reports and updated the ISSR with the Holter Data. Gracie Initiative has been sent all of the Alba reports. In addition, the Breeder has received a report on each of her puppies and each puppy owner has a report for their puppy.

So as you can see this is a very complicated and well coordinated endeavor and this was only one litter! Please support your breeders. Consider making a donation so we can purchase another monitor.

Christine Rydzeski - SSDCA Member



Homecoming 2016 Show Results

FRIDAY

- ◆ **Plush Puppies**
WD – Taj

WB – Zena
RWB – Luna

BOW – Taj
BOS - Zena
BOB – Taj

BIS - Taj
- ◆ **Plush Adults**
WD – Gibbs
RWD - Harley

WB - Abra
RWB – Giesha

BOW – Abra
BOS - Abra
BOB – Marco
- ◆ **Smooth Adults**
WD – Shadow
WB – Trixie

BOW – Trixie
BOS – Shadow
BOB – Trixie

BIS - Marco

SATURDAY

- ◆ **Plush Puppies**
WD – Taj

WB – Karma
RWB – Luna

BOW – Taj
BOS - Karma
BOB – Taj
BIS - Taj
- ◆ **Plush Adults**
WD – Ares
RWD - Harley

WB - Abra
RWB – Angel
- ◆ **BOW – Abra**
BOS - Marco
BOB – Bronte
- ◆ **Smooth Adults**
WD – Shadow
WB – Trixie

BOW – Trixie
BOS – Shadow
BOB – Trixie

BIS - Trixie
- ◆ **GV AWARDS**

GRAND VICTOR
Marco Polo Explorer From Zion –
“Marco”

GRAND VICTRIX
Glory’s Last Victory For Zion –
“Killer”
- ◆ **NATIONAL SELECTS**
#1. Echo’s Shooting Star Of SHS –
“Starr”
#2. RP-Zion’s Bronte of White-
Fang – “Bronte”
#3. Echo’s Starr of Envy – “Envy”
#4. Iso Sentinel of Zion – “Iso”
#5. Silvermoon’s Willow of Zion –
“Willa”

SUNDAY

- ◆ **Plush Puppies**
WD – Taj

WB – Zena
RWB – Luna

BOW – Taj
BOS - Zena
BOB – Taj

BIS - Taj
- ◆ **Plush Adults**
WD – Onyx
RWD - Ares

WB - Rosie
RWB – Angel

BOW – Rosie
BOS - Bronte
BOB – Marco
- ◆ **Smooth Adults**
WB – Trixie
BOB – Killer
BIS - Killer
- ◆ **TOP PUPPY**

PLUSH DOG
Zion’s Spirited Two-Eyed Odin –
“Odin”

PLUSH BITCH
Echo’s Starr on the Hori-Zion -
“Lyric”

SMOOTH BITCH
“Gemma”

Look for photos of
show winners in the
newsletter!

Homecoming Happenings

Bronte and I attended HC 2016 this year and had a ball! Bronte was in heat and I wasn't sure if we were going to come or not... but, decided to give it a try as Friday was day 19 for her. It turned out to be a great and fun HC! None of the boys were bothered by Bronte, except for Marco, who is a very experienced stud!

We arrived Thursday and drove to Kim's to set up... to be safe, I set up my tent on the other side of the ring, away from the boys. I have to say, I didn't spend much time there as it was too far from all the others. Kim has the perfect place! So beautiful! Awesome lawn for our ring, lots of room for RVs and cars to park, and of course, for everyone's tents and set ups. Kim and Bob are great hosts and their food was delicious!

One of the best things about attending HC (this was my 15th year!), is getting to see friends, talk with them, and meet the new ones who are discovering what fun HC is. I loved catching up with old friends, seeing their dogs, as well as meeting new friends and starting new friendships. Seeing the dogs is extra special, as one year they are puppies and the next they are teenagers, then the next you see a fully grown, in his prime, dog... what an awesome sight! Tina had it right, seeing these dogs come back each year has been a privilege as well as a pleasure!



Olga and Bronte

Since Lisa was recovering from surgery, she asked me to judge the Friday show. I had an awesome time! We all see dogs we like in the ring... but, putting my hands on them, is a whole different perspective. I loved the experience and love it every time I do it!

Saturday was an awesome day for us! Bronte won a National Select title, just like her daddy Kuma. She won

*This was one of the best,
most relaxed Homecomings
I've been to in a while.*

the Grand Victrix 2 years ago, like her mom Ginger. So, she now has won each of her parents titles. I'm very proud of my girl! I had thought of retiring her, but the numbers were a little low this year for show entries. So, even though I can't run, I entered her in. Well! What a surprise! She won Best Of Breed and Junior Veteran on Saturday! Then, she won Best Opposite Sex Sunday! I guess we're back in the running again!

This was one of the best, most relaxed Homecomings I've been to in a while. Relaxed pace, relaxed people, relaxed dogs. The meetings were full of the new plans Lisa has for the Club and the Registry. She's ready to head the Club in a new direction, and I can't wait to see where we end up!

Bronte surprised me as she was so friendly to all the other dogs! Especially the puppies! She doesn't usually like puppies. But, this year, she was Ms. Personality, greeting all the dogs as they arrived. Yeah!

It's always hard to say good-bye as we leave. It felt that the days flew by. And the drive back home always seems so much longer. So, already looking forward to Homecoming 2017!

Olga Twombly
WhiteFang Shilohs



You Know You're Obsessed with a Shiloh When...

By Angela Mills

1. That characteristic Shiloh smile and perpetual puppy eyes touch your heart in a special place that no other dog or person can.
2. You hesitate to train another breed because Shilohs learn so fast and they make you look so great as a trainer!
3. You know with complete certainty that God custom picked your Shiloh(s) just for you and your family.
4. When you bathe them, dry them and achieve maximum fluffy coat perfection, you drive them all over town showing them off at every dog friendly store and park you can find!
5. You get an adrenaline rush when someone approaches you, tells you how beautiful your Shiloh is, and listens to your emotional speech about the entire history of Shilohs!
6. You get misty eyed when you listen to Neil Diamond sing "Shilo," and downright teary during the lines: "I used to call your name When no one else would come Shilo you always came And we'd play" (And Yes I know he didn't spell Shiloh correctly!)
7. You feel a responsibility to collect RinTinTin memorabilia or at least have a greater appreciation for it, after all, he is family!
8. You slightly swell up with pride when someone calls your dog "wolfy", giving credit to their clear ancestry.
9. You consider yourself a Shiloh advocate and carry a stash of Tina Barber's books, "The Shiloh Shepherd Story," to hand out to anyone who shows interest in our magnificent breed.
10. Your idea of heaven is sitting at feet of Christ with all the Shilohs who have joined our Savior, with all your human loved ones who passed on (who appreciated Shilohs of course!), and having the most amazing talk with Tina Barber to whom you will always be grateful for improving the world with this heavenly breed.

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The Gracie Initiative



The Gracie Initiative is a program to ensure that future generations of Shiloh Shepherds are free from the lethal cardiac disease known as GSDIVA by raising awareness and offering an inexpensive testing option.

Three years ago at Homecoming, the SSDCA breeders voted unanimously to mandate holter monitoring for all breed quality puppies as part of their health testing to complete their adult upgrade. Most breeders have taken this one step further and also monitor many pet quality puppies as well. We encourage the testing of as many pups as possible. Many of our breeding dogs were too old to monitor reliably at the onset of The Gracie Initiative. Therefore we need to collect data on their offspring to have a better understanding of this inherited disease and how it impacts our breed.

German Shepherd Dog Inherited Ventricular Arrhythmia (GSDIVA) is a genetic disorder that causes arrhythmia (abnormal beats) in the heart. GSDIVA carries few signs and symptoms before sudden cardiac death that can occur in puppies under two years of age. If the puppy survives the first two years of life with this disease, he or she will go on to live a normal, healthy life. Most puppies with this disease have mild arrhythmia that they will outgrow without consequence or any outward sign. These dogs, however, can pass a severe form onto their offspring. Because most affected dogs do not show symptoms, the only reliable way to diagnose GSDIVA is to perform a cardiac test known as Holter Monitoring. The puppy is fitted with a vest that holds a small monitor that records the electrical activity of the heart for a 24 hour period. The 24 hour data is then transmitted to a medical company that interprets the information and sends the results back in the form of a written report. If a dog is GSDIVA positive, he is monitored by a veterinarian and removed from the breeding program.

The monitoring can be done by a doggie cardiologist, a vet or a dog owner with monitoring equipment and basic knowledge of the process. In the initial stages of this journey, we found the cost to range from reasonable to quite expensive. A few breeders bought their own holter monitors in order to monitor pups born in their kennels and to lend them out to other breeders. The cost of the human medical grade equipment and supplies cost around \$2000. The cost of the test through the cardiologist or vet costs between \$200 and \$900.

Holter Rentals Now Available!

The Gracie Initiative has two holter monitors available for rent.

The rental fee is \$100 USD for SSDCA Members (\$110 USD to non-members).

This charge includes shipping the monitor, shipping insurance, supplies, detailed instruction guide, evaluation of the tracing and shipping back the holter.

Contact Michelle for more information:
mschubring@mac.com

Thanks to some creative fundraising efforts and generous donations, Phase 2 of the Gracie Initiative was launched on Valentines Day 2015 with the purchase of 2 holter monitors and the required supplies. We are excited to announce these monitors are available for rent through The Gracie Initiative ensuring more dogs can be tested at a reasonable cost.

Homecoming Photos...

Not in any particular order. Thank You to all who submitted pictures!



Friday's Winner's Bitch and Best Opposite Sex Abra



Friday's Best in Show Marco



Friday's Best in Show Puppy Tej



Friday's Best of Breed Smooth Trixie



Friday's Reserve Winner's Bitch Angel Girl



Friday's Winner's Dog Gibbs



Grand Victrix - Killer



Grand Victor - Marco

More Homecoming Photos...



April with Cutter



Olga with Bronte



Ares with Jake



Jan with Mira—Senior Veteran



Loki



Zacc wins Altered Class



*Senior Veteran
Mira*



*Sunday's Winners Dog
Onyx*

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- ◆ Pearl/Harley
- ◆ Angel/TBD

Fall/Winter 2017

- ◆ Zena/TBD

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(co-owns)

- ◆ Rumor/Marco
- ◆ Dora/Gibbs
- ◆ Bella/TBD

Spring/Summer 2017

(co-owns)

- ◆ Jazzy/Marco
- ◆ Terra/TBD
- ◆ Cuda/Marco
- ◆ Ari/TBD

Fall/Winter 2017

(co-owns)

- ◆ Rosie/TBD

Enlighten Shilohs — Washington

huckfinn@enlightenshilohs.com

Fall/Winter 2016

- ◆ Pandora/Lomax

Angel Shilohs — Rhode Island

fungi1fungi2@verizon.net

Spring 2017

- ◆ Minnie/Lomax

Moon Song Shilohs

dharden.collaborative@gmail.com

For Sale:

- ◆ 6 straws of sperm from Scout (Venus/Grizz) to be used or sold for future breeding.

Pike's Peak Shilohs — Colorado

cmpring@gmail.com

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- ◆ Laika/Kirby
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burckkimbob@hotmail.com

Spring 2017

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Lisa Barber
Owner, Trainer, Breeder

Did you notice that there's a lot of empty space on this page?

The SSDCA newsletter goes out to Shiloh owners throughout the world, and we're working hard to grow even bigger and better!

Do you have an upcoming litter, a kennel to advertise, puppies for sale, a store, a business, an online storefront?

Well here is a great place to advertise — and support the SSDCA as well.

At the present time the majority of our membership costs (printing, mailing supplies, postage),
hosting and registry fees for our websites and forums and a lot more —
are all a labor of love, and are all donated by the people who manage them.

We'd love to be able to use advertising money to pay for all the costs incurred in running the SSDCA.

So consider buying a business card sized ad. It's only \$10 but it would help our club a whole lot! :-)

A Foster Mom for Harley

I went to Homecoming 2015 with Tucker as usual, but that's where the 'normal' part ended. While I was there Lisa was talking to a few people about fostering a few of her dogs while they were bred, or to whelp a litter.

My boy Tucker was still not over losing his buddy Hunter and he always seemed so out of sorts and on edge because he was all alone, so I called home and talked to my husband about fostering a dog for Lisa for a while... and amazingly he agreed!

I'd been on a waiting list for a Rottie pup for a while and the litter had no males so I was back waiting again. It seemed like the perfect solution for everyone, free up some space at Lisa's house and give Tucker a buddy to hang out with for a month or two. Then when I finally got my Rottie puppy I'd bring Lisa's dog back to her.



6 month old Harley, in my tent at HC.



Harley came to work with Tucker and I every day.

When I mentioned the idea to Lisa she thought it was a great idea and asked me which of her dogs I'd like to take home with me. I told her it was her choice but since I had an intact male it was probably not a good idea to give me a female!

Knowing that Tuck has a harder temperament Lisa selected Harley who was a 6-month old male. He was goofy and playful and a total clown.

Harley spent the rest of Homecoming with Tuck and I. Everywhere we went Harley was on-leash with us. It was a rather abrupt change from Lisa's house to the business of Homecoming and immediately into obedience training, and staying in a hotel. Since I wasn't

planning on bringing another dog home with me I didn't have a crate or anything, so I just puppyproofed the hotel room and hoped for the best! There was no cause to worry though, Harley was perfect the whole time in the hotel and on the long ride home.

The "month or two" that we had planned stretched on from August to the middle of the winter and beyond... Early spring and Harley was still with us. I'd brought home a totally goofy, immature 6 month



Harley at a year old

old. He'd doubled in weight and turned into an incredibly handsome young adult dog. My son and husband had both fallen in love with the goofball too. Harley is a world-class snuggle bug and he wormed his way into our hearts (and onto our laps every chance he got). :-)

Obedience commands and house manners came effortlessly. After the first few weeks we didn't crate him because he was so good in the house that he didn't need it.

I got the call from my Rottie breeder in February that a male puppy had been born so in late April Harley went back home to Lisa.

I got to see my goofball again this past Homecoming. Lisa handed his leash off to me after he came out of the show ring and he was so busy looking around that he didn't even notice me... then the 'lightbulb' moment happened. When he realized it was me he went into super snuggle mode, trying to climb on my lap and lick my face and wag half his body in excitement.

So if you're thinking that I took Harley home again - all happily ever after - you're sorely mistaken. We had a nice visit and then Harley went back home with Lisa, where hopefully in the near future he'll get to sire some incredible puppies that will have his amazing temperament, and his goofiness, and of course they'll all love to snuggle just like their dad.

-Debbie Knatz



Harley & Tucker playing in the leaves.

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Next issue: Wintertime Fun!

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- Stories and photos of your Shiloh
 - Show tips and tricks
 - Show Results or event Summaries
 - Happily Ever After rehome stories
 - Any other newsletter suggestions



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