

THE MAGS AZINE



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lisa and Bradley Delizia live in Wayne, PA with their children Tess and Carter & their new Swissy Gunner

Suzanne Spengler & her son Gershom live in Dallas, PA with their Swissy Wynne

Eddie and Lana Shtrahman live in with their children Matthew and Emily and their Swissy Ella

Kim and Joel Gollub live in Hammonton, NJ with their Swissy Maui

Tanya Sameth lives in Far Hills, NJ with her Swissy Daisy



President's Message

Happy Summer Fellow Swissy Lovers!

We have had a great deal of rain this spring, but it seems that the sun is out more days and the temperatures, after a lagging climb, have reached closer to swimsuit weather.

I am sharing information on two subjects in this newsletter; first a new health risk that may affect our dogs, and second, about an alarming event that could have far reaching effects on pure-bred dog breeders and the future of pure-bred dogs. I hope both provide you with information that is meaningful to you.

I also want to encourage all members to attend the annual picnic which is the site of our annual club meeting. This year we are electing our officers and board members for the next two years.

Best wishes for many happy summer days with friends, family and swissies!

*Janie Hecker, President
Mid Atlantic Greater
Swiss Mountain Dog Club*



Annual Membership Dues are due August 1st ... PayPal Invoices will be sent shortly

Spotlight on Members!

The Diehl Family

Zander, our first Swissy is 2 years old, but our Swissy story actually began many years ago.

Mike and I met in the spring in 1987 at a teen dance when I was in 8th grade and he was in 10th. He waited for me to start high school that fall. We ended up being high school sweethearts going to four Homecomings and four Proms together. We were engaged three days before I graduated from high school. Mike got me a puppy as a gift the summer after I graduated from school—Kirby, a lab/shepherd mix—he was a great dog and our first baby. He lived with Mike's family until we were married two years later.



I grew up obsessed with dogs, setting the VCR to record dog shows if I knew I wouldn't be home to watch them.

I've always been fascinated by the different breeds and their structure and purpose. I also always knew that I'd end up in the dog show world someday, but with which breed? Then one day in 1995 I was watching a dog show on TV while cleaning our apartment. I walked into the living room and gasped ... it was the first year that the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog was an accepted breed by the AKC, which explained why I hadn't seen then before. It was the most gorgeous dog I had ever seen and I had to know more. The fact that it was a Swiss breed was like a super bonus as I'm quite proud of my Swiss heritage and grew up listening to my grandfather and cousins yodeling to Swiss music at family gatherings.

Well, we were newly married and broke so a Swissy was simply not feasible at the time.

But I was determined to own a Swissy someday and everyone in my life was aware of my dream. Late in 1995 we added a Dalmatian to our family, as Mike was a volunteer firefighter and a friend's mom was a breeder. We have had at least two dogs in our home since bringing Seagrave home. Our two boys got along very well. I was nicknamed "the Dog Lady" by the neighborhood kids, who would come running when they saw me outside working with the dogs.

The years progressed, and we had our 4 children.

We were quite busy with homeschooling them, dance, sports and youth activities. It wasn't time yet to add a Swissy to our crazy schedule. That didn't mean I didn't think about them, and admittedly would tell my husband to "STOP THE CAR" if I saw a Swissy (or even a Berner) out walking. People must've thought I was crazy. I contacted breeders, asked lots of questions, and visited Barton Manor in 2004.

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11 months after our youngest, Kelly, was born, I had a horrific fall that changed all our lives drastically.

I started developing neurologic symptoms that were devastating and scary. The fall caused disc herniations, spine trauma, brain herniation and nerve damage, and I ended up having a series of surgeries with a specialist in Long Island with the last being brain decompression in June of 2010. Brain surgery is not easy to recover from, and after having 14 surgeries in 13 years (not all from the accident), one tends to see life a lot differently. You learn to celebrate the smallest things and truly embrace life, while also letting go of dreams or goals you realize are no longer feasible, but there was one dream I was NOT willing to let go of. I was not giving up on my dream of having a Swissy someday. But clearly it just wasn't time...yet.

A few years after my brain surgery ...

we started the discussion again, and then Mike hurt his back at work. He was out of commission, went for therapy, treatments, etc., but ultimately ended up having spine surgery for herniated discs. He still has a few that are "inoperable". His neurosurgeon was the one who told Mike he wasn't going back to his job – one that he had since high school and one that he did quite well, and supported our large family well, too. It was discouraging, but we pressed on and I was not about to let go of my dream.

Finally, Christmas Day of 2016 I unwrapped a gift from my hubby,

and inside was a picture of a Swissy pup and a note that told me it was time!! I was elated, to say the least, and already had my breeder chosen (Kim Woollard of Cherished Swissies). In March of 2017, we traveled to Ohio for an Open House at Kim's home. In the meantime, our youngest, Kelly (age 10), started talking about possibly wanting to show in conformation. We assumed she'd follow in her older siblings' footsteps and play travel soccer, but this was a welcomed surprise. I let Kim know we were interested in getting into showing. A few weeks later I received an email from Kim announcing the pups had arrived (April 10, 2017). Could this really be happening?!?!?



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2017 was also the year that the National Specialty was in Bethlehem, PA

just 40 minutes from home. And conveniently, our kids were scheduled to do their PSSA testing at the same hotel the same week! We spent the week there, watching the events, meeting lots of Swissies and awesome Swissy owners! I'm so thankful for that week, because not only did it make us even more excited to get our boy, but also because of the connections that were made. Denise Mitterando was so warm and welcoming, and Frank and Isabella Caputo were a wealth of information on showing. Isabella pulled Kelly aside to share the basics of showing, using Herbie who was happy to oblige. We were pleasantly surprised at just how open to sharing and welcoming the entire Swissy community was and continues to be.

June 8th, 2017 was the day I had awaited for 22 years,

and now I shared the dream with my entire family! The trip home took roughly ten hours, and Kelly and I alternated holding Zander the whole way home. It was one of the sweetest moments in my life to bring him home with our kids and some friends gathering around him, welcoming him to the family. His name is a combo of his parents (Zuko x Gander) and his registered name, Cherished My Heart Is Set On You, is a reflection of the dream we held onto for so long. Zander was, is, and will always be, the greatest gift I've ever been given. He is now a gift to each one of us, and the relationship and bond with him is unique to each one of us.



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In the summer of 2018, we took a huge leap of faith and decided to open a dog daycare business.

With our health issues we needed to find a new avenue of income. Dog daycare had been something we were considering for quite some time, and when a building became available in a great location, only four miles from our home, we jumped on the opportunity. I got certified in pet CPR, took a course geared for the pet care industry, and I plan on going to school to become a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, which will only aid us on this venture. The hours are long and it's a lot of work, but we are together as a family on this journey, and that makes it so worth it!



Conformation showing has been our main activity with Zander,

aside from the Swissy parties with new, but treasured friends. Showing is not for the faint of heart and can be tough. It can make the most confident person suddenly insecure. To watch the growth in our daughter, Kelly, showing Zander with a smile on her face with such poise and composure has been the neatest thing to witness. How she held it together on days when Zander felt like being an ornery puppy in the ring is beyond me. There were MANY times that we contemplated getting a professional handler for him, but we wanted Kelly to be able to work through it and really own this journey. On May 26th, 2019, Zander earned his Championship with BOW & a four point major! That was followed by Best of Breed five point major on May 27th, giving him a great start toward his Grand Championship. I love the fact that Zander loves showing and am so incredibly proud of Kelly! And I can say now that I'm glad we didn't intervene on their journey together!



The two years since getting Zander have been crazy ...

soccer, dog shows, starting a business, our daughter's wedding, college visits, sports injuries and subsequent surgeries; life is in high gear and not slowing down any time soon. I don't know what lies ahead for me regarding my health and there is a good chance I'll end up back in the operating room, but I'm doing what I can to avoid that. I've also learned just how therapeutic it's been to be surrounded by dogs during my recovery, and even now. It's given me a desire to help Zander become a therapy dog in order to aid others in their struggles, so that's on the to-do list. We also would love to get involved with drafting, pack hikes and weight pulling, when time allows. But I'm certain there will be more Swissy parties in our future, and I'm really hoping for a Zander pup!

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I think the reason the Swissy community is so special and unique ...

is because we are the only ones who truly know the value of this breed. They are not like any other breed we've ever owned. They are truly special and the connection they have with their people is fierce. While we have had many dogs through the years of varying breeds that we loved deeply and adored, we can now say that we are completely and forever hooked on this breed!

Kathy Diehl for the Diehl Gang

Emily's Wedding Day

January 5th, 2019



Son Braedon, Mike & Kathy, Daughter Emily, Son-in-Law Nick, Daughter Avery, Daughter Kelly

Spotlight on Members!

The Buttari—Vanderhey Family

A Celebration 20 Years in the Making

Tim and I have been together now for over 20 years.

We met when I was in college and have been together since. We only had one dog as a couple, a lab/shepherd mix, my heart dog Butch, before he passed in 2016. It was the worse day of my life.

A year and half later as we were preparing to buy a house,

we decided we needed another dog; actually two dogs now that we'd have a yard for them and a place to call home. I knew I wanted another large breed and began researching. Newfoundland, St. Bernard, Great Pyrenees, Mastiff, and Bernese were all crossed off the list by Tim because he didn't want too much hair and drool all over. Imagine my surprise after taking a random internet quiz on what dog you should get based on your personality/lifestyle that #2 was a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. I immediately googled them and was taken with how gorgeous they were and how big. I really liked how they were a dry mouth breed and didn't shed a lot (yeah, right). I read about their unique personalities that can be humanlike. We knew it was the breed for us.

I contacted an AKC breeder I found, chatted with her on the phone,

filled out an application, met her full grown female and puppies, and decided we were hooked. A few months later we picked up Dante. We couldn't handle another puppy (Dante was an absolute monster), but still wanted another dog. We



knew finding a Swissy rehome was going to be hard, but surprisingly enough we were quickly put in contact with Fiona's previous owner. She loved us and we loved her almost immediately, and her previous owners knew we were the ones—Fiona always hid when other families came to see her, but she came right to us!



Spotlight on Members!

The Buttari—Vanderhey Family

Now that our family was complete, our 20th Anniversary was quickly

approaching. We discussed getting married on that day as a celebration of our 20 years together, and decided we were going to do it. March 1st, 2019 was set as our wedding. Throughout all the planning, I just knew nothing else mattered except that Dante and Fiona needed to be there and be a part of the day. I had pushback from some people, and the venue would only allow us to have them there if we had the ceremony outside. I insisted they had to be in the wedding; I just couldn't fathom not having them there. Our venue found a loophole in their rules, and since it snowed that day we had the wedding inside and both Dante and Fiona participated as Ringbearer and Flower Girl. We even had our florist make a flowered collar for Fiona to wear and a friend sewed a bowtie that would fit Dante!



We had 2 full tables of Swissy owner friends that we've met throughout our almost 3 years of having one.

We loved having Tom and Melissa Painter, Sharon and Bud Gardner, Tonia Adams, Kevin and Katie Rosander, Toby and Alan Nelson, Frank and Jackie Caputo, and Loretta Golding as guests.



*A special thanks
to Greg Golding
for escorting
Dante down the aisle
and
Denise Mitterando
for escorting
Fiona*



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The Buttari—Vanderhey Family

As the pictures of our wedding show ...

it really was the perfect day, and having Dante and Fiona part of it as we all officially became a family was all I could have asked for. It was amazing celebrating our 20th anniversary with all of our family and friends and having them witness our marriage. I never imagined a breed of dog could be so incredible; our Swissies have not only given us so much love and adoration, but have given us many new lifelong friends. Swissies really are the best—and, yes we are still contemplating a 3rd!



Anthony, Timothy, Dante and Fiona Buttari-Vanderhey



THE MAGS TERNITY WARD

SeaVaRidge's Erica Clapton With A Cabro Post Twist & CH Cabro's Nice N Easy Tugger

April 15, 2019

The Erica / Tugger litter of 5 boys and 5 girls were born on tax day. This is Erica's 2nd litter & Tugger's 2nd breeding which produced puppies each time. Thank you Katie Schomp and family for allowing Tugger to be part of Erica's pedigree.



Congratulations it's a

BOY

Cherished
Zombies Are
No Match for
Agent Hudson

Tonia Adam's Hudson, born on February 5th, arrived home on Sunday April 7th.



Congratulations it's a

BOY

Cherished Shot
Through The Heart &
You're To Blame

That's AMORE!

The Delizia family—Lisa, Brad, Tess (9) & Carter (7) introduce Gunner, born on February 14th.



Congratulations it's a

BOY

**Cherished
We Are
His Legacy,
This is His Legend!!**

**Jaime & Randy Taylor are excited to announce their newest family member,
Soldier, born on February 5th.**

**"This little cutie is from a breeding with our Sentry and Crimson (CH Coppervines Don't
Upset the Cherished Applectart) who belongs to Annette and Mike LaPlante."**

**"This little 'zombie' has so much personality! We are so in love!
We are excited to see all that he will do! Ellie loves playing with him and Sentry,
his Dad, is happy he's growing up and not biting him every possible second!!"**



HAPPY BAROODAY



**Diana & Eric Gartz's
Amdis celebrated her 8th on June 19th
and Odet celebrated her 6th on June 17th.**





MAGS BRAGS



Shadetree's Huckleberry Finn With A Little Twist, CGCA, TKN

Canine Good Citizen Advanced & Trick Dog Novice

Laurie & Gene Grace's Finn got his CGCA & TKN titles at the MAGS 'Swissy Give It A Whirl Day' on Saturday, May 25th.

"So proud of our well-mannered, talented boy!"





MAGS BRAGS



Yeti, CGC, TKN

Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Novice

Tara Lloyd's Yeti got his CGC & TKN title at the MAGS 'Swissy Give It A Whirl Day' on Saturday, May 25th.





MAGS BRAGS



GCHB Kismet's Blazing Fire on the Mountain Lady Klara, CGC, TKN

Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Novice

Janie & Wayne Hecker's Klara earned her CGC & TKN titles
at the MAGS 'Swissy Give It A Whirl Day' event held in
Frenchtown, NJ on Saturday, May 25th.



MAGS BRAGS



GCHS Kismet's Captain Avery's Toby, CGC, TKN

Trick Dog Novice

Janie & Wayne Hecker's Toby earned his TKN title at the All About Dogs event sponsored by the Berks County Kennel Club in Sinking Spring, PA on June 22nd.



MAGS BRAGS



No-Belles Our Amdis, No-Belles Our Aren, Kismet's Once Upon a Time

Diana & Eric Gartz's Amdis, Aren and Odet recently earned their TKN titles.
Amdis is also working on her Obedience Beginner Novice title.

Aren continues his therapy work too!

Odet also earned her Novice Agility, Novice Agility Jumpers, and Novice FAST titles.



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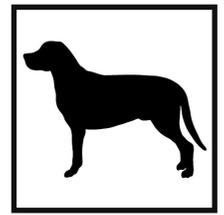
No-Belles Our Aren, Kismet's Once Upon a Time

Farm Dog Certified

Diana & Eric Gartz's Aren and Odet recently earned their Farm Dog titles.



MAGS BRAGS



CH Cherished My Heart is Set On You

New Champion

Kathy & Mike Diehl's Zander got his Champion title in Columbus, NJ on May 26th at the Jersey Shore Cluster in Freehold, NJ.

"To watch the growth in our daughter, Kelly, showing Zander with a smile on her face with such poise and composure has been the neatest thing to witness."



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CH Cherished My Heart is Set On You

5 Point Grand Champion Major

Kathy & Mike Diehl's Zander got his first 5 point major towards his Grand Champion title in Columbus, NJ on May 27th at the Jersey Shore Cluster in Freehold, NJ.



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Shadetree's Huckleberry Finn With A Little Twist CGCA, TKN

Best of Winners

Laurie & Gene Grace's Finn had a great weekend at Ludwig's Corner.
He went Winner's Dog (WD) on Saturday, June 15th and
Best of Winners (BOW) on Sunday.

"A year ago when he made his debut at Ludwig's I couldn't even get him to stand
to be examined by the judge ... he's come so far ... so proud of our boy!"



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Ch Kismet's Lady Guenevere at Swiss Kiss

New Champion

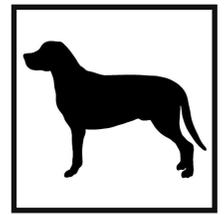
Katie & Randy Markley's 'The Sparrow' took Winners Bitch (WB) and Best of Winners (BOW) at the Harrisburg Dog Show in April to earn her AKC Championship.

She's now competing for her Grand Champion (GCH) title earning one GCH point at the Lebanon, PA show in May and going Best of Opposite (BOS) at Ludwig's Corner in June for a 5-point GCH major.

"The Sparrow is one of those dogs who just loves the show ring and looks forward to her next show. We're very proud of this little bird!"



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Kismet's Turbulent Aries Under Zodiac's Reign

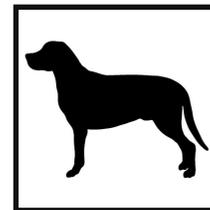
First Conformation Ribbon

Jim & Eileen Hauptly's Tauzr went Reserve earning his first ribbon at the Ludwig's Corner Show on June 16th.

"Not a huge brag, but hope to see him earn more in the future!"



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CH Shadetrees Blaze Your Own Trail at the Blue Moon Farm CGC

Best of Opposite

Gina Aurichio's Blaze was awarded Best of Opposite ("despite my owner-handling")
at the Greater Hickory Kennel Club show on Saturday, June 1st.



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Ridgebridge Rosella Crimson, RN, CGC, TKN

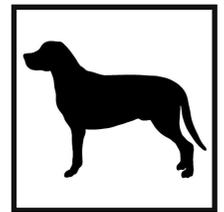
First Two Legs Obedience Beginner Novice Title

Jaime & Randy Taylor's Eleanor earned the first two legs of her BN title at a local obedience trial on June 8th & 9th. This was her first obedience trial placing 3rd each day!

"Love our smart girl!!"



MAGS BRAGS



GCHB Kismet's Blazing Fire on the Mountain Lady Klara, CGC, TDN

100th Grand Champion Point

On April, 11th, GCH Kismet's Blazing Fire On The Mountain Lady Klara, earned her 100th Grand Champion point at the Lebanon County Kennel Club Show held in Harrisburg, PA. Charles L. Olvis awarded her the Grand Champion Select Bitch ribbon which garnered her two points.



On May 4th, Klara had the great honor to be selected Best of Breed by Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake at the Bucks County Kennel Club Show at Tinicum Park in Erwinna, PA. The show was filmed by AKC-TV and Klara can be seen competing in the Working Group competition which can be viewed on the AKC website.



On June 1st, at the Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club Show, Klara was selected Best of Breed by Janet Cohen. The show was held at the Burlington County Fairgrounds in Columbus, New Jersey.

Thanks to Brian Ullom who always does an great job of showing Klara in the ring!

Fun Photos



Hudson attended his first weight pull event with Mom, Aunt Denise & Boo before starting the 8 hour drive home to PA



Fun Photos



The Taylor Family



Sentry, Soldier & Eleanor



Soldier and his Dad Sentry

Fun Photos



New Hope Swissy Dog Walk

Saturday, June 22nd



Pictured left to right—thank you photographer Greg Golding!

Carmen & Hugo, Tonia & Hudson, New Member—Lisa Delizia & Gunner, Gene & Bodie, Laurie & Finn, Tara & Yeti, Loretta & Kona, Denise & Caboo, Sharon & Tillie, and Loretta's Dad Bill with Gideon



Gideon



Pooped Pups

Hudson & Gunner

Fun Photos



Happy 1st of Summer! Catherine Wentzell & Radha Smith spent a week vacationing at Cape Cod with their Swissy Cassie and her sister, Daisy Belle. "There are so many Swissy friendly things to do!



The Cape Cod National Seashore is dog friendly ALL year. This was great fun for our girls!



They enjoyed lots of beach walks and bike trail walks.

Of course what's a vacation without a little R&R — resting and rolling about!



Cassie really liked being able to join us on so many outings—making new friends and getting lots of pets.



Provincetown is chock full of dog friendly restaurants like Way Down Town where the girls got lots of lovin' and bacon from the waiter!



But the best was the beach and playing in the surf ...



... and watching all the seals swim by.





Board Nominations

I've been an off/on again member of MAGS since I got my Swissy Ursa back in 2011. We got our start in carting back in 2013 at a MAGS cart building workshop. We've enjoyed it ever since and Ursa got her Novice Draft Dog title in April of last year. In addition to carting, we train in Obedience, Rally & Agility. I added a second Swissy, Basel, to our household in February, 2018.



I had a goal the past year or so of being a little more involved in the club. I attended a pack hike, Swissy social, picnic and carting clinic. Since I have benefitted from the club's activities, I think being a board member would give me the opportunity to give back to the club as well.

I own my own business, a doggie daycare, and have put on events in the past, Pictures with Santa Paws, Responsible Dog Ownership Day, etc.

Overall, I have good organizational skills and attention to detail that I think would benefit the club going forward.

Sarah Winklevoss



If you have ever been to a typical AKC dog show, you may have seen boxes of flashy looking “dog” magazines like Canine Chronicle, Showsight,

and Dog News. Dog owners pay for color pages with pictures highlighting their dog wins and awards. I have been told this is to get recognition by judges. I pick these up because they are free and I am always on the lookout for pictures of Swissies or other dogs that I know. It took me a while to realize that these publications also have some informative articles. An article titled **A Dangerous Precedent**, written by Carlotta Cooper, appeared in the May 24, 2019 edition of the **Dog News Magazine**. It caught the attention of my handling teacher, Sue Peterman, who breeds Golden Retrievers at Sannman Kennels in Sellersville, PA. She shared the article with class members. She shared her concern which is also a big concern of mine since becoming involved with pure-bred Swissies.

According to the article, there are animal rights people who believe that breeding dogs is cruel. Linda Pernice, a golden retriever breeder in Millis, Massachusetts found this out when she was charged with four counts of animal cruelty and keeping the dogs in “deplorable” conditions. One of the accusations was that her dogs were “interbred”, a charge proven false by their pedigrees. Sweet Paws Rescue in Groveland took possession of Pernice’s 11 females, 3 males, and litter of 9 puppies. The rescue claimed that the dogs had never been to a veterinarian yet all adult dogs had OFA hip and elbow x-rays, heart clearances and CERF eye exams. They were all AKC registered. The breeder entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$100 bail. Her bail conditions required her to surrender all her animals and she is not allowed to keep, acquire, or breed any animals. She went to court on May 31st.

Rescue representative, Cynthia Sweet of the rescue promoted the idea that the puppies are inbred and would have genetic problems, which would result in future health problems. There does not appear to be any evidence to support this concern. Pernice’s problems may have been instigated by a dissatisfied previous puppy buyer or a neighbor who objected to dogs barking. Meanwhile, the rescue organization continues to bring dogs in from other areas of the country and overseas. Each dog is sold for almost \$500. This is a practice known as retail rescue. Massachusetts passed legislation which places new regulations on rescue groups making it more difficult to acquire dogs from other states and countries. The original purpose of rescue organizations was to find good homes for stray or unwanted pets in the local community. I believe most people support that cause but many of the rescues are moving away from their original purpose. This begs the question are rescues launching an effort to criminalize breeders and take their dogs so they can increase their retail rescue stock?

The alarming nature of this injustice necessitates pure bred dog education for our local, state and national representatives. It is a call for strict standards for organizations which call themselves “rescues”. Are they in business to care for and home animals found in their local area or are they animal importers whose goal is to turn a profit? If you read the accusations that were made against the dogs bred by Pernice, the issues are more likely to be true of out of state and imported dogs [genetic problems, socialization issues, lack of veterinary care and illnesses]. How do legal authorities have the right to remove dogs from a responsible breeder’s home without just cause? This is not to turn a blind eye to breeders who are not responsible in their breeding practices as that issue must also be addressed. These issues should generate concern in every citizen, dog lover, as well as supporters of pure bred dogs.

At a Canine Health Symposium sponsored by the Great Dane Club of the Lehigh Valley at Caitlyn and Cody's Diner on April 6th, attendees learned about canine reproductive issues and about a little known disease.

Those present saw a PowerPoint presentation by Texas veterinarian, Roy Madigan about a disease called Chagas.



It has been dubbed the heartworm disease of the 21st Century. Unfortunately, it can infect both humans and canines. Although it is much more widespread in the southern states of the United States, Middle and South America, the bugs that transmit it have slowly moved westward and north.

Kissing bugs can now be found in Pennsylvania and may soon be found in Delaware and New Jersey. Fortunately, this is not a recognized concern in New York.

The disease is caused by the transmission of a protozoan parasite by bite or feces from one of seven species of kissing bugs. The disease damages the heart and has typical symptoms of congestive heart failure and dilated cardiomyopathy. It can also cause megaesophagus, megacolon and even bloat. Some dogs carry the disease and remain asymptomatic. Dogs under two years of age often have diarrhea, lethargy, seizures, swollen lymph nodes, fluid retention and heart failure. They may collapse,

have a rapid heart rate, enlarged lymph nodes and spleen, fever, and neurological signs, or may resemble dogs with fading puppy syndrome.

If not treated, Chagas can cause death. When a pregnant bitch has the disease it might be transmitted to her puppies. Puppies, even if treated, often are too weak to overcome this disease. Fortunately, Dr. Madigan of Spring Branch has researched the disease and in collaboration with Paniz Mondolfi, M.D. from Venezuela, developed an effective treatment. Dr. Mondolfi had experimented with this treatment when Chagas was found in his human patients.

The earlier the dog is treated, the better the chances of preventing permanent heart damage. If a dog in the household is tested and found to be positive for Chagas, all other dogs and humans in the household should be tested for the disease.

This article also includes information taken from an article, ***Changing Chagas: A Rare Disease to Know About***, which appeared in the April 2019 issue of **The Canine Chronicle**.





CGC

Tara & Yeti



TRICK DOG

Tonia & Hudson



Frenchtown, NJ

May 25th

Swissy Give It A Whim!

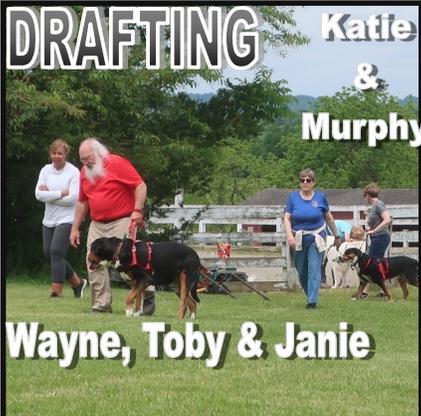


GOOFING OFF

Caboo

Not Shown
Jim, Trooper & Tauzi

Not Shown
Jana & Cooper



DRAFTING

Katie & Murphy

Wayne, Toby & Janie



TRICK DOG

Finn



Gideon



Who let the dogs out? Berks County Kennel Club

Another beautiful day for the, "All About Dogs Day", event held Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Liberty Fire Company grounds, Sinking Spring, PA. Our club has always participated in this event ever since it's establishment by the Berks County Kennel Club 7 years ago.

Thank you Jim Hauptly for arriving early that morning to reserve a shady spot for us and our dogs. Thank you Janie & Wayne Hecker for your attendance. Everyone brought supplies and helped set up and tear down. Most of all, thank you Swissies Toby, Klara, & T.J. Hecker, Trooper & Taurz Hauptly, and my 2—Erica & her son Snowman.



**READING EAGLE,
READING, PA.
JUNE 23, 2019**

The big dogs

One booth over was the enormous greater Swiss mountain dog, an ancient breed used in the Swiss Alps to pull carts over the snow. At 2 years old, Trooper is more than 120 pounds and eats six cups of food per day, said owner Jim Hauptly of the Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

The breed is mostly black, but has some brown and white around the face and legs. Bred to be a working dog, they are happiest when they have a job, Hauptly said.

He enjoys strapping a pack on Trooper and taking him for hikes.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Event



Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Picnic - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Tonia and Hudson Adams',
4840 Lisa Drive, Schnecksville, PA

Agenda

- 1:00 PM - Picnic Begins - meet and mingle
- 2:00 PM - Annual Meeting & Election - held under the tent
- 3:00 PM - Let's Eat (Club will provide food)
- 3:45 PM Raffle

Doggie pools, fenced in yard, tents, people and pooch socialization!

RSVP by: September 28th
RSVP to: TAdams@glic.com
Please provide:

- Number of Members
- Number of Guests
- Number of Dogs

BEWARE OF DOG

(Its cuteness is dangerous)



Caboo and I will be attending the 2019 NSWD Club of America National Specialty and we plan on participating in the following!
 Sunday, September 15 - NSWD Club Family Dog testing and Obedience Rally Run-throughs Monday, September 16 - Draft Trial and NS
 Weight Pull Tuesday, September 17 - Obedience Rally Wednesday, September 18 - AKC Conformation veteran classes Thursday, Sep-
 tember 19 - r/a Friday, September 20 - NSWD Club Weight Pull

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Upcoming Event

MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS ADVANCED CANINE REPRODUCTION & PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE SEMINAR



WHEN

October 19th & 20th 2019

9:00 AM to 4PM Saturday—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday

WHERE

Beaver County Kennel Club

580 Jackson Street, Rochester, PA 15074

Author and Speaker on:

Canine Reproduction, Whelping, Breeding and Puppy Care

Myra Savant-Harris is a dog breeder and Registered Nurse with many years working in labor, delivery and neonatal ICL. Along with her interest in genetic research and experience in dog breeding, she brings a wealth of knowledge and techniques to help you in your breeding program. She is a sought-after and highly informative, entertaining speaker who has published several books.

Seminar covers sperm—in every conceivable way including counts & how to maximize your stud dog's capabilities. It includes the bitch's repro system from first heat to spay and includes all the information you'll need to coordinate the stud dog's capabilities together with the bitch's timing for breeding. There is also a lengthy amount of time devoted to whelping, stuck puppy and post partum care. Myra covers puppy from the beginning until the puppy leaves your home for placement. Questions from attendees invited and Myra tries to address all of the problems brought to her attention.

ADVANCE TICKETS SALES

\$125 - before September 15th 2019

GENERAL TICKET SALES

\$150 after September 15th

(if space is available)

Make Checks or Money

Order

Payable to BCKC

SPONSOR

The Beaver County Kennel Club

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be Provided



QUESTIONS

Contact:

Maurene Baum
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412-288-8684

All correspondence will be answered as soon as possible

Mail Registration & Check or Money Order payable to BCKC to: Maurene Baum, 212 Moosehead Dr., Imperial, PA 15126

Registration Confirmation will be emailed

Name

Address

Email

Phone

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Upcoming Event

www.2019gsmdcans.com



Join us for the 2019 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America National Specialty!

September 14-20

See below for MAG Members who plan to attend and what activities they plan to participate in!

Sunday, 9/15	Monday, 9/16	Tuesday, 9/17	Wednesday, 9/18	Thursday, 9/19	Friday, 9/20
CGC / Urban Farm Dog Testing Denise Mitterando & Caboo Tonia Adams & Hudson (CGC only)	Draft Trial Denise Mitterando & Caboo Martha Tubman & Poppy Leslie Gillette & Grey	Obedience / Rally Denise Mitterando & Caboo Martha Tubman & Poppy Leslie Gillette & Grey Tonia Adams & Hudson	NS Specialty Conformation Laurie Grace & Finn (Regular) Martha Tubman & Piper (Sweeps & Regular) Tonia Adams & Hudson (6-9 mos)	NS Specialty Conformation Denise Mitterando & Caboo (Veteran) Kelly Diehl & Zander (Jr. Handler & BOB) Martha Tubman & Poppy (BOB)	Independent Specialty Conformation Laurie Grace & Finn Kelly Diehl & Zander Martha Tubman & Poppy Tonia Adams & Hudson
	NS Weight Pull Denise Mitterando & Caboo				IS Weight Pull Denise Mitterando & Caboo
Pack Hike Kelly Diehl & Zander					
Obedience/Rally Run-Throughs Denise Mitterando Caboo Martha Tubman & Poppy Leslie Gillette & Grey Tonia Adams & Hudson					

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Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Get your Swissy Gear!

- ✓ The following articles of clothing will be available.
- ✓ All items will come in this color blue with the logo as shown.
- ✓ Orders will be delivered to the next event or can be shipped for an additional price



Name: Queensboro Embroidered Men's AP3 All-Purpose Performance Polo

MAGS Price: \$25

Style #: 1424

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL + \$2, 3XL + \$3

For quality, versatility and value the Queensboro AP3 All-Purpose Performance Polo is in a class of its own. That is why it is our best-selling polo! Why do we call this shirt the All-Purpose Polo? It is 100% wrinkle-resistant and never needs ironing, so it is great for travelling. It is also 100% moisture-wicking and barely even needs to go in the dryer. The All-Purpose Polo is medium weight, so it feels fantastic while staying put or on the go. Finally, the fabric is slightly textured, so it wears and looks just right for professional, athletic or casual wear. This shirt is perfect for working indoors or out in the heat. An innovative fabric-dyeing process uses about 10% of the water normally required to produce garments, which is terrific for the environment, while at the same time creating 100% color fastness. The color of this shirt will not fade even after 1,000 washes!

Features include:

- 100% polyester performance fabric
- Tag-free Queensboro label
- Moisture-wicking
- Wrinkle resistant
- Stain resistant
- 100% color fast
- Knit collar
- 3-button placket with dyed-to-match buttons
- Classic length hemmed sleeves



Name: Gildan Embroidered Men's Heavy Blend Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

MAGS Price: \$35

Style #: 7385

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL + \$2, 3XL + \$4

Features include

- 8 oz. 50% cotton, 50% polyester
- Double-needle stitching throughout
- Double-lined hood
- Pouch pocket; matching drawcord
- Ribbed spandex sleeve cuffs and waistband

When you talk about The Classic Pullover Hoodie you are talking about this garment. The 8 ounce 50% cotton/50% polyester fabric is heavy enough for Fall and Spring but not so heavy or bulky you can't wear it inside. Comforting the way only a great hoodie can be, solid construction, classic colors and unisex sizes up to 3XL makes this great shirt a stylish favorite for cooler days.



Name: Sport-Tek Embroidered Men's Competitor Tee

MAGS Price: \$20

Style #: 7350

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL + \$2, 3XL + \$4

The Sport-Tek lightweight Competitor Tee has a roomy, athletic cut and is made from a moisture-wicking, durable, 100% polyester fabric that won't fade, shrink or wrinkle. With a sewn in removable tag, double-needle stitched sleeves and hems, this shirt is very cool and durable. It is a great choice and value for any outside or athletic use.

Features include:

- 3.8-ounce 100% polyester fabric
- Moisture wicking fabric
- Will not shrink or fade
- Wrinkle free
- Full athletic cut
- Classic crew neck
- Sewn-in tear-away tag

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Name: Sport-Tek Embroidered Women's Competitor Tee
MAGS Price: \$20
Style #: 7352
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

The Women's Sport-Tek lightweight Competitor Tee has a roomy, athletic cut and is made from a moisture-wicking, durable, 100% polyester fabric that won't fade, shrink or wrinkle. It has a slightly open crew neck and a tapered fit. With a sewn in removable tag, double-needle stitched sleeves and hem, this shirt is very flattering, cool and durable. It is a great choice and great value for any outside or athletic use.

Features include:
-3.8-ounce 100% polyester fabric
-Moisture wicking fabric
-Slightly opened crew neck
- Tapered fit
-Will not shrink or fade
-wrinkle free
-Sewn-in tear-away tag



Name: Sport-Tek Embroidered Youth Competitor Tee
MAGS Price: \$20
Style #: 7354
Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Take on your opponents in maximum comfort. Our lightweight 3.8 ounce Competitor Tee has a roomy, athletic cut and controls sweat like a champ. Whether your child has to rush off to soccer practice or a championship game, the Competitor tee delivers.



Name: Port and Company Embroidered Knit Cap
MAGS Price: \$15
Style #: 8035
Sizes: One Size

Stay warm during cooler weather with this classic toboggan that has a 3-inch folding cuff for easy embroidery. The Port & Company Knit Cap is a staple for everyday Winter-wear due to its great price and wear ability. It comes in a great selection of colors and is a fantastic value.

Features include:
- Great price & quality
- Modern, form-fitting shape
- Lightweight, but warm
- Fabric: 100% acrylic



Name: Port Authority Embroidered Extra Long Fleece Scarf
MAGS Price: \$18
Style #: 9012
Sizes: One Size

Why settle for a wimpy scarf that barely stays on your neck? This Port Authority Extra Long Fleece Scarf is 800 square inches of plush fleece comfort. Unless you're a NFL Offensive Guard, you can probably wrap this attractive number around your neck several times for layers of lightweight warmth when the howling winds of winter blow.

Made from rich 13 oz. anti-pill fleece, this impressive scarf has dyed to match overlock stitching for a consistent look. Measuring 80" long and 10" wide, this is a solid bundle of cold weather comfort.



SPECIAL for the DOGS!

Name: Port Authority Embroidered Extra Long Fleece Scarf
MAGS Price: \$18
Style #: 9012

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- * All items will be a royal blue with the logo as it appears on the blue.
- * One item 'a scarf' will be available in red with the logo as it appears on the red. If ordering scarf, please note color!
- * Please fill in the Order Form and email to:
fotodoc@optonline.net and
ggolding19@gmail.com
- * The Order Form should include: Quantity, Name/Description, Style #, Size and Price
 NOTE: Some items have an up charge for 2XL or 3XL
- * Select method of payment: PayPal, Cash or Check
- * Once the order is received it will be confirmed and a price confirmation will be sent back to the Ordering Email Address
- * If method of payment is PayPal an Invoice will be sent to the Order Email Address
 NOTE: Order will not be processed until payment is received.
- * All shipments will be received by Denise Mitterando and can be picked up at the next MAGS event or via shipment. Shipment will be based on actual shipping costs and payment will have to be made for that separately.



To:
 Name
 Street Address
 City, ST ZIP Code

Method of Payment: (Select one) PayPal, Cash or Check

Quantity	Name / Description	Style #	Size	Unit Price	Total
Subtotal					
Shipping & Handling (will be determined based on order)					
Total Due					

Due upon receipt via PayPal, Check or Cash

Items will be brought to the next event or can be shipped for an additional charge.

Thank you for supporting the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club!