

THE MAGS



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The MAGS Event of 2019!

So what is this event?

The club picnic on October 5th, of course!

It will be held at Tonia Adams home at 4849 Lisa Drive in Schnecksville, PA. 18078, just north of Allentown. This is the 2nd year Tonia has offered her home & property so MAGS members & Swissies can gather, hold our annual meeting & have fun!!

We had some issues last year so we made some changes that should help make the day go smoothly. First, we will hold the Board meeting on a day prior to the picnic so only a general membership meeting will be held. This annual meeting is super important because we will be electing officers and board members for the next two years. A list of the candidates was emailed to all members a while back. If you wish to place your name on the ballot for any position, please remember that you need to have another member support your nomination. If you do not wish to serve on the board but would like to help with any aspect of the club, please contact me or any other member of the Board. We would be thrilled for any offers of help! Members will also pass a budget to guide the functions of the club.

We will have a large tent in the yard & that will be the location of the meeting. The picnic begins at 1:00 pm & the meeting will be held at 3:00 PM. Chairs will not be provided; attendees should bring a chair for each person in their family.

Food, of course, is a prime ingredient of any picnic. Denise Mitterando & Tonia Adams will see that the main dish is covered. Members are free to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. We are also seeking baskets or items for the raffle. These can be dog related items or items humans enjoy. This is important since the proceeds of the raffle help to defray the costs of the tent & food at the picnic.

So mark our picnic on your calendar, gather the family & the swissies and head to Schnecksville on October 5th! It will be a fun gathering- because 100% of the attendees are in 100% agreement about our love of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog.

Janie Hecker, President

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Nov. 30th WPXI Holiday Parade

A few MAGS members will be travelling to Pittsburgh, PA to join fellow GSMD Southwestern PA friends.

Tonia Adams with Hudson, Tara Lloyd with Yeti and Denise Mitterando with Caboo will be participating. Caboo is going to pull a cart, hiking packs will be worn, and if you are a weight puller, we could possibly set you up to pull a tree!

**March 28th & 29th
Back 2 Back Pack Hike**
(10 mile option each day)

Spotlight on Members!

Denise Mitterando

When I talk about my Swissies, I can't help but smile and melt inside.

As a member of a therapy dog organization I have a standard line, "they make me happy, and I like to share that happiness with others".



BEST FRIENDS



Spotlight on Members!

Denise Mitterando

Just eight years ago I didn't even know what a Swissy was.

The only 'purebreds' I was sure about might have been a Lab, Golden, Rottie or German Shepherd. I was a rescue girl through and through.

Growing up I was like any other kid that wanted a dog.

My dad had dogs growing up; Mom didn't and she was deathly afraid, and my brother wasn't interested in helping to fight the battle. I used to go to friends to play with and walk their dogs. My love and desire to get a dog never diminished, and in a moment of weakness my mother allowed me to get one when I was about 21. Butterscotch 'Buttah' was a Husky, Samoyed, Lab and Collie mix with long hair that I kept shaved. While I could never say anyone in particular was my 'heart' dog because they all came into my life with different pros and cons, she was special. She didn't need to be on a leash and was the most obedient. I would die to do competition with a dog like her now! She would cruise in my convertible everywhere I went, sitting in the front seat with her harness and seatbelt. She was with me for 12 years in the best and saddest of times. While your heart breaks into a million pieces, I always try to keep the best interest of the dog in my heart verses my selfish needs or wants. Words from my cousin, and a Vet have stuck with me the last 20 years ... "quality over quantity". It was time to say good-bye.

After Buttah I decided with such a busy life working full-time, school ...

and social schedule that perhaps it wasn't fair to get another dog and make them spend so much time alone. I would get a cat—they liked to be on their own. Well I had the cat for a week and said "nope, I'm a dog person—I need a dog!". Foxy Momma—my cat of 20 years—has put up with all of my dogs. My pittie mix came from the Newark Shelter, a little skinny thing, spent her life with that kitty cat. At this point in my life I decided I was going to save others as well. My 'Golden Nugget' or 'Chicken Nugget' as the kids in the condo down the hall thought I had named her, welcomed every foster that passed through our door. This little girl kept me on my toes. The day I moved she escaped for 2 hours as the movers were loading the truck. And later that day she escaped the new house too. I had 9 years with Nugget when an unexpected aneurysm burst and took her from me within an hour. Talk about being fine one minute and gone the next ... once again my heart was shattered.

The next day with a soft spot in my heart for the underdog with a bad rap

I was looking online for another dog. I found my Doodle just over the New York state border. While I loved her something just wasn't right. Unfortunately, out of nowhere she would snap and turn a little Cujo on me. One day she was on my bed, I walked into the room and I thought she was going to eat me alive. I jumped back out of the room and slammed the door. I tried to enter again but got the same reaction. I was terrified. About an hour later I entered and she came prancing out like nothing had happened. After this happened twice, as well as some other situations, I became more and more fearful of having her in my home.

Spotlight on Members!

Denise Mitterando

This is when I met John and Erin McWilliams.

Doodle went to daycare at Paws-itive Experience and we had a couple of private sessions with John to try to work through the issues. John was the 3rd trainer I worked with within a year. One day Doodle had a Cujo event at the daycare so they saw it first-hand. The final straw was when I walked into the house with a can of paint and she bit my hand. In tears I called John. I knew what had to be done, but needed reassurance that I was doing the right thing. I couldn't live with the situation, afraid to have people come to my house, and my own fear of not knowing when she would snap. There were too many other dogs to be saved so I made the decision to put her down. It still breaks my heart as I feel like I failed her.

While I had been very fortunate with my first 2 dogs,

I decided that I wanted to know where the next one was coming from, and what experiences they had. I wanted a 'bullet proof' or, as close as possible, dog. I was at Paws-itive and saw these 2 big beautiful dogs just hanging out in daycare. I said "I want one of those!". They were much bigger than I would ever have wanted, but I was going big or going home! It turns out they were John and Erin's Swissies. I had to have one NOW! It was February and the next litter wasn't coming until the summer and wouldn't be ready to go to their new homes until September. Take my breath away ... I couldn't last that long! Well in April, Ms. Sophia Mia came for a sleepover. She was the grandma of the next litter. A 'sleepover' turned into 8 wonderful months. I learned a lesson that you do not have to have a puppy. An older dog can bring you as much joy as a young one—plus they are house broken already. We would go for mile long walks every day. Proof that I had any ability to control a dog, however, would go out the window when she would see her real mom, Erin!

The French Food litter was born on July 9, 2012!

French food? Like French bread, French fry? I had no clue about French food! I left the registered name up to Erin. TwinPeaks Amuse Bouche, 'mouth amuser', complementary little bites that a chef sends to diners at the start of their meal. I was going to stick with the call name Caboo—the Urban Dictionary's "your tight friend, your dawg".

Caboo was my first puppy puppy.

What the heck did I get myself into? Was this a dog or a shark? As I think back to the beginning you forget the shark attacks, the potty clean ups, because it all passes so fast. Sophia Mia spent her last 3 months teaching her grandchild life lessons until she left us for greener pastures in November. It took me until the 4th dog to actually be in the room with them when they leave this world. I will always be there in the future if physically possible.

Spotlight on Members!

Denise Mitterando

Considering I was a rescue person and would NEVER pay a lot for a dog.

I was going to make sure this dog had every letter in the alphabet to her name in the end. We had a slow start, but we have been actively pursuing as many as possible. Sharon Gardner accompanied us on our first pack hike and while on one of those pack hikes Karen Gross told me all about weight pull. We have traveled near and far meeting up with friends along the way. I am proud and honored to have a Swissy that has accomplished so much and strives to make her Mom happy while doing so. Her successes include: Champion (CH), Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA), Community Canine (CGCA), Trick Dog Intermediate (TKI), Open Barn Hunt (RATO), Working Pack Dog Excellent (WPDX), Working Weight Dog Superior (WWDS), and we are still going strong! Rally and Drafting Novice titles are in our future. We continue to work towards ACE points for weight pull, and we will conquer the rats for a Senior title as well!

Back when I was visiting Baby Caboo during the summer of 2102,

my Hunka Bunka of Burning Love Mr. Gideon was there (also known by the Rosander Family as Goober). He was only a year old at the time, and cra-cra with an exuberant amount of energy. Little did I know six years later he would be hanging with Caboo and me, and once again “just visiting” turned into never leaving! With Mom and Caboo traveling near and far for working events, he is ever so happy to spend time with his Swissy friends and family. At times there are “debates” over who gets to have him.... The Rosanders, Painters, Coyles and Goldings! GCHS Gideon Des Joyeuses Gambades, CGC, CGCA, TKN has the most wonderful temperament and has turned into a fabulous therapy dog. He retired from the show ring as a Silver Grand Champion, but is looking forward to coming back as a veteran with his favorite junior handler Kelly Diehl at the MAGS Specialty. His sweetness shines in his many children and grandchildren spreading Swissy joy and love!

Through MAGS and the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club group ...

on Facebook I have met so many wonderful people. I have had experiences that checked a mark off my bucket list... witnessing the birth of two litters of Swissies. Friends that are like family giving us opportunities to enjoy time together. I have learned so much and continue to. The last 7 years the Swissy World (a.k.a. Cult) has brought me so much happiness and at times sadness, but the good outweighs the bad, and I wouldn't have it any other way!



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Caboo goes National!

"It was a long, hot, exhausting week; but I spent it playing with my dogs and 300 other ones as well. Plus talking, drinking, not much eating - no time for that, laughing with new and old friends that have come into my life just because of a dog." — Denise Mitterando

Drafting: Every night Caboo and I would work outside in the front yard/street, neighborhood, down at the school or even at Duke Island Park. We received some pretty interesting looks walking around in figure eights, turning and most of all backing up! When the big day came at the National Specialty, it was already about 85-90 degrees in the sun. We started with basic control and I believe we managed through that part. Hooking up to the cart was a whole other story! Caboo was so intrigued by the crowd that she just would not face forward for me to get the cart on. After 20 minutes I looked at the judge and said "We are going to fail!" Major correction given, hooked up and away we went through the maneuvers. Mom was a little nervous because these poor judges were standing out there in the sun for hours! We didn't ace the Narrows (rushed myself) and we made a little too tight of a turn and took down a fence. BUT the positive that came away was that I didn't have to wave a cheese stick in front of her nose to get her to back up! She did it! (Our first trial, I looked at Caboo and she looked at me. When I said "backup" she just stood there!) We will try again at the C&P Draft Trail in November though!

Rally: 2 years ago at the National Specialty in Bethlehem, PA Caboo and I gave this a try. The tight leash and Mom's nerves failed us. It caused Mom a major meltdown too—so competitive! I said never again. Hudson and Caboo wanted to participate in something together so off we went to a Rally class for 6 weeks and even had a private session the week before leaving for Nationals. Tonia Adams wanted to kill me while going through the walk through because I kept on pulling out my book and trying to study the 40 signs of which 12 would be used. Once we got the course map I kept on going over it again and again. Caboo and I were the first ones up in Novice A! Once again Caboo was pretty intrigued by the crowd, but she pulled through this time with Mom giving her the "Boo! Boo! Boo!" pep talk as we went through. It was a choppy start and I thought I was going to lose her to the crowd at once point, but we finished. We rushed out of the ring and room so fast I didn't even know if I passed. (Grey was up next and HE could not see me!) Shaking and practically hyperventilating, I found out that we passed with 96 out of 100 points, which earned us first place!! Leg one of three earned - wish us luck for our next trial on Oct. 6th!

Weight Pull: Monday was a day full of hard work for my little veteran girl, Caboo. She entered the Veteran Class weighing in at 99 lbs. It was still super hot, so she earned herself a 10x qualifying leg pulling 1,450 lbs (50 lbs short of 15x) and 7 points towards her ACE coming in 2nd place! Friday's Independent Specialty Pull earned her 2nd place again with a 10x qualifying leg. She pulled 1,000 lbs in 5 seconds earning herself another qualifying 10x leg. We passed to her 15x (which was 1,600 lbs) and she had it rolling, but decided to give me the paw! Another 2nd place in Veteran Class!

Conformation: Kelly Diehl showed Caboo in Veteran Sweepstakes and Breed. It was her first time back in the ring in five years and Kelly made her look beautiful. The competition was tough and there were many bitches. While she didn't make the cut for any of them, I was one proud momma standing right at ringside to cheer them on which I was never able to do while she was earning her championship!



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The Taylor Pack goes National!

"We spent a wonderful week at the GSMDCA National Specialty show!
It was a pretty good week for the Taylor Swissies!" — *Jaime Taylor*

Sentry and Eleanor both hiked 16 miles Saturday and Sunday. Sentry earning legs toward his excellent title. Eleanor finished her NPD title. It was very hot hiking days!

Sentry was doing fabulous during the draft trial on Monday. However, nature called during the freight haul and we were NQ'd! Right after that both Sentry and Eleanor participated in the weight pull. Sentry only pulled 1300 pounds, however, that was just enough to earn him a leg to qualify for the triathlete challenge. Eleanor blew us away with her strength—she pulled 2050 pounds, 23.71X her weight, earning 4th place in the 90-109 weight class!!



Rally and Obedience were on Wednesday. Eleanor finished her BN title with an astounding 199/200 for a well deserved 1st place! Sentry and Eleanor entered Rally Intermediate. They both earned 1st legs, a 93 & 96—a 4th place for Ellie!!

Soldier entered Rally Novice at 7 months old! He scored a 96/100 for 1st place!! He also earned his novice trick dog title, and earned 2nd place in conformation at the Independent Specialty in the 6-9 month class on Friday!!



It was a great week with Swissy friends, from near and far, new and old!!



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Kismet's Pisces Lady By Avery's Son Bore Toby Jr CGC TKN

Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Novice

Janie & Wayne Hecker's TJ earned his Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Novice titles at Sanmann Kennel on July 11th.





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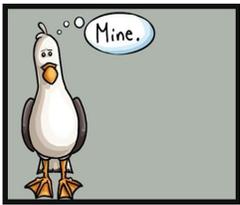


Cherished Zombies Are No Match For Agent Hudson CGCA TKN

Community Canine 1st Place 6 to 9 Months Dog Sweeps

Tonia Adams' Hudson earned his Community Canine title at the National Specialty in College Corner, Ohio. He also took first place in the 6 to 9 months Sweepstakes class at the Independent Specialty.





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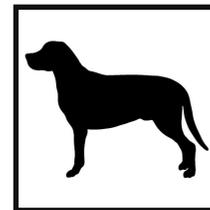
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Community Canine

Denise Mitterando's Gideon earned his Community Canine title on April 27th.
"He's all mine!"



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Kismet's Pisces Lady By Avery's Son Bore Toby Jr CGC TKN

Major Win

Janie & Wayne Hecker's TJ went Best of Winners earning his first major at the Twin Brooks Kennel Club show in Morristown, NJ on July 15th.



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GCH CH Cherished My Heart is Set On You

New Grand Champion

Kathy & Mike Diehl's Zander earned his Grand Champion title
on August 11th in Harrisburg, PA.

He also went Best of Breed at the Blue Mountain Cluster on September 14th and 15th.



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Kismet's Turbulent Aries Under Zodiac's Reign

Winners Dog

Jim & Eileen Hauptly's Tazur went Winners Dog at the Blue Mountain Cluster on September 13th in Macungie, PA.



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

New Champion

Laurie & Gene Grace's Finn went Winners Dog for a 5 point major
at the Blue Mountain Cluster on September 14th
in Macungie, PA earning his Champion title.

"A big thanks to my fellow Conformation enthusiasts for all their coaching & support!"



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Cabro's Happy Days Bud Not Buddy

Best of Winners

Carol Gehret and the Dunham family's Bud went Best of Winners for his 2nd major at the Blue Mountain Cluster on September 15th in Macungie, PA.

"As his breeder and Co-Owner I'm very proud of Bud. Thank you Paul & Judith for making the trip from Morristown, NJ to the show, and also to my dear friend Sandy Madden for the excellent puppy evaluation of this Toby Hecker and Lacey Gehret litter."



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GCHB CH Kismet's Once Upon A Time RN FDC NAP NJP NFP ACT1 CGC TKN

Bronze Grand Champion

Diana and Eric Gartz's Odet went Best of Breed in Saratoga Springs on August 11th earning her Bronze Grand Champion title.

"We did this all owner-handled with lots of support from our friends—we couldn't have accomplished this without them. We are now working on our next round of agility Q's and practicing our obedience so we can earn her Companion Dog (CD) title."



5th Annual Specialty Show

December
14th



*Thanks
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Sponsors!*

| Class | \$\$ | Sponsor |
|--------------------------|------|---|
| Sweepstakes | | |
| 6-9 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | The Haliskoe Family |
| 9-12 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | The Craft Family In Memory of Basel, Titus, and Kayla |
| 12-15 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | Jim Hauptly |
| 15-18 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | Cabro GSMD In Memory of Jose Alonzo |
| 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | The Craft Family In Memory of Basel, Titus, and Kayla |
| 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Wayne and Janie Hecker |
| 12-15 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Wayne and Janie Hecker |
| 15-18 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Wayne and Janie Hecker |
| Best Puppy | 25 | Lori Price/ Jotunheim Great Swiss |
| Best of Opposite Puppy | 25 | Martha Tubman/Swallowfield Farm |
| 7-9 Year Veteran Dog | 15 | Denise, Caboo, and Gideon Mitterando |
| 9+ Year Veteran Dog | 15 | Sharon Gardner |
| 7-9 Year Veteran Bitch | 15 | Denise, Caboo, and Gideon Mitterando |
| 9+ Year Veteran Bitch | 15 | Denise, Caboo, and Gideon Mitterando |
| Best Veteran | 25 | Lori Price/ Jotunheim Great Swiss |
| Best of Opposite Veteran | 25 | Denise, Caboo, and Gideon Mitterando |

| Specialty Show | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|
| Best of Breed | 35 | David Lavertue In Memory of Wink |
| Best of Winners | 30 | Bob and Andrea Haubrick |
| Best of Opposite | 35 | The Craft Family In Memory of Basel, Titus, and Kayla |
| Select Dog | 30 | Jana Furst In Memory of Z and 6 |
| Select Bitch | 30 | Sharon Gardner |
| Award of Merit | 25 | Mary Jo Rasmussen/Double Q GSMD |
| Award of Merit | 25 | The Dunham Family |
| Winners Dog | 25 | Laurie & Gene Grace |
| Reserve Winners Dog | 20 | Bob and Andrea Haubrick |
| Winners Bitch | 25 | Kismet Swissies |
| Reserve Winners Bitch | 20 | Daniel and Stephanie Dooley |
| 6-9 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | Cabro GSMD In Memory of Suddanly It's About Time "Anna" |
| 9-12 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | Eric and Diana Gartz |
| 12-18 Month Puppy Dog | 15 | The Craft Family In Memory of Basel, Titus, and Kayla |
| Bred by Dog | 15 | Lori Price/ Jotunheim Great Swiss |
| Am Bred Dog | 15 | Kismet Swissies |
| Open Dog | 15 | Laurie & Gene Grace |
| 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Mary Jo Rasmussen/Double Q GSMD |
| 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Eric and Diana Gartz |
| 12-18 Month Puppy Bitch | 15 | Daniel and Stephanie Dooley |
| Bred by Bitch | 15 | Lori Price/ Jotunheim Great Swiss |
| Am Bred Bitch | 15 | Kismet Swissies |
| Open Bitch | 15 | Daniel and Stephanie Dooley |
| Veteran Dog | 25 | Bob and Andrea Haubrick |
| Veteran Bitch | 25 | Kismet Swissies |

Sentry and I have worked as a pet therapy team for just over a year now. His happy and harmonious demeanor make pet therapy an effortless job for him. On August 4, 2019 a horrific shooting happened in Dayton, Ohio leaving nine innocent people dead. This comes just two months after 15 tornadoes touched down in the exact same area. Along with two other teams, Sentry and I were deployed to try to help the community of Dayton. He and I are part of a very special team of dogs and handlers. We belong to the Crisis Response Canine organization. This is not your average therapy team. The mission of the CRC is to provide strength, comfort, and emotional support to individuals, families, communities, and first responders experiencing intense emotions in the aftermath of a critical incident. The canine teams are experienced and psychological first aid certified to work effectively in crisis environments. They support any affected by mass shootings, suicides, terrorism, natural disasters and more. All teams must have successfully completed a pet therapy program, obtained CGC, CGCA, CGCU titles, crisis working dog certification, law-enforcement defensive systems and other specific courses dealing with behavioral health and healthcare.

Tuesday we set out with our mission to provide #StrengthThroughComfort to the town of Dayton. Our focus was the first responders and the community. We first joined the emergency room staff at Grandview Medical Center where many of the injured were taken. It was much appreciated. Even one physician with dog allergies put on a gown and mask so he could enjoy the dogs too. From there we were taken to several fire houses. We were introduced to many firemen, paramedics and

EMTs. In the evening we attended #NationalNightOut. This is a national community event that was already planned. We were part of the Kettering Health System Emergency booth. We met a lot of people and kids. We talked to them about the importance of pet therapy. We had our pictures taken with random people so many different times. After that we were headed to the site where the shooting occurred. We spent a couple late hours there meeting survivors and local business owners. We met people who were there just to pay their respect to the memorial as well as people actively grieving on the streets for their friends and loved ones. Eventually we needed to leave and get some rest.



Wednesday we were back up at 5:30 AM so we could be at the Dayton Fire training facility nice and early. From there we visited three different fire houses. We attended their critical incident stress debriefing working with their CISM team to talk about ways to manage stress and PTSD. Sentry was able to walk about the room visiting the firemen and first responders as they had a roundtable discussion and opened up a little about the incident. For our final six hours we returned to the Oregon District to once again work the street where this horrific act occurred. We warmed the hearts of many people during this time. I estimate we visited with roughly at least 200 people during our two days. The neighboring business owners invited us into their shops. We spent time inside the bar with the staff of Ned Peppers. We were interviewed by the press several times. Emotions were running very high that day. The president was scheduled to visit. That brought both supporters and protesters to downtown. People opened up and vented to us in all sorts of capacities. We were therapist too, the handlers. People would pet the dogs and begin to talk to us. Some just wanted to learn about our dogs and not discuss the recent local events. Other folks needed and appreciated us being there to help cope and try to heal.



Of all the things Sentry and I have accomplished together this is by far the most rewarding. This is a chance for us to do something positive together in this world. To see our dog, the dog I LOVE, who is an important part of my family taking care of someone else is so gratifying. To watch a person hold my boy while crying in the middle of the sidewalk with no words needed; just love, just empathy, speaks volumes. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, this breed that we are all treasure, communicate so much love with their eyes. I am pleased to be able to share that with those who need it. It is my privilege to share this Cherished Swissy with the world.

We live in a world where we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider these people my heroes.

- Fred Rogers

TOWN AND COUNTRY

LOCAL NEWS FOR LOCAL READERS SINCE 1899

Never Too Young to Be Proud of Your Best Friend



Kelly Diehl and Greater Swiss Mountain dog, Zander, who won Best of Show at the 2019 Plainfield Kennel Club.

Dogs and humans share a special bond that goes back to antiquity. Handling and showing dogs is a special skill and one young lady of the Upper Perkiomen Valley is excelling in the show ring with her dog.

Kelly Diehl began showing her Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Zander when she was 11. In May of 2019, she handled Zander to his Championship title. The team continued on to win a Grand Champion title in August of 2019.

In the dog show world, it is unusual for an owner to exclusively handle a dog to



Kelly and Zander practice a few times every week and she attends a handling class the week of a show.

a championship. It's a greater accomplishment for a girl now 12 to be competing against adults and handling her own dog.

The love of dogs runs in the family. Kelly's mom, Kathy has always loved dogs and has a special way of understanding them. This passion led her to open the Dog Daze on Main in Pennsburg. Kathy knew she would eventually show dogs. "The fact that we can be part of that world while watching Kelly shine is the best way to experience it", said Kathy.

Kelly has loved dogs since she was a child and her mom describes her as a "dog magnet". Dogs have always been part of the family. In 2019, the Diehl family discussed getting a Swissy. Kelly thought about playing travel soccer like her older siblings, but changed her mind when she began learning how to handle dogs.

"In September 2017, my mom and dad took Zander and me to our first handling class and from then on I knew this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life", explained Kelly. She shared that her favorite thing about showing is the bond with the dog and the meditation involved with showing. "When you are showing a dog, they have to know they can trust you. Zander and I have formed a very strong bond through showing and I know he trusts me, and I trust him. I

also love when I am in the show ring with Zander I forget about everything else going on in the world. It doesn't matter if we win or lose, I am always happy with Zander" said Kelly.

Mom Kathy simply loves watching her daughter do what she loves. she said, "To watch Kelly have such poise and composure despite the pressure when going up against professionals at every show is a really neat thing to witness".

Handling and showing dogs takes a lot of dedication and time. Kelly practices a few times a week and attends a handling class the week of the show. During a handling class, everything is just like in the show ring. The dog's gait, his head position and expression are all critiqued. Kelly explained that there is a lot to think about in a short period of time.

Showing is not for the faint of heart. There are early mornings and a significant amount of preparation before and during the show. Kelly and her parents clearly love showing dogs and the time they spend together. Zander is always rewarded regardless of the outcome of the show. He always gets his Munchkins from Dunkin' Donuts and a special steak.

Kelly explained that cultivating a positive relationship with your dog is based on trust, positivity, love and the dog enjoying his work.

Zander has two older "brothers, Beckham and Jackson. They are Beagle mix rescues and are an intrinsic part of the Diehl family. Kelly remembers bringing Beckham home when she was 8 years old.

The duo will be competing September 14 through the 20 at the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Specialty Show in Hueston Woods Ohio. Kelly will be showing Zander and a friend's dog.

Let's wish this special young woman, Zander and her family a lifetime of happiness and success.



Kelly Diehl began showing her Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Zander when she was 11-years-old. It is unusual for an owner, especially at her age, to exclusively handle a dog to a championship.



Fun Photos



GCHS Kismet Captain Avery's Toby Pups

5 of Toby's pups competed in the ring at the Mid-Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club Show in Middleburg, PA.

From Left to Right:

Janie Hecker with "TJ"-Kismet's Pisces Lady By Avery's Son Bore Toby Jr (Toby v. Klara)

Andrea Haubrick with "Lonzi"- Rollingham's Pilgrim's Salute To Alpha Lonzie (Toby v. Gertie)

**Jim Hauptly with "Tauzr"- Kismet's Turbulent Aries Under Zodiac's Reign (Toby v. Klara) and
"Trooper"- Cabro's Happy Days With Trooper Thorn (Toby v. Lacey),**

**Carol Gehret and Judith Dunham, owner of "Bud, Not Buddy" – Cabro's Happy Days Bud Not Buddy
(Toby v. Lacey)**

[Toby is owned by Wayne and Janie Hecker of Bethlehem, PA.]

Fun Photos



Zander, Kathy & Kelly Diehl



Kelly & Zander



Kelly & Hudson Adams

Fun Photos



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Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs



**Sentry Taylor with his pups
Hudson Adams (left) and Soldier Taylor (right)**

Fun Photos



Skye and Hope Dooley on their first day of school.

Skye started his 4th year and Hope her 3rd year as school therapy dogs for the Absecon, NJ school district.



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)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Event



"The Working Dog Winery"

When: Saturday, October 26th

Where: 610 Windsor-Perrineville Rd
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Time: 1:00 PM

If it rains, we will cancel depending on number of attendees

Contact: Denise Mitterando /

fotodoc@optonline.net

908.294.1952 (c)

<http://www.workingdogwinerynj.com/>



The vineyard is located in the rolling terrain of eastern Mercer County in Central New Jersey. We started with 3 acres of Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay. The more we planted, and the more wine we made, the more we came to realize that our terroir . . . that combination of soil, climate, topography . . . is capable of producing outstanding fruit. And our idea about making our own wines has taken on a life of its own, quickly changing from hobby to passion to obsession. Oh yeah, and somewhere along the line, it became a business.



Come share the afternoon tasting wines, some light snacks, socializing with fellow swissy owners and walking around through the vineyards with your pups.



Jim Hauptly, one of our MAGS board members is going to this parade which is near his home in the Reading, PA area. He will take his swissies, Trooper and Tauzr into the parade and would love to have other swissies join in the fun. Contact him at 610-587-6565 or email swisscateers@gmail.com.



2019 Jack Frost Parade

November 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm

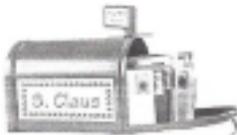
2019 Jack Frost Parade Update



We want to thank everyone for helping to make the Jack Frost Parade one of the best parades in Berks County! We hope that you will invite friends and neighbors to join you for this year's parade on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 pm. Let's make it a great day in Robesonia!

The Jack Frost Parade is produced by Trinity Lutheran Church in cooperation with the Robesonia Borough and Heidelberg Township. The parade is coordinated by church volunteers with funds donated by community businesses and individuals.

Once again this year we will be collecting non-perishable food along the parade route for the Conrad Weiser Area Food Pantry. As you enjoy the parade, we hope that you will give to support those in need within our community. Watch for the grocery carts along the route and the giant cornucopia balloon, and please give generously.



Santa and Mrs. Claus will once again wrap up our parade, and we will also have a special Santa mailbox. So, kids, have your letters ready for Santa, and we will make sure they get to the North Pole with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Make sure we have a return address if you want a letter from Santa in return. Watch for the mailbox and give your letters to Santa's helpers.

Once again this year we are looking for members of our community who wish to be parade sponsors. We will list your name as a business or personal sponsor in next year's mailing. We cannot make this parade happen without raising the necessary funds. Last year's parade cost nearly \$28,000. Our business sponsors help a great deal, but in order for this parade to continue being a success, we need your help. We hope you will consider being a sponsor of the 2019 parade. Business sponsors should call the church for a separate form.

Yes, I/We would like to be a personal sponsor of the 2019 Jack Frost Parade:

Jack Frost Royal Sponsor - \$200 or more

Ice Sponsor - \$100 - \$199

Snow Sponsor \$50 - \$99

Frost Sponsor \$10 - \$49

I would like to be a volunteer in the parade. (We need people to carry banners and balloons.)

Name(s): _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Please mail or return this page with your contribution to Trinity Lutheran Church, 108 S. Robeson Street, Robesonia, PA, 19551. The church office is open Monday through Thursday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm., Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please mark the check on the memo line – "2019 Jack Frost Parade".

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2019 Jack Frost Parade

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019, 3:00 pm

Produced by

Trinity Lutheran Church

108 South Robeson Street
Robesonia, PA 19551-1510

www.trinityrobesonia.org 610-693-6062

PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MONDAY, OCT. 21, 2019

Line up at 2:00 pm - Conrad Weiser High School, Penn Ave., Robesonia, PA

CONTACT NAME _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION/GROUP/INDIVIDUAL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

Please check only one category:

Floats _____ Special Cars/Tractors _____ (# participating _____ - will line up 2x2 in parade)

Groups (3 or more people) _____ Individual (13 years or older) _____ Band _____

IF YOU PLAN TO HAVE MUSIC, PLEASE CHECK HERE _____

If under 18, parent or guardian signature required below:

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME(S) _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Parade participants shall hold harmless the Borough of Robesonia, Heidelberg Township, The Conrad Weiser Area School District and Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia and sponsors, its agents, officers, volunteers from all liability, judgments, suits, costs and actions, including attorney's fees and all costs of litigation of every kind and reason of any act by its officers, members or volunteers.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please complete the back of this form.

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Please give a description of your group as you would like to have it announced at the judges' review stand. You may also type this and return on a separate sheet with your registration form.

Prizes are awarded for bands, floats, and groups/individuals.
If you are a prize winner in the parade, to whom shall the check be made payable?

Name & Address:

You will be e-mailed a time to report for registration as well as your division number and which entrance to the school that you should use. If your group plans to have its members meet in a drop-off area, this will need to take place in the parking lot between the high school and middle school. To keep traffic flow running smoothly, there will be **no** other drop off points in the parking lots at the school.

***** Please note that NO Santa Claus may appear in the parade. We will have the only official Santa Claus at the end of the Jack Frost Parade.**



The parade begins at the Conrad Weiser Middle School on Route 422 (Penn Ave). It travels west on Penn Avenue, turning onto South Church Street, and then turning east on Ruth Street. The judges' reviewing stand is on Ruth Street. The parade ends at Trinity Lutheran Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Event



Paws in the Parkway Dog Walk/Run Lehigh Parkway Allentown

Registration includes:
One parking/entry pass, dog bandanna, pet food samples from Fish for Dogs US, and a fun and festive night with your best friend!

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: \$15 for one dog / \$20 for two by Nov 7. (Limited to 250 dogs)

A fun and festive walk through the Lights in the Parkway with your best friend! A little over 2 miles through the beautiful lights display.

Register through this link:
<http://runlehighvalley.com/project/paws-in-the-parkway/>

Santa Photos!! — photos will be “free” with an in-kind donation to local animal shelter



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Event



**5th Annual Star of
Bethlehem Mid Atlantic
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Specialty**
*in conjunction with the
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Show*

For More Info: <http://lehighvalleykennelclub.com>
Premium: www.raudogshows.com



When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Where: Allentown Agri-Plex
302 North 17th Street
Allentown, PA 18104



Come support the Swissys and see so many together since Nationals. It is a great opportunity to socialize and show support for our fellow club members whether you're an entry or spectator!

Raffle and an impromptu late lunch/early dinner at a local restaurant.

Sweepstakes Judge: Jen Pisarchick- Drake
Breed Competition Judge: Dr. John Reece- Newson

Contact: Janie Hecker / jhecker@ptd.net
Subject: MAGS Specialty



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Upcoming Event



After the Holiday Rush Swissmas Party at SwissMissVille

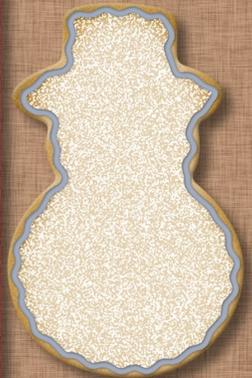
When: Saturday, January 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Denise Mitterando's
1035 Tysley Place
Raritan, NJ 08869

A dog free social event for the Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club members!

More details to follow...



MAGS SWAG is Here!



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

MAGS SWAG is Here!

- * 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

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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!