



THE MAGS AZINE

Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Newsletter

January 2018

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November 11th Board Meeting

To view the meeting minutes go to the website midatlanticsmdc.com & click on 'Members Only' at the bottom of the home page & enter the password, then click on 'Meeting Minutes'.

If you don't have the password or forgot it contact Katie Markley at ktmarkley@comcast.net

MAGS Online Store Open for Business!

The first item has been added to the online store! If you haven't purchased your MAGS Logo car magnets yet, you can easily make your purchase online using your credit or debit card. Just click on 'MAGS Store' on the website home page. The cost is \$9; two or more \$8.50 and includes shipping.

More items coming soon!

www.midatlanticsmdc.com/mags-store.html

ONLINE SHOP
MAGS Online Shop

Please Note: The pricing of items in the MAGS Store always INCLUDES shipping costs. The cost of the item and the cost of shipping is included in the item descriptions.

 MAGS Car Magnet \$9.00 \$8.00 each plus \$1 shipping cost. Proudly show off your MAGS Shop	 MAGS Car Magnet - Buy 2 or more and SAVE! \$8.50 \$7.50 each plus \$1 shipping cost per item. Buy a Magnet for every vehicle and Shop
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A big thanks to Ways & Means Committee Chair, Gene Grace, for getting the store up and running!



Welcome New Members!

Judith and Dan Dunham live in Morristown, NJ, with their Swissy, Bud (Cabro's Happy Days Bud Not Buddy).

Barry and Ashley Dewitt live in Pottstown, PA, with their 2 children, Harper and Trey, and their 4 month old Swissy, Daphne.

Get Connected!

MAGS Facebook Club: www.facebook.com/magsmdc GSMD Club of America website: www.gsmdca.org

MEET THE SCHOMPS

Happy New Year MAGS family!

The Schomp Family wishes you Peace, Clarity, and Hope in this fresh new year! Now is the time to reset old patterns and lifestyles, and reach for that something more. We will be praying for you and your doggies' lives to be enriched this year.

We are David and Katie,

married 13 years and have a son, Tyson, 11, and a daughter, Charlotte, who is 4. Our home is in Easton PA, along the border of New Jersey and the Delaware River--home of Crayola Crayons and Lafayette College. David runs his family's excavation business with his sister—he plays in the dirt and loves it! I work part time for David and also as a freelance florist. I'm also a full time Mom. We are way too busy and time is flying by. We insist on eating dinner together every night even if it's 9:00 or later so at least we feel like we accomplished something good for the family!

Tyson plays soccer & drums and Charlotte is everyone's helper.

Tyson loves to operate machines with his Dad. And Charlotte loves to clean—she doesn't get that from me! She also plays soccer and I believe will be a Junior Handler in the conformation ring someday. Charlotte loves animals and leading her Swissie around.

We have 2 cats—Bootstrap and Jamberry—and Tugger our 3 year old Swissie.

Bootstrap is 13 years old and is the real ruler here! He's the definition of affection and guardianship, and is like a nanny to all of us. He also functions like a guard dog letting us know when strangers arrive. If the door is left open or anything is out of place, Bootstrap lets you know by showing you. And Jamberry is our 6 month old Maine Coon cat. She's a spunky little princess that keeps her 4-legged siblings on their toes!



Charlotte, David, Katie, Tyson & Tugger

But what about that Swissie??!!

MEET THE SCHOMPS

We first learned about the Greater Swiss Mountain dog ...

from a newspaper article in the summer of 2014. It was about a specialty dog show in Bethlehem and there was a photo of a majestic dog like nothing we had ever seen. We had just been turned down by two Labrador breeders ... get this ... because we had a 1 year child at home! Needless to say we were stunned, and a little angry. So when we read the article we decided it was like a light from heaven illuminating our destiny for our next dog. We immediately started to research the breed and the more read the more we liked! But we thought what are the chances that a breeder is even close enough to visit so we can meet a Swissie in person. Well a breeder popped up in Alburtis, PA. The town is like Timbuktu so I couldn't believe of all the places Alburtis was home to some of these beautiful, athletic and loyal dogs!

The next day I called Cabro Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs ...

and a few days later we met this down to earth, devoted, and patient woman named, Carol Gehret, in a parking lot with her dog, Roxie. Carol answered all of our questions, and by the time our visit was over we knew this breed was for us! Our son was so sad that we didn't take Roxie home with us, but we told him we were going to get a puppy soon. The long wait started. Carol put us on her list for a male, and when the puppies arrived six months later on January 15th there was only one male born in the litter of 8 puppies. As soon as we met him we were in love ... and the love only grows stronger!



Tugger dominates our world! He is a powerhouse of physical strength and a super-duper playful companion who can be as stubborn as a mule. We never had a dog with such a balanced temperament who is capable of doing anything with an eager heart of gold. Plus he's the 'handsomest'!

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Tugger loves everything!

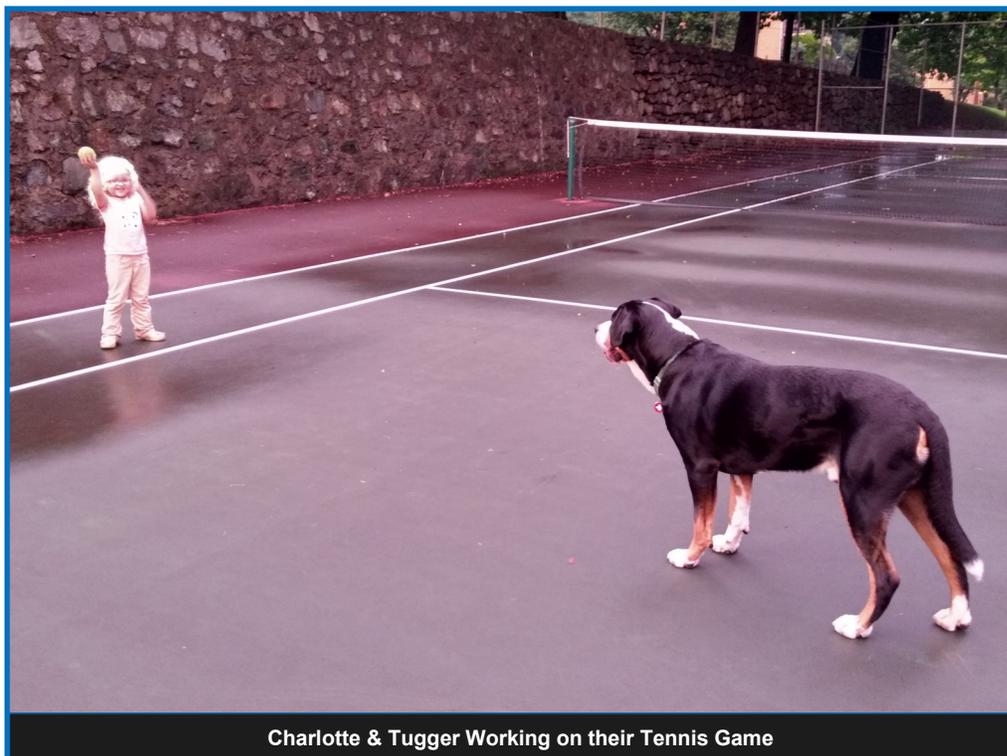
Every dog, cat and kid. He loves rivers and the ocean, going for car rides, playing tug-of-war, fetching, pack hiking with the MAGS groupies, and pulling carts or Christmas trees. Tugger has even chased a thief that broke my husband's truck window to steal his tools.



Tugger & David



Katie, Tugger & Charlotte Pack Hiking



Charlotte & Tugger Working on their Tennis Game

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Tugg also does conformation and this past summer he became a Champion!

Never in our wildest dreams did we think we would own a show dog ... WOW!! Thank you Co-Owner Carol Gehret for all your support with Tugger and for believing in us as a team! The people who own Swissies are a tight knit group who are passionate about their dogs. We have made so many friends and have received lots of help and tips about our puppy from the MAGS community. It feels really special to be part of something bigger like MAGS. Swissies are so well rounded and we are blessed to own one!



Moving forward we hope to title Tugger in pack hiking and carting, and do some weight pulling.

We have this crazy dream to have Tugger in the Super Bowl commercials for Yuengling Lager (our favorite beer) along with other club Swissies pulling carts of kegs with a slogan "Beer for the Horses" to rival Budweiser. Or recreate the famous Yuengling poster of doggies bellied up to the bar! Maybe we could "pull" that off someday ... after all ... Yuengling is in Berks County, PA!

That sums us up in a nut shell. We look forward to nurturing friendships with all the Swissie people and their pets.

Love, The Schomps (Katie)

Mark Your Calendar



Canine Learning Experi- ence

February 3rd & 4th,
2018

Agri-Plex Building
302 N. 17th Street
Allentown, PA

2018 Theme Dogs in Action



Swissy Army Call to Action!



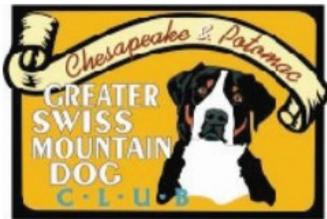
Booth Ideas & Volunteers Needed

Contact Carol Gehret (cabro53@windstream.net) or
Jim Hauptly (swisscateers@gmail.com).

Help will be needed to construct / break down the booth,
as well as, greet visitors.

All helpers welcomed—even 4 legged—hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendar



C & P Club Specialty

April 20-22, 2018
Timonium, MD

C & P Club 10th Birthday Party

May 5, 2018
Louisa, VA

We're Moving!!



The C & P Regional Specialty that is!!



In conjunction with Cherry Blossom Cluster

Who: C & P GSMD Club
What: *Specialty and Supported Entries
When: April 20-22, 2018
Where: Timonium, MD

*Friday, April 20 = Specialty

*Saturday, April 21 = Supported Entry, picnic, club meeting, raffle, educational seminar, fun

*Sunday, April 22 = Supported Entry

Happy Birthday To US!!

C & P 10th Birthday Party! May 5, 2018—sun up 'til sun down

Play around with:

- Back Pack
- Weight Pull (competition)
- Conformation
- Carting (draft trial)
- Swimming & dock diving
- Agility
- CGC & Farm Dog exercises
- Therapy Dog

And oh yes—**FOOD!!**

Let them eat cake, ice cream,
hot dogs, burgers—the works!

We're pulling out the stops!!

Louisa, VA

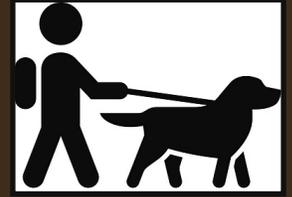
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Everybody welcome! No cost! Tent and RV sites!

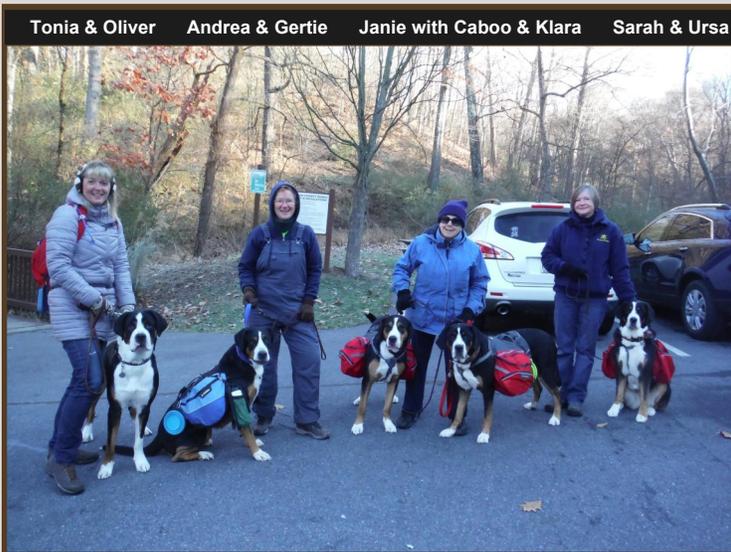


5th Annual Turkey Trot Pack Hikes



Trexler Game Preserve, Schnecksville, PA November 24th

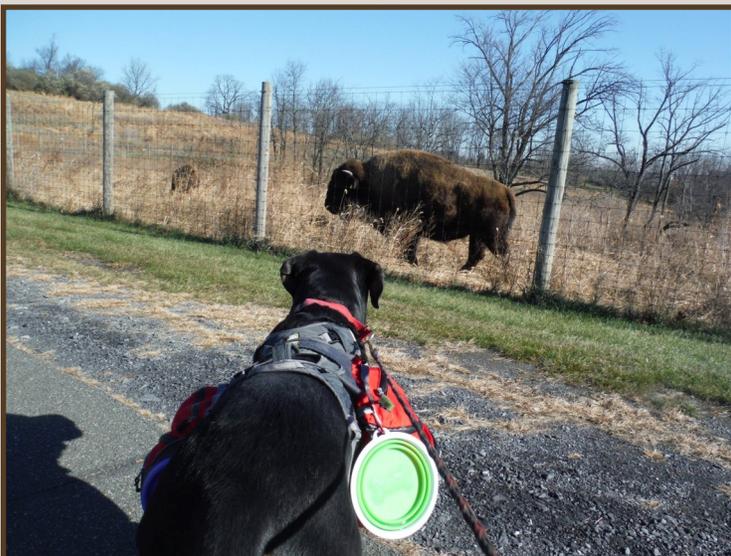
The weather was great! It started off cold, but warmed up quickly. Andrea Haubrick's Gertie, Janie Hecker's Klara, and Denise Mitterando's Caboo earned 2 legs towards their titles! Other hikers included Judy Shorup & Emma, Sarah Winklevoss & Ursa, Tonia Adams & Oliver, Carol Gehret & Mia, Danyelle Sweeney with Dewey & Grace, Marianne Bonner & Ellie, and Doreen Holly with Rhune & Bailey.



Tonia & Oliver Andrea & Gertie Janie with Caboo & Klara Sarah & Ursa



Janie & Klara Doreen with Bailey & Rhune Sarah & Ursa Andrea & Gertie



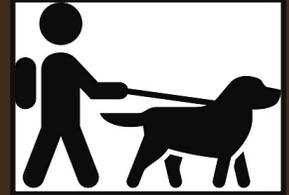
Caboo takes time out to make friends with a Bison



Carol & Mia Doreen with Rhune & Bailey



5th Annual Turkey Trot Pack Hikes



Delaware River, Frenchtown, NJ November 25th

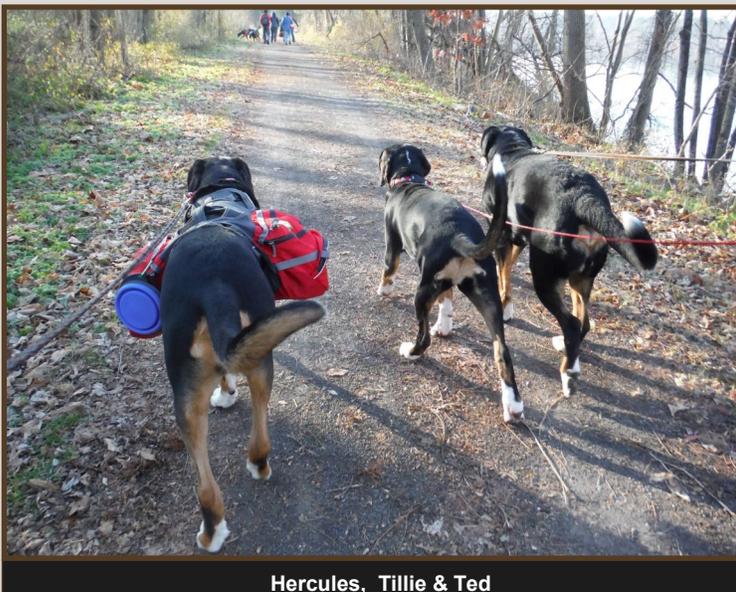
Another beautiful day!

Hikers on day 2 included Andrea Haubrick & Gertie, Janie Hecker & Klara, Denise Mitterando & Caboo, Sharon Gardner with Tillie & Ted, & Katie & Eric Tesoriero with Hercules.

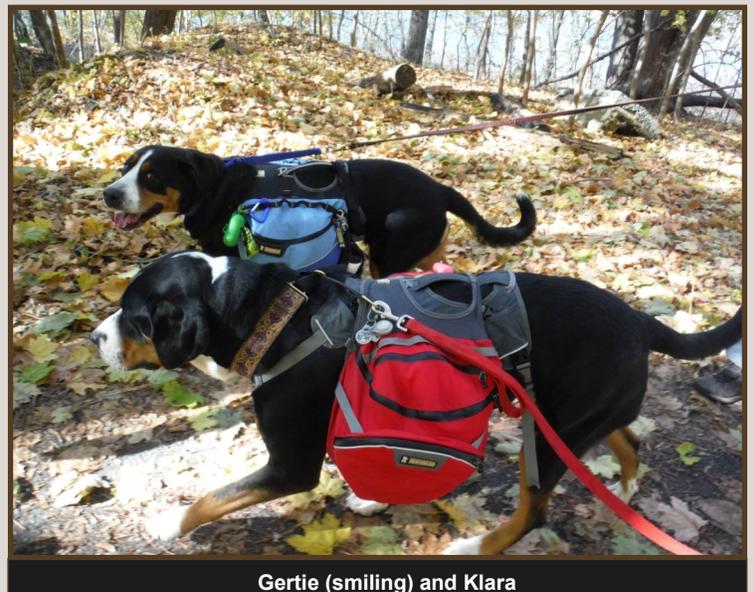
Sharon w/ Tillie & Ted Janie & Klara Andrea & Gertie Eric & Katie w/ Hercules



Andrea & Gertie Sharon with Tillie & Ted Janie & Klara



Hercules, Tillie & Ted



Gertie (smiling) and Klara



3rd Annual Specialty Show



This year's Specialty and Sweepstakes was held on December 16th at the Agri-Plex Building in Allentown, PA. There was quite a turnout with over 50 entries!



Micah Sheppard & Mack



Chris Darhower & Micah Sheppard



Erica Gartz & Luna

Jenna Starr & Dezzy



3rd Annual Specialty Show



Andrea Haubrick & Lonzi



Nancy Kechner & Teddy



Handler Joanne with Cooper Furst



Carol Gehret & Snowman



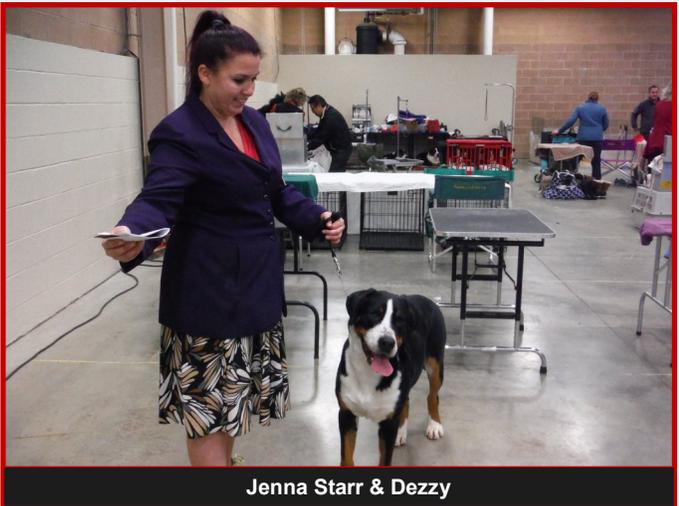
3rd Annual Specialty Show



Zander Diehl ... What a Smile!



Kelly Diehl & Isabella Caputo



Jenna Starr & Dezzy



Sharon Gardner & Ellie



Jim Hauptly & Mia

Frank Caputo & Herbie



Odet Gartz



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Cabro's Happy Days with Trooper Thorn

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Jim & Eileen's Trooper passed his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy evaluation on November 7th administered by the Berks County Dog Training Club.

"Just gets to prove that graduating does not make you successful; continued effort will. We are still practicing."





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Shadetree's Huckleberry Finn With A Little Twist

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Laurie & Gene Grace's Finn passed his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy evaluation on December 11th administered by The Pet Campus, Pineville, PA.





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SwissKiss Big Mack Attack with a Twist

New Champion

Michelle & Jon Sheppard's Mack earned his Conformation Champion title at the Rock Creek Kennel Club show in West Friendship, MD on November 25th.

"Getting Mack over the finish line was a super team effort between Micah Sheppard, Chris Darhower, & Katie Markley."



Mack also won the Puppy Sweepstakes (12-15 month puppy class) and earned an Award of Merit at the Specialty Show in Allentown, PA on December 16th.





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Kismet's Lady Godiva

Best of Winners

Luna took Best of Winners at the Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club show in Allentown, PA on December 17th. Luna is Diana and Eric Gartz's grandpuppy from Odet's first litter, and is owned by Diana & Eric's friends, Tony and Allie.

This was Luna's only second weekend of showing ... she's off to a great start!





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GCHS Kismet Captain Avery's Toby Therapy Dog

Toby, owned by Janie & Santa Wayne Hecker, completed therapy dog training taught by Michelle Rhodes of Passion for Paws which gives pet therapy dog teams an opportunity to experience equipment found in hospitals and nursing facilities, along with other skills needed to earn a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate.

Although Toby earned his CGC at one year of age, the course was a good review and expanded on his skills. Representatives from Alliance of Therapy Dogs put each team through actual visit situations to assess how the team responded and how people responded to the team.

After three successful 'test' visits, our tester signed the paperwork that allows us to register as a team—the paperwork was placed in the mail and we waited.

On Friday, December 1st
credentials arrived—
certificate, ID card and
Toby's 'Therapy Dog' tag.
"We're ready to go!"





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**CH Rivedell's Zen Master Ginger Ale,
CD, RA, CGC, DD**

Draft Dog

Donna Rollins' Bosco passed the open draft dog test on November 11th earning his Draft Dog title at the Chesapeake & Potomac (C&P) annual drafting trial located at Jan Collin's farm in Mount Airy, MD.





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Shadetree's Ursa Minor

Agility Course Test Level 1

Sarah Winklevoss' Ursa earned her AKC Agility Course Test (ACT) Level 1 title from Kruisin Kanines on December 9th.



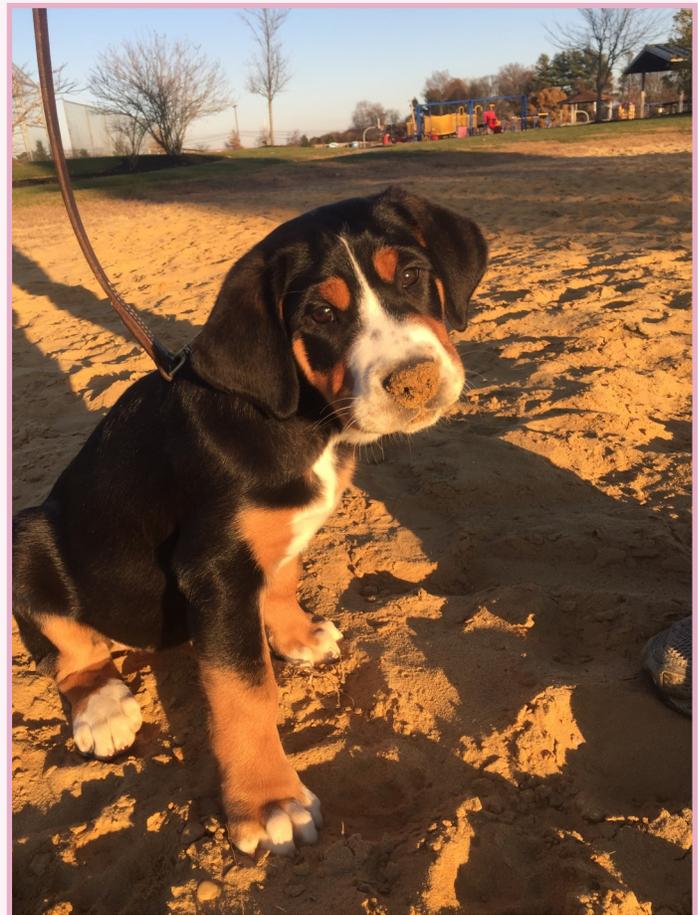
congratulations

It's a girl!



Susan & Keith Crisp welcomed their first Swissy, Dakota (Kismet's Hot Springs Dakota), into their hearts and home just before Thanksgiving. Dakota is from a litter of 6 puppies (5 females & 1 male) born on September 13th. Dakota's Dad is Kismet's Fire in the Skye (Skye) and her Mom is Kismet's Suddanly River Song (Ellie).

"Dakota was the most curious of her littermates being the first to escape the whelping box and the first to find her way out of the puppy play pen. She is enjoying her puppy pre-K class with 3 other puppies, and not surprisingly, she is the social butterfly of the class. We have been enjoying life with a Swissy and look forward to having many fun adventures with her as she grows."



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Katie & Randy Markley welcomed Sparrow into their family in November. Sparrow (Kismet's Lady Guenevere at SwissKiss) was born on August 26th. She is a granddaughter of Katie & Randy's Oliver.





'Family Reunion'
Lucy, Odet & Bolt



'Merry Winter Solstice'
Amdis, Bolt, Aren & Odet with Diana & Eric Gartz's Granddaughter Evie

Let it Snow!



Bolt enjoying some Snow



Bolt & Odet Playing



Bolt, Admis, Aren & Odet having some Winter Fun

Gertie & Gem waiting their turn but Lonzi sure is taking a long time telling Santa what he wants!



Sydney, Bosco and Penelope Rollins