

# 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??!!

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## 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 Albury, PA. The town is like Timbuktu so I couldn't believe of all the places Albury 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!

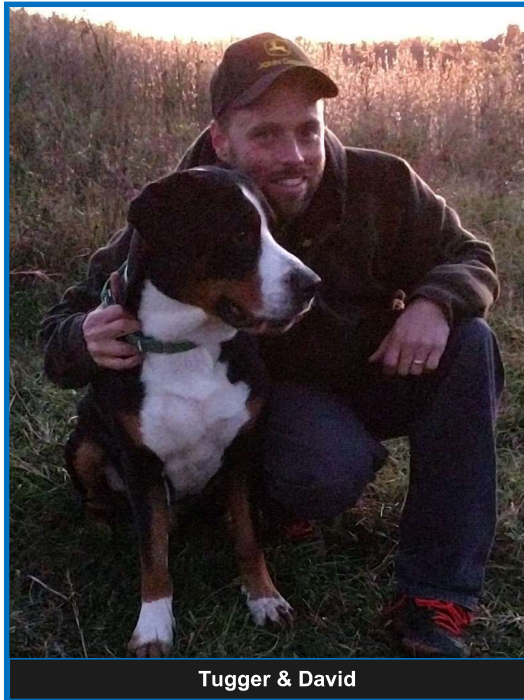


Tigger dominates our world! He is a powerhouse of physical strength and a super-duper playful companion who can be as stubborn as a mule. We never had a dog with such a balanced temperament who is capable of doing anything with an eager heart of gold. Plus he's the 'handsomest'!

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## Tugger loves everything!

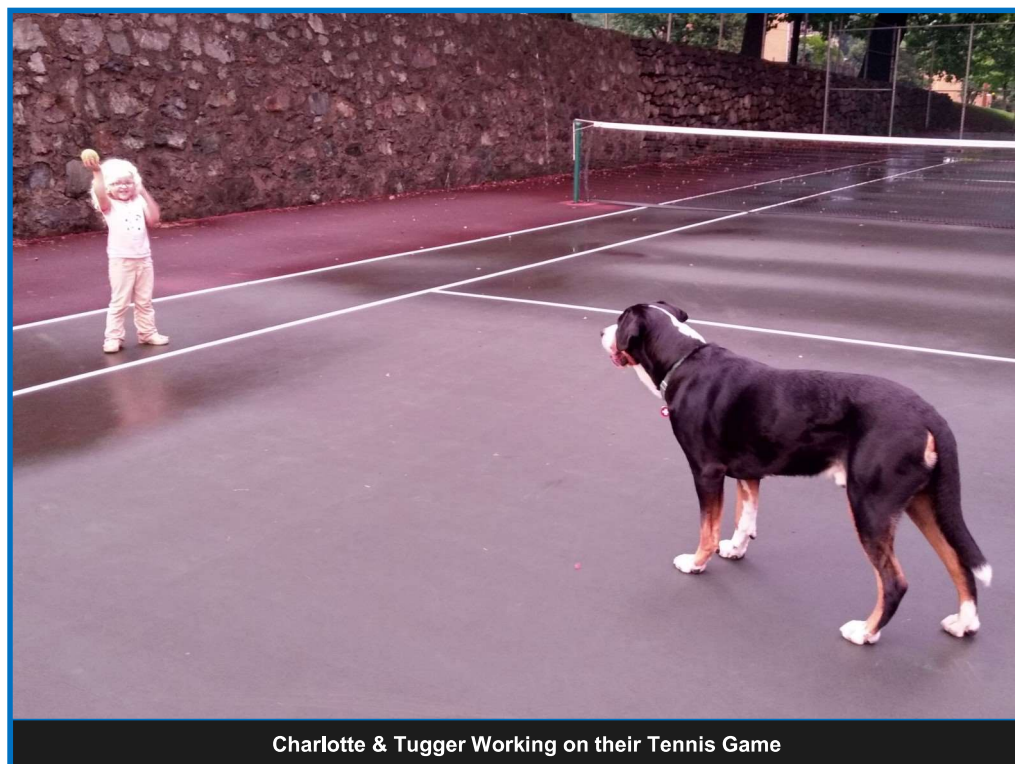
Every dog, cat and kid. He loves rivers and the ocean, going for car rides, playing tug-of-war, fetching, pack hiking with the MAGS groupies, and pulling carts or Christmas trees. Tugger has even chased a thief that broke my husband's truck window to steal his tools.



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!



Katie, Carol Gehret, & Charlotte with Tugger after he earned his Champion title

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)*