GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2020 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM



Celebrating accomplishments earned

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

CONFORMATION RANKINGS

■ Top Ten Breed

- 1. GCHP Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash', Dog, A Allen & B Huett, 401
- 2. GCHG K2's Swiss Run Surfin' USA 'Wilson', Dog, K Plowucha & V McGraw, 336
- 3. GCHB Sennenhund Estate Conan 'Conan', Dog, W Sienkewicz & C Sienkewicz, 290
- 4. GCHG Grosser Family Altair 'Clyde', Dog, K & A Kimmeth and D & B Cavanaugh, 280
- 5. GCHG Snowy Mountains Norman Invasion At Redrock 'Norman', Dog, J Logan & S Borst, 257
- 6. GCHG Calypso Flash Ranger's Conundrum 'Ranger', Dog, L Ciccone and B & T Brown, 220
- 7. GCHB Captain Morgan Ryder Of Happy Ranch 'Ryder', Dog, J Hounsell, J Starr & M Stack, 175
- 8. GCHS Remington's Pride Bad Moon Rising 'Theo', Dog, J Gauthier & S Streit, 171
- 9. GCHS Suma-Shadetree Feet To The Fire 'Charlie', Dog, M Usery & C Cooper, 170
- 10. GCHS Suma's Starting the Fire 'Buddy', Dog, S Baffa & M Usery, 158

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GCHP TROUT CREEK'S WRITTEN ONNA STAR

WILSON



GCHG K2'S SWISS RUN SURFIN' USA FDC

CONAN



GCHB SENNENHUND ESTATE CONAN

CLYDE



GCHG GROSSER FAMILY ALTAIR RN CGCA TKN

NORMAN



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GCHG SNOWY
MOUNTAINS
NORMAN
INVASION AT
REDROCK RN

RANGER



GCHG CALYPSO FLASH RANGER'S CONUNDRUM RN CGC

RYDER



GCHB CAPTAIN MORGAN RYDER OF HAPPY RANCH

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GCHS
REMINGTON'S
PRIDE BAD
MOON RISING
FDC CGCA TKN

CHARLIE



GCHS SUMA-SHADETREE FEET TO THE FIRE

BUDDY



GCHS SUMA'S
STARTING THE FIRE
FDC CGC TKN

CONFORMATION RANKINGS

■ Top Ten All-Breed

- 1. GCHG Calypso Flash Ranger's Conundrum 'Ranger', Dog, L Ciccone & B Brown & T Brown, 1954
- 2. GCHP Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash', Dog, A Allen & B Huett, 1538
- 3. GCHG Snowy Mountains Norman Invasion At Redrock 'Norman', Dog, J Logan & S Borst, 1183
- 4. GCHG Grosser Family Altair 'Clyde', Dog, K & A Kimmeth and D & B Cavanaugh, 740
- 5. GCHS Aegis Captain Chunk 'Knox', Dog, R Kitts & K Krumpe, 583
- 6. GCHS Suma-Shadetree Feet To The Fire 'Charlie', Dog, M Usery & C Cooper, 572
- 7. GCHG K2's Swiss Run Surfin' USA 'Wilson', Dog, K Plowucha & V McGraw, 514
- 8. GCH Swiss Run's At The End Of The Line With Palisades 'Sam', Dog, L Kenney & D Never & J Kenney & R Bongiardino, 459
- 9. GCHG Swiss Run Derby's Dauntless Star 'Beatrice', Bitch, D Never & S Copeland & B Never, 339
- 10. GCHG Double Q's Spot On At Derby! 'Fido', Dog, A Mcfadden & D Echols, 321

GCHG CALYPSO
FLASH RANGER'S
CONUNDRUM
RN CGC



RANGER

GCHPTROUT CREEK'S WRITTEN ONNA STAR



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CLYDE

GCHS AEGIS CAPTAIN CHUNK



KNOX

GCHS SUMA-SHADETREE FEET TO THE FIRE



CHARLIE

GCHG K2'S SWISS RUN SURFIN' USA FDC



WILSON

GCH SWISS RUN'S
AT THE END OF
THE LINE WITH
PALISADES



SAM

GCHG SWISS RUN DERBY'S DAUNTLESS STAR CD RN FDC CGCA



BEATRICE

GCHG DOUBLE Q'S SPOT ON AT DERBY!



FIDO

CONFORMATION RANKINGS

■ Top Ten Owner Handled

- 1. Mary Beth Usery & Christy Hale, GCHB Liberty Run's Follow Me To 270 With Suma, 1035
- 2. Lori Price, GCHB Jotunheim Phat Panda, 595
- 3. Phillip & Sarah Jensen and John & Tina Bailey, GCH Wildest Dream King Of The Blues, 350
- 4. Melissa and Brett Jarriel, GCH Fireside's Drums Of Autumn, 260
- 5. Eric Showalter & Deborah White, GCHB Landhof's Carona Of Brush Creek, 165
- 6. Holly B Webb & Terrie Strom, GCH CedarCoves Geordi Rodeo Next Generation, 155
- 7. Jill Hounsell, Jenna Starr & Makena Stack, GCHB Captain Morgan Ryder Of Happy Ranch, 135
- 8. Christine Knorr & Barbara Martinez, CH Shamrock Practice What You Preach, 130
- 8. Marc Sabo, Jenna Starr & Charles Anthony Collins, CH Dahlgren's Magnificent Seven, 130
- 10. Robert Fralick, CH Wildest Oak I'm Your Huckleberry, 115

Rankings are determined by the AKC NOHS points for October 11, 2018 through October 9, 2019.

TALLY JO & CHRISTY



GCHB LIBERTY RUN'S FOLLOW ME TO 270 WITH SUMA FDC BCAT TKN

PHATTI & LORI



GCHB JOTUNHEIM PHAT PANDA FDC CGCA

RILEY & SARAH



GCH WILDEST DREAM KING OF THE BLUES

RUMBLE & MELISSA



GCH FIRESIDE'S DRUMS OF AUTUMN BN

JESSIE & ERIC



GCHB LANDHOF'S CARONA OF BRUSH CREEK

GEORDI & HOLLY



GCH CEDARCOVES
GEORDI RODEO
NEXT GENERATION

RYDER & JENNA



GCHB CAPTAIN MORGAN RYDER OF HAPPY RANCH

BULLEIT & BARBARA



CH SHAMROCK
PRACTICE WHAT
YOU PREACH
RI HSADC TKA

I DJ & MARC



CH DAHLGREN'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

DOC & BOB



GCH WILDEST OAK I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY CGC

CONFORMATION RANKINGS

Owner-Handled New Grand Champions

- * indicates first time award to the handler
 - Cindy Flack, CedarCove's Powder Keg at Columbine
 - Kimberly Gradin*, Liberty Run's Cayenne Pepper She's Hot!
 - Tiffany Patten*, Pine Grove's the Man You Need
 - Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mtn's Golden Snitch
 - Holly Webb, Rodeo's Catch Me Kiss Me Snowy Mtn
 - Holly Webb, Cedar Cove's Geordi Rodeo Next Generation

Owner-Handled New Champions

*indicates first time award to the handler

- Tina Bailey, Wildest Dream And They Called It Puppy Luv
- Jessie Bell, Bekovile's Kick Off Your Sunday Shoes
- Nikki Croce*, Cedar Cove's Frosty Mug

- Lisa England, Silver Oak's One Tin Soldier
- Kimberly Gradin*, Liberty Run's Cayenne Pepper She's Hot!
- Barbara Martinez & Christine Knorr, Shamrock Practice What You Preach
- Nichole Proctor*, Snowy Mtn-Redrock's One Heart for Hidden Hill
- Mark Sabo*, Dalgren's Magnificent Seven
- Eric Showalter, Show Mountain Ace High
- Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mtn's Freedom to Love
- Jaime Taylor, Ridgebridge Rosella Crimson

POWDER



OHGCH

CEDARCOVE'S POWDER KEG AT COLUMBINE

CAYENNE



OHGCH

LIBERTY RUN'S CAYENNE PEPPER SHE'S HOT!

COLLINS



OHGCH

PINE GROVE'S THE MAN YOU NEED

SNITCH



OHGCH

PAINTED MTN'S GOLDEN SNITCH

I ALTA



RODEO'S CATCH ME KISS ME SNOWY MTN

OHGCH

GEORDI



CEDAR COVE'S GEORDI RODEO NEXT GENERATION

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BULLEIT



SHAMROCK PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

CORA



SNOWY MTN-REDROCK'S ONE HEART FOR HIDDEN HILL

IDJ



DALGREN'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

ACE



OHCH

SHOW MOUNTAIN ACE HIGH

ROMEO



PAINTED MTN'S FREEDOM TO LOVE

ELEANOR



RIDGEBRIDGE ROSELLA CRIMSON

OBEDIENCE TOP 5

Utility A

1. Cherished It's Not Easy Being Green Of Twinpine 'Elphie' Steve and Dori Likevich, 180.0

Open A

- 1. Cherished Deb's Last Revelation 'Revel' Debbie Fields and Kimberly Woollard, 193.67
- 2. Trout Creek Ava's Finding The Clues 'Ava' Kristine & Wulf Carson, 188.50
- 3. Johmanda's It's About Time 'Abby' Kim Floyd, 180.83

Novice A

- 1. Shadetree's Ursa Minor 'Ursa' Sarah Winkelvoss, 188.50
- 2. Suma-Shadetree Bright And Beautiful 'AnnaBell' James Stein II & Linda Stein, 180.33

■ Novice B

- 1. Double Q's Come Fly With Me 'Scopey' Jan Collins, 193.33
- 2. Suma's Playboy's Martini 'Marty' Sandy Madden, 190.17
- 3. Cedarcoves Keeping Kind, Amanda Hoyer, 187.33
- 4. Trout Creek Ava's Finding The Clues 'Ava' Kristine & Wulf Carson, 186.17
- 5. Cherished Nobody Doesn't Like 'Sara Lee' Jan Collins, 184.5

CHERISHED IT'S
NOT EASY
BEING GREEN
OF TWINPINE



UTILITY A - ELPHIE

CHERISHED DEB'S LAST

REVELATION



OPEN A - REVEL

TROUT CREEK
AVA'S FINDING
THE CLUES



OPEN A - AVA

JOHMANDA'S IT'S ABOUT TIME



OPEN A - ABBY

SHADETREE'S URSA MINOR



NOVICE A - URSA

SUMA-SHADETREE BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



NOVICE A - ANNABELL

DOUBLE Q'S COME FLY WITH ME



NOVICE B - SCOPEY

SUMA'S PLAYBOY'S MARTINI



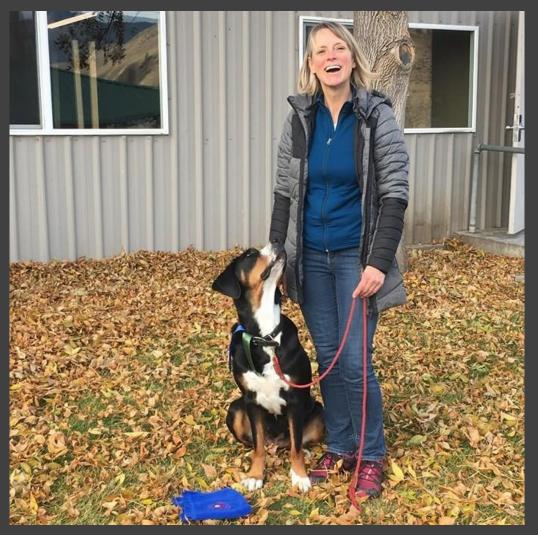
NOVICE B - MARTY

CEDARCOVES KEEPING KIND



NOVICE B - KARMA

TROUT CREEK AVA'S FINDING THE CLUES



NOVICE B - AVA

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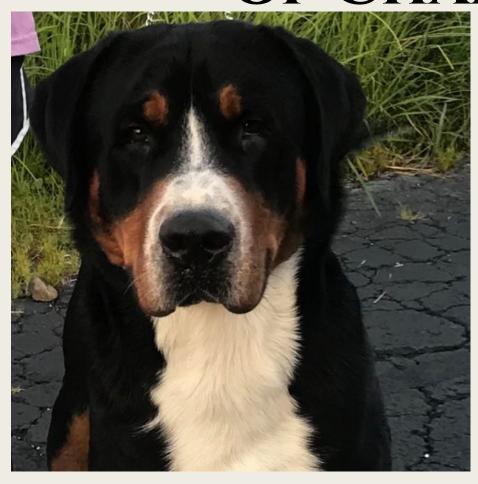
NOVICE B – SARA LEE

TOP PRODUCER AWARDS

- Top Producing Sire of Champions (# Champions)
- Captain Morgan Ryder Of Happy Ranch 'Ryder', 7
- Top Producing Dam of Champions (# Champions)
- Aegis Home Grown 'Doobie', 6
- Simply Swissies Bell Of The Ball 'Bella', 6
- Top Producing Sire of Working Titles (# Titles)
- Dahlgren's United We Stand 'Cuba', 33
- Top Producing Dam of Working Titles (# Titles)
- S'Rendi's Nothing Else Matters At Dahlgren 'Xena', 33
- Top Producing Breeder of Titles (# Titles)
- S'Rendi, Suzanne Sparrow, 61

(44 weight pull, 14 CGC, 1 conformation, 2 trick earned by 17 different dogs)

TOP PRODUCING SIRE OF CHAMPIONS



RYDER

CAPTAIN MORGAN RYDER OF HAPPY RANCH

TOP PRODUCING DAM OF CHAMPIONS



DOOBIE

AEGIS HOME GROWN

TOP PRODUCING DAM OF CHAMPIONS



BELLA

SIMPLY SWISSIES
BELL OF THE BALL

TOP PRODUCING SIRE OF WORKING TITLES



DAHLGREN'S UNITED WE STAND

CUBA

TOP PRODUCING DAM OF WORKING TITLES



S'RENDI'S NOTHING ELSE MATTERS AT DAHLGREN

XENA

TOP PRODUCING BREEDER OF TITLES



SUZANNE SPARROW

VERSATILITY GREATER SWISS

- Versatility Greater Swiss Excellent (VGSX)
- Johnanda's It's About Time 'Abby ' Kim Floyd 10/25/19 (CDX,DD,OAP)
- Versatility Greater Swiss (VGS)
- Rodeo's All About Murdoch A Soldier Of Fortune 'Murdoch' Andrea Hansen 05/12/19 (CD, CH, NDD, WPD, WWD)
- Quartz Mountain Easter Award Winning 'Emmie' Kelly A Stover 07/20/19 (CD, CH, DD, NWPD)
- Double Q's Come Fly With Me 'Scopey' Jan Collins 07/27/19 (CD, CH, DD, MACH2)
- Shamrock Guardian Angel 'Matteo' Karen Pyle 09/16/19 (CD, CH, WPD, NDD)
- Cherished Nobody Doesn't Like 'Sara Lee' Jan Collins 09/17/19 (CD, GCH, WWDS, PACH)
- Cherished Baby It's Cold Outside 'Shiver' Kimberly Woollard 10/27/19 (CD, GCH, WWD, NDD)
- Swiss Run Derby's Dauntless Star 'Beatrice' Deanna Never 12/13/19 (CD, GCHG, NWPD, NDD)

JOHMANDA'S IT'S ABOUT TIME



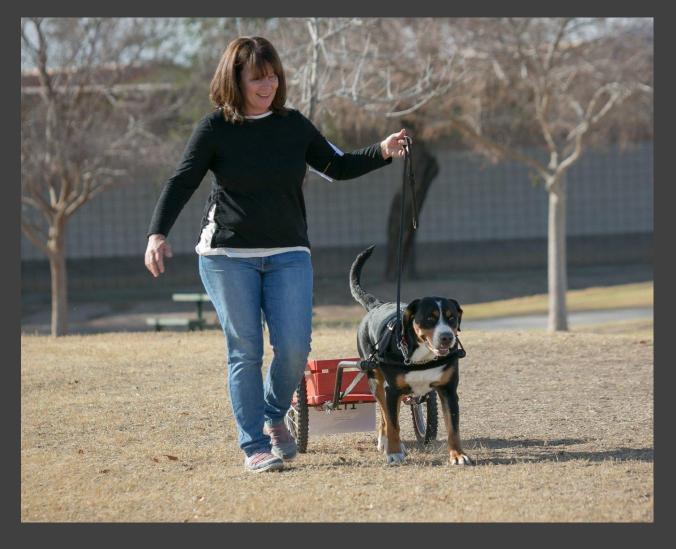
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RODEO'S ALL
ABOUT
MURDOCH A
SOLDIER OF
FORTUNE



MURDOCH CD, CH, NDD, WPD, WWD

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MOUNTAIN
EASTER AWARD
WINNING



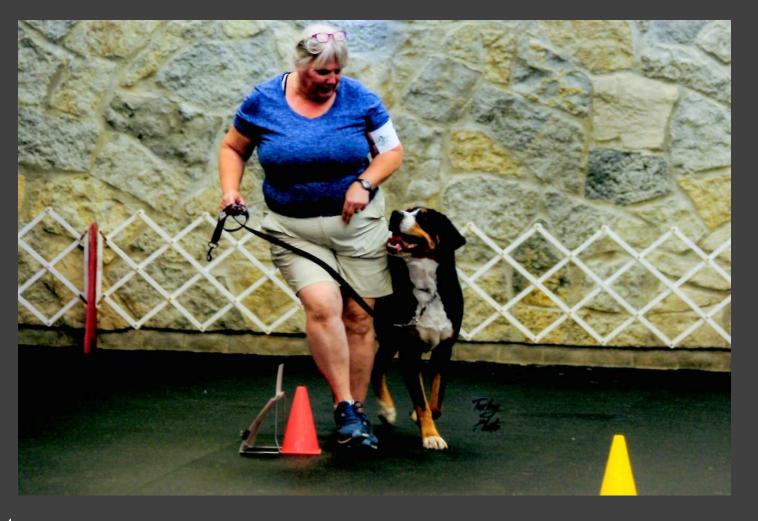
EMMIE CD, CH, DD, NWPD

DOUBLE Q'S COME FLY WITH ME



SCOPEY CD, CH, DD, MACH2

SHAMROCK GUARDIAN ANGEL



MATTEO CD, CH, WPD, NDD

CHERISHED NOBODY DOESN'T LIKE



SARA LEE CD, GCH, WWDS, PACH

CHERISHED BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



SHIVER CD, GCH, WWD, NDD

SWISS RUN DERBY'S DAUNTLESS STAR



BEATRICE CD, GCHG, NWPD, NDD

LEGION OF MERIT

 Swiss Run's Cold Beer And A Fishing Pole 'Berkley' Deanna Never & Ben Never 12/15/19 (Ryder, Merlin)

REGISTER OF MERIT DAM (ROM-B)

- Calypso V Cornerstone Jewel Of Sunshine Peak 'Jada' Ann Rita Rimler & Jenny Lind 02/15/19 (Kharma, Blitz, Gracie, Creedence, Maya)
- Aegis Home Grown 'Doobie' Lori Price & Kristin Krumpe 04/12/19(Phatti, Nana, Siggi, Chiba, Genny)
- Derbytoo Take Me Out To The Ballgame 'Brett' Carla Fleming & Jennifer Mangiapelo & Lori Morrison 05/18/19
- Swiss Run's I Feel The Need, The Need For Speed 'Ryder' Deanna and Ben Never 06/08/19 (Tink, Wilson, Leyte, Tessa, Hollywood)
- Double Q's Derby Hits The Spot! 'FiFi' Alan Mcfadden & Debra Echols 07/26/19 (Nico, Drake, Thabo, Ringo, Laila)

- Palisades Angle On Frannie 'Fannie' Lynne F Kenney & Josephine Kenney 08/31/19 (Sam, Tootie, Kette, Sunshine, Maui)
- Snowy Mountain's Fabulous Felicity 'Cici' Norman and Dalena Christensen & Lynda Rocamora 08/31/19 (Judge, Padme, Merlin, Liberty, Titan, Layla)
- Simply Swissies Bell Of The Ball 'Bella' Dana Hounsell 10/19/19 (Max, BB, Zeus, Leo, Riley)
- Seneca's Life's A Beach 'Salty' Janelle Kaiser 12/07/19 (Dove, Teddy, Vida, Hunny, Roger)

SIRE (ROM-D)

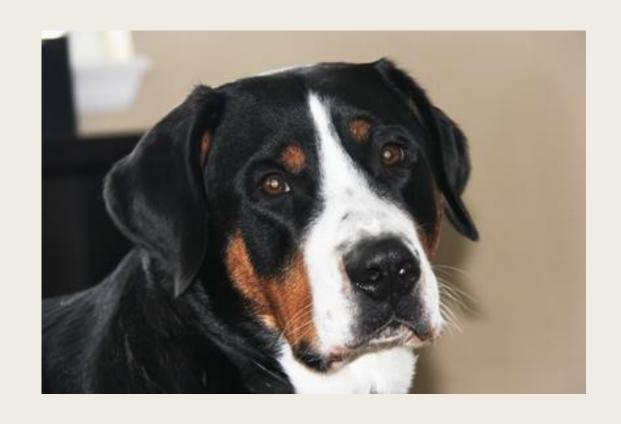
- Derby's All American 'Tebow' Mike Rusk & Amber Rusk and Chrissy & Brad Selleck 08/17/19 (Hank, Bo, Elvira, Fez, Monster, Kane, Greta, Pebbles, Connor, Khaleesi)
- Breezy Ridge Razzmatazz 'Tazz' Holly Witzgall 12/04/19
 (Jona, Phatti, Chiba, Siggi, Genny, Cheech, Spirit, Frasco, Pluck)
- Swiss Run's I'll Be Your Wingman Anytime 'Merlin' Lee Smith & Deanna Never & Jenny Smith 12/15/19 (Magic, Sam, Tootie, Medley, Nelson, Cap, Bozley, Safari, Kette, Percy)

LEGION OF MERIT



SWISS RUN'S COLD BEER AND A FISHING POLE

BERKLEY ROM-B



CALYPSO V CORNERSTONE JEWEL OF SUNSHINE PEAK

ADA ROM-B



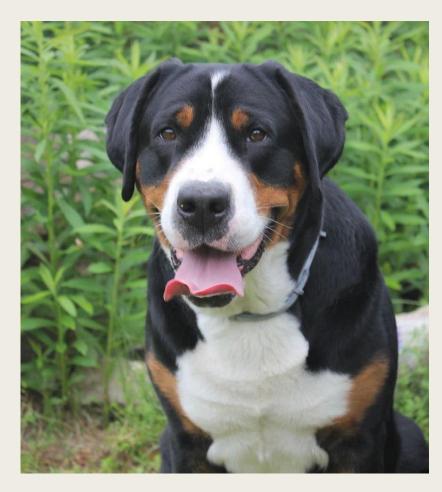
AEGIS HOME GROWN

DOOBIE ROM-B



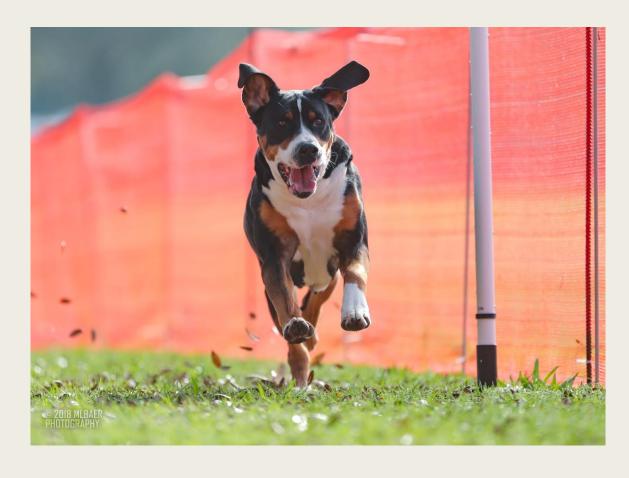
DERBYTOO TAKE
ME OUT TO THE
BALLGAME

BRETT ROM-B



SWISS RUN'S I FEEL THE NEED, THE NEED FOR SPEED

RYDER ROM-B



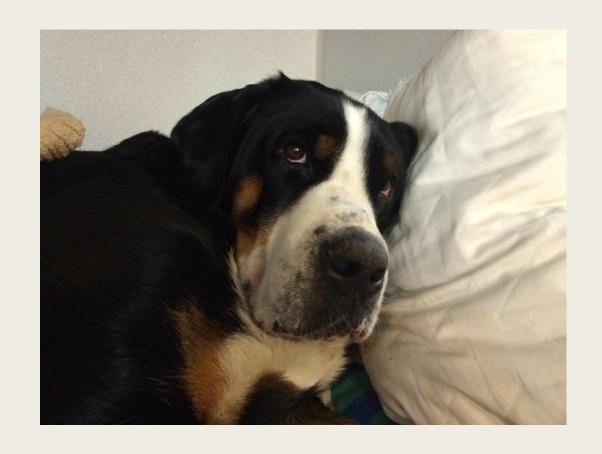
DOUBLE Q'S DERBY HITS THE SPOT!

FIFI ROM-B



PALISADES ANGLE ON FRANNIE

FANNIE ROM-B



SNOWY MOUNTAIN'S FABULOUS FELICITY

CICI ROM-B



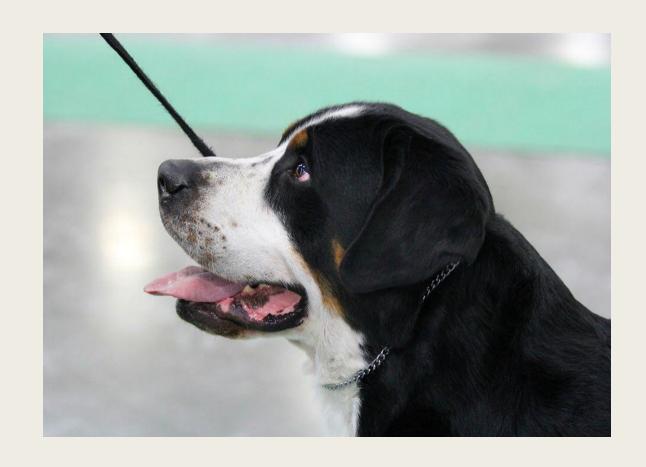
SIMPLY SWISSIES
BELL OF THE BALL

BELLA ROM-B



SENECA'S LIFE'S A BEACH

SALTY ROM-B



DERBY'S ALL AMERICAN

TEBOW ROM-D



TAZZ ROM-D

BREEZY RIDGE RAZZMATAZZ



SWISS RUN'S I'LL
BE YOUR
WINGMAN
ANYTIME

MERLIN ROM-D

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

FRIEND OF THE SWISSY

■ LESLEY FISHER

EXEMPLARY JUNIOR AWARD

■ KELLY DIEHL

AMBASSADOR OF THE BREED

■ GCHS KISMET'S FIRE IN THE SKYE THDD CGC "SKYE"

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

LINDA KAMINSKI

MARGARET POOLE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

■ LISA SIMONSEN

FRIEND OF THE SWISSY



LESLEY FISHER OHIO



Lesley Fisher is long over-due for recognition from the nation club for her countless hours of service on behalf of Swissies and humans alike. Over the years she has quietly gone about doing what needs to be done with little fanfare.

She has and continues to:

- organize major events for two GSMD recognized regional clubs
- played major rolls in organizing and executing numerous National Specialties
- chaired the Versatility Committee
- currently serves as the Working Titles Coordinator
- been a member of numerous GSMDCA committees, including the Draft and Versatility committees
- judges draft trials

I am certain this is not an exhaustive list. Because she is so quiet about her participation, we don't realize all she has done. But I do know her fingers prints (and paw prints!) are everywhere. For these reasons, I think we should shout from the rooftops, "Lesley Fisher, you are truly are a Friend of the Swissy!"

--Mary Jo Rasmussen

EXEMPLARY JUNIOR AWARD



KELLY DIEHL PENNSYLVANIA

I would like to nominate Kelly Diehl for the GSMDCA's exemplary junior award.

Kelly and her family purchased Zander in 2017 and she quickly devoted herself to learning as much about conformation and handling as she could. She started taking Zander to class 1-2x a week in addition to working with him daily at home. She attended her first puppy match and won 'best junior in match' and after that...she was HOOKED!

Since then Kelly has worked hard showing Zander to his Championship (May 2019)...and then earning his Grand Championship just a few months later (August 2019). At only 2 years of age and having only finished his Championship in August...Kelly and Zander won several big breeds wins and made it into the Top 20 for 2019! Kelly also enjoyed showing Zander in juniors but found it a bit too hard to balance the juniors ring times with the breed ring times (almost always a conflict).

Kelly is such a joy to be around and her enthusiasm shows in everything she does with the dogs. She has helped to show a couple veterans at local specialties, has helped other Swissy people in the area whenever needed with their dogs, and personally helped me at the 2019 National Specialty where she handled our girl 'Duff' to a Best Puppy in Sweepstakes win at the National! She sat and watching the obedience and rally rings at the National that week as well and I think will have a new goal she'll be working on too with her big boy. She was just bubbling over with happiness all week and her good spirits were contagious to everyone around her.

Positive, always happy to help, a true joy to be around...I think Kelly is an asset to our breed and is very worth of the designation of 'Exemplary'!

Thank you for your consideration Kim Woollard



The Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Officers and Board would like to nominate Kelly Diehl for the 2019 Exemplary Junior Award - Junior Handler # 15704310002

As of May 26th, 2019; 12 year old Kelly Diehl had earn five points towards Cherished My Heart is Set on You "Zander's" Championship. The next day the Diehl's went back to the same show and came home with a Best of Breed win. On August 11th, 2019 he earned his Grand Championship with another BOB win. He earned three more BOB wins on September 14th, 15th, and December 7th. At the National Specialty he earned his Canine Good Citizen award Kelly assisted breeders and other GSMD owners at the National Specialty showing her own Zander, Puppies and Veterans and had been asked by others to assist with showing their GSMD at a show With only five BOB wins Zander finished 2019 with 77 Breed points and is the number 18 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog in the country!!! It is moving to watch a brand new junior handler work with her dog and witness them accomplish so much. There is a special bond between the two of them. Zander is always eager to please his girl.

Officers Board - Janie Hecker, Carol Gehret, Sarah Winklevoss, Denise Mitterando, Tonia Adams, Joe Newman, Tara Lloyd, James Hauptly, Wayne Hecker, Stephanie Dooley



GCHS KISMET'S FIRE IN THE SKYE THDD CGC

Nomination submitted by Allison Allen

I'm pleased to write a nomination for "Skye" GCHS CH Kismet's Fire In The Skye THDD CGC for the Ambassador of the Breed award. I have watched Skye for the last several years as both a top ranked show dog and a true working therapy dog. I know how much time an effort it takes keeping a dog out as special and finding time to carve out for other ventures can be difficult, but somehow Skye and his owners managed! I first met Skye at the 2017 National Specialty in Pennsylvania and he gained interest with me at that time. I've continued to watch his career as a show dog and therapy dog with adoration. Most recently, in December of 2019 I had the opportunity to speak with one of Skye's owners and he was able to enlighten me on some of the finer details of Skye's remarkable work. I'm impressed by his solid disposition that has allowed him to help so many with his services as a therapy dog. Recently in February 2020 Skye also helped represent the GSMD at the "Meet the Breed" as the precursor to Westminster Kennel Club and he was a hit with kids and adults alike — the photos speak volumes! He has put in countless hours and sessions and garnered top distinction as a therapy dog. I can't think of a better example to be considered for such an award being a positive presence in the conformation ring and also touching so many other realms of life.

To verse myself a bit more on AKC Therapy Dog program and the various levels I learned that in order for Skye to earn his AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) he had to complete over 400 therapy sessions! To gain a better insight on the fine details of his work I got some additional help from his owner, Daniel Dooley, and it follows below.

As you may be aware, in 2017 Skye was ranked fourth in the breed, showing his success in confirmation. However, Skye's true accomplishments have been within the lives he has touched as a therapy dog. In 2019, Skye obtained the AKC highest title of Therapy Dog Distinguished, THDD, successfully completing over 400 visits. Skye, to date, has over 460 visits including a multitude of locations and purposes:

· 2020 Night to Shine · 2020 Meet the Breeds · The College of Staten Island · Boy Scouts of America · In-home and Hospice Visits · Children's Psychiatric Hospitals · Commercial Township Public Schools · Multiple Public Libraries · Absecon School District

Currently in the Absecon School District Skye has 25 handlers, serving over 300 students, in the capacity of multiple programs and initiatives:

- SMILE Program, Silent Mentors In Literacy Education, by providing a fun and exciting environment for students in Kindergarten through second grade to read to Skye without fear of making a mistake or being judged. This practice enhances fluency and instills a love for reading.
 Counseling: Skye is used by all three district School Counselors, Two School Psychologist, and Social Worker in counseling sessions. It has been found
- · Counseling: Skye is used by all three district School Counselors, Two School Psychologist, and Social Worker in counseling sessions. It has been found that children are calmer and more likely to open up and address tough issues when Skye is present.
- · **Self-Contained Rooms**: Working with students with Autism, Behaviors, and Multiple Disabilities. In this setting Skye has been found to improve student interaction, keep students calm, and keep the classroom positive and engaged.
- · **Positive Behavioral Incentives:** Used through the district administration as reward incentives. Students who meet all of their daily or weekly goals can select to spend time with Skye to reward their positive behavior.
- Reset Room: Skye is the center of our efforts within our reset room. This room is intended to provide students in crisis or meltdown a calm and spacious area for them to deescalate. Data has shown that when implementing the option of the reset room, without Skye it is taking students over 17 minutes to return to class, and with Skye students are returning in under 3 minutes. Sample size: N=83.

Some attributes that make Skye so successful:

- · Eagerness to Work: Skye works three, nine hour days, per week. Every time we arrive to the school he enters with the same level of excitement as he did his first day.
- · Eagerness to Please: No matter which of the 25 handlers are with Skye on any given day, he strives for excellence through his desire to please each handler, and has successfully formed his own relationship and bond with each one of the handlers.
- · Confidence: No matter the situation, Skye enters with confidence and the willingness to assist even when a student is exhibiting significant behaviors. · Obedient: Skye is dependable on and off lead, trained by hand signals. · Compassionate: Skye has an innate ability to pick out the one in the room who needs him the

most; exhibits a tremendous amount of concern and Empathy for the student or students he is working with. · **Intelligence:** Can pick up on non-verbal cues. Ability to assess each situation independently and respond appropriately. · **Size and markings:** Immediately wins over students, staff, and visitors with his majestic appearance.

Skye's Great work as a Therapy animal in conjunction with his success as a "Show Dog" has gained him local and global recognition:

Press of Atlantic City Philadelphia Inquire CBS News Philadelphia Nat Geo Wild See the following link for all coverage: https://www.abseconschools.org/domain/281

However, the community we may be having the most impact on is the educational community, as we have hosted 30 NJ Schools to our district this year to watch Skye in action. We have received inquiries from 4 other states: New York, South Carolina, Arkansas, and New Mexico. We have even had a headmaster of a school from Liverpool England, not only tell us that he was trying to replicate our program, but that he was doing it with a Swissy.

Skye has been a part of the featured Presentations on how to implement a successful Therapy Dog Program in schools entitled: *A School's Best Friend: Maximizing Efforts in Meeting Students Needs.* Skye and our Absecon Team have most recently presented at:

· New Jersey Federal Programs and Administrators Spring Conference on May 30, 2019. · New Jersey School Board Association Workshop 2020, AC Convention Center, 10/21/19. · New Jersey School Librarian's Association Conference, North Brunswick Hilton, 12/12/19. · Featured presenters at the New Jersey Education Conference, AC Convention Center, 11/8/19.

Finally, Skye and the Absecon Team have recently partnered with Rowan University's Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program and Assistant Director Dr. Michele Pick, in our efforts to quantify the data of therapy dog interactions with students in need: Behaviorally, Socially, Emotionally, and Academically. This data collection will be the first of it's kind and is hoped to legitimize the work of Therapy Dogs in schools, as a proven program with recognized and proven advantages.

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

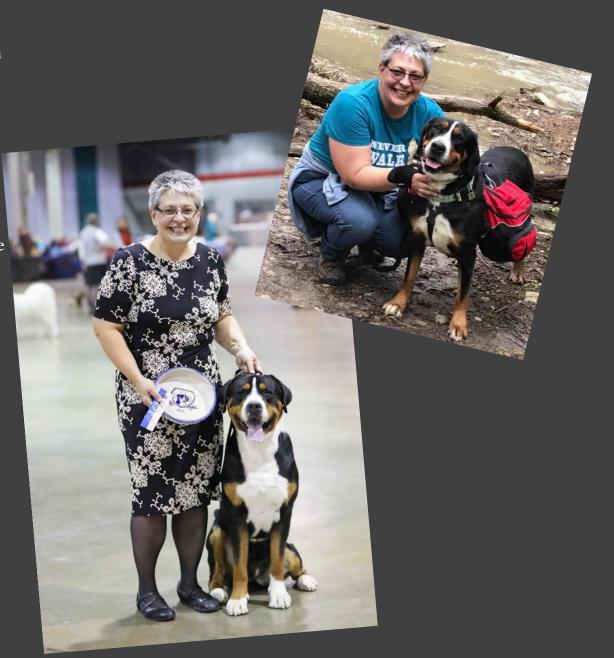


LINDA KAMINSKI ILLINOIS

I feel that the AKC sportsman for 2019 should be awarded to Linda Kaminski. Linda has been involved in the GSMDCA community for as long as I have been attending events. I can't say exactly when I met her, but it was well over 10 years ago. In all of these interactions, I have always found Linda to be a helpful and kind person. She wins and loses with grace and is an example for all of us for how to behave.

Linda serves both the GSMDCA serving as the weight pull chair and is an active member of the local AKC specialty club the Lakeshore GSMD club. Linda is a valuable resource to the community and has been helping out other GSMD owners, showing dogs for them, for a long time. Some of these include dogs that she has helped with from a young age, through that of competing as a veteran.

Linda has devoted hours of her time and her talent to create beautiful memory quilts for the Rescue Auction every year, raising hundreds, probably thousands of dollars. Her devotion to the wellbeing of our breed, to supporting and helping newbies (whether to the breed or to any particular activity) is a model for the rest of us!



Submitted by Kelly Lovley

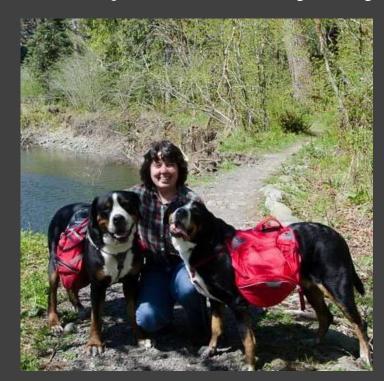
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LISA SIMONSEN WASHINGTON

It is with great honor that I nominate Lisa Simonsen for the GSMDCA Lifetime Achievement Award. Much to Lisa's chagrin, I feel it's time to recognize her ongoing efforts, accomplishments and contributions with respect to the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog.

In 1996 Lisa become the proud owner of a swissy and since that time she hit the ground running. She had great success with her first swissy, Zuger, in the conformation ring and also with him being part of the foundation stock for her Painted Mountain kennel. She's developed a line sought after and you'll see Painted Mountain pedigrees represented across the country in wide variety of breeding programs. On a personal level, she bred the dam of my first two swissies, Gypsy Boots and Cutter, and also owned Cutter's sire. Throughout their decades plus of life she has been a supportive ear in many aspects ranging from health questions, local resources, and she's also exhibited them in veteran conformation. I make this comment to illustrate the pride she takes in the dogs coming down from hers and it also speaks to the mentorship she provides.



Lisa proudly owner handles all of her champions from the bred-by exhibitor class and has been successful having top ranked specials, group placers, specialty winners and versatility dogs. I have watched her this past decade do these things with humility never trying to draw attention to herself.

On a local front, Lisa is one of the founding members of the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog club that was founded in 1998. I think she's worn every hat imaginable! She's currently serving as our Vice President, but has been the past President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Show Chair, lead judges education seminars and so much more! Through her dedication over the years, we've been able to keep our club solvent and we're currently enjoying a great resurgence in large part due to her efforts.



As to the GSMDCA, Lisa has spent too many hours to count serving the membership of the club and their swissies. She has served on the board in many capacities, even as past President, and she continues to offer her volunteer hours. Although she has held many positions, I believe she's found her role as the past and current Health Committee Chair to be the most important and rewarding. In her leadership as head of the Health Committee, the GSMDCA has appropriated funds to worthy studies, conducted multiple CHIC DNA blood draws, carried out multiple breed health surveys, coordinated health seminars at the National Specialties, facilitated updates to the breed CHIC requirements, and continues to look for ways to serve the health of the breed.

She has finetuned her eye and has an in-depth knowledge of our breed standard. With great care going into the pairings of her breeding stock, she has increased the probability of producing sound and conformationally correct GSMDs. This knowledge has been passed on to several other breeders starting out to help them establish successful breeding programs. Additionally, Lisa has shown her command of our standard judging various specialty sweepstakes and most recently was voted by the GSMDCA membership to judge the 2020 GSMDCA National Specialty sweepstakes.

Lisa's altruism extends to so many I can't think of a more deserving member of our community to be consider. She has attainted the designation of AKC Gold Breeder of Merit, a title that only a couple of other GSMDs breeders carry. I'm sure if you were to ask her puppy homes about the support they receive from her they'd have an abundance of positive comments. From my firsthand experience, she embodies what this award is all about, a lifetime commitment to the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and providing exemplary service. Respectfully, Allison Allen

