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Message From The BOD

Dear ECSC Members:

We hope that you have all been enjoying summer life with your Schips. Some of you may have started going back to conformation shows and trials already and others will be venturing out soon.

We hope to see you all at our next General Meeting and Luncheon and fund raiser to be held during the Wine Country circuit being held at Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY on Saturday, October 2, 2021 after breed judging.

The luncheon will be held at the Vista (formerly the Pavilion) following our show—time will be announced at ringside. Please plan on attending and bring raffle items.

In the meant time stay safe, give your Schips a hug and get ready for us to all to be together again very soon.

The ECSC BOD



Sport Alert! International Dog Parkour Association

By: *Magen Bouchard*

Dog Parkour focuses on safety and accessibility for all humans and canine companions. Dog parkour can be a wonderful outlet for Schipperkes to exert energy while exhibiting their agile nature in a productive and safe venue. Competitors submit videos for review and once requirements are completed titles are awarded.

So, what is it? From the International Dog Parkour Association website: “Dog parkour, sometimes known as urban agility, is an activity based on the same principles. It is a challenging, but fun, physical activity in which the dogs learn to interact with their environment. Just like in the human version, in dog parkour, we work on ways to conquer obstacles, such as climbing, balancing, and jumping. Dog Parkour is a non-competitive event, but it is a titling event”.

It is my belief that Schipperkes can excel within this sport as it calls to the adventurous and athletic attributes of our beloved breed.



Schipperke puppy demonstrating place command on an object

To date, two schipperke hold titles within the sport.

Training Level title - PKD-T	Luke	Schipperke
Novice Level title - PKD-N	Deloran's Nick of Time	Schipperke

Where to find more information? <https://www.dogparkour.org/>

AMERICAN GCHB Mardeck's Iridessa

Iridessa

Currently # 3 Schipperke
All Breed & Breed
Plus
1 Schipperke
Owner-Handled



Bred by:
Marnie Layng

Co-Owned by: Marnie Layng
Larry Wolfe & Mel Pacanowski

When I Am Old...



When I am old...

I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...and a bandana over my silver hair...and I will spend my social security checks on my dogs...I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dogs breathing...I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night...and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow...

When people come to call, I will smile and nod...as I show them my dogs...and talk of them and about them...the ones so beloved of the past...and the ones so beloved of today...I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping and feeding them and whispering their names, in a soft loving way. I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel, and I will be an embarrassment to all...especially my family...who have not yet found the peace in being free, to have dogs as your best friends...

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet you as if you are a God, with warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will always stay, I'll hug their big strong necks...I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...and whisper in their very special company...I look in the mirror... and see I am getting old...this is the kind of person I am...and have always been...Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me.

Please accept me for who I am. My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...they love my presence in their lives...When I am old this will be important to me...you will understand when you are old, if you have dogs to love too.

Author Unknown



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Thurs April 21st - Futurity / Maturity, Judging Dogs, SCA Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet

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Sun April 17th - Fast Cat

Mon April 18th - Obedience & Rally

Mon April 18th - Regional Specialty

So much to discover!

A Quick List of Canine Sports for Your Dog

BY [KRISTIN KALDAHL](#)

Kristin is a dog agility instructor and competitor with 20 years in the sport. In the U.S., trained dogs regularly compete in a wide variety of exciting events.

Sports and Competitions for Your Dog

Half a century ago, dog owners faced limited opportunities for competition fun with their dogs. While some canine sports like disc dog and flyball were in their infancy, few dog sports could be easily found nationwide.

Fast-forward to today when the range of sports available to dogs and their owners runs the gamut, affording any dog a competition that fits her personality and abilities. Now, mixed breeds can compete beside their pure breed cousins in most dog sports. No longer are mixes labeled as second-class citizens when it comes to sporting fun. All dogs are welcome.

Some of the benefits you can gain from getting involved in dog sports include a stronger bond with your dog, a better-behaved canine companion, new friendships, and a healthier lifestyle for both you and your dog.

Below is a quick and dirty list of some of the most common canine sports practiced in the United States. The American Kennel Club (AKC) offers competitions and title recognition in many of these sports. You can visit their website at akc.org to learn more or simply Google these sports or competition organizations. Study the following list and see which sport best fits you and your dog.

The Top 11 Dog Competition Types in the U.S.

1. Barn Hunt
2. Agility
3. Nose Work
4. Dock Diving
5. Obedience
6. Lure Coursing
7. Flyball
8. Rally
9. Disc Dog

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10. Trick Dog

11. Freestyle

1. Barn Hunt

In Barn Hunt, rats are placed in safety tubes and hidden in a maze created with bales of hay. A dog sniffs through the maze searching for the rats. When she locates a rat, she alerts, and her handler, who is following, shouts “Rat!” It's a fun sport to watch and compete in and has been gaining popularity of late. It's a great sport for dogs who love to sniff out critters. The Barn Hunt Association offers titles that can be recognized through the AKC.

- **Training:** Low to moderate
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Low to moderate
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low

2. Agility

A timed event, agility requires a dog and human handler to navigate a course of obstacles such as jumps, tunnels, teeter, A-frame, and more. The team successfully completing the course with the fewest mistakes and the fastest time wins. Agility has not stopped growing since it came to the US over 30 years ago, and today the AKC records over one million entries a year. There are other organizations offering agility competitions including USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association), NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council), UKI (UK Agility International), CPE (Canine Performance Events) and more.

- **Training:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of dog:** High to extreme
- **Physical requirements of human:** Moderate to extreme

3. Nose Work

Also called scent work, this fun sport requires less physical activity from the human and canine, but it requires strong communication skills. In competitions, dogs sniff out hidden cotton swabs scented with essential oils such as Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. Handlers have to read their dogs' alerting signals to know when a hidden cotton swab has been discovered. Another growing sport, nose work is offered by organizations such as the NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work), USCSS (United States Canine Scent Sports), and the AKC.

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- **Training:** Moderate to High
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Low
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low

4. Dock Diving

Another growing dog sport, dock diving is simple enough. The dog jumps off of a dock or platform into a body of water, often chasing a thrown toy. The dog who jumps the farthest wins. This fun, warm weather sport is ideal for water-loving dogs. Competitions can be found through such organizations as DockDogs and NADD (North America Diving Dogs.)

- **Training:** Low to moderate
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate to high
- **Physical requirement of human:** Low

5. Obedience

Heading into its ninth decade, obedience is one of the older sports, but it's changed over the years. If you haven't competed lately, you may wish to refamiliarize yourself with the rules. It's a precision event where dogs are judged on their ability to heel, stay, come, retrieve, jump, and more.

Aside from the AKC, some other organizations offering obedience competitions include the UKC (United Kennel Club) and ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America).

- **Training:** Moderate to Extreme
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate
- **Physical requirements of human:** Moderate

6. Lure Coursing

In this fun sport, a dog chases a lure (usually a white, plastic bag) pulled by a wire and pulley. The lure moves fast through a course set on a flat, open field, and the dog with the fastest time chasing the lure through the course wins. Organizations offering lure coursing include the AKC and the UKC.

- **Training:** Low
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low

7. Flyball

A loud sport, flyball involves two teams of dogs racing down a line of hurdles, slamming into a box that spurts out a tennis ball, and returning the ball back over the jumps to their owners where the next dog in the team is released to do the same thing. The fastest team wins. Flyball is found among organizations such as NAFA (North American Flyball Association) and U-FLI (United Flyball League International).

- **Training:** Moderate to high
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low

8. Rally

A form of obedience, Rally continues to gain traction. In this sport, a dog heels with his owner through a course of signs, stopping at each sign to perform whatever behavior(s) the sign requests. Another precision sport, points are removed for errors such as missed signs, not performing the behaviors correctly, or errors in exactness. Some of the organizations offering Rally are the AKC, the UKC, WCRL (World Cynosport Rally Limited), and ASCA.

- **Training:** Moderate to high
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Low
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low to moderate

9. Disc Dog

A spectator favorite, disc dog sports involve a person throwing a flying disc for their dog to catch. There are several different types of classes, but the most eye-catching are the routines where the dog and handler perform intricate trick after trick. Some of the organizations offering disc dog competitions are Skyhoundz, UFO, USDDN (United States Disc Dog Nationals), AWI (Ashley Whippet Invitational), the Quadruped, and more.

- **Training:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of human:** Moderate to extreme

10. Trick Dog

A great option for the dog and owner who can't travel to competitions, trick dogs learn a variety of

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specified tricks and perform them in front of an evaluator. Some organizations offering trick titles include the AKC and DMWYD (Do More With Your Dog).

- **Training:** Low to high
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Low to moderate
- **Physical requirements of human:** Low

11. Freestyle

Often called “Dancing with Your Dog,” Freestyle obedience is basically obedience and tricks set to music. Routines mix choreographed dance with obedience and can be humorous to moving. Organizations offering freestyle include WCFO (World Canine Freestyle Organization), CFF (Canine Freestyle Federation), and MDSA (Musical Dog Sport Association).

- **Training:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of dog:** Moderate to extreme
- **Physical requirements of human:** Moderate to extreme

Other Canine Sports Your Dog May Enjoy

- Tracking
- Herding
- Earthdog
- Hunt and field events
- Skijoring
- Trieball
- Schutzhund

Go Play!

Is your dog shy or aggressive? Some of the above sports offer video competitions where you can video your dog doing the behaviors. These video competitions are great alternatives for dogs with behavior issues that keep them from competing safely among other dogs and people.

There's a dog sport for every human-canine team. Research, choose a sport that fits you and your dog's strengths and weaknesses, find a good instructor, and go have fun! The days of doggie couch potatoes are over!

AM CAN NZ CH Exmoor Mana Magic Mana



In Māori, Mana means Supernatural Force, Power and Influence!

Shown winning Group 4th under judge Phil Wending, on July 17, 2021.

For Mardeck & Deloran, acquiring Mana was motivated by us wanting a source of gene diversity without being a complete outcross. Mana's parents are "Gemma", NZ CH Exmoor All Black Bright Star who brings in top New Zealand and UK bloodlines and his sire is our own "Cozmo", AM CAN NZ CH. Mardeck's The Sorcerer's Son, ROM. *Mission accomplished.*

Mana over the three days that he was shown in Lombardy, ON, was also awarded Group 3rd by Lucie Paradis and a Group 4th by Corinne Walker. Thank you to all the judges that have recognized Mana's merit.

Owned & Loved by:

Marnie Layng (Mardeck)
Ursula Hutton (Deloran)

Bred by:

Bernard & Vivienne Fears (Exmoor)



CAN CH Mardeck's The Magic Ingredient Butter



Butter makes everything better!

Shown winning Group 2nd under judge Stephen Dainard, on July 15, 2021. That was his first day back in the ring in almost two years when he was 11 months old. Over the five days Butter was shown in what I call the Lombardy, ON marathon, he was also awarded Group 3rd by Sandra Orford and Group 3rd by Joy Hodgkinson. Thank you to these judges for recognizing Butter's merit despite my senior handling.

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Schipperke Breed Standard (AKC)

General Appearance

The Schipperke is an agile, active watchdog and hunter of vermin. In appearance he is a small, thickset, cobby, black, tailless dog, with a fox-like face. The dog is square in profile and possesses a distinctive coat, which includes a stand-out ruff, cape and culottes. All of these create a unique silhouette, appearing to slope from shoulders to croup. Males are decidedly masculine without coarseness. Bitches are decidedly feminine without over refinement. Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Faults common to all breeds are as undesirable in the Schipperke as in any other breed, even though such faults may not be specifically mentioned in the standard.

Size, Proportion, Substance

Size—The suggested height at the highest point of the withers is 11-13 inches for males and 10-12 inches for bitches. Quality should always take precedence over size. **Proportion**—Square in profile. **Substance**—Thickset.

Head

Expression—The expression is questioning, mischievous, impudent and alert, but never mean or wild. The well proportioned head, accompanied by the correct eyes and ears, will give the dog proper Schipperke expression.

Skull—The skull is of medium width, narrowing toward the muzzle. Seen in profile with the ears laid back, the skull is slightly rounded. The upper jaw is moderately filled in under the eyes, so that, when viewed from above, the head forms a wedge tapering smoothly from the back of the skull to the tip of the nose. The stop is definite but not prominent. The length of the muzzle is slightly less than the length of the skull.

Eyes—The ideal eyes are small, oval rather than round, dark brown, and placed forward on the head.

Ears—The ears are small, triangular, placed high on the head, and, when at attention, very erect. A drop ear or ears is a disqualification.

Nose—The nose is small and black.

Bite—The bite must be scissors or level. Any deviation is to be severely penalized.

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck—The neck is of moderate length, slightly arched and in balance with the rest of the dog to give the correct silhouette. **Topline**—The topline is level or sloping slightly from the withers to the croup. The stand-out ruff adds to the slope, making the dog seem slightly higher at the shoulders than at the rump. **Body**—The chest is broad and deep, and reaches to the elbows. The well sprung ribs (modified oval) are wide behind the shoulders and taper to the sternum. The forechest extends in front of the shoulders between the front legs. The loin is short, muscular and moderately drawn up. The croup is broad and well-rounded with the tail docked. No tail is visually discernible.

Forequarters

The shoulders are well laid back, with the legs extending straight down from the body when viewed from the front. From the side, legs are placed well under the body. Pasterns are short, thick and strong, but still flexible, showing a slight angle when viewed from the side. Dewclaws are generally removed. Feet are small, round and tight. Nails are short, strong and black.

Hindquarters

The hindquarters appear slightly lighter than the forequarters, but are well muscled, and in balance with the front. The hocks are well let down and the stifles are well bent. Extreme angulation is to be penalized. From the rear, the legs extend straight down from the hip through the hock to the feet. Dewclaws must be removed.

Coat

Pattern—The adult coat is highly characteristic and must include several distinct lengths growing naturally in a specific pattern. The coat is short on the face, ears, front of the forelegs and on the hocks; it is medium length on the body, and longer in the ruff, cape, jabot and culottes. The ruff begins in back of the ears and extends completely around the neck; the cape forms an additional distinct layer extending beyond the ruff; the jabot extends across the chest and down between the front legs. The hair down the middle of the back, starting just behind the cape and continuing over the rump, lies flat. It is slightly shorter than the cape but longer than the hair on the sides of the body and sides of the legs. The coat on the rear of the thighs forms culottes, which should be as long as the ruff. Lack of differentiation in coat lengths should be heavily penalized, as it is an essential breed characteristic.

Schipperke Breed Standard (AKC) (con't)

Texture—The coat is abundant, straight and slightly harsh to the touch. The softer undercoat is dense and short on the body and is very dense around the neck, making the ruff stand out. Silky coats, body coats over three inches in length or very short harsh coats are equally incorrect.

Trimming—As the Schipperke is a natural breed, only trimming of the whiskers and the hair between the pads of the feet is optional. Any other trimming must not be done.

Color

The outer coat must be black. Any color other than a natural black is a disqualification. The undercoat, however, may be slightly lighter. During the shedding period, the coat might take on a transitory reddish cast, which is to be penalized to the degree that it detracts from the overall black appearance of the dog. Graying due to age (seven years or older) or occasional white hairs should not be penalized.

Gait

Proper Schipperke movement is a smooth, well coordinated and graceful trot (basically double tracking at a moderate speed), with a tendency to gradually converge toward the center of balance beneath the dog as speed increases. Front and rear must be in perfect balance with good reach in front and drive in the rear. The topline remains level or slightly sloping downward from the shoulders to the rump. Viewed from the front, the elbows remain close to the body. The legs form a straight line from the shoulders through the elbows to the toes, with the feet pointing straight ahead. From the rear, the legs form a straight line from the hip through the hocks to the pads, with the feet pointing straight ahead.

Temperament

The Schipperke is curious, interested in everything around him, and is an excellent and faithful little watchdog. He is reserved with strangers and ready to protect his family and property if necessary. He displays a confident and independent personality, reflecting the breed's original purpose as watchdog and hunter of vermin.

Disqualifications

A drop ear or ears.

Any color other than a natural black.

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See you in December

