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AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The next issue of SchipSnips is all about the Boys!

Tell us all about why you think Schipperke males are the best and especially yours. Is he, or are they, great at performance, doing well in conformation, the best friend and companion ever? We'd like to know about him. The **ECSC celebrates Schipperkes** and that means your Schip too! We want to know about the Schips that make up our club.

Remember advertising is not just for "conformation & performance winners!" Not at all. Think about it. What a nice way to feature your dog in SchipSnips and capture his essence forever. Place your ad in a frame on the wall, or put it in the family album, and definitely show him off on the website. We will work with the theme of your choice to make it the best for your dog. You can play on his name, or something that he does to make his ad truly him. And while celebrating your dog, you are also helping your favorite club. A win / win situation. You have all summer to plan and we can't wait to hear from you. :)



SCC BOD BIO'S

President: Larry Wolfe

Hello ECSC Members:

My name is Larry Wolfe and I'm currently the President of the Erie Canal Schipperke Club. I'm currently employed by the Frontier Central School District as a buildings and grounds supervisor. When not at work, I'm often off at shows, or doing other things with dogs.

I have been in dogs for about 30 years and breeding dogs for approximately 13 years. Originally I started out owning and showing German Wire Haired Pointers and Bichons. I then sold my Pointer to a breeder out west and bought my first Shiba Inu. I had 4 litters of Shibas and that's when I met Mel. She introduced me to Schips, and since then "I've joined the dark side"!

Currently we own 5 Schips and 2 Beagles. Yes, I truly enjoy showing my dogs!!

Well, I look forward to working with everyone to move ECSC into the future. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding ECSC, please don't hesitate to email me!



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SCC BOD BIO'S

Vice President: Ursula Hutton &
Treasurer David Hutton

URSULA HUTTON--My background includes a variety of experiences, beginning with my upbringing. My family emigrated from England in 1956 to Syracuse, NY. Being of Polish descent, my parents insisted that I speak Polish at home as well as learn the history of my heritage. A broad education was highly valued by my parents and so I was immersed in all that was available to them—Catholic school, piano lessons, folk dancing, girl scouts, Polish language/history Saturday school...and any other opportunities that presented themselves. My father owned a printing shop and Polish newspaper (The Polish News) which I worked as a young teen and learned to help type on the linotype, lay type, as well as the many other jobs involved with publishing. Living in the then Polish community, my family was very involved in our community events and served as officers in the local White Eagle Club where I began to learn what was entailed in coordinating events and running meetings. At Syracuse University I was a Russian Studies major and then added Business Studies. Following college, my work experience included working in various businesses and capacities—non-profit (Red Cross CNY Division), advertising (William B. Tanner Advertising), construction (Fruin-Colnon Construction, Inc.), seminar and client services coordination and editing (Ridge Associates, Inc.), Beauty Consultant (Mary Kay, Inc.), to name a few. Dave and I have lived on 180 acre farm since 1969 and learned on the job how to hay, raise a number of farm animals—Angus cattle, chickens, ducks, pigs, and even a goat—as well as how to grow and preserve vegetables and fruits. I was very involved in our children's activities amongst which involved volunteering at their school, serving as scout den mother, as well as chauffeur to their various activities. My passion in later life has been my Schipperkes—breeding, training, showing in conformation and performance events. Now that Dave and I are retired, we plan to travel more, but still stay involved in our Schipperke world.

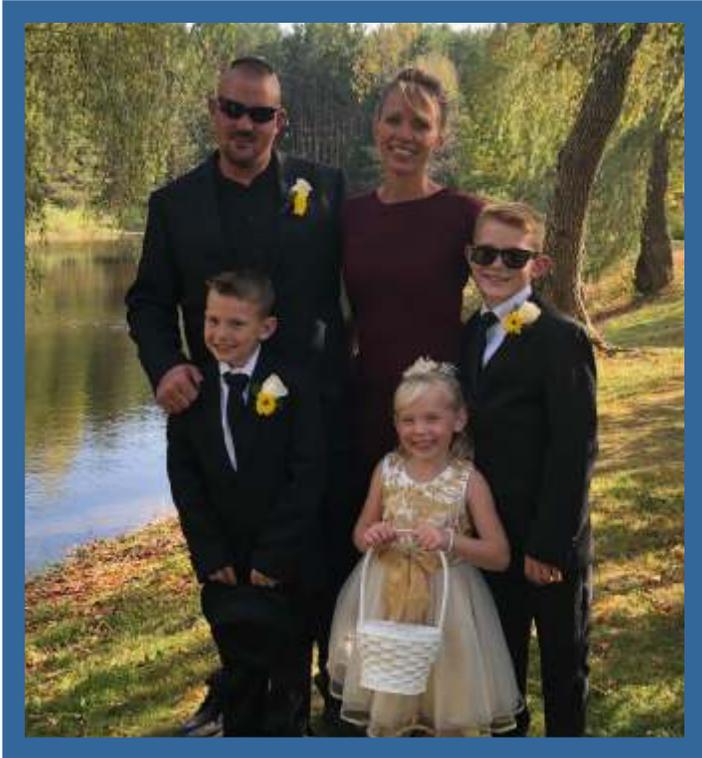


DAVID HUTTON—Dave was born in Buffalo, NY, but his father's job had the family living in a number of cities before settling in Syracuse, NY, where his father was Vice-President of American Operations for Carrier Corporation until his untimely death in 1965. At that point, Dave was a sophomore at Clarkson University. He graduated in 1967 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and ultimately ended up also working at Carrier Corporation as a Mechanical Engineer and then Business Planning Manager for what ended up being 19 years. We were married in 1969 and lived on the farm as was mentioned above. During the 70's fuel crisis, Dave was transferred by Carrier to Collierville, TN (Memphis suburb), where we had our son and lived for 2 years before returning home. We ended up deeding off a couple of acres and built our own ranch house in 1978, where our daughter was born in 1979, and where we still live. In 1986 United Technologies purchased Carrier Corporation and made major personnel cuts during which Dave was laid off. He decided to try entrepreneurship. Being ahead of his time, he established a grocery shopping business "E-Z Shopper" which provided a grocery shopping service for those who were too busy or unable to do it themselves. He created a computerized system which helped him manage his customers' requirements. In 1987 while on



SCC BOD BIO'S

Secretary Jennifer Green & Director: Carol Spink



Hi my name is **Jennifer Green**. I'm a third generation Schipperke breeder, owner, handler. Showing dogs has been a lifelong hobby for me and I plan to be more involved when my kids get older.

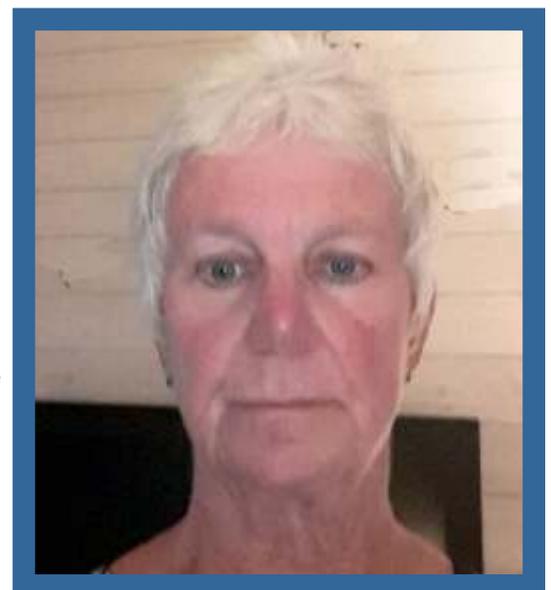
I live near Cooperstown NY on a 5th generational farm with my husband and three children. We have 200 acres that we farm along with a beef, and hog herd. I have worked as an Occupational Therapist at a school for developmentally delayed children for 13 years. My husband works full time with UPS. I'm very actively involved with my community and the school where my kids attend. I coach two different soccer teams in the fall, two teams for basketball and as well I'm the president for our township's little league program. I am also a girl scout leader and we are active with 4H. My boys are involved in fall and spring / summer travel leagues for baseball and also an indoor soccer program, making me a very busy Mom.

Hi, my name is **Carol Spink**. I'm a 9 year member of the ECSC and first year board member. I live in Black River, NY with my husband Leo and my 2 schipperkes Bo and Zeerob.

I retired in 2016 after 43 years as a commercial insurance broker. Leo and I spend our summers in Alexandria Bay on our boat "Seasaw". I was born with a love for all animals and have been a member of the Jefferson County SPCA for 22 years. I participated in the "Meet the Breeds" event in New York City a few years ago with other Erie Canal Schipperke club members. I got my 1st dog ever in 1998, a schip called "Captain" and have been owned by schips ever since. Even though I do not compete, I always promote the breed whenever I can.

Winters are spent in Barefoot Bay, Florida, where I belong to several local clubs. I am also an officer of the Steering Committee for the Great Lakes Club. I enjoy gardening, cooking and participating in many sports.

I am honored to be on the Board of the ECSC and would like to continue to serve the club in whatever capacity I can.





SCC BOD BIO'S

Directors: Melanie Pacanowski & Shannon Emmert



Hi my name is **Melanie Pacanowski**. I'm currently on the board of directors for the Erie Canal Schipperke club.

When I was 13 I started training dogs in 4h, which taught me how to do obedience and agility. Later on I started grooming and handling with my pet store Schipperke, which I put titles on at state fair competitions and in Junior handling.

For my graduation gift, my parents got a sheltie named Luke for me so that I could show it at AKC events. I also did obedience with him, earning his CD title. While showing Luke I met Shirley Smith at a show and immediately fell in love with her Schipperke "Gates". Shirley had me show Gates in the group for her and I was hooked. A little while went by, but we ended up buying our first show Schipperke from Logaven bred by Shirley.

Through the years I have bred 2 Shiba litters and multiple Schip litters. I've also shown multiple breeds in conformation which I truly enjoy doing. When I'm not showing dogs, I'm working full time as a manager at a local pizzeria and part time at their other location.

I really am excited about moving forward with the club. Thank you for your trust. Melanie

David Hutton Con't

more into the business, Dave was offered a job he couldn't refuse—as Controller for two companies—Young & Franklin, Inc., which manufactured large gas control valves for GE's land-based gas turbines, and Tactair Fluid Controls Inc., which manufactured high-precision aircraft control valves and actuators. During his tenure there, Dave earned his MBA from Syracuse University and ultimately became Vice-President / Controller of both companies. He retired in 2016 after the companies were sold. Dave has used his management and financial expertise throughout his various endeavors which include—apartment ownership and management, farm ownership and management, Deloran Schipperke management, Erie Canal Schipperke Club financial management (Treasurer), home / rental property ownership and management. Dave continues his involvement as Treasurer of the Erie Canal Schipperke Club along with other personal endeavors while we continue traveling as time and health allow.

The Surprising Benefits of MCT

by *Al Pietzold*

This will come as no surprise to many of you, but a lot of the posts on my FaceBook page involve our three Schipperke dogs Ike, Gwen, and Mick. Some of my recent posts touch on my feelings about Gwen's 14th birthday and Ike's upcoming 13th. In a comment on one of these posts Ursula Hutton mentioned that she had changed her seniors to Purina Pro Plan Bright Minds 7+ dog food. She said it

seemed to help them and surprisingly it also got rid of the reddish tint to their fur. I had seen the television commercials for that food and I was skeptical. It sounded too good to be true, with claims of improved alertness, mental sharpness, and energy levels. However Ursula's results had me intrigued so I did some research.

From the Purina website and other sources I learned the unique ingredient in the food is something called medium chain triglycerides (MCT). It is obtained from cold pressed unrefined coconut oil. Apparently dogs naturally have this in their bodies and as they get older it diminishes, resulting in some of the aging symptoms we typically see. The goal is to help replenish the MCT and thus turn back the clock to some extent. We were impressed with Ursula's experience but were reluctant to change our dogs' food so I looked for alternate sources of MCT.



I learned that one approach is to give the right kind of coconut oil to your dog as a supplement. It sometimes causes side effects like loose stools, and the taste of different oils varies so you have to find one your dog likes. That sounded like a hassle so I kept looking. Eventually I found Doctors Foster and Smith Cognitive Support Soft Chewables. As the name implies they are tasty soft chewable dog treats with MCT as their active ingredient. We decided to give them a try.

The directions say to give one treat for every 10 pounds of the dog's weight. We started giving 18 pound Ike one in the morning and one in the evening, and 12 pound Gwen one in the evening. Initially we didn't see any difference but after about 6 weeks we began to notice that they both seemed a bit more lively and energetic. Then one day while out in bright sunlight I noticed the red tint in their fur was gone. People used to comment on Ike and Gwen's lovely mink like color. Not any more! I'm not trying to sell you on any product here, but if you have senior dogs you might consider giving them MCT in some form. We are believers!



Senior Schips are the best!



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS SINCE THE REINTRODUCTION OF SCHIPPERKES INTO NEW ZEALAND

by *Bernard Fears*

Although it has been well researched that the first Schipperkes arrived in New Zealand in 1907 when a breeding pair were shipped to Christchurch for Dr Percy Hammersley, unfortunately he was not successful in his efforts to breed from them and so the breed died out.

Later, in 1922, a Scottish couple from Ayrshire, Mr and Mrs Robert Marshall, migrated to New Zealand bringing several of their Schipperkes with them. They settled in the Mangere area of Auckland and became active in the dog club fraternity for a number of years during which Mr Marshall started to rebel against the New Zealand Kennel Club administration. As a result of their behaviour the Executive Council banished the Marshalls and all their dogs were deregistered in 1932. They continued to breed Schipperkes which were unregistered until they finally relented and apologised for their transgressions in 1949. The catalyst for their decision to relent was the marriage of their only daughter and their desire to give her a registered pedigree Schipperke puppy as a wedding present from their final litter. Unfortunately the damage had been done and it proved too late for the breed to survive as no other person had shown interest in fostering the breed. Due to failing momentum the breed faded into obscurity and by 1960 there were none left in this country.

It was a very different story across the Tasman as several breeders in both Victoria and New South Wales were active and the Schipperke was growing in popularity especially during the 1960's. Many New Zealand judges accepted assignments in Australia and soon became acquainted with the breed. One in particular, who lived in Christchurch, was so impressed, that when his next door neighbour and fellow Pembroke Welsh Corgi breeder stated he was looking for a new breed, that well known judge, Bryan Giles, had no hesitation in recommending this smart "little black devil" to him. As a result Robert Thompson soon made arrangements to purchase the first of several Schipperkes. The rest is now history as on 1st November 1968 two Schipperkes arrived in New Zealand by air from Sydney and the breed was once again re-established on this soil. Now 50 years later the breed regularly appears in the show ring with success. The most successful has undoubtedly been Sup.Ch.Sanlyn Pickapocket who has been awarded Best in Show on twenty occasions.

Bernard Fears Comment:

Photo from the archives of Warrenville Dixie's Lad (IMP Aust), the first Schipperke dog from the current era, who arrived here November 16, 1968.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS SINCE THE REINTRODUCTION OF SCHIPPERKES INTO NEW ZEALAND Con't

In the last five decades Schipperkes have been imported from Australia, England, Sweden, America and more recently Canada to extend and improve the gene pool in New Zealand. In return NZ bred Schipperkes have also appeared in the show ring in several countries overseas, predominantly Australia, but more recently Exmoor Mana Magic (Imp NZ), became an American Champion and is now poised to also become a Canadian Champion.

The dog world is changing for various reasons, not least being the modern pressures on leisure time and the introduction of legislation that impinges on dog owner's freedom of choice. Our breed is no different in respect to most others in that it relies on dedicated breeders for its survival. In the 1970/80 era there were a dozen active breeders of Schipperkes, now there are just two still fostering this unique breed. To ensure its continuance for the next 50 years new breed guardians will need to step forward and take up that role.

Bernard Fears Exmoor Schipperkes New Zealand

Bernard and his wife Vivienne Fears have bred Exmoor Schipperkes for fifty years. Bernard is also a respected All Breed judge who has enjoyed assignments across the globe. ●



Bernard showing NZ AM CH Exmoor Mana Magic as a puppy before he came to live in Canada.



AM CAN GCH NZ CH Mardeck's The Sorcerer's Son (Cozmo)



NZ.CH Exmoor Magic Touch



Andrea Hunt (Australia) handled Magic to BIS and BPIS at the Nov. 2018 Schipperke Society Show, in Christchurch, NZ

The Day We Almost Lost Mick

by Al Pietzold

Back in October we had a very scary experience... as it turns out Mick isn't always a good boy.

At about 7:40 AM I was asleep in our bedroom on the west end of the house, while Lynn was playing Solitaire in our "office" on the east end. Suddenly Lynn heard Mick making a horrible sound in the adjacent bedroom. She ran in and found that Mick had crawled behind a futon and had chewed into a lamp power cord. He was writhing back and forth trying to release the cord from his mouth but he couldn't.

Without thinking Lynn pulled the futon away from the wall, pried open Mick's jaws, and yanked the power cord out, getting shocked herself in the process. She should have unplugged the cord from the outlet first but in the moment her only thought was to save Mick. After being freed Mick raced across the house and jumped up on the bed to cuddle next to me. Lynn came in a few seconds later and told me what had happened.

Lynn was OK; she said she was used to getting shocked from her early career as an electronics technician. Mick was very unsettled but appeared to be OK, although he had pooped and made a mess while being stuck on the power cord. I cleaned up Mick while Lynn cleaned up the back of the futon. Then I did a quick Internet search to learn about electrical shock treatment. What I found was scary.

Symptoms of injuries from electrical shock often don't show up until many hours later. Mouth burns may not show for 12 hours or more. A big risk is fluid build up in the lungs and abnormal heart rates. All articles said to contact a veterinarian immediately which is what I did next. Our vet said it would be best to take Mick to the Rochester Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Care Center because they have specialized equipment and veterinarians in the building 24/7.

I called the emergency center and explained everything. They said the most important thing was to monitor Mick very carefully for the next 24 hours. If he showed symptoms like rapid or laboured breathing, panting, lethargy, pupil dilation, unusual behavior, etc., then treatment would be needed right away. They said since we live fairly close to the facility (25 minutes) I could either bring him in for them to monitor, or we could monitor him at home and bring him in immediately at the first sign of trouble. It was a difficult choice but we decided to keep him home. I am retired so I could watch him closely all day, and we felt Mick would be less stressed at home with me.

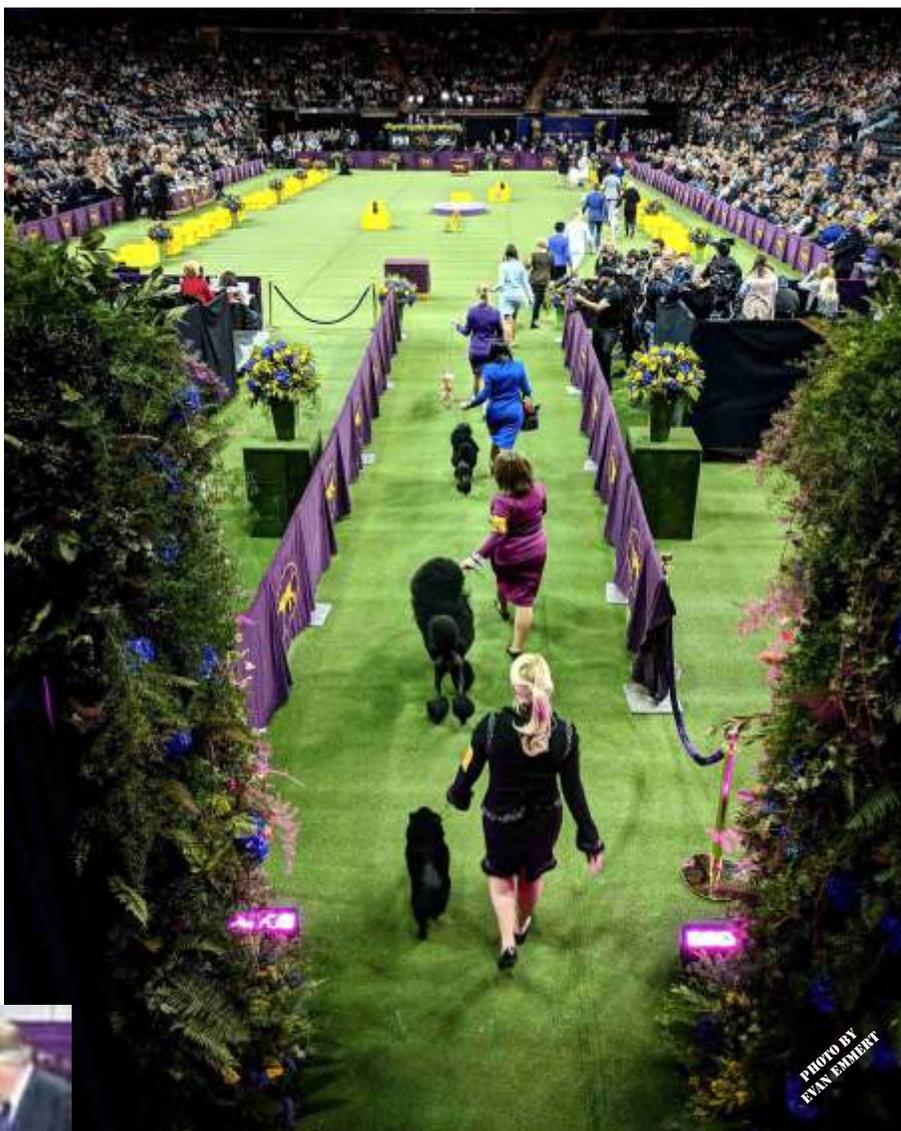
Mick was somewhat subdued during the day, not his usual happy playful self, but other than that he acted normal. No signs of injury, he followed me around the house as usual, normal breathing, and so on. In the afternoon he went outside and chased squirrels at full speed a few times. He ate his dinner with enthusiasm and no signs of mouth pain. I used my headlamp to thoroughly examine his mouth, roof of the mouth, tongue, teeth, and lips and found no signs of damage. As a cross check I examined Ike too to see how things are supposed to look. Mick spent the rest of the evening sleeping while we watched TV.

When I went to bed around 10:30 Mick jumped on the bed and started leaping around trying to get me to play. I gave him a few quick foot grabs and he hopped around with a happy face enjoying the game. The next morning he acted as if nothing had ever happened. He was back to his happy playful self!

I continued to examine Mick's mouth and be on the lookout for symptoms but all was well. Looking back on it we think Mick was being shocked for at most 30 seconds. It is troubling to think about what could have happened if Lynn had not been close by. Now when we hold Mick close and give him a hug it means even more to us.

The Schipperke Making History

**Christa and Colton
start down the
prestigious runway**



**Breed Judge
Mr. James Reynolds**

2019

GCHB Rivendel's Barefoot Bandit reaches a milestone for Schipperkes at the 143rd Westminster Show

Written by Christa Cook, Colton's handler, after Group judging.

OH MY GOODNESS! What an amazing day at Westminster Kennel Club! Colton and I want to thank everyone for the enthusiastic "in-person" and online support and encouragement! From the Breed, to the Group and throughout today, the support and love from around the world was felt and appreciated by the both of us. The multitude of warm congratulations and well wishes is something I will simply, never forget. Winning Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel Club is a dream come true and a Group 1 is still beyond even my imagination. Thank you Best of Breed Judge, Mr. James Reynolds for reminding me that its ok to dream and Group Judge, Mr. Mark Kennedy for showing me that fairytales still can come true!!!

Tonight, Colton and I take on the role of "super fans" at this magnificent event, encouraging and rooting for our dog show friends and competitors from the sidelines. We never had any expectation of winning the Non-Sporting Group as no Schipperke in history has ever won the Group at this show and we focused solely on creating a spectacular performance in the breed- level competition! However one of Colton's wonderful owners has a distant working relationship with this evening's Best in Show judge - Mr. Peter Green.

Westminster Kennel Club has a long history as a majestic and prestigious event. This is the crown jewel of the Dog Show World and one of the great competitive showcases in all of sports. Best in Show at Westminster is our Kentucky Derby, our Indy500, our gold medal round at the Olympics, our Super Bowl...our World Cup.

We do not wish to diminish or detract from this great event, in this amazing venue, on this very special evening; therefore we will not participate in this evening's Best In Show to avoid any appearance of impropriety. Honor, Integrity and Sportsmanship are the cornerstones of our sport and we hold them with the highest esteem.

Thank you again to each and every one of you. The ride has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. We hope you will "continue" to follow and support [#smalldarkandhandsome](#) here and on Instagram. He puts his heart out there, each and EVERY performance.

The journey continues throughout 2019!

With love
TEAM COLTON

2019

143rd
Westminster KC
Dog Show

Westminster
Group First

Colton



L to R

Christa Cook, Handler,
Amy Halterman, Breeder-Owner
Erin Roberts, Previous Handler
Sandra Middlebrooks, Co-owner
Tina Truesdale, Co-owner (Not in picture)

2019



The Schipperke Club of Canada 2019 National Specialty

August 17, 2019

Specialty Judge: Dr. Terill Udenberg, BC



“Beauty & Brains”

Conformation, Obedience & Rally

August 16th, 17th, 18th

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Robert Terry Gains, BC & Kate Darbyshire,



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Schipperkes with tails are eligible in Canada as of 2018!

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The Schipperke Club of Canada 2019 National Specialty August 17, 2019



“Beauty & Brains”

Obedience & Rally
August 16th, 17th, 18th

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“Indoors” at the Memorial Centre, Brockville, ON**

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Sunday 2 Obedience Trials

**The Highest Qualifying Schipperke in each Trial wins \$100
The Highest Qualifying Schipperke in each Class wins a trophy**

Enjoy all the planned SCC Social events

There is something
for everyone!

Visit the SCC website often for more details as they become available



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WHY SHOULD A BREEDER TRAIN PUPPIES EARLY?

by *Marion Postgate*

Training puppies at a very young age, 3 - 8 weeks of age and still in their litter, is surprisingly effective. I do not use any treats for this training. I want just the interaction of cuddling and praising to achieve genuine cooperation between me and a puppy. I also want a puppy to trust being restrained by my hands.

I can always use treats in the future if I wish at any time. Used initially, treats seem to get good results, but their use teaches the puppy that treats are the chief goal of responding to our words and body language instead of affection. Puppies need to learn how to respond to human voices and body language first. Not using treats seems slower in effect, and not as much fun, but the results are better in the long run.

(I have usually done some hand feeding when I first introduced the pups to solid food, so they are accustomed to taking food from my hands at about 3 weeks of age.)

I start puppies on all of the basic obedience commands which will be used in both daily life and more formal training.

BACKGROUND to PUPPY HANDLING AND TRAINING

I do not subscribe to stimulating puppies in artificial ways before they can stand on their feet at 3 weeks of age as some do. I do believe in handling them kindly from birth onward for natural reasons – checking their condition, weighing them, picking them up and handling them lovingly. (Puppies are the worst time wasters I have ever known! I love watching them.)

Once they are on their feet and walking I do like to provide puppies with a varied environment. I get them outside for much of the day unless the weather is too inclement. They experience a variety of footings – vinyl flooring and carpets, cement, grass, and dirt. I feed them in any of these locations. I provide the pups with a variety of safe toys and objects to roll, pick up, play with and manipulate, plus barriers, boxes and a house to climb into and out of. I add in some water play and swimming if possible, in a kiddy pool. I keep them in the house overnight at least, and they grow up hearing the vacuum cleaner, TV and hi-fi, as well as everything else the other dogs and humans are doing.

I allow the mother to stay with them as much as she wishes unless I have a problem with weaning them (anytime from 4-7 weeks) and drying her up. Then a separation for a few days, except when I am there to supervise, may be in order. (I find my bitches, which are both house pets and working dogs, tend to leave the pups for extended periods of time after they reach two weeks of age, but return in a hurry at any sign of real distress from the pups. Nonetheless, they often enjoy playing with and teaching the pups over the following weeks.)

I am careful about human visitors. For the first several weeks, I insist the bitch is left undisturbed to raise her babies. When I then allow visits by strangers I am very conscious of puppy health. I require visitors to take their shoes off and wash their hands thoroughly with Chlorhexidine 4% before coming into puppy areas. I do not allow visitors to enter who have been visiting other kennels or dogs the same day. I don't mind if they have a dog of their own, which is mature and healthy, and which they have left at home.

When people come to look at puppies, I supervise every single second, unless they are experienced doggy friends. I don't allow them to pick up puppies. The risk of dropping puppies and injuring them is too great. I insist that children sit still on the floor without yelling or squealing.

by M. Postgate

I do like young puppies to be handled and played with lovingly by the occasional friend, neighbour, or gentle child. How many of them can resist coming over once or twice to see the babies? If the puppy is raised in a naturally busy household, this step will occur spontaneously. If any children living in the house are dog savvy, let them handle the puppies as they wish. (Watching TV while cuddling a puppy is wonderful for both parties.)

As the pups reach 7 weeks of age, I start crating them individually at night, at least several times before they go to their new homes. I also take them a car ride or two, but not anywhere that they might be exposed to risk of infection. I have found they do fine going home without these preliminaries with a sensible new owner who can teach them these things if I have not, but both the puppies and new owners will appreciate that I have done so.

I try to raise the puppies so their housebreaking is started, one reason why I like them outside during the day. Inside is more difficult, depending on setup, but I want the puppies able to leave and eliminate in an area away from where they eat and play.

(At three weeks)

3 weeks - TO BEGIN - SHOW POSING

*All of the following skills are simple for puppies to learn and useful in real life. Both for training, and because I am evaluating the babies' conformation, I start with "**hand stacking**" the pups daily at 2 ½ - 3 weeks of age. *This is the beginning of restraint when needed and stays.**

I cradle the puppy in a standing position in profile to me, on the ground, or easier, on a grooming table. I hold the puppy's head and neck supported in the "V" formed by the thumb and fingers of my right hand, and the rear in my left, with my fingers partially in the crotch to support the pup in a show stance position. I make the pup stay still. If needed, I give the pup a little jiggle, or rock it forward and backwards/up and down like a rocking horse to make it hold still. (I learned a few years ago from my daughter that the latter technique is used with laboratory rats to dizzy them temporarily without harming them, to make them hold still for lab procedures. I guess that is what I am doing to the puppy!)

I look at the teeth and bite each time once I have the puppy posed. (I may have to hold and sit the puppy at first to achieve the examination, or merely rub my finger across the front teeth gently several times. After several weeks, I should be able to lift the lips and check even the back teeth.

(At five to six weeks)

TRAINING ROUTINE FOR BABY PUPPIES

I often just play with the puppies as a group at 3-5 weeks of age, but do start individual training when they reach 5 ½ - 6 weeks. My routine takes about 10 minutes per puppy. I prefer to do it daily, but even twice a week accomplishes a great deal. There is no point in doing the routine when the puppies have just been fed or are tired. Choose a time when the puppies are active. (If a litter is large, do only a few at a time, or some one day, the rest the next.)

I put away all of the other puppies and dogs in the household, and work with each puppy singly, with as few distractions as possible in the environment. I want the other puppies out of sight and hearing distance, adult dogs not interfering.

1. SIT/DOWN/STAND

I either sit on the floor/ground beside the puppy, or put it on the grooming table. I praise gently and profusely as I accomplish each change of position as listed:

First I cradle the puppy between my hands and say “*Sit*,” as I mold the pup into a sit. Cradle the puppy under the throat with one hand, supporting the head, and cup the other hand around the pup's bottom, tucking the hind legs squarely under it into the sit position. I am warm although definite in my manner.

Then I tell it “*Down*.” Again, I lower the pup from the sit to the down position from beside the puppy, gently lifting the front legs out, and lowering the pup's body to the ground/table, holding down on the withers if needed, until the pup accepts that it must stay down without still being held there. The trick is to lift the feet enough to clear the ground, but not too high.

Next I go back to “*Sit*,” followed by “*Stand*.” Continue to support the puppy under the throat as for the sit, and brush the back of your other hand under the belly, in front of the stifle, to get the puppy to its feet.

Using the back of your hand prevents your fingers from poking uncomfortably into the belly, and achieves a stretched stand suitable for a show pose. Doing so may also be effective because it resembles the sensation elicited when a bitch slips her nose and muzzle under a puppy to check if she should wash it to make it urinate. The puppy naturally tends to “freeze” then for a few seconds in a standing position, or with a hind leg in the air.

I repeat the whole sequence three times. I don't rush, but I spend only a few seconds on each position.

2. STAY and RELEASE

I set the pup on the ground if I have been working with it on a table.

Then I set the pup in a “*sit*” again, tell the pup “*Stay*,” making it hold the sit for a few seconds about a foot from me with my hands a few inches away, ready to replace it if needed. I keep my face low and in view of the puppy while I am doing all of this. If the pup should not hold still, and breaks the sit, I pick it up and put it back immediately where it was left. When it has stayed on the spot in the sit for 3-5 seconds, I give the release word “OK,” and act excited so the pup jumps up and comes to me for cuddling.

I increase the time to 10 – 15 seconds over the next several weeks.

3. COME

Now I move or run away and call the puppy to “*Come*” over a distance of 2-4 feet. (I have previously used a cheerful “Puppy, puppy” to call the litter for meals, so may use this, and blend it with the puppy's name and come command.) When the puppy reaches me, I reach out and cuddle/cradle it to me, even pick it up, praising all the while.

4. FETCH

I then try to get the puppy to fetch a toy it likes (“*Get it*”) over a short distance of 2-4 feet, and reward it with a few seconds of gentle tug-of-war when it brings the toy back. I then say “*Give*,” and make it release the object. I take hold of the puppy and just gently squeeze the pup's upper lips between its teeth to make it release a toy if needed, calmly saying “*Give*.”

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I **repeat a fetch several times.**

I play fetch and tug anyway at other times, but this way I make certain none of the pups have missed their turn during general play. Less confident puppies may have deferred to a more dominant littermate, and not want to pick up the toy.

Good working potential puppies can be tempted to chase and grab a toy very readily. You have to be quick and accurate to encourage them to come back with the toy, so they learn the game is to bring the object back to you for further tug-of-war, and the wonderful game of fetching again. Note that many puppies do not fetch successfully until 6 weeks of age or so. Moreover, any older pups that have had no previous exposures to toys may take a few trials to become interested.

5. WALKING ON LEASH and FOLLOWING

Take advantage of the fact that puppies naturally do not want to lose “mother” in an unfamiliar location. Before trying this, it helps if puppies have worn a collar for a day or two previously, or dragged a shoelace attached to it, but if the leash is slight and small, they should scarcely notice it.

I put a light leash on the puppy. I pick the puppy up and carry it to an unknown open area, not its familiar play yard, then set it down. I entice the pup to follow me, saying “**Let's go,**” turning in the direction I wish to go and tapping my ankle with my fingers to show it what is wanted. At first I stop and go with the pup, trying to avoid any pull on the leash, which makes the pup fight and bite at the leash. The leash should just hang loosely, unnoticed. Most pups follow with a bit of patience and encouragement. I walk as far as 300 feet or so.

Then I take the leash off, and encourage the pup to “**Go home**” with me. Most pups return for the distance readily without the leash on.

With a final cuddle, I carry the puppy back to home base to join the other puppies. On to the next!

I have found this training routine creates a puppy familiar with being handled and restrained, and responding to loving human actions. The puppy is acquainted with all of the basics of formal companion dog obedience training, and is ready to learn and respond as a good pet or future working dog of any kind.

I demonstrate to new owners what their puppy knows before it leaves my home with them the first time. I suggest that they keep up the training for the next month, until they advance to higher level training in puppy groups. ●



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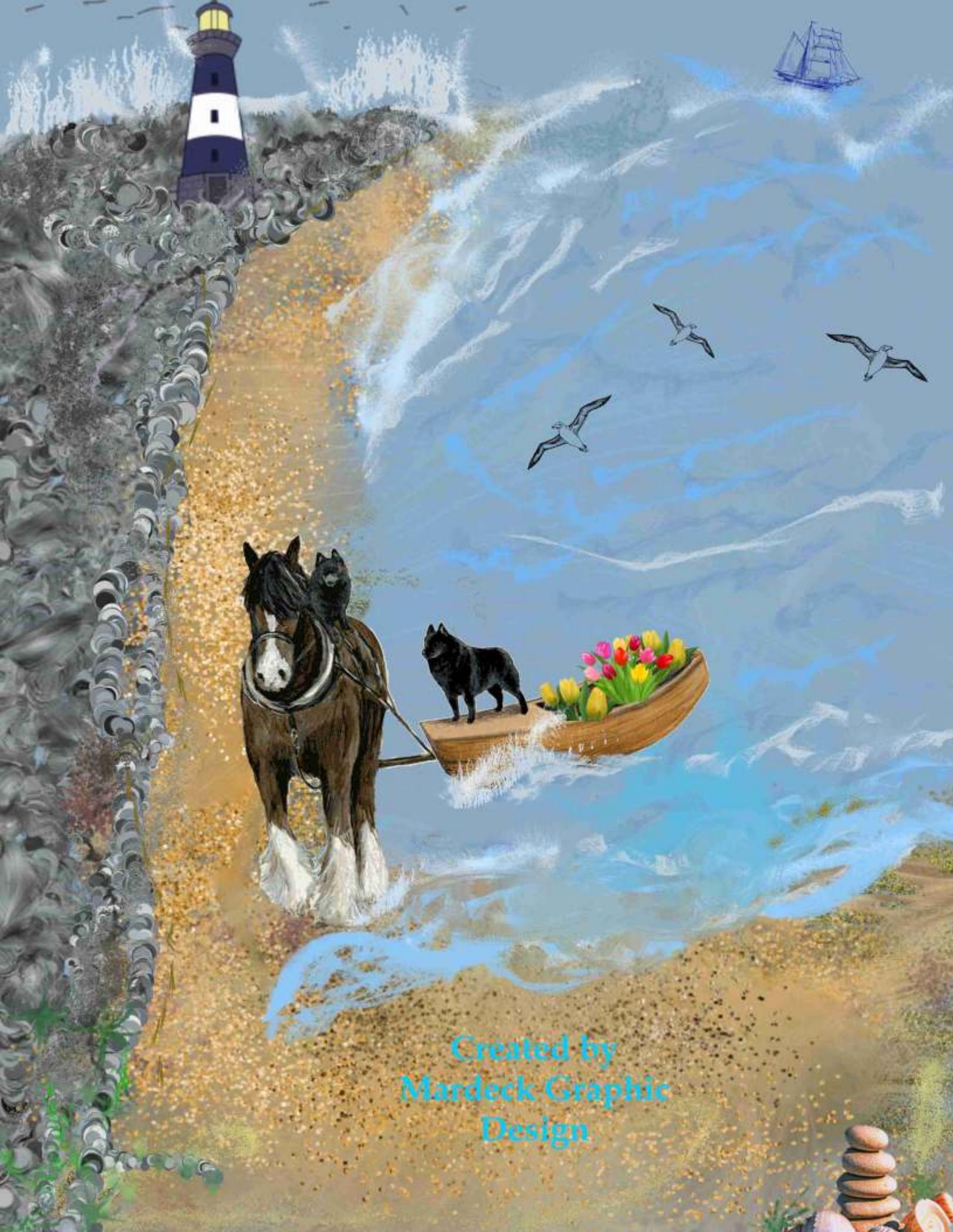
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