



JUNE 2008

Message from the President

I have been busy with finishing some unfinished CKC projects, but the time has now come to turn to SCC projects. The Board is carrying out the standard business, and Jude is working on Specialty preparations. Any of you who still wish to donate to the Trophy list, please contact Joyce Bernhardt as soon as possible.

I would like to see us undertake a large project – updating our Bylaws. Two matters requiring attention especially are establishing the procedures for holding electronic meetings, and the criteria for making someone a life member. We will need to put together a committee to do this.

If you have any other ideas you wish addressed by such a committee,

please contact me or one of the other Board members with your suggestions.

We need to decide on a location and date for a Specialty in 2009. The chief suggestion at the moment has been for one in the west, perhaps at Cranbrook, BC, in conjunction with their CKC all-breed shows and obedience trials in August.

In the meantime, this newsletter is our chief method of communication between members. Your contributions are welcomed and needed. What have you been doing with your LBDs? What have you learned recently that others might find worth knowing too?

Respectfully,

Marion Postgate

The Canadian Kennel Club—Your National All-Breed Club

The Schipperke Club of Canada is recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club as the Canadian club representing our breed. While you as an individual belonging to our group do not need to be a member of the CKC, many of us are. (If you are suspended or disbarred by the CKC, you may not be a member of our club, nor participate in our events.)

How is the CKC run? It is unique in the world for kennel clubs, in that it is composed of individual members, who vote on important issues. It operates in Canada under federal law, through the Department of Agriculture, whose laws govern the breeding of purebred animals in Canada. Members of the CKC elect Directors in zones (12 geographical areas) across Canada, who then make up the Board of Directors, which guides the policies and procedures of the club at quarterly meetings and an Annual General Meeting each year...

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Brag, Brag, Brag...

Fun with Obedience by Valerie Roos Webster

I started taking Cody (Ebonorth Moment of Truth) to obedience classes in December of '07. Cody is now 6 years old, and he was not only the oldest in the class, but by far, the smallest dog. We started at Level 1 and have worked up to Level 3.

The centre that I take him to has what they call "Foundations Challenges" for dogs at Level 3. There are five levels within the Foundations Challenges, and each level consists of five tests.

The dogs can be encouraged verbally, but food cannot be used (a food reward can be given at the end of the test, but it can't be in your hand during the test). Cue words cannot be repeated. You may encourage the dog, but not "talk" the dog through the tests.

Basically, there are five challenges: stays, recalls, loose leash work, distance and tricks and targetting. As you move through the testing from level 1 to 5, the tests become progressively more difficult.

For Foundations Challenges, Level 1, which Cody completed early in May, he had to:

Stay: The dog can remain beside the owner for 1 minute. The dog may change position, but not raise its body from the floor.

Recall: Recall from 6' away

Loose Leash: The team must walk a course designated by the evaluator which will include the following minimum requirements: two 90 degree turns (left turn or right turn), one about turn, the dog must sit when the owner comes to a halt.

Distance Work: The dog will sit, down and stand on the first cue. The dog is near the owner, either in front or at the owner's side. Each behavior will be done three times, in a different order each time. The dog must perform these behaviors with one cue only, and rewarded at the end of the test only.

Tricks & Targeting: Dog will do a trick from:

- high sign for drop
- "bang"
- be a snake
- bow
- to be discussed

Cody and I did a "be discussed". We have been working on Cody touching objects on cue. So, I used a toy and I placed it in different locations and when I use the cue "touch it", he will go and touch the object.



Here is Cody and me with his ribbon. Cody is so funny, because you would swear he was pleased with himself when he got to go up and get his ribbon!

From Diana C Kinnear: Some show news - New Ch Majekin Caught A Star (Ellie) finished in 2 weekends. Sire Ch Jet's Elvis Costello (Elvis_- dam Ch Mazeru Heavensent to Majekin

New Ch Majekin's Fusion With Jet - sire Ch Marpeg's Beelzebub At Jet - dam Ch Jet's Dark Cloud V Majekin - Sean was Best Puppy in Sweeps 2007 National. At the Cascade Specialty in

Wash in April, Ellie was first in Jr puppy in sweeps and regular class. Dad Elvis was Best of Winners for his first US points on the Sunday at the all breed show.

From Marion Postgate: My big news is not really Schipperke news - my Rottweiler bitch, "Pinky," now CH Qualicum's Audrey Brylouis CD, finished her

championship in May with a big 5 point win, when she needed only one. Then she went to the US the next day to a trial, and won her class for her first leg on her Am CD. But her brother, "Cooper," outdid her totally! He is owned in the US, and his folks took him to Kentucky for the US Rottweiler Club National Sieger **(Continued page 4)**



A Tale of Two Tails



Last summer I chose to leave the tails on a litter of Schipperke puppies and over the past weekend I took them to their first show. I did not take my decision to leave the tails on this litter lightly, nor did I take lightly the decision to show them. I would like to share my logic with you.

Over the past several years we have been seeing many countries banning both docking and cropping. It is only a matter of time before Canada may legislate the same restrictions. Look how quickly a provincial government was able to ban some of our bully breeds. I believe breeders of all breeds that have docked tails or cropped ears need to consider what will happen if these two practices are outlawed. Perhaps if our breed standard made docking optional we could have an intelligent conversation and place a description in our standard for the type of tail we should have, so that IF docking is banned we will not be scrambling to change our standard.

The topic of docking did come up at our Schipperke Club of Canada meeting a couple of years back. There was much resistance by some of the executive to even discussing it. I believe breeders should have a choice as to whether they dock or crop as the practice may go against some of their personal beliefs.

Before deciding to make this decision I took a good hard look at our standard. I was worried that if I showed a tailed Schip the dog might be disqualified. Our standard refers to tails in two areas:

- (1) The distinctive black coat, ruff, and tail less rump give a unique silhouette to the small dog.
- (2) Tail: Docked to no more than 1 inch (3 cm) in length.

And then it says:

- (3) Any deviation from the standard is considered a fault.

So, in the words of the standard, a Schip with a tail is a Schip with a fault, just like a light eye or a large ear. It is not a disqualification, just a fault and to be weighed equally with other faults. Personally I believe that a genetic fault is of more concern than a surgical one.

So I went ahead and left the tails on. All three tails in the litter appeared identical at birth, and as the puppies grew all three became fairly short thick tails that are carried curled over the dogs' backs when the dogs are alert or moving confidently. This was not a surprise as every tail I have seen previously on a live Schipperke also curls over the back. I am not counting pictures, as a photo can be snapped at any moment showing any variety of tail, when the true set may be different when the dog is in motion.

I decided to enter them in a show. Again I was reminded that I was not taking my actions lightly when I sent in my entries. Two dogs entered three days at a show could run as high as \$150. I am serious enough about what I am doing to make this monetary commitment.

Of course I was nervous to take them into the ring for the first time, and not just because they had tails. They are a naughty pair, Eva is wildly happy and Genesee, sullenly headstrong. Overindulged by their daddy, of course! I was pleased they seemed to learn quickly and showed a lot of improvement over the three days.

The judges' responses were interesting. The first judge made no comment on the tails and even gave Genesee reserve over the docked open dog. (Genesee also took reserve the next two days as well. The judges could have chosen to withhold that ribbon.) The second judge made a humorous comment about the extra "attachment". The third judge asked if they were imports and informed me the standard states they should be docked. I thanked her kindly for considering them.

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...Club National Sieger Show (FCI rules). He won the Championship class, and went on to be "Select 2008" -best male! (His uncle, owned by their breeder Susan Peyton on Vancouver Island, won the same event in 2004, as well as being the top-winning Rottweiler in the US in 2002.

Pinky has welcomed a new sidekick, "Tinker," who is of the Schipperke variety. He is 5 months now, and learning the ropes from her. It is very funny to see a big Rottweiler girl playing with him. I hope he is not acquiring too exaggerated an opinion of his capabilities!

Tinker was bred by Kathy Montgomery (Kleingaul), and has finally moved within a day's drive of me after being in San Jose CA for so many years. Her new spread in WA

is gorgeous, and the kennel enviable!

Jack & Joyce Bernhardt are pleased with their 7 yr old female Am. Can.CH. Camplaren's Carbon Copy (aka "Boni") and her wins in the recent shows.
May 24th Group 1st - John Rowton, Oregon
May 25th Group 4th - Doug Gaudin, Ont
June 13th Group 2nd - Fred Dewsbury, Ont
June 14th Group 3rd - Jack Ireland, Ont.

New Grandson:

Jack & Joyce are also thrilled with their new Grandson Jayden Paul Bernhardt, born on May 17th to youngest son Paul & wife Chrissy. Weighing 8.1 lbs, his is a first child for Paul & Chrissy and a fourth grandson for Jack & Joyce -the oldest is 16 years and youngest was 9 years. Wonderful to have a "baby" in the family again.

Our condolences...

The members of the Schipperke Club of Canada would like to offer our sincere condolences to :

*Diane Gale (and family and friends) for the passing of her husband in December.

*Also to Marnie Layng (and family and friends) for the loss of her brother.



I didn't do it...I didn't dig...What do you mean?!?!?!!!!!!!

New Addition...

The Bearschka clan has added a 3rd male to the household – something we never thought we'd do as our own two males do not appreciate being in the company of each other (not one little bit!)

However, Matrix has come along to use via a circuitous route and won our hearts over and made himself right at home – usually plunked down on the comfy couch!

After many people telling us it would be difficult to integrate him into the household – and to take it easy and slow – Matrix just blew all those predictions out of the water completely.

We started outdoors on “neutral” territory and introduced him first to our oldest male, Beau – they didn't have any dust-ups as we meandered around the yard and so then we tried the same with our younger dog, Duke – same there, no problems.

Then to the indoors – that was maybe a bit more of a stretch, but we let them each just do their own bit of male dog posturing and get it out of their system, and things have rolled along relatively calmly for the past month or so now.

The occasional dustups that occur are a lot of to-do about nothing: gnashing of teeth showing off those pretty bitey whities, and lots of spit flying so we end up with 2 dogs with wet fur – but no blood drawn and everybody settles down and forgets about it within a matter of minutes!

Matrix was a wee tad overstuffed when he came to live with us – topping out at about 27 pounds. He is a very good eater and loves his veggies - particularly raw ones – but he weighs in nearly 2 pounds less now, and hopefully we can take another 8 pounds off of him over the next few months.

A few days after he first came to live with us, Matrix had a bit of a toss-up (probably too much good food in too short of a time was playing havoc with his tummy) on the couch and he gave me the worst hang-dog look I have ever witnessed – and hope to never witness again! I assured him that it was okay and cuddled him and hugged him so he would know that I was not mad at him and that sometimes a doggy has an upset tummy and we just clean it up and all is well in the world.

He has gone from that type of occasional look of dread, to now I find him laying upside down on the couch, four paws in the air, blissfully relaxing in what must be pretty posh digs to him, from the look of contentment on his face!

Walks were something pretty foreign to this dog when he came to us – we could make it around the yard (an acre) but the longer walks were a chore! He still loves to sniff almost to the point of being obsessed, but I have managed to get him up to a distance of 3km at a stretch, finally!

The end of the month we go in for our first visit to get him acquainted with Dr. Allyson – our vet. She is looking forward to meeting this dog she keeps hearing about (I have been talking to her about various issues with him when I am in to see her with either Duke or Beau) and he might be in for an interesting treat as he may possibly have an acupuncture treatment on his very first visit!

You can see other Matrix pictures at : <http://www.bearschka.com/matrix.htm>



Matrix enjoying his new yard !



No points were awarded to the pair this first show, but after last weekend both pups had two points, and Genesee's points were taken over a male Schip without a tail.

Interesting too, were the responses of others in the dog fancy, both at the show, and those who have met the puppies at other times. Many people believe that Schips are born tail-less. I have received only positive comments from all who took the time to speak to me. This includes fanciers of many breeds including Schipperkes.

So, our first two weekends showing was very enlightening and I am glad that the topic of tails is out there for discussion. Will I continue to leave tails on? I don't know. Tradition and fashion are very important when dealing with purebred dogs. I love the unique silhouette of our breed and I don't have any moral objections to docking. However, I value free will and personal choice in the matter of docking and cropping.

Susan Woodliffe



From Kit Wilson (March '08):

Just back from Pinery Park...

Winter camping—aah—the very words conjure up thoughts of hiking through mountains of pristine new-fallen snow, relaxing evenings by blazing bonfires, and falling asleep under a canopy of stars- the snow laden pines etched against a full moon.

However, on living my dream, it turned out quite differently!

Lots of lovely clean snow- but as much inside our van as outside it- courtesy of the girls who refused to shake outside. We must be on top of Mom's sleeping bag to give a good shake! Then it seemed a consensus that all three would share my sac... How come at home, each is quite content to sleep in her own bed-now we all have to sleep in Mom's bed???

So much for their lovely tent-which had to be inside my van (too cold out, Mom) and their beautiful down-filled sleeping bag!

Days were much better...Lots of great trails to explore—lots of Snifferke-ing to do—scents of deer and coyote, as well as the usual squirrels we get back in the city.

Mealtimes went well; their appetites ravenous! Bolt your food à la Hoover vacuum or your sister tries to pinch it from you!

Anyway, reminiscing after, it was fun but I must get a double sac to have room to turn over.

Seriously, adopting my Schip family is the best thing I've ever done...The only chance a human has to choose our relatives! These relatives are GREAT! No criticize, condemn, complain—they just insist on having it their way!!!



(continued from page 1) ...The directors have their expenses paid, but otherwise donate their time and services. In turn, the various directors appoint representatives for each of the CKC activities in their zone, who serve on national Councils for their respective activity, and act as a resource person for the Director and events in their area.

If you are not presently a member of the CKC and are interested in joining, go to the website at www.ckc.ca for information. Or take a look for the information provided there for the general public, about dog breeds, dog clubs, events of all kinds, and general interest information. For example, breed specific legislation, heartbreak presently for dog fanciers, is one issue that the CKC wishes to address nationwide. Whether or not you are a member of the CKC, if the issue should surface in your community, please contact the Director for your area to inform them and get CKC support to fight it. All the contact information you need is on the website.

A CKC membership is not cheap, nor required for participation in CKC events. Full voting membership is achieved only after being an Associate Member first for 3 years. An Associate membership includes all of the privileges of a full member of the club – a subscription to Dogs in Canada and the huge Dog Annual, reduced registration fees, and website access to all current event rules, policy manuals, event results which the general public cannot access. Associate members lack only the right to vote for the first 3 years. (Members may choose to not get the magazine, but the price reduction is scarcely worth it.)

There are other forms of membership, including a Companion and an inexpensive Junior membership, which may be of interest to you.

CKC members may not breed, buy, or sell non-purebred dogs. (This means that the SCC must make clear in club rescue placements that if any money is requested, we are not selling a dog, but asking for expenses to be reimbursed, or a donation to future rescue efforts.)

All judges of any CKC event, even CGN evaluators, must have full membership in the CKC, or lose their judging privileges.

Breeders or fanciers, even non-members of the CKC, who are found guilty of transgressing Agriculture Canada's registration rules, CKC event rules, or worse, animal cruelty charges, can be fined and/or penalized by the CKC – deprived of privileges for a few months, or even life.

The CKC Office (just moved – check the address before mailing anything) oversees the day-to-day running of activities and registrations. Staff in the office handle dog registrations, the approval of events, and recording of event results. You can phone and order rule books there – and should! – whether or not you are a member - if you are participating in CKC events. (Keep them as a reference in your show or trial equipment. They are usually updated every three years or so. Get the books only for the events you are interested in - you don't need Field Trial or Beagle Rules if you are exhibiting a Schipperke!)

CKC Requirements for the SCC

The SCC offers events under the auspices of the CKC only. Doing so gives us advantages we would not have otherwise – participating with many other clubs similarly recognized.

In fact, the CKC has a number of requirements our club must adhere to, or lose our privileges with it.

1. Our club must be non-profit.
2. Our purpose must be to promote a purebred breed.
3. None of our members may be suspended or disbarred.
4. The officers of the club, and the directors, must be residents of Canada. Three of the officers, including the President, must be CKC members in good standing.
5. Once recognized, the club must pay its annual renewal of recognition fees. To retain the privilege of offering a CKC licensed show, we must offer an officially approved event at least every second year.

Of course, the CKC has to approved our club by-laws in order to recognize our group.

Canadian Kennel Club volunteer positions

If you have established yourself as a knowledgeable member of the CKC, and wish to contribute your time and expertise, there are a large variety of jobs that need done.

For example, I have been a CKC recognized judge of obedience and Groups 5 and 6 since 1969, and now am a Rally judge and CGN evaluator also. During the last decade, I have served as a member of the CKC Obedience Council, representing Zone 11, Southwestern BC. As a Representative, I attend as many obedience trials as I can in my area, to offer my assistance at the event, or I appoint someone to perform the job for me. I assist new or visiting judges with any questions they may have, as well as competitors. I talk to exhibitors, and try to learn what they desire the CKC to do to improve our sport. I also periodically speak at seminars about our sport.

The Obedience Council, like other CKC Councils, regularly meets to discuss any changes desired in our sport, and especially rule changes. The Council periodically appoints some of its members to form a Sub-committee for large projects. Since 2000 I have served on the Sub-Committee setting up and writing the Canine Good Neighbour Test rules and booklets, the standards for becoming an evaluator, and the procedures they are to follow in certifying dogs and their handlers. I next served on the Sub-Committee setting up Rally Obedience events – the rules, and tests for judges. It's not easy to compile a rulebook! For the last two years I have served on a Sub-Committee revising the written and oral examinations that aspiring Obedience Trial Judges must pass. It has been a long and detailed job to turn the written exams into a multiple-choice format that appears a fair test for candidates. We also updated the oral examinations.

Maybe you never thought about the details that go into making CKC events a success!

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(To become a judge of any CKC event is not easy. You can look up the requirements for each event on the CKC website. The examinations are only part of the process.)

And that's only a small example of projects done by the CKC. There are jobs galore that need willing volunteers. Think of the effort involved in putting on shows of any kind. Club members have much to prepare – finding and booking a venue, doing the paperwork for the CKC office, booking judges, composing a premium list, advertising, collecting trophies, arranging for ribbons, finding ring stewards, hospitality, parking – the list is long. Maybe you are willing to contribute a few hours to help at events in your area – assistance is always welcome at our own Specialty, or at any other CKC event. Perhaps you do not have a dog to compete with right now, but would love to be part of a show or trial. We need you, not just exhibitors. As a member of the Schipperke Club of Canada, I thank you for sharing in this world of true dog lovers and fanciers.

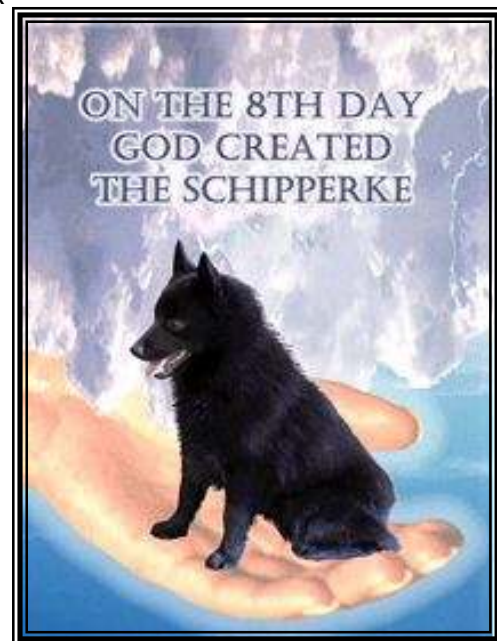
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Camplaren Reg'd Perm

Jack & Joyce are please to announce the arrival on April 20th of two puppies - one boy, one girl - to 3 1/2 yr old female "Sabrina", "Sanhedrin Field Fire Camplaren" and sired by "Shalako Capt. Jack Sparrow" know as "Jack" who is major pointed in USA and owned by Cathy Thistle, Foxnoir Schipperkes of Delaware.

All are looking good, growing well with wonderful temperaments.

Little girl is reserved.



That's Life !!! (According to Zöe, Aimée and Coco Wilson)

WALKIES: A time to socialize our human. We attach her to our leashes and lead her toward other dogs we want to meet.

SNIFFERKE-ING: A process by which we annoy our human to no end by gleefully inhaling one delicious aromas of the treasures found on Walkies, especially during a downpour...

MEET'N GREET : Similar to Snifferke-ing. This involves bounding gleefully up behind another dog's rear and then inhaling deeply and appreciatively until your human forces you to desist. They just don't understand Schip Social Graces !!!

THA C-A-T: A large rodent-like creature encountered while on Walkies. Approach stealthily and surround it so it doesn't know from which direction it is going to be attacked...Then prance merrily away leaving it snarling and spitting. If you can really get it worked up, toss a "Have a good day" and grin over your shoulder!

DIN-DINS: Too bad we can't enjoy our meals, but we have to gulp ours in time to make sad eyes at our human's food; their meals look so much tastier than ours and are obviously much larger because they are still eating.

BATHIES: A strange human custom during which they attempt to drown everything: walls floors and themselves...So being good Schips, we help them out by shaking vigorously and often.

BEDDIES: We know what you mean and where you mean but that new white spread on the guest room bed looked so sterile, not that homey. We're just breaking it in, OK ?

THUNDERSTORMS: Definitely a portent of the end of the world...But our human doesn't understand this, so we must warn her by shaking, panting, thrashing about, salivating and vocalizing madly.

VELCRO DOGS: An attitude to adopt if your human decides to dress in real clothes—not the dogwalk/dogpark kind. It means to rub, lean, cuddle and generally commiserate with her for being so unintelligent as to want to socialize with other humans without you.

DOGGIE BAG: When your human finally does return, extend the best cold-shoulder, aloof, devil-may-care attitude you can muster. However, as soon as the purse gets put down DIVE IN !!! Attack fast ! Last girl in there lose out !!!

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To All SCC Members:

We hope you will support this years Specialty with Draw Ticket purchases or sell to friends etc. We need your \$\$\$ to help with the Specialty in the Maritimes

Please send in your Draw ticket stubs and money to Jack Bernhardt before July 31st to R. R. #3, Mallorytown, ON. K0E 1R0 (payable to SCC please)

Trophies for the Specialty

You still have time to Sponsor a Trophy in the Specialty, perhaps in Memory of a beloved Schipperke. The following awards are still available, so Please e mail to camplaren@ripnet.com your request to reserve and forward your check to Jack Bernhardt payable to SCC , same address .

- \$25 sponsor Reserve Winners Female**
- \$20 sponsor Veterans Male or Female**
- \$20 sponsor Best Brace, Best Stud Dog, Best Brood Bitch,**
- \$20 sponsor Best Altered**
- \$30 sponsor Best Altered Male or Best Altered Female**

We hope every member will support the SCC National Specialty 2008

Thanks to everyone who has already send in their tickets & Trophy donation.

Joyce Bernhardt, SCC Specialty Committee

Here's some info about

SCC BBQ To be held on Tuesday Aug 19th at Rick & Jude Murphy's .The cost will be \$ 10.00 a person On the menu will be BQ smoked salmon, & fish chowder. Also burgers, hotdogs, chicken,salads and lots of other goodies

SCC Dinner Aug 20th The cost will be \$30.00 a person On the menu for the dinner we have Fish Chowder or Salad ,Prime Beef Steak with veggies, Dessert Cheese Cake or Apple Pie ,Tea or Coffee

I will need to know if you plan on attending the BQ and the Dinner by Thursday Aug 14th. Make checks or money orders payable to: Jude Murphy 109 Seaward Crescent Saint John New Brunswick Canada E2P-1E5 or you can pay me at the show as long as you **let me know you are coming by Aug 14th**

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Jude Murphy

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