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Fall is here!



GREATER ATLANTA AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB

GAASC NEWSLETTER

Jubilee Show is Coming Up in October! Time to get your Dancing Shoes on!

Check the Calendar inside this newsletter for details or online at the club website: www.gaasc.org.



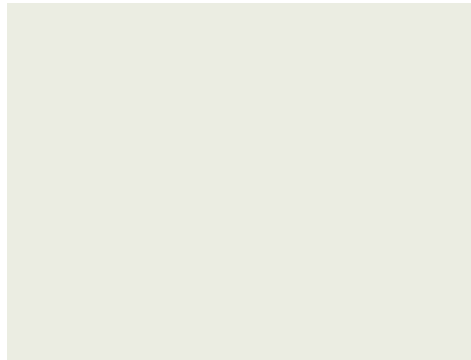
We need volunteers!

You make the Show Go!

Fall Shows are coming sooner than you think! Plan ahead!

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President's Message

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We have had a successful Heat is On show with tremendous numbers for entries. It seemed all the exhibitors enjoyed the weekend. As always conformation got to watch agility and agility got to watch conformation. Those crazy enough did both!

The weather was fairly pleasant and being under the cover of the horse arena helped alot.

Financially the club is fine again. Our last few shows did well. We are all looking forward to Jubilee. That promises to be a great event with most all venues available. We will have some special events in there also. Don't forget our next meeting is Saturday afternoon at Bartow during Jubilee.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in October to set the next years calendar. If you are interested in putting on an event, let me know. We are always happy when someone wants to "run the show".

We will be taking nomina-

tions for next years for officers and board. Let me know if you are interested in holding an office or being on the board.

Terry



Is that dog still with me?

Photo credit: **In Motion**

Vice President's Missive

Hi All,

By the time you get your News-letter the August Heat Is On Conformation Show and Agility trial will be a warm (pun intended) memory.

Lots of you will be gearing up for the National Specialty in Colorado – should be loads of fun as it always is meeting with old friends and making new ones. The memories will last a lifetime – win or lose!

Shortly after we all get back from the Nationals we'll be our Annual October Jubilee at the Bartow Saddle Club in Cartersville – promises to be a fun filled and action packed weekend with 5 conformation shows, 4 stock trials and 1 Obedience and 1 Agility trial as well as Most Versatile Aussie Competition and our 2nd Annual Breeders Showcase.

We are looking for volunteers to show secretary all of our shows next year. We will set the show schedule at our Annual Christmas Party/Toys for Tots show in December. Please consider volunteering to show secretary. It's usually the same people doing the job every year and if you'd



like to learn how to do it – there is a wealth of knowledge in our club and those of us that have done it for the past years would be more than willing to help you learn.

It takes a team to put on the successful shows/trials that our club puts on year after year and we can't do it without "**YOUR**" help.

Until Next Time,

Trisha Herring

GAASC Vice President

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Hall of Fame Kennel

ASCA Judge #4680

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Treasurer's Report

Club Checking Account	\$5,017.47
Club CD	\$11,492.30

Secretary's Report

Will have a Secretary Report in next newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience.

If you have not already sent your renewal to Renee Reschenthaler please take the time now to renew.

Print this page.

Fill in the form.

Sign it, and send the completed form to the address listed along with your dues.

Dues:

Family \$20 Electronic Family \$12 Single \$18 Electronic Single \$10 Junior \$5 Newsletter Only \$8

Name

Phone

Address

City State

Zip

E-Mail:

Are you an ASCA member? Membership No. Exp. date

Are you registered with: ASCA IESR AKC UKC SKC (check all that apply)

Are you interested in:

Conformation Obedience Herding Agility Breeding Tracking

Would you like your name, phone # and E-mail address included in the club directory?

Signature:

Send to:

Renee Reschenthaler

5793 Rollingwood Dr.,

Stone Mountain, GA. 30087

Schedule of Events

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

C = Conformation

O = Obedience

A = Agility

S = Stock

T = Tracking

Planning for Next year?

Stay tuned!

Jubilee Show will have
Membership Meeting
and the BOD will set the
Calendar for 2010.

Holy Cow! 2010 is al-
most here! Can you be-
lieve it?



October 2009

It's Harvest time!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 ^{GAASC} COAS MVA
18 ^{GAASC} COAS MVA	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

October 17-18, 2009
Stock Trial , Conformation, Obedience and Agility Trial
Bartow County Saddle Club Arena, Cartersville, GA

- 5 Conformation Shows
- 4 Stockdog Trials
- 1 Obedience Trial
- 1 Agility
- MVA Competition

C = Conformation
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Upcoming Events for 2009!

October 17-18, 2009

Jubilee Stock, Conformation & Obedience and Agility

Bartow County Saddle Club Arena, Cartersville, GA

Stockdog Judges:

Dana McKenzie & Maarten Walter

Conformation Judges:

Sat - Maarten Walter, Trisha Herring, Susan Catlin

Sun - Ann DeChant, Nikki Hengy

Agility: Tentative. Judge TBD

December 5-6, 2009

Toys For Tots Benefit - Conformation & Obedience

GAASC Christmas Party

ADOG Training Facility, Chamblee, GA

Spooky Brags

Big Kahuna III

Spooky goes Three for three in Utility, for his ASCA Utility Title at Big Kahuna III

We finished Spooky's UD from the Utility A class, with a 1st place under Judge Elaine LeRoy with a 188.5. Saturday, we earned 4th in Utility B under Judge Kit Miracle, for a 180, and Sunday completed the Utility hat trick under Judge Janet White with a 187 for 3rd place and our first ASCA OTCH points.

Spooky is the #13 ASCA Open Nationals Obedience Finalist and #23 Open Merit Dog; we're hoping to compete in Obedience at the upcoming Colorado ASCA Nationals.

These wins make Spooky A-CH Nitestar's ABump InThe Night CGC ASCA-UD/AKC-CDX RAE FFX-OG DNA-VP, the first Utility Dog from Trisha Herring's Nitestar Kennel.

(win pictures courtesy of Joe Willis, photographer extraordinaire)

Greenville, SC

Hot on the heels of completing his ASCA UD, Spooky cranks out two great Q's with a 1st and 2nd place in AKC Utility A in Greenville, SC to finish his AKC UD under Judge Marleen Burford

Cherokee Rose Cluster, Atlanta,

Spooky pretty much cleaned up in Obedience and Rally! On Friday, he earned a 192.5 in Open B, and 1st in the Versatility class for his



second leg. On Saturday amidst several ring conflicts, he earned a 192 from Open B, a 1st in Utility A, and a 2nd in Versatility for his new VER title. And on Sunday, Spooky earned two scores of 98 in Rally Excellent for 2nd, and 5th in Rally Advanced for his 14th RAE leg. By the end of the weekend, Spooky's crate was covered in so many ribbons, he looked like a General.

Spooky is now officially A-CH Nitestars ABump InThe Night CGC AKC/ASCA - UD VER RAE FFX-OG DNA-VP

We were invited to the ASCA Open Obedience Finals in Colorado - and now are searching for a way to make the trip.

Spooky is owned, loved, and trained by Pat Pierce and Carl and Teddy Bartz. .

Pat and Spooky and Magic

Avondale Aussies

Ch Nitestar's Love Ewe Mucho CD
OTDs ATDdc DNA-VP earned his
Open Sheep title and Advanced Duck
and Cattle titles at the April Trials in
Dothan.

He finished the year with a 9th place
in Open Sheep Merit and a 15th place
in the Novice Finals!!

Many thanks to David Clayton for
trialing Bug.

He's one Advanced Sheep leg away
from his WTCH.

See you at Nationals.

Linda Hardwick

Spooky earns ASCA and AKC UD!

Spooky was on a Utility Roll; two
weekends after completing his ASCA
UD at Big Kahuna III, he racked up
first and second place finishes in Utility
A in Greenville, to earn his AKC UD
on the same day Pat took her AKC
Rally Judge's Exam. And the day the
Title Certificate arrived, so did the no-
tice that Pat was now an AKC Rally
Judge, approved for all levels.





“Kenji” THE BIG KAHUNA OPEN CHAMPION!

7/10, 7/11 and 7/12/2009

CH. Blue Isle Dance the Night Away, CDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis



Pictured: Judge Janet White, Sharon Willis and “Kenji”

“Kenji” at the Big Kahuna Shows, Woodstock, GA (7/10, 7/11 & 7/12/09):

7/10/09	7/11/09	7/12/09
<p>High in Trial (HIT) with 197 under Judge Elaine LeRoy.</p> <p>High in Trial Aussie (HITA).</p> <p>CDX Title in Three (3) Shows with scores of 197, 197 & 198.</p> <p>Will be awarded “HONOR Dog” from ASCA.</p>	<p>Qualifying Open Score of 197 under Judge Anne Shope.</p>	<p>Qualifying Open Score of 198 under Judge Janet White.</p> <p>High in Trial Aussie (HITA).</p> <p>“Big Kahuna Open Champion” with scores of 197, 197 & 198 (592 points out of 600).</p>

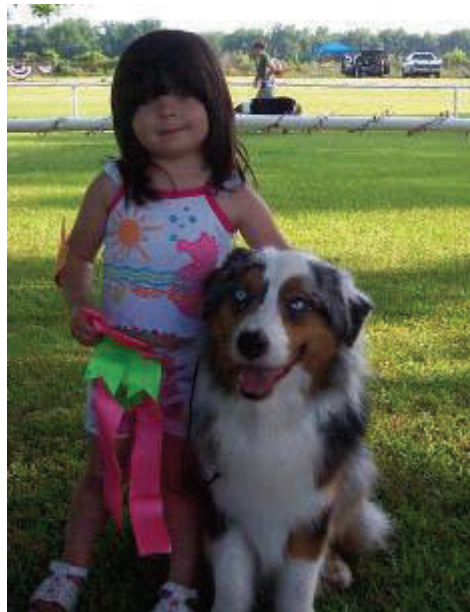
Shell Bluff Aussies

Is proud to announce

Hall of fame dam #283
AKC CH Laurelwoods Nexthing Smokin' STDs HTD1 PT
DNA-CP
"Josie"



#5 Alt Conformation Finals
Alt-CH Shell Bluffs That's a Fact
"Jack"



Shell Bluff Aussies

**#1 conformation Aussie **
ASCA AKC CH Shell Bluffs Renaissance Man STDsd PT
“Patch”**



**New ASCA CH ShellBluffs Allthatglitters
“Diva”**



Shell Bluff Aussies

#8 Advanced Ducks Merit 08-09
#14 Open Ducks Merit 08-09
Shell Bluffs Next Best Thing CD ATDd OTDs
“Bruce”



And.. Handled by Shell Bluff...
#5 Intact Conformation Finals 08-09
ASCA AKC CH Inverness Charismatic CGC DNA-CP



“Charles”
**** #1 as of 6/14/09**

Melody Lane Aussies

Well I brought Miss Melody out of agility retirement again
For the 2009 AFLAC Outdoor Games
Melody aka Broken Tree's Unchained Melody ran very nice courses this year,
albeit the temp had heat indexes in the 110 degree mark
it was very hard to keep dogs and handlers
cool this year.

I was very proud of Mel she gave her heart
and soul.

She finished 10th overall

Not too bad for a 9 and a half old girl!!

BTW in her photo she is saying
AFLAC!!!!!!

Lyndy Jacob and Melody
Melody Lane Aussies



Nitestar Brags

GAASC Heat Is On Weekend Conformation Brags:

Saturday a.m. Show, Judge Helena EngelHauf, NiteStar's Mr Big Stuff (Mister) went Best of Breed Puppy. Caitlands Sunday Confession (Secret) was pulled with two other bitches for WB/RWB from the 6-9 month class. It was quite an honor for her to pulled with the WB and RWB who took the 5 point Major.

Saturday p.m. Show, Judge Richard "Rowdy" Yates, NiteStar's Mr Big Stuff (Mister) went Best of Breed Puppy.

Saturday p.m. Show, Judge Richard "Rowdy" Yates, Caitland's Sunday Confession (Secret) went Reserve Winner's Bitch to a five point Major from the 6-9 month class.

Sunday a.m. Show, Judge Melinda Hughes; NiteStar's Unchained Mel-O-Dee (DeeDee) won Best of Breed Puppy

and NiteStar's Mr Big Stuff (Mister) went Best of Opposite Sex Puppy

Sunday p.m. Show, Judge Alberto Berrios; NiteStar's Unchained Mel-O-Dee (DeeDee) won Best of Breed Puppy and NiteStar's Mr Big Stuff (Mister) went Best of Opposite Sex Puppy.

AGILITY

ASCA Ch NiteStar's Color Me Quick, NAJ (Zip) Trialed in his first NADAC trial in August earning 2 legs in Tunnelers in (1 1st place and 1 2nd) and 1 10-pt. Q in NADAC Regular (1st place).

C-ATCH Woodstock's Jubileum of NiteStar, AKC; MX, AXJ, OF, US-DAA: AD, NADAC: NAC, NJC, NCC, TG-O, TN-O, WV-O, ASCA RS-N, GS-N, JS-O, ASCA: RS-N, GS-N, JS-O (Bred by NiteStar owned by Kathy Shimel in California) Entered her first ASCA Agility Trial in July earning Satur-

day (7/18/09) Q'd 2 out of 4 with a first and a second and Sunday (7/19/09) Q'd 5 out of 5 with 5 first places - her novice gambler title and her open jumpers title.

Obedience

Huge Congrats to Pat Pierce and Alt Ch NiteStar's A Bump In The Night, on earning his AKC and ASCA Utility Dog titles!! Great Job Pat & Spooky!!!

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“Fire” AT THE BIG KAHUNA SHOWS!

7/10 and 7/11/2009

OTCH CH. Blue Isle Fire on Fayblehill, UDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis



Pictured: Judge Kit Miracle, Sharon Willis and “Fire”

“Fire” at the Big Kahuna Shows, Woodstock, GA (7/10 & 7/11/09):

7/10/09

7/11/09

1St in Utility B under Judge Elaine Leroy.
 1St in Open B under Judge Elaine Leroy.
 High Combined (HC)
 Got his UDX Title

1St in Utility B under Judge Kit Miracle.
 1St in Open B under Judge Kit Miracle.
 High Combined (HC)



“Bo” - BEST VETERAN AT THE BIG KAHUNA SHOW!

7/11/2009

OTCH CH. Hamilton Willowbrook Bow N Arrow, UDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis



Pictured: Judge Anne Shope, Sharon Willis and “Bo”

“Bo” at the Big Kahuna Shows, Woodstock, GA on 7/11/09:

7/11/09

Achieved “Best Veteran” under Anne Shope with a 197.5 Score.

Big Kahuna Report

Aloha, everyone!

I'm glad to say my sleep deprivation experiment - called Big Kahuna III (and the arrival of our new puppy, "Magic" on the Monday after the show) has finally allowed me to offer my MAHALO's (thank you's) for all your help with this three day marathon! Some folks who had offered to help, couldn't on very short notice - but even *more* stepped up to share the work and make this trial one of the best ones ever! I have many Thank You's I can remember, but even more that I'm not leaving out on purpose - just because I was so tired, I forgot to write them down.

First of all, I have to thank my amazing Co-Chair, Emily Chapman - capable of dotting i's and crossing t's and juggling checks and entry sheets and transporting judges from A to B and back again, on as little sleep as me, and still keeping a smile on her organized face. She is the paperwork pro for this event, ably assisted in the Obedience part by Joe Willis for all three days. I might be the flamboyant year-round spokesperson for this event, but without her dedication and accuracy, the Big Kahuna shows would never happen. Renee Reschenthaler pitched in as well, hauling the trailer of show equipment, providing advice beforehand, and in general being the wise head that kept me from going overboard - and deserves kudos for finding a replacement for her judging assignment in less than two weeks before the show. Jarilyn Putz acted as our airport shuttle. Her granddaughter Brooklyn and super Sub Junior Handler Kyliee were *very* helpful to me, in setting out prizes, ice cream bowls and spoons, helped dish out ice cream and chocolate and coconut, and even made sure used bowls made it into the trash cans. Plus, both girls gave me some well-needed hugs, as I didn't see my own little boy for the entire three days of the show, and I was experiencing a hug deficit. Madame President Terry Dickey helped make out the Conformation Boards, when I was too dyslexic to

write down numbers properly. Beth Cochran stepped up to help as ring steward (even though she was feeling poorly) and to load big stuff back into the trailer when things were done on Sunday - and so did several other folks whose names I sadly was too tired to record, but were no less appreciated. Exhibitors across the board were helpful to the show staff, and



to one another - and made things move smoothly from class to class.

Thank you to our judges, Elaine LeRoy, Kit Miracle, Anne Shope, and Janet White, for your eagle eyes and evaluations of our dogs in Obedience and Conformation. We hope you enjoyed your assignments, and will consider coming back to judge for us in future shows.

I am proud to announce that we had five teams competing for the High Scoring Rookie Award - and how cool is it that these included a Dalmatian, a Lab, a Cocker Spaniel, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, and an Airedale!

These folks may have previously titled a dog (but not to a UD), but the dog being shown had to be entering the trial with no Obedience titles. Our winner was Marilyn Wigley and her Airedale, El-

phaba - who not only went 3 Q's for 3 appearances, but titled AND also earned a Front and Finish Obedience Gold Award for these scores all being above 190!

I'm also proud to announce that our Big Novice Kahuna 2009 Champion was Marilyn and her Airedale, Elphaba, our Big Open Kahuna was Sharon Willis and her Aussie, Kenji, and our Big Utility Kahuna award went to Kirsten Brooks and her German Shepherd Sadie - who went three Q's for 3 appearances to earn her ASCA UD on the first three tries! Folks should remember that Kirsten and Sadie pulled off the same amazing 3 for 3 in January to earn the Open Hot Paw award and her ASCA CDX. Kirsten also won our Dessert Competition at Toys for Tots; but even more remarkable, her German Shepherds Sadie and Mickey are both "former death row inmates" that she rescued! Here's some interesting facts to consider. Since Big Kahuna II, GAASC has presented New ASCA Obedience Title rosettes to folks completing titles with us. We have had 35 New Obedience Titles earned in that time! This year, we had exhibitors from as far away as Florida and Tennessee, plus Alabama, South Carolina, and North Carolina, in addition to Georgia - and we FILLED every single run slot for the Friday night trial 6 weeks in advance, and hit the 65 limit on Saturday to the point we had to turn away some Non-Regular class entries. Sunday had a few spaces left, but our main trial had close to 50 Regular entries, over half of which were in the Novice classes! And consider this occurred while we were in competition for entries with some large AKC Agility trials occurring down in Perry! In most other places, an ASCA Obedience Trial is considered "big" if there are 12 to 15 entries. An "average" GAASC trial is twice that size - and the Big Kahuna events are more than four times larger.

This year for the first time, we created an

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Obedience run schedule from data on entries submitted by the closing date. While not perfect, it sure helped both Obedience and Conformation competitors have a better idea when they would actually be in the ring - and for the most part, it eliminated a great deal of the overcrowding we've had in the past. Pam Long, the owner of Ironclad, put up the special outdoor pavilion and chairs and fans for us, for a relaxing place to be outdoors in the shade. I saw several people enjoying the area as a fine place for eating lunch or a snack, at different

times. She was a big help to me, making sure we always had everything we needed (especially toilet paper and cleanup supplies) to make things run smoothly. Our schedule compromise that put *all* shows indoors in the air conditioning, made sure we didn't have to split our helpers between two different places; all the Intact Conformation shows had sufficient entries for Major wins in both sexes, and at least 2pts in Altered were available - so the fears that "nobody would show up because of only two shows" turned out to be completely false.

Plans are beginning to take shape for Big Kahuna IV, which may be moved to the

third weekend in July 2010, so folks that compete in Agility *and* Obedience, will have the chance to do so without conflict from the Perry trials. I'm toying with the possibility of Pirates invading our next Big Kahuna show....

Mahalo (thank you) to everyone who worked so hard, to help these shows so successful!

Pat Pierce
Big Kahuna Co-chair

Big Kahuna Kudo's from Contestants

I got lots of these, and thought they should be shared with the membership....Pat

They are all sorts of Thank-yous from folks who entered Big Kahuna...

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Thanks!

I really enjoy the local ASCA trials.

.....
Hi Pat ---

Thanks for putting on a great trial!

We had a great weekend even though we didn't qualify!!

Thanks again.

.....
NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL =

we dealt with things --

and you all did a WONDERFUL job as always....

We had fun -- finished a title --

got Chase some ring time -- THANK YOU for letting him compete in spite of his sutures...and oh my yes.... we will be back - obedience as well as agility -- (Chase does have a few ASCA agility titles)

SLEEP... you EARNED it....

Again... thank you to ALL for all your hard work...

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Hi Pat!

The listed times were great! And especially fantastic that you allowed Sunday entries prior to the registration time. The show was very nice and I know how hard y'all work and I appre-

ciate the efforts. I laughed at my trophy; I LOVE theme shows and it appears you do too!!

Thanks again and I look forward to showing ASCA in the future.

.....
Thanks for a wonderful Kahuna trial, I think this was the best one yet!

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We are proud of you! You did a heck of a job at the show...

Blue Note's Gonna Let it Shine



"Odetta"

Odetta went Winner's Bitch, Best of Winner's and Best Opposite Sex to the Breed out of the 9-12 month puppy class for a Five Point Major Under Judge Ann Shopes. Thank You Judge Ann Shopes, at the Greater Atlanta Australian Shepherd Club's Big Kahuna Dog Show! Owed, Loved and Bred By Phyllis Pierce, Blue Note Aussies.

Aussie Geek Corner

Was scrounging around on the web and did a Wikipedia search for Australian Sheperd.

Hmm.. Interesting information. Has a lot of useful stuff. Wonder who posted this.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

[Australian_shepherd](#)

Has anyone been using Facebook? There

are some Aussie Related pages there. Not to mention all the Aussie owners out there. Just search on the names of your friends and see if they are there.

Found a new site while surfing Facebook:

<http://lasrocosa.com/>

[aussietimeline.html](#)



The Great Pumpkin is coming soon!



6/01/08 thru 5/31/2009

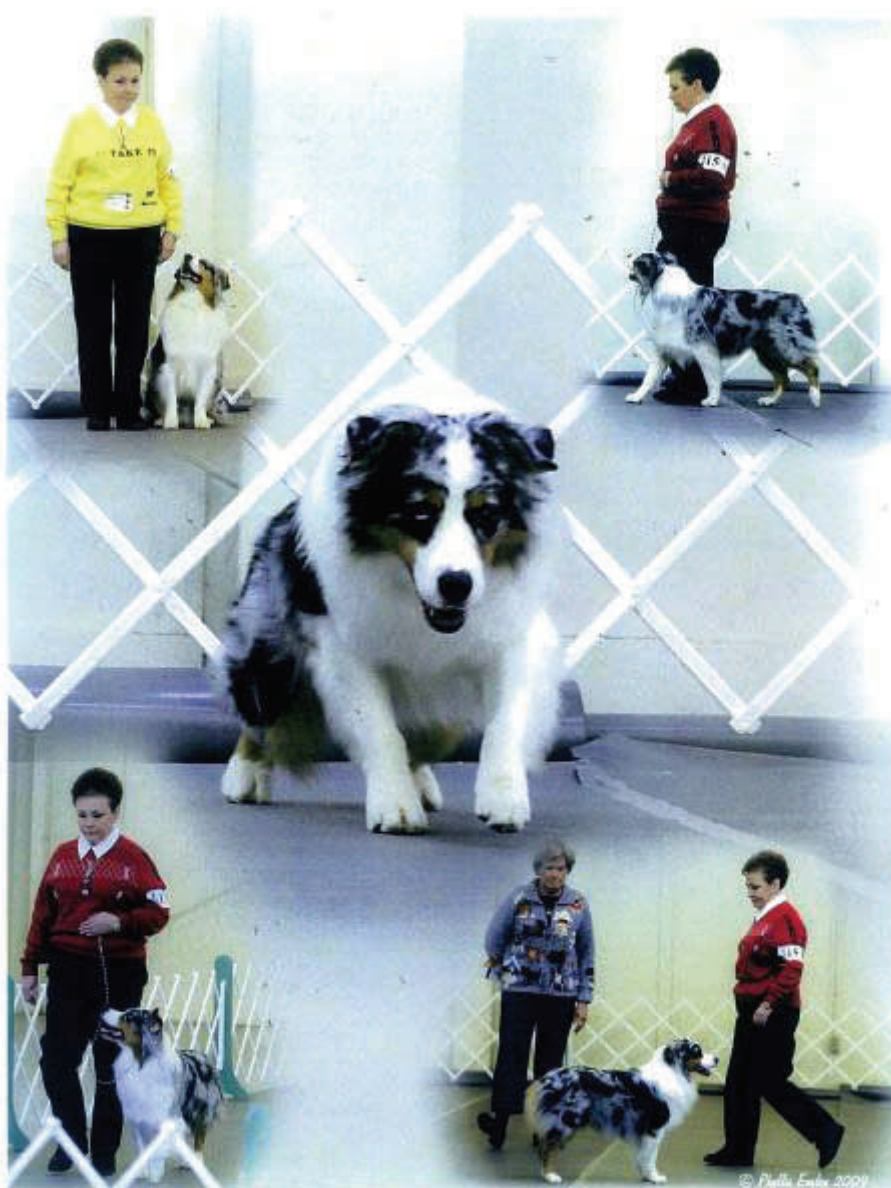
Obedience Novice Final Standings

“Kenji” - #1!

CH. Blue Isle Dance the Night Away, CD

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis

Scores: 200, 198.5 and 198.5 - **Average 199!**





“Kenji” - BEST OF BREED

AT “THE HEAT IS ON SHOW ON “

8/15/2009

CH. Blue Isle Dance the Night Away, CDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis



Pictured: AKC Judge Richard Yates, Ronnie Bates and “Kenji”



“SuperDog” Obedience Final Standings

6/01/08 thru 5/31/2009

“FIRE” - Tied for #2!

OTCH CH. Blue Isle Fire on Fayblehill, UDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis





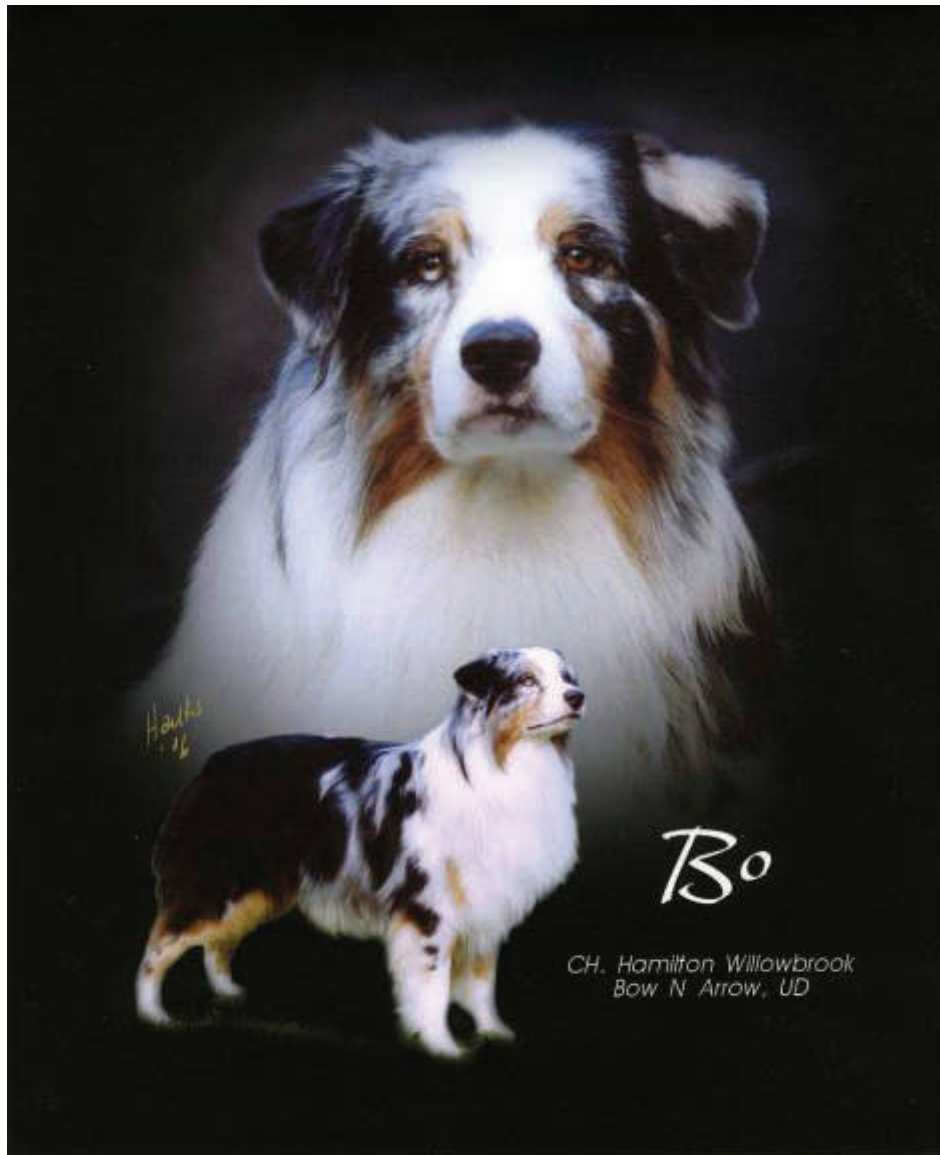
“SuperDog” Obedience Final Standings

6/01/08 thru 5/31/2009

“Bo” - #9!

OTCH CH. Hamilton Willowbrook Bow N Arrow, UDX

Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis





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MDR1 Clinic at Jubilee Show

We will be putting together an MDR1 clinic for Saturday of October Jubilee (October 17th, 2009). I am currently working on the form that you will be able to fill in and save to your computer and printout and bring with you to the show. I will have the swab kits with me and you can pick them up Saturday after the second show.

The cost will be \$60.00 per dog. If you would like kits ordered please let me know how many dogs you'd like to have tested and their call names. Please contact: Jarilyn Pusz 404-734-2129 (H) jpuz4uf@yahoo.com for more details.
