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THE AMERICAN SWEDISH VALLHUND SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

All Bark!

Last Issue of 2006

At the beginning of November of this year, I attended the cluster shows in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with which the SVCA National Specialty was held. I was not able to attend the specialty itself, but there were still more Vallhunds in attendance at the cluster shows than I had ever seen in one place! It was truly amazing to see so many Vallhunds and their people, and to have the opportunity to "talk Vallhund" with such a wide range of fellow breed fanciers. Ada West of Starvon Kennel in England was in attendance with her grandson Matt and her lovely male Starvon I'm The One (AKA Bo). Ivy Underdahl of Solborg Kennel came all the way from California, Louise



Part of the Open Dogs Class at the Friday show in Tulsa

McCombs came from Colorado, Bonnie Conner came from New Mexico, Cheryl Rolfe and Marie Brown from Florida...so many people and dogs traveled great distances to be there!

Dr. Komaromy came to do

eye exams and give a lecture (my notes from which will be included in a future issue). There was a raffle to raise money for eye research, as well as a silent

auction. Michelle Pfeil did a great job running the boutique (a very dangerous place for your wallet, I must say). It was a lot of fun and I met so many wonderful people and put faces to names I've been seeing for ages.

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BRAGS

Finn becomes the first Vallhund in history to earn an AKC Rally Excellent title!

Marion Erp: Over Labor Day weekend 2006, Finn made Vallhund history by becoming the first ever American Swedish Vallhund **RE (Rally Excellent)**, achieving his title in three straight shows in Great Falls. Fennican Yahoo Finnboy, **RE NA NAJ NAP NJP**
NADAC: OAC, OJC, NGC, TN-O, TG-O



Niina and Jonni after their win on the 7th of October

Jonni becomes one of only five Vallhunds ever to win the Finnish Agility Champion title!

Pam Abrath: UKC GR CH Westorps Alexander the Great finished his **ARBA CH** at the Windy City Classic in IL October 7th. He received 2 group 1s and a Group2 at these shows also. AI is owned by Nicole and Pam Abrath.
- PaVon Vivien Leigh took 2 **Best Puppy in Shows** and 2 **Reserve Best Puppy in Shows** at the ARBA Windy City Classic in IL on Oct 7th. Vivvi is owned by Nicole and Pam Abrath.
- PaVon Maurice Chevalier aka Drifter took a **Best Puppy in Show** at the UKC show in WI on November 11th.

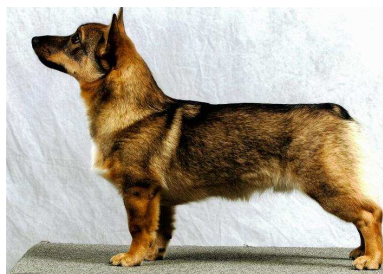
Outi Huuskonen: I am proud to announce that my sweetie Jonni (INT Nord CH Fennican Jonathan Jovial) has become a new **Finnish Agility Champion** thus making him a Dual Champion! Jonni achieved his agility title by getting two clear round wins on the 23rd of September and 7th of October with his new leader Niina Leinonen. Previously he had one win in his pockets and that was with me and the date was 4th of November 2004. With this new title Jonni is among the 5 Valls in Finland that have gotten the FIN AgCH title and he is the 3rd male Vall to do so. Among these five Valls 3 are from kennel Fennican and I would like to congratulate and thank the breeder of Jonni, Inga Kahlman for this lovely, lovely dog who has given me so much!

Mary Carter: Mary and CH Osafin Hopes n' Promises "Promise" RN AX MXJ AD SSA SG SJ SR FFX-AG NAC NJC HCT HRD II went to the **AKC invitational** agility trial in Long Beach CA. Promise won the 2006 SVCA Most Versatile Vallhund Award, and was the #1 Swedish Vallhund in AKC agility for 2005 & 2006



Promise and her ribbons

Promise goes to the AKC invitational agility trial & is #1 SV in AKC agility



PaVon Maurice Chevalier (Drifter)

Ivy Underdahl: Ivy Underdahl's Umanoma Maijapoppanen "Maija" won **Best in Miscellaneous** class in the AKC Breed ring, We also entered Maija in the Rally Obedience competition, and she took **THIRD PLACE** out of nine dogs in Novice A level.

Cindy Kingsley: Cindy and UKC ARBA IABCA CH Fennical Zoltan Finnboy "Zorro" made a **guest appearance** on the Animal Planet coverage of the Eukanuba show in Houston

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A BRIEF SVCA SPECIALTY WRAP-UP by Amanda Lowery

I had a wonderful time at the SVCA National Specialty cluster shows in Tulsa, OK at the beginning of November. I met so many people and finally put some faces to the names I've been chatting with over the last few years.

I also met a lot of Vallhunds—I have never seen so many at once, what a great turn-out we had! And there were even more at the Specialty itself (which I sadly missed). One thing I noticed is that we have a pretty wide variation in terms of physical type within the breed. This is likely something we should keep an eye on, people seem to have pretty varied ideas about what this breed is ideally supposed to look like. Whether this is just a matter of

differing opinions, or because our standards vary too much, or are too vague, I certainly feel this might be something that we need to be aware of. Some variance within a breed is inevitable and even desirable, but really wide variance may be something to be concerned about

Regardless, I definitely think that we need to consider making the standards more specific in terms of movement. At least one judge found the standard lacking in that respect, and given the fact that this is a working herding breed, movement is of very high importance.

The turn-out was great, so many people traveled so far to show or

just attend the shows, and I think this bodes very well for the future—it's great to see so many people interested in showing their Vallhunds, and SO many people out there doing performance with their dogs. We had so many people doing agility, herding, obedience and rally in addition to conformation, this is a wonderful thing for the breed.

I hope that the 2007 specialty has an even better turn-out, since then we'll be going for actual conformation championship points!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season with your families both human and canine, happy new year too, and I'll see you in 2007!

SVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2007 RESULTS

Best of Breed

Jonricker Nicke Lilltroll DL8279705 12/17/99. Dog.
Breeder: Kerstin Ottmar & M. Thell. By Krosaskogens
Hektor - Jonricker Minnie Mouse NA NAJ. **Owner:**
Kerstin & Steve Ottmar

Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex

Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304 1/3/06. Breeder:
Rosemary Martino. By Fromar Echo - Castleavery Storm
Chaser. **Owner: Edweena & Calvin McDowell**

Winners Dog

Kizme Can You Say Hemi DN07934505 6/17/04.
Breeder: Marilyn Irvin. By Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ
MAD EAC EJC EGC - Sunfire Dynamit Lemon Baby.
Owner: Kathryn Spring

Reserve Winners Dog

Foxberry Dieter DN10822201 2/24/05. Breeder: Owner.
By Starvon In The Limelight - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello.
Owner: Dorie Michehl

Winners Bitch

Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304

Reserve Winners Bitch

Castleavery Storm Chaser DN06990502 6/23/03.
Breeder: J.S. & K.V. Gilliland. By Starvon Falcon Flyer
Over Castle-avery - Starvon Yetti. **Owner: Rosemary
Martino**

Award of Merit Winners

Kizme Can You Say Hemi DN07934505
Int. ARBA UK CH Starvon Go Ballistic DN10864701
3/20/02. Dog. Breeder: Mr. T. & Mrs. A.F. West. By
UKCH Starvon Smashed Again - Starvon Alicia. **Owner:**
Cheryl Rolfe & Ada West.

Jonricker Moustaffa CD RA NA NAJ DL82819106
2/5/96. Dog. Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jon-
ricker Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen.
Owner: Kerstin Ottmar & M. Bennett.

Best Veteran

Jonricker Moustaffa CD RA NA NAJ DL82819106

Best Puppy in Regular Classes

Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304

Most Versatile Vallhund

Osafrin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502
10/2001. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley & David Clayton.
By Tridents Bussig - Sunfire Just Desserts. **Owners:**
Mary P and Timothy A. Carter

High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (Obedience)

Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN02774204 4/9/03.
Breeder: Louise McCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken -
Fromar Cassandra. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

High In Agility Trial

Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607 10/31/99.
Breeder: Barbara Dillard. By Fromar 1st King's @ Rose-
wood - Fromar Joyful Hope. **Owner: Sandra Bird**

High in Herding Trial

Osafrin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502

Most Promising Swedish Vallhund (Herding)

XSBagcovnt Champoeg Nikki DN08486501 8/12/04.
Breeder: Sandy Mysak & Terri Moyer-Gilbert. By XSBag-
gage Lil Kolla Bear - Trackline's Gen Kim Lorrie. **Own-
ers: Cheryle Vannoy, Barbara Jetta, & Carolyn Can-
non**

Sweepstakes Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

1st - Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304

2nd - Fromar's Harmonic Lady DN13078307 1/3/06.
Breeder: Rosemary Martino. By FromarEcho - Castleav-
ery Storm Chaser **Owner: Louise McCombs**

3rd - Solveigco's Shining Star DN13795201 1/31/06.
Breeder: Nancy Tousignant & Terri Moyer-Gilbert. By
Svedala Micke Maskros - XSBaggage Covenant Sovei.
Owner: Nancy R Tousignant

Junior Showmanship

1st - Joseph Singleton. 8/27/93. Nycalo Apollo Thor
Singleton DN02774204. 4/9/03. Dog. Breeder: LouiseM-
cCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken - Fromar Cassan-
dra. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

Non-Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs 3-6 months

1st - Foxberry Errond Gandalf DN14929901 6/6/06.
Breeder: Gary & Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Lime-
light - Foxberry Elrond Eloise. **Owners: Gary & Dorie
Michehl**

2nd - Foxberry Elrond Hank Dn14997901 6/7/06.
Breeder: Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Limelight -
Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Dorie Michehl**

Puppy Bitches 3-6 months

1st - Solberg Arwen Evenstar DN14533404 5/7/06.
Breeder: Ivy Underdahl. By Eklunds Gold Rush - Vast-
gota Stormy Sky. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

2nd - Solberg Lady Eowyn DN14533401 5/7/06
Breeder: Owner: By Eklunds Gold Rush - Vastgota
Stormy Sky. **Owner: Ivy Underdahl**

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Altered Dogs

1st - Sunfire Wolfgang Amadaeus DN06529302
12/10/03. Breeder: David Clayton. By Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ- Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. Owner: Sandra Bird

Altered Bitches

1st - Osafin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502 10/2001. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley & David Clayton. By Tridents Bussig - Sunfire Just Deserts. **Owners: Mary P and Timothy A. Carter**

2nd - Sunfire Elrond Jetta DL91381603 9/5/02. Breeder: David C. Clayton. By H. Dynamit Harry of Elrond - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Leslie Dixwell**

Regular Classes

American Bred Dogs

1st - Foxberry Duncan of Elrond DL10822205 2/24/05. Breeder: Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Limelight - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Dorie Michehl**

Open Dogs

1st - Kizme Can You Say Hemi DN07934505 6/17/04. Breeder: Marilyn Irvin. By Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ MAD EAC EJC EGC - Sunfire Dynamit Lemon Baby. **Owner: Kathryn Spring**

2nd - Foxberry Dieter DN10822201 2/24/05. Breeder: Owner. By Starvon In The Limelight - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Dorie Michehl**

3rd - Starvon I'm The One UK# A002234701 5/13/03. Breeder: Mr. T. & Mrs. A.F. West. By UK CH Starvon Fantastic Light - UK CH Starvon Tallingval Angelina. **Owner: Mr. T. & Mrs. A.F. West**

4th - Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN02774204 4/9/03. Breeder: Louise McCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken - Fromar Cassandra. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

1st - Fromar Holly Berry DN13078304

2nd - Fromar's Harmonic Lady DN13078307

12-18 month Bitches

1st - Mountain Stream Ylva DN13466704 8/30/05. Breeder: Andrea Bergstrom. By Vastogota Ranimaker - Cimillan Dejavuu. **Owner: Michelle Pfeil**

Bred- By- Exhibitor Bitches

1st - Solveigco's Shining Star DN13795201

2nd - Foxberry Daphney DN10822204 2/24/05. Breeder: Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Limelight - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Dorie Michehl**

American Bred Bitches

1st - Sunfire's Perfect Harmony DN06529301
12/10/03. Breeder: David Clayton. By Rosewood's Sha-

lom AX AXJ - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Cynthia Kingsley**

2nd - Foxberry E. Lenora DN10803001 5/15/05. Breeder: Gary Michehl & Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Limelight - Foxberry Elrond Eloise. **Owner: Gary Michehl and Dorie Michehl.**

Open Bitches

1st - Castleavery Storm Chaser DN06990502

2nd - Blackfox's Greta DN09625501 11/1/04. Breeder: Nancy K. Cranch. By Formar's Forester Harley - Corval Gotta Have Faith. **Owner: Dorie Michehl**

3rd - XSBagcovnt Champoeg Nikki DN08486501 8/12/04. Breeder: Sandy Msak & Terri Moyer-Gilbert. By XSBaggage Lil Kolla Bear - Trackline's Gen Kim Lorrie. **Owners: Cheryle Vannoy, Barbara Jetta, & Carolyn Cannon**

4th - Pavon Birgitte Sofia DN10176405 2/8/05. Breeder: Yvonne Slusser. By Bodatorp Jumping Jack Flash - Genesis Bad Bad Britta. **Owner: Cynthia Kingsley**

Veteran Dogs

1st - Jonricker Moustaffa CD RA NA NAJ DL82819106

2nd - Valshep Hattis Svante DL82875602 12/4/97. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Lay. By Hurstfield Hextable - Starvon Scatti Hattis. **Owners: Dorie Michehl, Gary Michehl, & David Clayton**

Veteran Bitches 8-11 years

1st - Jonricker Minnie Mouse NA NAJ DL82819105 2/5/96. Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar**

2nd - UCD CH Fromar Cassandra CD RN OA OAJ NAC AD OGC DL82698103. 5/2/98. Breeder: Rosemary Martino. By Jonricker Moustaffa - Pacquesa Waltz. **Owner: Louise McCombs**

Veteran Bitches 11+ years

Jonricker Lady Gretchen DL828797707 9/5/89. Breeder: Marilyn Thell & K. Ottmar. By Starvon Glenby - Starvon Hopeful. **Owners: Kerstin and Steve Ottmar**

Stud Dogs

1st - Starvon In The Limelight DN10469701 5/13/03. Dog. Breeder: Mr. T. & Mrs. A.F. West. By Starvon Fantastic Light - Starvon Tallinval Angalina. **Owners: Dorie Michehl & Gary Michehl**

2nd - Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607 10/31/99. Breeder: Barbara Dillard. By Svedala Fromar's 1st King's at Rosewood - Fromar Joyful Hope. **Owner: Sandra Bird**

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Brood Bitches

1st - Jonricker Lady Gretchen DL82879707

2nd - Jonricker Minnie Mouse NA NAJ. DL82819105

3rd - Castlevery Storm Chaser DN06990502

Brace

Foxberry Duncan of Elrond DL10822205 2/24/05.
Breeder: Dorie Michehl. By Starvon In The Limelight - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Dorie Michehl Foxberry Dieter DN10822201**

Obedience Trial Classes

Novice Obedience

1st - Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN02774204

4/9/03. Breeder: Louise McCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken - Fromar Cassandra. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

2nd - Jonricker Moustaffa CD RN NA NAJ

DL82819106 2/5/96. Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner: Kerstin Ottmar & M. Bennett**

Rally Novice

1st - Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN02774204

2nd - Osafin Blaze To Glory OAP OJP DL90334501
10/2/01. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley. By Tridents Bussig - Sunfires Just Desserts. **Owner: Ivy & Dan Underdahl**

3rd - Osafin Vaasa Nova DN07285703 6/6/04. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley. By Fennican Zoltan Finnboy - Sunfire Just Desserts. **Owner: Hatti Polhamus**

4th - Umanoma Maija Poppanen DN09330001 5/27/04.
Breeder: Uma Aaltonen. By Konnunkodon Ascar Aasa - Mattjarns Janna. **Owner: Ivy Underdahl**

Rally Advanced

1st - UCD CH Fromar Cassandra RN CD OA OAJ NAC AD OGC DL82698103 5/2/98. Breeder: Rosemary Martino. By Jonricker Moustaffa - Pacquesa Waltz. **Owner: Louise McCombs**

2nd - Osafin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502 10/2/01. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley & David Clayton. By Tridents Bussig - Sunfires Just Desserts. **Owner: Mary P. Carter & Timothy A. Carter**

Rally Excellent

1st - Jonricker Moustaffa CD RN NA NAJ DL82819106 2/5/96. Breeder: Kerstin Ottmar & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner: Kerstin Ottmar & M. Bennett**

Agility Trial Classes

Excellent STD

1st - Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607
10/31/99. Breeder: Barbara Dillard. By Fromar 1st King's

@ Rosewood - Fromar Joyful Hope. **Owner: Sandra Bird**

2nd - Osafin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502

Open STD

1st - Osafin Blaze To Glory OAP OJP DN90334501

2nd - Sunfire Wolfgang Amadaeus DN06529302
12/10/03. Breeder: David Clayton. By Rosewood's Shalom - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello **Owner: Sandra Bird**

3rd - Jonricker Moustaffa CD RN NA NAJ DL82819106

4th - Osafin Vaasa Nova OA OAJ DN07285703

Novice STD

1st - Umanoma Maija Poppanen DN09330001 5/27/04.
Breeder: Uma Aaltonen. By Konnunkodon Ascar Aasa - Mattjarns Janna. **Owner: Ivy Underdahl**

Excellent Jumpers and Weaves

1st - Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607

2nd - Sunfire Elrond Jetta DL91381603 9/5/02.
Breeder: David Clayton. By H. Dynamit Harry of Elrond - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Leslie Dixwell**

3rd - UCD CH Fromar Cassandra RN CD OA OAJ NAC AD OGC DL82698103 5/2/98. Breeder: Rosemary Martino. By Jonricker Moustaffa Pacquesa Waltz. **Owner: Louise McCombs**

Open Jumpers and Weaves

1st - Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN02774204
4/9/03. Breeder: Louise McCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken- Fromar Cassandra **Owner: Michael Singleton**

2nd - Osafin Vaasa Nova OA OAJ DN07285703 6/6/04. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley. By Fennican Zoltan Finnboy - Sunfire Just Desserts **Owner: Hattie Polhamus**

3rd - Jonricker Minnie Mouse NA NAJ DL82819105 2/5/96. Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar**

Novice Jumpers and Weaves

1st - Umanoma Maija Poppanen DN09330001

Herding Trial Classes

Herding Ranch Dog 1

1st - Osafin Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL90334502 10/2/01. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley & David Clayton. **Owners: Mary P. & Timothy A. Carter**

2nd - Sunfire Elrond Jetta DL91381603 9/5/02.
Breeder: David Clayton. By H. Dynamit Harry of Elrond - Sunfire Hattis Lemonjello. **Owner: Leslie Dixwell**

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3rd - Osaflin Blaze To Glory OAP OJP DL90334501
 10/2/01. Breeder: Cynthia J. Kingsley & David Clayton.
Owner: Ivy & Dan Underdahl

Junior Herd Dog Passed

Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN2774204 4/9/03.
 Breeder: Louise McCombs. By Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken -
 Fromar Cassandra. **Owner: Michael Ray Singleton**

Herding Capability Test Passed

Fromar's Harmonic Lady DN13078307 1/3/06.
 Breeder: Rosemary Martino By Fromar Echo - Castleav-
 ery Storm Chaser. **Owner: Louise Mc Combs**

Sunfire Wolfgan Amadaeus DN06529302 12/10/03.
 Breeder: David Clayton. By Rosewood's Shalom - Sun-
 fire Hatties Lemonjello. **Owner: Sandra Bird**

Jonricker Moustaffa RN CD NA NAJ DL82819106
 2/5/96. Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker
 Ivan The Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner:**
Kerstin Ottmar & M. Bennett

Jonricker Minne Mouse NA NAJ DL82819105 2/5/96.
 Breeder: Kerstin & Steve Ottmar. By Jonricker Ivan The
 Terrible - Jonricker Lady Gretchen. **Owner: Kerstin &**
Steve Ottmar

Castleavery Storm Chaser DN06990502 6/23/03.
 Breeder: J.S. & K.V. Gilliland By Starvon Falcon Flyer
 Over Castleavery - Starvon Yetti. **Owner: Rosemary**
Martino

Umanoma Maija Poppanen DN09330001 5/27/04.
 Breeder: Uma Aaltonen. By Konnunkodon Ascar Aasa -
 Mattjarns Janna. **Owner: Ivy Underdahl**

UAG 1 GRCH Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken OA OAJ NAC
NJC DL82797906 12/17/99. Breeder: Kerstin & Marilyn
 Thell. By Krosaskogens Hektor - Jonricker Minnie
 Mouse. **Owner: Louise McCombs**

Int. ARBA Rarities, CKC CH Starvon Just Hear The
Cheer DN06969701 7/3/05. Breeder: Ada West & Tim
 West. By Int. IR GBCH Starvon Whispering Star - Star-
 von Alicia. **Owner: Cheryl Rolfe**

Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607 10/3/99.
 Breeder: Barbara Dillard. By Svedala Fromar 1st King's
 @ Rosewood- Fromar Joyful Hope. **Owner: Sandra**
Bird

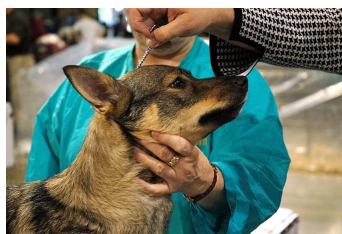
Osaflin Vaasa Nova DN07285703 6/6/04. Breeder: Cyn-
 thia J. Kingsley. By Fennican Zoltan Finnboy - Sunfires
 Just Desserts. **Owner: Hatti Polhamus**



Skyview's Crimson Hawk



Osaflin Blaze To Glory



Mountain Stream Ylva



Starvon Go Ballistic



Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton



Jonricker Nicke Lilltroll



Umanoma Maijapoppanen



Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken



Rosewood Shalom

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New Herding Titles

HRD

Osaфин Hopes 'N Promises RN AX MXJ DL9033450

Sunfire Elrond Jetta DL91381603

Osaфин Blaze To Glory OAP OJP DL90334501

JHD

Nycalo Apollo Thor Singleton DN2774204

HCT

Sunfire Wolfgang Amadaeus DN06529302

Jonricker Moustaffa RN CD NA NAJ DL82819106

Int.

ARBA Rarities, CKC CH Starvon Just Hear The Cheer DN06969701

Rosewood's Shalom AX AXJ DL82842607

2006 Certificates of Merit Awards

Darlene Sjoberg:

Caval's Prairie Smoke - RN ,

Can. CH Caval The Never Ending Story - CGC, RN, TDI

Can Ch. UKC CH. Konnunkodon Brynhilde - #7 UKC Top Ten 2005, #3 SV in Canada 2005

Debbie Harper:

ARBA CH. Walborah av JNKR

Mary Carter:

ARBA CH Osaфин Hopes 'N Promises - Versatility Series 1 (VS1)

USDAA Agility Dog, Starter Standard, Starter Relay, Starter Gamblers, Starter Jumpers

USDAA Starter Snooker, AKC Rally Novice, AKC Open Agility STD,

AKC Master Excellent Jumper

Lori Schaunaman:

CH. Bodatorp Nikita- UKC 2005 Top Ten, #7, AKC CGC

CH. Lovsjokarrs Filip - UKC 2005 Top Ten #4, AKC CGC

CH. Larska's Halldora- Championship, CKC Championship

CH. Pavon Bobaloo- UKC Championship

Cheryl Rolfe:

UK CH. Starvon Go Ballistic- ARBA CH.

Starvon Just Hear The Cheer- Rarities Championship

Louise McCombs:

U-CD UKC CH. Fromar Cassandra- AKC Rally Novice, AKC Open Agility

U-AG1 GR CH. Jonricker Nicke Nyfiken- AKC Open Agility, Open Agility Jumpers

Hattie Polhamus:

Osaфин Vaasa Nova- AKC Novice Agility Jumpers, Novice Agility STD, USDAA Agility Dog, Starter Jumpers, Starter Gamblers, Starter Standard, Starter Snooker

Mike Singleton:

Nycalo Thor Apollo Singleton - UKC Agility Champion, AHBA HCT

Bonnie Conner:

UKC CH. Caval's Front Paige News - UKC 2005 Top Ten #1 UKC Grand Champion

Most Versatile Vallhund Results:

1. Promise and Mary Carter
2. Moose and Kerstin Ottmar
3. Apollo and Mike Singleton (tied with:)
3. Jetta and Leslie Dixwell
4. Shalom and Sandy Bird
5. Blaze and Ivy and Dan Underdahl
6. Wolfie and Sandy Bird
7. Cassie and Louise McCombs
8. Maija and Ivy and Dan Underdahl
9. Minnie and Kerstin Ottmar
10. Bitsy and Cheryl Rolfe
11. Neiko and Louise McCombs



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THE POINTS GAME by Marion Erp

Why do we obedience fans go out weekend after weekend, to show after show, after obtaining titles on our dogs? For many reasons: we like the friendship of people with similar interests; we like the traveling; we like the competition in the ring with ourselves and others; we like the immediate gratification of winning; OR, we enjoy the anticipation of national recognition for our efforts within our breed, or within one of the point rating systems. Here is a brief rundown of the major ones:

1. The Obedience Trial Championship

The BIG one, with the most prestige among competition teams, is the Obedience Trial Championship, or OTCH. In Canada, a dog which obtains the equivalent of a UD with high scores is automatically termed an OTCH but in the U.S., the requirements are very different.

To become an Obedience Trial Champion, a dog must:

- a. Have his U.D. title
- b. Have won 100 points, to be earned historically by taking first or second placements in the Open B or Utility B classes. The rules were just changed effective October 1, 2000 to provide points for third and fourth placements in really large classes.
- c. Have won a 1st in Utility B with at least 3 competing, a 1st in Open B with at least 6 competing, and a third first place in either class under these conditions. The point schedule for Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska is slightly different due to their isolation.
- d. Have won his three 1st places under three different judges. One of the first places may be won at a Specialty show (which is a new rule change).

A dog only obtains OTCH points by placing in the classes, and in the sizes we see around here, only by taking first or second places. The points are prorated depending on the number of dogs competing, with the Utility classes offering more points for the same number of dogs. For example, in an Open B class of 26-30 dogs, the 1st place winner takes 14, the 2nd place winner takes 4, 3rd place 2 and 4th place 0. In a Utility B class of 24-26 dogs, 1st place wins 24 points, 2nd place wins 9 points, 3rd place wins 3 points and 4th place wins 1. It would be very difficult to gain enough points by just winning 2nd placements or less.

To make things worse, dogs which have already won their OTCH continue to compete, and very often already titled OTCH dogs take 1st and 2nd places, leaving those who are aspiring to the title out in the cold.

Where do you go after achieving an OTCH? The AKC keeps a total record of how many points each dog earns, and each year publishes a list of the top 25 dogs in the nation for the year with the most OTCH points, and another list with the top 25 lifetime totals. These two lists are printed each year in the AKC Gazette.

2. The First & Foremost (Shuman) System

This system (originally named after Nancy Shuman) records points on a cumulative basis for each qualifying score a dog receives in the advanced classes only: Open A & B and Utility A & B, according to the following table:

<u>SCORE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
200.....	8
198-199 ½.....	7
195-197 ½.....	6
190-194 ½.....	5
185-189 ½.....	4
180-184 ½.....	3
175-179 ½.....	2
170-174 ½.....	1

The idea behind this system was that it was difficult to compare a Novice performance with a Utility performance. However, a dog will accumulate points no matter what it does, so this system does give the advantage to the heavier show-goer.

3. The Delaney System

Points in this system are awarded for class placements only, in all classes including Novice. The dog receives one point for himself and for all those he defeats. Historically High in Trials used to be included in these numbers, but they quit that practice a few years ago as being too cumbersome and inaccurate. Now a separate listing is provided in Front & Finish (the dog trainer's newspaper) of High in Trial winners and how many dogs they defeated.

Both the First & Foremost and Delaney systems have their advantages and disadvantages, and no system seems to be perfectly fair to everyone. Each year Front & Finish publishes the Top 10 in each system, listing the Top 10 in each breed, in each of the 7 groups and the Top 10 overall. Of course, if you have a rarer breed, you have a much greater chance of appearing in the Top 10 than with a Golden, Sheltie or Border Collie. So for some of us, it's simply a challenge to see if we might make the tops in our breed, or perhaps the group. It gives some of us added incentive to compete, or to train our dogs just a little bit harder.

SOME HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS by Amanda Lowery

The holidays should be fun for people and pets. But remember that there are also many hazards for our canine friends, especially at this time of year. This is by no means intended to be an exhaustive list, but here are some things to be aware of to keep your pets safe (some content from peteducation.com):

- Alcoholic beverages can cause intoxication, coma and death
- Baby foods can contain onion powder, which can cause hemolytic anemia
- Bones can cause digestive tract obstructions and lacerations
- Chocolate, coffee and tea contain caffeine, theobromine and theophylline, which can be toxic and even fatal
- Citrus oil extracts can cause severe digestive upset
- Fat trimmings can cause pancreatitis
- Grapes and raisins have recently been found to be toxic for some dogs, and can cause severe or even fatal kidney damage
- Hops (in beer and other things) can cause seizures and even death
- Vitamins with iron can be toxic
- Large amounts of liver can cause vitamin A toxicity
- Macadamia nuts can be toxic
- Onions and garlic can cause hemolytic anemia, garlic less so than onions
- Tinsel and ribbon can cause serious digestive tract problems which can require emergency surgery and even be fatal
- Yeast dough can cause stomach rupture if eaten in large amounts
- Pine tree needles can cause digestive system problems

Remember to keep your emergency vet clinic contact information handy (I keep mine on the fridge door and in my cell phone) - when your dog is sick and suffering, you don't want to delay getting him or her medical attention.

Have a wonderful and SAFE holiday with your pets!

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies." - Gene Hill

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Osafin Blaze to Glory has an opinion about weave poles!



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