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Welcome to the first edition of the North American Eurasier Committee Newsletter... the NAEC News.

For all those who are not aware of who and what we are, here is a brief explanation:

The North American Eurasier Committee is a group of breeders and owners who formed the NAEC to establish a national breed club or clubs to preserve, protect and promote the Eurasier in the USA and Canada. You can find out more by visiting the Committee's website at [www.eurasiers.org](http://www.eurasiers.org).

The website was launched March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. It was created to be a reference point for Eurasier owners/ enthusiasts, as well as for shelters or others looking for a rescue organization to help find homes for Eurasiers. For those doing "Eurasier Rescue" searches on the web, the NAEC website is a "hit" for searches using Google, Dogpile, Momma and other search engines. The NAEC website also is indirectly a hit for searches using Yahoo!, Excite, Lycos, Netscape, Alta Vista and other search engines. We have registered with over 53 search engines.

Since our work is far from done, our next step will be to establish country specific goals and continue work on our Code of Ethics.

Currently the full voting members of the NAEC are:

Canada: Dianne Cameron, Josee Dessouroux, Margaret Knight, Wayne Nelson, Johanne Parent, Dietlinde Wall

USA: Nancy DaCosta, Griffin Kessler, Ute Molush, Jackie Murtha, Clark Waldrip

### ***Eurasiers International***

The *Eurasier Club Austria (ECA)* celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a big Anniversary Show on May 23, 2004. Many Eurasiers from Austria and adjacent countries participated. The ECA was officially founded in December of 1983; president at the time was Mrs. Elizabeth Seywald. The club has currently about 350 members. The President is Prof. Dr. Kurt Kotrschal. The website of the club which is partially written in English can be accessed under [www.eurasier-club-austria.at](http://www.eurasier-club-austria.at)

This year, the *Svenska Eurasierklubben (Swedish Eurasier Club)* celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Eurasier that was imported into the country. One member of the club, breeder Ulla-Carin Totney from Foxfire Eurasiers, visited the North American Eurasier Walk in Marmora, Canada this year and toured the United States to meet Eurasier friends and dogs bred by herself that reside here in the US. Her website can be visited at [www.eurasiers.com](http://www.eurasiers.com)

On Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2004, the *Eurasier Club Weinheim, Germany (EKW)* celebrated a Eurasier meeting of a different kind. "The festival of Eurasier Families" gave breeders the opportunity to invite their entire litters of Eurasiers. About two hundred Eurasiers participated which, among other things marched in formations according to their coat color. It must have been a gorgeous sight. The website of the EKW can be accessed at [www.eurasier-klub.de](http://www.eurasier-klub.de)



(photo: Klinkenberg)

The Kynologische Zuchtgemeinschaft fuer Eurasier (KZG) celebrated its 25th anniversary in October of 2003. You may access KZG information on the web on the following website: [www.kzg-eurasier.de/](http://www.kzg-eurasier.de/) The KZG is one of the three German Eurasier Clubs: EKW (Eurasier Club Weinheim), ZG (Zuchtgemeinschaft fuer Eurasier) and KZG (Kynologische Zuchtgemeinschaft fuer Eurasier).

### ***Eurasier Educational***

#### Book Recommendations:

*The Book of the Bitch: A Complete Guide to Understanding and Caring for Bitches* by J.M. Evans and Kay White

Editorial Reviews (taken from Amazon.com)

Complete and concise, this guide to breeding dogs, caring for breeding stock and raising puppies properly delivers an abundance of detailed, expert advice on every stage of the breeding experience, including first aid, emergencies, and more. Illustrations, tables & charts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

#### Book Description

First published in 1997, Book of the Bitch is now available in a new edition, providing thorough, in-depth coverage of every aspect of caring for and understanding the canine female. For those interested in breeding a litter, the procedure for whelping and puppy rearing is carefully explained, while detailed advice is given on how to recognize signs of sickness, and, in particular, those diseases to which bitches are prone. Backed up with many clear illustrations and tables, Book of the Bitch is essential reading for anyone considering owning a female dog. This book was published in the UK, and is distributed in North America by Willow Creek Press.

The book is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) ; \$ 10.49 U.S.

## ***Eurasier Health***

The University of Copenhagen in Denmark is conducting a DNA project to research Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI) and its hereditary factors in Eurasiers.

The project has been in process for some time and some European Eurasier clubs have made it a mandatory requirement for their members to have their dogs tested. Participation is free.

The scientists of the University of Copenhagen are very confident that the markers for the disease will be found within one to two years. Until then, many blood samples of Eurasiers are still needed for comparison.

All Eurasiers may participate. The earliest age is 6 months.

The veterinarian will have to draw 4 to 6 ml of blood. The dog should not have eaten anything for 10 hours prior to the procedure. The blood samples are sent to the University of Copenhagen. If you have not received any information within approximately 12 weeks, your dog is considered healthy.

If anyone is interested in the test, please contact Ute Molush at [udmolush@cs.com](mailto:udmolush@cs.com) for further information.

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The following article on recent changes to Vaccine Protocols has been edited for inclusion in this newsletter. The original, unedited version can be viewed at [www.doglogic.com](http://www.doglogic.com)

### **Vaccine Protocols**

I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision.

#### **NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY**

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity, which is good for the life of the pet (ie: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced.

"Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

"There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines.

"Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks.

Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide lifetime immunity.

## THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES; BUSINESS ASPECTS

"Most vets recommend annual boosters and most kennel operators require them. For years the pricing structure of vets has misled clients into thinking that the inherent value of an annual office visit was in the "shots". They failed to emphasize the importance of a physical exam for early detection of treatable diseases.

## CONCLUSION

Dogs & cats no longer need to be vaccinated against distemper, parvo, & feline leukemia every year. Once the initial series of puppy or kitten vaccinations and first annual vaccinations are completed, immunity from MLV vaccines persists for life. Imagine the money you will save, not to mention less risks from side effects.

The AAHA and all 27 veterinary schools of North America are our biggest endorsement for these new protocols. - **Dr. Bob Rogers**

## DOGS

### Initial series of puppy vaccines

1. Distemper, hepatitis, parvo, parainfluenza – 3 sets one month apart concluding at 16 weeks of age.
2. Rabies at 16 weeks of age (later is better).
3. Bordetella within last 4 – 6 months.

### First annual (usually at one year and 4 months of age)

1. DHP, Parvo, Rabies.
2. Bordetella within last 4 – 6 months.

### 2 years or older

1. Rabies within last year.
2. Bordetella within last 4-6 months.
3. DHP and Parvo given anytime over 6 months of age, but not necessarily within the last year. Recommended: Physical exam for transmissible diseases and health risks.

## **Panostitis – Bone Inflammation in the Young Dog**

*This article has been taken from the Eurasier Post published by the Eurasier Club Weinheim, Germany, edition 04/2002 with friendly permission of the author, Annelie Feder, translated by Ute D. Molush.*

“Lately we have had three cases of panostitis among our puppies and juvenile dogs. The young Eurasier limped when he got up, did not want to take walks and hardly wanted to use the little leg in question at all.

The two puppies traveled from veterinarian to veterinarian until, finally, the correct diagnosis was made.

It was a painful inflammation of the long inner bones that mostly occurs in German Shepherds at an age of 5 to 12 months, sometimes also earlier. Other breeds can occasionally be affected as well. Male dogs are more prone to this painful condition than females. The symptoms are periods of limping varying in severity. The limping sometimes moved from one leg to the other. The dogs do not want to move much and sometimes the appetite suffers. The body temperature is normal to increased and blood values are normal. The reason for the condition is not known to date but different reasons have been considered without being proven.

Diagnosis: Typically pain can be initiated by putting pressure on the long inner bones. In addition to a clinical examination a radiograph can be taken to support the diagnosis of panostitis. But often no abnormalities can be found on the radiographs despite severe pain.

Treatment: The condition usually disappears within 1 to 3 months by itself, in individual cases the phases of limping could last until the age of 18 months. Since the cause of the condition is unknown one cannot directly “fight” it. Only a supportive therapy is possible. During the acute stages of the condition anti-inflammatories and painkillers are given – they can have positive influence on the quality of life of the dog in question. The condition heals itself and poses no problem in the further life of the dogs (excerpt taken from “Praktikum der Hundeklinik”)

People generally call this condition “growth pains” or ”pains resulting from growing too quickly”

Veterinarians recommend decreasing the growth rate through diets with less protein. The usual puppy foods that contain 30% protein are too highly dosed and are usually fed for too long a period of time. If, in addition, snacks are offered which are rich in protein as well, the quick growth is still supported. - *Annelie Feder*

## ***Eurasier Rescue***

Eurasier Rescue is NAEC’s rescue arm to help Eurasiers in need. Our rescue work is solely limited to purebred Eurasiers, not to Eurasier-like dogs.

Eurasier Rescue requires volunteers in many capacities, including foster families and relay drivers. Should you be interested in volunteering, or in providing a donation, or if you would simply like further information, please contact your country representative (Point of Contact)

The Points of Contact (POC’s) are:

Jackie Murtha (US) — [northriver.eurasiers@verizon.net](mailto:northriver.eurasiers@verizon.net)

Dianne Cameron (Canada) — [satchelp@rogers.com](mailto:satchelp@rogers.com)



## Funding

Donations for Eurasier Rescue may also be made through the POC's. At this time we would like to thank:

Clark Waldrip for donating the annual website fee.

Lori Martin for donating the J&J raffle basket, which brought \$110 Cdn.

Jackie Murtha for her kind donation.

Colleen Sutton for her donation of \$200 Cdn.

However, despite the generosity of the above individuals, funding remains a challenge. To address this need, the Committee is planning a number of unique and exciting fund-raising projects – watch the Yahoo discussion group/ forum (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Eurasier>) for announcements soon.

## Eurasiers in Need

Currently there is one Eurasier in need of a loving home.

### Pepe

Pepe is a 7-year-old unneutered male. He is strong willed but will respond to a firm hand. He has been spoiled his entire life by his owner, who has let him have his own way, as he does not listen to her. The owner fears that he cannot be trusted with young children although he has done nothing to justify this belief. She also indicates he is not fond of dogs or cats either. Again, I believe these fears are unfounded. His upbringing has also contributed to strong separation anxiety, and if left at a boarding kennel for long periods of time, he will make himself sick (the owner travels a lot). I believe he is a good boy and will get along fine with everyone - other dogs and humans. He just needs some discipline in his life, coupled with training and tempered with patience, and of course lots of love and attention. - Jackie Murtha, U.S. Eurasier Rescue POC



## [Rescue Success stories](#)

Five Eurasiers found new homes through Eurasier Rescue so far this year. One other Eurasier was rescued and placed in a new home by Johanne Parent. Their success stories and pictures can be found below:

### [Queen Cleo and Queen Sheba:](#)

This is a story of two Eurasier rescues; two rescues with one story book ending...Once upon a time there were two sisters, sisters born in California to Eurasier parents that had emigrated with their human family from Germany. These two sweet, puppy sisters were seen in a cardboard box on the streets of “Pleasant Town”, USA, today known as Pleasanton, by a young family. The family was charmed by them and couldn’t resist adopting both of them...How unlikely is it that pups of such a rare and treasured breed in Germany would come to be sold from a cardboard box in Pleasant Town, California, USA?

The sweet sisters were loved so much by their family that the family crowned them queens and named them Sheba and Cleo(patra). The whole family lived together and loved together, everything so good for so many years (7 years to be nearly exact) but a young human family grows, and human children are so demanding and require so much time that the sweet sister queens were being left out more and more. Their human family still loved them very much and that is why they saw how their queens were not as happy as they once were and how something must be done for them. They knew Sheba and Cleo needed a new home that would be able to give them the time and attention and reverence that queens deserve. But where could they find a good home that would keep these sisters together?

As is the nature of these kinds of stories...from far, far away across thousands of miles of mountains, plains and to the far stretches to a great sea, a great fairy appeared to the parents. Now this fairy had a very unfairy-like name, Jackie Murtha, and a very unfairy-like title: NAEC USA-Point of Contact (POC) but like a guiding star in the sky, always there to be called on in times of need, the POC Fairy worked her magic. (I will tell you here that casting magic for rescues is much more work than is commonly known and requires many more “fairies” than just the one POC to make the magic happen but I’ll leave out those details to keep this story short.) A wonderful, loving family was found that was looking for “a” dog but when they met the sweet sister queens, both Sheba and Cleo had found their new home. They were taken to their new parents’ hearts (Sue and Jack) and their new home in the San Francisco Bay area, and the sisters live happily ever—but wait! That is not the complete end to this story...

In truth, the sister-queens not only gained the love and companionship of their new family, they not only remained together as they will always be, but they have also kept the love of their original family as they visit from time-to-time.

So, everyone lives happily ever after, especially the two sisters, Queen Sheba and Queen Cleo (photo on next page). - *Clark Waldrip*



*Sheba*

*Cleo*

#### [Sara:](#)

Sara was found at a local shelter near Montreal. She is a purebred Eurasier but her owner died from cancer and the owner's family did not want to keep her. I asked myself "Why? - she is soooooo gentle, affectionate and confident!" I was not able to let her remain there... it was so cruel! So I adopted her, so that I could personally find her a new family. After a few months, Dianne Cameron suggested one of her best friends as a possible new owner for Sara. Thanks Dianne! Sara now has the love of a new family in Montreal, Quebec! - *Johanne Parent*

#### [Luka:](#)

I am 56 yrs old, and can't remember a time when some great dog wasn't part of my life. Big dogs seem to fit my lifestyle, and I have owned Malamutes, Chow Chows, and even a neurotic but loveable Border Collie. About three years ago, our lion hearted Chow Chow Simba died of cancer and my entire family was so saddened we couldn't consider getting a new dog for over a year. It was at this point I started to seriously consider another dog for us, but the question was, what kind??? I compiled a "wish list" of what I considered the perfect personality. It read something like this: Great spirit, totally attuned to the family, willing learner, gentle with smaller animals i.e. cats and little dogs, stays within the family borders (doesn't roam), athletic enough to join us for walks and hikes, but doesn't need huge amounts of space or enormous amounts of exercise. Doesn't have much doggy odor. Coat easy to brush and maintain. Doesn't dig giant holes in my yard, or climb fences to get out. Bonds with the entire family unit. Wary of strangers, but not likely to bite. Big enough to be a "warning" to unwanted visitors, and provide security for the family. When I completed my list, I reread it and started to laugh. It seemed the changes of finding such a jewel of a dog would be about the same as winning the lottery. Then I started flipping the pages of an All Breed Dog book, when I found this magnificent looking dog staring back at me. It looked like a cross between my beloved Chows and Malamutes. A Eurasier, an unknown breed to me. I started reading about its personality, and what do you know. Everything I was asking for. I went immediately onto the Internet to locate a "local" breeder. I did find a few puppies available in Canada, and "sticker shock" was the next obstacle. I was trying to find a way to approach my husband with the idea of spending \$3-\$4 THOUSAND on a dog, when he certainly surprised me. He was tired of my teenage daughter asking for a dog, so he went out and bought her a Pomeranian puppy. Our first little dog, and so very cute, Chico has been a blessing for sure.

Smart as a whip, but definitely a jealous little guy. He doesn't like to share any of his numerous toys, and especially any of his family with any visitor, man or beast. He also has a bad case of "little dog syndrome", meaning he thinks he can whip any dog he comes in contact with. Not a good trait when we meet the many Rottweilers, Dobbies, etc, at the beach by our house. As much as our family loves Chico, we were still missing having a big dog. I'm not sure what prompted me, but I popped back on the Internet this spring, and checked for Eurasier breeders once again. This time, I noticed one in Alaska, and emailed Ted Berry at Birch Grove Farm. To my surprise, he said that although he had no puppies at that time, he did have a "rescued" Eurasier, Luka, 18 mo. old, and a wonderful animal. Already obedience trained, Luka would readily sit, lay down, kennel up, and even "high five" when asked. He is a gorgeous multi-colored smoky/tan/black coloring, and rather large for an Eurasier at "about 80 lbs." I knew this was the dog for us, even though we would be missing some of the fun puppy times, we would be missing some of the not so fun puppy training. I only worried about how the bonding process would go. Would this dog be able to truly adjust to one more change in his "family" and circumstances, and settle in and be a relaxed and happy boy??? His original owner had to travel by train to one of her residences in very rural Alaska, and for some reason, Luka had become terrified of the train as a small pup, and so as he grew, the train travel become too much of a problem. He was shuffled around a bit, and ended with Ted Berry, who was part of the Eurasier Rescue group. As most of you know, Ted raises Eurasiers, and keeps a breeding pair at his ranch in Alaska. As much as he liked Luka, he and his wife really didn't need one more large dog - so finding him a good home became a priority. Luka had been with Ted about a month when I called expressing an interest. It had taken Luka about 3 weeks to bond with Ted, and remained more wary around men than women. Some strange noises spooked him, and he kept his hatred of trains. Ted insisted that I fly to Anchorage to meet Luka instead of just crating him up and shipping him down to Seattle, so Luka could at least know me a bit before he ended up on yet another strange journey with new people etc. I am so glad Ted had the foresight and caring to plan the transition the way he did. Ted took an entire day away from his farming chores, meeting me at the airport with Luka, and driving us around to various lovely parks and places to hike - so Luka and I could get to know each other. Luka was even more shy than I expected, and acted a bit like toddler hiding behind his mommy's skirts (only it was Ted's jeans), peering at me, and definitely sensing something was up. However, when I uncrated him at the Seattle airport after his flight to his new home, he greeted me like a long lost friend. My tall husband Richard was a different story. Luka was now hiding behind me, and trying to stay as far away from Richard as possible. When we got to our home, and Luka spotted my daughter Ashleen on the porch, he tore over to her, jumped in her lap knocking her over, and kissed her face and whined and purred (yes, purred) for quite some time. We often wonder if Ashleen looks a bit like his first owner, as he acted like he was greeting someone he loved and missed a lot. Of course, for Ashleen, it was love at first sight as well. We introduced Luka to his entire extended family, my elderly mother and father who live next door to us, my two cats, and of course, jealous little Chico. I had warned my folks that Luka might take awhile to make up to them, but they had a few ideas of their own. G-ma had a batch of her good pancakes (soaked in bacon grease), and G-pa had some doggie treats in his pockets, and within a very short time, won over Luka's reservations. Both of our places are fenced together, making one very large lot for the dogs to romp and play- fenced away from any traffic. The back of our place is woods, as we border a state park. Luka could easily negotiate the steep bank and then go off into the woods if he wanted, so we kept his on a leash for about 3 weeks before he let him run loose in the yard. I am delighted to say, he has no desire to roam. He keeps one of us in sight at all times if we are outside gardening or whatever, but finds a good spot in the shade when we go inside. He can go inside and out at will and spends his evenings inside stretched out at our feet. Luka was visibly shaken whenever company came over - and would do his barking while he was hiding behind me. It's been a little over 3 months now and Luka is a changed boy. He "smiles" all the time, and no longer hides behind any of us. Newcomers are greeted with a woof or two, and kept at a distance (which is what I want since there are a lot of

dognappers in the city), but no nervous behaviour, even at the rather crowded beach we visit. And he is a champion good will ambassador around other dogs and cats. I LOVE THIS ABOUT HIM. He is even teaching Chico to behave better, and has taught him to play with other dogs, instead of growling at them -something I could never do. Chico still doesn't want to share his toys, but Luka couldn't care less. If Chico wants it, he just smiles and lets him have it - like an indulgent parent would do. They have actually become really good pals - and look so funny running around together. Luka is HUGE. Last weigh in on the vet scales he was 90 lbs - but the vet said he wasn't overweight -just a BIG dog. He has also grown in height, and now has to crouch to get under the kitchen table. This must be rather unusual. Anyone else have such a big Eurasier?? Well, as you can see, Luka has more than met all of the good traits I had outlined on my list. But the nicest one of all, one I hadn't even thought of, was that he is just so POLITE. He never demands, just quietly asks, and is always looking for ways to please others. What a jewel. And he's mine. So thank you everyone who made this happen. We will love him to pieces his whole life. - *Luka's new mommy, Diane Irvin*



### Sam & Laika:

It is funny how dog ownership is a little bit like eating cashews. Who can stop at one? This was the bug that bit me shortly after I had adopted Chai. Chai was five months old. Chai was full of joy and play, especially so with other Eurasiers around. Dogs are social creatures. This fact made it easy for me to tell myself that my family – comprising a working couple, two cats and some fish – was just too lonesome for that little Eurasier girl pup.

Six months later, in Ontario, Peter and Gabriella Hamley had accepted two Eurasiers to be fostered until a forever home could be found for them. Laika was 12 and Sam was 3. Laika is a beautiful light sandy color with huge dark eyes, and Sam is a dark brown sable with black tips. They both came from the same family, who were not able to keep them after their circumstances changed. Without caution or worry – these were, after all, Eurasiers – I persuaded the Hamley's to surrender their charges to me in Alberta. My gratitude goes out to them, to Dianne Cameron for her help getting Sam and Laika on the plane, and to Wayne Nelson for his help picking them up.

Introducing Sam and Laika to my home was a novel experience, and though I would leap again at the chance to adopt them, I would probably proceed a little differently.

Here's what happened:

1. Chai pestered Sam mercilessly, and he was too polite to tell her to stop.
2. Sam refused to play with Chai. I didn't think he knew how to play.
3. Laika wanted nothing to do with Chai, and the two spent considerable time snarling and growling in each other's faces.
4. After the initial enthusiasm, Chai realized that these particular houseguests weren't leaving, and spent hours sulking on the patio, with her back to the door.
5. The old cat Shelby had no inhibitions about stating his opinions regarding the presence of dogs in the house.
6. On walks, Sam and Chai walked a lot faster than Laika, and Laika had no stamina to walk more than a couple of blocks. However, she was distraught if she was left behind, and Sam was desolate if we took her out on her own.
7. Laika also needed extensive dental work, and x-rays showed serious arthritis in her lower back, hips and back knees. Both conditions required immediate intervention. Dental surgery was done with 4 teeth needing extraction, and she was put on Metacam along with Recovery SA for the arthritis, which seems to be working well for her.
8. My car was too small for 3 dogs and me!
9. And to top it all off, Sam and Laika spoke French, and my English and German was just so much babble to them. They must have been pretty homesick the first little while.

I would take these steps to ease the transition:

1. I would give Chai and Sam / Laika separate x-pens, each furnished with their own crates, sleeping mats and toys. Chai already had one that she was accustomed to, and it was too much to ask her to share it right off the bat with the new dogs. And Sam and Laika should have had their own 'safe spot' they could retire to and rest in.
2. I would add separate, short, highly interactive walks with just Chai, so that she would realize she is still loved, and similar walks with just Sam and Laika, to help them bond with me.
3. We did a lot of cuddling of our 19 year old cat, and it didn't take him long to progress from hissing and cursing to stealing the dogs' dinners out from under their noses.
4. I would intervene more actively in the establishment of status in the pack hierarchy, by supporting Sam to be top dog, and encouraging Chai in her attempts to learn the boundaries.
5. I would not be too sympathetic with Chai. I would trust my initial instinct that said she would be happy in a pack, and I would let her do her sulking in peace, by simply ignoring it.
6. On receipt of their medical records, I immediately procured insurance for the dogs. This, however, didn't cover the initial examinations and treatments – something to be aware of if money is fairly tight.
7. Buy a BIG new car.
8. Don't worry. They'll work it out despite rookie handling!

After the initial upheavals, and all the mistakes, we have all fallen in love with each other. Considering Sam and Laika's journey, I am impressed with what remarkable, resilient and valiant creatures these dogs are. They have accommodated themselves to our home and our lives, and they are all dearly cherished.



Of course, we are in the poor house keeping three Eurasiers clothed, fed, amused and in Greenies, but I figure, any poor house with Eurasiers in it is way better than the mansion that doesn't have one. – Dietlinde



**New Car!**

Chai                      Laika                      Sam

### *Eurasiers North America*

#### General Interest

#### **The Bare-Bones Basics of Obedience Trials**

In this edition of the NAEC Newsletter, you'll see that a couple of our Eurasier friends have earned various obedience titles, both in Canada and the United States. We've noted that others have also expressed an interest in starting obedience competition with their furry friends. This article will provide some of the very basics on obedience trials for those of you who have an interest in such things and are new to the game.

(Nancy DaCosta (yellow top) & Zach ASCA-UD, and Kristin Gerlach with Bodhi)



There are several breed registries and clubs in North America that sanction obedience trials in which Eurasiers are recognized and can compete; for example the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), the United Kennel Club (UKC), and the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA). Those clubs award obedience titles to dogs that have successfully completed the exercises required for

that particular title. The exercises vary from club to club, but have the same basic requirements; because I am most familiar with the UKC and ASCA, I will be describing the exercises required in those venues. The dog will earn a title once he has, in spite of his handler's inevitable mistakes, achieved a passing score on all exercises in three separate obedience trials, and under two more different judges.

There are three basic levels of competition in obedience. At the Novice level, where a dog gets his Companion Dog (CD) title, the exercises include heeling on and off leash, standing for examination by the judge, a recall, long sits and downs with the handler across the ring, and fronts and finishes into heel position throughout all of the exercises (if you're lucky).

After a dog obtains his CD, he can move into the Open class, where the dogs get their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title. The dogs heel off lead, retrieve a dumbbell both on a flat surface and over a high jump, drop into a down position in the middle of a recall to front, do the broad jump, do longer sits and downs with the handler out of sight (the longest three and five minutes you will experience in your life), and of course, fronts and finishes in all the exercises.

The Utility Dog (UD) title is the highest level of competition. In Utility, the dog must heel off lead, stand, down, sit, and come to front, and finish into heel position, all (except heeling) on the handler's signal from across the ring - no voice commands are allowed. The dog also must do scent discrimination of leather and metal articles, directed retrieve one of three gloves placed behind and/or in front of him, do a moving stand for examination by the judge, and run across the ring to do directed jumping over two different types of jumps.

Once a dog gets his UD, he can then start working towards his Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), which requires the dog to qualify numerous times in both Open and Utility on the same day at the same trial, with a certain number of high scores in each class. And finally, the dog can obtain an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), which requires a certain number of points, determined by scores in both Utility and Open, in a number of trials. Quite honestly, we're so far from the OTCH that I haven't even studied those requirements yet.

**Important Note:** Although this primer addresses the basic exercises the *dogs* must perform, it does not begin to address the various advanced skills that a handler must exhibit in training and at shows, such as the front-and-side-spit-of-hot-dogs-into-the-dog's-mouth techniques; the maintenance of composure as the handler is trying for the third time to get that dumbbell tossed *over*, rather than *into*, the high jump; the appearance of listening to the judge when, in fact, the handler is watching the dog to ensure he does not leave the ring or worse, foul a ring gate; the dreaded unintentional But-We've-Always-Done-This-in-Practice double command; the basic skill of not tripping over the humped-up edge of the rubber ring mats while heeling; and the all-important move-as-fast-as-you-can-but-stay-in-order-and-for-God's-sake-don't—run-into-the-person-in-front-of-you return to the ring at the end of the out of sight sits and downs. Those, fortunately, are subjects for another time. – *Nancy DaCosta*



## Special Interest

### **Guidance For Selecting a Breeder and Adopting a Eurasier**

This information is intended to help potential adopting families engage in a thoughtful dialogue with a potential breeder. These suggested guidelines are currently not based on any Code of Ethics, although such documentation is being developed by the NAEC. Nor are these guidelines intended to constitute hard and fast rules; rather, they are intended to identify matters you should consider, discuss with the breeder, and then decide what is best for you and your family.

1. A breeder should provide information about Eurasiers, satisfactory answers to questions from potential owners; and should also encourage new owners to maintain regular contact.
2. A breeder should provide a written contract that includes guarantees for the health & soundness of their puppies; and a policy to accept the return of a puppy, or assistance in finding it a new home, in the event the new owners are unable to keep it.
3. A breeder should be able to provide references from previous puppy owners who will discuss their breeder and Eurasier experience, if there has been a prior litter.
4. A breeder should guarantee registration papers for a puppy within 6 months of purchase.
5. A breeder must provide proof the Sire and Dam have been registered with a nationally recognized breed organization, such as the CKC.
6. A breeder should be able to provide proof that the Dam was at least 2 years old and the Sire at least 18 months old at time of first mating, and be able to offer evidence (documented certifications) that prior to mating, and at no sooner than 12 months of age, their health examinations were done. These include:
  - a. A favorable\* Hip dysplasia certification from a recognized organization such as the University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program (PennHIP), the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or an Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) approved authority.  
  
\* favorable is defined as HD-A1, HD-A2, or HD-B1, or equivalent.
  - b. Patella luxation (Veterinary exam statement): Normal, or not greater than 1/1
  - c. Eye diseases (specialist in ophthalmology preferred, minimal exam: entropion, ectropion and distichiasis): Normal
7. The sire/ dam reside indoors as members of the family. The puppies are also reared accordingly, in healthy conditions, with lots of positive human contact.
8. A breeder should either recommend an appropriate puppy for your family, or otherwise help you select a puppy. However, you must also decide that the Eurasier breed is right for you.

9. The Eurasier is a rare breed. Invest the time to find a breeder you are comfortable with, and one who is not a commercial breeder. Here are some questions you might ask to help you make your evaluation:
- How many Eurasiers do you own and what are their ages?
  - Have your female Eurasiers had litters before the age of 2 years old?
  - Do you allow at least 12 months between breedings for the same female?
  - When was the last whelping for each female Eurasier?
  - How many litters have each of your female Eurasiers had and when?
  - Do you own or breed other breeds of dogs?
  - Do you have photos of pups from previous litters?
10. As you make determinations about the breeder, also expect the breeder to be qualifying you.
11. Expect to be on a waiting list for a puppy for several months or even longer. Be patient -if you're in a hurry, the Eurasier is not the breed for you.
12. Your Eurasier may be a family member for 14 or more years. Your selection of a breeder and a Eurasier is a decision that must be carefully considered.

### [Reference Books/ Reviews](#)

**“Eurasier Heute” – Annelie Feder** (available with English translation)

The book was written by the president of the Eurasier Club Weinheim (EKW), Germany, who is an experienced breeder of Eurasiers for many years. The book gives detailed information about the Eurasier breed. It is a must for every Eurasier owner and fancier.

Inquiries to Ute Molush [udmolush@cs.com](mailto:udmolush@cs.com)

**“Eurasiers” – Julius Wipfel** (it will be available sometime in English).

Written by the founder of the breed, Julius Wipfel himself, this book reflects the development of the breed in detail. The book is currently only available in German, but there are plans for it to be published in English in the future.

Inquiries to Josee Dessouroux [jdessouroux@yahoo.com](mailto:jdessouroux@yahoo.com)

### [Stories from Home](#)

At 4:30 a.m., she was jarred out of a sound sleep by the frantic barking of her two Eurasiers. The barking was increasing in its urgency and volume and a sense of foreboding crept over her. She slowly got out of bed, afraid that if there were an intruder in the house, the creaking of the old floors above them might draw attention to the fact that she was in the house. With heart-pounding trepidation, she slowly inched her way out of the bedroom and into the upstairs hallway, pausing only to grab some clothing with which to cover herself with. Her slow, cautious movement took her down the hall and she found herself at the top of the stairs, unsure of what she may encounter upon her descent. She started carefully down the stairs, knowing every step potentially bringing her closer to danger.

Before she reached the bottom of the stairs, she was able to see that the Eurasiers were standing at the front window with their noses lifting the blinds as they continued their loud barking. At this point, it was clear that there was no intruder in the house, but was there one on the front porch? She gingerly peeked through a tiny opening she made at the side of the blind with her finger. Yes! There was an intruder! In fact, there were TWO intruders! Recognition showed on her face. They were friends of Frasier the Eurasier, sent to torment her for a second time! A strong feeling of regret at how she had treated Frasier in the past flooded over her conscience. She sat on the sofa to gather her thoughts, as she needed to figure out how to deal with this situation.

After a few minutes of agonizing confusion, she made the brave decision to directly confront the intruders. She turned off the burglar alarm, then simultaneously threw open the front door and turned on the porch light. The two raccoons sat nonchalantly on the railing of the porch, happily munching on what was apparently garbage, as the garbage can lid had been removed and cast aside. She yelled loudly for them to go away and leave her alone. Just those words escaped her mouth, two MORE intruders appeared from the deep inside the garbage can. She couldn't believe her eyes. Frasier had sent four of his friends this time! He must be very angry with her to have escalated this harassment. There was a cedar bush beside the porch railing and the two denizens of the garbage can jumped into the bush, setting its branches swaying. The two who had been perched on the porch railing remained as they were, showing no fear of the human who was about to challenge them. As the can-raccoons sat in the bush watching what was bound to be an amusing show, the porch-raccoons defiantly stared at her. They seemed to be waiting for her to make her next move. When that move didn't come within a couple of minutes, the ring-leader (and this had nothing to do with how many rings were on his tail) made motions as if he was going to go back into the can for another snack.

Meanwhile, the Eurasiers were quietly and stoically watching the events through the storm door. They were thinking that she was so brave to have gone out into the night with no weapons or sharp teeth to take on the intruders and were fervently hoping she would not live to regret her decision.

She mustered up another yell, which stopped the raccoon from getting back into the garbage can. She walked slowly toward them, staring the ringleader in the eye. He defiantly stared back at her, but did not relinquish his position as the current owner of the blue garbage can. She decided it was time to use one of the weapons at her disposal and picked up a long length of yellow nylon rope, folded it in half, and lashed out at the raccoons, yelling like an Olympic Tai-Kwan-Do competitor. With each successive lash, she expected the raccoons to run for their lives. To her surprise, they stubbornly refused to move. With increasing frustration, she picked up a large piece of a dismantled cardboard box and charged towards the little masked devils. This elicited a reaction from the raccoons and they jumped into the bush to join the can-ccoons.

This bush was now a hub of activity and was filled with swaying pairs of glowing eyes. She picked up the discarded garbage can lid and stuck it back on the can. She would obviously have to do something to prevent the creatures from resuming their rotten meal. Aha!! The yellow rope! She picked it back up and tied the lid to clamp-like handles of the garbage can. She drew it across the top of the lid three times to ensure that it would keep them from ripping the lid off again. She smiled with satisfaction as the four raccoons smirked at her from their cedar bush.

She had taken no more than three steps back towards the door of the house when something she heard caused her to turn around. The ringleader and the other porch-raccoon were back on the porch railing. They both appeared to be laughing at her. She sighed in frustration. Just then, the ringleader jumped on top of the garbage can and attempted to remove the lid again. All this while she was only three feet away from him. He soon noticed the new addition to the garbage can and set about trying to remove the rope with a combination of hands and teeth. She watched this and realized that this was a perfect opportunity to go and get her camera and take pictures. He was still working on it when she came back with the camera. She took a few pictures. He eventually admitted defeat and the second porch raccoon stepped into his place and took over the task of trying to take the rope off. After a few minutes, he realized that they had been defeated. He called out to his friends in the cedar bush and they all took off into the night.

Frasier, I've had enough now. Please call off your friends. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry....  
- *Dianne Cameron*

### **Reflections** " A BREEDER'S LIFE "

A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all; one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all-important show into this year's "vacation".

The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight. She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping new-born, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeder's lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.

A Breeder's hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy's wet nose.

A Breeder's back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice pup to a Championship.

A Breeder's shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.

A Breeder's arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeder's ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.

A Breeder's eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competition's faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeder's brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads...and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.

The Breeder's heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place! Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are BREEDERS!!

Author: Unknown...

### Scheduled Walks

April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Marmora, Ontario

June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – “Hunk o’ Heaven”, Colorado Springs, Colorado

September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Marmora, Ontario

### Report on Marmora

On a beautiful September weekend, a number of Eurasier lovers were treated to two days of being immersed in the wonderful world of Eurasiers at the home of Peter and Gabriella Hamley in Marmora, Ontario, Canada. The September Marmora Eurasier walk has become an annual event that has drawn people from all over North America, and in the case of this year's walk, the world. Gabriella and Peter have the perfect property (Foxhaven) on which to host the event - 100 acres of land, most of which is criss-crossed with beautiful forested walking trails. They also have a huge fenced-in area where everyone can relax, knowing their dogs are safely enclosed.

This year, people attended from various parts of Ontario, Quebec, some of the New England states, New Mexico, Wisconsin, New York, and Pennsylvania. We also had special guests from Germany (Helga and Ronald Casper of the German Eurasier club, the EKW) and from Sweden (Ulla-Carin Totney from Foxfire Kennel and her companion Jan). The international guests helped make this a very special event. A number of people and Eurasiers arrived Friday and all made their way from their various hotels to the Hamleys'. The fun had already started before even half of the participants had arrived, and there was an air of excitement in anticipation of the other arrivals on Saturday. The rest of the guests finished arriving Saturday morning, and every person and dog had a great time finally meeting. Everyone received a nametag. The “dog tags” were quite elaborate (at least I thought so, given the time it took the non-artist in me to create them). The humans got short-changed in the nametag department however, as they had to settle for those cheap stick-on-your-shirt labels with my bad handwriting on them. The “dog

tags” were an improvement from last year’s prototypes, as these next-generation ones stayed flipped to the side that displayed the dog’s name. I thought it was a remarkable feat of engineering and may have to patent the end result. Enough about name tags ... onto the stuff that people will actually be interested in.

I won’t name ALL the participants, as I appear to suffer from some type of forgetfulness and I don’t want to leave anyone out. This information is available elsewhere (Yahoo discussion group messages and photos <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Eurasier> etc.). There were approximately 35 dogs and 45 humans. I believe we had the full spectrum of Eurasier colours represented. There were also a few ‘honourary Eurasiers’ in the crowd (a couple of Keeshonds and a couple of mixed-breeds). The dogs ranged in age from a cute and cuddly 10 weeks old, to a dignified (and somewhat curmudgeonly) 8 years old. The humans...well I won’t get into detail here for obvious reasons, but they ranged from children to adults of undeterminable ages.

Saturday consisted of a lot of fun chatting along with a few more organized events. There was the trail walk, which is the reason we actually get away with calling these events ‘Eurasier Walks’. It’s always an amazing experience to see so many off-leash dogs moving in a large pack ahead of the humans with those bushy tails carried high and proud over their backs, while displaying the unique and beautiful style of movement that our breed has. There was the first of a couple of organized events (thanks Maureen!) for those who could tear themselves away from riveting conversation with their friends, new or old. The event was an obstacle course that the humans actually had to do along with their dog. I’m not sure who had the most difficulty with this, but the dogs likely had the easier time. It was certainly good for a few laughs and there were a couple of dog/human teams that completed the course while looking like they actually knew what they were doing! Later, there was a trip to a nearby lake where the dogs frolicked in the water, while the humans marveled at the displays of swimming abilities and swimming phobias alike. After dinner, it was time for the ‘non-strenuous events’. The first of these was a mini-concert put on by Lori Martin and myself. It really was a ‘mini’ concert as it consisted of only two songs, but they were ‘special’ songs. The first was called ‘Do You Know the Way to Marmora’ - about the various people and Eurasiers we have come to know through our Internet community – the Yahoo discussion group. It poked gentle fun at a number of subjects. The second song referred to the penchant I supposedly have for dressing dogs in human clothing. I can assure you that this is truly a fabricated notion, however I decided to have some fun with it by writing the song, ‘Eurasiers in Ties’. By this time, darkness had settled over Foxhaven so the crowd headed inside to play a spirited game of Eurasier Trivia. Gabriella served as Trivia Master and had made up most of the questions herself. We were divided into teams to answer trivia questions based on some of the stories and information that had been posted on our Yahoo discussion group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Eurasier>). I proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that I spend far too much time on the Internet by being a member of the winning team of 4 players. We were all rewarded with a bag of the Hamleys’ homemade beef jerky (for the dogs!!).

Lots of chatting, doggy watching, another walk on the trails and another fun, event - this time a scavenger hunt took place on Sunday. Maureen (and Lori’s dog Cavick as well, apparently) had hidden a number of objects within a certain perimeter and it was up to the humans and dogs to find them. Some had an easier time than others and accumulated quite a pile of found treasures, while others, such as myself, found nothing at all. Shortly afterward, those with long drives ahead began making their way home, while the few who stayed behind enjoyed a smaller, but just as raucous, version of the Eurasier walk.



Most of the events Saturday were videotaped by a professional videographer/filmmaker and at a later time, there will be a wonderful video available for purchase that will surely have captured the spirit of the whole event. We also had journalists from two different community newspapers do great stories on the event that were published very shortly afterwards.

One of the important weekend jobs was ensuring the humans were all well fed. Dan Sauve (one of Mika and Benno's humans) offered his culinary skills for that daunting task, and conscripted a few assistants when needed. Dan did a wonderful job, and while he didn't get to enjoy a lot of the activities, his efforts were very much appreciated, and the food he prepared very much enjoyed. When he was finally discharged of his duties Sunday night, he was observed sleeping like a baby on the couch where he had collapsed. Thanks Dan.



I know I speak for everyone when I say that we can't wait for the next Marmora Eurasier Walk! I know everyone would also like to say a heartfelt thank-you to Peter and Gabriella Hamley for their generosity in hosting this event. – *Dianne Cameron*

## ***Eurasiers USA***

### **Local News**

In September, two European "Eurasier guests" visited the United States and Canada to spend some time with North American Eurasier friends and to take the opportunity to visit dogs of their own lines that live here in North America.

Helga Casper and her husband Ronald from Hamburg, Germany, who started their summer vacation in Philadelphia, traveled along the East Coast up to Canada where they were able to enjoy the Annual Marmora Eurasier Walk. Helga Casper, a longtime official of the Eurasier Club Weinheim (EKW), Germany who is in charge of the breed book and of international relations and puppy placement, visited some of those EKW Eurasiers that reside here in the US and Canada. She visited the families of Miss America Maja von der kleinen Blaike, Britta aus Kaltenbroich, Hailey von der Wolfsangel, Courageous Saber vom Kapellenberg, Aki von den Elbgezeiten, and Beau Michelange vom Weinbergblick.

In addition, a well-known breeder, Ulla-Carin Totney, of Foxfire Eurasiers, from Vimmerby, Sweden, and her friend Jan toured a vast part of the United States and Canada to meet many of their Eurasier friends personally. They were also able to attend the Marmora Eurasier Walk and then continued on to meet with Foxfire Bambam, Foxfire Bobo, Foxfire Dante and Foxfire Jin's a Jewel, who all stem from Ulla-Carin's kennel.

Health Examination Results year January – October 2004

Folie A2 Pebbles of Eurasia  
Hips – Excellent  
Patella – normal  
Elbows – normal



CH North River's Baroness  
Lilian  
Hips – good  
Patella – normal  
Elbows – normal  
Eyes - clear



Classic Touch Alexia of Eurasia  
Hips - HD-A  
Patella – normal  
Elbows – normal  
Eyes - clear





## Mating Announcements

Please refer to the **Special Interest** category of the 'Eurasiers North America' section, **Guidance For Selecting a Breeder and Adopting a Eurasier**, to help you make a decision on finding a suitable Eurasier breeder for your future puppy.

**September 13, 2004** – Foxfire Bambam (owners: Donna and Griffin Kessler) x North River's Baroness Lilian (owner: Jackie Murtha). Pups born November 13, 2004.



**October 16, 2004** – Ginger-Cooper vom Maerchenwald (owner: Josee Dessouroux) x ARBA CH Classic Touch Alexia of Eurasia (owner: Monica Murphy)  
The A-litter of Maupman Kennel is expected in mid-December.



**October 18, 2004** – Fellow vom Ruedenstein x Berta ut Verlanden (owner: Ted Berry)  
The C-litter of Birch Grove Farm Eurasiers is expected in mid-December.



## Litter Announcements

*“North River Eurasiers”*

Jackie Murtha, Hanover MA  
E litter – 11-13-04 2m/ 4f  
Foxfire Bambam x North River’s Baroness Lilian



*“Dancing Bear Eurasiers”*

Griffin and Donna Kessler, Jacksonville, NJ  
A litter – 08-03-2004 4m/4f  
Foxfire Bambam x Folie A2 Pebbles of Eurasia



Dancing Bear Archangel (CT, USA)  
Dancing Bear Aspen (IL, USA)  
Dancing Bear Aragon (DC, USA)  
Dancing Bear Applejack (SC, USA)  
Dancing Bear Angelic Isa (PA, USA)  
Dancing Bear Arwen (NJ, USA)  
Dancing Bear Ava (Calgary, Alberta, CAN)  
Dancing Bear Avalanche (Quebec, CA)

*“North Star Eurasiers”*

Ute D. Molush, Schwenksville, PA  
B litter – 06-29-2004 - 6m/1f  
Foxfire Bambam x Alpha-Laika vom Tal der Raben



Nordstern's Benno Baerenkind (Stittsville, ON, CA)  
Nordstern's Belle Ode de Joy (Schwenksville, PA, USA)  
Nordstern's Bruder Baer Boo (Milan, WI, USA)  
Nordstern's Big Bear Magic (West Chicago, IL, USA)  
Nordstern's Black Magic Theo (Norristown, PA, USA)  
Nordstern's Best Bet Munson T (Colebrook, CT, USA)  
Nordstern's Blizzard Niko (Midlothian, VA)  
(please note: the names are not yet approved through the CKC)

*"Sundog Eurasiers"*

Karla Erickson, Poway, CA  
B litter – April 28, 2004 – 5m/4f  
CH Gold Castle's Antonie x CH Aiko von der Eschenburg



Sundog's Canadian Mickey (Dallas, TX, USA)  
Sundog's Canadian Bandit JJ (San Diego, CA, USA)  
Sundog's Buster Bumblebear (Los Angeles, CA, USA)  
  
Sundog's Freddy Rubottom (Long Beach, CA., USA)  
Sundog's California Juneau (Colorado Springs, CO, USA)  
Sundog's Boudicca (Davis, CA, USA)  
Sundog's Madison Baily Brooke (Poway, CA, USA)  
Sundog's Kailua Wyckoff (San Francisco, CA, USA)  
Sundog's Keko Burt (Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada)



## Imported Eurasiers



Hailey von der Wolfsangel  
EKW Germany  
Imported by Jackie Murtha  
North River Eurasiers, MA

*Thank you to the breeder, Mrs. Lioba Schanz for enriching our breeding basis here in the USA*



Aki von den Elbgezeiten  
EKW Germany  
Imported by Doreen Sese & Jackie Murtha  
North River Eurasiers, MA

*Thank you to the breeder, Mr. Wolfgang Wille, for parting with such a handsome and promising future stud male.*



Foxfire's Jin's a Jewel  
Sweden  
Imported by Nancy DaCosta, NM

*A big thank you to breeder Ulla-Carin Totney for this wonderful, promising puppy.*

*(photo by Ulla-Carin)*

## Eurasier Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the owners of the following Eurasiers:



Aladin vom Tal der Raben (“Otto”)  
March 1, 2004 (5 ½ years old)  
Accident – hit by car  
Owner: Jackie Murtha, MA, USA



“Brandy”  
April 4, 2004 (over 16 years old)  
Natural causes  
Owners: Monica & Bill Church, MI



North Rivers Dexter (“Dexter”)  
April/May 2004 (6 months old)  
Liver shunt, skeletal problems  
Owners: Braham & Paige Saba



Naku's Tiffany Murtha (“Tiffany”)  
Oct. 6, 2004 (8 ½ years old)  
Internal bleeding  
Owner: Jackie Murtha, MA, USA

**The Year to Date Summary Statistics for the United States:**  
**(January 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004)**

| Number of Puppies | Litters | Imported Dogs | Deaths |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 30                | 4       | 3             | 4      |

**Achievements**

Balzach of Eurasia, owned by Nancy DaCosta, New Mexico, obtained his Utility Dog (UD) title from the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) this August. He was the only dog to qualify in Utility A or B and also got First Place and High Scoring Utility Dog.

Zach is the only Eurasier to get an ASCA obedience title of any sort in the U.S.

Through the United Kennel Club (UKC) in which Eurasiers can also compete, Zach has earned his UKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) and will start working towards his UKC UD title next year.

**Congratulations to Zach and his handler  
Nancy!**



Congratulations to the new **ARBA** (American Rare Breed Association) champions:

CH North River's A'Taizar  
(owner – Doreen Sese )



CH North River's Baroness Lilian  
(owner – Jackie Murtha)



### **Special Recognition**

November 6, 2004 – AKC Canine Good Citizen Award - Denver, Colorado  
SunWolf's Colorado Bodhisattva ("Bodhi")

Owner Kristin Gerlach says she entered 6 month old Bodhi 'just for practice', and passed.  
**Congratulations Kristin and Bodhi!**





The American Kennel Club's 'Canine Good Citizen' is a certification program that was started in 1989 "to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community". Many other countries have since adopted the AKC's model and have established their own Canine Good Citizen programs. All dogs, both purebred and mixed breed are allowed to participate, but before doing so, owners must sign the **Responsible Dog Owners Pledge**. The test itself consists of 10 supervised, on-leash exercises:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Allow to be groomed and examined
4. Walk on a loose lead
5. Walk through a crowd
6. Sit on command and stay
7. Come when called
8. Interact in a positive manner with another dog
9. React in a positive manner to distractions
10. Accept short term separation from owner

Further information about the Canine Good Citizen program and details about the tests can be found at the American Kennel Club website at: <http://www.akc.org/love/cgc/program.cfm>

## *Eurasiers Canada*

### Local news

Once a month in Calgary the top-rated local television station presents its "Breed of the Month" feature— a 5-minute live interview segment as part of its noon hour news and information package. I was originally contacted in November 2003 to bring our Eurasiers onto the program, but the producers wished to see all ages of dogs if possible. And, as we were planning a spring breeding, we decided to wait until the pups were born and were old enough to venture into public. On July 5, just 2 days before they turned 8 weeks old, Laurel and I made our appearance with Cody, Caspar, Tux, Suki and Bodhi. Sirius had gone to his new home just the day before. Also present was 12 year old Laika, and her owner Dietlinde, almost-2 year old Anzi, Cimba, and the mother of the litter, Baschi. All the dogs were all incredibly well behaved under the hot, bright lights, as the television hosts asked various questions about Eurasiers. The interview went well; the dogs were wonderful ambassadors for the breed, and our hosts were quite impressed. A video copy of the TV appearance was played, along with one of Eurasiers at the prestigious Crufts Dog Show in England, at the Marmora gathering this past September. —  
*Wayne Nelson*

### Events

There is a move in Canada to create an 8<sup>th</sup>, separate "Spitz or Northern/ Primitive Dogs group" in the Canadian Kennel Club. Right now the Eurasiers are in Group 3 - the Working Dogs group. While the Working Dog group does include some of the spitz-breed dogs (Alaskan Malamute, Canaan Dog, Eurasier, Karelian Bear Dog, Samoyed, Siberian Husky, etc.), it also includes breeds such as Boxers, Dobermans, Rottweilers, St.Bernards and Mastiffs (non-spitz breeds).



Marilyn Harris, the person who has made the motion to the CKC Board of Directors to create this new Group, invited one representative from each spitz or northern /primitive breed to participate in a special 'parade' in center ring at Canada's largest dog show that was held October 30<sup>th</sup> in Abbotsford, B.C. (near Vancouver). In the CKC, in simple terms, each dog first competes against others of its breed – males first to determine the Best Male, then the females to determine Best Female, then the Best Female against Best Male to determine Best of Breed. This happens with every breed that's included in the Group. Then, once all the Best of Breeds have been selected from each Group, they all compete against each other for Group First, Second, Third or Fourth. So this "Spitz Parade" demonstrated to the public and the CKC members/directors in attendance what a Spitz or Northern / Primitive Breed Group (Group 8) would look like. The winner of each Group, if this was an authorized show, would then have advanced to be judged for Best in Show.

For the "Spitz Parade", as each breed entered the ring, a brief announcement was read about the breed, its history and characteristics. The North American Eurasier Committee had prepared the written script for the Eurasier, which was represented by CKC Champion Cimba's Gold of Eurasia ("Cimba"), pictured below.



The Eurasier was not the only 'uncommon' breed represented at the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers show. There was a Greenland Dog – a large sled dog breed native to that country. The Washington State breeder had flown to Baffin Island in the far north to acquire her breeding stock. Very similar in appearance and size is the tough Canadian Eskimo Dog or Inuit Dog, which made the trip from Calgary. The Icelandic Sheepdog and the American Eskimo Dog, which are currently on a referendum of 14 breeds being considered for full CKC recognition, were there along with the national dog of Sweden, the Norrbottenspets. Perhaps one of the most fascinating of the northern breeds that turned out for this special Spitz Parade was the Norwegian Lundehund, a small, 6-toed breed, of which there are just 15 in all of Canada! The Keeshond next to Cimba looks quite large because it has so much fur, but it was actually quite a bit smaller. And the Chow Chow that was exhibited was more of the 'old-fashioned' type – more of a Eurasier look to the face. It's pictured on the end in the group photo.



This entire "Spitz Parade" lasted about 45 minutes in front of a standing room only crowd at center ring. A first in Canadian dog show history, this wonderful display of 22 of the spitz or northern breed representatives was captured on digital video and camera by a professional videographer hired for this event. The digital copies will be presented later to the CKC Board of Directors as part of the campaign for the new CKC group. In addition, organizer Marilyn Harris hopes to present a similar "Spitz or Northern Breeds" parade at the annual April show in Edmonton, the August show in Calgary, and perhaps the November, 2005 show in Caledon, Ontario. Response from spectators and participants alike so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

To capitalize on the exposure of the Eurasier in this "Spitz Parade" it was hoped to have as many 'showable' Eurasiers as possible entered for competition. However, to compete in the ring a dog must be un-altered, which ruled out a good many Eurasiers. Altered, purebred dogs can be entered as 'exhibition' meaning they can go anywhere in the show building, except into the show rings. This affords the opportunity for members of the public to see these other representatives of the breed and talk with their owners. But, not all Eurasier owners, or other breed owners for that matter, are comfortable either showing or exhibiting their dogs, and unfortunately, despite best efforts, the number of Eurasiers registered was only half of what was expected. Still, it was a nice turnout.

A big thank you to those owners who did choose to take part: Dietlinde Wall who flew out from Calgary with Sam & Chai, with Sam looking very polished in his second show; Ben & Margot West from Vancouver, with Buster Bear; and Ray & Judy Neumeyer from Cloverdale who brought Karla's Beau to his first competition, not just for one day, but for all 3 days of the show. And of course Anzi, Baschi & Cimba were also there from Calgary. Imagine the visual impact if there had been 10-20 or even 30 Eurasiers or more in the ring at once – as there are with other breeds, and as there is in Europe. While we didn't have the numbers, there was considerable interest in our Eurasiers from members of the public, and all the dogs were wonderful ambassadors for their breed. The show itself received a great deal of publicity in at least one local newspaper (the Vancouver Province – Oct. 29), which highlighted our Eurasier breed in the lead line to its story, even though it spelled Xoloitzcuintli incorrectly:

## **More than 1,500 canines to strut their stuff at dog show**

ABBOTSFORD -- Think you know dogs? Can you pick out a Puli? How about a Eurasier? Or a Xoloitzcuitl?

The Province also included a special 7-page dog show insert in its October 24<sup>th</sup> edition.

As a final note, each participant in this "Spitz Parade" received an information packet which listed each breed that took part, the brief announcement that was read for each breed, and a special 8 ½" x 11" laminated reproduction of the official Canadian Eskimo Dog 37 cent Canadian stamp (reproduced with permission of Canada Post Corporation). This enlarged reproduction was surrounded by the written names of each of the 22 breeds, and was entitled "Parade of Spitz Breeds". – *Wayne Nelson*

[Health Examination Results year January – October 2004](#)

SunWolf's Aurora Borealis ("Cinnamon")

Hips: A2  
Patella: normal  
Elbows: normal  
Eyes: clear



SunWolf's Anasazi Magic ("Anzi")

Hips: fail  
Eyes: clear



Ginger-Cooper vom Maerchenwald  
("Cooper")

Hips: HD-B  
Patella: Normal  
Eyes: Normal  
KZG Breeding Aptitude Test: Pass



[Mating announcements](#)

Please refer to the [Special Interest](#) category of the 'Eurasiers North America' section, **Guidance For Selecting a Breeder and Adopting a Eurasier**, to help you make a decision on finding a suitable Eurasier breeder for your future puppy.

**September 8, 2004** - Towdahs Eurasiers

Ben vom Brudergrund & Caline Miss Caprice of Eurasia (owner: Elizabeth Aeschbacher) – photos on next page. Puppies due November.





**September 20, 2004** - Fleur d'Eurasia Kennel (reg'd)  
Falco Solo of Eurasia x Star d'ites Stella de Niou Tchouang (owner: Johanne Parent)  
Puppies are due late November.



**September 25, 2004** - CH Cimba's Gold of Eurasia (owners: Wayne & Laurel Nelson) x  
SunWolf's Aurora Borealis (owners: Wayne & Laurel Nelson; Barb & Ed Brownlee)  
The "D" litter of SunWolf Eurasiers is expected in late November.



**October 4, 2004 - Towdahs Eurasiers**

Beau Michelange vom Weinbergblick x Towdahsbest Miss Zoé (owner: Elizabeth Aeschbacher) Puppies expected beginning of December.



### Litter Announcements

#### ***“Fleur d’Eurasia”***

Johanne Parent, Quebec

J-litter – Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - 1m/ 4f

Falco Solo of Eurasia x Star dites Stella de Niou Tchouang

*Just a Star for Jag of Eurasia – male (Quebec -Johanne Parent)*

*Jolie Kinouk of Eurasia – female (Quebec - Céline Bergeron)*

*Jolie Laïka of Eurasia – female (Quebec - Dany Bouchard)*

*Jazzy Taylor's Song d'Eurasia – female (Wisconsin- Lori Martin)*

*Jordane Nuwa of Eurasia – female (Quebec - Jean-Luc Lambert)*

#### ***“Towdah Eurasiers”***

Elizabeth Aeschbacher

April 4, 2004 4m/ 3f

Beau Michelange vom Weinbergblick x Towdahsbest Miss Molly



*Towdahsbest Oscar – male (Alberta)*

*Towdahsbest Ol' Jake - male (Wisconsin)*

*Towdahsbest October – male (California)*

*Towdahsbest Orgelthorpe – male (Michigan)*

*Towdahsbest Oka – female (Quebec)*

*Towdahsbest Osa – female (Quebec)*

*Towdahsbest Omega – female (Quebec)*

*“Naku Eurasiers”*

Margaret Knight, Ontario  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 – 3 m/ 1f  
CH Razzputin De Niou Tchouang x CH Naku's Wilde Cherise  
Kola

*Pups to Illinois, Michigan, and 2 to Ontario*



Naku's Grin N Bear It  
("Bear")

*“Naku Eurasiers”*

Margaret Knight, Ontario  
May 6th, 2004 – 3m/ 3f  
CH Razzputin De Niou Tchouang x CH Naku's Delilah De  
Lyoness

*Naku's Tequila de Lilah – female (Toronto)  
4 to Ontario (kept one)  
One pup to New Jersey*

*“SunWolf Eurasiers”*

Wayne & Laurel Nelson, Alberta  
C-litter – May 11, 2004 - 5m/ 1f  
CH Gold Castle's Antonie x CH Baschi aus Kaltenbroich



*SunWolf's Candlelight Cody – male (Victoria, BC)  
SunWolf's Constellation Kid – male (Spiritwood, Saskatchewan)  
SunWolf's Crimson Caspar – male (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)  
SunWolf's Charisma Plus - female (Eugene, Oregon)  
SunWolf's Captain Tuxedo – male (Seattle, Washington)  
SunWolf's Colorado Bodhisattva – male (Denver, Colorado)*

*“Sundog Eurasiers”*

Karla Erickson

June 20, 2004 - 3m/ 3f

Barbarossa Von Baden x Sundog's Alexis Keesha (owners - Ray & Judi Neumeyer)



*Sundog's Aspen Kuma - male (South Carolina – then New Zealand)*

*Sundog's Ashton Shadow - male (Deep Cove, BC - Vancouver Island)*

*Sundog's Alaska Kuma - male (Seattle, WA)*

*Sundog's Anya Tiffany - female (Romana, CA)*

*Sundog's Aysia - female (Huntington Beach, CA)*

*Sundog's Afrika Akasha - female (Los Vegas, Nevada)*

*“Naku Eurasiers”*

Margaret Knight, Ontario

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – 3m/ 2f

CH Naku's Bustin' Out x CH Sapphire De Niou Tchouang

*2 Pups to Michigan, New York, the rest to Ontario (kept one)*

Seniors



Heidi du Bois de Chanteloup “Laika”

Born: February 26, 1992 Laigneville, France

Owner: Dietlinde Wall, Calgary, Alberta



Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the owners of the following Eurasiers:



Phoceca de Niou Tchouang  
Dec. 3, 1999 - April, 2004 (6 years old)  
Bacteria infection  
Owner – Johanne Parent



Int. Eur. Lux. Ch. Isba  
Dec. 17, 1993 - May 2004 (11 years old)  
Natural causes  
Owner – Johanne Parent



Chipsy vom Michelsberg  
July 21, 1992 - May 2004 (13 ½ years old)  
Throat infection  
Owners – Peter & Evelyn Gold, Williams Lake, BC

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|---------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| 7       | 39                | n/a           | 3      |



## Achievements

Feb. 4, 2004 – Sherbrooke, Quebec – BOB, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Group - Ben vom Brudergrund

April 17-18, 2004 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - BOB, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group, **Young World Winner, Young Brazilian Champion** - Towdahsbest Nicolas (“Nico”)



April 2004 - Ontario – BOB - Naku’ s Vanity Fair (“Vanna”) beat her father “Razz”



May 24, 2004 – Montreal, Quebec – BOB - Towdahsbest Zoé

June 6, 2004 - Quebec – BOB, 4<sup>th</sup> in Group - Ben vom Brudergrund (Towdahsbest)

July 17, 2004 – Kars, Ontario – CKC CH - Ben vom Brudergrund (Towdahsbest)  
Ben finished his Championship with a BOB win.

July 20, 2004 – Smithfalls, Ontario – BOB Towdahsbest Niels



Zoé

Ben

Niels

July 31, 2004 – Alberta Kennel Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show – Calgary

BOB – CH Cimba’s Gold of Eurasia (“Cimba”)

August 1, 2004

BOB – CH Cimba’s Gold of Eurasia (“Cimba”)

These two shows also marked the first time in competition for Harley (SunWolf’s Beaugard Courageux – owners Mike Gyorkos & Lisa Cucheron), and Sam (Sam du Bois de Chanteloup – owner Dietlinde Wall), who both did extremely well for their first time in the show ring.



Sam

Harley

October 29, 2004 – Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers Show – Abbotsford, BC

BOB - Barbarossa Von Baden (“Beau”)



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Even though some of the following awards achieved by Gerri Walker’s dog Chloe (Naku’s CooCooCachoo) did not occur in 2004, they are nevertheless, worthy of noting for this first publication.

CKC Companion Dog (CD) Title for Obedience - October 13, 2002

CKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) - November 01, 2003

CKC High In Trial - November 09, 2003

Chloe is the first Eurasier in Canada to achieve a CD and a CDX. She scored a High in Trial last November (2003) at the Moncton Kennel Club with 26 dogs competing. This, along with a High in Class score from the Saint John Kennel Club made her eligible for the Atlantic Obedience Awards held October 30-31 in Charlottetown, PEI. Having previously achieved two High in Class scores at the Halifax Kennel Club, this was Chloe’s second year of being eligible

to participate in the Atlantic Obedience Awards. It was there that Chloe earned her first of three Utility Dog (UD) legs towards her Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH). Without missing a beat, Chloe went on to capture the second Utility Dog leg the following weekend (November 6<sup>th</sup>) at Saint John, New Brunswick. Gerri is hoping Chloe will soon be able to win the final Utility Dog leg and be able to add the prestigious award of Obedience Trial Champion to her already impressive resume. **Congratulations Gerri & Chloe!**



### **Special Recognition**

October 9, 2004 – Canadian Therapy Dog – Therapeutic Paws of Canada – Belleville, Ontario  
Naku's Nicholas von Tundrafoot (“Nicholas”)

Owner Gabriella Hamley is understandably proud of Nicholas for passing his Canadian Therapy Dog testing. In a message to the Yahoo discussion group, she says “the therapy dog testing is a very interesting process, consisting of several exercises. The dog has to meet a lot of strangers and stay calm and friendly while they swoop down on him, crowds mill around him, people with walkers, canes, wheelchairs approach him. He has to sit down near a plate of cookies without going for it, he mustn't be freaked out by people in white medical gowns, has to readily relinquish a fuzzy toy to its owner, mustn't get scared when they drop a pile of tin cans on the stone floor behind him, must take treats very gently from a stranger's hand, he has to tolerate petting and handling, has to walk nicely on leash and sit calmly while his handler is talking to people, he has to get along with other dogs in the crowd.” **Congratulations Gabriella and Nicholas!**



For more information about Therapeutic Paws of Canada, please visit their website at [www.tpoc.ca](http://www.tpoc.ca)

## Readers's Letters

"We are looking forward to your future contributions, in the form of Eurasier-related stories, experiences, comments, etc".

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