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Welcome to the third 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.

Currently the full voting members of the NAEC are:

Canada: Dianne Cameron, Josee Dessouroux, Wayne Nelson, Judi Neumeyer, Colleen Sutton, and Dietlinde Wall

USA: Nancy DaCosta, Kristin Gerlach, Gisele Kusmik, Ute Molush, and Jackie Murtha.

### **Announcements:**

The North American Eurasier Committee (NAEC) regrets to announce that Clark Waldrip has resigned and is no longer a member of the Committee. Clark, who was a driving force on the Committee, had stepped down this past Spring as Chair, but opted to remain as a contributing member to help with the transition of responsibilities, before ultimately taking his leave.

Clark was instrumental in the organization of the NAEC and its policies; and development of Eurasier Rescue - helping establish its principles, the framework for discussion, creation of the many documents required, and guiding, nudging, and prodding the other Committee members to meet their goals and deadlines, which often we did not. Clark waited until the project neared completion before announcing his resignation. And now, the comprehensive documentation for Eurasier Rescue finally has been completed – complete details are available in the [Eurasier Rescue](#) section of this newsletter.

Last, but certainly not least, the North American Eurasier Committee is excited to announce the formation of two new Eurasier clubs – one based in the United States, and one in Canada. Please refer to the [Eurasiers North America](#) section, and of course [Eurasiers USA](#) and [Eurasiers Canada](#) for more information.

# *Eurasiers International*

## The International Federation for Eurasier Breeding - IFEZ

The International Federation of Eurasier Breeding is an alliance of Eurasier Clubs whose members feel a special obligation to ensure the welfare of the Eurasier breed. The clubs are all members of the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) via their national Kennel Clubs and therefore guarantee sound breeding practices. The IFEZ was founded in February of 1996, based on a suggestion from the “*Zuchtgemeinschaft fuer Eurasier*” (ZG), one of the three German clubs of origin of the breed. The goal was to unite as many clubs as possible within Europe to breed Eurasiers on a high standard under observation of strict rules. The chairmanship rotates bi-annually. Currently the IFEZ represents more than 6,000 Eurasier friends, which is more than half of all Eurasier club members in all of Europe.

The individual clubs exchange breeding relevant data of those Eurasiers bred within their clubs, which is gathered in a database creating the greatest possible pool of information concerning health and behavior of the dogs. This data is used in modern breeding programs that are used for the breeding assessment of Eurasiers and planned breeding.

Since 1999 each Eurasier puppy that is bred in a member club of the IFEZ is issued a special certificate confirming the puppy stems from a club that observes the strict rules outlined by the IFEZ. By means of this certificate it is easy to differentiate between genuine Eurasiers originating from those IFEZ member clubs, and possible dissident breeders who might cross Chow Chows, Samoyeds and Wolfspitz and sell them under the “Eurasier” name.

The rules outlined by the IFEZ are:

- ✓ The Eurasier is sold with papers issued by a club that is member of the FCI.
- ✓ The Eurasier was bred from breeders that are maintaining a high standard.
- ✓ The puppy’s parents were screened for hip dysplasia, patellar luxation and eye disease.
- ✓ The parents passed an assessment that qualifies them for breeding, and which is performed by a breeding specialist of the club (Koermeister) or a specialty judge.
- ✓ The determination of what bitch is bred to what stud is based on a scientifically based breeding assessment with the goal to breed healthy and robust Eurasiers with a sound character.
- ✓ Breeding for commercial purposes is not permitted.
- ✓ The homes of the breeders and the raising of the puppies are checked by breeding specialists of the clubs.
- ✓ The puppies are raised within the family and are therefore socialized very early with people and their environment.

As per the IFEZ website, the current full member clubs are:

- ✓ *The Eurasier Klub Weinheim* (EKW), Germany.
- ✓ *The Zuchtgemeinschaft fuer Eurasier* (ZG), Germany.
- ✓ *The Eurasier Club Austria* (ECA), Austria.
- ✓ *The Suomen Eurasier Kerho*, Finland.
- ✓ *The Eurasier Vereniging Nederland* (EVN), The Netherlands
- ✓ *The Eurasier Freunde Schweiz* (EFS), Switzerland

The current IFEZ president is Prof. Dr. Kurt Kotschal from the ECA, Austria.

- Ute D. Molush

Below you will find a brief summary about of the IFEZ database that was prepared by Annelie Feder, President of the EKW and Helga Casper, Registration Division of the EKW:

Health data of more than **12,000** Eurasiers is stored which explains the great achievements for the breeding of Eurasiers obtained through the database. The records of the individual Eurasiers contain the following information:

- Name of the dog, Sex, Color
- Father, Mother
- Date of Birth, Date of Death
- Characteristics (hereditary diseases – e.g., kinked tail, cryptorchid, etc.)
- Comments – e.g., “castrated” or “fearful”
- Hip dysplasia
- Permission for breeding
- Owner relevant data

The following dog does not exist in reality; it is an imaginary dog invented for this demonstration with constructed characteristics:

Hund=dog, Zwinger=kennel, Vater=father, Mutter=mother, Geschlecht=sex, Wurfd=date of birth, Todesd.=date of death, Chip=chip, Gez.bei=bred by which club, steht bei=is in the club ..., Daten von=data from club, Farbe=color, Merkmale=characteristics, HD=hip dysplasia, PL=patella examination, D=distichiasis, B=pancreatic insufficiency, E=chryptorchid, K=kinked tail, L=diabetes, M=gastric torsion, N=discolored nose, O=ears (hanging), R=entropium, S=hypothyroidism, T=tumor, V - Z6=tooth faults, Bemerkung=comments, Typ=type, Wesen=character, Besitzer=owner

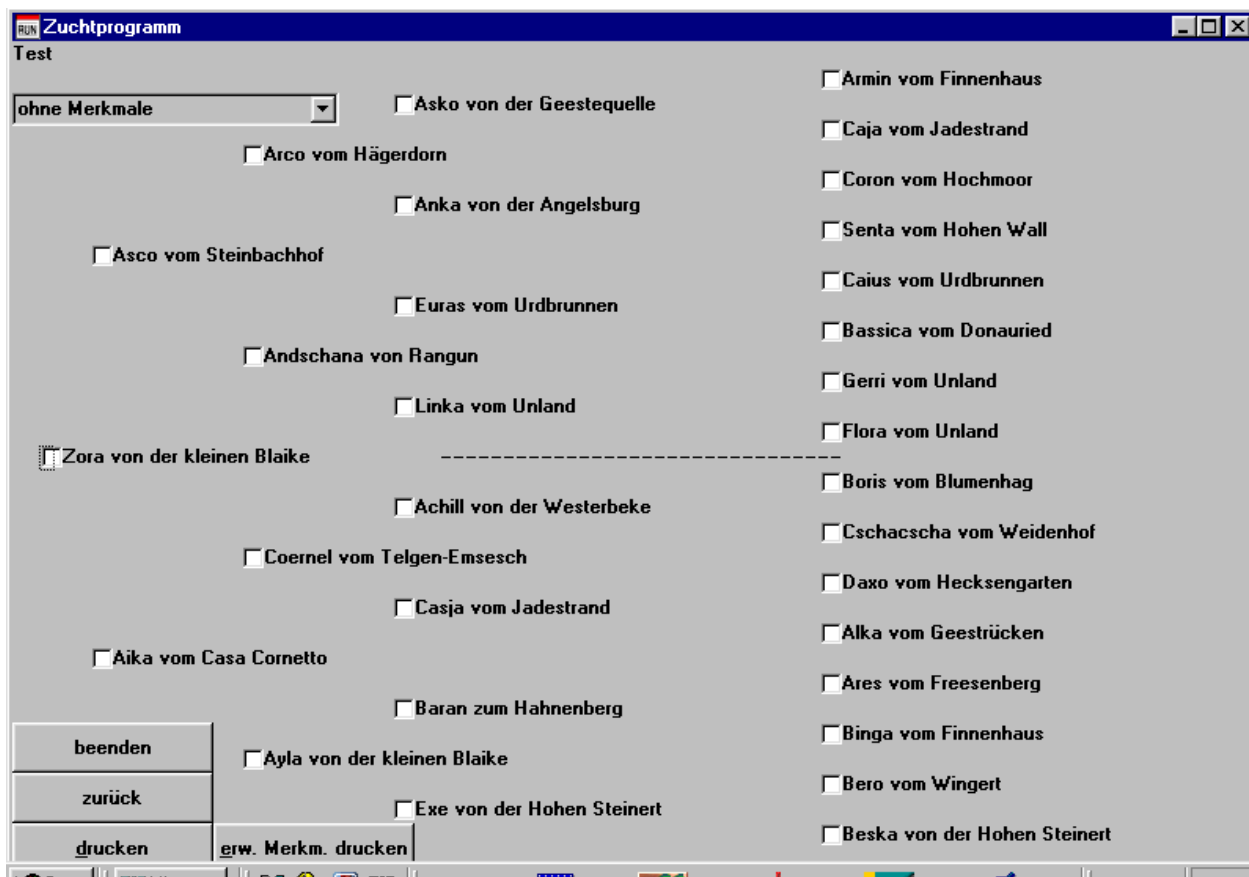
## With the help of the database we can:

- Establish statistics for various criteria, i.e., dysplasia statistics or statistics of other hereditary diseases of the individual clubs or general statistics for individual years.
- Determine all dogs as per the various criteria, i.e., health data, breeding dogs, age, offspring, or data for a specific area.
- List the puppies per year or per club.
- With search functions within a table of characteristics we can establish family trees, table listings per kennel, listings of the offspring of the breeding dogs, and the family environment of the individual dogs.
- The most important point of this program is the calculation of favourable mating partners with respect to their genetic relationship and the determination of values describing the hereditary tendency for the offspring which are possibly to be expected. For the planning of matings we can choose criteria according to which breeding partners are selected, as e.g. only dysplasia grade “A”, or only Eurasiers without distichiae for one or even two generations.

*Below we will show you an example for the planning of a mating:*

First we study the data in the record of the imaginary female “Zora” (figure 1) and her family tree. The breeding qualifications of the female are very good but it must be considered that her eye exam revealed one distichia, which surely is no disease but the genetic disposition is given.

The background of the female displays a low ancestral loss coefficient, which means, a low inbreeding coefficient. We have the possibility to calculate the inbreeding coefficient for Zora exactly; it amounts to 0 by 4 generation, which is indeed very low in comparison with the low ancestral loss coefficient of the family tree.



(figure 1)



For the planning of a mating the health values of the individual breeding partners only are not sufficient. Additionally, we need information on the siblings, the parents and their siblings up to the 4th generation – if possible. From the extended table of characteristics in the database we get very good health information on the background of the breeding dogs. The respective explanation is summarized in the legend. If quite a number of related dogs are not health-checked, you will find a number at “X”. This is the number of siblings that were not health checked. The higher this number, the less is the information on the relatives.

Example: Of a litter of 7 puppies only 2 are health checked and for 5 puppies we are missing any information - then you will find a 5 at “X”.

Now there are dogs that lack all information concerning their closer and remoter relatives. That leads us to believe that the line is totally healthy but in reality you are playing with unknown data in the breed, call it “playing Russian Roulette”. This fact must be emphasized very clearly, as the honest breeder, must, if he publishes information, inevitably note and document defects on the dogs he bred. This is no breeding disadvantage for the breeder. On the contrary, the breeder is able to check out any information in order to get healthy future puppies. The clubs organized in the IFEZ have health checked or controlled more than 70 % of their dogs.

For the imaginary mating in question we have to consider the value describing the distichiae very carefully, even if there is only one additional hair. Furthermore a complete bite is important, as some siblings of “Zora” have teeth faults. For the siblings of “Zora” and the parents’ generation nearly 100% of the health data is available. All dogs are checked for HD, and this is the best condition for a healthy breeding.

#### Extended Table of Characteristics

Name	IK/6	NB	WS	w	m	B	D	E	K	L	M	N	O-1-2	P	R	S	T	Z1	2	5	6	X	A	B	C	D	E	X	0	1	2	3	4
Zora von der kleinen Blaike	2,8	6	6/1	4	2	2							1		1						1	2	3	1							5	1	
Asco vom Steinbachhof	1,3	14	6/1	0	6	1							2	1	1		1						4	1	1							5	1
Rika vom Casa Cornetto	7,8	0	7/1	5	2								4		1	1	3						1	5		1				5	1	1	
Anoo vom Hagedorn	5,3	30	4/1	0	4	1																3	1									4	
Andschana von Rangun	0,0	16	6/1	4	2						1	1					2					1	1	3	1							6	
Coernel vom Telgen-Ensesch	5,7	0	4/1	2	2								2		1		2	1						4								4	
Ayla von der kleinen Blaike	6,5	0	19/2	9	10	1	3						3	5	1	1	3	4	1	1		6	4	7	2				17	1	1		
Asko von der Geestequelle	9,2	0	13/2	8	5	1			1	1	1										1	5	2	6								13	
Anka von der Angelsburg	0,0	62	10/3	8	2	1	3			1	1						5					4	3	2	1							10	
Euras von Urdbrunnen	37,3	0	8/1	5	3												1					4	2	1		1						8	
Linka von Unland	45,3	30	10/2	5	5						1						1	2				5	1	2		2						10	
Achill von der Westerbeke	14,1	16	7/1	3	4						1	3						2				4	2	1								7	
Casja von Jadestrand	22,4	0	6/1	4	2	1	1														1	1	2	3								6	
Baran zum Hahnenberg	11,2	0	12/3	6	6	2	1	2	2								5				1	3	1	7		1						12	
Eve von der Hohen Steinert	6,0	0	8/2	4	4	2					1			1			3				1	1	4	3								8	
Armin vom Finnenhaus	17,1	0	6/1	4	2					1	1												1	4		1						6	
Caja vom Jadestrand	22,4	0	6/1	4	2	1	1														1	1	2	3								6	
Coron vom Hochmoor	17,7	0	6/1	3	3					1							3					3		1	2							6	
Senta von Hohen Wall	0,0	126	1/1	1	0																			1								1	
Caius von Urdbrunnen	53,9	0	9/2	4	5																	3	4		1	1						9	

(See legend at the end.)

If offspring already exists, a record concerning this offspring of Zora's provides information about the hereditary characteristics of the individual dogs. In our case, the offspring is healthy and shows good values.

Now it is very exciting to find the right breeding partner.

By default the program already enables us to select partners without distichiasis and with a low inbreeding coefficient for the mating. The table shows us the inbreeding coefficient, the date of birth of the male (WD), the number of litters sired by the male (W) and the number of his offspring (NK). The following categories show us the values describing the hereditary tendency of a dog with respect to its individual health aspects, which can be calculated with the help of complicated formulas for each individual characteristic. Since for this specific mating, I want to have the smallest possible hereditary value for distichiasis, I'm choosing a male with a low value describing this specific hereditary tendency. In this case I take "Zefir vom Tor zur Welt" because he is a very good dog and lives close by.

**Zuchtprogramm**  
Test

Partner für: **Zora von der kleinen Blaike**

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Name,Ort,Farbe	Merkmale	IK/6	WD	W	NK	HD	PL	D	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Duccio-Gawain von Haus Phirido,D-69126 Heidelberg,falben	HD-A1 PL-0	0,10	98			19,1	12,0	15,5	2,0
<input type="checkbox"/> Gordon von den Sander Tannen,D-41372 Niederkrüchten,rot	HD-A1 PL-0	0,29	97	3	9	19,0	15,7	21,0	2,4
<input type="checkbox"/> Cju vom Griesgrund,D-64401 Groß-Bieberau,rotgrau	HD-A2 PL-0	1,27	02	1	5	19,3	15,5	20,3	4,0
<input type="checkbox"/> Chaco vom Bahnhof Zoo,D-49356 Diepholz,rotfalben	HD-A1 PL-0	1,42	98			17,9	12,1	19,2	5,9
<input type="checkbox"/> Bastian vom Schloß Monrepos,D-65779 Kelkheim,rötlfalben m d Maske	HD-A2 PL-0	2,00	96	1	6	19,1	13,1	19,6	5,4
<input type="checkbox"/> Aiko Tolstoy's,D-58332 Schwelm,rotfalben	HD-A2 PL-0	2,34	99	2	17	18,1	13,8	18,9	3,5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ajou von der Lady in Red,D-57368 Lennestadt,graugewolkt	HD-A1 PL-0	2,39	96	5	32	20,4	14,4	20,3	3,6
<input type="checkbox"/> Freitag vom Lippe-Damm,D-59558 Lippstadt,grau m dunkler Maske	HD-A2 PL-0	2,69	98	3	13	20,3	16,2	20,1	4,3
<input type="checkbox"/> Eliot vom Lippe-Damm,D-53119 Bonn,schwarz m Abzeichen	HD-A1 PL-0	3,17	97	5	30	19,8	16,8	20,7	5,1
<input type="checkbox"/> Zefir vom Tor zur Welt,D-52076 Aachen,rotfalb m dunk Maske	HD-A1 PL-0	3,37	97	4	28	19,8	13,8	19,7	5,2
<input type="checkbox"/> Aniko vom Schwabenlände,D-55413 Trechtingshausen,rotgrau m	HD-A2 PL-0	3,42	97			17,3	13,2	18,6	6,1

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For both, the male and the female, I take the same bits of information from the data base to compare and if the results convince me, I will contact the owner of the male and plan a "marriage".

The collection of data is helpful concerning the pre-selection of the right mating partner and it guarantees breeding on a highly healthy level. Here the database is invaluable but it is only then helpful if nearly complete information on the Eurasier population is available. Values for individual breeding dogs only are insufficient for an evaluation of the breeding potential.

One may not forget that besides health the character and the temperament and last but not least

the phenotype is very important for the breeding choice. This, however, cannot be done with the help of the computer, even if the database contains an additional “photo database”. The breeder himself must observe the dogs in various situations, to be able to make the right decision for a good offspring.

If you are now of the opinion that this is a good mating, we have found a promising partner for “Zora” by means of the IFEZ - database!

It is worthwhile to consider whether additional Eurasier clubs could become members or could be associate members. A full membership requires a database representative within the club. The computer program and the IFEZ database will then be made available to the club with the requirement to provide any data or data changes to the Eurasier community every half year.

For associated members the data is stored in the IFEZ database and upon request the results of the calculation will be given either to the breeder or to the club.

Members of the EKW get the calculation results from the club and upon request other IFEZ members too, if males of the other clubs are wanted for mating. The EKW has a lot of members in foreign countries and it works absolutely beautifully for the benefit of both sides, as quite a number of countries do not have Eurasier clubs but only individual breeders.

We hope that you could gain insight into the breeding work of the EKW and the IFEZ.

*- Annelie Feder and Helga Casper*



## KZG Breeding Seminar

In March, 2005 NAEC member Josee Dessouroux traveled to Germany to pick up a female Eurasier puppy, Maple, “Farley von Krusenbusch”, and to attend part of a breeding course hosted by the KZG. The KZG seminar that Josee attended in Hessen, Germany began with a 40 question test to determine knowledge of the Eurasier. The first 10 questions from that test were published in the Spring issue of the NAEC News. The next 10 questions are included in this issue. How well do you think you would score? To be fair, do not refer to any material – this is a ‘closed book’ exam. After you have marked your responses you are certainly encouraged to seek the answers – most can be found by reading the information available on the NAEC website at [www.eurasiers.org](http://www.eurasiers.org). The answers to those first 10 questions are provided below in blue. The answers to the next 10 questions will be published in the Spring edition of the NAEC News, along with another 10 questions from the test.

### Questions about the FCI standard 291

1. Briefly describe the historical development of the Eurasier breed.  
In 1960 a new breed was created by crossing a Chow-Chow and a Wolfspitz, which was first called a Wolf-Chow. In 1973 the Samoyed was introduced and the breed was renamed Eurasier and became recognized by the F.C.I. that same year.
2. Describe the general appearance of the Eurasier.  
Harmoniously built and medium sized Spitz-type dog, with pricked ears; a variety of colors; a length of coat that reveals the body proportions; dog with medium bones.
3. Describe the standard sizes for male and female Eurasiers.  
The standard sizes for males: 52-60 cm = 20.5 – 23.5 inches  
females: 48-56 cm = 19-22 inches
4. Describe the standard weights for male and female Eurasiers.  
The standard weights for males: 22-30 kg = 48.5 – 66 lbs.  
females: 18-26 kg = 39-57 lbs.
5. What should be the weight at most, of a 6 months old male Eurasier?  
A six month old male should have at most 60% of his adult weight, which would be an average of 17 kg. (37.5lbs.)
6. How would you understand the following sentence: The balance of the proportions is most important, but the ideals to aim for are medium height and weight.  
What counts most is the balance in the proportions, but the goal is to aim for the medium sizes for both weights and heights. MEDIUM is what we have to keep in mind.
7. Describe the medium heights and weights for male and female Eurasiers.  
The medium sizes for males: 56 cm / 26kg = 22 inches / 57 lbs  
females: 52 cm/ 22kg = 20.5 inches/ 48.5 lbs  
These are the ideal sizes we should keep in the back of our minds.
8. What proportions should the Eurasier have?
  - length of body corresponds to the withers
  - length of body slightly longer than the withers
  - length of body slightly shorter than the withersThe Eurasier's body is slightly longer than it is high - rectangular.

9. What does the standard ask, for the proportions of the skull and muzzle?
- the ratio of length of muzzle and length of cranial region is almost equal
  - the ratio of the facial region is more pronounced as the cranial region
  - the ratio of the cranial region is more pronounced as the facial region
- Both parts should be equally as long .

10. The forehead is....
- flat with a distinctive furrow
  - not well developed with a furrow
  - well developed with a distinct furrow
- Flat, not too broad, with a distinct furrow.

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And now, here is the next set of 10 questions:

11. What kind of teeth settings are allowed?
- pincer
  - scissors and pincer
  - cross bite
12. The standard asks for a complete set of teeth, of which the numbers for each are:
- upper jaw: \_\_\_ incisors: \_\_\_ canines: \_\_\_ premolars: \_\_\_ molars: \_\_\_  
lower jaw: \_\_\_ incisors: \_\_\_ canines: \_\_\_ premolars: \_\_\_ molars: \_\_\_
13. What does the standard ask for the outer eye?
- medium size, round, dark, sitting not too deep
  - medium size, dark, sitting deep
  - medium size, sitting not too deep.
14. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the body?
- strong, not too short body
  - withers not too clearly defined with a neck flowing smoothly into the body
  - strong, straight, with good muscles all over the back
  - breast part shorter than loins
  - breast part same length as loins
15. How should the skin of the neck be?
16. Which of the following statements are true when describing the chest?
- reaching to the elbows
  - strong oval ribcage
  - well developed fore chest without being pronounced
17. What qualities should the front and rear paws have?
18. Which of the following statements are true when describing the coat:
- a dense undercoat all over the body
  - medium sized sticking out guard hair
  - coat on neck only slightly longer than on body, not forming a mane
19. How should the angulation of the forequarters and hindquarters be described?

20. Which of the following conditions will exclude a Eurasier from breeding:

- dogs who are missing premolars
- dogs with only one testicle
- dogs with pendulous ears

The answers to this second set of 10 questions will be published in the Spring edition of the NAEC News. Good luck!

## ***Eurasier Educational***

### **Eurasier Colors**

One of the features of the Eurasier breed that makes it so extraordinary, and every dog truly unique...is the virtual kaleidoscope of coat colors that naturally occur, and which are so pleasing to the eye. The Eurasier owes this colorful array to the genetic color combination of the three breeds of its origin: the wolfgrey German Wolfspitz; the Samoyed – predominantly white but carrying recessive black; and the Chow Chow – of the 4 foundation Chows, three were red, but one was black. And as Annelie Feder notes in her book ‘Eurasier Heute’, “Breeding was performed without considering the colours of the chosen dogs. Thus, the existing genetic pool was not split up as happened in so many other breeds by deliberately drawing borderlines for colour”. In other words, the emphasis in development of the Eurasier was on health and temperament; a focus on color would have eliminated too many dogs from the gene pool, resulting in the kind of hereditary problems associated with other breeds where this protocol was not followed. However the resulting multi-hued palette among the Eurasier population does present a bit of a challenge for owners who are trying to assign the proper color description to their particular dog...for their own sake, and for registration purposes.

Added to that are the slight differences in translation of language. Lately, for example, I have been receiving many emails concerning the German terms used in describing Eurasier colors. But Eurasier owners, already unsure about the application of a particular color when referring to their own dog, may be left with more uncertainty as to which German term is the equivalent to the English color description, or the French and vice versa.

There is also our own interpretation of color. What is ‘tan’ to some people may be ‘sand’ or ‘beige’ to others. There is also the challenge posed by attempting to capture a particular color in a photograph, as lighting can impact the subtle shades of a Eurasier’s coat at the time the photograph is taken, and that can be compounded by the development process, and the final print. And, finally there are the Eurasiers themselves – each one an individual – each one resplendent in a coat which may be difficult to describe. For such dogs that do not fall under the basic color scheme, the dominant color will be used first. For example, a red dog with some tan will be called “red/tan”. A dog that is more tan with a little red will be tan/red.

In an effort to try to help sort through this ‘colorful confusion’, I thought that it might be interesting for our readers to see some pictures of Eurasiers accompanied by the German description of the color, and its English equivalent. This way, hopefully you’ll be able to have better understanding of a particular color when it is mentioned in reference to our unique Eurasiers. A special thank you to Barbara and Thomas Post, Kristin Gerlach, and Wayne Nelson who allowed me to use their photos.

The basic Eurasier colors are as follows:

- English: cream
- German: falben



- English: cream/grey
- German: falben/grau



- English: red
- German: rot



- English: red-cream
- German: rot-falben



- English: wolf-grey
- German: wolfsgrau



- English: wolf color
- German: wolfsfarben





- English: Black
- German: Schwarz



- English: black & tan;  
black with markings
- German: Schwarz mit  
Abzeichen



The Canadian Kennel Club lists the color codes that can be picked for litter applications, but if not listed, you can write the appropriate color. The English and French color terms as follows:

10	Black	Noir (Noire)
116	Brown	Brun (Brune)
218	Grey	Gris (Grise)
254	Light Brown	Brun Clair
259	Light Red	Rouge Clair
314	Red	Rouge
349	Rust	Roux (Rousse)
365	Sandy Yellow	Jaune Sable
570	Sand	Sable
654	Grey Black	Gris Noir

It remains to be said that the colors pure white, white asymmetrical patches and liver are faults. Dogs with such a color CAN occur but are not permitted for breeding. Symmetrical white or silver white markings can occur, e.g., in Eurasiers that fall under the category black with markings, and are permitted as long as they are symmetrical on face, chest or legs.

We hope this might give you some more insight into the Eurasier color scheme. – *Ute Molush*

## *Eurasier Health*

### Canine Influenza

"Courtesy of [www.ThePetCenter.com](http://www.ThePetCenter.com) and T. J. Dunn, Jr. DVM"

**Canine Influenza**, also called **Canine Flu**, is a newly identified disease of dogs. It can infect any breed of dog and appears in dogs to be similar to [Canine Cough](#) (also called [Kennel Cough](#) or Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis). However, early studies of Canine Influenza indicate that the disease has adapted in the dog from a common infection in horses. It is a highly contagious and sometimes deadly canine flu that is spreading in kennels and at dog tracks around the country. It has been reported in Greyhounds at tracks in Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Arizona, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Texas.

NOTE From Dr. Dunn at ThePetCenter.com...Currently there seems to be as much hysteria and misinformation about this emerging infection in dogs as hard scientific evidence. Rumors of hundreds of dogs being affected in kennels across the country are unsubstantiated. The best source of information about your local area regarding the **facts about Canine Influenza** will be your local veterinarian and your state's veterinary medical association. The information presented on this page is meant to be strictly that... an update on recent information. Your veterinarian must be consulted for proper diagnosis, patient evaluation, and individualized therapy for any disease or disorder your dog may have acquired. There are a multitude of disorders and diseases that will cause a dog to cough and gag and hack. That's why individual assessment for your dog is imperative to discern the true cause of the dog's difficulties.

**How Is It Spread:** According to immunologist Dr. Cynda Crawford who is studying the virus at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, it spreads most easily where numbers of dogs are kept in close proximity but could also be passed "on the street" or in kennels. It has been reported that kennel workers have carried the virus home with them and infected other dogs. The fatality rate seems to be between 1 and 10 percent. Since it is such a new disease of dogs is difficult to forecast about the spread of the disease, severity in individual dogs, and what future numbers of cases may be seen. Dr. Crawford indicates about 80 percent of dogs that are exposed to the canine influenza virus will develop some signs of illness. Because the dog population has such little natural immunity to this virus, potentially every dog exposed could be infected.

Dr. Crawford first began investigating greyhound deaths in January 2004 at a racetrack in Jacksonville, Fla., where 8 of the 24 greyhounds who contracted the virus died. "This is a newly emerging pathogen," she said, "and we have very little information to make predictions about it. But I think the fatality rate is between 1 and 10 percent. Because dogs had no natural immunity to the virus, virtually every animal exposed would be infected. About 80 percent of dogs that are infected with the virus will develop symptoms", Dr. Crawford said. She added that the symptoms were often mistaken for "kennel cough," a common canine illness that is caused by the *Bordetella bronchiseptica* bacteria. Both diseases can cause coughing and gagging for up to three weeks, but dogs with canine flu may spike fevers as high as 106 degrees and have runny noses.

A few will develop pneumonia, and some of those cases will be fatal. Antibiotics and fluid cut the pneumonia fatality rate. The virus is an H3N8 flu, which is related to an equine flu strain, however, it is **not related to typical human flus** or to the H5N1 avian flu that killed about 100 people in Asia. So far there are no known cases of the canine flu infecting humans. "The risk of that

is low, but we are keeping an eye on it," said Dr. Ruben Donis, chief of molecular genetics for the influenza branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is tracking the illness. But with the approach of the human flu season and fears about bird flu in Asia, there is much confusion among some dog owners who have heard about the disease. Dr. Crawford said she was fielding calls from kennels and veterinarians across the country worried that they were having outbreaks.

**Signs Of Canine Influenza:** The signs in an infected dog are similar to Bordetella bronchiseptica bacterial infection commonly called Kennel Cough, Canine Cough and Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis. Coughing and gagging for up to three weeks is seen in Canine Cough *and* in the newly emerging canine disease Canine Influenza. Fevers as high as 106° can occur. Increased signs of cough may be triggered by exercise or excitement. Nasal discharge may be evident, as well. The dog may act much quieter than usual or seem depressed and display a disinterest in its environment.

**Treatment For Canine Influenza:** Keep in mind that viruses are not usually affected by antibiotics used against bacterial infections.



Antiviral drugs such as amantidine and Tamiflu have been used but are not licensed for use in dogs... the information base on the success of antiviral therapy is still small. Antibiotics for both Gram negative and Gram positive organisms may be needed due to secondary invasion of damaged lung tissues from opportunistic bacteria. Fluid therapy for debilitated dogs could be required to give support to these patients while their own bodies create defensive immune factors to assist in warding off the infection. Older dogs and young

puppies may be at greatest risk for treatment failure. X-rays may be needed to evaluate the severity of pneumonia. In spite of vigorous in-hospital therapy, some dogs simply will not respond and will succumb to the disease.

## Tests For Canine Influenza:

Veterinarians can send blood samples to the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Health Diagnostic Center, which is the only laboratory doing blood tests on Canine Influenza at this time. Nasal swabs may be submitted to a veterinary pathologist for evaluation and virus isolation but the sample must be taken very early in the course of the infection... usually within



72 hours after signs develop in the dog. Any dog that displays a persistent coughing, hacking or gagging should be evaluated by a veterinarian. Coughing, hacking or gagging are actually non-specific signs and therefore cannot be used to identify any single cause. Do not assume your dog has Canine Influenza just because it is showing signs of a respiratory disorder. These signs may be due to a variety of disorders such as tonsillitis, fungal

disease such as [Blastomycosis](#), [Congestive Heart Failure](#), [Heartworms](#), tumors, infiltrative immune disorders of the bronchial structures, foreign body obstruction and other disorders. A [diagnostic](#) workup may be needed to positively identify the cause of the dog's difficulty. Ask your veterinarian about vaccinating your dog against the Bordetella organism that is associated with Infectious Tracheobronchitis ([Kennel Cough](#)), the common and familiar respiratory disorder affecting unprotected dogs. Will a vaccine be developed for this new and emerging disease of dogs called Canine Influenza (Canine Flu)? Scientists are already studying this disease and the chances of immunization being a reality are assured if this infection continues to spread. Contact your veterinarian for more information.

### **More about... TESTS FOR CANINE FLU (INFLUENZA)**

Below is a message sent to Wisconsin veterinarians by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. It contained a message from Christopher W. Olsen, DVM PhD at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison, WI. Dr. Olsen's email is below. Note that for virus isolation and identification to be accurate, **the nasal swab must be taken from the dog within a short time of displaying signs of Canine Influenza**. After the 72 hours of clinical signs, recovery of live virus from the dog is unlikely and at that point serological (blood) testing may be helpful in making a diagnosis of the disease.

"While there is no vaccine available yet to protect dogs from influenza virus infection, diagnostic tests are available; both virus isolation and serology can be done through the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) in Madison. My recommendation is that if practitioners are presented with dogs within the first 72 hours of illness, they should obtain separate swab samples (using Dacron, not cotton, swabs) of the **nasal passages and pharyngeal region** for virus isolation, and they should collect a **serum sample**, to be followed by a second "convalescent" sample about 3 weeks later. Virus isolation sample kits can be requested from the WVDL, and specific testing and sample shipping information will soon be posted on the

WVDL website ([www.wvdl.wisc.edu](http://www.wvdl.wisc.edu)) or can be obtained by calling the lab at (608) 262-5432. If a practitioner is presented with a dog after 10-14 days of coughing, then just a single serum sample is appropriate, and attempts at virus isolation beyond the initial 72 hours of illness are not useful because dogs are likely to only shed virus for a short period of time. As to the specific serologic test, both hemagglutination-inhibition and virus neutralization tests have been developed and both are useful."

*Christopher W. Olsen, DVM PhD  
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University of Wisconsin-Madison*

## ***Eurasier Rescue***

### **Rescue Update**

Eurasier Rescue is the NAEC's rescue arm to help Eurasiers in need. Our rescue work is solely limited to purebred Eurasiers, not to Eurasier-like dogs. After more than eighteen months of carefully considered discussion, the NAEC members have finally completed the comprehensive documentation required to facilitate the rescue of Eurasiers in need. To give you an idea of the scope of this project, the finalized Eurasier Rescue documentation totals a whopping 107 pages, not including several forms for tracking finances.

Initial broad-based discussions were held to first determine whether in fact there was at the time, or would be, a need for a Eurasier rescue organization, and if so, what its mandate should be, and how it should be structured. The committee members very quickly agreed that rescue should not be left to happenstance – that a well organized, and well-funded system should be in place to quickly and efficiently respond should any Eurasier require rescue. We believed it was important to focus only on purebred Eurasiers – those dogs whose ancestry could either be proven, or whose lineage left little doubt as to its purebred Eurasier heritage - as to do otherwise would unnecessarily expend valuable time and resources trying to accommodate the needs of the many mixed-breed dogs that often bear some resemblance to the Eurasier.

We evaluated the pros and cons of rescue programs created by various other breed clubs, and then set to work establishing our own criteria for policies and procedures. Chief among the major points common to many other rescue programs was the need for protection from legal liability. It's a sad comment on the state of our world today when numerous people will go out of their way to help a dog in need be relocated to a new home, only to have the new owners launch legal action against them for some behaviour or activity caused by the new, furry family member. Fortunately NAEC was able to call upon the legal expertise of Nancy Dacosta to help draft the numerous documents required for a level of protection.

While every member of the committee contributed to creation of the Eurasier Rescue documentation by volunteering to share the work in specific areas, Eurasier Rescue would not be the exemplary model that it is without Nancy's valuable contributions, and without the organizational skills of Clark Waldrip who shepherded along both the project, and the other committee members, before taking his leave as the project was drawing to a close.

Once the organizational structure had been decided and put into chart form, it was much easier to visualize how Eurasier Rescue would operate in both the US and Canada. We had determined that for sake of simplicity and efficiency, that there should be just one rescue representative for

each country - an initial contact person with the responsibility of coordinating the rescue of any Eurasier in the respective country – a Point of Contact (POC). We then separated each country into geographic regions, based primarily upon where Eurasier owners/breeders now live, with the intention of having one person from each of those regions manage rescue operations within that region – a Regional Rescue Coordinator (RRC). There are three Regional Rescue Coordinators for Canada, and five for the United States. Each region of course encompasses several states or provinces, and the various cities and towns within, so it naturally made sense to have someone with more direct or hands-on knowledge about a dog in question and its circumstances, make the first steps in any given rescue - a Local Rescue Coordinator (LRC). At each of these levels, responsibilities and procedures for NAEC and each of the coordinators were discussed, determined and then put into writing.

The priority of Eurasier Rescue is the welfare of the Eurasier in need, and often, the services of many different people are required to accommodate a rescue: the health of the Eurasier in question needs to be assessed, so a veterinary exam is required; perhaps there is a behaviour or training issue that can only be resolved by seeking advice from an animal behaviourist or professional handler; a potential new home may be located all the way across the country so there are issues of transportation, including specific supplies needed along the way, not only for the rescue dog, but for the driver or drivers; or maybe a potential permanent home is not immediately available, so there is a need for an interim foster home. The NAEC committee members have tried to anticipate the needs for each of these services and others, and have created documentation listing the requirements, procedures, responsibilities and liabilities for each of these positions. However, we also recognize that even after prolonged and sometimes passionate debate, there may be room still for improvement, and so we have created a Volunteer Evaluation program – an opportunity for assessment and feedback from each of those people who offer their time and services to help a Eurasier in need.

A detailed Management Log is a key part of Eurasier Rescue. All possible information about a rescue Eurasier is recorded on these series of forms and documents to allow tracking and regular follow-up to occur - from details about its original home and information regarding its new owner, to what prompted the move and how it arrived at its new home. This Log contains information about the rescue Eurasier's age, its markings, pertinent medical information, the food its accustomed to eating, its temperament, behaviour issues (if any), training recommendations, records of transportation, and contact information.

There is increasing public debate about a person's right to privacy, with specific legislation having being enacted in many countries to limit the collection, use and disclosure of personal information in a variety of businesses and organizations. The NAEC committee members had no desire to see a rescue situation potentially derailed over this sensitive issue, and so a Privacy Policy was added to the growing stack of documentation.

And finally, a comprehensive set of Eurasier Rescue Guidelines was generated – a 22 page document itself, listing everything from general information about the Eurasier breed – its temperament, needs and care, including housing, grooming and training requirements; to frequently asked questions about Eurasiers. The Guidelines also provide an overview of Rescue procedures – from assessing the rescue Eurasier to Transporting, Fostering and Adopting protocols.

Admittedly, it was at times a painfully slow and frustrating process. However, there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that a group of people from varying backgrounds can draw upon their individual strengths, skills and abilities, and manage to work through their differences of opinions to come together for a common cause – the welfare of a Eurasier in need. – *W. Nelson*

## Volunteer Announcements

As you may have discerned from reading the short description about some of the Eurasier Rescue activities, volunteers are needed in many capacities, including foster families and relay drivers who could be called upon at those rare times when they are needed. Should you be interested in volunteering, in becoming a foster home, or in providing a much appreciated donation, or if you would simply like further information, please contact your country representative (Point of Contact).

## Contacts

The Points of Contact (POC's) are:

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

## Recognition/ Donations

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

- Nancy DaCosta for volunteering almost her entire weekend at the September Marmora gathering to conduct Canine Good Citizen tests, and donating all her evaluation fees to Eurasier Rescue.
- Don Cox, who returned \$100 dollars to Eurasier Rescue from his share of his 50/50 winning jackpot.
- Annelie Feder and Don Renn, who each contributed \$20.00 to the cause.
- Monica Murphy, who although she was not able to travel to Marmora, still made her presence known by donating 3 wonderful gift baskets for the silent auction.
- Dianne Cameron, Jackie Murtha and many others who donated numerous items to the silent auction, the proceeds of which went to Eurasier Rescue & NAEC Activities.
- Lori Martin for her basket of goodies for the silent auction.
- All the other Marmora attendees, who are too numerous to mention, who made generous bids, cash contributions, and purchases of the "2004 Marmora Gathering" DVD's to help Eurasier Rescue & NAEC Activities.
- And to Gabriella & Peter Hamley for allowing the fund raising activities at their annual gathering.

## Funding

Thanks to the generosity of the above named individuals, and the many others who purchased a copy or copies of "the Eurasier Gathering, Marmora 2004" DVD to help kick start fundraising efforts for Eurasier Rescue! While this is indeed a great start to raising the funds needed for such a worthwhile project, it should be viewed as just that - a great start. Consider the expenses that may be incurred in rescuing just *one* Eurasier in need: There are the fees charged for the initial, basic veterinary check, not to mention the potential increase in costs if additional medical services or procedures are deemed necessary, including medications; If volunteer relay drivers have not made themselves known, or are not available, other, more costly means of transport may have to be considered to bring the Eurasier in need from its existing location to either a Foster Home or its new home. If the rescued Eurasier is placed in a Foster home, similar transportation costs could be incurred later in moving it from its Foster home to its new, forever

home; If there are behaviour or temperament issues that have to be addressed, the services of a professional trainer may have to be engaged at times throughout the Rescue/Adoption process.

Eurasier Rescue would certainly hope that the professionals who may be required would be willing to volunteer their services in order to help mitigate some of the costs associated with a rescue. And while some - the veterinarians, airlines on occasion and if needed, handlers or trainers - certainly may be willing to accommodate that request, it is unlikely to expect everyone to do so. It is more likely that a reduction of their regular fees would be offered.

As the number of Eurasiers increases in North America, so too does the likelihood of a more frequent need for Eurasier Rescue. Many of us would probably think of a 'rescue', as a Eurasier that may have been abandoned by its family, or one that is living in unfavorable or undesirable circumstances, but even owners who desperately love their dogs, could die suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving the Eurasier without a home, if the owners had not made satisfactory arrangements beforehand. Whatever the circumstance, Eurasier Rescue must be ready and able to respond to help the Eurasier in need. Funding therefore remains a priority.

Proceeds raised through the sale of "the Eurasier Gathering, Marmora 2004" DVD's are but one aspect of this initiative. The T-shirts and sweatshirts that have proved so popular at some of the Eurasier gatherings is an idea that the North American Eurasier Committee would like to consider as another potential revenue source for Eurasier Rescue. In fact, as stated in the Spring issue of the NAEC News, the Committee members discussed other items as well, such as jackets, fridge magnets, car stickers, license plate frames, key chains, coffee or travel mugs, tote bags, etc. From this discussion sprang the idea of creating an online Eurasier Store that would start with just an item or two, and then expand into a greater inventory of Eurasier items over time, if the interest was there.

Again, the focus is the welfare of Eurasiers in need, and without sufficient funds, the ability to accommodate a rescue is limited. If you have ideas about fund-raising, Eurasier Rescue would like to hear from you. Your opinions are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### [Eurasiers in Need](#)

The NAEC is currently not aware of any Eurasiers in need.

## *Eurasiers North America*

### [New Eurasier Clubs](#)

Earlier this year the North American Eurasier Committee (NAEC) formed two, country-specific subcommittees to discuss possible formation of separate breed clubs for each country. While it would seem to be a relatively straightforward matter, there were a few issues that needed to be resolved to the members' satisfaction. There was concern about how possible club formation would impact the function of the NAEC, if any. And if there were an impact, in what capacity would the NAEC continue to function? What purpose would it serve? Would there in fact be a *need* for a North American Eurasier Committee?

While these questions certainly required attention, there was greater immediacy for separate organizations, each with the power to act in an *official* capacity in the best interests of the



Eurasier breed. Because the Eurasier is already recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) thanks to the efforts of Paul & Margaret Knight a decade ago, creation of a Canadian Eurasier club only required meeting the stringent conditions of the CKC in its comprehensive application process. However, the American Committee members had a greater challenge – club formation or not? And then, whether to seek ‘official recognition’ of the Eurasier from the American Kennel Club (AKC)?, although the two are not mutually exclusive.

However, the U.S. subcommittee is thrilled to report that it has successfully met the challenge. Details regarding creation of the new **United States Eurasier Club (USEC)** can be found in the [Eurasiers USA](#) section of this newsletter (page 44). The Canadian subcommittee members have also been hard at work developing the framework for the **Eurasier Club of Canada (ECC)**. More information is available in the [Eurasiers Canada](#) portion of this newsletter (page 53).

As for the future of the North American Eurasier Committee, while there are still a few minor details to be worked out, the Committee members as a whole, agree that it shall remain, primarily as a bridge between the two Clubs – a common and regular meeting ground for the sharing of ideas and discussion of issues, and with a philosophy of doing what’s best for the Eurasier breed in both countries.



### [The Breeding Guide of the Eurasier Klub Weinheim, EKW](#)

The Eurasier Klub Weinheim recently published its latest edition of the “Zuechterfibel” (breeding guide). The first edition was completely sold out. The new edition was newly designed and updated, additional topics were inserted and many helpful tables added. A large chapter was dedicated to the socialization of puppies since socialization is a very important factor in today’s breeding. Other chapters address interesting facts about health and behavior. The guide is printed in color and contains many beautiful new photos. The breeding guide will be available with an English translation in the near future. For more information you may contact Ute Molush at [udmolush@verizon.net](mailto:udmolush@verizon.net)

A special thank you to the Eurasier Club Weinheim (EKW) for making this guide available to us.

### [Marmora Eurasier Evaluation](#)

The possibility of an evaluation by a German Eurasier specialty judge was an interesting opportunity for breeders and owners who visited the 2005 Marmora Eurasier Gathering. Thirty-six North American Eurasiers were presented to Mr. Lothar Mende who received a special permission from the German Kennel Club (VDH) to evaluate our dogs. Since 1983 Mr. Mende has been a judge for German Spitz Breeds, and received the title of a Specialty Judge for Eurasiers in 1998.

It was interesting to follow the step-by-step evaluation of the dogs by Mr. Mende who started out by taking a general “good look” at the dog that was presented to him. Measuring the height of the dogs at the withers followed and most of the dogs were quite willing to undergo this procedure without a problem, although all of them were unfamiliar with the metal measuring device that was used.



The first part of the evaluation of the individual dog focused on the body. Mr. Mende determined the substance and build of the individual dog. Among other things, he examined the tail setting, musculature, and tightness of the skin, looked at how the chest was developed and made sure that the dog was of a harmonic build. All of the males that were presented seemed to be quite unimpressed when their genitals were checked. Examination of the feet followed as the judge wanted to ensure a good pigmentation of the pads and the nails.



Then, emphasis was put on the skull of the dog, which should be well balanced, wedge-shaped and with a normal stop. Special attention was also given to the pigmentation of nose and lips and the color and shape of the eyes. Nose and lips should be of black color and the lips need to be tight. The eye rims should also have black pigmentation, and the eyes themselves should be dark and almond-shaped. A good ear setting is, of course, of importance too. Then followed the teeth – and that was another story. Some Eurasiers did not seem to mind at all while others were initially determined not to have this stranger peek into their mouths but could then be coaxed by their owners to allow Mr. Mende to take a glance. I do think this was probably the part of the evaluation that needed the most effort by the owners.

Looking at the coat was a much easier task – I think I can say that all of our dogs were presented with a healthy and shiny coat (although some were currently out of coat) and they all featured the correct double-coated structure with a dense undercoat and strong guard hair. We were able to see a nice variety of colors, many red Eurasiers but also several grey, black and tan, and pure black representatives and some wolf-colored ones.

Another very important part of the evaluation process was the examination of the gait and the angulation of the individual dogs. The owner and their dog had to move in a triangular pattern so that Mr. Mende was able to see the position of the legs and the gait in general from behind, from the side and also from the front. Then he determined if the angulation of front legs, hind legs and knee joints were correct.



Since the evaluations could only be performed on two consecutive days and many people were interested in participating, the evaluation process was shortened to be able to see all the dogs that signed up. A 20-minute slot was allocated to each dog. At the end Mr. Mende summarized his impression of the dog in a couple of sentences and each owner was able to take an evaluation sheet for his Eurasier home.

It was surely a great opportunity for every dog and owner and had a big educational value for breeders as well as owners. A list of all the dogs presented follows below.

- *Ute D. Molush*

The following Eurasiers were all evaluated in Marmora:

Aki von den Elbgezeiten	Aki	Doreen Sese
Alischa vom der Schoemberger Hoehe	Alischa	Sue Warsham
Alpha-Laika vom Tal der Raben	Laika	Ute Molush
		Judi Neumeyer, Karla
Barbarossa von Baden	Beau	Erickson
Beau Michelange vom Weinbergblick	Micky	Martine Dumais
		Elizabeth
Ben vom Brudergrund	Ben	Aeschbacher
Britta aus Kaltenbroich	Britta	Jackie Murtha
Csardas Jessie of Eurasia	Jessie	Gabriella Hamley
Dancing Bear's Angelic Isa	Isa	Jackie Beynon
Farley vom Krusenbusch	Maple	Josee Dessouroux
Foxfire Jin's a Jewel	Jin	Nancy DaCosta
Ginger-Cooper vom Maerchenwald	Cooper	Josee Dessouroux
Hayley von der Wolfsangel	Hayley	Jackie Murtha
Kieristinga Wanda	Wanda	Jackie Murtha
Mighty Doc von der Hofener Rippe	Doc	Don Cox
Miss America Maja von der kleinen Blaike	Maja	Ute Molush
Nordstern's Alys of Eurasia	Mika	Colleen Sutton
Nordstern's Belle Ode to Joy	Joy	Ute Molush
Nordstern's Benno Baerenkind	Benno	Colleen Sutton

Nordstern's Best Bet Munson T	Munson	Ray Stanton
Nordstern's Big Bear Magic	Magic	Julie Hessing
Nordstern's Bruder Baer Boo	Boo	Molly Shelton
North River's Baroness Lilian	Lily	Jackie Murtha
North River's Czar Malabar	Czar	Maureen Breiland
North River's Darling Diva Nixie	Nixie	Wendy King
North River's Diesel Meishko	Meishko	Jackie Beynon
North River's Dutchess Genevieve	Genevieve	Gisele Kusmick
North River's Empress Yetta	Yetta	Lisa Stanton
SunWolf's Colorado Bodhisattva	Bodhi	Kristin Gerlach
SunWolf's Dark Knight	Jet	Wayne Nelson
SunWolf's Diamond Brody	Brody	Mike Breault
Tapestry from Iona Cottage	Tapi	Dianne Cameron
Towdahsbest Nico	Nico	Andrea Landau Elizabeth
Towdahsbest Niels	Nils	Aeschbacher Elizabeth
Towdahsbest Otari	Otari	Aeschbacher Elizabeth
Towdahsbest Ovation Pearly	Pearly	Aeschbacher

### [The Eurasier Gathering DVD](#)

As many of you may be aware, the North American Eurasier Committee embarked on a project last year to produce a DVD about our wonderful Eurasier breed. The raw footage was videotaped during the September 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Eurasier gathering at Foxhaven in Marmora, Ontario. Earlier this year the professionally produced and narrated “A Eurasier Gathering, Marmora 2004” DVD was finally completed and ready for distribution. While it certainly may be a treasured keepsake for some about this now-annual event, the DVD is also a great means to educate people about the Eurasier breed – to show how Eurasiers interact with their families, with other people and with other Eurasiers – and to illustrate the camaraderie of those in the Eurasier community. However, it is also important to note that, in addition to the entertainment and educational value provided by the DVD, it is also intended to help generate funds in support of Eurasier Rescue and other activities.

Each DVD is \$30 plus shipping. If you would like a copy of the DVD, “A Eurasier Gathering, Marmora 2004” for yourself or your friends, or if you know someone who would simply like more information about the Eurasier, or is thinking about bringing a Eurasier into their life, please contact Dietlinde Wall ([dietlinde@shaw.ca](mailto:dietlinde@shaw.ca))

### [General Interest](#)

#### **2006 Eurasier Calendar**

The “Incredible World of Eurasiers” 2006 Calendar will soon be available! These calendars showcase the many beautiful Eurasiers owned primarily by members of the Yahoo! Eurasier group. There are four montage pages alone, each page a collection of more than 3 dozen puppies or adult Eurasiers in numerous shapes, sizes, and colors, taking part in various activities from wrestling matches and stick chewing, to walks and naptime. One Eurasier represents each month in a full colored 8 ½” x 11” printed photo, with smaller photos used to fill in the extra spaces on each month’s grid. This is the third calendar lovingly assembled by Lori Martin – quantities are limited. Make sure you don’t miss out! The price is \$32 US + shipping. Order yours today! Contact Lori Martin [LMartin7@wi.rr.com](mailto:LMartin7@wi.rr.com)

## Showing Eurasiers in North America

There have been some changes to the policies and regulations regarding dog shows, within two of the organizations in North America that recognize the Eurasier breed. And, for those residing in the U.S. especially, it means there are now many more opportunities to present our wonderful breed in the show ring. As of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the Eurasier is now accepted for conformation shows in the United Kennel Club, which holds events in both the US and Canada. The Eurasiers will be judged according to the FCI Standard. The UKC also accepts Eurasiers for competition in other events. Some of these include: agility, obedience, rally obedience, tracking, herding, and weight pulling.

The organizations that accept Eurasiers for shows in the United States are:

American Rare Breed Association, [www.arba.org](http://www.arba.org), 9921 Frank Tippett Road, Cheltenham, MD 20623. (301) 868-5718

Rarities Inc. [www.vaxxine.com/rarities/](http://www.vaxxine.com/rarities/) 1623 Military Road, #577 Niagara Falls, NY 14304, (905) 563-0562

International All Breed Canine Association, [www.iabca.com](http://www.iabca.com), 4742 Liberty Road South, PMB 234, Salem, OR 97302. (503) 316-9860

United Kennel Club (Non-Conformation events only), [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com), 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584. (269) 343-9020

In Canada, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) has approved several rule changes to its Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, including one that creates a new category of competition – a 12-18 month class. Previously, some young dogs in that age group were perceived to be at a disadvantage if they were in competition with fully mature dogs in their prime. The new age group – section (c) of rule 12.2.1 - allows for more equitable judging. This additional category takes effect January 1, 2006.

The CKC is also taking a tougher stand on health issues, implementing a new rule which states that if a dog entered in a show is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough, etc or has recovered from distemper or parvo within the last 14 days, that dog will be removed from the show and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.

In Canada, Eurasiers maybe shown in events hosted by:

Canadian Kennel Club, [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca), 89 Skyway Avenue, Suite 100, Etobicoke, ON M9W 6R4. (800) 250-8040

Rarities Inc. [www.vaxxine.com/rarities/](http://www.vaxxine.com/rarities/) 1623 Military Road, #577 Niagara Falls, NY 14304, (905) 563-0562

Before attending a show in any of these venues, it is necessary to first register your dog with the organization that is holding the show. Registration is obtained by complying with the specific organization's registration process.

Also, some kennel clubs hold fun matches (or practice shows) in which they will accept rare breeds including Eurasiers. To find fun matches in your area, contact your local kennel clubs. Whatever venue in which you decide to participate, be prepared to talk "Eurasier" all day.

## 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 a 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](#)

### **Recommended Reading**

**“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**

Written by the founder of the breed, Julius Wipfel himself, this book reflects the development of the breed in detail. While the book is currently only available in German, additional, updated information has been added to the original publication. It is currently being translated into English, and will soon be available.

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

**“King Solomon’s Ring” - Konrad Lorenz** (Amazon.com - \$10.85)

**“Man Meets Dog” - Konrad Lorenz** (Amazon.com - \$10.47)

*\*Editors note - these are two of Konrad Lorenz’ “classic” books.*

**“How to speak Dog” - Stanley Coren** *Learn to understand your dog and communicate with him.* (Amazon.com - \$11.20)

**“Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior” - Temple Grandin** *“People who aren’t autistic always ask me about the moment I realized I could understand the way animals think...”* (Amazon.com - \$10.20)

## Stories from Home

### **My Hero, Taylor**

To know Taylor is to love Taylor. People, animals...even “cat people” love Taylor. She exudes a sweetness that is undeniably irresistible. She is sunshine incarnate, and even when being an imp you can see her laugh at her own humor and know there lies not a malicious bone in her furry, wiggling-with-joy little body.

It was a cool, November day in 2004 when the clouds passed over sweet Taylor’s sunshine for the first time. While romping outside with her “sisters” Kaylee, a year and a half old Eurasier and Cavick, an 11 year old Keeshond, Taylor began to display a rather peculiar limp. She would limp with her right rear leg held high, and a handful of paces later the limp would vanish. Usually Taylor didn’t even seem any more than inconvenienced by this repeating occurrence; it didn’t seem to cause much, if any, pain. My first thought was that perhaps this was that ‘pano’ I had heard about...the ‘wandering limp’ that occurred in some dogs as they were going through growth spurts. Often referred to as growing pains, pano was known to disappear only to sometimes resurface in another limb at another time.

However, this style of limping didn’t quite seem to fit the mold, as there was no lasting discomfort involved, and the limping would stop much quicker than one would expect with pano, and would resurface in the same leg. After a couple of days went by, the limping increased in frequency, so just to be safe I decided to make an appointment with the vet to check Taylor’s symptoms.

When Taylor and I got to the vet, he asked immediately upon feeling her leg if I realized that her leg was out of joint! I said I had no idea, and he popped it back in easily, and shook his head. He felt Taylor’s leg a great deal more, manipulating it, and gauging her responses. She seemed fairly unconcerned for the most part. The vet, however, was a different story. He told me that the news was not good, and began explaining what was causing the limping; the knee would pop out of the socket, and when she bumped it back in the limp would be gone. He said it was clear that her patella was in bad shape, and that she would need surgery, and soon, if she was ever to walk and run normally again. The reason he stressed that it needed to occur soon was that the longer one waits with a luxated patella, the greater the chances are of severe arthritis developing. I was stunned, as these things didn’t happen to me, they happened to other people! He had the office give me an estimate of the bill, which was approximately \$1000, and sent us on our way to discuss it with my husband. Gary (my husband) and I quickly decided that we needed to do the surgery without question, and I called to schedule the appointment the very same afternoon. The only unbelievable good fortune in all of this was that our vet specialized in orthopedic surgery.

Within days, Taylor went in for her surgery. Nothing could prepare me for what I saw when I was finally allowed to pick her up that evening. My little 10-month old puppy was limping and crying with a completely shaved hind leg and a neat but terrifyingly long row of staples running along the front of her leg. Unbelievably, when she saw me she whined, wagged her tail, and her eyes lit up as she tried to actually pull towards me on the leash! We went in and consulted with the vet before departing, and he informed us that the situation had been quite bad actually. He said the ligaments were essentially shredded, and that the alignment of the tibia was off enough that he had to cut the tibial crest from the shinbone and move it, pinning it into the correct position. He stated that without question this was a genetic problem, and with a grim expression informed us that there was a high likelihood that it would occur in the other leg as well, as the legs tend to be mirror images of one another. However, it could be even a couple years before the other knee would go; there was no way to know for sure.



We took sweet little Taylor home and began her 12 weeks of recovery. The first 48 hours were the worst and she was the most pathetic looking creature; the leg bruised in different places on different days as time passed, there was a slight degree of swelling, and poor Taylor had to struggle along with us as we struggled to learn how to do what seemed like should have been the simplest of tasks, like picking her up to take her outside without causing her pain. Awful, unanticipated problems arose, like Taylor not knowing how to urinate or have a bowel movement on three wobbly legs...and us not knowing how to help her. It was heart wrenching to finally see her urinate while yelping because it caused her right leg to touch the ground. We felt like the most horrible, apologetic parents alive, yet realized this procedure had been a necessity to make her quality of life what it should be for such a sweet, loving girl. I learned and created an untold number of ways to entertain a sick dog and her sisters, which was quite a feat, as I didn't want to leave anyone out, but the activities had to be basically non-physical in nature for Taylor's sake and recovery. For the first 8 weeks Taylor had to be carried on all stairs, and of course we have stairs and two doors just to get from the kitchen to the back yard. Within a mere day or two the dogs all learned what I meant when I said "Taylor only" or when I said "Big girls only" regarding going outside, and those who were not in the 'list' to go out stepped out of the way and politely waited their turn! Taylor's staples had to stay for 14 days, which proved to be quite a challenge as that meant 14 days with an e-collar to protect the wound from her prying tongue. I learned just how many semi-circular bruises my legs could acquire in a day! And I watched the other dogs learn to duck when they saw her coming towards them with exuberance with her 'cone' on. Taylor was a real trooper and recovered quickly, touching her toes to the ground and using her leg much earlier than expected according to the surgeon. Within two days the smile was back in her eyes and she was all the more firmly entrenched in my heart due to her courage and determination.



All in all it was 12 weeks before she was allowed to run freely and play with her sisters, and she was more than ready! Although you could still very clearly see the line where her hair had been shaved, she was reveling in playing in the snow, bounding about with a grin as wide as her entire face.

Unbelievably it was during week 13, when I was in Canada visiting with a friend, that I received the phone call from my husband that the cloud had indeed passed over Taylor's sunshine again already; the other knee was gone. One week of freedom for all of us...and then it was over.

I was due home in two days, so had Gary schedule the vet appointment and took Taylor in right away. The vet confirmed what we already recognized due to the symptoms; Taylor had a luxated patella on her left leg. She was now just over a year old and it was February when he performed surgery number two. However, it was harder for Taylor this time prior to the surgery; this time it

did hurt her when she was limping, much more than the previous time. So we almost looked forward to the surgery as it would put her on the road to lessening the pain, although it would of course initially intensify it.

The second experience was actually amazing in nearly all ways. According to the vet, he had to do all the same things as in the first surgery but if possible the ligaments were even more shredded than they had been in the other knee! Taylor's recovery was even more swift...which, although it was a blessing, we had found could prove to be a problem as she wanted to do things that she really had no business doing yet. So keeping her down became especially difficult. We all slid back into the old routine with surprising ease, including the other two dogs. They knew how all the games worked, how much play was allowed, and the only real change was that we had to learn how to pick Taylor up from the opposite side without hurting her leg (believe me, this is not an easy thing to do; you end up picking her up in an extremely odd position).

The most amazing thing about this entire procedure was Taylor's spirit. Her resiliency was incredible, and to be honest, quite humbling. It was a stark reminder of just how much differently our dogs are put together than ourselves, and in certain ways how much better.

Other than dealing with the expense of the surgeries, which is definitely considerable, the time since those two surgeries has been pure bliss while watching Taylor! She has grown into a joyous young lady that thrills at the sight of any person or dog, and revels in her ability to run around her favorite areas in the planet whenever possible! She has always adored water play and continues to play in water with even more relish than before the surgeries. I now have a dog who I thought was rather clumsy as a puppy, that is winning races against her sister, who could always run like the wind!



In early October, Taylor started an occasional limp in her right leg again. Although fear gnawed at my insides, I recalled how the vet had told us that the things he had worked on would now be the strongest parts she owned, so I figured she must have pulled a muscle or something. However, after all that time, expense, and the pain and frustration for all of us with Taylor's patella surgeries, I decided I'd best get her to the vet to check it out.

Not surprisingly, Taylor has grown to be less and less fond of the vet visits with time. However, when we took her to have the limp checked, she was in absolute hysterics. Part of me suspects that she made the connection between the limp and what that usually leads to. The vet finally had to sedate her because she tensed up to such a degree that he could not isolate where the pain was for her. (I also later learned that when a dog is this tense, the muscles tend to force everything into it's proper position, giving the deceptive impression that there is indeed nothing wrong.) After the sedation, Taylor was so slow to come around that we had to roll her over a few times on the table to get her to lift her head, looking at us as if to say, "Well make up your mind!!! Do you want me sedated or do you want to play like we're at a theme park??"

As he maneuvered and manipulated and Taylor didn't respond I could feel myself calming; it must be a pulled muscle. Then he held her leg near the knee and took her ankle and pulled

downwards, and she let out a yelp. His face fell. He tried it again with a look of disbelief. Ultimately he did it four times to assure himself that he wasn't imagining it, and her response was consistent. He turned to us and shook his head and said, "It's not good news." The work he had done on her patella was fine, that wasn't the problem. It was her cruciate ligament. And it required surgery. He said he realizes there are rare cases that when it goes untreated and the dog is kept from all activity for 12 weeks where it seems to heal, but he just can't believe that would happen in her case as she is an active dog, and more often than not when people go through trying to let it heal that way they just end up having the surgery later anyways, and having to go through another 12 weeks of inactivity through the recovery period...only then they have increased the risk of arthritis again. The vet said that of their 10,000 patients, only one other has had to have a knee done twice under circumstances like these. I couldn't believe what I was hearing, and my heart just fell. Taylor had been such a wonderful trooper throughout all those months of her first real winter dealing with those other knee surgeries, and this was to be her first winter of being a pup! We were supposed to be done! This was just too unfair to sweet little Taylor to be believable! And then he broke the other news...that often the other knee ends up going too, on the average 14 months later. He encouraged us to go home and talk about it and get back to him, but we realized that if he recommended it, then it was the thing we needed to do because we trusted him implicitly. He had given Taylor an entirely new life when it came to her mobility with the other surgeries, and if another was indicated, then it had to be done.

So, I held Taylor a little tighter than usual and a little longer than usual each time, between that day and the day of the surgery. I had discussed with the vet the increasing level of trauma Taylor experiences when she goes there, and asked if I could sit with her as she 'comes to' this time, which I know isn't their policy, rather than coming in the evening to pick her up. He agreed it would be best for all concerned.

Sitting with Taylor after the surgery, as she came 'out of it' is something I'll never forget for the rest of my days. Amazingly, although I was there within ½ hour of when the procedure was completed, she opened her eyes to see me, and her eyes lit up, and she thumped her tail on the floor in greeting! Then she passed back out again, and this continued off and on for three hours. And during those moments when she was primarily unconscious, Taylor wept. She wept as I have never heard before; deep, mournful, painful and untempered by her sweet attitude due to her unconscious state. Were I not already on my knees it would have brought me to them, to hear this pain in this sweet little angel. Three hours later when I could take her home as she could support her own weight, she cried very little and when she did it was a soft whine. That evening and the next day Taylor whined a great deal, but thankfully not the weeping of the post-operative area. Although this surgery was much less invasive than the other two (no cutting and repositioning of bone, and no pins), it has indeed been harder for Taylor to pull through. Even my 19 year old cat Imbrogio curled up against her to comfort her as I slept with Taylor that evening on the floor, which Imbrogio has never done with any other animal in her entire life. Taylor continues to improve a bit each day, but that lively spirit and sparkle in her eye have both been a bit slower to return. I can see that my "Little Love" is still in there, but as she approaches two years old, it is clear that this is beginning to tax her. Thankfully, she and we pretty much know what to do. We know how to scoop her up, get the pain pills down her throat, and keep her away from those staples for 14 days. But her eyes have shown me that this time it was a bit closer to rain than just a dark cloud that covered her sunshine the day she started limping this time. And as I watch her pull herself together yet again, after her fourth major surgery before even reaching the age of 2 (including her spay surgery), it is resoundingly clear to me that if I ever had a hero it would be Taylor. She is my hero for her beautiful and unwavering spirit in the face of genuine adversity. She is my hero for her ability to inspire loving feelings in virtually every being she meets, and for her courage and determination to get through the truly difficult things and get on with the joy of life. When I grow up, I want to be just like her.

- *Lori Martin, M.S.*

(owner of Jazzy Taylors Song d'Eurasia, and Towdahsbest My Kaylee Bear)

## A New Kitten in the House

The Kusmik family had to say goodbye to our old crabby cat, Mr. Beau, on June 25<sup>th</sup> of this year. The old boy had a tumor on his shoulder, a cancerous growth resulting from vaccinations being administered in that same area too many times in his life, and the tumor decided to grow and take over his body. I don't remember the last time I cried that hard. It's always so painful to say goodbye to a beloved pet.

Our Eurasier, Genevieve, who will be two this November, was a bit confused by the absence of her fur-brother. She kept looking for him in his usual hideouts, and would go and sit by the place where his bowls were in the kitchen, as if to say, "if you put cat food down, Mr. Beau will come back". We felt sorry for her, and reminisced about the fact that when we brought Genevieve home on January 17, 2004, she weighed less than the cat. She grew up knowing Mr. Beau was there first, and had to respect him.



We told Alison, our daughter, that we'd start looking for a kitten for her as her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday present, which was on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had mourned Mr. Beau a few months, and we realized that one furball in our family was not enough. Alison already had the name of her kitty selected. She was going to be Crystal. She also said she wanted a white kitten. But she fell in love with an orange one instead – the name stayed and the color choice went out the window!!

Genevieve has been very funny with this kitten – when we first brought this 2 lb. little thing into the house, we don't think she had any idea of WHAT it was.....Her initial looks on her face seemed to say, "hmmmm, the tail isn't bushy enough for a squirrel, it's waaaaay too small to be a cat (Mr. Beau tipped the scales at 14 lbs.), and it certainly doesn't smell like a dog!" Genevieve immediately welcomed Crystal in though, sometimes too much, because one big lick from Genevieve's black tongue would tip the kitten over every time she slurped her!

Crystal has certainly accepted Genevieve as her "sister" – she routinely stalks and attacks the long-suffering Genevieve, and usually aims for the back of her legs, or the "fluff-butt" area as we have called it. The kitten does not ever sink her claws into Genevieve – an attack will just usually make Genevieve turn around to look at the now big three-pound-terror, and will give me looks as if to say, "Hey Ma, can you get the brat off me please?" One of my main jobs these days is to keep scooping the kitten off Genevieve, and to try to re-direct Crystal's attention elsewhere so Genevieve can be free. The sweetest thing they do, especially when they're both settling in for the night, is Crystal will go and nuzzle up with Genevieve, purring very loudly, and Genevieve will administer her last sloppy kisses for the day. Have I ever had my camera

ready for these moments you ask? Nope – the camera is usually downstairs, then the moment passes before I get back upstairs to document the lovefest. I'll get it some day.

The ONLY negative trait that Genevieve shows, with both the late Mr. Beau and now Crystal, is that she is VERY jealous when we show Crystal individual attention. If we want to wake Genevieve up from a dead sleep two floors away and get her right to our side, all we have to say is, “Hi Crystal”, or “Hi Kitty-Baby”, and like lightening, green-faced Genevieve comes running – she's not too keen on the kitten getting any special attention!!! We are very careful to always include loving statements of what an awesome dog she is too – heaven knows we can't hurt her feelings, because that pitiful Eurasier-sad-brown-eyed-look she can flash is heart melting!!

We have had Crystal for 6 weeks now, and Genevieve has only put her in her place twice. The first time was when Crystal just WOULD NOT leave Genevieve alone as she was trying to enjoy a bully stick...I saw the kitten bothering her, but I didn't do anything at first...then I watched as Genevieve moved places, turned around, and tried everything she could think of to get the bully stick away from Crystal – she finally gave up and barked one sharp bark, as if to say, “BACK OFF”!!!! I went and scooped up the kitten, because the silly thing was just going to go back for more...Genevieve flashed me a grateful look, then proceed on with her snack.

The second time we ever heard a peep from Genevieve was in the middle of the night, when Crystal was on her nightly tear through the upstairs bedrooms. We still don't know exactly what she did to irritate the ever-so-patient Genevieve, but it must have been bad, because she made the same sharp bark at the cat, which woke my husband and me up. It made us laugh and tell Genevieve she was a good dog for trying to straighten out the crazy kitty!

Genevieve is yet another wonderful example of proving the fact that Eurasiers are good with cats...as long as she still believes she is #1 in our lives...which is fine with us!

- *The Kusmik Family (Aldo, Gisele & Alison, Genevieve & Crystal), Fairfax, Virginia, Oct. 2005*

## Reflections

### **Dear Dogs and Cats,**

When I say to move, it means to go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs and cats sleeping, they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, and try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. When I exit this room, I will come out the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years. Canine attendance has never been necessary.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dogs' butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you. In return for your following these simple rules, I have posted the following message on our front door:

Rules for Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and Like to Complain About Our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my pet a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.
5. Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

**It's a Dog's Life**

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.  
Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.  
-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. -Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.  
-Ben Williams

A DOG IS THE ONLY THING ON EARTH THAT LOVES YOU MORE THAN HE LOVES HIMSELF. -JOSH BILLINGS

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. -Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. -M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. - Sigmund Freud.

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult. - Rita Rudner

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. -Unknown

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. -Robert Benchley

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.  
-Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons. -James Thurber

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. -Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! -Anne Tyler

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. -Robert A. Heinlein

Speak softly and own a big, mean Doberman. -Dave Miliman

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. -Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' - Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.  
-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. -Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am.

### [Eurasier Gatherings](#)

June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Rocky Mountain Eurasier Romp, Colorado

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 - Orfordville, Wisconsin

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

April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 – Marmora, Ontario

July 7<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Antigonish, Nova Scotia

## The Rocky Mountain Eurasier Romp (report)

The last weekend of June brought Eurasiers from all over the western portion of the continent to Denver, Colorado for the Rocky Mountain Eurasier Romp! This was the first Eurasier gathering held in this part of the USA and people came from Nebraska, New Mexico, Michigan, Alberta, Canada and British Columbia, Canada! One family drove 2,000 miles (one way) just to spend time with their extended Eurasier family!

And “family” is exactly what it was! Our one year old Eurasier was reunited with two of his litter mates as well as their breeder. This was a very special occasion and we were so thrilled to have this chance to observe the brothers together and share our experiences of how much joy they have brought to our lives.



This weekend also proved that no one has to be related by blood, to experience the feeling of belonging to a family. Most of us knew each other only via emails and the Yahoo! Eurasier group, but you would never know that by how immediate and warm the interactions were. And it was a joy to watch our Eurasiers play in their own “Eurasier way”.

The first day was spent enjoying a gorgeous hike in Boulder, CO....



...followed by a picnic lunch at the base of the mountain.





We then gathered all the tired out pups and resumed our visit here at our home in Denver where we visited until late into the evening. For dinner we were joined by the youngest pup of the bunch who lives right here in Colorado.

Saturday morning we all loaded up our dogs and all the necessities for camping out at our Hunk-o-Heaven Ranch 2 hours south west of Denver, in the Rocky Mountains. The dogs “romped” and played in 40 acres of wide open wilderness...



...while the humans took in the beautiful scenery of mountain peaks and rolling hills decorated with gorgeous, fluffy, happy Eurasiers! Nothing can make a beautiful environment even MORE beautiful than a pack of “fluff-butts” running by!



The pack of dogs and their adoring humans enjoyed hikes, meals, snuggle time, playing on the agility course, and endless conversations about.....you guessed it.....EURASIERS!!!!



The time just flew by at an unbelievably quick pace, and far before we were ready to do so, we found ourselves bidding goodbye to all our friends. We were honored that so many wonderful people drove so far to be with us, and we want to thank you for your generous kindness, hardy laughter, fun, and so many warm memories!



You are all welcome back anytime and we hope to welcome many other Eurasier friends in the future!

- *Kristin, John, Kiawah,  
& Bodhi*

### **Midwest Eurasier Gathering – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005**

The 2005 Midwest Eurasier Gathering was held at the home of Joe and Monica Murphy in Orfordville, Wisconsin. The weather was just about perfect. We had roughly 15 dogs at the gathering and their respective families. Lucas, the Harley Davidson riding dog was here. It was a special treat to see the celebrity in person. Other than that, Bruce and puppy Missy stole the show.



We had a potluck lunch. Alex did a demonstration of cart pulling for the group. Our visitor who came the furthest distance was Dianne Cameron with Tapi and Satchel. The other guests were mainly from Wisconsin or Illinois. As a special treat, we supplied toy and treat bags for each dog that was at the event. It was a pleasure to meet some of our Eurasier friends in person. We had a great time and hope that everyone that attended did as well. We look forward to hosting a gathering again next year!



*Missy & Nixie*

### **East Meets West Eurasier Gathering in Marmora - September 9-11, 2005**

The September gathering in Marmora this year was BIG! “East Meets West” was a fitting title since there were people and dogs from California and British Columbia, as well as from Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts, and a lot of provinces and states in between: Alberta, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, New Mexico, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec and Wisconsin. All in all, we counted 90 people (including children) and 70 dogs (including a few “honorary Eurasiers”).



Several important guests from Germany and Sweden made this gathering a very special occasion. We were delighted to welcome Annelie Feder, author of *Eurasier Heute*; Helga Casper, puppy co-coordinator and keeper of the Eurasier stud book of the German Eurasier club EKW; experienced Eurasier judge Mr. Lothar Mende with his wife Friedburg; Barbara Post, renowned author and photographer of the German Eurasier club KZG; Ulla-Carin Totney, a highly successful Eurasier breeder from Sweden who has several puppies in North America, and who also took a Canadian puppy home for her breeding program.

Mr. Mende and his able team worked tirelessly from morning 'till night to evaluate the dogs that were signed up. They did a wonderful job of demonstrating the original German Eurasier standards to the North American community, while making it a very positive and stress free experience for dogs and owners alike.



*Jessie was first to be judged – photo by Peter Hamley*

Most members of the North American Eurasier Committee and many North American Eurasier breeders were present. The NAEC organized some activities to raise funds for Eurasier rescue with great success: there was a 50/50 draw, a silent auction, a raffle, and Canine Good Citizen evaluations by Nancy DaCosta, with the fees donated to rescue.

The weather was ideal. Activities included walks on the trails, trips to a nearby lake, an obstacle course organized by Wendy King, treasure hunt by Jutta van Steen, and picture games by Jackie Murtha. As always, we spent most of the time chatting, eating and admiring the beautiful dogs. There were 5 puppies meeting their new family for the first time...



*Jaxson & friend- Jean-Luc Lambert*



*Empath meets Bookwurm – by Peter Hamley*

and Elizabeth Aeschbacher even brought a litter of 8 four-week-old puppies, as well as her 7 grown dogs, camping out with them on a clearing in the woods.



Preparations for the gathering and keeping everything going smoothly for the 3-day event were greatly enhanced by everyone who helped wherever they could, making it a very enjoyable event. It was really like being a part of a wonderfully large and particularly amiable family.

*Puppies camping out – by Gabriella Hamley*



*BBQ chefs – by Don Renn*

## Nova Scotia Invite

**Welcome to Nova Scotia**  
**where Eurasiers meet on July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**at Silver Glen resort in Antigonish**



*At play in the Silver Glen*

We will meet Friday afternoon July 7<sup>th</sup> for the opening of the event. A power point show about the breed's history, it's present and it's future will be presented in the evening by guest speaker Monika Guhrmann, head officer of the breeding program of the German KZG (Kynologische Zuchtgemeinschaft), and internationally recognized Eurasier judge. She will be accompanied by other members from the KZG and will be available to answer all your Eurasier related questions.

Saturday morning, July 8<sup>th</sup> is the conformation 'fun match' in which we hope many of you will participate. The dogs will be judged according to the breed standard. It is a fun match, but will be a bit more challenging because of the number of dogs expected to be entered – it would be a similar kind of competition as a real Eurasier show. Please don't hesitate - sign up for this event (dog intact or not)! The fee will be \$5 per dog. Entry forms will be sent out later along with schedule details.

Depending on the number of dogs entered, we might have time to begin the Breeding Aptitude Test (BAT) on Saturday afternoon - Sunday morning at the latest – for those people who choose to take part. The Breeding Aptitude Test is a requirement in Germany for any Eurasier to be

considered part of the breeding program. It provides a good opportunity to evaluate the offspring and to take note of the good and less than good features of your Eurasier.

Here is what the test is about: Each dog is thoroughly measured to find out its exact proportions, what its coat is like, its gait, and most important, what its temperament is like. Monika Guhrmann and her German friends will administer this test. The BAT is more important than any show results as it offers a very objective judgment of the quality of the dog presented. As we are really only at the threshold of breeding Eurasiers here in North America, it is important to have as many dogs as possible evaluated so that we will have a better appreciation or understanding of the overall quality of the dogs here, regardless of whether they may be intended for breeding.

Please register your dog for this event - no matter whether your dog is spayed or neutered – as it is important to have a good picture of the kind of Eurasiers here in North America. Registration for this event is \$7 per dog. However, if you register your dog for both events - the fun match **and** the BAT, it will be \$10 in total. Entry forms will be sent out at a later date. The monies collected from the entry fees will be used to help offset the cost of the barn rental.

The central meeting area, which is the Barn at Silver Glen, has a spacious meeting room as well as a big deck and lots of open space for the dogs to enjoy. A restaurant within the barn will cater the meals at your expense, so nobody has to worry about bringing food - except for your dogs. To help reduce costs, at lunch and supper there will be a choice between 2 dishes. Breakfast will be regular menu items. Hopefully the weather will permit so the events can be held outside, but if not, the barn has enough space to host even the fun match and the BAT. Nevertheless, bring a raincoat and good shoes, as there is the opportunity for a nice hike through the fields and the woods, as well as the nearby beaches.



*St. George's Bay*

And, should you desire, you can make your trip more than just attending this Eurasier gathering, by planning a vacation around the event. Nova Scotia has much to offer. Besides good cuisine, the hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and golfing opportunities are endless. The Cabot Trail

in the Cape Breton Highlands for example is world famous for its breath taking scenery. Cape Breton is less than one hour drive from Antigonish. But even if you plan on a shorter trip, you can get a glimpse of Nova Scotia's beauty by touring Cape George, which is next door to Antigonish. Or you could combine your stay in Nova Scotia with a trip to Prince Edward Island – the home of “Anne of Green Gables” which can easily be reached by ferry. You could return by way of a very impressive bridge through the Northumberland Strait. For more information on what Nova Scotia has to offer, go online at [www.novascotia.com](http://www.novascotia.com)

As you can see, you really have NO excuse for not attending this first time Nova Scotia Eurasier Meeting! Looking forward to meeting many of you. More details will follow at a later date. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at: [jdessouroux@yahoo.com](mailto:jdessouroux@yahoo.com). You can also visit our web site at [www.macarrasbrook-urasiers.ca](http://www.macarrasbrook-urasiers.ca)

- Sincerely Josee Dessouroux

## ***Eurasiers USA***

### **Local News**

## **Introducing the United States Eurasier Club**

Earlier this year the North American Eurasier Committee (NAEC) formed two country-specific subcommittees to work on the development of national Eurasier clubs for Canada and the United States. The US subcommittee is thrilled to report that we have successfully accomplished our goal!

Our beloved breed will now be served and protected in our country by our newly formed United States Eurasier Club (USEC). The USEC's mission is as follows:

### **United States Eurasier Club Mission Statement**

As the national breed club, the United States Eurasier Club (“USEC”) will strive to ensure the welfare of the Eurasier breed in the United States of America by preserving the breed in accordance with the original FCI Standard and protecting the Eurasier in the spirit of its country of origin.

To achieve this goal, the USEC will focus its efforts on:

- ~ Providing support and information to Eurasier owners, breeders, Club members and the public about the care, health and keeping of Eurasiers.
- ~ Urging breeders, Club members, judges and national breed registries to accept the standard of the breed as set forth in the original FCI Standard as the only standard of excellence by which the Eurasier shall be bred and judged.
- ~ Requiring our breeders to honor and abide by the Breeding Rules and Code of Ethics set forth by the USEC.



- ~ Establishing positive working relationships with international Eurasier clubs, as well as local and regional Eurasier clubs as they develop in the United States.
- ~ Offering a link between prospective Eurasier owners and breeders who adhere to the USEC's Code of Ethics.
- ~ Participating in cooperative Eurasier breed rescue.
- ~ Developing and maintaining a database of Eurasiers living or born in the USA.
- ~ Doing everything in the Club's power to protect and advance the interests and well-being of the Eurasier breed in the USA.

## **YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MISSION!**

We are counting on our fellow Eurasier enthusiasts to help us achieve our goals. There are two ways you can do so:

1. **Become members of the USEC:** We hope that you will join us in our mission to preserve and protect the Eurasier breed in our country! The best way for you to contribute to this worthwhile cause is by becoming a member of the United States Eurasier Club. We will be announcing our membership drive in the very near future, so please stay tuned for that! We will make our announcement on the Yahoo! Eurasier group, but if you do not check the forum regularly, we will gladly send you a private email if you send a request to Kristin Gerlach at [Kristin@JDGJR.com](mailto:Kristin@JDGJR.com)

\*We realize that not every Eurasier owner in the USA is an active member of our Yahoo! Eurasier group, so we ask that all of you help us spread the word about our newly formed club so that everyone has an opportunity to be involved. We also request that all breeders notify their puppy owners and all other interested Eurasier owners in the U.S. who are not members of the Yahoo! Eurasier group. If you or someone you know has a foreign Eurasier living here in the USA, they are also encouraged to join the USEC. We want to have a strong and active US Eurasier Club, so the more the better! \*

2. **Register Your Eurasier in the USEC Database:** The USEC database will serve to keep track of our US Eurasier population so that we will have accurate records of how many Eurasiers are living in the USA and be able to keep those families informed about what is happening in our Eurasier community. One of the most important roles of the USEC database is to keep an accurate record of the health status of our US Eurasiers. These health records are vital to ensure that we continue to use the healthiest Eurasiers for breeding and produce the healthiest puppies for your families. You can contribute to the healthy future of our breed by registering your Eurasier in the USEC database. Please contact Ute Molush, the USEC's Database Coordinator at [udmolush@verizon.net](mailto:udmolush@verizon.net) and she will provide you with the registration form. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the healthy future of Eurasiers in our country!

## **USEC Website**

The United States Eurasier Club has reserved a domain name for our future website. [www.useurasierclub.com](http://www.useurasierclub.com) If anyone in our Eurasier community has experience in web design and would be willing to donate their time and talent, we would greatly appreciate your help in getting our website up and running! Please contact Ute Molush at [udmolush@verizon.net](mailto:udmolush@verizon.net)

The United States Eurasier Club is looking forward to working together with our wonderful Eurasier Community on our mission to ensure the best possible future for the Eurasier in our country! Our Eurasiers and the families who love them deserve only the best, so let's work together and make sure that happens! – *Kristin Gerlach, on behalf of the USEC*

Very Sincerely,

**The United States Eurasier Club**

Nancy DaCosta, President

Kristin Gerlach, Vice President

Gisele Kusmik, Secretary

Ute Molush, Database Administrator

Jacqueline Murtha, Treasurer & Clerk



**Eurasier Gathering in Massachusetts**

Several Eurasier owners on the East Coast participated in a wonderful summer Eurasier meeting on Jackie Murtha's property in Hanover, Massachusetts. People and Dogs alike had a great time. The hostess was able to order just the right weather. The humidity that seemed to hover over the East Coast during the entire summer was gone and humans and dogs alike were relaxing in the sunshine under trees right on the banks of the North River.



It was, of course, interesting to meet new Eurasiers and their owners. North River's Empress Saphira ("Sophie") was a first time meeting participant, so was North River's Empress Kira ("Kira") and North River's Bacchus ("Bacchus"). The BBQ was just awesome, not to mention the Sunday lobster brunch. The highlights though were two boat rides on a pontoon boat that was expertly maneuvered on the North River by our hostess Jackie. Amazingly, none of the dogs hesitated to go onto the boat. They all enjoyed the rides as much as their owners. The dogs put their noses into the wind or looked into the waves. During off leash walks in a nearby forest area, our group of 16 Eurasiers was able to run and get their energy out. We had a grand time – thank you to the hostess for such a wonderful day. – *Ute D. Molush*

## Health Examination Results year May 2005 – Oct 2005

Aki von den Elbgezeiten  
Hips – A2  
Patella – 0/0  
Eyes - Clear

owner: Doreen Sese, MA



Hayley von der Wolfsangel  
Hips – A1  
Patella – 0/0  
Eyes - Clear

owner: Jackie Murtha, MA



## 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.

**October 10, 2005** - North River’s Bazuka (owner: JT. & Sandra Alex, Los Angeles, CA) Hips: very good, Patella: 0/0, Eyes: clear x Sundog’s Aysia (owner: Karla Erickson, B.C., & S. Peterson, CA) Hips: excellent, Patella: 0/0, Eyes: clear. Litter expected mid-December.



## Litter Announcements

*“Dancing Bear Eurasiers”*

Griffin & Donna Kessler, Jacksonville, NJ  
B litter- July 14, 2005 – 2 m, 3 f  
Foxfire Bambam x Folie A2 Pebbles of Eurasia



Dancing Bear's Tina's a Breeze “Tina” (Katy, TX)  
Dancing Bear's Bamboozle “Gus” (Warminster, PA)  
Dancing Bear's Bishop's a Blaze “Bishop” (Catonsville MD)  
Dancing Bear's Bella Rosso “Bella” (Randolph, NJ)  
Dancing Bear's Bailey “Princess Leia” (Sterling, VA)

## Imported Eurasiers



Fearless Jaxson vom Vierwindehaus  
“Jaxson”

Sire: Abou vom Dahner Felsenland  
Dam: Famira vom Rheinblick  
Breeder: Karla Wehry, EKW Germany

Imported by Jackie Murtha, MA



Foxfire Moonbeam over Wisconsin  
 “Missy”  
 Sire: Sund Stamm's X-tra Xcodus  
 Dam: Leionspitz Aleika  
 Breeder: Ulla-Carin Totney, Sweden

Imported by Tracey Spence, WI



Foxfire Olympic Gold to Florida  
 “Freya”  
 Sire: Foxfire Hjalmarssons Teddie  
 Dam: Uppsala des Légendes de Retz  
 Breeder: Ulla-Carin Totney, Sweden

Imported by Lisa Wahlestedt, FL

A special thank you to the breeders Ulla-Carin Totney and Karla Wehry for parting with these promising puppies!

### Eurasier Memoriam

None to report during this period.

### The Year to Date Summary Statistics for the United States: (April 15, 2005 to October 15, 2005)

Number of Puppies	Litters	Imported Dogs	Deaths
5	1	3	0

### Achievements

#### **Canine Good Citizens Help Eurasier Rescue Efforts**

As part of the NAEC’s Eurasier Rescue fundraising activities, I conducted evaluations for the American Kennel Club’s (AKC) “Canine Good Citizen program” (CGC), assisted by my wonderful timer, Benjamin Hess. Participants who live with their dogs in the United States were

eligible to participate in the evaluations, and 100% of their entry fees went to Eurasier Rescue.



*CGC Timer Benjamin Hess; & Jackie Murtha*

As described in the AKC 's CGC Program Evaluator's Guide, the purpose of the CGC program is to ensure that our canine family member can be a respected member of the community because he or she has been trained to be well behaved in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. For Eurasier owners in Canada, the Canadian Kennel Club has a very similar program called the Canine Good Neighbor Program (CGN), which was adapted from the CGC Program. If you are interested, contact the CKC at (416) 675-5511, or email ([information@ckc.ca](mailto:information@ckc.ca)).

As with all CGC tests, each dog participating in the program at Marmora was required to perform 10 test items with their handlers; although treats and physical corrections were not allowed, praise and lots of talking were strongly encouraged throughout the exercises. During the CGC testing in Marmora, it was obvious to me that *all* of the dogs participating were well loved and cared for by their handlers. They were well groomed and even-tempered; no dogs had to be excused from the ring for aggressive or inappropriate behavior. All dogs had learned basic commands that help to make them respectable members of the community.



*Colleen and Benno meeting a "friendly stranger"*



*Heeling pattern instructions to Jutta*

Of the sixteen dogs who participated in the CGC, twelve successfully completed all 10 tests and were awarded their Canine Good Citizen. Of the dogs that did not pass, youth and the many excitable distractions around them played a major role in their not passing a test or two during the evaluation. However, *all* dogs and their handlers at Marmora are to be heartily congratulated for participating in the program. Not only did they contribute to Eurasier Rescue, but the handlers got to spend some important time with their dogs, learning what exercises their dogs know very well, and which ones might need a little more work outside the home.

The dogs that passed were:

Kiawah  
North Rivers Darling Diva Nixie

Chow mix  
Eurasier

Handler: Kristin Gerlach  
Handler: Wendy Steurwald

Naku's Typhoon Tyler	Eurasier	Handler: Erika Wepner
Pegasus Country's Scottish King	Mastiff	Handler: Erika Wepner
Alischa von der Schoemberger Hohe	Eurasier	Handler: Sue Worsham
Leggo	Mix	Handler: Sue Worsham
Smokey	Mix	Handler: Jutta Vanstean
Mighty Doc von der Hofener Rippe	Eurasier	Handler: Donald Cox
Harry Potter of Eurasia "Red"	Eurasier	Handler: Donald Cox
North Rivers Baroness Lilian	Eurasier	Handler: Jacqueline Murtha
Kieristinga Wanda	Eurasier	Handler: Jacqueline Murtha
Hayley von der Wolfsangel	Eurasier	Handler: Jacqueline Murtha

I encourage everyone to participate in regular dog training with their dogs, whether formally in a class, or informally in the park where there are distractions. Training is useful in almost every situation in which you will find yourself with your dog. And done correctly with positive reinforcement and lots of treats and praise, it will build confidence in you and your dog, and help you establish an even closer bond than you already share. Remember, you are your dog's leader and protector, and he is most comfortable when he knows just what he is expected to do in a variety of situations; then he does not have to make those decisions himself, and he can relax. Training is a positive and important part of establishing that relationship, and one that you will never regret.

Thanks and congratulations to all of the participants, dogs and human alike, for your participation in the CGC Program. You were just awesome, and your love for your furry companions shone as bright as the sun at Marmora. And special thanks to Benjamin Hess, who helped to make the evaluations go more smoothly and kept me on the straight and narrow during the timed exercises. – *Nancy Dacosta*

### **Best of Breed**

On March 19, 2005 SunWolf's Bodhi entered his first International All Breed Canine Association Conformation Show and won 2 Best of Breed Puppy awards. Bodhi was 9 months old and handled by owner Kristin Gerlach.



## Special Recognition

### **Tasha's Achievements - Tasha and her CGC and Therapy Dog Certification:**

Back in April I saw a small "blurb" in our local paper about the local Rottweiler Club giving the CGC test at a local forest preserve in conjunction with the certification for Therapy Dog. It was a cold chilly overcast day so I said...why not? How crowded could it be on a day like this? Well pretty darn crowded with many Rotts. BIG Rotts. And little 16 month old Tasha. We decided to stay and give it a try.

After waiting approximately 1 ½ hours in the cold chilly overcast weather, our name was called. After seeing the test performed by these "experienced" Rottweilers I really thought we would be doing this for practice to certify at a later date. Well my young little Tasha, being the intelligent breed that she is, aced the test!!! She didn't even move when told to stay off leash. I was shocked, or frozen, probably a little of both. So we continued on to the Therapy Dog portion. I thought she would be too tired...as I know I was along with all 3 frozen children!! But once again...she aced that as well - she had no problem with the "older" people wandering around with canes, crutches, and noises. She handled like a pro! We were so proud of her and still are.



We are currently doing additional training for the R.E.A.D. program, which is a library and elementary school program for children with reading who need help in reading. While they are uncomfortable reading to people, they seem to really perk up and excel when reading to a dog!! I know Tasha would be great for this program and I am meeting with our local library to begin a chapter in Carol Stream or West Chicago.

I never knew my simple little furry pet could be so therapeutic to people outside my family. She is wonderful beyond my imagination. What a great experience for my first dog!

*- Kim and Tasha and kids and Cujo*



# *Eurasiers Canada*

## Local news

### **Announcing... The Eurasier Club of Canada (ECC)**

Yes, the Eurasier Club of Canada is finally a reality! The idea of some sort of national club where Eurasier breeders and owners could come together in a common cause has been talked about for a long time – in fact it was initially what prompted creation of the North American Eurasier Committee more than 3 years ago - but now with the growing interest in Eurasiers, a more immediate need was recognized for an organization that would be able to have much greater influence and control regarding the future of our wonderful Eurasier breed.

The Canadian members of the NAEC sub-committee agreed that the only way to accomplish this would be to seek accreditation as a *national* breed club from the internationally recognized Canadian breed registering authority, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC). After months of weekly discussions, we have now completed a draft Constitution & Bylaws that we believe, more than meets the requirements of the CKC, and compares quite favorably to similar documents from several other breed clubs.

However, our draft Constitution still requires a stamp of approval from the CKC. In fact, our club as whole has yet to be officially recognized. Decisions on club accreditation however, often take several months, perhaps even a year, but until such time as we receive official notification we will continue to remain active, developing relationships with Eurasier owners throughout Canada and building our membership base, while at the same time working towards the goals and objectives that we have established in our Code of Ethics.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Eurasier Club of Canada is a national membership organization; the Officers of the Club are elected from the general membership, while the elected Directors represent their regional zones. The Club represents Eurasier enthusiasts and breeders. Its goal is to preserve, promote, and protect the Eurasier breed in Canada in accordance with the CKC standard. Its other objectives are:

- a) providing a forum for interested Eurasier breeders and fanciers
- b) encouraging Eurasier breeders to maintain the original breed characteristics
- c) helping to educate the public and club members about the care, health and keeping of Eurasiers
- d) establishing working relationships with other Eurasier clubs/associations
- e) providing a courtesy referral service to link prospective & current Eurasier owners with approved breeders.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of The Canadian Kennel Club, its members agree to adhere to the following principles:

1. All members of the Eurasier Club will comply with the By-laws, rules and regulations established by the Club Executive and the Canadian Kennel Club.
2. Members who own or breed Eurasiers must take care of their Eurasiers in an appropriate manner. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) Providing a home for the Eurasier, indoors with the family - not chaining it outside, or allowing it to roam at large.
  - b) Ensuring the Eurasier receives adequate, nutritious food (as

- recommended by the breeder); clean water and exercise; training and ongoing socialization.
- c) Providing the affection and mental stimulation required for healthy development;
  - d) Regular & proper grooming - caring for coat, nails etc.
  - e) Ensuring the Eurasier receives annual physical exam, vaccinations and boosters as required.
3. Members who own or breed Eurasiers must have the approval of the club before allowing their Eurasier to participate in activities that could be construed as exploitation for profit, such as television or motion picture productions.
  4. All members of the Eurasier Club of Canada will endeavour to enhance the role of the Eurasier as an essential member of its communities as a companion, teacher, guardian, and best friend.
  5. In order to educate people about the Eurasier, the Eurasier Club of Canada supports and encourages participation in shows, trials and other events. All members, who choose to take part in these activities, shall do so with honesty, fairness and integrity, ever mindful of the practice of “good sportsmanship”.
  6. All members of The Eurasier Club of Canada will undertake the task of educating and encouraging all newcomers to the world of the Eurasier, no matter their interest: pet-owner, enthusiast or breeder.

## **Membership**

The Eurasier Club of Canada is a national club, comprised of people involved with the breed from coast to coast. Members will have the benefit of being able to elect the ECC Board of Directors, and to vote on a variety of issues and/or proposals as they arise. It’s an opportunity to help chart the course for the Eurasier in Canada – as we help to preserve and protect the breed. There will be four kinds of memberships in our Club: Voting members, Associate/Junior (non-voting) members, Life/Honorary members and Non-resident (non-voting) members. All prospective members must be sponsored by two regular voting members in good standing, with approval later determined in a vote by the existing membership.

We will be announcing our membership drive in the coming weeks and will make our announcement on the Yahoo! forum. If you do not regularly visit the Yahoo! Eurasier group site, please contact the Secretary directly (Dianne Cameron - [satchelp@rogers.com](mailto:satchelp@rogers.com)). We also ask that all breeders urge their puppy owners to become Eurasier Club of Canada members.

## **Breeder’s Code of Ethics**

Discussions on a Breeder's Code of Ethics are already underway. We certainly expect to respect the general principles already established by the North American Eurasier Committee, and other international Eurasier breed clubs. However, we also desire to have a specific *made-in-Canada* Breeders Code that will encompass many of those same principles and others that we believe are important and applicable for the on-going development and protection of the Eurasier in this country.

## **Website**

The Eurasier Club of Canada has secured a domain name for our future website. If anyone in our Eurasier community has experience in web design and would be willing to donate their time and talent, we would greatly appreciate your help in getting our website up and running! Please contact: Dietlinde Wall ([dietlinde@shaw.ca](mailto:dietlinde@shaw.ca))

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## **The Spitz Breed Classic**

For Spitz breed enthusiasts, Saturday, October 29th, was an historic moment in Canada with the presentation of “The Spitz Breed Classic” – the first Canadian all-spitz breed *conformation* show (unofficial) featuring European judges. This event followed the ‘official judging’ at the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers Show in Abbotsford, BC – Canada’s largest dog show. To give you an idea of the interest in forming an eighth (Spitz) group for CKC conformation, exhibitors travelled from all over Canada, the United States and Europe to show their support, with 98 spitz breed dogs entered; 97 in competition – an incredible turnout for an ‘unofficial’ event! Unfortunately, the single entry for the Toy American Eskimo Dog was absent, resulting in 19 breeds in competition.

The dogs were judged in separate classes, with most of the classes identical to those in a regular CKC conformation event: Junior Puppy (6-9 months), Senior Puppy (9-12 months), Open (1-6 years), Veteran (7+ years). There was also an Altered class (all ages) for dogs that had been spayed or neutered, a class that is not typical for regular conformation shows, and there was no ‘Specials’ class for dogs that had already achieved Championship status.

Dogs that were awarded Best of Breed received a special Spitz Classic Ribbon and a \$25.00 cash prize donated by fanciers. Reserve Best of Breed was awarded a Rosette, as was the Best Puppy in Breed. All 19 individual winners of Best of Breed were judged for Best Spitz, with the winner receiving the special Spitz Classic Rosette, \$250.00 cash prize and a photograph. Reserve Best Spitz won a Rosette, \$150.00 and the photo. The Winners of the Best Puppy in breed were judged for Best Spitz puppy, with the winner receiving a commemorative Rosette, \$100.00 cash and a photograph. These major cash prizes were donated by Hill’s Pet Nutrition Canada Inc., which also supplied premiums for all Reserve best of Breed and Best Puppy in Breed winners. Every entrant received a special Spitz Breeds Classic Show Catalogue that included a list of every dog entered, their registered name and club registration number, date of birth, their breeder and owner.

The judges were Mr. Pekka Teini from Finland, Mr. Markku Mahonen from Finland, and Dr. Goran Bodegard from Sweden. This much anticipated event was an opportunity for our Eurasiers to be evaluated in a competitive environment, by top judges familiar with the breed, and for those few who attended it was truly a special experience. For those who did not attend, you don’t know what you missed!

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Congratulations to the following Eurasiers and their owners:

**Best of Breed** - Barbarossa von Baden “Beau”. Owners - Karla Erickson & Judi Neumeyer

**Reserve Best of Breed** – Ch. Cimba’s Gold of Eurasia. Owners – Wayne & Laurel Nelson

**Best Altered Female** – Towdah’s Best Ozara. Owners – Stacey & Ron Joyce

**Best Puppy Female** – Sunwolf’s Duchess Ginger. Owner – Emily Robertson



*Ozara waiting for the Spitz Classic*

On a personal note - It may have been their first time ever in the show ring, but Stacey Joyce and Ozara did not look one bit out of place...this after only a *very brief* lesson beforehand, coupled with Stacey’s keen observation of those who went into the ring ahead of her. Stacey & her husband Ron drove 8 hours one way from their home, just for those few minutes in the ring.

And even though Emily Robertson was unable to attend the Lower Mainland Dog Show, or the Spitz Breed Classic, her dog Sunwolf’s Duchess Ginger, handled by Emily’s friend Anre MacIntosh, performed admirably in the show ring. She moved with grace and represented her breed well which is quite an accomplishment since it was done in the absence of her owner.



*Anre & Ginger (in front) & Beau*



*Wayne & Anzi*

I’d also like to give a little biased recognition to Sunwolf’s Anasazi Magic “Anzi”. Owners (Wayne & Laurel Nelson) For only her second time in the show ring, she had a solid ‘stand-for examination’, and had her tail ‘up’ most of the time. She may not have won her class, but she made her owners *very proud* of her performance.

Mr. Goran Bodegard, who judged the Best Spitz in Show, announced to the small crowd that remained at 10:30pm, that he was quite impressed with the overall quality of all the dogs that were entered in the Spitz Breed Classic. He also applauded the efforts of everyone in favour of creating a separate CKC recognized group for the Spitz breeds, wishing us well in our endeavour and noting that the proposed group would be the standard for all the world to follow. – *Wayne Nelson*

## Health Examination Results – May 2005 – October 2005

Sunwolf's Beauregard Courageux  
"Harley"

Hips – Good (A2)

Patella – Normal

Eyes – Clear

Owners: Mike & Lisa Cucheron  
Calgary, AB



Sunwolf's Bella "Chai"

Hips – Excellent (A1)

Patella – Normal

Eyes – Clear

Owner: Dietlinde Wall  
Calgary, AB



## 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.

**October 10, 2005** – Ch. Beau Michelange vom Weinbergblick x Caline Miss Caprice of Eurasia (Jirah). This litter is expected to be born mid-December.



## Litter Announcements

### *“Edelweiss Eurasiers”*

Ray & Judi Neumeyer - Cloverdale, BC  
B litter - July 4, 2005  
Mighty “Doc” von der Hofener Rippe (owner-Don Cox)  
x Sundogs Alexis Keesha  
4 males, 1 female



Pacific Coast’s Beautiful Lucy (Surrey, BC)  
Pacific Coast’s Best Loki Thunderchild (Benito, MAN)  
Pacific Coast’s Blessed Teesha (Burnaby, BC)  
Pacific Coast’s Born Empath (Oshawa, ONT)  
Pacific Coast’s Bear Grizzly Bear (Fort Collins, CO)

### *“Sunwolf Eurasiers”*

Wayne & Laurel Nelson  
F litter - July 17, 2005  
Ch. Gold Castle’s Antonie x Ch. Baschi aus Kaltenbroich  
3males, 2 females, 1 stillborn female





Sunwolf's Fuerst Kodi "Kodi" (Fort McMurray, AB)  
 Sunwolf's Fire & Smoke "Smoky" (Calgary, AB)  
 Sunwolf's Foxy Lady Sashiana "Sasha" (Upper Marlboro, MD, USA)  
 Sunwolf's Fabulous Bailey "Bailey" (Glace Bay, NS)  
 Sunwolf's Fallon "Fallon" (Fort McMurray, AB)

*"Sundog Eurasiers"*

Karla Erickson  
 Aiko's 'C' litter - August 27, 2005  
 Barbarossa von Baden "Beau" x Ch Aiko von der  
 Eschenburg "Aiko"  
 4 males, 4 females



Sundog's Cowboy (Philadelphia, PA)  
 Sundog's Chase (Surrey, BC)

Sundog's Charley (Surrey, BC)  
 Sundog's Chester (Port Alberni, BC)  
 Sundog's Canadian Willow (Seattle, WA)  
 Sundog's Chochopoli "Freya" (Calgary, AB)  
 Sundog's Schatzie (CA)  
 Sundog's Caileh (Calgary, AB)

*"Towdah Eurasiers"*

Elizabeth Aesbacher  
 P litter - August 13, 2005  
 Flash vom Schloss Wartenfels x Towdahsbest Nikita  
 2 males, 6 females



Towdahsbest Prince Jasper – male (Latham, NY)  
 Towdahsbest Prince Puff puff – male (Rochester, NY)  
 Towdahsbest Port Tofino – female (Kanata, ON)  
 Towdahsbest Prophet's Halo – female (Corner Brook, NFLD)  
 Towdahsbest Princess Lucy - female (Toronto, ON)  
 Towdahsbest Posh Milu – female (Toronto, ON)  
 Towdahsbest Pretty Kiera - female (Sylvan Lake, AB) – pictured left

Imported Eurasiers



Foxfire Opal of Sweden  
 "Nikki"

Sire: Foxfire Hjalmarssons Teddie  
 Dam: Uppsala des Légendes de Retz  
 Breeder: Ulla-Carin Totney, Sweden

Imported by Wayne & Laurel Nelson, AB

*Thank you Ulla-Carin for parting with such a beautiful & promising little girl.*





Freska vom Vierwindehaus  
 “Freska”  
 Sire: Abou vom Dahner Felsenland  
 Dam: Famira vom Rheinblick  
 Breeder: Karla Wehry, EKW Germany

Imported by Karla Erickson, BC

*A special thank you to Karla Wehry for parting with this promising puppy!*

### Seniors

No new seniors to report

### Memoriam

None to report

### The Year to Date Summary Statistics for Canada: October 15, 2004 to April 15, 2005

Litters	Number of Puppies	Imported Dogs	Deaths
4 + Naku?	26 + Naku?	2	n/a

### Achievements

On May 27th, a large envelope came in the mail from Dogs in Canada. It was addressed to Ch. Naku’s Coococachoo, CDX (Chloe). In the envelope was a Top Obedience Dog in 2004 Certificate awarding Chloe first place in the total number of points won by a Eurasier. (Of course she was the only Eurasier in competition but nonetheless...)

Editor’s note - Chloe is the first Eurasier in Canada to achieve a CD and a CDX, which stands for Companion dog and Companion Dog Excellent – terms that define levels of obedience achievement. Chloe has also earned two of the three Utility Dog (UD) legs towards her Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), the highest level of obedience - a prestigious award that she soon hopes to be able to add to her already impressive resume. **Congratulations Gerri & Chloe!**



On April 30th, 2005, Chloe (Ch. Naku's Cooocoochoo), took and passed the CKC Canine Good Neighbour Test. The test was administered by the Evangeline Kennel Club in Coldbrook, Nova Scotia as part of their pet day celebrations. The test was scheduled to be outdoors but due to inclement weather it ended up taking place inside a small building amidst educational and flea market booths, with the general public milling around with all sorts of dogs and even a flyball demonstration going on. – Gerri Walker



### CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROGRAM

The Canadian Kennel Club, Canine Good Neighbour program identifies and rewards responsible and caring owners and their canine partners.

The purpose of the Canine Good Neighbour Program test, which consists of 12 separate exercises, is to ensure that one of our most favoured companions, the dog, is accepted as a valued member of the community. Canine Good Neighbours can be counted on to present good manners at home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. The program embraces both purebred and mixed-breed dogs and has been created to help canine owners combat anti-dog sentiments which often target dogs as a whole. Additionally, the program enhances community awareness of responsible dog ownership and the benefits associated with dog ownership. Dogs are evaluated on their ability to perform basic exercises as well as their ability to demonstrate good manners in everyday situations.

### Special Recognition

None to report during this period.

## Readers' Letters

### **Marmora 2005 - A Special Occasion for Me**

Only a month ago I was standing on the grounds of “Fox Haven”, Marmora, Ontario, Canada, a property, which by now, could be more appropriately called “Eurasier Haven”. Peter and Gabriella Hamley invited the North American Eurasier Community to attend their yearly Eurasier meeting

For me, this year the event surpassed the previous yearly meetings by far. As the motto “East meets West” indicated, Eurasier owners and breeders from the West Coast made the long journey to the East, be it by plane, car, RV or camper. It was incredible to meet all those Eurasier lovers and their dogs personally after years of communicating with them on the Internet. In addition to this great experience, there was something very special about this Marmora event.

Guests from one of the three German Eurasier clubs of origin, the Eurasier Klub Weinheim (EKW) accepted our invitation to join us at Marmora to meet in person and to help us evaluate some of our North American Eurasiers. Through the generosity of one of our North American breeders, Jackie Murtha, who sponsored this endeavor, we were able to welcome Mrs. Annelie Feder, President of the EKW and Eurasier breeder for 20 years and Mrs. Helga Casper, Head of the Registration and Point of Contact for the English speaking Eurasier contacts and Point of Contact for English speaking applicants that are interested in acquiring a Eurasier puppy.

We were further delighted to welcome Mr. Lothar Mende and his wife Friedburg. The German Kennel Club (VDH) had granted our petition to have Mr. Mende evaluate our dogs as we are seeking guidance and education to ensure a sound development of the breed in North America. Mr. Mende is a specialty judge for Eurasiers. He has a long history of judging and also breeding Spitz.



seated- Jackie Murtha, Lothar Mende, Annelie Feder  
standing – Helga Casper, Ute Molush, Friedberg Mende

Not only was it wonderful for me to speak and hear my mother language again but I had the luck and privilege of observing Mr. Mende and his team at work. I was able learn more about the breed and the standard. Most interesting for me were the differences in gait and angulation, which, of course, are not easy to pick up from pictures and much better seen “in person”.

I was, of course, very happy to hear that Mr. Mende was generally pleased with what he saw. It means that we are generally on the right track with our dogs.

Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Feder, and Mrs. Mende were very busy completing the evaluation sheets given to every dog owner that presented his/her Eurasier. But they nevertheless still found the time to answer individual questions of owners and discuss Eurasier relevant topics with us.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Feder, Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Mende and Mr. Mende for their hard work, all the preparations already weeks ahead, for the educational material and for their continued support and education. We will surely put all we have learned to good use. And last but not least, a special thank you to Jackie. Without you, Jackie, it would never have happened. - *Ute D. Molush*

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

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