



# MAGNOLIA PUMI CLUB

# "TIDBITS"

2021 Spring Edition

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## OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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**Fundraising** - Cindy Cassidy

**Newsletter** - Julie Fitser

**Regional Specialty** - Nancy Ben-Dror  
& Laura Rader

If you have received a letter of "Welcome to Magnolia Pumi Club," enclosed should have been an "authorization to activate email communication."

If you have misplaced or just didn't notice, you can simply email me at [Snodipity@aol.com](mailto:Snodipity@aol.com) with your statement "I will accept notifications by email." Or if you do not wish to receive email notifications, "I do NOT wish to receive notifications by email." This is a formality requested by AKC.

No postage, no scanning - just send me a message.  
Those Members who have already returned their authorization, please disregard.

Respectfully,  
Secretary, Magnolia Pumi Club



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! I think it was one of the best endings to a year like 2020! I am very excited to be a part of the Magnolia Pumi Club, established at the end of year 2020. With the Covid-19 pandemic going on, the formation of a new club seemed like a great idea. The time spent at home fueled new ways of thinking and led to meetings on zoom so we can safely plan and support upcoming activities and events and most importantly build new friendships. That is exactly what we did!

The Magnolia Pumi Club is the first regional specialty club that has been formed in the United States only to that of the Hungarian Pumi Club of American, our National Club. This is quite an exciting endeavor and I am proud to be a part of this new venture. First, it is my pleasure to welcome a great group of Officers and Committee Chairmen who have already begun working hard to create new events for our members. Second, it is my pleasure to welcome all our new members to the Magnolia Pumi Club and thank you for your contributions and involvement.

The first upcoming event, the MPC Inaugural regional specialty on June 5 & 6, 2021 being held at the Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC in conjunction with the Victory Lane Classic show clusters. The trophy table will feature glassware, medallions and plaques to name a few trophies. I am quite known for having some of the most fabulous and elegant trophies at the Southeastern Newfoundland Regional Specialties. My goal is to carry on with having the best trophies for the Pumi winners too! Please look for a raffle table, a crate raffle and also hospitality. More information will be forthcoming soon. Please note, that the Magnolia Pumi club will follow all AKC rules and regulations that will be followed due to Covid-19 that will be outlined in the Victory Lane Classic premium list.

I encourage everyone to volunteer be active members and participate in the activities of the club or create other events or activities that will help the club grow and support the Pumi breed. This is your Club!! On that note, I wish to congratulate all the newly appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen and Members to this golden opportunity to participate in the first Pumi Regional Specialty club. I am excited to work with all of you!!

Thank you

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## CHECK YOUR PHOTOS (anyone interested?)

“All In One Place” 2021 Photo Challenges ([nationalpurebreddogday.com](http://nationalpurebreddogday.com))  
MPC would be listed in one of the "blank" spaces"  
Magnolia Pumi Club  
Challenge Photo "the ears have it" or "joy of living"  
Challenge open to United States Residents Only  
Prize: \$100.00 deposited in winners PayPal account

take a look - this does give more insight into what the photo challenge is all about.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**June 4<sup>th</sup>: Salisbury KC All Breed Shows  
Concord, NC**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>: GHKC All Breed Shows – Concord, NC**

MPC Designated Regional Specialty with Puppy &  
Veteran Sweepstakes

GHKC Designated Specialty Judge: Mr. Robert Stein

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge: Dr. Judy Piros

*Pumi Hospitality*

**June 6<sup>th</sup>: Salisbury All Breed Shows – Concord, NC**

MPC Designated Regional Specialty with Puppy &  
Veteran Sweepstakes

Salisbury Designated Specialty Judge: Mr. Rick Gschwender

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Dean Burwell

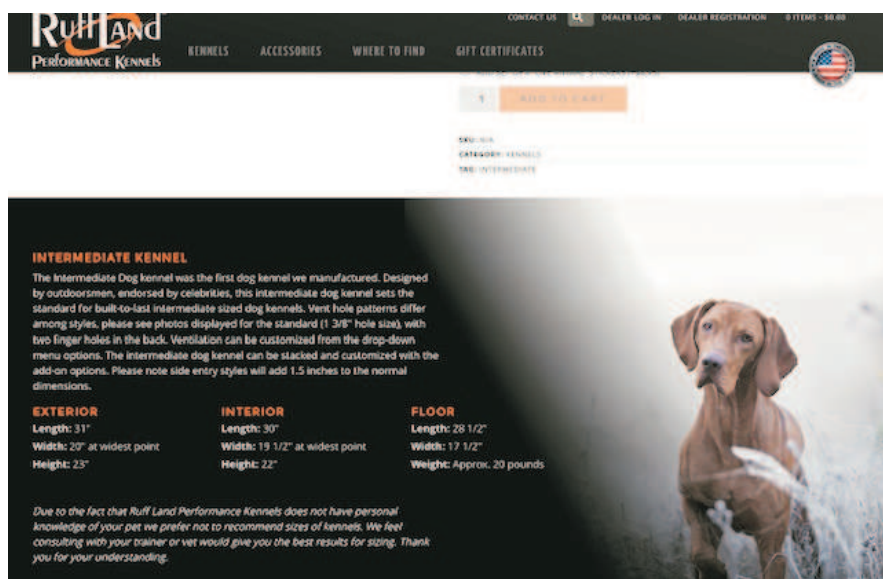
*Pumi Glassware*

*Pumi Basket Raffle*





## CRATE RAFFLE AT THE SHOW



Many thanks to  
**CINDY CASSIDY**  
for donating this crate for our  
**"AT THE SHOW RAFFLE"**  
Winner must be present to take the crate home!  
Details coming soon!

## CHIROPRACTIC CARE by Nancy Ben-Dror

Many people, including Meir and myself have sought routine human chiropractic care. We have also used chiropractors for our dogs for 20 years. I find it interesting that so many people are unaware of canine chiropractic even dog owners or don't believe in its benefits. I will illustrate some first hand experiences with our own dogs, perhaps to encourage people to pursue this avenue of health care.

All of our 9 litters received chiropractic adjustments before leaving for their new homes. We have used several chiropractors over the last 20 years (some were vets) and they all concurred that whelping can be traumatic for puppies. One of the most educational litter adjustments occurred 4 years ago with our litter of 11 puppies (Zenta x Buda). The first 7 were whelped naturally and the last 4 arrived by C-section. When our chiropractor came to the house to adjust the litter, we did not tell her which 4 had been sectioned. All of the puppies needed a little something except the 4 C-Section puppies. They were all perfect! It was a pretty amazing demonstration. (continued)



## CHIROPRACTIC CARE (concluded)

Another interesting episode was with one of our puppies who exhibited unusual behavior when she began to walk. We took her to our repro vet who gave us a referral to the neurologist at our local specialty hospital, as she thought that was the root of her symptoms. We had to wait 2 weeks for an appointment, so she was 5 weeks old when the neurologist saw her. She walked in circles and often fell over. A couple of tests they took were negative. The neurologist basically said she had water on the brain, would need a shunt, and suggested she be put down. The next day, Meir had a routine chiropractor appointment with one of the dogs and asked if he could bring the puppy. After examination, the puppy was adjusted, mostly in her neck. All her symptoms were immediately gone. She had 2 more visits to make sure the adjustments held, which they did. In our whelping notes, we had written that she had a very difficult entry into the world. She was not quite ready and not turned when the last puppy behind her just rather violently shoved her out. They came out seconds apart. So, she basically sustained whiplash.

Another example occurred with one of my English Cockers who was about 3 or 4 years old at the time. He began screaming when I combed out his long ears. Our vet at the time, scoped his throat, took x-rays, all of which were negative. He finally said the dog just didn't like being groomed, despite the fact that when he was playing outside and accidentally stepped on his ear or another dog did, he screamed. We took him to our chiropractor, who adjusted his neck, which was badly out. He had one more adjustment and never had a problem for the rest of his long life.

All of our working dogs go to the chiropractor monthly and the others go periodically. We have learned that if a problem arises that seems to be skeletal, the dog goes to the chiropractor first, then to the vet. We have saved hundreds of dollars and needless tests, x-rays, etc. with this system. Works for us!

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## DON'T FORGET...

Start thinking TODAY about articles for "TIDBITS", summer edition!  
Photos, brags, articles, birthdays, etc.

Become involved and make our newsletter the BEST!!





## ***Don't make me call out the Villagers! (or) OMG a "Blown Out Pumi!"***

*By: J. Nover-Horn*

From: [www.preventivevet.com](http://www.preventivevet.com) "**Mats** form when dog fur becomes tangled and wraps around itself, forming tightly wound clumps of the loose dead fur and live fur. If not brushed (combed) out, they **continue to trap more fur**, becoming closer and closer to the dog's skin."

From: [www.dog.com](http://www.dog.com) "The **undercoat** lies closest to the dog's skin and grows in clusters from a single follicle." In addition, "if the excessive hairs are not removed. Regular and frequent grooming—especially brushing (or combing)—**is absolutely necessary not to only prevent mats**, but to keep your pet's coat and skin healthy."

From Hungarian Pumi Club of America **BREED STANDARD**

Coat: "The coat is a combination of wavy and curly hair, forming corkscrews or curls all over the body, and is never smooth or corded. The coat consists of an **even mixture** of harsh hair and softer undercoat."

From: [www.groomertogroomer.com](http://www.groomertogroomer.com) "Even though the breed standard might call for the dog's coat to look a certain way as a working or show dog, it is our job to keep the pets clean, healthy and comfortable enough to sleep in someone's bed. Groomers have two choices when working with one of these overgrown, matted, filthy pets. 1) Shave them down two to four times per year. 2) De-matt, bath, blow-out, fluff, trim the coat to the desired length, re-wet and air dry to bring the curls back to the coat."



blem!" What, instructions (if any) to Breeders send home with their Puppies? Grooming tools and a quick tutorial on their use? OR "just wet him/her down" no worries the coat will take care of itself? Any conversation about undercoat? OR is it all about "keeping the curls?" Maybe page with a link to YouTube videos? "how to line comb your dog?" And my favorite, how to manage that "coat change" from puppy to adult (which can take up to 3 years?)

**A Rustic Coat** is NOT a dirty matted unkept coat.

Just one more fun fact, most shampoos for the harsh coat or terrier coat contain SALT! Salt dehydrates the hair shaft to make it feel coarse. It weakens the hair shaft and causes breakage. Care to guess where mats come from?

ed at home grooming practices. There is NO exception to how mats are formed or how they are removed. There are NO exceptions to maintaining a Pumi in good "show coat" or good "pet coat." Whether the hair (guard & under coat) is separated by combing, brushing (with Chris Christensen "T" pin brush), or by blow drying the hair is still separated; curls will return after a quick misting or just wait a day or two.

**BOTTOM LINE:** The Pumi is NOT a biological canine enigma; coat and skin care should not be shrouded in mystery. Grooming will not do irreparable damage. Damage to the Breed happens with the elders of heritage breeders grab a pitch fork and torch assembling the Villagers every time a "blown out" Pumi dares to surface on the Internet.





## ***A Special Kind of Magic***

*by: Julie Nover-Horn*

More than a year has passed since COVID-19 arrived. Dog shows, trials, training, Club meetings, theater, dinner out, shopping at a favorite store and oh so much more literally changed everyday life for everyone and our dogs. Now with vaccine, hopefully everyday life will change again. It will not happen overnight, but it will happen.

This past year we have revisited old hobbies, taken up new ones; learned to prepare gourmet meals, wood working, improve technical skills, exercise goals, indoor gardening and more. As we transition forward how is the relationship and work ethic with our dogs? Are we stepping into 2021 with the same old habits, training routines or concepts of what training and working with dogs entails? Our companion dogs could greatly benefit from an owner's refresher course in how dogs think, learn and behave.

A wealth of information is available on YouTube; platform work and Michael Ellis are among my favorites. AKC has excellent obedience and Rally video tutorials; there is a special kind of magic that can be held in your hands and savored in the mind that comes only from books. I learned this a few years ago when I was working an intact 3 yr. old male Miniature Pinscher. Without the books that changed my mindset, I wouldn't have gotten very far and without those same books my relationship with my Pumik would not be one of enrichment both mentally and physically. *joie de vivre* (exuberant enjoyment of life) are more than words, for the Pumi it is a way of life and they want to share it with us.

One of my favorite books is ***As A Dog Thinketh*** by Monique Anstee.

Page 40 **All Three Drives** "Behaviors need to be taught in low, medium and high drive."

Page 112 **Embrace your entire dog** "Remember dogs are whole beings. They are not fast sits, sliding down and a great retrieve. They have their own minds, worlds and emotions, and we must remember that as we train. They are more than a series of behaviours we program into them."

Page 115 **You cannot lie to a dog** "You cannot lie to a dog. They are masters at reading our bodies and faces. They know what you are feeling, regardless of what you choose to tell them and what you believe you are communicating." 350 pages of words of wisdom for dog people; from better understanding springs better relationships. Something on every page to help me better understand myself.

***Bones Would Rain from the Sky*** by Suzanne Clothier page 46 "At the mechanical level, the question is how to make the dog do what you want him to do. At the motivational level of relationship, you are trying to figure out how you can make the dog **want to do** what you want him to do." 301 pages of answering your dog's prayers that you better understand him/her.

For the technical Sigmund Freud types there's ***EXCEL-ERATED Learning*** by Pamela J. Reid Ph.d. You will learn about Conditioned Stimulus, Unconditioned Stimulus, Unconditioned Response and Conditioned Response.

It's not exactly *abra kadabra alakazam* but it's a beginning, it's a special kind of magic that you and your dog will appreciate and embrace.



## BRAGS & NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

submitted by Nancy Nelson



ZsaZsa  
GCH CH BlueRidgeVista  
Abrams  
CM NA NF FDC CGCA





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Abrams  
CM NA NF FDC CGCA



ZsaZsa & Lila (BlueRidgeVista Csilag FDC CGC)



ZsaZsa & Lila



Meir, with Duna (BlueRidgeVista Duna)



Hedi  
(Pattogo Parazs Hedi)





Pumifest, TX

## BRAGS & NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

submitted by Julie Nover-Horn



Blueridge Vista Huba RN RI earning his Rally Novice Title under Joni Monnich at Stone City Kennel Club, New Lennox IL (earned Rally Novice in 3 trials) He earned his Rally Intermediate Title (4 trails because I'm a kluz) , he finished in Perry GA

United Kennel Club Champion Blueridge Vista Huba is also a multiple group winner & placer (UKC) as well has having earned UR01 rally title

Karizma's Piros Magas Sarok Multiple Best Puppy in Show and Reserve Best Puppy United Kennel Club Shows (puppies are 3 months to 6 months)

Karizma' Piros Magas Sarok back to back Best of Winners (6 months of age) in Lima, Ohio for two 5 point major wins



## BRAGS & NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

submitted by Cindy Cassidy



### **“MAZZ”**

GCHB CH Abrodombi Meresz Maszat Marci

Owned by: Cindy Cassidy

Breeder: Petra Radvanyi

Breed at the National Dog Show

As of February 28th, 2021

#1 Pumi, both systems

#11 Herding dog



## GET INVOLVED...

Be a volunteer! Contact any board member and offer to help!

## SUGGESTIONS...

Help us make the Magnolia Pumi Club a success! Let us know what events you would like to see!

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## TIDBITS INFORMATION

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