



MAGNOLIA PUMI CLUB

“TIDBITS”

2021 Summer Edition

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CANINE EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, September 11, 2021

-Includes Pumi Grooming

Charlotte, NC

HERDING SEMINAR

Saturday, September 18, 2021

HPCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

September 29 - October 3, 2021

Sanford, NC & herding in Burlington, NC

HPCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Supported by MPC

Orlando, FL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here and all the outdoor events that go with warmer weather have started. Dog shows, herding, all of the events that were missed in the past year and a half are now becoming the new normal. With people receiving the Covid-19 virus vaccination, it has provided some flexibility for all of us to join and participate in events. It was certainly nice that MPC members and new members were able to join together and participate in our first HPCA Designated Regional Specialty supported by MPC. The Victory Lane Classic Cluster was very supportive of our event and most gracious in providing the things that we needed to put on our Specialty. I want to personally thank everyone that helped with this Specialty Event. It certainly was a great event!



With the start of a new club and the past 16 months of the covid virus, getting together and rekindling relationships from the past is very important not only to the people but to the revitalization of our breed. When we are together discussions of breeding plans, showing plans, training techniques, sharing grooming ideas were all taking place before covid. Now, we must pick up and continue on where we left off from. I have been working hard to coordinate with Breeders, show people, performance people so that our New Club can offer a variety of events for members, new members and non-members. I am excited to announce that we have a grooming seminar planned with a Canine Education day September 11, 2021 that we are working in conjunction with Carolina Working Dog Group.

I am also pleased to announce a Herding Seminar on September 18, 2021 that Meir Ben-Dror is putting together. Please read through the newsletter and all the information you need to attend is attached. Then on December 16, 2021, MPC is supporting a HPCA Designated Specialty in Orlando, Florida. I hope all of you can attend one or all of these events. These events are for you to better serve our breed and to continue to restore and regenerate new and past discussions.

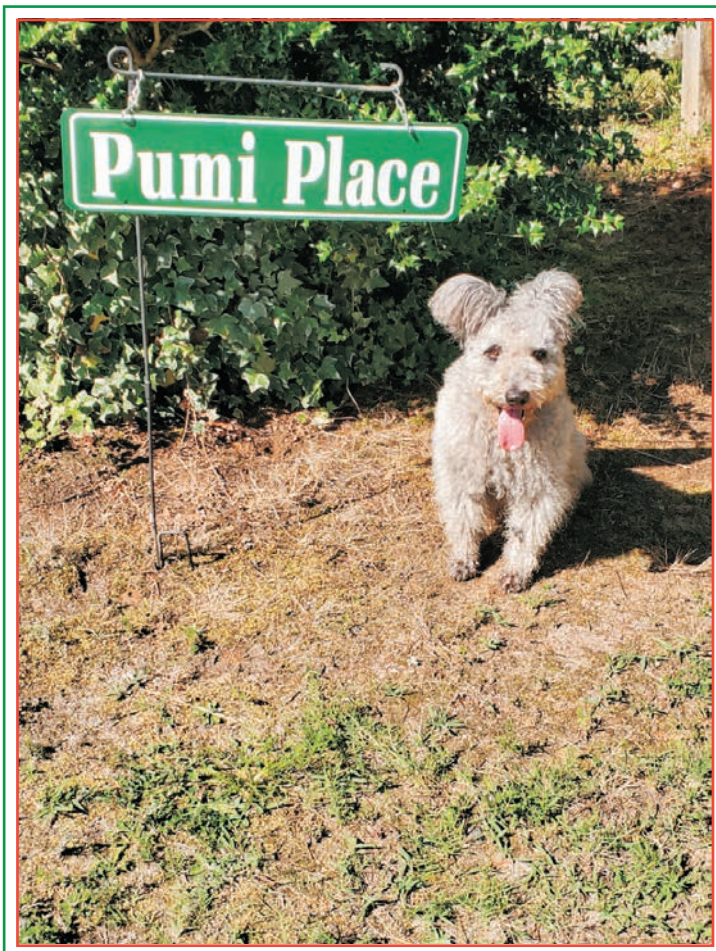
Don't forget the HPCA National Specialty will be held September 29 - October 3, 2021 in Sanford, North Carolina. The events are being posed now on the HPCA website. Make sure you register, donate for trophies, order lunches and enter your Pumi for the National Specialty. My hope is that all the MPC events preceding the National Specialty will have helped you get ready for the National Specialty.

Every please stay safe and I hope to see you at a Pumi event or the National Specialty in Sanford, NC.

Laura Rader

UPCOMING EVENTS

CANINE EDUCATION DAY



MEET NANCY BEN-DROR

and attend "Grooming a Pumi" at Canine Education Day!

I have had Pumik for 12 years and bred 9 litters. I believe I have every size, shape and coat texture a Pumi can have. They also have a variety of tail and ear shapes, all important to recognize when grooming. I have competed in Rally and obedience and twice at the AKC Agility Invitational. Although I am no longer showing (I just do agility) I have shown at 2 World Dog shows and all of the shows nearby, the weeks before and after. I showed my Pumik in UKC when we were still in FSS and in AKC when we first came into Miscellaneous. I was the first person the the country who showed Pumik when we officially became a recognized breed.

Carolina Working Dog & Sponsored Clubs Education Day/Health Clinics

Saturday, September 11, 2021 Registration Form

Prepayment required via check or money order only.

You will be contacted to set an appointment time once payment is received.

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Schedule of Event Workshops

9 am - 11 am Dr. Melissa Goodman - Demystifying Ovulation Timing
9 am - 11 am Connie Sovie - Draft Workshop
11 am - 12 noon Dr. Melissa Goodman - Choosing an Insemination Technique
11 am - 12 noon Melissa Hobbs - Backpacking with your dog
12 noon - 1 pm Lunch
1 pm - 2 pm Barbars Long - Puppy Temperment Testing
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Nancy Ben-Dror - Grooming a Pumi
2 pm - 3 pm Stacey Hathaway - Bucella

Time Preference	AM	PM	How many	\$ Each	Total
Attend all of the Clinics above which includes lunch			<input type="text"/>	\$30	<input type="text"/>
Heart Auscultation			<input type="text"/>	\$40	<input type="text"/>
Heart Echocardiogram (includes Auscultation)			<input type="text"/>	\$255	<input type="text"/>
Eye (CAER/CERF)			<input type="text"/>	\$55	<input type="text"/>
K9 Infinity (collection, semen analysis, freeze and first year storage)			<input type="text"/>	\$295	<input type="text"/>
CGC Testing. Testing starts at 10:30 am			<input type="text"/>	\$0	<input type="text"/>

Check for this amount is attached:

Cancellation Policy:

There will be no refunds, unless the event is cancelled.

Make money order or check payable to
Carolina Working Dog Group
mail to:
Laura Rader
5925 Beam Lumber Road
Vale, NC 28168 704-477-8684 (cell)

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MAGNOLIA PUMI CLUB HERDING CLINIC

Magnolia Pumi Club is proud to announce its first herding clinic!
Meir Ben-Dror

DATE: Saturday, September 18, 2021

LOCATION: Sweetwater Farm, 784 Pearidge Road, Bostic, NC 28018

CLINICIAN: Erin Ledbetter, AHB A judge, multiple Herding Championships in AHBA and AKC. Experienced with all herding breeds, including 11 years with Pumik.
10 DOGS MAXIMUM.

HOURS: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with lunch break.

Clinic is open to the 3 Hungarian herding breeds: Pumi, Puli and Mudi, no experience necessary.

Clinic held rain or shine.

The clinic will include introduction to principles of herding, herding instinct evaluation, and for more advanced dogs/handlers both AKC and AHBA arena courses available.

AVAILABLE LIVESTOCK: Katahdin hair sheep, Call ducks, Indian Runner ducks and Toulouse geese (upon request).

CONTACT: email to Meir Ben-Dror (meir@pumi dog) (cell: 864-313-6788) with your name, dog's name, age, and experience, if any. More information, sign-up sheet and lunch menu options will be emailed back to you.

Payment by check (made out to: Magnolia Pumi Club) or PayPal.
PayPal payment to the account (to "friends and family" to avoid surcharge).

NOTE: in the sign-up sheet you will receive, please specify livestock preference: both sheep and ducks, sheep only or ducks only. Geese upon request.

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$150 per dog, including lunch, snacks and water. Audit only: \$40+lunch if ordered from the menu attached to the sign-up sheet.

The regular monthly Sweetwater Farm all breed herding clinic will be taking place on Friday, September 17, the day before the MPC clinic. If interested in the regular clinic, I will provide the link to sign up directly on the farm contact, when the flyer is published.

Hope to see a bunch of Pumik and their owners at the clinic!



*The Magnolia Pumi Club sends a big thank you
for your trophy donations to represent the Orlando
2021 designated specialty!!*

**Dr. Judi Piros
Aida Dungan
Susan Harris
Marilyn & Pete Piusz
Jenny Cobb
Nancy Nelson
Bob & Erika Busby
Maria Arechaederra
Laura Rader**

**Julie Nover-Horn
Diane Fletcher
Robert Rader
Julie Fitser
Ed & Terrie Cowan
Linda Maitland
Annette Dowell
Connie Sovie
Laura Gilliam**

Magnolia Pumi Club sponsored HPCA Designated Specialties - June 5-6, 2021

The Magnolia Club had a great weekend of super fun events planned for our Designated Specialties at the Victory Lane Classic shows in Concord, North Carolina. First, these specialties were made special because this was the first set of specialties for the Magnolia Pumi Club. Second, these specialties were special because all of us were able to gather together after being cooped up for over a year because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Last, I was extremely proud to work with some of the most exceptional people in the world of pumis. Trucks were loaded with all raffle items, awards, prizes, our new banners and other niceties to add to the weekend. We have a lot to talk about!!

I want to extend a huge thank you to Cindy Cassidy for her assistance in arranging a wonderful raffle fund-raising event. Cindy could not be in attendance but she donated a Ruffland Crate and other wonderful items for our raffle. To help me out, Cindy personally had the crate and raffle items delivered to my home, which I appreciated!! Additionally, with the assistance of Connie Sovie and Nancy Nelson arranged the raffle table that displayed all the fabulous items. I want to personally thank all the people who donated items and helped with this raffle event.

The entry size was great going into the weekend. The final count was half that of a Pumi National Specialty. So you can imagine our excitement and expectations to have a successful specialty. Moreover, I wanted to express my gratitude for all those people that drove a long distance to attend our specialties. This was a really importance distinction for the Magnolia Pumi Club's first set of specialties.

Nancy Ben-Dror, Show Chair did ringside mentoring to help build a sense of community for Pumi education. Through some laughs and giggles, Nancy B. made sure to teach the mechanics and the ins and outs of the Pumi Standard. Dean Burwell said it best, "I learned something today!"

After the Saturday Specialty, the Magnolia Pumi Club Put on a fun match that was expertly spearheaded by Julie Nover-Horn. Julie had a nice layout plan of the fun match, handmade ribbons and candy bars for prizes. Nancy Ben-Dror judged very young puppies to our veterans in the fun match. The key of this fun match is to laugh and have a lot of fun!! Thank you Julie Nover-Horn for orchestrating this event.

In place of a dinner, MPC provided a nice lunch for our members and new members in attendance. During lunch we had a Club meeting. It was nice for all of us to get together as a community of the Pumi breed. All of us bring so many diversities to the breed. Thank you to everyone who has joined our new club and thank you to all the new members that applied during that meeting.

Thank you to Julie Fitser who arranged the ringside trophy and ribbon. I think this is the toughest job during a Specialty because the large heavy trophy boxes have to be hauled up to the ring, however, the most rewarding part of this job is the display of beautiful trophies and ribbons. Julie Fitser, as always did a fabulous job managing the entrants coming into the ring and marking the catalog. Marking a catalog is an arduous task but is necessary historical purposes for our club. Thank you Julie!!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated monetary funds for our trophies and ribbons. I was told that everyone enjoyed the glassware and medallions. Mostly, I was told that the entrants loved our big fancy ribbons!!

Thank you to our Saturday Sweepstakes judge, Dr. Judy Piros who drove up from Savannah, Georgia to pass judgement on our Pumis. Thank you to our Sunday Sweepstakes judge, Dean Burwell, who enjoyed the entry and loved the ringside mentoring provided during the breed judging. Thank you to our AKC breed judges, Mr. Robert Stein and Mr. Rick Gschwender for judging the two specialties. Excellent job Gentlemen!!

Congratulations to all the winners and competitors. I genuinely hope that everyone had a wonderful time, enjoyed all the prizes and events offered by the Magnolia Pumi Club. Stay tuned for next year's specialties

~Written by Laura Rader, MPC President
for Show Chair, Nancy Ben-Dror.



BEST OF BREED - Saturday
BOB OWNER HANDLER & OWNER HANDLER GROUP 2
Saturday & Sunday
CH KARIZMA'S PIROS MAGAS SAROK
CH Ego Dog's Fab Fantasy x
Catskill Csendes Csobanka BCAT
Breeder: Marilyn Funke
Owner/Handler: Julie Nover-Horn



BEST OF BREED - Sunday
CH RIPTIDE'S HAN SOLO
BN RN CGC
Titoktudo Durak x Nyirsegfia Liza
Owner: Judy Piros
Breeder: Zsiros Csaba



BEST OF OPPOSITE - Saturday
SELECT DOG - Sunday
CH NIXIE PHANTASIA
 CH Bissibingens Earl Grey x GCH Catskill
 Egri Estike RN CAA CGC TKI
 Owner: Margretta Lundquist & B & M & C Clegg
 Breeder: Cynthia & Margretta Lundquist &
 Keith Moore



1st PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES 12-18 MO. BITCH
BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES Saturday & Sunday
SELECT BITCH - Sunday
CH KARIZMA's FELICITY SHAGWELL
 CH Ego Dog's Fab Fantasy x
 Catskill Csendes Csobanka BCAT
 Owner: Marilyn J. Funke
 Breeder: Marilyn J. Funke



SELECT DOG - Saturday
CH ABIQUA VEZERDCATCA SD
 Inlame's Brother Moon x GCHS CH
 Abiqua Opal CA BCAT SWN
 Owner: Kimberly Thomas
 Breeders: Chris & Thomas Levy



WINNERS BITCH - Saturday
1st AMERICAN BRED BITCH
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - Sunday
ONYX BAY'S ANTIPODEAN OPAL EYE AVALON BEY
 CH Midnight Lady's Betyarmindenit x
 CH Cypress Bay's Bianca At Kardarka
 Owner: Laura Rader
 Breeders: Theresa Weber & Debra Thornton



**1st BRED BY EXHIBITOR, WINNERS DOG;
BEST OF WINNERS - Saturday & Sunday**
KARIZMA'S THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER
GCH CH Chankazz Delling x CH Karizma's
Walking The Tightrope
Owners: Judith S. Aycock & Marilyn Funke
Breeder: Marilyn J. Funke



**RESERVE WINNER BITCH
1st 12-18 MO. BITCH - Saturday
WINNERS BITCH, 1st 12-18 MO. BITCH
Sunday**
SAMHAVEN PIPACS CYPRESS BAY
Aprodombi Lelkes Levente Breezelyn x
Tyngeli Betty Boop With Samha:ven
Owner: Debra Thornton
Breeder: Allison Grainger



**BEST VETERAN - SWEEPSTAKES
Saturday & Sunday
1st VETERAN SWEEPS - 7 & OVER DOG
Saturday & Sunday**
GCHS ABIQUA JATEKOS CA DCAT SIN SBN SCN
CH Mariell De Marque Fabel Fylgia Barn x
CH Vidam Kertesz Gyongy
Owner: Jenny Cobb
Breeder: Chris Levy

NON-PICTURED WINNERS

**1st PUPPY SWEEPS - Saturday
1st PUPPY 9-12 BITCH**
COPPER'S EARTH, WIND & FIRE SHINING STARSUKI
Copper's Americai Jazzy Gizmo x Pilisi-Kocos Okelme
Owner: Sheila Sandin & Heather Stimson
Breeder: Heather Stimson

RESERVE WINNERS DOG - Saturday
BLUERIDGE VISTA HUBA RN RI
Blueridge Vista Erod CGC x
Blueridge Vista Duna PT NA NAJ CGC OA OAJ
Owner: J Nover-Horn
Breeder: Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror

FUN MATCH June 5, 2021

By: Julie Nover-Horn

We had a nice entry for the rather impromptu Fun Match, held in a busy "open area." To the best of the recorded information there were 6 (six) Class Entries and 2 (two) Champions of Record for Exhibition Only (but eligible for the Arm Band Drawing).

4 to 6 Month Puppies: Judy Piros with Tibor (dog)
Laura Gilliam with Jolene (bitch)
Jenny Cobb with Lakshimi (bitch)

Dog over 12 Months: Marilyn Funke with Irwin

Bitches Under 12 Months Sheila Sandin with Suki

Bitches over 12 months: Nancy Nelson with Hedio

Exhibition Only: Kimberly Thomas with Jasper & Maggie Lundquist with Fig

BEST IN FUN MATCH: Laura Gilliam with Jolene

BEST OPPOSITE IN FUN MATCH: Marilyn Funke with Irwin

Ceramic Tile Coasters were Trophies for Best and Best Opposite in Match

Card Stock Ribbons were given for Class Placements WD/WB BOB & BOS

Jenny Cobb won the Arm Band Raffle Item: Oval Car Magnet

Each exhibitor received a Hersey Chocolate Bar

Fun Match was "Judged" by Nancy Ben-Dror of Blueridge Vista Pumik, Landrum, SC

FUND RAISING at the HPCA Specialty (Magnolia Pumi Club Hosting)

By: Julie Nover-Horn

We had a total of 24 Table/Basket Items! "Thank you" to all who contributed to the success of MPC's 1st Fund Raiser. Those who donated Table/Basket Raffle Items: Judy Piros, Nancy Ben-Dror, Scott Wasserman, Cindy Cassidy, Laura Rader, Pattie Bott, Debra Thronton, Nancy Nelson, Julie Fitser & Julie Nover-Horn.

The Ruffland dog crate was donated by Cindy Cassidy (won by Marilyn Funke).

Nancy Nelson reports a preliminary total raised of \$1,125.00.

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**FUND RAISING at the HPCA Specialty (Magnolia Pumi Club Hosting)
(concluded)**



Video of the entire Table was Posted to Both Magnolia Pumi Club and US Pumi Lovers Facebook Pages.
Thank you to those who donated and to those who purchased tickets!

CHECK OUT THIS SAMPLING OF ***MAGNOLIA PUMI CLUB LOGO ITEMS***



MORE ITEMS AND COLOR SELECTIONS
AVAILABLE AT:

<https://teespring.com/stores/magnolia-pumi-club>

You Had Me at “Hello”

A Year in Review by: Julie Nover-Horn



CA First Look at our future. Marilyn J. Funke shared nearly every moment of Litter Development via Facebook, Email and Wyze whelping box camera! Technology at its' best making every puppy buyer feel involved from the beginning.

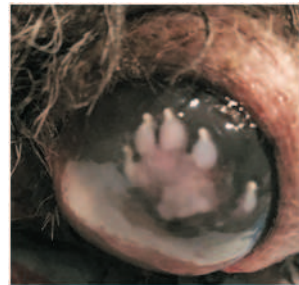
Mid-March COVID-19 came to town for what turned into an “unwelcomed extended stay.” Plans made prior to State and Federal Health mandates were either postponed or abandoned. Sheltering in place provided for ample time to search out alternatives.

Photo Credit: Marilyn Funke

March 31, 2020 via Wyze Camera I was privileged to watch activity in the whelping box as Marilyn and her daughter assisted Catskill Csendes Csobanka BCAT deliver her puppies sired by CH Ego Dog's Fab Fantasy. For the next 2 months I was glued to the live video feed and following virtually every photo on Facebook! An anxious two months, watching nearly every CDC report, cataloging all mandates and safety procedures, wondering if I would be able to travel from NW Indiana to Georgia.

KOA at Nashville North was welcoming and offered contact free reservations, payment and parking. We were good to GO! Bluebridge Vista Huba and I headed south for an in person look at what I hoped would be my Karizma puppy bitch. With the help of Waze we rolled into Cumming, Georgia in time for pizza and puppy watching! I had been able to watch via Wyze Camera and “photograph” individual puppy evaluation from a few nights previous. Marilyn and I spent the evening going over each of the pups; talking and learning more about Pumi conformation, pedigrees and temperament. Finally! It was settled; Purple Girl would be coming home with me.

Photo Credit: Marilyn Funke



May 29 2020 Contract was signed; May 30th she sang soprano every mile of the 170 to Landrum SC.

Receiving a gracious welcome from Nancy and Meir Ben-Dror, I plugged in the RV and got settled for a couple of days of Pumi-ville activities! Which included the official naming of “Purple Girl.” Observing MS Purple's head toss and over the shoulder looks reminded me of a Country Western song by Kelly Clarkson Red High Heels. “Oh, you can watch me walk if you want to, want to - in my red high heels!” PERFECT!!! Now? What is the Hungarian translation? Meir Ben-Dror to the rescue; MS Purple Girl is now Karizma's Piros Magas Sarok. Next up, a call name. Purple is the color of Royalty. Zita of Bourbon-Parma was the wife of Charles, the last monarch of Austria-Hungary. So, her call name, at the suggestion of Nancy Ben-Dror is ZITA!

Pumi activities with Nancy included off leash romping in 12-18” tall grass, playing in clear creeks, hills and woodland trails at F.E.N.C.E. (Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon NC). Playing at the Covered Bridge and of course a whole day exploration of the Biltmore Estate. For the 700 miles to home, with a stop near Knoxville, TN I had a quiet puppy; or as I prefer to say “a well seasoned show puppy.”

Arriving home June 5th we are met with issues all related to COVID-19, no training classes, no dog shows, few places “open” to take a puppy to socialize and experience life. We were lucky that a small puppy class was being offered by a locally owned pet boutique. Six weeks later my favorite trainer was offering classes, limited in number, at Stone City Kennel Club, New Lenox, IL. Zita was able to participate in a S.T.A.R. puppy course.

Again, we were luckier than most, we had United Kennel Club shows nearby that offered “novice puppy” classes which are open to puppies 3 to 6 months. We entered 2 at Centerville, MI for experience; 4 at Trailcreek Dog Training Club, LaPorte, IN where she was awarded Two Best Puppy and Two Reserve Best Puppy in Show.

Of course, there was grooming. Zita’s first full groom and haircut, at about 3 months, was by Petcare Dermatech Specialist, Master Pet Stylist, Meritus, Scott Wasserman at Pet Stylz in Hobart, IN. Normally first puppy grooms are for bath, nails, sanitary cut and maybe some facial hair. Not so with Zita! She took to the whole grooming process like she’d been born in a Salon!



October 10 & 11, 2020 offered two AKC shows in Lima, Ohio. Zita at 6 months, 10 days of age came home from that weekend with ten points. Thrilled beyond words and very proud of how my puppy handled the big ring and outdoor showing with the big dogs.

November found us in Perry, Georgia for the Winter Classic at the State Fair Grounds. Zita’s litter mate (Phoebe) Karizma’s Felicity Shagwell, was on fire at those shows! She finished with all major wins and a couple of NOHS Group Placements! Zita, on the other hand had a case of “I’ve grown legs” and not sure what they are supposed to do.” The Perry experience was not a total loss, Thanksgiving Dinner was with Kinberly Thomas, Ginger Butler and Marilyn Funke. Blueridge Vista Huba came home with Rally Intermediate Title, 2 qualifying runs in Fast CAT and a 4 point Major win.

Winter was quiet. I spent a lot of time wondering what 2021 would hold in store. Would COVID-19 be in our rearview mirror or would it dictate every movement of daily living? Huba, Zita and I did a lot of walking in our open parks, Big Maple Lake and Deep River Park are my favorites, and a lot of walking on Main Street for the traffic and the occasional pedestrian.

COVID-19 Vaccine was promising to have life closer to “normal” and “mask free” by July 4th. April in Chesaning, MI was surviving the rain ‘n cold and getting control of an exuberant puppy. We did come home with 1 point and the experience of RV Living, which is different from romping in the dog yard and aerial antics with furniture as springboards.

May arrived and with it a promise of better times. Federal and State Mandates regarding masks was lifted. We entered the shows at Fletcher and Concord NC. Zita finished her point requirement for AKC Champion Title on May 31st. We went to Landrum, SC and spent 3 days with Nancy & Meir Ben-Dror; adventures at F.E.N.C.E Chimney Rock, Pontoon Boat Tour of Lake Lure, dinner at a Federal Prison turned Brewery, cook out with Nancy, Meir, Nancy Nelson and Stanley Kovak. Great memories.

Concord, NC Victory Lane Classic Cluster of Dog shows which included two designated regional Specialty Shows for the Hungarian Pumi Club of America, hosted by the Magnolia Pumi Club. Friday was regular show, I kept Zita in her 12-18 month Class with the hope of holding the Major in Bitches.



Saturday, Zita was a move up and under Mr. Robert Stein she was awarded Best in Specialty.

BISS CH KARIZMA’S PIROS MAGAS SAROK. She has presented me with a fantastic year to review and leaves me with much hope and anticipation for the future.

What more could I ask for?

I hope to see you all at Pumifest 2021.

Pumik Bark? Tell me it is't so!
submitted by Nancy Ben-Dror

Lately, there has been a lot of chatter about the Pumik constant barking and maybe some other unwanted behaviors. I would like to address the barking head on.

First of all, first of all AND first of all, there is something called research. When one adopts and All American, it is hit or miss what you will get in terms of size, looks or behavior. Not so, when you get a purebred dog. There are several things one would research before getting a dog of any breed: size, shedding or non-shedding, dog for specific sport or show, grooming requirements, activity level (good for aptment or needs space), guard dog, good with kids, noise level and the list goes on and on.

When we had our first litter, 10 years ago, and every litter since, I told every prospective puppy buyer all the traits that would make most sane people run in the opposite direction: They are very noisy, very protective, very active, need off leash runs every day, need a job, must be super socialized, need to go to school, etc. you get the idea. I was always amazed that someone would still want the breed. Of course, I then told them about the wonderful qualities of the Pumi! I really wanted people to be happy with their dog and not return it some time later. Some people thanked me for my honesty and backed off. 14 years ago, when we first started looking at the Pumi, a breeder told us that the Pumi is not a barker! We already knew better and just crossed her off our list as a potential breeder.

I am not here to boast about our dogs. God knows there are things I would love to be different. Having 9 dogs is a challenge and personalities do conflict. However, none of our dogs ever barks in public, except if a dog gets too close to their crate at a trial or show. People have told me for years how well behaved and QUIET our dogs are. I just laugh. I tell them their good behavior in public is from extensive training and willingness to please but come to our house and hear the high-pitched barking! Sometimes I think they bark just to hear themselves bark! Most often they bark to alert or to initiate play with each other or just bark in sheer delight when playing, the drivewayalarm or doorbell rings, etc. I swear some of our girls could break a champagne glass! If my dogs know how to behave in public, I can live with their noise at home. After all, we did sign up for this, didn't we? Maybe it has something to do with teaching kindergarten for 17 out of 31 years that I have learned to ignore the noise level.

The Pumi should not be barking unnecessarily when it is working the stock (except in extreme instances), as it worries the animals. Hungarian shepherds consider incessant and/or unnecessary barking a temperament flaw. Some Pumik bark when first learning about herding. When they develop more self-confidence with experience, they stop barking for no reason while working. Many Pumik bark in the agility ring. None of mine ever did. Maybe I am not exciting enough as a trainer or I am too old to really rev them up, but personally, I like them doing their job quietly, in whatever activity they are engaged.

If one does nothing more than read the Pumi breed standard, a clear picture of what the puppy buyer is in for is evident. In addition, since the Pumi was fully recognized by AKC as the 190th breed, in 2016, there have been so many articles written about the breed, so many more Pumi owners and so many more breeders to consult, there is really no reason to be ignorant of Pumi characteristics.

The Pumi is not for the first-time dog owner. Its cuteness belies the intensity of this working breed. Owning a Pumi requires understanding, love, diligence, training, lots of socialization and a firm hand. Yes, we spoil our dogs with play, love, treats and loads of toys. They are our pets first and foremost but also have much needed boundaries.

So, anyone who is concerned about their Pumi's barking either did not do their homework, thought they could change the behavior or needs to reassess their approach to life with a Pumi. They are not for everyone.

BRAGS



WINNERS DOG

Friday

Victory Lane Classic Shows

Concord, NC

CYPRESS BAY'S EL GASZI AVALON BEY

GCH Cypress Bay's Balint At Kardarka x Midnight Lady's Alomarcu Lany

Owner: Laura Rader

Breeder: Theresa Weber & Debra Thornton

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!

TIDBITS INFORMATION

TIDBITS is the quarterly newsletter of the Magnolia Pumi Club, a regional club of the PCA, the Pumi Club of America. Articles and opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the MPC or PCA.

FALL EDITION TIDBITS NEWS DEADLINE:
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