

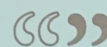
# JUDGES' CHOICE

We asked a number of Championship Show judges to select their three greatest Siberian Huskies of all time. The dogs could be from the past or the present and from anywhere in the world. We have asked our judges to avoid choosing dogs with which they have been closely associated. However, they can make reference to them if they are significant.

## SIBERIAN HUSKY



Photo by Jon Andrews



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## HISTORY

The lightest built and fastest of the sled-dog breeds, this dog is strictly for the active. He was bred to pull sleds and, truth to tell, he has few other thoughts in his head. Put him on a lead and he will usually stretch your arm for you; put two or more on a couple of leads and they will dislocate your shoulder; let him off the lead and you may be lucky to see him as he gallops over the horizon!

Temperament wise, he is a delight, although his greeting may be so effusive that he will wind you if he catches you in the midriff. He seems to love the human race and never forgets a friend.

His downfall is that he is a natural hunter - which will include the family cat or rabbit.

Though the breed takes its name from Siberia, the country of registration is America. It can also be known as the Arctic Husky and this stems from a tribe based on the Arctic and Pacific oceans known as the Chukchi who had great need of a long distance sled-hauling dog.

When the breed standard talks of all colours and markings, including white, being allowed, it is quite serious; and the comment about striking patterns not seen in other breeds being found on the head is not an exaggeration. And as for the eyes, just read the phrase in the standard for yourself!

He eats well; he's easy to groom; he can be vocal and every now and then a group of Sibes will form a choir of doubtful harmony and howl in chorus as they lie cheerfully tethered out in the worst of weathers. That is another breed characteristic - complete indifference to cold and snow: just push your snout farther under your tail and it will go away!

And by the way, he can jump anything from the standstill or dig his way under any fence; and having done so will not return until it suits him by which time he may well have sorted out the neighbour's chickens. A breed for specialists.

## Supporting information for the Siberian Husky

A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Kennel Club website for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure.

### BREED STANDARD

**General Appearance** Medium-sized working sled-dog, quick and light on feet. Free and graceful in action, with well furred body, erect ears and brush tail. Proportions reflect a basic balance of power, speed and endurance, never appearing so heavy or coarse as to suggest a freighting animal, nor so light and fragile as to suggest a sprint-racing animal. Males are masculine but never coarse, bitches feminine but without weakness of structure. Muscle firm and well developed, no excess weight.

**Characteristics** Medium size, moderate bone, well balanced proportions, ease and freedom of movement, and good disposition.

**Temperament** Friendly and gentle, alert and outgoing. Does not display traits of the guard dog, not suspicious with strangers or aggressive with dogs but some measure of reserve expected in mature dog. Intelligent, tractable and eager disposition. An agreeable companion and willing worker.

**Head and Skull** Medium size in proportion to the body, presents a finely chiselled fox-like appearance. Slightly rounded on top, tapering gradually from widest point to eyes. Muzzle medium length and width, neither snipy nor coarse, tapering gradually to rounded nose. Tip of nose to stop equidistant from stop to occiput. Stop clearly defined but not excessive. Line of the nose straight from the stop to tip. Nose black in grey, tan or black dogs; liver in copper dogs; and may be flesh-coloured in pure white. In winter, pink-streaked 'snow nose' is acceptable.

**Eyes** Almond-shaped, moderately spaced and set obliquely. Any shade of blue or brown, one of each colour, or parti-colours equally acceptable. Expression keen, but friendly, interested, even mischievous.

**Ears** Medium size, relatively close together, triangular in shape, the height slightly greater than width at base. Set high on head, strongly erect, the inner edges being quite close together at the base, when the dog is at attention carried practically parallel. Slightly arched at the back. Thick, well furred outside and inside, tips slightly rounded.

**Mouth** Lips well pigmented, close fitting. Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

**Neck** Medium length and thickness, arched and carried proudly erect when standing. When moving at a trot, extended so that the head is carried slightly forward.

**Forequarters** Shoulder blade well laid back, upper arm angles slightly backward from point of shoulder to elbow, never perpendicular to the ground. Muscle holding shoulder to rib cage firm and well-developed. Straight or loose shoulders highly undesirable. Viewed from the front, forelegs moderately spaced, parallel and straight with elbows close to the body, turning neither in nor out. Viewed from the side, pasterns slightly sloping, wrist strong but flexible. Length from elbow to ground slightly more than distance from elbows to top of withers. Bone proportionate, never heavy. Dewclaws may be removed.

**Body** Straight and strong, with level topline from withers to croup. Medium length, not cobby, nor slack from excessive length. In profile, body from point of shoulder to rear point of croup slightly longer than height from ground to top of withers. Chest deep and strong but not too broad, deepest point being just behind and level with elbows. Ribs well sprung from spine but flattened on sides to allow for freedom of action. Loins slightly arched, well muscled, taut and lean, narrower than rib cage with a slight tuck-up. Croup slopes away from spine at an angle, but never so steeply as to restrict the rearward thrust of hind legs.

**Hindquarters** Viewed from rear, hindlegs moderately spaced and parallel. Upper thighs well muscled and powerful, stifles well bent, hock joint well defined and set low to ground.

**FEET** Oval, not long, turning neither in nor out in natural stance. Medium size, compact, well furred and slightly webbed between toes. Pads tough and thickly cushioned. Trimming of fur between toes and around feet permissible.

**Tail** Well furred, of round, fox brush shape set on just below level of topline and usually carried over back in graceful sickle curve when dog at attention. When carried up, tail should not curl too tightly, nor should it curl to either side of body, or snap flat against back. Hair on tail of medium length and approximately same length all round. A trailing tail is normal for dog when working or in repose.

**Gait/Movement** Smooth and seemingly effortless. Quick and light on feet, gaited on a loose lead at a moderately fast trot, exhibiting good reach in forequarters and good drive in hindquarters. When walking, legs move in parallel, but as speed increases, gradually angling inward to single track. As pad marks converge, forelegs and hindlegs carried straight with neither elbows nor stifles turning in nor out, each hindleg moving in path of foreleg on same side. Topline of back remaining firm and level during gaiting.

**Coat** Double, and medium in length, giving a well furred appearance, never so long as to obscure clean-cut outline of dog. Undercoat soft and dense; of sufficient length to support outer coat. Guard hairs of outer coat straight and somewhat smooth-lying, never harsh, rough or shaggy, too silky nor standing straight off from body. Absence of undercoat during shedding normal. No trimming of fur on any part of dog, except feet.

**Colour** All colours and markings, including white, allowed. Variety of markings on head is common, including many striking patterns not found in other breeds.

**Size** Height: dogs: 53-60 cms (21-23½ ins) at withers; bitches: 51-56 cms (20-22 ins) at withers. Weight: dogs: 20-27 kgs (45-60 lbs); bitches: 16-23 kgs (35-50 lbs). Weight should be in proportion to height. These measurements represent the extremes in height and weight, with no preference given to either extreme. A dog should not exceed 60 cms (23½ ins) or a bitch exceed 56 cms (22 ins).

**Faults** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

**Note** Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW JUDGES 2010

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## CRUFTS BOB WINNERS

1984 - 2010 only

1986	Ch Zook Gadzheek
1987	Ch Zima Zala Snyegoorchka
1988	Ch Valchonok Prince of Forstal
1989	Ch Forstal Meshka
1990	Ch Zook Nyla of Chatanika
1991	Ch Forstal's Chutki
1992	Ch Zima Toaki
1993	Ch Forstal Kike Mara
1994	Yabet Alyeska
1995	Ch Zima Toaki
1996	Ch Azgard Vanir Dream
1997	Ch Yabet Tamarisk
1998	Ch Gwaihir Astrodinka at Torraneas
1999	Ch Yabet Tamarisk
2000	Ch Azgard Savanna Sky
2001	Int Ch Cry Out (ATCITA)
2002	Ch Marallan Niwleiraidd
2003	Ch Forstal's Kaska
2004	Ch Rajarani Kazhu
2005	Ch Forstals Kaliznik
2006	Ch Forstal's Nikitinka
2007	Ch Lara-ke's Teklanika at Bifrost (Imp)
2008	Skimarque A'tebs Let It Snow at Furlfy
2009	Ch Marallan Laurel JW
2010	Ch Forstal Pabornik

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### SIMON LUXMOORE ZIMA

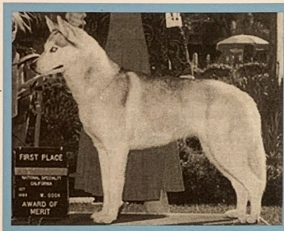


Having had the good fortune to have been involved in all aspects of the breed in many countries, over many years, I have paid particular attention to the working, as well as show ring achievements of my top three.

My first choice is **Alaskan's Yakut of Anadyr II**, a stunning bitch who not only won breed speciality shows in North America but in the '90s led many of the Norris's wonderful Alaskan Anadyr kennel teams to unrivalled success in the Iditarod, the near 1,100 mile trans Alaskan sled dog race.

My second choice would be Karsten Grona's **Putin av Vargevass**, who continues, after many years, to compete in Scandinavia's most demanding of long distance races with Karsten's Vargevass teams, which are pre eminent

Photo courtesy of S Luxmoore



Alaskan's Yakut of Anadyr II

in the world of Siberian Huskies. Putin was quite outstanding when I judged the Swedish national speciality.



Photo courtesy of S Luxmoore

Putin av Vargevass

My third choice would be **Danlee Paook** a dog who performed very well both on the trail and in the show ring in the UK in the 1980s.

I must mention two Zima Siberians, Ch Zima Toaki, former CC breed record holder and winner of four CCs at Crufts including two BOBs, who achieved unparalleled success on the trail between 1989 and 2000, and his son Ch Zima Indian Skimmer who shared similar success on the trail from 1995

to 2001, was a multiple CC winner, and won the millennium Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain Championship Show under judge Karsten Gronas.



Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch

Danlee Paook

### BRUNETTE GREENLAND RAJARANI



Over 27 years in the breed I have had the pleasure of assessing many lovely dogs, but to find the important aspects all on one dog, can be quite a challenge.

My first choice is the stunning monochromatic black bitch, **Ch Forstal's Kaska**, I judged her at Crufts in 2003, and from Veteran I awarded her the CC. She personifies everything a Siberian Husky should be, and literally screams

Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch



Ch Forstal's Kaska

'quality'. Her excellent type and construction together with her super ground covering movement were a joy to watch, powering around the ring like a youngster. I had no hesitation in awarding her BOB. A truly great girl, she passed so many of her qualities onto her son Ch Forstals Kaliznik, the breed record holder.

My second choice is the beautiful grey and white bitch **Ch Forstal Kike Mara**, a truly exceptional example of a working dog who also won so many show awards. A previous bitch breed record holder,

she won CCs at Crufts in '92 and '93. I had the great pleasure of judging her at Midland Counties Championship Show in 2000

where I awarded her the CC and BOB. She is one of the few dual purpose dogs to win a Group. A really outstanding bitch.

My third choice is yet another mono black, **Ch Zaisan Zannon Zphalerite**, yet another dog that has that elusive movement, that is only rarely seen, his reach and drive is exceptional, and seen in profile he powers around the ring, eating up the ground, which is wonderful to behold. He personifies a true Siberian Husky in type with all the correct characteristics including an exceptional coat. I had the pleasure of awarding him his third CC and his crown, at the SKC in 2007. He won the CC at Crufts in 2007, and in 2009 he won the double at the Joint Siberian Husky Clubs Championship Show.

This was this kennel's first home-bred Champion, and I sincerely hope that they will use him to pass on his attributes to the breed, therefore retaining all we have worked for over so many years.



Ch Forstal Kike Mara

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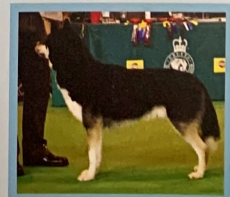


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Ch Zaisan Zannon Zphalerite

**ZENA THORN ANDREWS  
DRAKESLEAT**



My all-time favourite is an easy one, it has to be **Int Ch Cry Out** from Italy. She was my CC and Best of Breed winner at Crufts in a huge entry in 2001.

A wonderful bitch, she had the length of foreleg required and correct length of back. With the most exquisite head, eyes and expression, she was always presented in perfect thick double coat. Her movement was also outstanding and she carried the requisite amount of weight for the breed at its best. She went on to win the Group that day, a very special moment.

My choice for second place is another great, **Ch Zima Toaki**. I particularly liked his angulation and superb balance. Top Male and one time Breed Record holder and twice BOB at Crufts. Born in '88, I awarded him the CC at Birmingham National in '93, and he proved a real laster. BOB that day was another favourite who went on to win Top Bitch in '93, this was Sibirskaia Kwiksylva of Rajarani. Another I really fell for was Ch Aceca's American Pie. He won his third CC under me in '94, actually winning his title in three successive shows. In top form he was a hard dog to get by. He was winner of 18 CCs and also a good working dog. Bitch CC that day was an 11-year-old in immaculate condition, and of super type, the third ever Champion of the breed, Ch Zima Zala Snyegoorachka.

After much thought though, I am going to go with **Ch Forstal Meshka** for my third choice. He might be said to have put the breed on the "all breeds map" with his many great wins. Always giving of his best for breeder/owner Mrs Leich, he was a very masculine and sound dog of excellent proportions. We need more like him and Toaki today.



Int Ch Cry Out

Photo courtesy of the Kennel Club Picture Library

**GEORGIA LAWRENCE  
ALASCOTIA**



I think it's best for me to stick with dogs I have actually seen in the flesh rather than from photos, as these can be somewhat misleading.

After some consideration my first choice is **Ch Forstal Meshka**. This male had everything one could wish for in a Siberian Husky, superb conformation and a really handsome head, he was a lovely mover, with the coat and substance needed for sub zero temperatures.

My second choice is **Ch Zima Toaki**, also a male with all the same attributes of the above. This is the only one of my three I actually judged, an excellent dog and one time breed record holder.

My third choice is **Ch Forstals Noushka**, a bitch of super quality and one of the breed's first Champions. A pale red with great show presence, she ruled the show ring for many years.

A dog who easily rivalled these three was Ch & Am Ch Solocha's Southern Legacy ShCM. I was privileged (for a time) to own this superb red male in partnership with my friend, the late Susan Livingstone. Originally Imported into Britain by Dave and Jenny Killilea, for me 'Beanie' stands



Ch Forstal Meshka

proudly among my top three as blueprints of the breed.

My feeling is that breeders would do well to try to emulate these four quality dogs, and in doing so, the future of the breed, as they were in the early days, will be assured.



Ch Forstals Noushka

Photo by Sally-Ann Thompson/Animal Photography

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Ch Zima Toaki

**CAROLINE KISKO**  
**POLARNIGHTS**

I have been a regular reader of Judges' Choice and have often read the comment from contributors that there are just too many good dogs to choose from – and now I am facing the same difficulty. So to all the great dogs I am missing out I apologise. I have inevitably chosen dogs as much for their performance on the trail as in the ring and my first choice is **Ch Zima Toaki**. I awarded him two CCs – because he came under me a second time at Crufts in 1995 and looked as great as ever. One of the many 'evergreen' Siberians,

he continued to lead the Luxmoore B class team into his second decade and produced some very successful offspring both on the trail and in the ring.

My second choice is **Forstal's Xaros**. Xaros wasn't keen on the ring so was rarely shown but he has excelled on the trail and produced multiple winners in harness – he has passed on both his looks and working attitude to his offspring.

My final choice is **Ch Forstal Meshka** – another wonderful dog who gathered tickets at a time when CCs in the breed were not so numerous and who won the Reserve in the Working Group at Crufts in 1989. Meshka was yet another fabulous dog in harness and led the Forstal teams over many years.



Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch

Goosack of Kolyma  
**CHRIS MCRAE**  
**ZOOX/ZATEIZZI**



How do you define greatness? There are many different factors to be considered – working ability, visual impact, show ring success, and the ability to reproduce quality progeny.

The dog that takes the supreme accolade is **Goosack of Kolyma**. He was imported from Holland in 1981 by the Leich family. I firmly believe he was a dog before his time and was never really acknowledged by many at the time as an outstanding example of the breed. If he was around today I think he would surely gain his title.

Goosack was a great dog in harness but where he truly excelled was as a sire. He is behind just about every great dog in this country, work or show and has played a part in the development of many well known kennels. He produced many excellent working dogs of which four became Champions once the breed gained CC status in 1986.

One of his progeny, Forstal's Aladyn sired the wonderful dog **Ch Snoshoe's Russky of Forstal**. I rank him as my second greatest Siberian. Russky was the product



Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch

Ch Snoshoe's Russky of Forstal

of an outcross between Seppala and Anadyr lines, and from the very first time I saw him as a young puppy, he stood out. He was a truly great example of the breed, and moved like a dream. He won 17 CCs and four RCCs. I awarded him the CC at Crufts in 1990. He was my ideal male Siberian, I always have a picture of him in my head when I start judging.

My third choice is the bitch

**Ch Forstal Kooshak**, also sired by the great Goosack. She was a truly lovely example of the breed and I can still remember judging her and watching her float around the ring. I awarded her the CC in 1987, and I wrote, "She typifies the Siberian Husky, she is truly lovely, graceful, alert, well balanced and reflects the endurance and power of a good Siberian".

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**I firmly believe he was a dog before his time**



Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch

Ch Forstal Kooshak

She was also a super brood bitch and produced many greats, her best known was Ch Forstal Meshka.

I cannot finish without saying that Goosack produced two fantastic littermates for our own Zoux kennel; the male won the first CC awarded in the breed at Crufts in 1986. He went on to become a Champion and sired five Champions, and his sister produced two. These two littermates sired by Goosack greatly influenced our Zoux/Zateizzi kennel and are behind 17 of our Champions and many others.

Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch



Forstal's Xaros

**ANN ARCH**  
**LOAKESPAK**



Bearing in mind that show dogs should be able to do the work they were bred for, my attention is given

to overall balance, construction, type and the need to be totally sound and well muscled.

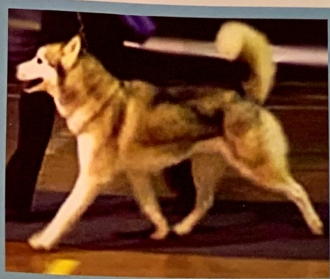
Way back in 1990 my BOB was **Ch Forstal Meshka** who took the

eye in all respects. I really admired the superb ground-covering action. This kennel kept up the production of lovely stock in future generations, and a couple of years later, both my CCs went to Forstals stock.

At Driffield in 2002 I couldn't resist my BOB **Ch Alascotia Poacher's Moon over Ardenclutha**. Yet another who "ticked all the boxes".

In my last couple of appointments, it was a single sex at Club Shows. In 2007 and 2008 both CC winners were 'Coldasice'. The former show brought **Coldasice Alnair JW**, whilst at the latter my bitch CC was Ch Coldasice Cebalrai JW ShCM, whom I am pleased to see has gone onto further awards.

Photo courtesy of Georgia Lawrence



Ch Alascotia Poacher's Moon over Ardenclutha

## Judges' Choice

### KRYSTYAN GREENLAND RAJARANI



I contributed to this feature in 1997 where I named Ch Forstal Kooshak, Ch Zoon Miduchenka and FCI Int Ch Zoltan of Chenok. These dogs still stand up as three of the best ever. Many since then have left a great impression on me, in particular, Ch Forstal's Loco, Ch Forstal's Kaska, Ch Rajarani Katja, Ch Zoon Special Edition for Rajarani, Ch Marallan Laurel and Ch Snoshoe's Russky of Forstal. I feel a dog has to have that special something that sets it apart from the others; so, for the best ever of the modern era:

Photo courtesy of Laura McKie



Ch Skiivolk Ivan

My first choice is a beautiful pure white dog named **Ch Skiivolk Ivan**. A magnificently athletic dog with super construction, foxy expression and who really covered the ground with light-footed ease. I awarded him the CC at City of Birmingham in 1998. He was the first pure white Champion and won the CC at Crufts in 1997 and 1998. Always in pristine condition and well muscled. He is a great credit to the history of the breed.



Photo courtesy of Sally Leitch

Ch Forstals Kaliznik

Next, I have no hesitation in naming the current breed CC record holder **Ch Forstals Kaliznik**. I awarded him the CC at Windsor in 2005. A more handsome dog will be hard to find, and his conformation and type are superb. I predicted he would be a star as a junior, and he went on to prove me right – both in the



Photo courtesy of A. Lunn

Ch Yabet Tamarisk

show ring and on the trail. He was a Group winner and great ambassador for the breed.

My final choice is a bitch, **Ch Yabet Tamarisk** bred by Lisa Tebay. Lisa has bred many super dogs over the years, but this one was just special. The first bitch I awarded a CC to – her third on the day at Welsh Kennel Club in 1995. She was definitely one of the best profile moving Siberians I have ever seen. Bang on for type, elegant and feminine with no weakness of structure. She won the CC at Crufts in 1997 and 1999. She had a super athletic body, and the proportions that truly reflect a good functional Siberian.

☺☺☺  
One of the best profile moving Siberians I have ever seen

### HELEN GUTTERIDGE QIQERN



In 1997 I chose Champions Zoon Gadzheek, Forstal's Mikishar The Amarak and Zoon Miduchenka and they would do equally well today. However, I feel it would be an unjustified

implied criticism of the breeders' efforts to preserve this beautiful breed if I did not choose from more recent dogs this time.

If I have three wishes for 2011 they are: that people remember that Siberian Huskies "fit for function" are made for loping – not for trotting neatly round a small space; that dogs and bitches with the typical foxy face shape

Photo courtesy of Krystyan Greenland



Ch Eekonoo's Zefram Cochrane



Photo courtesy of Krystyan Greenland

Ch Acecas Innuendo

will not be dismissed as "too fine" because they are outnumbered in the ring by more Samoyed-style heads (pretty though they may be); and that breeders and exhibitors will preserve in producing, showing, and working the Siberian which is unique and instantly recognisable.

My choices are: **Ch Forstals Kaliznik** – an outstanding show – and sled dog and successful stud; **Ch Eekonoo's Zefram Cochrane** – as above plus being an outstanding singer; and the bitch **Ch Acecas Innuendo** – who bears more than a passing resemblance to Leonard Seppala's Bijou, from 1931.

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Remember that Siberian Huskies "fit for function" are made for loping

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## SALLY LEICH FORSTAL



The famous Alaskan/Anadyr kennel in the States has produced some outstanding working dogs which were also absolutely standard fitting and typey. The great Alaskan's

Nicolai of Anadyr II has been very influential in this country and is behind many of the best dogs in our own lines for both working and the show ring.

Another from the States I was particularly impressed with was Uelen's Beowulf of Sepp-Alta. A dog who stood out with his wonderful build and huge personality. Still a young dog when I saw him, he went on to become a super, driving and tough leader. Bloodlines over here have also directly benefited from combining the

## BERYL MCCALLUM



Selecting three is quite a daunting task leaving many memorable dogs without mention.

My first choice

goes to **Ch Forstal's Mikishar The Amarok** who became the breed's first male Champion at the age of 11. I believe he had been retired from the show ring before CCs were on offer but returned to gain his well deserved title.

I first met him in 1977 and was struck by his whole presence, so dignified he seemed to command respect. I followed his show career from then on. In the ring, his undoubted qualities were obvious, perfect conformation and balanced throughout. He had a superb head but a mischievous twinkle in his eye. His movement just flowed, eye-catching in every way, he just drew you to him.

Apart from the show ring he also worked well in harness.

My second choice is **Ch Zima Toaki**. When he matured he sported a super head and expression, powerful well muscled body and that free and easy flowing movement that told you he could go forever. I awarded him the CC and BOB in 1995. A lovely sound dog to go over.

For my third choice I have selected **Ch Forstal Meshka**, a virtual clone of his sire, Mikishar, but also I would like to mention Ch Zoon Gadzheek, one I much admired from the ringside. A very striking black and white, his strong colouring made you look twice. Lovely foxy head, intelligent expression and completely balanced throughout with superb effortless gait. He covered the maximum amount of ground.

I must also mention our own

Ch Forstals Noushka, winner of countless BOB awards; she topped the AVNSC Group at Crufts in the days when the Pastoral Group and Working Group were incorporated. She became the breed's first bitch Champion at 8 years.



Ch Forstal's Mikishar The Amarok

best Seppala lines with the best from the Alaskan/Anadyr lines.

My favourite from this combination was Ch Skiivolk Lombard and indeed I awarded him a CC. He was a really well put together, typey dog with super light-footed and effortless movement – a real showman who clearly did enjoy the ring. He was a good sled dog too.

Now for my top three of each sex in the show ring in this country. I am deliberately choosing dogs that are sadly no longer with us and who were bred and belonged to other people. They were all dogs which I have judged and all were equally typical in my view.

For dogs my choices are **Danlee Paook**, **Ch Zoon Gadzheek** and **Ch Skiivolk Lombard** and for bitches they are **Footlite Isabella**, **Yabet Asilka** and **Ch Zoon Miduchenka**.

The three in this list who are not Champions were shown to only a limited extent and were all very worthy of the title.

## Judges' Choice



Photo by David J Lindsay

Ch Zoon Gadzheek (pictured right)

I have to mention our Ch Forstal Meshka who remains the only Siberian in Great Britain to win BIS at an All Breed Championship Show. He won the CC at Crufts twice and several Group wins including Group 2 at Crufts in 1989. Meshka was also an excellent lead dog from an early age, working regularly up to the age of 14 years and living to 17 years.

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We would like to thank all the judges who made Kolinsky up to a Champion and Krys for showing our lovable but very lively boy. 2009 was his best year, at the age of 9 he gained 3 CCs and 2 Best of Breed


**ARCTICTREK**  
Ch Arctictrek Diamante (Spangles) DOB 11/01/2000

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**CH(Bul/Mce) Doghousefarm Cimera**




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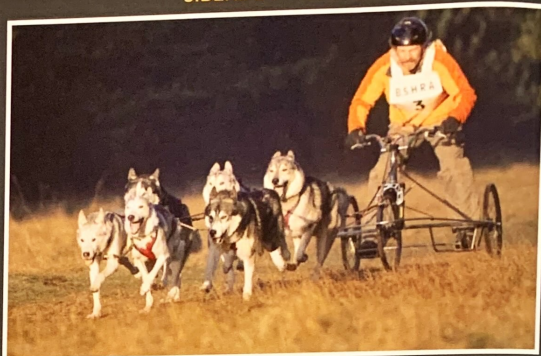


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## SYBASPRINTER

SIBERIAN HUSKIES



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Dogs from the driver's view, right, lead - **Tumetai's Dark Moon at Sybasprinter/aka Skye**, left lead - **Polarnight's Quaver at Sybasprinter/aka Spliff**, holder of a RCC and stud book number, right swing - **Sybasprinter Henrix/aka Hal**, left swing - **Kravitz/aka Sam**, right wheel - **Sybasprinter Voodoo Child/aka Voodoo** and left wheel - **Sybasprinter Knievel/aka Wieve**.

All our dogs are bred for type, temperament and most importantly working attitude and ability and have had yet another great working season, finishing 5th in BSHRA's (British Siberian Husky Racing Association) B Class Championship 2009/10.

We would like to thank all our friends for their continued support and assistance with handling dogs for us to the start line throughout the 2009/10 season.

*"The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side"*  
Margaret Carty

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