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CH Sky Acres Kobayashi Maru CHCA CGCU

"Koby" Flies to the Nationals!

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#### **Membership Information**

Individual Membership .....\$10.00 Family Membership .....\$15.00

Write to LSBTC Secretary for membership applications or newsletter subscriptions

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The next meeting
of the LSBTC
will be Saturday, July 10, 2021
at the Greater Collin Kennel Club
show, in Dallas, Texas

The meeting will be after conformation judging

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### by Devota M. Swenson

# President, Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club

06/18/21

Summer Season show season is getting ready to kick into full swing for July and August. The Dallas, San Antonio and Houston clusters of shows are coming back this year. I am looking forward to seeing you all in July at the Dallas cluster of dog shows and for our club meeting. We are planning to have an in-person meeting at the show, after breed judging on Saturday. If you can make the show, please join us for a jam-packed agenda. I will try to keep it short and efficient. We will be discussing new bylaws, new board members and be voting in new members.

Mike and Narda Reed as well as Dennis and Deb Lyons attended the Belgian Tervuren National Specialty (see articles below). I was glad that a few of our members were able to make the event and a big shout out to the national club for putting on the event with all the changes and adaptions due to Covid-19 and the wildfires that caused the show to be moved.

The boys and I were able to watch the Westminster Kennel Club dog shows this year on the live streams and the Fox Sports 1 broadcast. It was a lovely venue just outside of New York City and outdoors shows and they were un-benched, so the participants were able to show and go.

There was a lovely line up of Tervuren and our breed was very well represented.

Alo, Keir and I will be attending some dock diving events throughout the summer and are looking forward to jumping in our regional championships this September. Alo has already earned his invitation with his latest title, Dock Senior Excellent Seven (DSXVII) to the regional and Keir is taking some lessons to get more confident in jumping in the pool. If all goes as planned, Alo will be invited to the Dock Diving National Showcase this fall.

Again, we are looking forward to seeing you in July. Devota, Alo and Keir



Keir's First Point in San Antonio!

#### **UPDATE ON LSBTC BYLAWS UPDATE**

by Sarah Helber

First of all, this update is my personal (but seriously-considered) opinion. Any errors or assumptions are mine. The issues are still under discussion, but now would be a good time to get more specific before our July club meeting. I had hoped to have a full proposal sent out with our meeting notice, but that just didn't happen. My apologies. As it is, I have asked that the discussion be put on the agenda for our July meeting.

To review - the driving forces behind an update to the LSBTC Constitution and Bylaws are two-fold. First of all, now is a good time to incorporate what we've learned from COVID-19. Our club is wide-spread and we've discussed using technology more for meetings and communications. The technology has changed considerably since our current bylaws were written in 1995. This would be a good time to officially enable the club to use the newer (and future) technologies more. The second reason is that the ABTC has asked its area clubs to update their bylaws (and they did this because the AKC has asked its member clubs to do so) with particular attention paid to the use of technology for communications. In addition, there are a few changes that have been noted for "the next time we update the bylaws" – which would be now.

#### The general areas of change are:

- <u>Electronic communications for meetings, notices and other club business</u> while we have inched into doing this, we need to officially sanction it. The technology seems to be stabilizing (as much as technology ever does). While an in-person meeting is preferable, we now know that an in-person meeting may not always be possible. The changes should merely enable us to use additional means, not require that we do so.
- To be consistent with AKC's current recommended Constitution and Bylaws these are
  usually procedural issues that AKC has more experience with than we do. Most of the
  changes are to sections that were consistent with AKC's recommendations when the
  current bylaws were last updated and probably don't need discussion. A couple might
  need discussion:
  - O AKC recommends that the amount of the dues be capped in the bylaws (and thus changeable by the procedure required to change the bylaws), but that the ability to change the dues amount within that cap be given to the Board of Directors. As an example, the bylaws could say that dues should not exceed \$20/\$30, but the Board could leave them as they are at \$10/\$15. As of now our largest expense is for the domain renewal and webhosting for our website.

# UPDATE ON LSBTC BYLAWS UPDATE, Continued

Our dues cover this along with any other general club expenses. The primary possibility I would see would be to license "virtual meeting" software in order to have virtual full-club meetings for an extended period of time. I sincerely hope that's not necessary but if it were the Board would have the ability to increase the dues to cover the expense.

 AKC recommends that voting be done by secret ballot for new members, contested elections, expulsions and amending the bylaws. We've gotten by for many years without that (although contested elections are decided through the mail). Should we change it?

After our discussion at the July meeting, I think the Board will be able to incorporate any additional changes and distribute a recommendation in time for a vote at the planned October meeting.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following people have accepted the nomination as officers and directors of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club:

Jeff Curran - Vice President (2021-2022) Kevin Keough - Secretary (2021-2022) Narda Reed - Director (2020-2021) Glenda Fick - Director (2020-2021)

Sincerely,

Pat Thomas, Cynthia Parker, & Narda Reed Nominating Committee

(Originally reported to the membership by email by Secretary Sarah Helber May 29, 2021.)

#### ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

by Susan Hervey

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to ensure there will be at least one candidate for each office. The offices of President and Treasurer have two-year terms and are not up for election in 2021. Additional nominations may be submitted as described in the LSBTC Bylaws: "Additional nominations of eligible members may be submitted to the Secretary in writing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee stating their willingness to be a candidate and endorsed by three members in good standing. Such nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than June 30th."

#### **DUES ARE PAST DUE -- Hurry!**

"Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership per year."

*Per the LSBTC Constitution:* A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first of June of each year.

Remit dues to: LSBTC Treasurer

Shirley Stowe

2200 Wood Duck Lane Granbury, TX 76049

#### ABTC NATIONAL SPECIATY REPORT

by Narda Reed

What a wonderful time we had during our time at the 2021 ABTC Nationals!

If there was ever a reason why I love being part of this community, Nationals at Red Lodge, Montana proved me right.

The determination and gumption with which the heads of the club and its volunteers came together to tackle the seemingly impossible task of pulling the proverbial "rabbit out of the hat", deserve to be commended.

True that many were unable to attend due to the last minute change in venue, but even so, they were there in spirit thanks to all the live feeds and pictures posted. Wow!

Koby and I shared the ring with such beautiful Belgian Tervuren. How thrilled I was! Even when we do not "win", I can't help but feel pride for those that do. I can't wait for next year's adventures at ABTC Nationals!

Here is wishing for,

Peace: That we can all breathe in the fresh air and once again reclaim calmness of spirit.

Joy: That we can share our joy for the breed and help others smile.

Love: That we protect and care for one another as a village.

God bless you always

Narda and

CH Sky Acres Kobayashi Maru CGCA CGCU aka Koby.

(Photos on next page!)

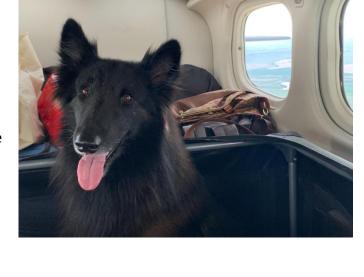
#### **KOBY FLIES TO THE NATIONALS!**

by Narda Reed



CH Sky Acres Kobayashi Maru CHCA CGCU aka Koby in his "giraffe" crate loaded and ready for take off.

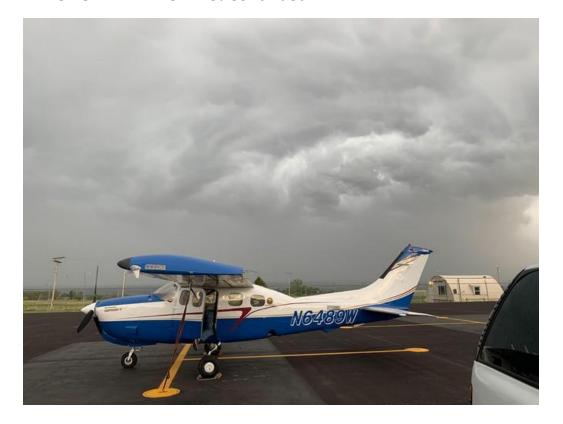
Koby after in cabin service of water and doggie in flight "peanuts" aka doggie cookies.





Flying back to Temple,TX after a fantastic time at Nationals in Red Lodge,MT. No wins, but what a fantastic time we had! So thankful for all the support and friendship we received.

#### **KOBY FLIES TO THE NATIONALS! Continued**



Landed ahead of the storm at Laurel Municipal Airport. Flew from Temple,TX to Laurel,MT.

#### A REPORT FROM PAT THOMAS



Nikki went High in Trial for her level at the DFW Tracking Club trial on May 22. I was shocked! She was really on that day!

Last weekend Gerard left the room and she quietly pulled his coffee cup over on its side so she could lick the little that was left. No, it is not allowed!

#### NATIONAL SPECIALTY AND YELLOWSTONE

By Deb Lyons

We had a good time at the Nationals. On Monday we went to Yellowstone. It was great. Den has most of the pictures. But I got a few I will send a few at a time.

The show site was ok, but it was cold. It snowed two days and there was about 2 inches each day. The good part was the roads were warm enough that it didn't last long on them.

Sadi showed well in Best of Breed, but not the judge's cup of tea. She made a new friend, Trent Wojo. He did a wonderful job of showing her!! Over all it was Good. Always nice to see old friends.

YELLOWSTONE and NEARBY PICTURES

Photos by Deb Lyons, Occasional Titles by Susan Hervey

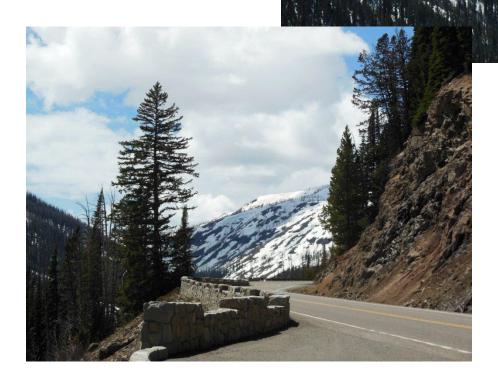


# YELLOWSTONE and NEARBY PICTURES, Continued



Watch for falling rocks!

Springtime in Yellowstone



# A SAMPLE OF THE 2021 ABTC NATIONAL SPECIALTY

By Narda Reed







# A SAMPLE OF THE 2021 ABTC NATIONAL SPECIALTY, Continued





# SHOW RESULTS, TEXAS SHOWS

#### WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB, May 7, 2021, Judge: Col Joe B Purkhiser

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos.

1/RW ICON'S LUCKY IN LOVE. Travis Woodward and Karen Simchak.

Open Bitches.

1/W HEARTBREAKER ICON DE L'AURORE. Travis Woodward and Corlyn

Burkett.

Best of Breed Competition.

B/BOBOH CH JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher

Dockweiler.

OS GCH ICON'S DREAMCATCHER DE L'AURORE. Travis Woodward & Corlyn

Burkett.

#### CONCHO KENNEL CLUB INC., May 8, 2021, Judge: Mr Brian Meyer

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos.

1/RW ICON'S LUCKY IN LOVE. Travis Woodward and Karen Simchak.

Open Bitches.

1/W/OS HEARTBREAKER ICON DE L'AURORE. Travis Woodward and Corlyn

Burkett.

Best of Breed Competition.

B/BOBOH/G4/OHG1/RBISOH CH JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher

Dockweiler.

SEL GCH ICON'S DREAMCATCHER DE L'AURORE. Travis Woodward & Corlyn

Burkett.

#### CONCHO KENNEL CLUB INC., May 9, 2021, Judge: Mrs Cindy Meyer

Best of Breed Competition

B/BOBOH/OHG1/BISOH CH JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher

Dockweiler.