

“WELCOME to the newest issue of *The Shiloh Times*... *all the news that is fit to chew!*



Message From Your Board!

First, we hope you enjoy our newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to provide information and a communication channel to our membership. We encourage you to provide your feedback and input, so the newsletter can continue to be useful. Thank you to the Communication Committee for kicking this off again in 2023!

Secondly, don't forget the upcoming elections. This year we will be electing four Directors. Open nominations continued through March 1st, followed by candidate questionnaires and election period from April 15th through April 30th. Results will be announced May 1st.

As always, your club has been busy on various fronts, in support of the membership.

- Communications
 - Maintaining the Members-Only Facebook group with current information
 - Updating the website for shows, litter announcements, policies, etc.
 - The resurgence of a Quarterly Newsletter

- Shows – ran two successful shows in 2022 (IEW and Barktoberfest). For 2023, we are looking forward to three shows:
 - Spring Classic – Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
 - IEW – Winlock, Washington
 - Barktoberfest – Fayetteville, Pennsylvania
- Membership Discounts for: Show Registration Fees, Testing Fees (CGC, Temperament Testing) and our NEW Shiloh Ambassador Program
- Health and Genetics
 - Providing Heart Monitors (Holters) for rental
 - In 2022, launched a new Genetic Diversity study in partnership with UC Davis. This enabled us to take advantage of the hundreds of Shilohs currently in the database. Please consider testing your dog to support Phase 1 of the Diversity study.
 - The original 2014 study was formally canceled and the club netted \$5500 from unused test kits
- Rescue & Re-Home – supporting those Shilohs in-need
- Fundraising - merchandise sales (pop-up stores and purchases at shows)

- Kodiak Wheel provides special needs equipment to our members that include: Help-Um-Up Harnesses, Mobility Carts, Suiticals, Doggles and Thundershirts

Volunteers Welcome!

Please consider becoming involved with your club! It takes all of us to keep the club running. There are several committees to choose from and we are always looking for new ideas. If interested, please contact the Board at boardofdirectors@issdc.com

Thank you to all that support the ISSDC!

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Next election, Directors, May 2023

“UPCOMING EVENTS „ Spring Classic & IEW (Int'l Event Weekend)

Spring Classic, May 19-21, 2023

The East Coast Spring Classic is the perfect place to meet some Shilohs. Whether visiting, competing, or just want to hang out with friends ... this fun-filled weekend is just for you.

- Event is held on the hotel grounds
- Shiloh Shepherd conformation shows
- CGC, Temperament Testing, and our new Shiloh Ambassador testing will be available.
- Event volunteers needed! Go to the event page and fill out the volunteer interest form or contact the Event Chair, Rhonda Van Emon (brickchapelshilohs@gmail.com) for more details.

Visit the event page for the latest up-to-date information and registration.



[\[Click Here for Event Details\]](#)

Lehigh Valley Hotel
300 Gateway Dr, Bethlehem PA

IEW, May 26-28, 2023

Come join us for a fun-filled weekend at the West Coast ISSDC IEW event! Whether you have one or a pack of Shilohs; competing or just want to hang out with friends - there is something for everyone! Registration is open. Deadline is May 19, 2023.

- The ISSDC International Show plus three Shiloh Speciality conformation shows
- Additional activities include CGC & Temperament testing, ISSDC's Shiloh Ambassador Testing, Conformation Handling Class, and more!
- Special breeder's seminar with Myra Savant Harris (in-person & via Zoom)
- Camping (RV and Car) available on show grounds - limited availability
- Hotels with special event rates are available
- Event volunteers needed! Fill out the volunteer interest form today or message IEW Event Chair, Kris Iverson (kris@issdcmember.com) for more details.

Visit the event page for the latest up-to-date information and registration.



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Winlock Hound Grounds
1377 Hining Road, Winlock WA
Int'l Event Weekend - Washington State

“SHILOHS and the PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM „

🔦 SPOTLIGHT on SUZEE AFF's ODIN and Lure Coursing



Is there anything a Shiloh can't do? Not according to Odin!

Before you meet Odin, though, you have to meet his owner, Suzee Aff. A self-confessed former “cat person,” Suzee carefully researched dog breeds and came to the logical conclusion that the Basenji was the perfect fit for her. As a dog trainer, though, she realized that her beloved breed would have some limitations as a demonstration dog, and would never be well-suited for some disciplines. After training a few Shilohs for others, Suzee decided she'd found the perfect breed to complement her training activities. Enter Odin!

So what's a self-respecting Shiloh to do when he finds himself surrounded by sight hounds and their activities? Join them, of course – and sometimes beat them too!

Lure Coursing, a sport developed to showcase natural instincts and capabilities of sight hounds like Greyhounds, Whippets, and Borzoi, involves pulling a bag (lure) along a line to mimic movement you might see from a rabbit over distance. The dog is supposed to chase the lure throughout the course.

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Constellations CGC-A, TT, TDN,
SPOT-ON, DCAT, CAA, LCI, SBA
aka Odin
b. 6/25/2017 | Ivy/Chancellor
bred by JnL Pocono Shilohs



Odin's initial foray into Lure Coursing was a fun run when he was about 10 months old, although he didn't start formally competing until age 2. While he wasn't extremely reactive with the lure and displayed a Shiloh's typical comparatively low prey drive, he was very enthusiastic about playing a new game. Suzee helped him build on that enthusiasm and learn the ropes. She says watching his Basenji brethren in action probably helped too.



One of the big accomplishments in this effort per Suzee is the development of Odin's confidence in leaving her and executing a course on his own. Unlike most other performance events, Lure Coursing isn't a handler/dog "team" activity. FASTCAT – basically, a 100-yard sprint for dogs - can leverage a Shiloh's natural determination to rejoin its owner. Lure Coursing demands the exact opposite - the dog has to be highly motivated and enthusiastic about doing it on his own. Speed is only one factor in competition, worth 25 of 100 points in the competition rubric. Dogs are also judged on enthusiasm, endurance (some of the courses are 600 -700 yards long), agility, and following the lure. Sending Odin out and watching him complete a course is "magnificent – just hypnotizing," Suzee says.

Lure Coursing isn't a do-it-on-a-whim kind of sport. Formal competition involves high speed direction changes and endurance that can be dangerous for young, not-fully-developed dogs. The minimum age for entry is one year for competition in American Kennel Club (AKC) and American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) events. However, Suzee advises that in a giant breed with slower maturation, this kind of activity should wait until they're closer to two years of age - and skills and conditioning should be built up over time to ensure the dog's physiology supports safe performance.



All Shilohs that compete in AKC trials must be spayed or neutered and be registered as an All American Dog. Due to Odin's success in the conformation show ring, Suzee has his neuter placed on hold. Fortunately, competition venues like United Kennel Club (UKC - Performance Listing) and AFSA allow intact Shilohs to compete in events. In December 2020, Odin earned Highest in Lure Coursing Instinct Single Stakes at the AFSA Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club event under Judge Ian Davies. Quite a feat for a shepherd among sighthounds, playing a sighthound game!

For more information on Lure Coursing, Suzee recommends "A Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing" on FitDog.com, and Swiftpaws.com for home training equipment. You can get started really simply with a flirt pole with a bag tied to it! For more thrilling photos of Odin in action, find Suzee Aff's Facebook page.

❗ SPOTLIGHT on JAN VAN KLEY's SHILOH & BEAR and Airport Therapy Work

You know how it works: you're having a bad day, or stressed, or maybe not feeling well. But here comes your pup, doing that thing they do – and suddenly the sun is shining a little brighter. If only you could bottle that, right?

Jan VanKley is doing exactly that. In 2013, she started doing therapy work with Kona, her Flat-Coat Retriever mix. "I promised myself I'd find some service work to do when I retired," she says. Jan and Kona enlisted with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, a coalition of about 170 people and 200 dogs. The organization services over 100 locations, including hospitals, nursing homes, and airports – also summer camps for children with medical conditions, and college campuses during exam weeks. Jan has some initial trepidation about her own capacity to handle some situations, like terminal patients or children with severe medical conditions, but she was overcome by the positive effect her dogs have on people. "It's really rewarding – the more you do, the more you want to do," she says.



Shiloh Girl of Brick Chapel
aka Shiloh
b. 6/2/2013 | Valli/Kilian

Jan had stumbled upon the Shiloh breed about 20 years ago, and revisited the prospect of getting one in 2013. Shiloh Girl was a natural to fold in Jan's therapy dog activities and began her career in 2016. Around this same time, Bear joined the VanKley pack, and began his therapy dog career in 2019. Jan does visitation a couple of times a week. Her Shilohs' natural affinity for people, empathy, biddable nature, and calm demeanor are the kind of characteristics that make a dog well-suited to therapy work.

"A therapy dog's job is to put a smile on someone's face," Jan advises - but the stories she tells often go way beyond that. Like the quadriplegic who was first able to move his hand to pet a therapy dog, and later recovered the ability to walk. Or the non-communicative, suicidal teenager who was able to open up to a therapy dog and get past her crisis. Or the child who surprised his schools' staff by reading aloud for the first time to a therapy dog at his Elementary School's Christmas party. "People will do things for dogs that they won't do for other people, even their family, doctors or therapists," Jan says. "The lack of judgment by the dog can really draw people out."

It's definitely hard work. The therapy certification process involves aptitude testing for dog and handler, followed by certification at multiple levels of experience that determine locations and conditions under which the team can work. Teams typically work in pairs, and larger dogs are often paired with smaller ones to cover the array of preferences among those visited. Dogs and their handlers need to be prepared to deal with an array of circumstances, from unhappy nursing home residents to terminal hospital patients to children with less-than-perfect understanding of how to treat a dog respectfully (Jan says Shilohs' large ears and bushy tails are often irresistible to kids). Visitation work itself is demanding, and humans and canines require limitations on how long they can engage, as well as recovery time when it's over.

Jan advises that the dogs also have their own ideas about the kinds of situations they want to work in. For example, Bear's preferred gig is the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, MI, where he can be found a couple of times a month assisting stressed travelers and generally spreading Shiloh sunshine. He's a bit famous; repeat travelers are known to seek him out between flights and tell stories about how he's brightened their time spent waiting for flights or more importantly, helped offset their stress over flying. He works pretty cheap, too - all he asks as payment for his efforts is a Puppuccino from the Starbucks kiosk at the end of his tour of duty.

If you'd like to know more about getting into therapy work in your area, the American Kennel Club maintains a list of recognized local organizations. Petpartners.com and therapydogs.com are also good resources for more information. And Jan loves to discuss the work; she's active on Facebook, where you can find more photos of Jan, Kona, Shiloh and Bear in action!



Bear Man of Brick Chapel
aka Bear | b. 7/30/2016
Valli/Kilian
Shiloh & Bear are bred by
Brick Chapel Shilohs



Bear having a Puppuccino at the airport



► SHILOHS WANTED!



Do you know of a Shiloh (or two) with a story? Do they do something cool, unusual, or interesting? A special talent, a special skill. We are looking for Shilohs to spotlight in future newsletters.

Visit the link below to send us your story!
www.shilohs.org/members/newsletter/

submit your
Shiloh TODAY!
newsletter@issdc.com

“ MEMBERSHIP „ *Join Us Today! Welcome to our New and Returning Members!*

The International Shiloh Shepherd Dog Club (ISSDC) needs YOU!

Our membership consists of Shiloh Shepherd enthusiasts at ALL levels – whether you're getting your first Shiloh puppy or have been breeding for years, ISSDC's role in supporting viability of the Shiloh Shepherd breed is essential to the dogs we love. Here's your chance to give something back!

Who we are: A coalition of members dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and protection of the Shiloh Shepherd Dog.

What we do: Recognize excellence in our breed, promote best breeding practices and genetic diversity, share knowledge, and assist Shilohs in need.

How YOU can help: Become a member! ISSDC maintains extensive resources – historical and current breed information, events and accomplishments, breed and breeder resources, and so much more. Maintenance of these resources is only possible through member support. You love this breed. Please consider being part of maintaining it by joining or renewing your membership with ISSDC today. (Volunteer opportunities are also available in multiple areas for ALL skill sets - it's a great way to learn more about our breed and meet other Shiloh enthusiasts!)

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“ODDS & ENDS „ *Just a little bit more for fun.*

IN THE KITCHEN:

Easy Homemade Pup Treats

Basic Dough: Wheat Flour (2 cups) and Chicken Stock ($\frac{2}{3}$ cup)

Recommended add-ins (use individually or in combination): ripe banana; peanut butter (avoid artificial sweeteners); blueberries; purée of apples, carrots, pumpkin, squash, spinach, cranberries; egg; canned salmon; sardines (water-packed); carob powder; bacon grease - use your imagination and clean out your leftovers! Powdered brewers yeast (flea control), and cinnamon and turmeric (anti-inflammatories) are great in small doses too.

Directions: Mix ingredients well, roll out dough, and cut into desired shape.

Bake for 16-18 minutes in a preheated 350-degree oven. Allow to cool before feeding.



Foods to avoid (either toxic or contain chemicals that could upset a Shiloh tummy):

Avocado, cherries, grapes, mushrooms, onions, and any human leftovers with a high spice or salt content.

SHILOHS on the Internet:

16 Dogs That Look Like German Shepherds (Meet The Clones), by Christina Jones [www.pupvine.com]

an excerpt ...



“The Shiloh Shepherd: A Plush Teddy. The Shiloh Shepherd is a dog breed that’s supposed to top the <German Shepherd Dog> with height and weight. These huge teddy bears can reach up to 140 pounds in weight! Much more than the average German Shepherd.

Besides, the whole point of breeding a Shiloh is to reduce the number of health issues a standard GSD has. But why call them a plush teddy?

It’s because the selective breeding made this dog’s coat thicker and softer than any GSD. A lot like a teddy bear!

Another thing that distinguishes this dog breed from the standard German Shepherd is their calm temperament. Big, mellow, huggable, and protective – exactly what a modern Shepherd is supposed to be.”



“THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER „ *we need you to make it even better!*

Please provide any feedback you feel might help our Committee make it better. We’re actively looking for suggestions for future content and areas of interest - help us out! We can be reached at newsletter@issdc.com. Feel free to include a copy of the latest issue in your puppy packets so you can help us expand ISSDC reach within the Shiloh enthusiast community!



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