

## IWPA International Championship

April 27 - 28, 2019

Benefiting One Cure - an organization researching a cure for cancer in dogs.

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### FROM PRESIDENT SUE FERRARI

Welcome to Estes Park, Colorado.

I know I can't wait to see each and every one of you this year. These family reunions are just the best! And we are just that, a family of crazy dog people. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

Region 9 has been working hard to make sure you enjoy your stay in their beautiful state, and have a good time. Please make sure to tell Cheryl Martin, your organizer, that you appreciate her hard work, and that of all the other members in this Region. If you have ever put on Championships, you know how much work and effort goes into getting this all together.

We are going to see some great pulling dogs again this year. If you are here, remember, you are part of the best of the best. You and your dog so deserve this time in the limelight, so please take advantage of it. Meet and chat with someone you barely know, or even don't know at all. Cheer your competitors on.

Pulling for a Cure, One Pound at a Time. Don't we all wish they would find the cure for Cancer in our dogs, and members? What a great organization, doing great things for our pups. Don't forget to open your wallets at the auction tables, to help out this great cause.

And Jennifer, I can't wait for some BBQ on Saturday night at the banquet. Doesn't that sound good after a full day of competition? And I'm sure there will some great memories made at the awards banquet. There always seems to be a couple at least.

We have all gone to the dogs; just don't let them all out at once.

Sue

President

## FROM CHAMPIONSHIP HOST Cheryl Martin

Hello IWPA members,

My name is Cheryl Martin and I am your host for the 2019 Championships, Pulling for a Cure. Congratulations to all the handlers and their dogs for a successful season. All the dogs have been working very hard. Great job!!!

I have been a member of Region 9 since the early 2000's, when we started pulling our first dog after attending an amateur pull. We currently have four dogs we are pulling.

With a great deal of help from our Region 9 members we are hoping that your trip to Estes Park, CO will be memorable. All the events will take place at the Estes Park Events Complex at 1125 Rooftop Way. Registration and weigh in will be held next to the arena under the building overhang. Just follow the signs. Weigh in will be from 1 to 4 pm, with the general membership at 4:30 pm where our weigh in is being held. There will not be a meal with the general membership meeting.

Saturday we will start with weigh in from 7:00 am to 7:30 am, handlers meeting at 8:15 am, and the snow pull will begin at 9:00 am. At 6:30 pm will be our awards banquet at the Big Horn Restaurant, 401 W. Elkhorn Ave.

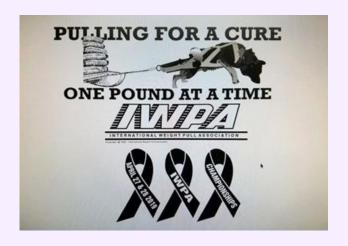
Our silent auction will be on the picnic tables next to the arena we are pulling in. The proceeds will benefit One Cure, an organization researching a cure for cancer in dogs. We welcome all donations for our auction. Thank you in advance for your generosity. The silent auction will end at noon on Sunday.

Sunday will be our wheel day. Weigh in will be from 7:00 am to 7:30 am, handlers meeting at 8:15 am, and start at 9:00 am.

Get your reservations in for the banquet and don't forget to order your Championship apparel. The information for the banquet or apparel is either in the newsletter, on the IWPA website, or the IWPA 2019 Championship Facebook page. We will also be creating a program. Please send your bio for your dog(s) to Robbie Reed @ reedtr9@comcast.net. Please put IWPA Bio in the subject line. **Deadline is April 19th.** 

This is the best family reunion you will ever attend. Every year I see "family" we only see once a year and meet new people who soon become part of our continually growing family.

Safe travels to everyone and see you in April.



### 2018-2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pulling for a cure, one pound at a time. Itinerary

### Friday April 26, 2019

1:00 PM - 4:00PM Weigh In and Registration at Championships Pull Site

**Estes Park Events Complex** 

1125 Rooftop Way Estes Park, CO 80517

4:30 PM General Membership Meeting at Registration location (no meal)

### Saturday April 27, 2019

7:00 – 7:30 AM Weigh In and Registration at Championship Pull Site

8:15 Handlers Meeting

9:00 IWPA Championships on Snow

6:30 Awards Banquet

Big Horn Restaurant 401 W Elkhorn Avenue Estes Park, CO 80517

### Sunday April 28, 2019

7:00 – 7:30 AM Weigh In and Registration at Championship Pull Site

8:15 Handlers Meeting

9:00 IWPA Championships on Wheels

Programs will be created. Submit your dog/s bio including photo to Robbie Reed at e-mail Reedtr9@comcast.net no later than April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. On the subject line please put "IWPA BIO".

### 2019 IWPA CHAMPIONSHIP HOTEL INFORMATION

#### **BLOCKED ROOMS:**

THE RIDGELINE HOTEL- (844) 744-5525

101 S Saint Vrain Ave, Estes Park, CO

Ask for an "International Weight Pull Association Room". Rooms will be held for us until Tuesday March 26th. There are 10 Standard 2 Queen bed rooms, beginning on Thursday, April 25th. Of these only 5 of them will be available thru Monday, the 28th. No more than 2 dogs per room. Rate is \$99.00 per night with no pet fee.

### MURPHY'S RESORT - (970) 480-2955

1650 Big Thompson Avenue, Estes Park, CO

There are 20 rooms held at this hotel until March 11. No more than 2 dogs per room. Pet fee is \$20 per pet per night.

Rate: Standard Queen- \$123.00 w/tax King w/Kitchen- \$161.00 w/ tax

### Other Hotel options:

We do not have blocks or any special rates at these hotels:

Discovery Lodge-(970) 586-3336

800 Big Thompson Ave, Estes Park, CO

Rate: \$99.00 per night, plus \$15 per night per dog pet fee.

Murphy's River Lodge- (970) 480-2358 481 W. Elkhorn Ave. Pet fee \$20 per dog per night Rate: Standard Queen - \$119.25 Standard King- \$126.75

Quality Inn- (970) 586-2358 1450 Big Thompson Ave, Estes Park, CO



### **CAMPING**

Camping is available at the Estes Park Events Complex for \$25.00 per day. Guaranteed electricity but water and sewer depends upon the weather.

### ONE CURE

The answer to cancer may be walking right beside us.

Cancer doesn't care whether you have two legs or four. Dogs naturally get cancer, and they do so in astonishingly large numbers: in the U.S. alone, more than 6 million companion dogs are diagnosed with cancer each year. Almost 50% of all dogs over 10 years of age develop cancer. The study of cancers that spontaneously occur in dogs to help human patients affected by this disease is not new; this important research has been underway since the early 1960s. Dogs share a remarkable number of physical and biological similarities with humans. Despite this acknowledgement, the active inclusion of treated pets in cancer research and development programs is all too rare. Funding remains scarce and recognition of the value of this research remains elusive, especially when compared with the emphasis on artificial rodent (mouse and rat) research models that, too often, fail to predict what will happen in human patients.

Comparative oncology is the study of naturally occurring cancers in more than one species. Data from cancers in companion animals are particularly valuable for providing answers to fundamental questions about cancer biology and treatment. When it comes to cancer, dogs are at the intersection of human and veterinary medicine as they share 85% of their genome with humans. It is critical to state that dogs live in loving homes and are cared for by veterinary cancer specialists who are dedicated to providing the best course of treatment. The information learned from canine clinical trials can improve cancer control rates for both people and other dogs with cancer.

### Why Dogs?

Medical research has shown that dogs with cancer make good models that parallel human disease because:

- · Dogs live in the same environment as people, have similar immune systems, share 85% of our genetic make-up, and over 400 diseases affect both species in the same way.
- Dogs have an accelerated and shorter lifespan allowing for several generations of dogs to be studied in the time it takes to study a single human generation.
- · Cancers in dogs are not artificially introduced: they develop naturally in the context of an intact immune system and tumor microenvironment - just as in humans.
- Certain rare cancers are more common in dogs than people. This advances the opportunity to study more new treatments, their side effects and efficacy more quickly.
- · Both dogs and people need new and better treatments for their cancers.

#### Naturally occurring cancers in dogs and humans share many features, including:

- How they appear under a microscope (histological appearance)
- How they grow, invade, and spread (biological behavior)
- The genes inside the tumor cells—people and their pets share most genes—which predict cancer risk and treatment success
- Potential targets for drug development or other specialized treatments like surgery or radiation
- · Novel ways to diagnose and monitor, as well as view disease live within the body
- · Response (benefit and side effects) to both conventional therapies ("standard of care") and experimental drugs
- · Genetic diversity, physical diversity, etc. (e.g., height and weight)



Veterinary and human oncologists collaborate to develop new treatments for dogs and people with many types of cancer. Emily B. (pictured with fellow bone cancer patients Charlie and Clarence) believes these partnerships saved her life.

"Cancer is cancer. The same mechanisms that result in cancer in humans are operative in dogs, and are operative in other animals as well. The aspect that is valuable is the information that can be gathered through well-done clinical studies in companion animals with naturally occurring cancers."

> Dr. Rodney Page, Director Flint Animal Cancer Center





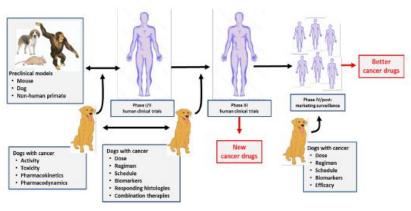
Colorado State University's One Cure program is founded on the principle that cancer affects all creatures and, that treatment breakthroughs come through collaboration between scientists and doctors who are working with both people and animals. One Cure's goal is to raise awareness and funding to support the Flint Animal Cancer Center's clinical trials program and other comparative oncology research.

### ONE CURE

#### Decreasing the Time and Cost of Drug Development

Clinical trials using dogs do not need to follow the strict developmental stages typical of human studies. Consequently, new drugs can be safely given to pet dogs before standard treatment, or when surgery or irradiation have already removed as much of the tumor as possible ("minimal residual disease"). Integrated (dog and human) vs. conventional (mouse and human) cancer drug development path can decrease time, cost, and false leads:

- Using such (comparative oncology) trials to answer any questions in a single study
- The length of a pet animal study is often less than one year, accelerating drug development for dogs that can be studied in humans
- Fewer human patients enter trials with potentially ineffective or unsafe drugs



Adapted from: Nature Reviews Cancer – 2008

Friends of Cancer Research/Brookings Institute/ASCO Joint Conference on Clinical Cancer Research – 2013

#### Case Study

The search for a genetic cause of glioblastomas involved over 700 human patients and nearly 4,000 healthy volunteers for a comparison group. In contrast, dog researchers determined which chromosome carried the deadly gene after studying only 40 dog patients and 150 healthy ones. Studies such as these may translate into cost savings and efficiency.

Despite these facts, companies overlook the opportunity to provide experimental drugs and benefit from such studies.

#### Which Cancers?

Pet dogs can provide useful information, easily obtained, across a wide range of cancers. These cancers include:

- · Osteosarcoma (bone cancer)
  - Uncommon cancer type, deadly in children (harder to study, smaller market and less commercial interest)
- · Melanoma (skin cancer), Lymphoma (cancer of the lymph nodes), Glioblastoma (brain cancer)
  - More common cancer types and deadly in adults and children
- · Breast (having babies decreases the risk in both species), Prostate
  - Very common and deadly in adults, representing major unmet medical needs
- · Metastatic disease and drug resistance (shared common mechanisms)

#### What Can Be Done to Help Dogs Help People?

- Increase awareness across the stakeholder ecosystem (MDs, DVMs, patients, companies, academics, pet owners, government, advocacy groups, and philanthropies) regarding how dogs with naturally developing cancer are valuable for treatment development
- Promote cross-training/education of MDs, DVMs, and PhDs with different animal models, including companion animals, so valuable information is captured to benefit both
- Open NIH grant opportunities in animal models to encourage use of natural cancers in dogs, not just mice and rats
- · Increase the number of experimental clinical trials in dogs conducted by the National Cancer Institute
- Work with industry to find ways to make more drugs available both for new approvals as well as expanded uses for existing drugs in dogs with cancer
- · Encourage FDA to formalize use of data derived from clinical studies in spontaneously arising cancers in animals



### Estes Park Area Veterinary Clinic's

Animal Medical Center of Estes Park
Dr. Jeffrey Fish
1260 Manford Ave
Estes Park, CO
970-586-6898
Business Hours; Mon- Fri 8:00 – 5:30 and Sat 8:00 – 12:00
http://amcestes.vetstreet.com/

Animal Hospital of the Rockies
453 Pine River Lane
Estes Park, CO 80517
970-586-4703
Business Hours; Mon- Fri 8:00 – 5:00 and Sat 10:00 – 11:00 and 4:00 – 5:00
http://.estesparkpetvet.com/

### **EMERGENCY VETERINARY HOSPITALS**

VCA Veterinary Specialists of Northern Colorado 201 West 67th Court Loveland, CO 80538 970-278-0668 (approximately 24.0 miles away)



### **CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGES**

The following people will be your Judges for this years Championship.

Jean Wilson

Sue Ferrari

George Ferrari

Robbie Reed

**Terry Reed** 

**Ted Gerke** 

**Rodney Martin** 

Randy Gerke

Jennifer Berning

Tim Goodell

Clay Fonvielle

Darwin Lumbattis

Championship Host Cheryl Martin, President Sue Ferrari and all the Board of Directors want to remind everyone to be great ambassadors for our sport.

Please be responsible and pick up after yourselves, your dogs, and your family and or friends who are with you. Not only is this a request, it is also a requirement of our organization.

Don't risk being disqualified and loosing your dog's placement and or eligibility to compete at our International Championships!

PICK IT UP!!!



## **IWPA Record Holders**

### WHEELS/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
20	Sanchez	Trent Vance	4	935	Pitter-Patt	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
35	Two Dogs	Larry McGee	3	2000	American Pit Bull Terrier	Greeley, CO (1997)
40	Gracie	Damon Keels	6	2135	American Pit Bull Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
60	Stone Cold	Collin Cox	6	3050	American Bulldog	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
80	Sky	Chris Stock	9	3980	American Bulldog	Estes Park, CO (2015)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4900	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cheyenne, WY (2001)
120	Maynard	Derrick Exstrom	9	4045	Rottweiller	Greeley, CO (1997)
125	Neebles	Mark Landers	9	3980	American Bulldog	Evans, CO (2007)
150	Rochelle	Debbie Lee	7	3620	Saint Bernard	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
Unl	Sly	Frank Wells	9	5395	English Mastiff	Greeley, CO (1997)

### WHEELS/ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	307	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Kora	Justo Montanez	11	1550	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
25	Obie	Courtney McDermott/Eric Markson	5	450	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Willey Makett	Anita Persinger	4	2030	American Pit Bull Terrier	St. Louis, MO (1995)
40	Lucy	Eli Landers	9	2090	Patterdale Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
60	Lyra	Jessica Joyce	11	3250	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
80	Dixie	Daryl Anderson	4	3810	American Pit Bull Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4700	American Pit Bull Terrier	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
120	Ox	Ron Poitras	5	4400	American Bulldog	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
125	Kong	Chris Stock	9	4370	American Pit Bull Terrier	Spokane, WA (2017)
150	Delbert	Debbie Lee	7	4475	Alaskan Malamute	Spokane, WA (2017)
Unl	Bastian	Raymond Slish	2	5630	Saint Bernard	Spokane, WA (2017)

## **IWPA Record Holders**

### SNOW/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
20	Gingersnap	Donna Libbey	6	250	Jack Russell/Chihuahua	Spokane, WA (2004)
35	Swampdog's Diffy	Todd Pederson	7	440	American Pit Bull Terrier	Delaware, PA (1999)
40	Diamond Lil	Dean Mircos	9	930	American Pit Bull Terrier	Loveland, CO (2003)
60	Cody	Larry Brillart	11	1100	Siberian Husky	Loveland, CO (2003)
80	Eli	Bill Arndt	9	1130	Mix	Estes Park, CO (1994)
100	Shaq	Chris Stock	9	1700	Oklahoma Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
120	Mack	Fred Jenson	9	1270	Alaskan Malamute	Estes Park, CO (1994)
125	Swampdog's Bugg	Todd Pederson	7	1500	American Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
150	Moses	Mark Pickrel	11	1500	Alaskan Malamute	Loveland, CO (2003)
Unl	Chunka	Nathan Sellers	2	1390	Alaskan Malamute	Cheyenne, WY (2001)

### SNOW / ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	90	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Bridget	Jenny Cousino	6	425	Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
25	Ripper	Diane Krupski	6	135	Patterdale Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Jackie	Bob Bonacorsi	4	1005	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
40	Honeysuckle	Rodney Martin	9	861	Norwegin Elkhound	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
60	Smokey	Tim Long	9	1370	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids. MI (1998)
80	Scout	Darwin Lumbattis	3	2161	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
100	Ranger	David Gallagher	5	2105	Alaskan Malamute	Enfield, CT (2010)
120	Bubbadog	Bob Bonacorsi	4	2630	Alaskan Malamute	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
125	Legend	Heather Thompson	5	1940	Rottweiler	Cicero, NY (2014)
150	M.J.	Stephanie Pitz	6	2105	Saint Bernard Cross	Enfield, CT (2010)
Unl	Riddle	Joal Brisbois	6	2630	Mastiff	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)

### Championship Competitors 10 lb Class



# Royal's Jumping Monarch Joseph aka Monarch Joseph or "Mojo"

Region 9 10 lb Class Gold Medalist on Wheels and Silver Medalist on Snow.

Mojo is a Chi (ch e) Chi (ch eye) mostly Chihuahua and Chinese Crested. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed of Greeley, Colorado. A side note, Terry just calls him a "Lil' Mutt". Robbie just calls them Munchkins.

This is Mojo's second year pulling and just having fun. It will be exciting to see him pulling when he really understands what he's doing!

Robbie isn't sure how he'll do in the cold weather or on snow or in snow because he is certainly a fair weather dog!

One of Mojo's funniest quirks is that he loves to jump and jump!

Mojo's personal best on wheels is 205 pounds and on snow is 42 pounds.

It's hard to believe that Mojo and Benji are litter mates!

### Royal's Snuggling Baron Benjamin aka Baron Benjamin or "Benji"

Region 9 10 pound Class Silver Medalist on both Wheels and Snow.

Benji is a Chi (ch eye) Chi (ch e); mostly Chinese Crested (the Powderpuff kind) and Chihuahua. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed. The same side note as with Mojo, Terry calls him a "Lil' Mutt". Robbie just calls them "Munchkins".

This is Benji's first year pulling and just trying to figure this all out. Once he figures out what he is really supposed to do, it will be fun to watch him mature in weight pulling!

Benji is quite a snuggler! Nothing pleases him more than to snuggle up with someone! Oh yeah, and that massage he gets from Terry!

Benji's personal best on wheels is 165 pounds and 42 pounds on snow.

It's hard to believe Benji and Mojo are litter mates!



## Championship Competitors 20 lb Class

### Ripper

Region 6 20 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Wheels and Snow

Owner/handler Diane Krupski



Ripper is a 6 yrs old Patterdale terrier.

A good all around little guy. Loves everyone, and digging for critters.

Has received many Regional Medals as well as five Championship Medals.

Wouldn't trade him for the world.

### "YET ANOTHER DOG" aka Yetta

Region 6 20 lb Class Silver Medalist on both Wheels and Snow.

Yetta is a 2 1/2 yr old Miniature Pinscher owned and handled by Diane Krupski.

Crazy little dog that brings great joy to our house hold.

Just learning the pull thing, but thinks she must do it on two legs, lol.



#### **Tinker the Stinker**

Region 7 20 lb Class Silver Medalist on Snow and Bronze Medalist on Wheels

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Tinker is a 3 year old Cairn Terrier mix. She came to live with me in the fall of 2017. She's been bounced around a few homes in her short life span picking up some bad habits along the way. Most people fell for those little brown eyes, the slight underbite that sets her lower teeth out, and the wired, whispy hair. Then they get the shock of that tenacious terrier personality, and they wonder what the hell happened and how do they contain it. Most people have opted to rehome her. I've chosen to redirect that crazy energy into harness work.



I have had more than my fair share of "no pulls" and her giving me the fuzzy middle finger in the weight pull chute. Tinker and I have gone a few rounds on who the boss really is, and what the house rules are. We've butted heads, but we have made progress! She is a good little dog, and life would be boring without her.

Tinker got a 2nd place snow finish, and a 3rd place wheeled finish for region 7 for 2019. Way to go Tinker! Here's hoping we don't do a "no pull" at Championships this year! Hahahaha!

### Ceasar

Region 9 20 lb Class Silver Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Ceaser, AKA Evil Puppy, is Miniature Schnauzer who is ending his 8<sup>th</sup> pulling season with personal bests of 860 pounds on wheels and 240 on snow. Ceaser is not as innocent as he looks (how else would he get the nickname "evil puppy"). He still has not realized he is only a little dog and can be found many days

"taking on" Lacy, Grimmloc or any other big dog he wants, even chasing the cats. When he is not busy being "evil" he can be found relaxing on the back of the couch or letting little children pull him. Besides being the only one to survive from his liter he has become quite the Romeo and steals every female (2 or 4 legged) or child's heart he comes in contact with. He loves going everywhere he can with Richard. And at night he steals Richards pillow just because he believes what is Richards is his, including cups of water.



### **Rebel Rose**

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Region 7 20 lb Class

Qualified in 20lb class Gold medalist on Wheels and Bronze medalist on Snow.

Rebel Rose is a 2 year old Boston/Corgi mix...or what I like to refer to as my Borgi. This is her second year of pulling. She has a first place in region 7 in 2018 and 2019 on wheels, and a third place in region 7 on snow. I fell in love with her because she reminds me of my dog, Dyna, who I miss terribly. Of



course, Rose is not Dyna, and that is ok. Rose makes me laugh with her clownish antics, and her matching personality. Rose is not a hard working dog, but she does enjoy working in harness. She loves the camera, and is always up for striking a pose. And that nose! Oh how that sniffer of hers is always working overtime! Maybe some nose work classes might be in order for her during the off season.

### **Felix**

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Region 7 20 lb Class Gold medalist on Snow and Silver medalist on Wheels

Surprise, surprise! Felix, a 2 year old wired haired terrier mix, who seems to have his barker set on "bark at everything and anything" has turned out to be quite the working little dog! The only time he is not barking is when he is in harness working. He came to us as a rescue in 2018. Rehoming him proved



difficult due to his "I put the terror in terrier" personality. On a whim, I put a harness on him to see what he would do. Here we are a year later with a Bronze medal on wheels for 2018 Championships, and he is qualified on wheels and snow for 2019 at Championships. I know this little dog drives me crazy, but he has turned out to be a good dog. His devotion to me is unmatched, and I feel honored that he chose me. It's true what they say, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

# Fonvielle's Nekked Winning of Wizard of Lace also know as Magic Mike

Region 8 20 lb class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Any dog on Team No F.E.A.R's active roster is expected to pull. 11 lb Mikey is no exception. This practical jokester spends most of his time jumping from high places and "borrowing" watches, shoes, phones etc and hiding them. He is also working in conformation and rally obedience and Fast Cat.



### Royals' Little Princess Anna Rebekah aka "Princess Bekah"

Region 9 20 lb class Gold Medalist on Wheels and Snow.

Princess Bekah is a Boston Terrier owned and handled by Robbie and Terry Reed of Greeley Colorado. This is her 7th trip to championships. She is full of attitude (mostly bad) and truly believes she deserves to be treated like a Princess! Princess Bekah will generally pull with her head held high; not the perfect pull form, but it works for her.

Her personal bests are; Carpet 440 lbs, Dirt 670 lbs, Natural Snow 185 lbs and Artificial snow 206 lbs.

It will be interesting to see which Princess Bekah shows up at the Championships; the prissy picky attitude one or the ready to work one.



## Championship Competitors 40 lb Class

### Cinder

Region 2 40 lb class Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels 4 years old

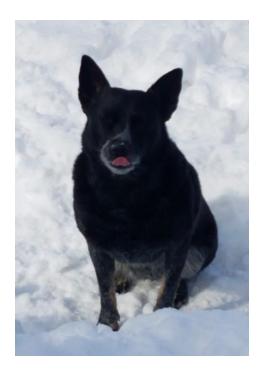
Owner Sue Ferrari, Handler George Ferrari

Mom always told me that attitude was everything, and this shows my attitude about having to sit and be still. Especially when there is all this snow that someone needs to throw for me. Snow balls are the best!

As most of you know I'm not exactly calm, cool and collected, especially in the shoot. But, at least I give my handler a work out, and entertain the crowd at the same time.

I am the Region 2 gold medalist on wheels and snow this year.

Rodney, can I have a massage after the pull? I Love you!



### Chloe

**Owner** Serene Matson

Region 3 40 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels



Chloe is an 11 year old (??) Beagle Wiener mix. She is a first year puller and will retire after this year do to her age and mobility, though she had a lot of fun this year.

She loves hiking and playing with Tank and Scout even with the size difference she is the queen and is respected as such.

### Hopyard's N Fourpaws La Raven, "Raven"

6 year-old AKC, UKC, ADBA registered Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Region 5 40 lb Class 4th Place Invite

Raven is owned and handled by Tim and Lonna Goodell of Liahona Kennels in Baldwinsville, NY. Raven was rehomed with Tim and Lonna at 1 year old, through her breeder Beth Jones-Hamilton of Blue Moon Kennels in Kentucky. Raven also goes crazy for lure coursing, playing with her flirt pole, and even going for walks through town. She is very high energy, and full of personality, although, she becomes very focused once her weight pull harness goes on.

Raven was the 2015-2016 IWPA Region 5 40# class wheels Gold Medalist, 2015-2016 IWPA Championships 40# class wheels Gold Medalist, 2016-2017 IWPA Region 5 40# class wheels Bronze Medalist, 2017-2018 IWPA



Region 5 40# class wheels Gold Medalist, 2017-2018 IWPA Championships 40# class wheels Silver Medalist, and 2018-2019 IWPA Region 5 40# class wheels Bronze Medalist. Raven also finished  $3^{rd}$  on wheels in the 40# class at the 2017 Irondog Weight Pull Nationals, and  $2^{nd}$  on wheels in the 40# class at the 2018 Irondog Weight Pull Nationals.

### Hopyard's More Bounce To The Ounce, "Bounce"

1 ½ year-old AKC registered Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Region 5 40 lb class Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Bounce is owned and handled by Tim and Lonna Goodell of Liahona Kennels in Baldwinsville, NY. Bounce was bred by Beth Jones-Hamilton of Blue Moon Kennels in Kentucky, and has been with Tim and Lonna since he was 8 weeks old. Bounce was a natural when it came to starting weight pull training, and shows incredible enthusiasm on the track. He also enjoys lure coursing, going for walks, and rough-housing with Raven.

This is Bounce's first IWPA season. He is the 2018-2019 IWPA Region 5 40# class wheels Gold Medalist and snow Gold Medalist. At the 2018 Irondog Weight Pull Nationals he finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 40# class on wheels, and had "Combined Most Weight Pulled per Pound" between both surfaces.



### **Bobber**

Region 7 40 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Bobber was my first Staffordshire Bull Terrier, I'm dumbstruck that she just turned 8 years old. Bob and I have been through ALOT of major life events in those 8 years. She's been by my side through it all. I'm at a loss for words writing a bio for her. She's tenacious, loyal, and affectionate. She's been a challenge to work with and



train, as she stresses easily. She's been my co-pilot on many of my rescue transports. She keeps me company during the day when I'm working on harnesses. And she is always up for a good rough housing romp or whatever high-jinx might come our way. If I'm not mistaken, she has qualified or medaled almost every year since she started weight pulling. She even took a Silver at Championships in 2016. This year she is the first place finish in region 7 on both wheels and snow. Bob and I have had many "talks" about her future in weight pulling this season. Bobber is going to start winding down her career in the sport, and start to focus on something new and exciting for her....Fast Cat. There is something about that little plastic bag zipping by that lights a new fire under her!

#### Pandemonium's WK9 Let's Deuce it "Deuce"

Region 7 40 lb Class Silver on Snow

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Deuce started the season late. His first pulls were in Michigan on snow, which he did really well and earned a 2nd place finish in region 7 on snow. Deuce and Esmerelda are like night and day. Esmerelda is a free spirit, while Deuce likes routine and structure. Deuce is very much like a bull in a china shop. He



tries to be graceful, but fails miserably at it. He is sweet, lovable, and eager to please. Everyone and everything is his BFF. Just like Esmerelda, I am keeping my expectations in check since he is still so young, and he needs time to mature. I am excited to see how he matures!

# WK9's Rising Star of Esmerelda aka "Esmerelda"

Region 7 40 lb Class Silver Medalist on Wheels

Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

Qualified in 40lb class on wheels

Esmerelda! A 1 year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Last year she was just a young pup and a spectator at Championships. Here we are a year later, and she is qualified to pull in the wheeled division at Championships! She placed 2nd in our region for her class. I'm keeping my expectations in check as my little girl is still young and maturing. She is vibrant, and full of life. She keeps me on my toes and challenges my training ability. I am looking forward to seeing what unfolds with Esmerelda as she matures. I'm sure whatever the future holds with her, there will never be a dull moment.



### **Sylvia**

Region 7 40 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Wheels

Sylvia is a 5 year old lab/terrier mix owned and handled by Jennifer Swann. Sylvia is a multi-sport dog participating in Flyball, BarnHunt, Dock Diving, and FastCAT. Sylvia was rescued by Friends of Retrievers (FOR) rescue group after being found on the side of the road with her mother and a sibling. We started weight pulling nearly 3 years ago and Sylvia has been a perennial in the Novice class. 2018-2019 is the year it all came together for us! Sylvia is not what you normally imagine as your typical weight pull dog

and we have been working steadily on her drive, pulling form, and confidence.

Sylvia's personal best to date is 215 pounds and she is the Bronze Medal recipient for the 40# weight class. We have just started to scratch the surface of her real potential and look forward to the accomplishments in the years to come!



### Miller & Fonvielle's Stuff of Legends Eternal "Amara"

Region 8 40 lb Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Amara is a 2.5 year old American Pit Bull Terrier. She is the half sister of the late, legendary Boogieman, both out of Real Deal Chocolates kennels. Amara is the reigning 40# wheels champion and she is looking to repeat and also add snow to her resume while representing Region 8.

This sweet girl is owned by W. Clay Fonvielle and Patrick and Elizabeth Miller.



### Honeysuckle

Region 9 40 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Honeysuckle is a six-year-old Norwegian Elkhound with her debut season being the 2013-2014. She earned in her first season a silver medal on wheels and a bronze medal on snow in region, adding two bronze medals at championships. In the 2014-2015 season she earned double gold regional medals, followed by a gold medal on wheels and silver on snow. In the 2015-16 season, she earned her way to Championships with a gold on snow and silver on wheels, bringing home a gold medal on snow from championships. In the 2016-17 season, Honeysuckle is a double gold medalist in region, followed by double gold at championships. Honeysuckle comes to championships with double gold regional medals. Her best pulls so far are 1,985 pounds on wheels and 861 pounds on snow, when she broke the IWPA International Record on artificial snow at the 2018 Championships.

Owner/Handler: Rodney and Cheryl Martin



### Lexis

Region 9 40 lb Class Silver Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Lexis is a 11-year--old Norwegian Elkhound, daughter of
Rose and Silver. She
made her pulling
debut in the 200809 season, and did
remarkably well.
Lexis earned a silver
regional medal on
snow and a silver on
wheels. In her first
ever championships,
Lexis earned a silver



medal on snow and a bronze medal on wheels. Since that time Lexis has earned 16 regional medals, and 9 championship medals. She earned her way to championships with a silver on wheels and silver on snow. Her best pulls at 1,705 pounds on wheels and 705 pounds on snow.

In April 2014 Lexis was featured in Dog Fancy magazine along with 3 other dog athletes as part of a super dog story. We are very proud of our little girl.

Owner/handler: Rodney and Cheryl Martin

### 5M's Lily of the Rockies aka 'Lily"

Region 9 40 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Snow

5M's Lily of the Rockies made her pulling debut with a vengeance. She is the 17 month old daughter of Honeysuckle and Demond, and the granddaughter of Silver and Rose. She is the regional bronze medalist on snow, and earned an invitation on wheels after beating her mother, Honeysuckle at the last pull of the

season. Lily's best pulls this season are 350 pounds on snow, and 720 pounds on wheels.

Owner/Handler: Rodney and Cheryl Martin



## Championship Competitors 60 lb Class

### **Zapper**

Region 2 60 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Owned and handled by George Ferrari

I won't be seeing any of you this year, but will be watching from the Rainbow Bridge. Mom helped me pass over, after a very tough week. I would have been 9 this year. I am your Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels for Region 2. Mom and Dad are going to have a hard time with the 60 lb class since I won't be there, but I will always be there in spirit. After I was adopted, I had a very special life. I loved to pull and learned a lot of doggy kinds of things, like what a biscuit is, etc.



### **Hurricane Clyde**

Region 6 60 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels



I'm a rescued 6 year old, 56 pounds of wild and crazy American Pit Bull Terrier.

I have a lot of energy and love. I will do almost anything for my owner Carol Gerke and her son Ted Gerke.

I have achieved a lot of goals but I know there are still some goals to be accomplished. I have medaled in Region 6 every year that I have competed and I have also brought home a few medals at the championships that I have been invited to.

I look forward to seeing what I can do at this year's event.

Tekniker "Tek"

Region 9 4th Place on Snow is an invitee.

We are looking forward to great things from Tek in the future. Tekniker "Tek" made his debut this season. He is a beautiful 2 year old Norwegian Elkhound who has won his mom's heart. He comes to this year's championships with an invite on snow, after beating one of the top three dogs in region at a pull. Tek's best pulls are 440 pounds on snow and 1,000 pounds on wheels.

Owner/Handler: Rodney and Cheryl Martin



### Molly

### Region 9 60 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

My name is Molly and I am a Husky/Malamute mix. I will be turning 5 this year. This is my fourth year competing with IWPA and attending the International Championships. My first year, I got an invite to attend for the wheels only. In my second year, I took bronze in both snow and wheels and in my third year I was the Gold Medalist for both Snow and Wheels for Region 9. This year I took Bronze on Snow and Silver on Wheels.

I am always in the learning mode when it comes to weight pulling, along with my human Rochelle. We have been together since I left my fur mom. I am looking forward to the continued learning that we do together.

I have also completed with IDWP, taking 1<sup>st</sup> on wheels and 2<sup>nd</sup> on rails at the IDWP Championships. I

have also earned my IDRWP1 title. I also have competed in the W3PO events, placing Gold on rails and Gold on wheels for Colorado and received my Weight Pull Dog on Wheels and Weight Pull Dog Superior on Rails titles.

In my free time, I enjoy spending the days outdoors basking in the rain and snow, and staying in the shade on hot summer days. I love my new human Micah, he is always calling me "MooMoo". I enjoy spending time with my fellow weight puller, Dahteste.



### **Duchess**

### Region 9 60 lb Class Silver Medalist on Snow and Bronze on Wheels



Duchess is an American Bull dog. She finished this season with Silver on Snow and Bronze on wheels. Duchess pulls in the 60 lb class.

Owned & Handled by Jacob Hernandez Sr

### Midus

Region 9 60 lb Class 5th Place Invitee on Snow and Wheels

Met Midus, he is a mix bread that should have been named MiDass (with a silent D). This is his first season pulling and has ended it with a personal best of 1165 pounds on wheels and 770 pounds on snow. Even with this being his first year he acts much like Sasha when it comes to pulling and every day life.



He has to set or lay on either bull dog Lacy or Hope and must have his face buried as much as possible. Midus is great at making our "evil puppy" look like a saint and like a toddler believes everything should and does revolve around him.

### Sebastián

Region 11 60 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Wheels

This is Sebastián's 1st year at weight pulling and it has been an awesome experience so far! Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Potomac Valley Samoyed Club hosted a weight pull clinic where we took a chance and haven't looked back! The Club has been so supportive that we returned in March for a successful Sanctioned pull. We cant wait for the next season to learn, gain more experience, and meet more members of the IWPA community!

Sebastián is a 23 month old Samoyed owned and handled by Janira Roldán.



## Championship Competitors 80 lb Class

### **Scout**

Region 3 80 lb class Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Owner/Handler Darwin Lumbattis

This is Scout's 2nd season pulling, he is a 5 year old Border Collie-Pit mix. Scout is a perfect Butte, MT dog. He loves the outdoors, sun, snow or rain. He enjoys camping, hiking, fishing and is (I believe) part seal / otter as he plows and rolls in the snow and will never not get into the water. He has pulled 2161 lbs on snow (current record holder) and 2040 lbs on wheels.

A special "shout-out thank you" to region 9 and the Ferrari's, especially to the Reeds for helping me organize and for attending my pulls.

Good luck everyone, see you at Championships.



### **Tyson**

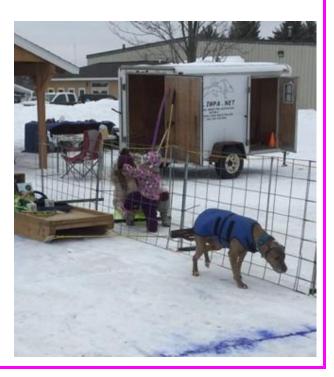
Region 6 80 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels.

Tyson - I am a 10 year old mix breed that was rescued by Ted Gerke about 7 years ago.

About 6 years ago was my first IWPA Championships and I have been invited ever year since than. Ted has taken me every year except the last Colorado event when Randy and Carol took me because Ted had to work.

I have medaled every year in Region 6 and have brought home a few medals from previous Championships. I am getting older but I really love to compete. I do miss my buddie Diesel.

Tyson's best pull of this year was at Kalkaska when he got to pull his buddies, Diesel and JD, down the track for their last time. This was the site where Ted's IWPA experience began.



### Kinghaven's OWatta Fat Boy

Region 7 80 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

Owner/handler: David Heffelfinger

Well, this is it. Fat Boy is an American Bulldog and going to be 11 years old this November, and he is starting to show his age. We're thinking it will be his last big "hoo-rah". Out in the weight pull chute you see this "all business, nose to the ground bulldog". At home, completely different story. if Fat Boy was human, he would be sitting in his underwear on a lazy boy recliner with his feet up and chugging a lager while watching the big game. Fat Boy has earned



regional medals almost every year of his pulling career. He's attended quite a few Championships, though he's never earned one of the top three coveted spots. This year he earned a regional gold on snow and a regional silver on wheels.

### Fonvielle's Original Syn aka "Original Syn" or "Osy"

Region 8 80 lb Class on both Snow and Wheels.

Fonvielle's Original Syn of Fireline Pits is owned by W. Clay Fonvielle. "Osy" is pulling out of Region 8 from Houston. Osy will be 8 in August and with almost 100 titles earned in conformation, agility, weight pull, dock diving, nosework, protection, etc, he is one of the most decorated American Pit Bull Terriers still active in the working world. This boy gives his all in everything that he does.



### **Firefly**

Region 9 80 lb Class Bronze on Snow and Silver on Wheels

"FIREFLY" [Ironstones Majestc Firefly ONTHETRAX CGC, WDS] is a Rottweiler. Firefly is also working on her Rally novice title.

Firefly finished this season with a Bronze on snow and Silver on wheels. Firefly pulls in the 80 lb class.

Owner/ Handler Mary Hernandez Region 9



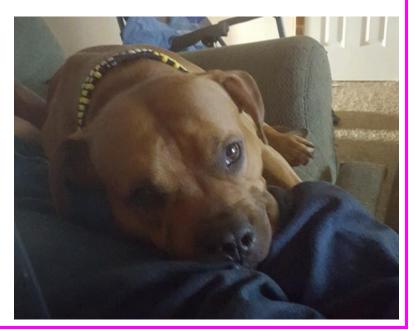
### GrimmLoc

Region 9 80 lb Class Bronze on Snow and Silver on Wheels

Grimmloc, AKA Cookie Monster, is a Pit bull ending his 4th year pulling. His personal best on wheels is 3,240 pounds and on snow his personal best is 710 pounds.

Grimmloc is a big baby right down to a bed time and crying if his is not curled up in bed with Richard by what he feels his bed time is or crying in early morning when Richard leaves him for work. Besides using

his buddy Lacy for a pillow, he enjoys stealing cookies I make as they cool, ice cubes, walking around carrying stuffies, chasing his feline friend and getting in to anything he can, including mud, or just relaxing out in the sun.



### Sunday's Coming Royals' Moose Duke Moses aka "Duke Moses"

Region 9 80 lb class 4<sup>th</sup> Place on Wheels Invitee

Duke Moses, aka "Moose" or "Moosey" came into Robbie and Terry Reed's home at 14 weeks old, after a very memorable start to his life. Moose and four of his siblings had been abducted and kidnapped when they were 10 weeks old. His breeder immediately reported this to law enforcement. At the time, Moose was very sick with Bronchitis and was on needed medication. He was at high risk for fatal complications.

After the report was made, Moose and his siblings became a featured story on all the local media channels, several national media venues and a Facebook sensation. News traveled like fire about these young English Bulldogs puppies that had been stolen in the middle of the night. A Facebook page was opened shortly after the puppies went missing. The original page has closed. However, friends and family continue posting from this page of lost or stolen animals as well as lost or missing people. You can search within Facebook to visit the post by searching "Bring home Moose and his siblings".

Robbie was asked to assist in the investigation and soon all five puppies were recovered one or two at a time; Moose and one sister being the last to be found together.

For those of you who don't know Robbie, she has a heart for caring and nurturing animals. Soon after Moose was recovered, Robbie fell in love with him. But more importantly, big Moose fell in love with Robbie. As God would have it, Terry and Robbie were able to bring Moose home.

Moose has become a very important piece of the Reed residence and Royal Kennel. Moose also became very fond of Robbie's (now) 84 year old dad Myrl, who also lives in their home. Moose and Myrl spend many hours a day talking and entertaining each other. Moose has become quite a guardian companion for Myrl as well. Moose will sense when Myrl doesn't feel well and will stand by his side, insuring Terry or Robbie realize Myrl is having health issues.





Moose's top weight pulled is 1400 lbs on dirt, 1300 lbs on carpet and 260 pounds on natural snow. We are anxious to watch him mature in his pulling career.

Sunday's coming Moose...... ...Sunday is coming.

### Dahteste

Region 9 80 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

My name is Dahteste (pronounced Ta-DOT-se), which is Apache for Women Warrior. I am an American Bulldog/Mastiff mix that has National Champion parents (Sky and DK). This is my second year pulling with IWPA and I will be turning three in July. The most weight I pulled on wheels this year was 2,300 pounds and on snow 1,160 pounds. My human, Marlo, and I have been continually learning about the weight pulling and she is looking at being a judge in the next year or two.

I have also competed with IDWP and took  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  on Rails and Wheels at Championship. W3PO I have earned my Weight Pull Dog Excellent on Rails and I



am the Gold medalist for wheels and Rails for the 80 pound class in Colorado.

When I am not weight pulling, I am spending my days playing with my friends Princess Leia and Molly. We now have two new members in the home and that is Pettie and Lozen. I still spend a lot of time with my human friend Micah.

### olol

Region 11 80 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels.

S'Rendi's Hop On Pop "JoJo" is a 2 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and is also an Izzy granddaughter. JoJo was Gold in the 61-80 lbs class on both wheels and snow.

JoJo is a lot of fun to watch pull. She has a huge heart and does not give up easily.

She won Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2018 GSMDCA National Specialty. She is also known for her hugs!



## Championship Competitors 100 lb Class

### Navi

Region 4 100lb Class Bronze Medalist on Wheels

Owner/Handler Michelle Podolak

Storm Kloud's Valiant Blackhawk Warrior "NAVI" has received the Bronze level in 2019. He has held Gold five times since 2013 and once during that time, he earned Silver. Is it any wonder that I call him my "steady Eddie"?

We (my husband John and I) have working Alaskan Malamutes. They need jobs to do and weight pulling is a great way to fulfill their need to work. Navi comes from the Storm Kloud line, a great working and showing kennel. In everything he does, Navi embodies that great working ethic. He's always up for a new challenge whether it's working around our property pulling fallen branches and debris, running the trails pulling a rig, or excelling in the weight pull chute. During the 2018/2019 season, he participated in a new (to him) sport of Lure Coursing. He achieved his CA title in one weekend, participating in three trials. Navi also earned an AKC Achiever Dog Certificate for his versatility in sport and temperament – he also earned his CGA this season. Navi is always a hit with school children in educational demonstrations about 'sled dogs'.

In the 2018/2019 weight pull season, Navi pulled in both IWPA and Alaskan Malamute Club of America contests, locally and around the country. This season he again achieved a personal best at an IWPA pull at 3568# which was 112# more than his previous high weight of 3456#. I am always blown away by his ability and his desire to complete the task. Sadly, we did not get to compete in the last Region 4 IWPA weight pull of this season. He somehow injured his knee and as soon as I saw him limping in the chute, I stopped him. The orthopedic veterinarian recommended that we rest through the end of the month so we will also not compete at the Championships in Estes Park.



All the best to all of the competitors at the Championship pull.

A final word of thanks and love goes to Nancy and Bob Russell of Storm Kloud Kennel. Without them, and their wonderful legacy, Navi wouldn't be here for us to love.

#### **BROADWAY SHOW**

Region 5 100 lb Class Silver Medalist on Snow and Wheels

WDK's The Broadway Show, "Broadway", is a 2 year-old ADBA registered Working Pit Bulldog. He is pulling in the 100# weight class, representing Region 5. Broadway is owned and handled by Tim and Lonna Goodell of Liahona Kennels in Baldwinsville, NY. Broadway was bred by Malik Ferguson and Working Dog Kennels, and has been with Tim and Lonna since he was 16 months old. Broadway started his weight pull training in July of 2018, and has advanced quickly. Broadway is very exuberant, and strives for constant human contact. He seems to enjoy any activity that he is exposed to.

This is Broadway's first IWPA season. He is the 2018-2019 IWPA Region 5 100# class wheels Silver Medalist and snow Silver Medalist. At the 2018 Irondog Weight Pull Nationals he finished  $2^{nd}$  on rails and  $1^{st}$  on wheels in the 100# class.



### Angus

Region 6 100 lb Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Angus - I am a 6 year old American Bulldog. This is my 2nd year to compete at the IWPA Championships, but it is my 3rd year of competition in Region 6.

I was rescued by Ted Gerke 3 years ago and he put a harness on me and taught me to be a weight puller.

I have achieved many personal bests and look forward to achieve more.

I brought home 2 medals from my first championship last year and look forward to the competition this year.



### Yahtzee

Region 7 100 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

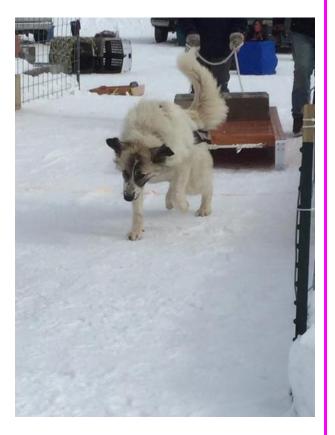
Owner/handler: David Heffelfinger

age: 2 year old

My rescue got the call about an abandoned puppy sitting in the middle of the road in a heavy rainstorm in 2017. Dave went out to pick it up, and fell in love with her by the time he got home. He thought it was a pyr and would make a good goat dog for the farm. Well, she's an Anatolian Shepherd and she fails miserably at being a livestock guard.

She is proving to be a good working dog in harness...at least when her puppy brain is not encouraging her to act like a drunken clown at Mardi Gras. Yahtzee's favorite past time is protecting our farm from the army of squirrels that play in our trees. Actually, that is her unofficial exercise program and how she stays so fit....she chases them tree to tree.

This is Yahtzee's first championships. She got a second place finish in our region for wheels and a first place finish on snow for our region.



### Hope

Region 9 100 lb Class 4th Place Invitee on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

The youngest of the Felice family is Hope. She is an American bull dog mix following in her mother, Sky, paw prints. This is also Hopes first season pulling with personal bests of 1250 on snow and 2700 on wheels.

Besides looking like her mom from one side view of her face and in many ways acting just like her mom. Hope enjoys cuddling with anyone, following us around everywhere and playing with her best friends Midus and the cat lighting.



# Rugged

Region 9 100 lb Class Silver Medalist on Snow and 4th Place Invitee on Wheels

Rugged [UKC Majestc Hitch Hiker's Rugged Path von Ironstone CGC, TT, WD, WDS is a Rottweiler out of my 2013 litter.

Rugged finished this season with Silver on Snow and received an invite for wheels. Rugged pulls in the 100 lb class.

Owner/ Handler Mary Hernandez



#### Tidus

Region 9 100 lb Class Bronze Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Tidus is a 4 year old Bull Mastiff/ Boxer mix who is competing in his 4th Championships. Tidus has 8 regional medals and this year he comes in as the current International Bronze Medalist on Wheels in the 100 lb Class.

When not pulling Tidus likes to wrestle with his boxer sister Rayne and cuddle on the couch.



#### Dezzy

Region 11 100 and 125 lb Classes Gold Medalist both Snow and Wheels

CH Dahlgren's The Man-Child WWD WWDX WWDS ACE-Platinum "Dezzy" is 2 years old. He is a grandson to Izzy and is very much like his grandfather.

Dezzy was Gold on wheels and snow in both the 81-100 lbs class and the 101-125 lbs class for Region 11.

He absolutely loves to pull and loves everyone he meets. He is known for given hugs before and after every pull! Keep in mind if you say "hi" to him, you will most likely get a hug too (and he might even sneak a kiss)!!



#### Xena

Region 11 100 and 125 lb Classes Silver Medalist on Snow (125), Bronze Medalist on Snow (100), and Silver Medalist on Wheels (100)

GCH S'Rendi's Nothing Else Matters at Dahlgren WWD WWDX WWDS ACE-Triple Platinum "Xena" is a 5 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. She is daughter of Izzy.

She ended up in Silver in the 81-100 lbs class and qualified in the 101-125 lbs class on wheels and on snow she was Bronze in the 81-100 lbs class and Silver in the 101-125 lbs class. In 2016 she won Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the GSMDCA National Specialty. She has since produced 2 litters and won



Best Brood Bitch at the 2017 GSMDCA National Specialty. Her offspring, Dezzy and Xela, both medaled in IWPA this season.

# Xela

Region 11 100 Class Silver Medalist and 4th Place Invitee on Wheels.

Dahlgren's Seven Deadly Sins WWD WWDX WWDS "Xela" is a 21 month old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog.

She competed for the first time this season and came in Silver in the 81-100 lbs class on snow and qualified in the same class on wheels.

She is close to receiving her AKC Championship title. Xela is a sweet girl who has quite a unique pulling style in comparison to our other swissys.



# Championship Competitors 125 lb Class

#### **Hurricane Allie**

Region 2 125 lb Class Bronze Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Owner/handler Sue Ferrari

At 2, I'm still trying to figure all this out. And having a slight attitude this year - so says my mom, hasn't helped my points much, but I'm still trying and having fun at it. Mom says I have a way to go to fill some big paw prints, but I'm still a puppy. Does anyone have an extra squeaky toy I can play with? Or a biscuit, I like biscuits, a lot.

I think I have A.D.D. - please keep the squirrels and elk at a distance and away from the handling area. Or mom, is going for a jog.

I am the Region 2 Bronze medalist on snow and wheels this year.

Mr. Ted, are you coming this year? I like strong men who can carry me.



#### **Tornado**

Region 2 125 lb Class Silver Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Owned & handled by George Ferrari

Tornado, aka the evil step sister, has her mind in the right place this year - at least we hope so. At 4 years of age, we hope the teenager issues have gone astray.

She is your Silver medalist on snow and wheels for Region 2 this year. We are trying a little something different, with Sue pulling her at a few pulls. Tori doesn't seem to mind who is handling her. I'm the



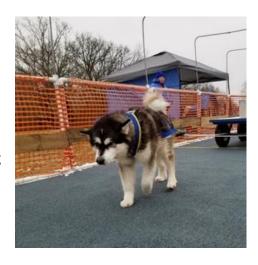
vocal one of the Ferrari clan, not always sure what I'm barking or howling at, but it does make everyone get up from what they are doing.

#### **ZIGGY**

Region 4 125 lb Class Silver Medalist on Wheels

Owner/handler John Podolak

ZIGGY (Edgemere's Second to None) is a 7 year old Alaskan Malamute and has achieved a lot this past season. ZIGGY has pulled in both IWPA and Alaskan Malamute Club of America (AMCA) weight pulls. This season he earned his AMCA "Working Weight Pull Dog - Excellent" title. At our March IWPA weight pull. ZIGGY pulled his IWPA best at 2112#s. ZIGGY earned his AKC "Canine Good Citizen - Advanced" title and passed the therapy dog test (TDI). At the Gateway Sled Dog Club (GSDC) winter races, ZIGGY, with fellow Alaskan Malamute DARWIN



(Tully), won the 300 yard sprint race, beating a team of Siberian Huskies by two seconds. ZIGGY marched in the Saint Patrick's Day parade in downtown Saint Louis with the GSDC.

ZIGGY's favorite activity might be sled dog demos at elementary schools and for Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations. He loves the "meet and greet" session after the demo. He ,loves the kids.

A special thanks to Kathleen Corkum, of Edgemere Kennel, for entrusting us with this wonderful and versatile dog.

#### **XANDER**

Region 5 125 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

Xander is a 2 ½ year-old bandog. He is representing Region 5 in the 125# weight class. He is owned and handled by Tim and Lonna Goodell of Liahona Kennels in Baldwinsville, NY. Xander is a son of Chris Stock's American Bulldog, Sky, and Jack Ellis' XXL Pit bull, Ellis' Bloodline Demon Killa "D.K.". He has been

with Tim and Lonna since he was 9 weeks old. Xander is still a big puppy that has no idea how strong he really is. He enjoys spending as much time as possible with Tim, no matter what they are doing, whether it's a truck ride, a long walk through town, playing in the yard, or launching across the living room to lay in the recliner.

Xander was the 2017-2018 IWPA Region 5 125# class wheels Silver Medalist, 2018-2019 IWPA Region 5 125# class wheels Silver Medalist and snow Gold Medalist. At the 2018 Irondog Weight Pull Nationals Xander finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 125# class on both wheels and rails.



## **McKinley**

Region 7 125 lb Class Gold Medalist Owner/handler: Missy Kehler

McKinley...aka Big Woo is a 4 year old Alaskan Malamute. I've been malamuteless for a few years now. I've missed the woo's and the antics of the breed, though I can't say I missed the hair. Oh the hair! Especially when you live in the soggy south. I mentioned to Sheryl Franklin that I was interested in getting a malamute. She tagged me in a few posts over the next few months but nothing really had that connection, and then we took a drive to a friend's house after an event. Hello. He was a flashback to my first malamutes oh so many years



ago. He is gentle giant. When we go for walks, I feel like I am walking a black bear.

I only had McKinley a little over a week before trying him in his first weight pull. He did well, and qualified on snow. Not bad! This year's championships will be his fourth weight pull competition of his new career, so I'm excited not only to be there, but to see how he does.

#### Draco

Region 9 125 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

This is Draco's first year pulling, he silver medaled on wheels and gold medaled on snow.

Draco is AKC/UKC CH Majestc Draco Celestial Skytracker V Brushcreek CGC, TDN, sired by Cisco [AKC/UKC

CH Majestc Pistol Packin Cisco v Ironstone RN, CGC, WD, TT]. Draco is a Rottweiler out of a 2017 breeding.

Owner/ Handler Mary Hernandez



#### Cisco

Region 9 125 lb Class 4th Place Invitee on Wheels

Cisco's [AKC/UKC CH Majestc Pistol Packin Cisco v Ironstone RN, CGC, WD, TT] is a Rottweiler. He is a AKC & UKC Champion & competes in Rally obedience. He is from my 2011 litter, his grandsire AM/UCI INT'L CH Majestc Orians Guard Sirius [SI] CGC, HT, PT, WD, WDE, CS, TT and granddam Gch Galecreasts Leap of Faith CGC WD [Shelby] also competed in pulling.

Cisco is pulling in the 125 lb Class and received an invite for wheels.

Owner/ Handler Mary Hernandez



## Royal's Valentine Rose Princess Rahab aka Rosie

Region 9 125 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Rosie is a 4 year old Dogue De Bordeaux. She was brought to her forever home at Royal Kennel from a local rescue in September 2016. Terry and Robbie were told she was one of two sisters that were purchased by the original owner to be show dogs and she was surrendered because the owner could not handle both of them. The rescue said her birthday is in February, hence her given name.

This is Rosie's third season in IWPA. She is the Region 9 125 lb Bronze Medalist on Wheels and Snow.

Her personal best pulls are; Carpet 3110 lbs, Dirt 3400 lbs, and Natural Snow 1070 lbs, Artificial Snow 858 lbs.



#### Logan

Region 11 125 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Snow and 4th Place Invitee on Wheels and Gold Medalist on Wheels.

Logan is an almost 3 year old American Bulldog mix.

He finished in Gold in the 126 to 150 lbs class and qualified in the 101-125 lbs class on wheels. He was also Bronze in the 101-125 lbs class on snow for Region 11.



#### **Ngata**

Region 11 Bronze Medalist on Snow (125 lb) and Gold Medalist on Wheels (150 lb)

Silver GCH CH S'Rendi's Purple Passion at Dahlgren WWD WWDX WWDS ACE-Double Platinum "Ngata" is a 5.5 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. This year he finished in Gold for the 126-150 lbs class and Bronze in the 101-125 lbs. on wheels and qualified on snow in the 101-125 lbs class for Region 11.

He is a son of Izzy and just like his father he excels in both conformation and working events. Ngata won the Most Weight Pulled and Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2015 GSMDCA National Specialty and Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2017 GSMDCA National Specialty, as well as, an Award of Merit in the Conformation ring that very same year. Ngata came in 13th in Breed standings in 2018 despite limited showing and competing in weight pulling.



# Championship Competitors 150 lb Class

#### Micky

Region 6 150 lb Class Silver Medalist on Snow and Gold Medalist on Wheels.

Micky is a 12-year-old rescued Newfoundland that has shown me more grit and courage than any other dog I've ever met. Still wanting to compete, this boy started his pulling career at age 3 and has been running with it ever since. In IWPA alone, Micky has earned 10 Gold Regional Medals

and 7 Silver Regional Medals, 5 Gold Championship Medals, 5 Silver Championship Medals and 1 Bronze. Micky has also earned MWP at Championships with IronDog, Tri-State Alaskan Malamute Club and W3PO. Micky's personal bests are 11,930 lbs. on rails, 4,609 on wheels and 4,235 on snow.

This Championship will be Micky's last hoorah as he will be retiring from this sport after this weekend. Micky will continue to enjoy his therapy work and accompanying me to Camp Dogwood to help teach campers and their dogs about weight pulling, tracking and rally obedience.

We've truly enjoyed this ride together and I'll never forget the fun we've had during all of our travels. Please feel free to stop by and say "Hi" to him on his last adventure.



# **Brody**

Region 6 150 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Silver Medalist on Wheels

Brody is a 7 ½ year old rescued Newfoundland that has learned how to take on a challenge. Brody surprised us by earning Gold and Bronze Championship Medals his first year in this sport and has had his ups and downs but seems to have finally settled in. He's enjoying competing under the handling of my husband Barry, so we're excited to see what he's capable of doing at Championships this year.

In his 5 years of pulling, Brody has earned 8 Gold Regional Medals and 2 Silver Regional Medals, 1 Gold Championship Medal, 3 Silver Championship Medals and 2 Bronze.

We're looking forward to seeing what adventures this boy has in in mind.



# **Niketa Joy**

Region 6 150 lb Class Bronze Medalist on Snow and Wheels.

Owner/Handler Donna Libbey

Niketa Joy, 5 years old (1-2-2014) Black Lab/German Sheppard is Region 6 150 lb. Bronze Medal winner on Both Snow and Wheels.



Niketa Joy came to me as a wild, untrained just 2 year old. My Neighbor from down state had gotten her after her old dog got run over. An E-collar a couple of time and wonder...

# Lilly

Region 7 150 lb Class Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels and Gold Medalist in the 125 lb Class.

Owner/handler: David Heffelfinger

What can we say about Lilly? We could always talk about the snot boogers she slings. Some of which I think are strategically and precisely aimed at my morning joe. Or how I usually have to wipe the walls, ceilings, doors, or other various places that have the unfortunate luck of being snot-a-fied with one good shake by Miss Lilly. Did I mention that the humans in the house usually have to do a visual inspection of each other before leaving the house because Lilly is usually know for brushing up against us (probably on purpose) and leaving long drool marks. Nothing worse than finding a dried Lilly goober on your finest.



In the end, we are as devoted to her, as she is to us. She's a fantastic dog that adores DAve and is most content by his side. She proves that every time she steps into the chute. She everything she can to please her "daddy".

Miss Lilly is a rescue St. Bernard, so her pulling career started when we adopted her. She is now 7 years old. In 2016 she won the Bronze at Championships. In 2017, she won the Silver at Championships and took BBP in her class. This year for regional's, she placed first in the 125lb class. Tied for first in the 150lb wheeled class, and placed first in the snow as well.

#### **Royals' Conqueror Prince Mufasa**

Region 9 150 pound Class Silver Medalist on Wheels.

With an extremely heavy heart both Terry and Robbie Reed are sad to say that Prince Mufasa will not be defending his 2018 Gold Medal at Championships this year.

In December 2018 Mufasa became visibly very sick. Terry and Robbie took him to vet hospital after vet hospital to see numerous Specialists as he grew increasingly more sick and weaker. Only 6 weeks later he was laid to rest and crossed over Rainbow Bridge on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Windsor Castle at Royal Vista Veterinary Specialists.

The reality is that Prince Mufasa slowly began deteriorating several months prior to his passing. It was only after he was laid to rest, did the true answer become clear about his health. It was discovered the prescription can food he had been fed was contaminated with excessively high levels of Vitamin D. Prince Mufasa suffered from Vitamin D toxicity. Mufasa's major organs were effected to a degree that his liver and kidneys were shutting down. As a result, he became increasingly weaker and weaker.



Specialist after Specialist, no one figured out what was going on. The vets had diagnosed several health complications stemming from the Vitamin D toxicity, but the underlying cause wasn't.

The Reeds want anyone who has a dog that obviously appears sick and vets have a difficult time diagnosing what's wrong, to always think about the source possibly being contaminated food.

During Prince Mufasa's weight pull career, his personal bests are; Carpet 3740 lbs., Dirt 3965 lbs., Artificial Snow 1580 lbs. and Natural Snow 710 lbs.

The Reeds lives will forever be changed because of the unconditional love that Mufasa blessed their lives with. Prince Mufasa has lived up to his name by conquering so many terrors from his early life. He will forever be missed.... Royal's Conqueror Prince Mufasa.

## **Tiny Tank**

Region 3 Unlimited Class Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels

Owner/Handler Darwin Lumbattis

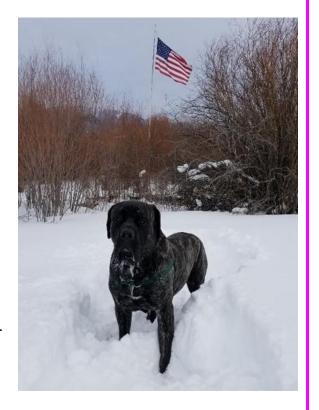
Tank is a 20 month old English Mastiff from Butte Montana. This is his first year pulling so training has been minimal, can't wait until next year! Tank is playful, funny, loving yet a protective and a strong ass dog!

Tank and Scout are best buddies and play a lot!

Tank is so bad he got gold on snow and wheels in Region 3... Did I mention he is the only dog in unlimited in snow and only qualified 2 times on wheels earning 10 points? LOL. He has pulled 800 lbs on wheels and 1210 lbs on snow.

A special "shout-out thank you" to Region 9 and the Ferrari's. Especially to the Reeds for helping me organize and for attending my pulls.

Good luck everyone, see you at Championships.



## **Aubyrne**

Region 7Unlimited class Gold Medalist on Wheels -

Aubyrne is a 6.5 year old Alaskan Malamute, owned and handled by Sheryl Franklin (Region 7).

Aubyrne has been through basic and intermediate obedience classes. He's missing his CGC because he woos for me through the separation test.

He's given agility classes a try, but is too big to like the tunnel very much. Rally may be on tap for him this year.

He had a trying season in the chute this year with all the rain we had. We had some sloppy tracks. When we finally had a dry pull, he was his old self in the chute. He's such a goofy boy and his enthusiasm is great!

He's very gentle with people, especially kids. A true gentle giant.



#### Mariko

Region 7 Unlimited class Silver Medalist on Wheels -

Mariko is a 6.5 year old Alaskan Malamute, owned and handled by Sheryl Franklin (Region 7).

She is very sweet, as well as a bit of a diva. Mariko has been through basic and intermediate obedience classes, and earned her CGC. She's taken several agility classes, but because of her size, the tunnel is an issue. She's taking Rally classes right now and is enjoying them.

This season she's put more effort into pulling than she ever has. Nice of her to drop her diva tiara for me and do some work!

I love this girl.



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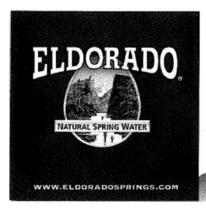


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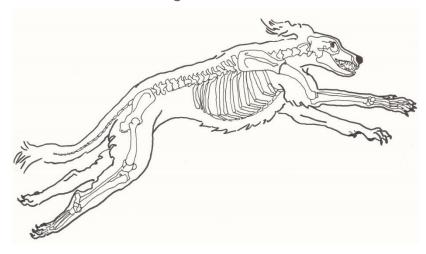
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