

Spitz –Bitz

Show News

Lots going on with the dogs that we're all familiar with. We had three dogs finish within the Association and quite a few Group wins, placements and even two **BIMBS WINNERS !!!** (Please submit any results/pictures that you may have for your wins and results to appear in the next newsletter.)

April Results

April 10 & 11, 2010 – Great Southern Kennel Club, Long Beach, MS

Marquis Smokin' At Kingsfield (Diane & Sonny Price) went BOW, BOB, Grp 1 and **BIMBS** under Judge Deborah Orwin (4/10 - S1) & BOW, BOB and Grp 3 under Judge Jim Jones (4/11 – S1)

NEW Ch. Sheminee American Dream (Diane & Sonny) finished this weekend by taking BOW, BOS, and Grp 3 under Judge Judy Jones (4/10 -S2) and BOW, BOB, and Grp 3 under Judge William Orwin (4/11 – S2)



New Ch. "Dream"



"Smokie" goes BIMBS

May Results

May 1 & 2, 2010 – Mississippi State American Pit Bull Terrier Club, McComb, MS

NEW Ch. Marquis Smokin At Kingsfield (Diane & Sonny) finished with BOW, BOB and Grp 1 under Judge Matthew Proctor (5/1 – S2)

NEW Ch. Kingsfield Dreamsicle (Diane & Sonny) finished this weekend by going BOW, BOB, and Grp 3 under Judge Maude Tank (5/1 – S1) and BOW, BOB and Grp 2nd under both Judge Judy Jones (5/2 – S1) and Judge Jim Jones, (5/2 – S2)



New Ch. "Smokie"



New Ch. "Sicle"

May 2, 2010 – Echo Club, Buchanan, MI

Ch. Marquis Black N Blue All Over (Sandra Saucedo) went CH of CHs, BOB, Grp 1 and **BIMBS** under Judge Marion Campbell (S1) and CH of CHs, BOB, and Grp 1 under Judge Jennifer Landers (S2)

Ch. Marquis Chocolate Addiction (Sandra) went Res. CH of CHs in both shows.

News to know

- The month of April brought on much discussion with our Officers and Board of Directors. Top of the list was the finalization of the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and Membership

Application to be presented to the UKC for approval as the provisional parent club of our breed. Things have been prepared and submitted, and we're just waiting for word from UKC.

- The decision was made to change our name from the German Spitz Club of America to the **National German Spitz Association**. As it is our ultimate goal to be recognized with the UKC as the German Spitz parent club here in the United States, we have elected to use that club/association title.

Medical info

Query was made with Optigen regarding whether a PRA test is available or could be available for the German Spitz. And the following email response was received:

Dear Diane,

Thank you for contacting OptiGen with the question of testing PRA in the German Klein Spitz (GKS). Unfortunately we do not have a DNA test that we know is diagnostic for the form of PRA that occurs in this breed. We have received a couple of GKS that have been diagnosed (clinically by veterinary ophthalmologists) with PRA. We tested them as part of our Free PRA Test/Research program for PRA-affected pedigreed dogs (http://www.optigen.com/opt9_research.html) to see if the form of PRA that occurs in the American Eskimo Dog (prcd-PRA) also caused the GKS PRA. Unfortunately the GKS was not due to prcd-PRA so no DNA test is yet available for PRA in the GKS.

If you know of any PRA-affected GKS, please encourage the owners to contact me if they are interested in the free PRA testing/research program. It is quite possible for more than one form of PRA to occur in a breed--we have many examples of that. So even though PRA in the other GKS was not due to prcd, it is possible that other cases of PRA in the breed could be due to this mutation.

Best regards,

Sue PK

In this regard, if anyone has/knows/suspects any German Spitz to be affected with PRA, we encourage you to immediately contact Optigen to obtain the testing that was mentioned above. They can be contacted as follows:

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Sad news to know

Sad news came on April 10th that there were 12 German Spitz scheduled to be sold at a dog auction in MO the following day. Because of the late discovery of this auction, no members were able to get to the auction in an attempt to rescue these dogs and, after contacting the auction service, I learned that all but one dog listed were sold. However, after some internet searching I was able to contact the owner, found out she had a female (pulled from the auction listing) and three newborns, plus four other puppies. Reports from that owner were that the newborns were okay, but the other four pups all suffered medical conditions including umbilical hernias, luxating patellas and one that was so small (2 lbs. at 12 weeks) that it was a concern she would go into hypo-glycemic shock. I asked why she was selling her dogs at auction and she responded that she wanted to "get out of the breed because they just don't sell". Wow. I offered to take them off her hands, but the best offer I could get out of her was \$500 per dog if I took them all. Unfortunately, that just wasn't a possibility. Rescue is not always as easy as one might think. If anyone would like to try, please let me know and I can give you her contact info.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the Premier.
Until then ^..^ __ @