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***Oh Those Silly Schipperkes!***



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*Cover Picture – Pat Tak Brown’s newest puppy, a chocolate Schipperke named Jethro*

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## From the Editor

As our club enters its 53<sup>rd</sup> year, I'm excited for what's to come. We're going to have more in person events than we've had since 2019 and have a number of new members (two- and four-legged) that we're excited to meet in person. As with most organizations, the only constant is change. There are numerous opportunities to become more involved with the Colonial Schipperke Club, none of which are extremely time-consuming. From helping with fund raising to assisting with planning SchipNics and chairing dog events, the more people we have involved, the better our organization is. If you're new, please don't be intimidated. We're nice – I promise! We love having members – new and seasoned – active in putting together events and activities, and if there's an idea you have – let us know! We're always looking for ways to advance the club, and active engagement is the way to do it.

## The Inside Scoop

If at any point I ever forget how wonderful our Schipperkes are, I needn't look any further than the pages of *The Schip Scoop* to get a laugh from our furry friends. Thank you to all who sent in pictures, and if your dog didn't make it in, please reach out and we'll make sure they're in an upcoming issue. We want to feature as many Schips as possible. Thank you to Fran Keyes for her article about conformation. Many of us are fascinated by the show world but don't know how to get a foot in the door, and her article is a great intro to that world. Chris Born always has great pictures of her pups, and I appreciate her article – all the way from Alaska – in this issue. Make sure to check out Ritz's interview with LB (Ritz got his interview skills from me and my former career as a journalist). I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, and, of course, a huge thank you to Carol Burnett for her edits, guidance, and article on the newest addition to her home. I always welcome articles, and if you're interested in writing something but don't have a topic in mind, just reach out and I'm happy to toss around with some ideas with you.

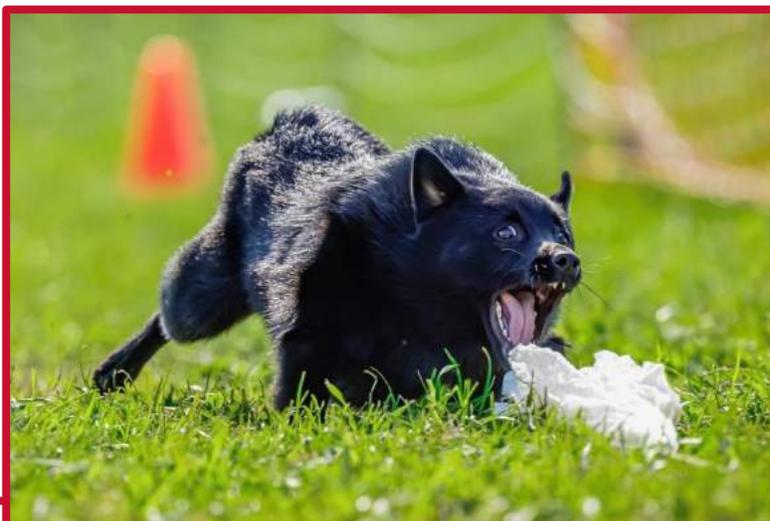
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### Fall Specialty Chair Needed

We're seeking a chair for our Fall Specialty on Saturday, October 15 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland. The chair would be responsible for the logistics prior to the show, but would have the support of Board members, including Cathy Thistle who has offered to co-chair, as well as club members the day of. The person should be knowledgeable about conformation. If you want to learn more, please email Cathy Thistle at [FoxnoirThistle@aol.com](mailto:FoxnoirThistle@aol.com).

## Silly Schips



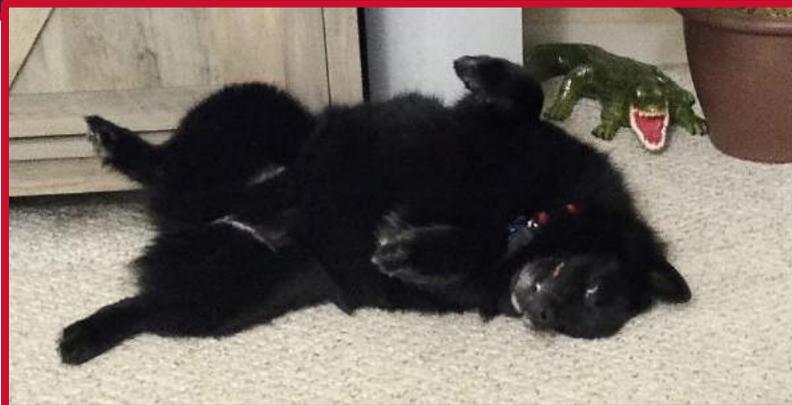
*Mr. Darcy eyes the photographer to make sure she's snapping away as he "gets the bunny." Mom Tara McDonough is very proud (and entertained) by her boy.*



*Cricket, owned by Ann Roberts Vitale and Stefano Vitale, is Schip-ervising a bug on the car floor.*



*Rose tries to disguise herself as a cat. It's unlikely mom Christine Born doesn't recognize her funny girl.*



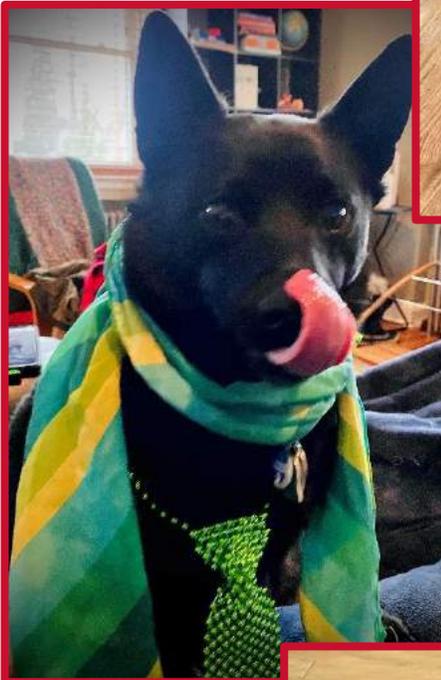
*Carol Spink's Zeerob is stalked by an alligator while taking a nap.*



## Sillier Schips



*Siblings Giddy (right) and Bella (left) show their rivalry for the camera, as well as parents Libby and Jack Stevens.*



*Michele and Brendan O'Callaghan have their Schip Reilly decked out for St. Patrick's Day.*



*Celia cuddles with her llama, and in the process gives Shalini and John Morris a good laugh.*



*Eddy Marks's Pirate Jack can't decide if he wants to beg for treats or nap.*

## Even More Silly Schips



*Thumper (l) and Sansa (r) commandeer a box from a recent Costco trip by Joanna and Joe Ortiz.*



*Wanda Singhass's little girl offer a less-than-LADYlike expression.*

*Twizzler proves he's "top dog" over his little brother Rolo. Both owned and loved by the Gertner family.*



*Ritz decides that his bed isn't comfortable enough, so he opts to steal Stephanie Woodrow's pillows to make himself extra comfy.*



## So, You Want to Try Out Conformation...

*By Frances Shatner Keyes*

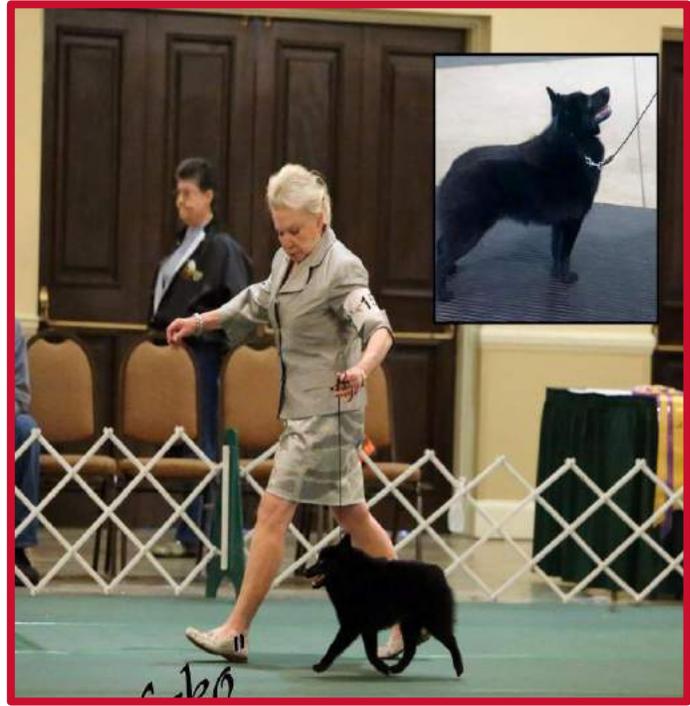
When I was a child, my parents had German Shepherds and I was enthralled by the breed. When I reached 16, my dad suggested visiting the “little man on the hill” for a puppy. Instead of appreciating his experience and accepting his advice, I bought a “rare silver” shepherd. I had issues with this dog and soon discovered that Heidi *was not* and *would not* be the dog I hoped for.

Making matters worse, the “little man on the hill” was none other than John Gans, the man who first brought German Shepherds to this country (notably Pfeffer Von Bern, who became the foundation for this breed in the U.S.).

Did I ever “eat crow”!

I presage this tale as a message that we can all make mistakes without education and the dog we love might not be the conformation dog we hope for.

So, how can we make the best decisions for our new show dogs?



*Frances Shatner Keyes in the ring with GCH CH Nanhall's Meri Mako CA*

- Read the breed standard to understand the breed mentally and physically. Check for disqualifications (as in my rare silver German Shepherd): teeth, coat patterns, head piece and requirements.
- Join an all-breed club and a specialty club, such as CSC. Enlist a positive mentor with knowledge of the breed and of dog shows.
- Attend several dog shows to experience the noise and commotion. Ask a professional handler or breeder to explain silhouette and movement. Keep in mind that professionals have clients and this is their job, so don't feel insulted if they appear rushed or curt.
- Keep in mind that the most important attribute in a show dog is good temperament. Dogs who are happy, socialized, independent, willing, and attentive often do well in the ring. But even those dogs should receive experience in various settings. It's not fair to take a house dog and throw him into a unique setting.
- Be aware that shows are expensive! Newbies can be caught off guard by the total cost of travel, hotels, entry fees, equipment, and proper clothing to present the best picture of handler and dog while in the ring.
- Don't forget that although showing can be stressful, it's important to have fun. Create some time to relax; long walks help to build a relationship and reduce stress.



## More on Trying Out Conformation

### Prior to the Show:

- Spend time working with the dog on them focusing on the handler and learning that they're rewarded with treats for focusing and ignored for unacceptable behavior.
- Conditioning a dog involves weekly baths, misting daily, blowing out dead coat, and brushing. Use a pin brush and a slicker to line brush.
- Get the dog used to being on a table by placing him on one and allowing him to settle. Use bait. Allow the dog to relax on the table without any demands. Check the bite and be sure the teeth are clean.
- Put him on the floor, encouraging him to pose and stand calm and square, also referred to as stacking.
- Movement is important, and practice makes perfect. Dogs should trot at a proper pace for the breed. It is not a horse race. A good dog moves on a loose lead slowly and correctly especially if he is balanced.
- Go shopping for show clothes. Select solid colors for pant and dress suits. Skirts should not be full. This not only distracts the judge, but also the dog. Wear light colors with a dark dog. Wear non-slip shoes. This is a show, and we want present a pretty picture to the judge.

### Show Time:

- Be several hours early to acclimate to the setting. Set the up the dog's area with his crate and bedding in view of the ring.
- Get armbands early and confirm judging time.
- Prior to entering the ring, maintain the dog's attention.
- When called, be sure to trot the dog into the ring and stack.
- Once in the ring, listen to the judge's direction; it's best not to chat.
- Pay attention to the dog and let him have fun in this new situation.
- Judges will have handlers place the dog on the table and stack. Be ready for the individual examination and give the judge space.

### Pro Tips:

- To be competitive, a dog's beauty and health need to be maintained, including regular worming, vitamins, proper nutrition, and grooming.
- Proper equipment enhances the coat. Cheap wire brushes, incorrect brushing damages skin and breaks coat.

*In addition to being a CSC member, Frances Shatner Keyes is an accomplished Schipperke breeder and the recipient of the Gaines Award in Addition to the Delta Society Award for Training Dog for the disabled. She is also a retired member of the Professional Handlers' Association*

### Registering for Shows

1. Contact dog show superintendents, namely MB-F, Onofrio, or Rau
2. Select the desired show and the premium will be displayed
3. Complete the entry form including breed, AKC registered name of dog, AKC registration number, sex, age, owner info, breeder info, and sire and dam
4. Choose classes you wish to compete in based on the dog's age
5. Pay the registration fee

### Supplies Needed

- Series 200 crates with water and bed, one in car and one at setup
- Portable folding grooming table, ideally with a wood top and solid
- Cool air blow dryer to open coat after a bath and remove dead hair
- Pin brush for line brushing hair-by-hair to open the coat
- All Systems slicker brush to finish the silhouette; Test brush on your arm to ensure they are not harsh
- Coat king to remove old dead coat or sharpen; Use carefully along the pattern of hair
- Dremel, safer than nail clippers
- Protein shampoo and crème conditioner
- Undercoat rake
- Towels
- Dog coat foam spray
- Thinning shears for whiskers and paw pads
- Dog toys and treats
- 12-14" fitted choke collar
- Show leads
- 6' and 15' exercise leads



## North to Alaska Took on a New Meaning for One Schipperke Owner

*By Christine Born*

On October 25, 2015, three Schipperke puppies were born—two girls and one boy. I got the boy, Jean Luc, Bindi stayed with Michele Kasten, the breeder in St. Louis, and Uta went to Fairbanks, Alaska.

I met Bindi when I picked up baby Jean Luc at the St. Louis airport, but since Uta had left the nest the week before, I never thought I would have the chance to meet her.

Fast forward to 2021 and I was packing for a trip to Alaska with some of my Manassas Warrenton Camera Club friends when it dawned on me that I would be in Fairbanks for five of the 10 days I would be in the Last Frontier.

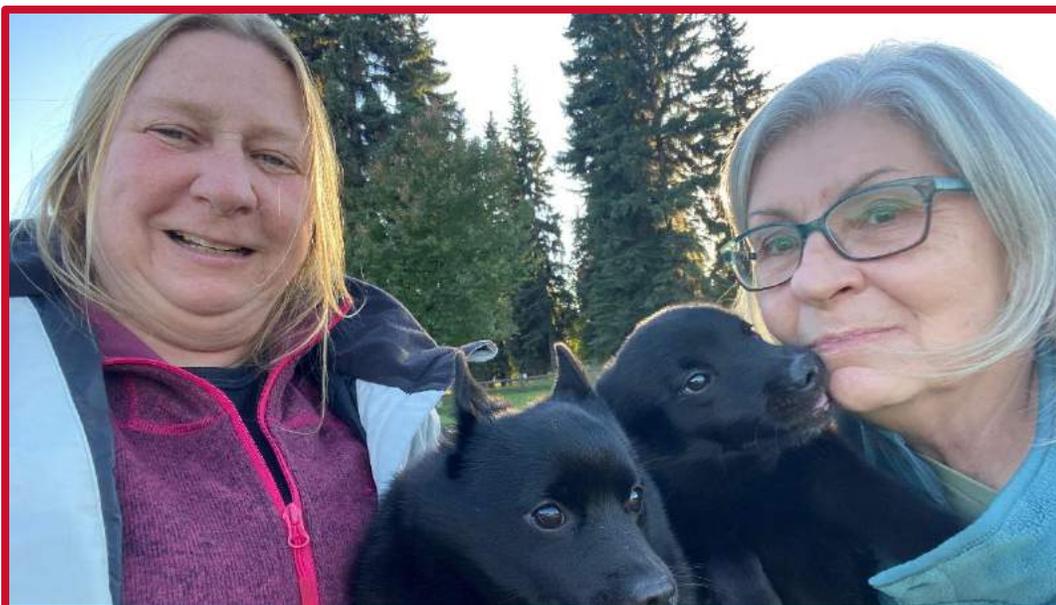
I had corresponded with Heidi Cook, Uta's owner, on Facebook and when she noticed I made a comment about the weather in Fairbanks for September, she asked me if I was coming there. I told her about my trip and said I would like to meet her and Uta. She thought it was a wonderful idea.

I figured my fellow travelers would think I was nuts — I flew 4,150 miles and met up with my dog's littermate! But they are animal lovers as well and thought it was a pretty cool idea.

Heidi and I set up a meet near the hotel after she got after work, and I was more excited about meeting her and Uta than I was about photographing the Northern Lights later that night.

Heidi got to the park first and when I got out of the car, I immediately saw a little black dog strutting her way through the park. It is interesting how much Schipperkes stand out.

I ran up to them and hugged Heidi. We bonded immediately — another trait of Schipperke owners — and I was almost in tears as I picked up Uta. I had been anticipating this for weeks and I was so happy it was finally happening. She is smaller than Luc but absolutely adorable and sweet. Heidi also had one of



her other Schipperkes (she has three) with her and he went along for the walk also.

A few children came up to us and asked what kind of dogs they were

*Christine Born (l) holding Jean Luc, and Heidi Cook (r) getting cuddles from Jean Luc's littermate, Uta*



## More on a CSC Member’s Trek to Alaska

and wanted to pet them. Heidi obliged and, as usual, everyone loved our little devils.

I had brought a stuffed toy — a butterfly similar to the swallowtails on many Virginia license plates —that I let Jean Luc play with to get his scent on it, and then gave it to Uta. She put her little paw on it looked at me like she knew it smelled like her brother. Heidi gave me some tug toys for my pack, and I am sure Luc smelled his sister.

We walked and talked for over an hour until it got late, and Heidi had to go. It was a magical meeting and I am so glad we made it happen.

And I did see and photograph the Aurora Borealis that night, and while it was an amazing experience to see, I could not stop thinking about Uta and Heidi — friends forever, bonded by these little black dogs



Jean Luc with his new toy

## Spring SchipNic is Saturday, May 21

The Colonial Schipperke Club’s Spring SchipNic will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from noon - 3pm at the dog park at Olney Manor Recreational Park, 16601 Georgia Ave., Olney, Maryland. This is the same location as where previous SchipNics have been held.

The club will provide all of the food, paper products, utensils, and bottled water. Be sure to bring chairs and x-pens for the picnic area. We will have a raffle of gift baskets (including the glass figurine to the right), and a brief club meeting after lunch.



To get to the picnic area where we’ll meet, turn from Georgia Avenue, which is also called Rt. 97, onto Emory Lane into the park. The picnic area is at the east end of the small dog park, which will be on your right toward the back of the park (see map to the left).

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 19, so we know how much food to buy. You can call or text Carol Burnett at (703) 309-1943 or email her at [CarolBurnettVa@gmail.com](mailto:CarolBurnettVa@gmail.com).

You do not need to be a club member to attend the SchipNic.



## CSC to Host Three-Day Fast CAT Trial in Walkersville, Maryland

The first weekend in June, the Colonial Schipperke Club will host three days of Fast CAT trials in Walkersville, Maryland. Aside from being lots of fun for our two- and four-legged members, it's also a wonderful fundraising opportunity, from which the club anticipates netting about \$4,800.

Fast CAT, short for Fast Coursing Ability Test, is a simpler and shorter version of the AKC sport of Course Ability Test (CAT). In Fast CAT, dogs do a straight 100-yard sprint chasing after a "bunny" (aka a white plastic bag) attached to a mechanical lure operated manually. At the end of the run is a catcher (most often their owner) standing past the finish line calling out to them to "come" or "get the bunny!"



*Karen and Mike Wolf-Branigin's "honorary Schipperke" Miko enjoyed getting the bunny at CSC's Fast CAT last year. Photo by Dean Lake Photography*

Dogs are rewarded with a "prize" of getting to be with their owners at the or grabbing onto the bag. To participate and earn points, dogs must be 12 months

old, be registered with AKC, and bitches cannot be in heat. Runs are solo and times are motion-activated, with those times converted into miles per hour and points. No experience or training is needed; either a prey drive or love for their owners will do.

To pull off the event, we will assistance from our two-legged club members, and the encouragement of our four-legged ones. There are a number of ways to assist, and all are appreciated.



*Tara McDonough's Mr. Darcy aims to earn his FCAT2 at CSC's trial this June. Photo by Phil Dunn Photography*

About 15 volunteers are needed each day to run the events. There are jobs that can be done sitting, in the shade, with no knowledge of Fast CAT required, and rotating, so not everyone is working the whole time. People aren't required to volunteer for more than one day.

Once the final runs are done on Sunday, volunteers are needed to take down fencing and break down the rest of the equipment.



## More on CSC's Fast CAT Trials

The more volunteers we have, the less each person needs to work. As a perk, volunteers get to run their Schips first thing in the morning before it gets hot, a major perk for our black pups. Supplies are also needed, with a full list in the right column.

We have a block of rooms at the Econo Lodge at 6021 Francis Scott Key Drive in Frederick. The rooms are \$60/night plus \$10/dog/night. Reservations can be made by calling 301-698-0555 and mentioning the Colonial Schipperke Club group rate.

All dogs – owned by volunteers or not – must be pre-registered and paid in order to run. Dogs can run a maximum of twice each day. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact Stephanie Woodrow at stephaniewoodrow@gmail.com by April 15.



*Sunny soars toward mom Denise Barringer in the catch pen.*

Photo by MLBaer Photography

### Volunteer Positions

- Check-in – Sitting job that involves marking dogs in, confirming they aren't lame by watching them walk a few steps, and giving toilet paper to ensure bitches aren't in heat
- Start Box – Alerts others as to which dogs are running next
- Huntmaster – Communicating with the Lure Operating and giving releasers the go-ahead to release the dogs
- Catch Pen – Letting owners know when they can enter the course and keeping the gate closed when dogs are running
- Ribbons – Sitting job that involves passing out ribbons and rosettes

### Supplies Needed

- 3 - Coolers with ice for drinks for volunteer
- 2 - Kiddie swimming pools with ice for dogs to cool off
- 6 - X-pens
- 5 - 6' Folding tables
- 6 – Pop-up tents
- 10 – Folding chairs

## 2021 Final Rankings

*In 2021, 36 Schips completed the minimum three Fast CAT runs to qualify for AKC's ranking. Of those, 10 belong to CSC members*

- #3 GCHS CH Aned's Blaise CD BN RE FDC FCAT CGCA CGCU TKA ATT, aka Rascal, owned by Sherry Pullen, Kitty Pullen, and Mary Ann Simanek
- #7 Rockdale's Chasing Mister Darcy FCAT TKN VHMP, aka Mr. Darcy, owned by Tara McDonough
- #8 Skydance's Reggie The Ewok FCAT2, aka Vader, owned by Joan DeHaven
- #10 Foxnoir Enchanted Prince of Tails FCAT2 CGC, aka Captain Morgan, owned by Carie Wohl
- #15 Foxnoir Enchanted Coquette RN FDC DCAT CGC TKN, aka Coquette, owned by Cathy Thistle, Dena Barcellona, and Carie Wohl
- #19 Foxnoir Enchanted Black Tie & Tails FCAT2 CGCA TKN, aka Ben, by owned by April de Bremond, Carie Wohl, and Cathy Thistle
- #22 Kurakuma's Sweepin' The Clouds Away FCAT2, aka Sunny, owned by Denise Barringer
- #26 GCH CH Enchanted Lady Liberty FCAT3 CGCA TKN, aka Elle, owned by Carie Wohl and April de Bremond
- #31 Enchanted Knight Ryder CD BN RE FDC NA NAJ OAP OJP OFP DCAT CGCA TKN, aka Ryder, owned by April de Bremond and Carie Wohl
- #34 Legacy's Sambuca Straight Up FCAT CGCA CGCU TKI VHMA, aka Ritz, owned by Stephanie Woodrow



## My Interview with LB, the Lover Boy

By Schipperke Ritz Woodrow

*LB aka GCHG CH Whispering Pines Lover Boy BCAT DM DS holds the third spot in AKC's lifetime points among Schipperkes, and is the son of GCHP2 CH Rivendel's Barefoot Bandit, aka Colton, the most accomplished Schipperke in AKC history, and CH Delamer's Endless Summer. In June, he will compete at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. In his career, LB has won two All Breed Best in Shows, seven Reserve Best in Shows, , 41 Group Firsts, 118 Group Placements, and is a National Specialty Winner.*

**Do you have a favorite toy, and is it a toy or just something you've stolen from your family or home?**

*My favorite toy is a tennis ball. I love when Mom takes me to the lake on the boat and throws in the water so I have to jump in after it.*

**How does it feel to be spoiled more than most children in the world?**

*Being spoiled is the best, especially when I get lots of belly rubs and as many cookies as I want.*

**How would you describe your perfect day?**

*My perfect day would be going on mom's boat and playing in the water with all my friends*

**If you had a job, what would it be?**

*If I could have any job it would be baby sitting. I adore kids and say hi to every one that walks by.*

**If your family was going to add a non-dog pet to the family, what would you like it to be?**

*I would love to have a dolphin as a pet. Then I could go swimming every day.*

**Now that you're retired, are you planning on eating more treats, taking up fishing, or spending more time with your grandpups?**

*I plan on traveling the world and making new friends as I go. And hopefully getting to see what the beaches are like in other countries.*

**What are you thinking about when you are getting your hair blown out?**

*I'm usually not thinking anything because this is one of the best parts of my week and so relaxing. It's like getting a massage.*

*Me with my mom Jessica Plourde. After I win, she always makes me pose for pictures. I like the attention, and it's usually followed by treats.*



## More From My Interview with LB, the Lover Boy

### What are your favorite beauty products?

*My favorite beauty product is Chris Christensen Shine For Sure. It makes me shine and it smells sooooo good.*

### What do you think about being seen on social media? Do you know that you're famous?

*Other than my mom posting things on social media about me I don't pay much attention to it. I had no idea that I was famous.*

### What human food have you never tried that you're curious to try? What human food have you tried that you don't understand why they enjoy it?

*I'd like to try chocolate even though I know it isn't good for me. I'm not sure what the big deal is about peanut butter.*

### What's your food routine? Do you get bored eating the same food every day?

*I don't really have a set routine. I usually eat at night right before bed. I like the food mom feeds me so I don't mind eating the same thing every day.*



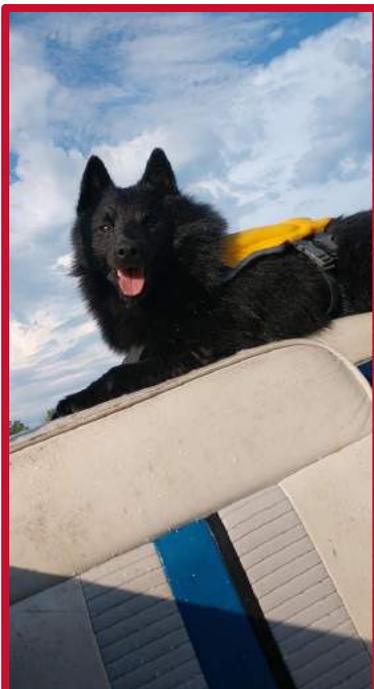
*Here I am showing my Australian Shepard siblings how to do upward dog.*

### What's your most recurring dream?

*My most recurring dream is being on the swim team in the Olympics and winning the gold.*

### When you were a puppy, what did you want to be when you grew up?

*When I grew up, I wanted to be a weightlifter! I would pick up laundry detergent bottles by the handle and lift them up in the air like it was a weight.*



### Future Plans

*LB is likely retired from showing in the U.S. He's currently doing conformation internationally, with the ultimate goal being to get championships from other countries. Once he returns to the U.S., his focus will be on earning more performance titles. LB already has his Dock Diving Senior and Master titles. LB will also work on titles in tricks, agility, rally, and barn hunt.*



## Meet Barbara Corson

### ***When did you first learn about Schipperkes?***

I have been interested in dogs and dog training all my life, and knew that the breed existed but never saw one in person until 1998.



*Barbara's "Golden Girls" (Lupin on her lap and Leaflet showing off her tail) right after she adopted them.*

### ***What do you love about Schips?***

I love their looks, with their athletic but small build, their lovely fur, which is thick but not fluffy, and especially their bright, foxy little faces. And, of course, I love their active, alert, passionate personalities. I love that they are smart and quirky. Mine have all been good-natured and, of course, I love that. They are a little aloof with strangers, but very devoted to their humans.

### ***When and how did you get your first Schip?***

My sisters volunteered for a pet rescue and "introduced" me to my first Schip in 1998. He was a young adult when I got him and had some issues. He didn't trust people and was so fearful, poor little guy. I was having some trouble of my own at the time and I think that was one reason we bonded. I had him for about 11 years until he died of pancreatitis. The universe sent me another Schip almost

immediately and I was (and am) so grateful. I have had a total of six Schipperkes, including the two I have now.

### ***Who are your current Schips and can you share a bit about them?***

I currently have two cream Schips, both are spayed females from a rescue in the Midwest. One is about four now and the other is six and I have had them for two years. The younger but larger one (17 lbs.) is named Lupin, and she is active and athletic and loves to run and play with her toys. She has a funny way of "freezing" with her nose pointing straight up, while she watches me out of the corner of her eye, which I have not seen other dogs do. She is not much of a lap dog but likes to be close



*Barbara with Leaflet (l) and Lupin (right) in November 2021*



## More on Barbara Corson and Her “Golden Girls”

by and will sometimes curl up on a chair next to me. The smaller and older of the two is named Leaflet. She is the first Schip that I’ve had with a tail. It is short and bushy, and she carries it over her back. Very cute! Her coat is a little longer and a bit softer than Lupin’s. At first, she was very reluctant to be touched or held, but now she loves falling asleep on my lap while I watch movies or knit. She only rarely plays with toys but it’s even more cute when she does. They both like going for car rides (in their crates) and, of course, going for walks to investigate all the smells.

### ***Tell us a little about yourself.***

I was born in Pennsylvania and have lived here most of my life. Besides Schipperkes, I love other animals including horses and cattle. We have a milk cow and a yak, mostly because we enjoy them (although they do give us some things like milk and wool, respectively). I like plants too, and nature, music and reading. I really enjoy the Schipperke Facebook pages and set aside time every day to try to read posts and enjoy the pictures and stories people share. Sometimes it’s sad, of course, when people post that they have lost their furbabies, but I think it’s important to share our griefs as well as our joys. Thank you for accepting me as a member!

## Meet Mary Hare

Hi! My name is Mary Hare. My husband Chris and I currently have two Schipperkes - Cally and Petra. I first learned about Schips about 20 years ago. We had a lab, but our daughter wanted a smaller dog. We happened to be in a pet shop and saw a Schipperke puppy. I had never heard of the breed, so we went home, did some research about them, and decided this was the breed for us.

We were living in Syracuse, New York, and Chris went to a dog show to find more information. Knowing what I now know about dog shows, it was fate! The Schips were showing, and he asked about finding a breeder. Shirley Smith of Logaven Schipperkes was highly recommended and that is who we got Ronny, our first Schip, from in the summer of 2003.



We have had five Schips so far:

- "Ronny" - Logaven Diamond in the Rough RN
- "Cruiz" - CH Mardecks The Recruit RE NA NAJ NAP OJP THDA CGC
- "Rhode" - Logaven Cyclades Adventure RE OA AXJ NF THDA CGC TKN
- "Cally" - GCH CH Mardeck's Musically Inspired OA OAJ BCAT RATS CGC TKN
- "Petra" - GCH CH Deep Sea Black Gold NA NAJ DCAT RATN TKN



## More About Mary Hare

Cally is now 10 years old and the only activity that she is still participating in is Barn Hunt (and maybe the occasional veteran's sweepstakes). Petra is four years old and is still active in everything. In fact, she just earned her novice agility titles in January! I am also very proud that Rhode and Cally have earned the SCA's Versatile Schipperke Excellent recognition and Petra has earned the Versatile Schipperke recognition (so far!).



Another note about Petra, please notice that she is a Deep Sea dog; her breeders are CSC members Rose Ellen Stone and JoAnn Giovinetti! They did a great job raising that litter; Petra is such an awesome dog! I could go on about all the dogs, but there is not enough room!

What I love best about Schips is how loving they are! All of my dogs have been so affectionate! They each have had different personalities, but this has been constant with all of them. I love coming home to their greetings and cuddling every morning and evening. I have learned so much about dog training because each dog has been so different.

In our spare time, both Cally and Petra enjoy being with us - whatever we do. Petra's very good at telling me when it's time to practice our agility and she also has a funny habit at mealtime - she licks the sliding glass door in our kitchen! She gets this from her grandmother! They are both so happy and we are so lucky to have such wonderful dogs!

Chris and I are both retired; he was an echocardiographer and I was a medical dosimetrist. We have been retired for two years and the dogs have become even more attached to us during this time. We enjoy walking, camping, biking, gardening, and being with our grandchildren.

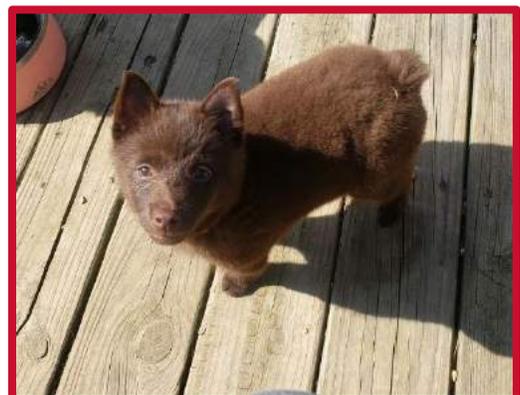
Thank you for allowing me to join this club. I look forward to meeting everyone!

## Meet Jethro

*In February 2022, a new Chocolate Schipperke joined the clan owned by Pat Tak Brown.*

### How did you decide you wanted to add to your family?

I have two lovely females with awesome temperaments who are AKC DNA-certified, Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Good Pelvis-rated, negative for elbow dysplasia, embark-tested, and PennGen-certified not to carry the dreaded MPSIIB gene. My quest for a stud dog was unsuccessful and there are no Veterinarians in my area of Tennessee that do artificial insemination, so I decided to find one myself.



## More on Jethro

### How did your new Schip come into your life?

In January, I reached out to "Corky" Chestnut of Chestnut Schipperkes. I liked the way his pups looked, and he was very kind and helpful. One of his girls had a litter on Christmas Eve, and he had one chocolate male available. Having recently retired after 33 years in the veterinary profession (the last 20 years as a veterinary practice manager) and having relocated to an almost four-acre property in Tennessee, I had the time and energy for this new commitment. "Jethro" is my sixth Schip and my first chocolate. At least when he's full grown and doing "zoomies" in the yard I'll easily be able to distinguish him from my girls.

### How did you pick your new Schipperke's name?

I'm a big fan of the television show "NCIS" and Leroy "Jethro" Gibbs. The puppy didn't seem like a Leroy, but when I called him Jethro, he tilted his little head and kissed my face. I'm not sure what his AKC name will be, but Jethro works for now.



*Jethro dares Rumor to mess with him while thinking he's safe in his bed.*

### What's his personality?

In addition to my two black female Schips, I also have two solid black female German Shepherds (GSDs). When I introduced the puppy to his new pack, Jethro was not at all intimidated by my GSDs. Not at all impressed by their size, but momentarily taken back by their loud bark. He seems very confident and mellow for such a young pup.

### Any specific likes or dislikes?

He adores the many squeaky toys scattered around the house as well as tennis balls that my GSD Rumor has stashed in various hiding places. Jethro does not seem impressed with my young mixed Himalayan cat Tulip, who is quite annoyed by his mere presence.

### How are your other Schipperkes taking to your new pup?

My girls Rowdy and Rhapsody have been bowing with Jethro since they were first introduced to him. They enjoy chasing and being chased by him. They already know that he can't jump onto the sofa or recliner yet, so they are safely out of his reach when they chose to be. He seems pretty athletic, so I think it's just a matter of time before he's able to pursue them onto their "home base" safety zone.

### Anything else you want us to know about Jethro?

I got my first Schip Denny in 1996. I can already see some of the same personality traits in this youngster and hope he has a long healthy life with his new family. I hope to get involved with Barn Hunt, Agility, or maybe even Fast CAT now that I'm retired and have time to do fun stuff.



## Meet Scout

Carol Burnett and Mary Appling of Arlington, Virginia, have a new Schipperke — a seven-year-old female named Scout.

Scout, who weighs just 10 pounds, was re-homed by a breeder. Scout grew up on a ranch in the Central Valley of California, and has had several litters, with the most recent being in November 2021. “Her AKC registered name is One Smart Cookie, but we’ve been calling her Scout and sometimes Squirt because she’s so tiny,” Carol said.

Carol flew to California to pick her up in February 2022. Carol reports

that Scout was “perfect” on the non-stop flight from San Francisco to Washington National airport. “She was a big hit when she walked thru the airport,” said Carol. “And she loves to see her reflection in doors.”



Scout joins their red Schip Katie, age 14, who has been indifferent to Scout so far, although Katie taught Scout how to use the dog door in less than 30 minutes of her arrival at her new home. “Scout seems to be a typical Schipperke — strong-willed, loyal and fast. But she’s not very food motivated so teaching her to sit and come is going to be a big challenge,” Carol said.

## Meet Lance

In September 2021, a new Schipperke entered the home of Fran and Charlie Lehrhaupt. The couple decided to add another to their family when they lost their other Schip, Cousteau, in February 2021 at 16 years old.

Lance’s journey to his forever home started with Fran reaching out to Stephanie Woodrow, who put them in touch with a couple of breeders with available adults. They decided on Lance from Barbara Murray in Colorado because of his age (they didn’t want a puppy), and how handsome he was.

Lance, who got to keep his name since he was already used to it, is crazy and hyper, according to Fran. He likes food, long walks, and rain, and he doesn’t like being without his mom.

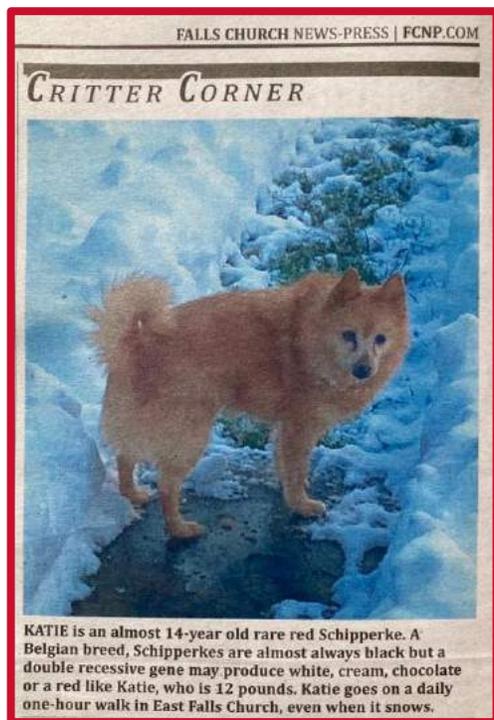
At six and a half years old, Lance is a retired show dog who has sired multiple litters, and loves to kiss.



## Braggs and Congrats

### Judith Swan's Schip Kicks Off Agility Career

Franky started running novice agility trials. In three trials, the 2 1/2-year-old Schipperke has qualified three times and won two first places and one second place in the 8-inch class. Judith (right) shows off her ribbons at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club trials in Winchester, Virginia earlier this month.



### Katie Gets Media Attention

Carol Burnett and Mary Appling's "red" Schipperke Katie was recently featured in the *Falls Church News-Press*. The weekly newspaper has a "Critter Corner" column that highlights a local pet, with the tagline, "Just because you're not famous doesn't mean your pet can't be!" Carol has promised that the fame hasn't gone to Katie's head and she will not be charging CSC for appearances at future SchipNics.

### Mr. Darcy Earns His FCAT

In January at the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club Fast CAT trial, Tara McDonough's Mr. Darcy received his first FCAT ribbon. His proud momma anticipates him earning his FCAT2 at CSC's trials in June.

