



See You at the Polls!



Photo Courtesy of Eudora Tamaskan

Atlas (Blaidmon Drogo) wants to thank everyone for participating so much in the polls in the Breeder's Group so far! He wants everyone to know that the CoB has received a lot of very good information and insight, and will be considering all the input as the TDR Breeding Regulations are updated. There may be a handful of more polls in the next few weeks, but the "big" ones have already been covered! So please keep an eye on the group!

Foundation Dog Registrations

The TDR is pleased to introduce a new registration status: "Foundation"

Previously, new outcross dogs were given a "Conditional" registration status (even though their registration numbers ended in "FD"). Usually, a "Conditional" status indicates that something "more" needs to be tested or checked before the dog is allowed to breed.

Outcross dogs who are accepted into the TDR must already have passed all health, temperament, and conformation tests required, and are accepted for the purpose of breeding. Therefore, introducing this unique registration status allows the TDR a little more organization within our database.

This new tier does not impact any existing Foundation Dogs. Their TDR registration numbers will not change, nor their breeding status. If you wish to have your Foundation Dog's paperwork updated, however, to reflect the new status, please send an email to registrar@tamaskandogregister.com.

Tamaskan of the Month

Blufawn Glen Campbell @ Booma
"Balto"
Country Singers Litter

Balto is a happy man, keen to walk with you for 10km, or chill in the house for a week at a time if the weather is terrible. His favorite things are water and puppies. He is quite aloof, but has gotten cuddlier as he has aged. He has assisted in three modeling gigs, and has a small role in a locally produced movie coming up. Balto lives in Perth, Australia and is available as a TDR stud via AI. He has sired one litter (Aussie Slang theme) to outcross bitch Runa. Please contact [Kylie @ Booma](mailto:Kylie@Booma) if interested.



New Litters



Between June 23-24, the [River-Valley Tamaskans](#) welcomed seven puppies into the world, 2 males and 5 females. Unfortunately, one female did not survive. This is a litter between Riddick (Hawthorne Badlands) and Espen (Vargskuggans Talisa). At the moment, it is expected that all puppies will be going to homes in the United States.

Tamaskan Dogs Making a Difference

- story submitted by Peter Fredin (Vargskuggans)



Photo courtesy of Of the North

In Norway, three Tamaskan Dogs are a part of a pilot project aimed towards recovering

substance abusers who are still struggling with addiction. Together with Sonny Tigerstedt from [Of the North](#) kennel, therapists and addicts are getting to know the dogs, while learning a better way of living simply by getting out and about, away from an unhealthy everyday life.

About a year ago, some of the people in this program had problems walking even a few hundred yards. Today, with the inspiration of Sonny's dogs, they can walk for miles together with the dogs.

Living a life long-marred by addiction and drug abuse, ranging from pills to heroin, trust (of people) is not something commonly found by the patients. However, their reaction to dogs is different than their reactions to people, and through the dogs, therapists and patients can find common ground in their love for dogs.

The Tamaskan Dogs are perfect for this kind of work, as they are unknown. They have never been used as police dogs or drug sniffing dogs, so the patients have no negative association towards them. The fact that the dogs are big and powerful doesn't hurt at all, and their wolfish look inspires the client to listen to the trainer rather than assume that they know everything there is to know about the breed.

"The use of therapy dogs in Norway is rare, but it is slowly starting to get accepted," Sonny says, herself university educated in the field, "and I've found nowhere in the world that uses dogs as a therapy form when it comes to clients that are not in rehab, but still uses drugs every day, without any inclination of quitting. Until they get to meet the dogs.

My dogs tend to be somewhat skeptical towards new people, so the client has to work for the dogs approval. This triggers the client to do just that. And when the dog accepts them, it really means something to the client. And to the dogs, who bond with them and give them a comfort the client has lost so many years ago, in people."

Editor's notes: The dogs in this program are Bow (Blustag Fee de Neige), Kenzy (Vargskuggans Havsfu), and Nymeria (Of the North Nymeria).

New Approvals

Please welcome the following new kennels into the TDR Breeding Family:

- [CrystalCoast Tamaskan](#), with Lisa Downey, in North Carolina
- [South Paw Kennel](#), with Hannah Sillars, in Texas

The following dogs were approved in June 2019:

- Al-hob Al-akhar, a.k.a. Halifax is from Oslett's first litter. Her favorite activity is sunbathing, which says something about her outdoors-loving,

adaptable self. She's patient, even-tempered, and gentle with children. She enjoys hikes and any adventure involving new sights and smells.

- Zajda II Od Uhoste, a.k.a. Alamo, is a Czechoslovakian Vlcak outcross. His sire is one of the most titled CSV in European working dog competitions, and Alamo is an energetic but gentle giant. Alamo's favorite activity to date is stealing butter from the kitchen counter. He's also excellent with children and has demonstrated tremendous athleticism with our trainer.

If there's anything you would like to make sure is included in the next newsletter, please send us an email. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please also let us know. Remember, we are always looking for your dogs' stories, accomplishments, or anything else! Thank you!