



Happy Holidays!



Photo courtesy of Furry Road of the beautiful Fin Raziel du Lignage, call name "Nox," located in France.

Greetings from the Tamaskan Dog Register! Winter solstice is fast approaching for those of us on the Northern Hemisphere, and with that should bring cold weather and snow, which also means many happy Tamaskan dogs!

Many of you will be celebrating the festive season this December so we hope you all have a wonderful time!

Tamaskan of the Month



Sylvaen Lord Nagafen

"Nagafen"

EverQuest Litter

Blustag Elliot x Quicksilver Mercury Rising

"I could narrate a book about him. He is a wonderful dog with a fabulous character. He is very sure of himself and very solid, tolerant and kind. He's passionate about work and is a very obedient boy who loves to learn. He lives with cats, horses and dogs, including other males, and is patient and kind with them all. He's an affectionate and peaceful companion with whom it is a dream to share life."

Nagafen is available for stud, please contact Ylenia at [Del Bardial](#) for information.

December Health Highlight: Cleft Palate

A cleft palate in dogs is the result of the failure of the two sides of the roof of the mouth to properly fuse together during fetal development, more specifically called “embryonic development.” The condition results in an opening between the nasal passages and the mouth, in varying degrees of severity. Similar to a cleft palate, a cleft lip occurs if the tissue that makes up the lip does not join completely during fetal development. This results in an opening in the upper lip, giving the appearance as minor as a small slit that extends to the nose or a large opening, also extending to the nose. Puppies born with a cleft lip may also have a cleft palate.

Puppies born with a cleft palate cannot survive on their own. They need immediate intervention, since an affected puppy will be unable to feed on its own. Left to their own devices, puppies with cleft palates survive only a few days after birth.

Symptoms of a cleft palate in puppies are respiratory difficulty, difficulty sucking and nursing, slow growth and weight loss. Again, if left untreated, the affected puppy will not survive. Diagnosis is simple and should be a part of every breeder’s check list: simply a visual examination of the puppy’s mouth.

According to PetMD.com, “Cleft palate is most often a congenital disorder, likely inherited. There is a breed predilection in beagles, cocker spaniels, dachshunds, German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, schnauzers, Shetland sheepdogs, and short-nosed breeds. Cleft palates can also be caused by exposure of pregnant female dogs to teratogenic chemicals (chemicals which interfere with normal embryo development). These include griseofulvicin and excessive vitamin A and vitamin D.”

If a puppy is found to have a cleft palate or cleft lip, hand-rearing the puppy and being advised by a licensed veterinarian is key to a normal life span. The cleft can sometimes be repaired with surgery later in the puppy’s life, but more than one surgery may be necessary. Unfortunately, some puppies born with a cleft palate are so severe that even human intervention will not save them, and euthanasia is necessary. Folic acid deficiency can be a cause of cleft palate, so supplementation of folic acid in the dam during pregnancy has been proven to reduce the chances of development.

Feature by Jessi Wilbur

New Litters



Photo courtesy of Sundog Tamaskan

We would like to congratulate [Sundog Tamaskan](#) on their first litter of eight puppies! The PT-Boats Litter was born on November 7, 2019. The litter is out of White Elk Isabella Bird (Clara), sired by the TDR-approved outcross Points Unknown Arrow (Arrow). There is a livestream of this litter available on [YouTube](#), which includes their recent Embark swab party. Thank you Sundog Tamaskan for keeping all of us in the loop on your adorable litter!

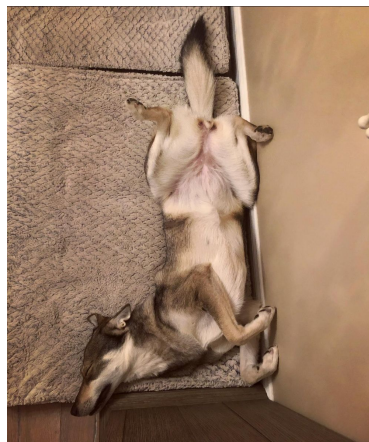


Photo courtesy of Stoney Creek Tamaskan

Congratulations to [Stoney Creek Tamaskan](#) on their beautiful Gemstones litter of 4 girls and 3 boys, born on November 26, 2019. The litter is out of White Elk Eriu (Kira), sired by Vargskuggans Varys (Fenrir) at [FenDen](#).

The first successful transatlantic A.I. litter has been confirmed between BlaidMon Drogo (Atlas) and Hawthorne Lynx (Kos). This is very exciting news, and hopefully more opportunities arise for more breeders to utilize artificial insemination with studs available on different continents.

Here is a brief write up from her owner, Rachel Dialectos, of [Buccleuch Tamaskan](#):



"The successful breeding between Kos and Atlas was a fantastic collective effort of many."

including Megan, several reproductive specialists and myself. Atlas was collected in the UK back in May. His donations were evaluated immediately post collection and again post freezing. His semen was then sent directly to my reproductive specialist's facility in Pennsylvania, and stored there until Kos came into heat.

Kos' cycle began at the beginning of October. She had daily blood draws to closely monitor for her LH surge and progesterone spike. She and Atlas were bred via two frozen semen TCI procedures on consecutive days, October 18th and 19th. I recently performed a pregnancy check on her at days 25/26 via ultrasound. Though it is difficult to get an accurate count with this method, we are expecting at least 5 puppies, if not more. Her whelp dates are Dec 16-18th and will have a radiograph taken for a firmer puppy count before her due date.

Eudora and Buccleuch Tamaskan are very excited for this litter, as it marks Lykos and Atlas' firsts as well as both our kennels' firsts! It also is the first successful transcontinental insemination for the breed and opens the door for many more in the future, ultimately leading to a hopeful greater diversity within the breed!"

New Approvals

The following dogs were approved in November 2019:

- [Marlie](#), a foundation female (GSD x Labrador) sponsored by [Outback Tamaskans](#) in Australia. Marlie has an upcoming litter planned with Balto (Blufawn Glen Campbell at Booma)
- [Fin Raziel du Lignage](#) (Nox), a G1 female Tamaskan dog residing at [Furry Road](#) in France

The following dogs were pre-approved in November 2019:

- Stoneage Firestarter (Flint), West Siberian Laika prospective foundation stud sponsored by Erin Janicki of [Timberline Tamaskan](#) in the USA

TDR News

The CoB have been working hard to complete updates to the TDR's Breeding Regulations and they are almost ready to be released for community review and input. Stay tuned!

The CoB is also still looking for more people! If interested, please [send them an email](#).

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!