



ICB Graduation!

Congratulations to all those who have (or are very close to) completing the ICB course, *Managing Genetics for the Future*. The TDR's Board of Directors and Committee of Breeders is thrilled at the participation, and very grateful to all of those who chose to participate.

On the heels of graduation, the Committee of Breeders has been working on finalizing the updates to the TDR's Breeding Regulations. They will be released either at the end of November or the beginning of December for community review and input. We are discussing how we can set up a "Q&A" session for any questions or concerns with the new guidelines. Please let us know if you have any ideas on how you would like to format this discussion.

Also, please let us know if you'd be interested in having more sponsored group programs like the ICB course in the future, and any suggestions as to what you would like to see. We always appreciate your input!

Lastly, one more HUGE shoutout to those who were so generous as to sponsor someone else for the ICB course. Thank you again!

Tamaskan of the Month



Mulion's Ithanka

"Ithanka"

Ehawee Litter

Eros Van't Aelse Sluske x Fool du Lignage

Mulion's Ithanka (65cm, 33kg) is an up-and coming potential stud in the south of France. He loves children, with whom he is very gentle, and is always very friendly with everyone he meets. He is also very affectionate with the animals of the family: his best friend Groot, a Bengal cat, and his horses. He is also playful with other well socialized dogs. All in all, he is an extremely well balanced Tamaskan Dog, and easy to live with. Health tests are ongoing.

500 Instagram Followers!

In mid-October, our brand-new [Instagram](#) account hit 500 followers! Thank you for all of your support!

To show our appreciation, we hosted a FitBark giveaway that was generously sponsored by [Sundog Tamaskan](#). The winner was Stoney Creek Orion, who also happens to be a working service dog. We have a feature on him, below.

Thank you, everyone, and keep your eyes peeled for something special at 1000 followers!

Website Updates

Megan has been busy at work, putting active breeding females on the [TDR website](#). If someone was missed, please let Megan know! She can be reached through Messenger, the post in the Facebook Breeders' Group, or by [email](#). If any studs or breeders were missed, please tell her, also!

Back issues of this Newsletter can now also be downloaded from the website, [here](#). We are usually a month or two behind for that, so that the September issue will be available when the November issue is sent out, and so forth.

New Litters



Photo courtesy of Tamaskan van de Wolvenweide

On October 14, 2019, [Tamaskan van de Wolvenweide](#) welcomed a litter of 3 females and 4 males out of Kadin of the First Triangle (DeeJay) and Blaniid Sunkmanitu Tanka O'waci (Kensi). This litter will be themed after DJs. Congratulations!

And, a little back-tracking... We missed announcing:

- The Natural Phenomena Litter, with [Tamaskan van Wolfvoorde](#). Sayen (Angel vom Mühlengeist) had 10 healthy puppies with Feoh (Feanor Lycanis Wolfdog) on August 7, 2019. The three girls and seven boys are in the process of going to their forever homes, all over the world! Congratulations, van Wolfvoorde!
- [Vargskuggans](#) had four females and four males out of Myrddin (Myrddin du Lignage) and Tjejen (Vargskuggans Aphrodite) on September 10, 2019. This is Vargskuggans' Song Titles Litter.

New Approvals

Warmest welcomes to our newest breeder, [Timberline Tamaskan](#) in Arizona, USA. We look forward to seeing what you do!

The following dogs were approved in October 2019:

- [Hawthorne Zion \(Kiera\)](#), a G1 female Tamaskan Dog out of Points Unknown Arrow (Arrow) and Hawthorne Black Dragon's Cauldron (Raven). Kiera is the founding dog for a brand new kennel, [Timberline Tamaskan](#), in Arizona, USA.
- [Athena Mystic White Tamaska \(Athena\)](#), a female G2 Tamaskan Dog residing with [Avalon Tamaskan](#) in Michigan, USA. Athena is out of Sylvaen Ninjato (Sasuke) x Annea Sunkmanitu Tanka O'waci (Tasha).
- [Kadin of the First Triangle \(DeeJay\)](#), a male Groenendael residing in the Netherlands.
- [Myrddin du Lignage \(Myrddin\)](#), a G1 Tamaskan Dog out of Merlin Louve des Carpates of Ysengrin (Merlin) x Blufawn Dolly Parton (Ayla). Myrddin resides with [Vargskuggans](#) in Sweden.
- Dresselhaus Anisette (Anisette), a female Alaskan Noble Companion Dog. Anisette is retired from the TDR, but finally finished her health testing requirements after receiving pre-approval in February of 2017.
- [Zanarkand Ruffian \(Fahren\)](#), a G1 Tamaskan Dog out of Tarheel Butch Cassidy (Pharoah) and Dresselhaus Anisette (Anisette), residing at [Basalt Tamaskan](#). Fahren's registration status was pending the completion of her dam's health testing, but is now officially recognized as a TDR breeding female.

The following pre-approval was also issued in October 2019:

- Fin Raziel du Lignage (Nox), a G1 female out of Merlin Louve des Carpates of Ysengrin (Merlin) x Blufawn Dolly Parton (Ayla). Nox resides in France, with [The Furry Road](#).

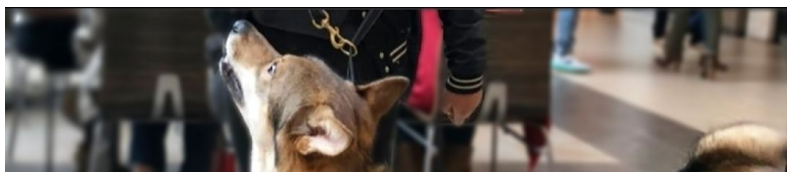
Personnel Changes

Rachel Dialectos has stepped down from the Committee of Breeders due to an increasingly busy personal schedule -- and hopefully, puppies in the near future!! She remains on the Board of Directors in the role of "Veterinary Advisor." She is still available to support everyone, either by [emailing her directly](#), or through the [email used by the Board of Directors](#), or through the Breeders' Group on Facebook.

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

Tamaskan Dogs Making a Difference

- story submitted by Joann Zimmerman (Stoney Creek)





Stoney Creek Orion was the winner of our 500 Instagram Followers Giveaway. We decided to try to find out more about him, and his story touched our hearts. Here is what his owner told us:

A few years ago, I hit my rock bottom. I had recently left my hometown to pursue my dream of studying veterinary medicine, but I soon found myself struggling to keep up with the other students. I was barely passing my classes, and my mind was so overwhelmed I couldn't focus on a single thing the professors said. Soon, I was unable to leave my house, and ended up dropping out of school. Later, I was diagnosed with chronic depression and severe anxiety. After a few unsuccessful months of recovery, I discovered the possible benefits of psychiatric service dogs. Despite my declining mental health, the thought of raising and training a dog to help me sparked some hope within. I decided to take a leap of faith, considering a service dog as my last chance, and began to contact Tamaskan breeders.

After a lot of dedicated time and training, Orion is well on his way to becoming a psychiatric service dog. He regularly alerts to panic and anxiety attacks and notifies me before they occur, allowing me to take the steps needed to regain control of myself. Orion has displayed intelligent disobedience on a few separate occasions by persistently alerting to my rising cortisol levels and heart rate, even if I tell him to stay down. He draws my attention away from whatever is triggering me by performing deep pressure therapy, and is currently learning how interrupt compulsive skin picking, which is a symptom of my condition. Day by day, I am regaining my independence with Orion by my side. He accompanies me during everyday tasks, such as shopping or going to appointments. Soon, he will accompany me as I return to school in January 2020.

Many people ask what breed Orion is and most of the time they had never

many people who have never heard of Tamaskans before. I am always happy to inform people about the breed and emphasize that his temperament, intelligence, and work drive comes from a carefully planned bloodline of dogs, not just his breed make-up. Orion consistently charms every person who meets him and has inspired many other service dog handlers to consider Tamaskans as a service dog prospect in the future.

I like to think of Orion and I as ambassadors for the breed, as there are so few Tamaskans in Canada, especially around where I'm from. Many people talk about how their pets change their life, and Orion is no exception. I hope that in the future, we can continue to educate others about Tamaskans and the amazing ways dogs can improve our lives.

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!