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Getting Things Done...Laekenois Style

So many goals, so many events and all Laekenois people have a different constellation of what they take from a dream to reality with their dogs. From titling in the multitude of sports to conformation in the AKC realm and beyond. As many of our Laekenois do need to Move it, Move it!

The success of the Laekenois and their people is achieved with goal setting, process planning, training and execution. With a Laekenois these things can happen in short order. This is much like a club, things can move positively and quickly with the people who take the time to focus on the future and how the breed will be promoted and ethically stewarded.

This issue is the first issue of the Laekenwire in over 14 months. Business needs to be taken care of. It is time for the dogs and people who have achieved so much to be honored properly. It is time to process new memberships. It is time for the events that were such great successes to be shared. It is time to share the exciting new things up and coming as well as future events. No more delay for such important news and business!

Due to a solo across the country move and some major life changes, I have been off on the shoulder as opposed to the high speed lane for ABLA in recent months. I apologize to all of you that needed to have your dogs honored and information shared. Sometimes life just comes first. I am not sure why the Laekenwire was not produced on schedule as it should be 4 times a year. I am back now at full capacity with the website and with the positive promotion of the breed in everyway possible.

I hope you enjoy this beautiful issue that features so many of our incredible Laekenois and their people.

All the Best,



Zan Currier
WebMaster
American Belgian Laekenois Association



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2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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Doswell VA

The 2021 National was a well attended affair. With the first American Bred Laekenois to take the honors of Best of Breed. Ch. Tikal's La Buerette CAA BCAT took the honors, handled by her owner Adlane Guenane. Annie as she is know was bred by Suzanne Wright of Tikal Laekenois. The owner of the sire dog is Kellie Cosby of Coswald Laekenois.

Best of Breed CH. Tikal's La Beurette CA,
Adlane Guenane, owner Suzanne Wright, breeder

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Juan Carlos Sabogal, breeder

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Juan Carlos Sabogal, breeder

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R. Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II, breeders

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Carol & Frank Shields, breeder & owner

Best Opposite Sweeps CH. Phantom's Kinky Boots CM PT SCN
Carol & Frank Shields, breeder & owner

A huge Thank You needs to be sent by all of ABLA membership to Event Chair Carol Shields for her tireless work coordinating all aspects of the National 2021. We could not have done it without her!



BEST OF BREED 2021 ABLA NATIONAL SPECIALITY

Annie ***CH. TIKAL'S LA BUERETTE CA***

Adlane Guenane, owner
Suzanne Wright, breeder

Sire: Flaxfields Soulcrusher CM

Dam: CH Naughty & Nice Da Casa Mont'Alves CM FDC DN CGC TKI



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BEST OF BREED 2021 WESTMINISTER KENNEL CLUB

Wicked

**CH NAUGHTY & NICE DA CASA MONT'ALVES
CM FDC DN CGC TKI**

Breeder

Rui Alves Montiero & Isabela Alves Monteiro
& Henrique Alves Montiero

Owner

Suzanne M Wright

Sire

Dancing With Wolves Da Casa Mont' Alves

Dam

Bonvivant L'Air Du Temps



BEST OF BREED 2021 MORRIS & ESSEX KENNEL CLUB

Moon

***CH PHANTOM'S BAD MOON RISING HSAs
CGCA TKN***

Breeder
Carol & Frank Shields

Owner
Carol & Frank Shields

Sire
Cool Epic v. Springwood

Dam
Nora Charles Du Hameau St-Blaise CAA



Salty Paws Run in Foley Alabama kicked off in the week leading up to the New Years Day holiday. The entries for the CAT and FAST CAT events totaled nearly 1000 dogs. Purebreds and Mixed breeds all participated. Jenny Wren and Jeremy Middlebrooks, the creators of The Salty Paws Run, enjoyed all aspects of managing the event. A large number of participants enjoyed the brilliant rosettes that were handed out for new titles. This event brought in about \$4000 for ABLA. Looking forward to 2022!



Herd Ewe

2022

Down the Bayou

1-3 April 2022

Laeken.Club/HerdEweDownTheBayou2022



WonderDog Farms
Covington Louisiana

Herd Ewe Down the Bayou 2022 was a nearly sold out event with Darlene Laurin judging. D Course was offered 2 of the 3 days and was well received. The casual and fun atmosphere was enjoyed by all. Although not one Laekenois was entered the titles were handed out to many of our herding breed colleagues. Thank You to Jenny Wren Event Secretary and Jeremy Middlebrooks Event chair for all of your hard work getting Herd Ewe off the ground this spring. There is demand for a fall Herd Ewe as the club who had the November position at WonderDog Farms has decided not to hold their event any more. Thank You to Shelly Spottswood owner of WonderDog Farms for everything.



Judge Darlene Laurin handing out Ribbons to well deserved Beauceron and Australian Shepherd participants.

SCENTWORK LISCENCE



Scentwork is the hot thing in AKC competitions lately. What does this mean for ABLA? Another money making opportunity and another way to have fun with our Laekenois! There is a requirement for 5 members to have titled their dogs. Jenni Wren is poised and ready to place the application with AKC, as well as act as secretary for upcoming events. Please share with her if you have a scentwork title on your dog so ABLA can meet the requirements.

Jenni Wren Email : Treasurer@Laken.Club

Here is the Link to AKC Scentwork

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/>



SCENTWORK SENSE

by Vicki Bouchillion

Scentwork is a great sport for dogs of all ages, from a young dog to a senior with limited activity levels. Training usually begins by either having the dog hunt for a primary (food) reward, or offering a marker when the dog puts its nose on a target odor.

AKC offers five different competition levels, with the ability to earn an "Elite" title within various elements. The first level is Novice, followed by Advanced, Excellent, Master, and Detective. Within the different levels are the elements of Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried with the exception of Detective which offers an extended search covering a large area of interior and exterior areas.

To earn a Scentwork title with AKC, you will need three "legs" in an element, however when you have completed all four elements you will be awarded a "full" title such as SWN (Scentwork Novice in all four elements).

Scentwork can open the door to other sniffing activities such as bed bug detection, accelerant detection, search and rescue, etc. Laekenois have the ability to do quite well in Scentwork due to their high intelligence, biddable demeanor, and hunt drive. Scentwork trials are listed on the AKC website.



LAEKENOIS ACTING

There is a starlet among us! Her first film which Samaritan, coming out this August! AKC Champion de Rafale Reve du Debut RN CGCA CGCU TKE Known as Sassy to her dear friends has quite the active resume at the age of just over 2 years. At 10 months she began her career in downtown Atlanta at a Marta station for Samaritan, starring not only Sazzy but Sly Stallone as well. She has since moved on to a Dollar General advert that is running on television now. Then on to a feature in a Frontline Plus advertisement.

According to her handler owner, Katie Doomy, Saz for Dollar General with her new "mom" Jessica. It was a tricky shoot with cues, but she tackled it perfectly! Overall, film and set work takes a ton of training. Proofing behaviors in very distracting environments, being social and friendly with lots of people, being able to work under pressure, and being happy to do it all (can't make a sad dog look happy) it just shows how versatile, stable, and biddable she is.

Katie follows casting agencies near her. Applying for casting calls that fit. Since she has worked with several agents nearby in Georgia, sometimes they reach out to her about her dogs, Katie's Standard Poodle Alfredo has also had starring roles. Key behaviors - sit, down, strong stays, sending to mark, holding objects, interacting with human talent, wave, paw targets, chin targets, retrieving items, and lots of tricks.

Katie Doomy says, " Saz is appealing because she's not obviously a purebred to the general public. She could pass for an adorable mixed breed dog and we get to educate the crew on the Belgian Laekenois breed quite often!"



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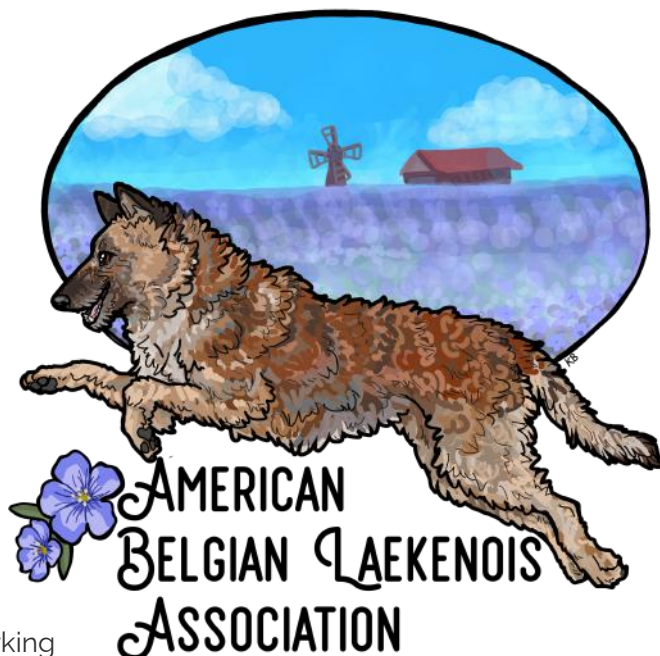


SALTY PAWS RUN
2020

MOONCOLLIE ART's Kimberly Boyette

YMooncollie's art has been seen in recent Laekenois Events, from the National, to Herd Ewe to Salty Paws. Some club members have had their own dogs commissioned. The distinctive Mooncollie style cannot help but bring a smile to all.

In January of 2017 Kimberly Boyette felt inspired to draw something groovy of her breed (Berger Picard). At the time She wasn't doing much art as her focus was a full-time dog groomer and played dog show most weekends. Her dog's breeder suggested making stickers of it as there was very limited availability as far as merchandise goes for my breed and as it turns out, folks really liked it! It wasn't long before She started working on merchandise for other uncommon and rare breeds and began commissioning pet portraits and dipping into logo art. She really loved being able to make art of breeds that you don't see too often.



Kimberly's favorite part is honestly how hyped folks get to finally see something of their breed. It was a dream come true to be able to be able to blend two things she is so passionate about. An art teacher in high school made an impact with a negative outlook, saying she would never get anywhere as an artist. Her very popular art has proved this teacher wrong. The Mooncollie name is a nod to her late heart dog. There's a sappy story behind it that that can be find on the merchandise page for Mooncollie stuff at MoonCollie Art on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mooncolliearts>

Digital medium is a favourite choice for Kimberly, mostly because it's east to use it to make personalized items with .She does really enjoy working in traditional mediums, specifically watercolor and acrylic. Her favorite subjects may not come as a surprise but without a doubt it's dogs! She always draws a lot of fantasy art. Think unicorns, dragons, and magic. She be has drawing dogs her whole life though.

Kimberly said, " They are such a huge, inspiring part of my life it's a blessing to be able to create art of them and share it with the community. It's been an amazing journey so far and I am so appreciative of the support of my friends and the dog community."

Spoiler Alert! There will be a Laekenois featured in a upcoming popular paisley collection this summer. Keep an eye on MoonCollie Art on Facebook, the link is above!

Kimberly typically try to complete work at around 4-5 projects a month. It mainly depends on how big the current projects she is working on are. If it's logo art and prizes for a club, that could fill my whole month up. But She also could have 5-7 cartoon portraits at a time. She don't have an official wait list. She does bring it out from time to time though, as far as getting on the commission list goes. Mooncollie does not have a set schedule for when the art queue opens but there is advance notice for the queue opens. She will be taking the next batch of logos or portraits in update posts so everyone knows. However, She do post flash sales randomly every now and then. So have a look at the wonderful Mooncollie artwork and consider getting a piece done you your dogs, there is nothing like it.



OWNER HANDLER GOALS

Pilote and Barbara Arney recently attained the Owner Handler Bronze level, the first Laekenois pair to make this achievement.

Bronze OH is earning a total of 250 points. Points are earned by winning best of breed owner handler which earns you five points. If you win a group placement in the Owner Handler group you earn 30 points for a Group one, Group two is 20 points, Group three is 15 points and a Group four is 10 points. Owner Handler Best in Show is 100 points and Reserve Best in show is 75 points.

Pilote was also the first Laekenois to win a Group first in Owner Handler. He has won two Group one Owner Handler placements and numerous other group Owner Handler placements. It's a challenge in the Herding Owner Handler group as the group is very large and very competitive with owner handlers. We have had some nice wins at bigger shows to help get the Laeken in front of some judges who have never seen one. Congratulations to Barbara on her important firsts with Pilote and her fine work as an ambassador for the breed.



**GCH Pilote Prive D'Eroudur CM FDC SCA SIN SBN RATO CGC TKN
Bred by Christine Bouchat of Belgium
Owner Handled to All Titles by Barbara Arney**

MASTERS OF EVENTS

A huge Thank You needs to be handed out from the membership and the Board to Jenni Wren, Jeremy Middlebrooks, Zan Currier and Carol Shields for their tireless work on Salty Paws, which had nearly 1000 entries, Herd Ewe on The Bayou which was a near sellout despite early coordination difficulties.

Carol Shields is working hard on the 2022 National, which will be held in Doswell VA again this year. TCarol has brought us tremendous Nationals since breed acceptance in 2020. Let's all support her so this year's event is another great one!

ABLA EVENTS HOW THEY HAPPEN

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes up to 2 years ahead of any of the events that the club puts on. In order to have things run smoothly, be financed properly and assure that entries are paid for as well as proper marketing to assure sell out of events and planning to assure the proper events are being offered so that the event and demand for the event are in line with each other so the club can make money and not waste manpower, as being a small club there is limited support.

For example, with Herd Ewe Down the Bayou this year it was for the second year in a row that the event was herding only. The reasoning for this was two-fold. First there were other clubs close by offering the temperament testing, and even with a stand- alone temperament day, there was lack of manpower and the issue draw away by the other clubs. People would rather title on a Saturday than a Friday if given the choice. As always at WonderDog Farms the herding days are strictly herding so that there are not improper distractions for those who may have spent up to two years training for a herding level. The club is not in a position to lose funds for an event, but rather in a position where a large event like Salty Paws Fast Cat/Cat is profitable enough to help support the breed specific events such as Herd Ewe Down the Bayou or the National Specialty.

The event secretary's role is critical, the volume of paperwork pre and post event is astounding. The support with the website for all events is also a large job. As we move forward with 2022 National, possibly fall herding and hopefully scentwork events, it would be wonderful to have more step up to help, at events, and in the preparation. If you have an interest in assisting, please reach out to Jenni Wren, Club Treasurer and the highly capable Event Secretary for all of the ABLA events.

JUDGES EDUCATION

Carol Shields and Sonja Ostrom have been doing an excellent job of continuing this important work to assure that enough judges become qualified to judge the Belgian Laekenois in the conformation ring. It is important if you are called upon to have your dog be a part of a critique by the ring side mentor, that you are just the person holding the lead. You are not the person to be offering instruction or opinion if you are not assigned and approved for the duty of the ringside mentor. If we do not get enough judges becoming qualified for the breed it could impact the quality of the conformation competition. It is important to have your best foot forward and to know your role in the process. Thank You to all those supporting the Judges Education and Mentoring program.





OTCH RACH

Sinanju's Bejla of Quint

**CM UDX₂ OM₃ BN RM₂ RAE₂ CA FCAT ACT₂
RATCHX₂ CGC**

FIRST DUAL PERFORMANCE CHAMPION LAEKENOIS

A well deserved congratulations going out to Pam Bartholomew of Kinsale Laekenois on her achievement of the first Laekenois to attain two Performance Championships. Piper bred by Maria Wilhelmsson of Sweden and co-owned by R Margaret Currier of Chiens de Rafale. A standing ovation is in order for Pam's hard work and devotion to her performance to perfection approach which has lead Pam to her great success with Piper and all of her titles.

Congratulations Pam for a mission well executed!

NEW TITLE HOLDERS

Congratulations to all of the new title holders. The hard work and dedication to your dogs and to the Belgian Laekenois breed is to be applauded by all! Well Done everyone!



Ch.Tikal's Walker ATT FDC CGCA
Breeder/ Owner Suzanne Wright



Quiet Before the Storm
d'Eroudur NA NAJ RN RI
Breeder Tine Bouchat
Owner Lynette Gandl



GCH Pilote Prive D'Eroudur
CM FDC SCA SIN SBN RATO CGC TKN
Breeder Tine Bouchat
Owner Barbara Arney



GCH Tikal's La Beurette CAA BCAT
Breeder Suzanne Wright
Owner Adlane Guenane



Tikal's Marusya Sandy Dunes RN NA NAJ
Breeder Suzanne Wright
Owner Lena Kalita



Tikal's Rufus TN
Breeder Suzanne Wright
Owner Michelle Kenyon



Kettle Moraine Teeko SWN DS ASA CGCA
CGCU TKI
Breeder Teri Peterson
Owner Vicki Bouchillon



Cal Curly Coats Run Thru The Jungle
SWE DE DMA AMA AS CGCA TKN TT
NW/2 L1-C L1-E FO PA
Breeder Lana Terisi
Owner Vicki Bouchillon



From Laeken Paradis Lunel RN
Breeder Brigitte Broekx
Owner Lynette Gandl



de Rafale Reve de Vol TKN CGC

Breeders R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II, T Thibodeau
Owner Julie Baughman



Ch Wild Mountain Nyx Goddess of the Night CGC TKN

Breeder Juan Carlos Sabogal
Owners Katie Doomy, Chiens de Rafale



CH de Rafale Reve du Debut
RN CGCA CGCU TKE

Breeders R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II, T Thibodeau
Owners Katie Doomy, Chiens de Rafale



de Rafale Reve de Nouvelles Aventures
avec Passion BCAT DJA CGC

Breeders R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II, T Thibodeau
Owner Jaqueline Tew, Chiens de Rafale



CH Sinanju's Naga Jolokia of Sunny

CM2 PT HSAs FDC CGC TT
Breeder Maria Wilhelmson
Owners R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II



de Rafale Reve de Raison d'Etre IT

Breeders R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II, T Thibodeau
Owners R Margaret Currier, DL Hyatt II



Coswald's Epic Graffiti CGC TKN

Breeder Kelly Coswald
Owner Julie Baughman



CH Coswald's Epic Key of Heart RI CGC TKN

Breeder Kellie Cosby
Owner Chelsea McKamy



CH Phantom's Kinky Boots CM PT SCN CGC

Breeder/Owners Carol & Frank Shields



CH Phantom's Bad Moon Rising HSAs CGCA TKN

Breeder/Owners Carol & Frank Shields

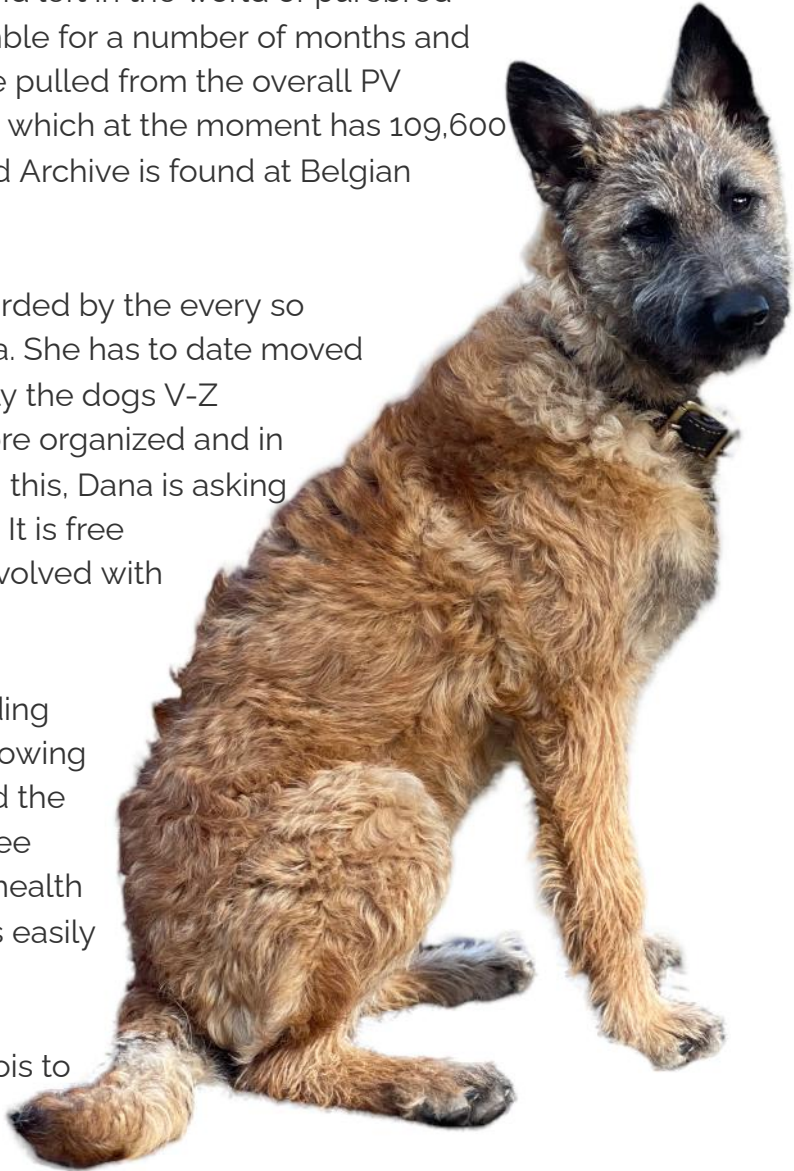
NEW LAEKENOIS DATABASE NEEDS YOUR LAEKEN'S INFORMATION

With the shutdown of the dynamic and in depth database known as PawVillage, there was an incredible void left in the world of purebred dog fanciers here was a bit of a scramble for a number of months and the result was that the 4 Belgians were pulled from the overall PV database and put into a new database which at the moment has 109,600 dogs in it. The Belgian Shepherd Breed Archive is found at [Belgian Shepherd - The Breed Archive](#)

The Laekenois data is still being stewarded by the every so talented Dana Huckestein of California. She has to date moved 1000 photos of Laekenois and has only the dogs V-Z remaining to add. This database is more organized and in depth than it's predecessor and given this, Dana is asking you to share your dogs and your data. It is free and the data only serves to help all involved with our rare and special dogs.

The site has interesting features including popular sire statistics, a world map showing the growth of breed popularity around the through the decades, in depth pedigree analysis with testmating feature. The health information is presented clearly and is easily available for evaluation.

Dana does encourage all with Laekenois to step up and add your dogs, their ownership information and the health data so that the database can be the best it can be. So take a moment and have a look, there is a lot to learn about Laekenois and this new database is the keystone for students of the breed.



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Shelly Spottswood, Deb Fontenot, Sarah Price, Kelly Peterson, Lisa McFarland, Betsy Bragg, Chelsey McKamey, Kellie Cosby, Alda Sol, Dana Huckestein



Donations

It is that time of year to get your donations in for the 2022 National .

The Rosettes for BOB, BOW and BOS will be donated by the 2021 winners, the chairs have already been covered.

There are plenty of opportunities in both Sweepstakes and all classes.

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Event Status: Approved

Type of Event: [AB/JSHW](#)

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Entry Fee: \$ 34.00



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