

# OBSIDIAN BELGIAN SHEEPDOGS

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### **06.15.11**

We will be repeating the Gusto X Heart breeding early in 2012. Contact us for more information.

### **06.15.11**

The A litter offspring are all settled in their new homes.

### **04.05.11**

More photos of the A Litter and Knife on our friend Carole's blog.

### **03.28.11**

Rogue X Garnette breeding planned by De La Fusee Belgian Sheepdogs

### **03.26.11**

The Obsidian's welcome Lann Morian's Knife to Oregon!

### **03.21.11**

New video of Heart's puppies. They are 37 days old today.

### **03.20.11**

Rocky makes his acting debut! he is a rare beast. Watch closely.

### **03.14.11**

WAG USDAA agility trial: Rogue and Joan took 2nd place in the finals of 22" Performance Speed Jumpers. Rogue also earned two 1st placements and two more 2nd place scores.

### **03.13.11**

Our friend Carole has been posting fantastic photos of the A Litter puppies on her blog.

### **03.01.11**

New photos of our A Litter!

### **02.12.11**

Litter A whelped! 6 boys and 1 girl. Everybody is doing great. See live video from the whelping box.

### **01.07.11**

Ultrasound confirms Heart is pregnant. We are hoping for puppies by Valentine's day!

### **01.02.11**

Happy New Year! We spent the weekend at the Boston Terrier AKC agility trial in Elma, WA...one of our favorite trials of the year. Rogue and Rocky had a lot of good runs, but not too many Q's. The best was saved for last: Rogue took a 3rd place in JWW and finished is MXJ title!

**12.23.10**

Our first litter is due in February.

**12.19.10**

New videos of Rocky and Joan at the AKC Agility Invitational in Long Beach, CA, Dec 3-5

**11.01.10**

Rogue & Dave competed in the large flock French course herding trials at Bel Canto Ranch, Oct 29-30. The judge was Jean-Michel Jolly, 10 time world sheepdog trial champion. It was one of those weekends where the dog far surpasses everything he has shown before. Rogue was awarded Reserve High-in-Trial on Friday and High-in-Trial on Saturday. Rogue completed his AHBA RLF II title and earned the first leg toward his FCI herding brevet. Video of some of Rogue's HIT run by Dot DeLisle. Rocky and Joan competed at the RAT USDAA agility trial. Rocky took a blue ribbon in PIII jumpers on Sunday and then won a tie-breaker runoff in PIII standard for another first place.

**10.06.10**

Chilko: Rest in Peace

**09.27.10**

New health page uploaded to the Obsidian website.

**09.26.10**

PAC AKC Agility Trial: Rogue earns a double Q on Friday and places 4th in FAST on Sat. Heart racks up her 8th 9th double Q's. Rocky also earns a QQ and places 2nd in Standard on Sunday.

**09.26.10**

Rocky is the 4th ranked qualifier in our breed for the 2010 AKC Agility Invitational. He and Joan will be heading to Long Beach in December!

**08.16.10**

WAG USDAA trial: Heart earned 3 blue ribbons, a 2nd, and a third place and completes her AD title. . Rocky also had 3 first places in PIII, plus a 3rd place. Rogue wasn't running because Dave was out of town. Look for the video of Julia DeWitt running Rocky in PIII standard on our YouTube channel.

**08.15.10**

Dave attends a Canine Health Foundation breeders symposium in Olympia, WA.

**07.02.10**

Joan and Rogue attend an Elicia Calhoun advanced agility clinic in Richfield, WA.

**07.01.10**

After a 5 month break, Heart returns to agility competition at the AKC Flat-Coat trial in Central Point. She earns 2 double-Qs and finishes her MX title! Rogue took a 3rd place in FAST on Friday, 1st place in FAST and 3rd in JWW on Saturday, and earned another JWW leg on Sunday. Rocky took the blue ribbon in FAST on Friday and a 4th in JWW on Sunday.

**06.01.10**

McKenzie Cascade agility trial: Rocky places 2nd in Standard Ex B on Saturday & takes a blue ribbon in FAST Ex B on Sunday. Rogue wins FAST Ex A on Saturday and Q's in Standard Ex B on Sunday.

**05.20.10**

Rocky is inducted to the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America's Agility Hall of Fame!

**05.16.10**

Fleet Feet USDAA Dam Tournament: Rocky and Gordon Setter teammate Kidder finish the weekend in 4th place at performance level. Rocky earns 2nd place in Performance Grand Prix with a blazing time of 30.35 sec. See the Adventures of Rocky & Kiddwinkle.

#### **04.12.10**

10 month old male Belgian sheepdog available in the Pacific Northwest. Excellent competition prospect in experienced hands. Contact us for more information.

#### **04.04.10**

CRAC AKC agility trial: Rogue earns 3 Qs with a blue ribbon in Excellent A FAST on Saturday, finishing his XF title. Heart also Qs three times this weekend and chalks up 35 more championship points. Rocky earns 2 more double Q's, several high placements, and 125 championship points!

#### **03.25.10**

AKC National Agility Championship: Rocky & Joan make a fantastic showing, finishing in 4th place in the 24" class after Saturday prelim competition. Alas, a couple of faults on the Sunday morning hybrid course knock them out of the finals. Videos can be viewed at Barbara Persson's blog.

#### **03.23.10**

Groenendael puppies descended from working European lines on sire's side available in southern California now. Excellent prospects for competition! Contact us for more information.

#### **03.20.10**

GSDCO Agility Trial: Heart, Rogue, and Rocky all earn double Q's on Sat. One of our best trial weekends ever!

#### **03.14.10**

WAG USDAA agility trial: this is only Heart's second USDAA trial. She picks up two 1st places, two 2nd places, and a 4th at started level. Rocky is 1st in master gamblers on Saturday and 3rd in master gamblers on Sunday.

#### **03.14.10**

Chilko and Dave entered the PDOC variable-surface tracking test at the University of Portland. They get off to a strong start, but go off-track at the "moment of truth" turn. See Chilko's track using Google Earth.

#### **03.05.10**

We received a big surprise in the mail from AKC today. CDX and VCD2 title certificates for Chilko. She earned her 3rd open obedience leg on Valentine's Day and we weren't even aware of her achievement.

#### **02.14.10**

Linn Co Kennel Club: Chilko qualifies in Open A obedience on Saturday & Sunday. Scored 191 both days and took 3rd place on Sunday.

#### **02.08.10**

Dave is teaching beginning tracking classes in Monmouth, OR beginning March 20. Download class description & entry form.

#### **01.22.10**

Rogue takes 1st place in Standard Excellent A and finishes his AX title at the Rose City Classic.

#### **01.14.10**

Rocky and Joan are heading to the AKC agility national championships in March.

**01.07.10**

We brought our pack in for a professional studio photo.

**1.03.10**

AKC Boston Terrier agility trial: Heart earns her first 2 double Qs. Rocky qualifies in 7 out of 8 runs, always in the top four places...plus two double Qs. Rogue wins excellent FAST on Friday and finishes his AXJ title. Happy New Year!

**12.30.09**

Chilko finishes a VST training track through sleet and wind across OSU campus. She's almost ready for the spring tests

**12.15.09**

Rocky and Joan make a valiant effort at the AKC agility invitational.

**11.14.09**

Mt. Hood Doberman Club agility trial: Rocky double Q's and takes 3rd place in Ex B Standard. Lakota and Jax also double Q today. Go Belgians!

**11.01.09**

Rest in peace Aleika Tango Con Gusto.

**11.01.09**

CRAC AKC agility trial: Rogue takes a first place in Excellent A JWW. Heart finishes her AX and takes a blue ribbon too. Rocky earns 2 double Qs! Only 9 more to go to his championship.

**9.19.09**

It's official! Rocky and Joan are going to the 2009 AKC Agility Invitational in Long Beach, CA.

**9.13.09**

Luckiamute Dog Training Club AKC obedience trial: Rogue and Joan earn a 192 in novice class on Saturday and finish Rogue's CD title. On Sunday, Rogue earns a 196 and takes 3rd place!

**7.15.09**

The qualifying period for the AKC Invitational ended June 30. Rocky is ranked as the 6th most accomplished Belgian sheepdog in AKC agility this year.

**6.28.09**

Mt. Bachelor AKC agility trial: Rocky racks up another double Q and 84 points towards his championship. Three blue ribbons in Excellent B too! Heart qualifies in 5 out of 6 runs; moves up to Excellent B (in just 8 months of competition); and finishes her AXJ title. Rogue earns blue ribbons in Excellent A standard and FAST! What a weekend!

**6.13.09**

Another successful weekend at the trials. Heart completes her AKC Open Std title at the PAC trial. Rocky gets a 2nd place in Excellent B JWW and accumulates more MACH points. Rogue and Dave earn the first leg toward their AHBA RLF II title at Fido's Farm.

**5.30.09**

Rocky earned another double Q (his 5th!) at the GSDC AKC agility trial in Canby. Took 2nd place in JWW and finally finished his MX title!

### **5.25.09**

EKC AKC Agility Trials: Rocky earns a double Q on Friday and several 1st & 2nd places in a very competitive excellent-level field. Heart is awarded 2nd place in Open Standard and 3rd place in her debut in Excellent JWW!

### **5.19.09**

Heart receives OFA hip and elbow certificates.

### **5.10.09**

Rogue and Chilko begin new conservation detector dog project with biologists at OSU. Mission: find nests of the elusive orange-crowned warbler!

### **5.5.09**

All of the dogs had great success in their performance events at the BSCA national. Photos and results to be posted here soon!

### **4.6.09**

Dixon Dog Training Club AKC agility trial & Glace Noire Belgian sheepdog party. There were more Groenendaels at this party than at some regional specialties! Heart finished her NA title too.

### **3.29.09**

Rocky and Joan have a great weekend at the CRAC AKC agility trial. They earn four Q's (including Rocky's 2nd double Q) and Rocky's MXJ title!

### **3.15.09**

WAG USDAA trial: Rogue gets a qualifying score in Advanced Jumpers (handled by Pete DeWitt) and takes 3rd place. Rocky took a 4th in Masters Std, 4th in Grand Prix, and 2nd place in Masters Snooker (with a Super Q)!

### **3.07.09**

Pete and Julia DeWitt's ADCH Max plays his last game of Frisbee. Good bye Max.

### **02.15.09**

Chilko takes first place in Open A obedience at the Linn County KC show. Heart is awarded WB.

### **01.31.09**

Rogue takes 1st place in a difficult Excellent A Jumpers w/ Weaves course at the Mt Hood Doberman Club trial. Uncle Rocky takes 2nd place on the same course in the Excellent B Division.

### **01.19.09**

DC Uvar Eresha Kuymal succumbed to lymphosarcoma today. Uvar was the first dog of any breed to earn every advanced level AKC herding title. Our condolences to Peggy Richter.

### **01.04.09**

Rocky qualifies in 5 of 6 runs at the PAC agility trial this weekend and reaches an important milestone--his first double Q in AKC agility! Rocky and Joan had a spectacular standard run on Sunday taking 2nd place in the 24' Excellent B class.

### **12.29.08**

Last agility trial of 2008. Heart qualifies in 5 of 6 novice runs, places every time, and finishes her NAJ at Elma, WA.

### **12.07.08**

Heart qualifies in all 4 of her runs at the Fleet Feet CPE trial. Four 3rd places too!

**10.25.08**

Heart makes her debut in AKC agility at the RCA trial in Central Point, OR. She earns a qualifying score in JWW and takes 2nd place!

**10.12.08**

Chilko earns a TDX at the EDOC tracking tests in Cottage Grove.

**08.26.08**

Rogue and Dave are featured on The Nature Conservancy website

**09.14.08**

Heart takes a Group 1 (adults) at the Chintimini AKC Sanctioned B match in Corvallis!

**09.07.08**

Rocky and Joan get their 2nd AKC Obedience Utility leg at the EKC trial this weekend. Rocky also earns two Qs in Agility Excellent Standard. Chilko finishes her OAP and OJP titles with 2 first places!

**08.21.08**

Rocky earns his first UKC Utility Obedience leg at the Mutty Paws trial. First place too!

**08.11.08**

Rocky makes his debut at Masters level in USDAA agility at the WAG Brownsville trial. He earns a 2nd place in Standard and a 3rd place in Snooker among very tough competition.

**07.01.08**

Rogue and his canine colleagues finish their 2008 Kincaid's lupine detector dog training.

**06.29.08**

Mt. Bachelor KC agility trial: Rocky finishes his AX title and earns two blue ribbons. Chilko picks up 2 more Q's (both 1st places) at the open preferred level.

**5.25.08**

Our dogs made a great showing at the BSCA national specialty: Rogue finished his HSAs title; Rocky took a 1st place in Utility B Obedience, Chilko continues her non-stop run of 8 consecutive Q's in agility, and much more!

**4.19.08**

Chilko returns to agility after back surgery and 1 year of rehabilitation. Two 1st places in Novice Preferred at the AWC AKC trial!

**4.15.08**

Looking for a working dog in a smaller package?... Gondüzö-Alkonyat Mudi Kennel (Hungary) has puppies!

**4.13.08**

RAT USDDA trial, Elma, WA: Rocky gets 3 Q's, 3 high placements, and completes his AAD title.

**3.16.08**

Rocky Qs in Excellent B JWW and earns his first 15 points towards a MACH. Its a long road ahead.

### **3.15.08**

Chintimini KC show: Heart takes BOW under Ms Janet Sinclair for her first points and major!

### **3.14.08**

Rocky takes 1st place in Excellent JWW and finishes his AXJ title at the CRAC AKC trial.

### **3.09.08**

WAG USDAA Trial: Rocky takes a 2nd place in Advanced Standard on Sat and a 1st in Adv Standard on Sun. Rogue takes a 2nd place in Starters Standard, a 1st in Starters Jumpers, then finishes his AD title. The Obsidian duo finish the weekend taking 3rd place in Advanced Pairs.

### **1.20.08**

Rogue takes 2nd place in Excellent A Standard and Open JWW at the Rose City Classic agility trial. Finishes his OAJ title too!

### **1.17.08**

Heart takes Reserved Winners Bitch at the NW Belgian Sheepdog regional specialty.

### **01.05.08**

PAC Agility Trial: Rocky takes 1st place in Excellent A JWW and 2nd place in Excellent A FAST (finishes his XF title too!).

### **01.01.08**

Rocky gets 3 Qs (all first places!) at the Boston Terrier Club of WA AKC agility trial. Rogue brings home a blue ribbon in open FAST.

### **12.31.07**

2007 Trialing Wrap Up: The Obsidian Pack accumulate a total of 18 performance titles during the year in AKC, UKC, USDAA, and AHBA events.

### **12.26.07**

Heart has 7 new brothers and sisters! This is a repeat breeding of Blue X Hope. Visit [www.kaponomana.com](http://www.kaponomana.com) for more information.

### **12.08.07**

Heart makes her debut in the conformation ring at the GCCKC show in Ridgefield, WA. She's awarded Reserve Winners Bitch.

### **11.11.07**

USDAA Rainer Agility Team Trial: Rocky completes his Agility Dog (AD) title. Four 1st places too!

### **10.28.07**

Rocky takes 1st place in AKC Open JWW and finishes his OAJ title at the Rogue Canine Agility Club trial. Rogue finishes his OAJ & NF titles!

### **10.20.07**

Heart is six months old. She's got a full training schedule that includes obedience lessons, agility, herding, and tracking every week. Heart will debut in the show ring in December.

### **10.10.07**

Photo Gallery updated.

**10.08.07**

Rogue earns qualifying scores in Started A-course sheep on Saturday and Sunday at the Willamette Valley Herding Club AKC herding trial. This makes 5 consecutive Q's in herding for Rogue!

**09.16.07**

Rocky & Rogue make a great showing in AKC agility at the border terrier specialty in Albany. Rocky makes his debut at the Excellent level and brings home two blue ribbons. Rogue earns 1st place in Open JWW and Novice FAST, plus a 2nd place Open Standard.

**09.03.07**

Rocky & Joan earn 5 qualifying scores and complete OA and OF titles at the Columbia River Agility Club trials in Hood River, OR.

**08.26.07**

Rogue earns 3 qualifying scores in 3 runs at the Kuymal Ranch AHBA herding trial. He achieves the HTADII herding title!

**08.16.07**

Chilko continues to show a remarkable recovery from back surgery last week. She'll be able to start training in agility and herding early next year. Thanks to all our friends who have been sending Chilko their best wishes.

**06.17.07**

New addition to the Obsidian pack! Kaponomana's Heart of Obsidian arrives in Oregon.

**05.30.07**

Rogue X Jaguar puppies born! Rogue Gaia Kuymal X Attra Dea's Living the Dream (Jaguar). 5 boys and 3 girls born May 30, 2007. Pedigree available upon request.

**05.13.07**

Chilko and Joan go HIT at the Muddy Paws UKC obedience trial in Monmouth, OR. Rocky finishes his UKC open title!

**05.05.07**

Updates made to the "Breeding" and "Performance" pages.

**03.18.07**

Chilko is awarded the AKC versatility title VCDI.

**03.18.07**

All 3 of our dogs do well at the Columbia River Agility Club AKC trial in Albany. Chilko takes a 1st in Novice Standard & finishes her NA title. Rogue completes his NA and NAJ titles, taking 2 2nd places on the way. Rocky earns his first Q at AKC Open Standard level and takes a 1st place (14 seconds ahead of 2nd place!)