

North American Magyar Agár Association

An Independent Club for the Magyar Agár

Association Constitution & Bylaws

Tom Koler

The North American Magyar Agár Association now has a draft Constitution and Bylaws available for reviewing at our Web site: www.magyaragar.org. We welcome any comments and suggestions. Please contact Tom Koler at tom_koler@yahoo.com or tom@magyaragar.org in corresponding with the Association.

Tom and Lori Koler, Sally Barron, and Audrey Hsia took on the task of getting a formal document written for our club. Our intention is to keep it simple and to not be associated with any kennel club, for the time being. Members will be voting on the Constitution and Bylaws during the week of November 17th with ballots being sent to tom_koler@yahoo.com. The final Constitution and Bylaws will then be posted on our

Web site.

In our attempt to keep it simple, we may have placed ourselves in an unforeseen parliamentary pitfall. If any readers see any such thing, please let us know.

Membership will include member (individual or household), associate member (non-voting member), and junior member. We will be convening the first official meetings this winter. One of the items on the agenda will be dues for membership. As a non-profit organization we can keep our finances to a parsimonious level, so hopefully membership fees will be in the \$35 to \$50 range. The final decision will be provided in the next newsletter.

For the moment, there will be voting rights for only members. Therefore the membership fees for associate and



Kyle and Ojeda (Luna) taking it easy on a warm summer day in northern California.

junior members will probably be less, and they therefore will also be determined in our official first meeting. If you are interested in expressing your thoughts on this topic, please contact Tom.

Three Pups Are Imported This Spring

Tom Koler

Three pups were imported from Germany to the U.S. this spring. Mikeas came from Frankfurt and from the Bodensee (Lake Constance), Omlin (Gator) and Ojeda (Luna) arrived in San Francisco with their aunts Nellie Belle and Nubia (Willow Bee) waiting for

them. Mikeas lives in Pennsylvania sharing the home of Lesa and Jon Manoskey. Lesa and Jon are, our east coast members. Ojeda lives with Kyle and Rita Yates. For reasons that you will have to ask Kyle and Rita, Ojeda's call name is Luna. Omlin's call name, Ga-

tor, was decided extemporaneously on a hot spring day while he was bathing in a muddy area of our yard named "The Swamp."

For more on these pups please read the articles inside this newsletter

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- Hunting in Hungary
- Gil continues with his wins
- Welcome to Mikeás, Omlin and Ojeda
- Six Magyar Agárs running this spring
- Willow is LGRA Top Magyar Agár for the 2007 Racing Season
- Another MA is located in California

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Hunting With The Magyar Agár In Hungary

Zsuzsanna Pallagi

Hunting goes back to ancient times to the dawn of human beings and to the first relationship between canines and humans. Since that time humans have bred different types of dogs for hunting: retrievers, pointers, vizslas, laikas and sighthounds. Sighthounds are probably the first "hunters" who were the same type in ancient Egypt similar to those seen today in modern dog shows.

Magyar Agár (MA) is one of these sighthounds. For first appearances it is very similar to greyhounds, but with careful study we can see the differences in its body, muscles and the bones. These differences make this dog a strong, long-distance hunter and makes it able to hunt a variety of game such as red deer and even boar. The type of game depends only on the dog: its temperament, skills, body (size and muscles) and abilities.

An average MA can easily catch small game such as hare (i.e., jackrabbit) and other rabbits. All MAs are able to keep up with their speed and the quick turns that a rabbit makes. Sometimes a smaller, lighter Agár can have success with the game but in other times it is the heavier and more experienced dogs that win. For example, a lonely MA is able to succeed but the best - usually 100% result - is when they are in a pair... Within seconds the two dogs realize their partner's weakness and they do their best, as real team members, to compliment each other's skills. This is what sighthound lovers can see on the coursing track: one dog turns the rabbit and the other catches.

With good training for skilled dogs this teamwork can be developed into hunting for bigger game - or for "more dangerous" game. A pack of well-trained, brave hearted Agárs is able to stop a medium-sized wild boar or a young/female red deer. This can be a dangerous adventure, of course, but it is one part of the Hungarian hunting heritage.

An Agár who has always succeeded with "normal" game and has had no negative

experiences, can be taught to hunt fox, wild cats (in an open area) and other smaller predators. Although it is not very nice, they can be trained for stray dog control-but this use of the MA has moral and health issues too. We Hungarian hunters have the right to state: Agárs are the gun in the huntmaster's hands...

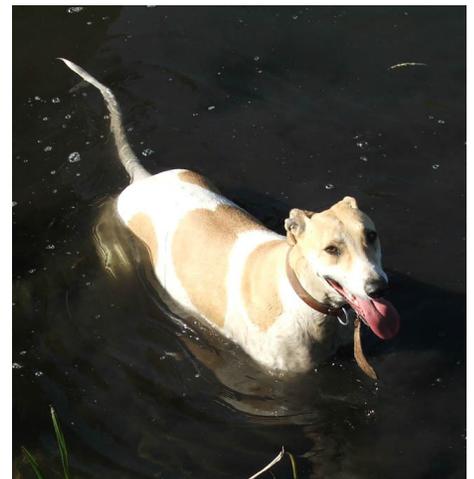
Hunting Today

Until recently, it was highly prohibited to hunt with Agárs. So-called "poachers" used Agárs for hunting and they made big losses in some hunting territories. That is why professional hunters shoot Agárs (and other dogs) who they see running in the countryside. Today there still is tension between those who hunt with a shotgun and those who would like to use their Agárs. Nowadays there is a legal responsibility to use MAs for hunting: both the owner and the dog have to pass the National Hunting Exam and they join a Hunters' Club. In this way they are allowed to participate in huntings. In Hungary there are only a few hunters who have this permission because of the high examination and membership requirements and fees. The hunters have set up an association in the Hortobagy area and hopefully the number of their members is growing. Other hunters rather use their dogs as "poachers" than pay for the state.

My Own Experiences

I am sorry to say but I use my Agárs for hunting in a "half-legal" way: I am a member of a hunting club in western Hungary and after a lot of success in finding injured animals with my vizslas, I was allowed to try my Agárs in hunting, but only in this club. The area where we hunt is a hilly (in Hungary they are almost mountains) area mostly covered with woods and with a few, open agricultural areas. Here I was able to use my Agárs for hunting wild boar (with a pack of MAs and a Chart Polski), deer several times, as well as red deer. We met the boar only twice. I think that it is too dangerous for all dogs, even for those angry, small and jumpy jagdterriers and fox-

hounds too. The first boar was a young animal, maybe 70 kilograms (approximately 150 pounds), in a bushy area. After two dachshounds attacked him he jumped out of the bush and came to a smaller, open area. I let the Agárs away accidentally and they attacked the boar. The females, Cinege, Cedrus, Czarka and Delfin, were jumping around and barking, they stopped the boar. They bit him on his hind and sides several times, with small but fierce bites, while the boar was turning around, like a propeller. The two males, Dodo and Gida, attacked his head fiercely and aggressively, trying to get his ears and neck. They made the boar and themselves very tired with all this jumping and the boar was bleeding when we finally got close to them. But it wasn't my dogs who killed him, my huntmaster shot him down. After that all the dogs were stand there growling. After that all of the dogs were standing there growling and barking and very tired. They got some bruises, legs hurt and their mouths were hurt, but they seemed to enjoy the whole affair.



Ozugrato Cinege cooling off after a hunt.

Hunting With Agárs In Hungary (continued)

The second boar wasn't this easy and finally there was no fight either. It was a much bigger, older animal who entered into the bushy place in the woods. The dogs attacked it fiercely but after a short time the girls returned-this was the point when I realized that this animal is BIG-only the boys worked on him. I really worried about them and finally I was able to call them back without any injuries.

Young boar piglets are very easy game for training Agárs, the only danger is the sow, so I don't like to hunt them.

Dee hunting is similar except it requires more stealth. Red deer have to be stopped and only after the Agárs are close to the body of the animal. With deer we try to approach them in cover and only when I am close do I let the dogs loose for the chase. Anyway, if the deer is too fast or too far, they give up and try to find other game. I love this behavior, that is why they never get lost or get too tired before a real catch. For deer they are good in pairs if they are trained for it; but we have to be careful because of the antlers of the bucks. This is the reason (and the huge size) why I never let my Agárs hunt for red deer stags, only for young (yearlings) or does. They are huge, powerful and quick animals, on tall legs and they are able to put the pack into a dangerous situation-as with the wild boars.

Those dogs who love hunting have no problems with fox or cats. With these animals they grab their hind part and start to shake them, like fox terriers do. I don't like it because the game can turn back and bite or scratch their face but they don't seem to be bothered by this. When the Agárs are in a pair, they like to chae the fox or cat before a real fight; but when there is a lonely hunter, he mostly attacks straight away. Only my males hunt predators. I think the girls are too shy, or-maybe funny to say-too gentle for this. My females never killed any bigger game and they only help the males; but they are successful with rabbits, hare and birds.

Training Youngsters

Training for hunting starts at a very early age. My 6-week old puppies have already met a rabbit. At this time it is very important to know which puppy will go to a hunting/coursing/racing family and which will be only a pet. Those who will be pets are not allowed to attack or rudely play with the rabbit. I try to calm these pups down and they behave carefully with the rabbit. Those who will be hunters or runners can "get" the rabbit: I put the poor thing into a cage and the pups can bark and jump around it. They can grab a piece of hairy leather such as sheepskin, rabbit hide or other leather to pull and play with it. The "pets" are not there when the "hunters" are let out to play and they cannot see them playing with this early training I can assure the new owners that-only if they somehow teach it to them-their new pets will be nice and kind with all animals and that the "hunter" will be eager to follow and catch anything that moves.



Exposing a puppy to future game.

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Dodo getting ready for the hunt to begin

Editor's Comment:

This newsletter is devoted to the Magyar Agár and therefore we will be publishing articles on a variety of MA topics. However, some topics, such as hunting, may be offensive to some readers. The Magyar Agár was bred by the early Magyars for game hunting and this hound has become famous in Hungary as a hunter of large and small game. To ignore this cultural and historical fact would result in ignoring the foundation of the MA. For the record, I am a supporter of hunting if it is done in a humane manner following state hunting laws. However, some members of my family frown on this topic and in deference to them we do not hunt with our MAs. Their game are the plastic lure in coursing and the fake bunny in LGRA events.

Tom Koler

Mikeás Comes To Pennsylvania

Lesla Manoskey

Hello from Pennsylvania!

When Tom asked me to write a little something for the newsletter about our newest addition, I was thrilled. Our story is not the norm as this all came together rather quickly considering our search for a MA only became "active" in May/June 2008.

I have been involved with various sight-hound breeds for over 15 years and I have been intrigued by this breed for some time, but I found it very difficult to get any general information on them. That was until I stumbled upon Gil's photo on the Rarities Web site. I found out that Maygars were also called Hungarian Greyhounds and began my search, more intently this time. I was fortunate enough to come across Diana Komaromi's website (<http://cserihegyi.com>) and contacted her in late June. Diana was very helpful from the beginning; she put me in touch with Tom and also answered all my questions about the breed. After speaking to Tom and Diana, I was sure a MA was for us!

Shortly thereafter, Diana referred me to a kennel in Germany, Farkas von Salomon (www.magyar-agar.com) and informed me that they had a lovely male available from their last litter. Extremely excited, I immediately contracted Nicole, the breeder, and she forwarded me information on the litter, the dam, Lotta (Vad von Schloss Neuschwanstein) and sire, Orvos (Dévaj

Orvos) as well as pictures of this wonderful white and red boy! I was smitten from the moment I saw him... Mikeás had my heart from that day on!

After speaking to Nicole and her friend Susanne on the phone multiple times, we all felt comfortable and agreed to proceed on getting Mikeás to the U.S. Our goal was to get this accomplished sooner than later as he was already 14 weeks old and growing more everyday!

Mikeás arrived in Philadelphia, PA from Frankfurt, Germany on July 16, 2008. He was and is everything we expected in a MA. Robust, energetic, yet kind and loving; he instantly blended into our family never missing a beat. He was well adjusted and happy and we are so thankful to Diana for bringing Nicole and me together.

We are thrilled to say that Mikeás is already following his father's footsteps in the show ring. At his debut Rarities show in September, Mikeás won 3 out of 4 Best Junior Puppy in Shows (over 25 other Jr. puppies) as well as a Reserve Best in Show (over 100 all age dogs, as well as Champions)! He obtained his Jr. Championship - all this at the tender age of 6 months.

Needless-to-say, we are very excited about this boy's future and are even more thrilled to have him as part of our family!

Lesla Manoskey

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Mikeás showing off his charm.

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Willow Is 2007 LGRA Top Magyar Agár

Betcha-Katcha Nubia (Willow Bee) is again the top Magyar Agár for the Large Gazehound Racing Association in 2007. During the 2007 season Willow competed against her sister winning a total of 6 points towards her title. Several minor foot injuries prevented her from competing full-time. This coming year she will be competing against her sister, Belle, and with two others, Fecni (Sally Barron) and Gil

(Audrey Hsia).

If things go well two younger hounds will be joining the four competitors sometime this coming spring. Ojeda (Luna) and Omlin (Gator) will be in training this winter with the goal of competing in the spring. Luna and Gator are from the Betcha-Katcha O-litter.



Betcha-Katcha Nubia winning at Sloughhouse during the 2007 LGRA season (photo by Dave Mills ©)

Ojeda Comes To California Looking For Bling

Kyle and Rita Yates

Over the past 20 plus years we have had the pleasure of owning and co-owning, and serving as Alpha Dog and Bitch for 8 Rhodesian Ridgebacks. We were drawn to their strong sleek elegant lines, powerful run, and their great sense of humor. We got used to their aloofness and chronic couch potato attitude. Our girls are prone to wanting to be warm. Upon rising in the morning, they leap onto a very soft (level 35 Sleep Number) bed and whine till they are covered. We had always heard that "Ridgebacks are not for wimps". We considered "greyhounds" to be frail and fragile.

Enter Tom Koler. Tom and Lori invited us to a Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA) racing event. We took our potential breeding girl, Holly, for a test run. She was a bit distracted, ran half the course, saw another Ridgeback, and she was off the course. We tried again with all three of our girls. Morgan ran for the truck, Holly ran to me and Gaia ran so hard I feared for her health – she was a rescue ridgeback with lots of weight and health issues. Discovering a breeding issue with Holly, we found ourselves with three lovely girls that we couldn't show, breed or safely run. They were professional full time Couch Potatoes. We were very disappointed.

Enter Tom again. Tom came into my (Rita's) office one morning very excited about the opportunity to import 2 puppies from the Betcha-Ketcha Kennel in Germany (Omlin and Ojeda). We had lost our 4th Ridgeback – Razzel Dazzel in the past year and we were not ready to be back to 4 crates in our bedroom. But he wore me down. When he mentioned "puppy breath" - I was "in". When I mentioned the scenario to Kyle at lunch that day, he just smiled and gave me the nod. "What is the difference from 3 to 4 dogs?" Shortly after that, Tom and Kyle did some "male bonding" on the trip to San Francisco International Airport to receive our little international travelers. It was love at first sight for everyone.

Ojeda soon came to be called "Luna". Another puppy in the house – what fun..... sort of. Every surface and item inside the house is in "BLT Status". Everything has been Bit, Licked and Tasted. Kyle refers to her as the "Mouth on Steroids". The new mantra is "Luna! That's not yours!" She is a thief with an eye for the bling. We find little stashes of sea shells, ink pens, eye glasses, hand sanitizer, padded cloths hangers, news papers, socks, parts of tools, and her favorite: Rita's shoes.

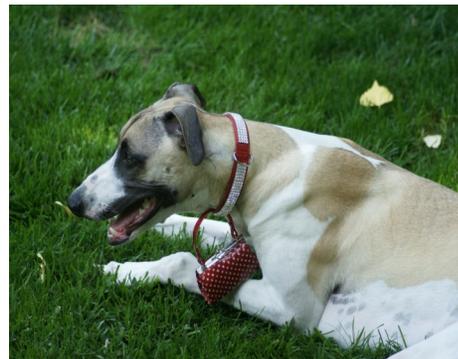
One warm morning, as we enjoyed coffee on the patio, she displayed her eye for the bling-bling. I had just experienced one of my bi-annual pedicures and was wearing some sparkling rhinestone toe rings. It's not unusual for Luna to run through and leap by the table. Her usual "fly by" was interrupted by an abrupt U-turn when she caught a glimpse of my toe ring bling. It was like a cartoon caption bubble saying "Hello Baby".

So the search was on for an appropriate sparkling collar for our little "Bling Girl". We spent 3 hours going to craft stores and pet stores to find a disappointing selection of dull decorations and accessories. We finally ended up in a local pet boutique. Their selection was better, but I wasn't ready to spend \$60 on a "so-so" collar. Then I turned the corner and found the bling – Red AND Pink. Needless to say they were a lot more than \$60 each – more like the better part of a day's wages for me. But they were both perfect.

So from the street, our house looks calm, but open the back door and you'll experience complete pandemonium. The "evening crazies" with the three Ridgebacks and one MA flying through the air is a joy to see – as long as you can stay safely out of the way. It was interesting to note that Luna never ran like a gangly all feet puppy. It would take the Ridgebacks a year or so to run with skill, power and grace. She ran like an athlete from the first day, agile and fast at four months old.

Our long time friends were very surprised to find that we had defected from the exclusive Rhodesian Ridgeback ranks. We like to look at it that we just mixed up our décor and provided contrast to our canine environment – from all brown doggie butts to three brown and one taller, longer and brown and white streamlined edition. As for our old notion of greyhounds being frail and fragile; might still hold to standard American greyhounds, but not to the MA. We are struck by the elegance, strength and power – and side by side observations between the MA and the RRs..... The Ridgebacks now appear bulky and dare I say....fat?

As far as her attitude, she is very different from the RRs. She is affectionate and very loving. She will just about fly to get on a lap. We just need to sit down in a chair on the patio and she is on us. She will curl up and go to sleep, sometimes with her head hanging down swinging like a limp rag. Often she will lay her head over our shoulder as if giving us a big doggie hug. The silky smoothness of her coat is joy that is very welcome during her hugs. Luna is also not an easy riser. She takes her time waking up. If on your lap, you almost have to pour her off. She will turn around and try to get back on. Many times she will follow us around the house just to be close to us. When working in our office



Luna wearing some of her bling.

Luna Likes Her Bling (continued)

upstairs, she will come and lay near us. The three RRs would make a straight shot for our bed if we left the bedroom door open. If one of us goes out the front door, she will wait by the door. When we work in the yard we have to be on guard. If we bend over she is licking our face and wagging that very long tail of hers or presenting us with one of her toys wanting to play with us. She is not only very affectionate she is very intelligent. It has not taken much to teach her the basic commands. It's as though she really wants to please us.

We have, over the past few months,

found her to be a real joy and member of our "6 pack". We have also discovered recently that she is a good mouser.

Having a MA in the house is pure joy. Thanks to Tom's persistence and Friederike Honstetter's¹ kindness we are the proud owners of our bling princess.

¹Friederike Honstetter and Karl Sewastianiuk are the owners of the Betcha-Katcha Kennels in Germany.



Luna with one of her bling collars.

Mikeás Show Ring Successes

Lesla Manoskey

Mikeás Frakas von Salomon made his debut big-time at a Rarities event in Bear, Delaware in September. Here is the breakdown of his wins for all 4 shows that day:

Show 1: Best of Breed, Hound Group 1, Best Junior Puppy in Show (beating 25+ Jr. Puppies)

Show 2: Best of Breed, Hound Group 1, Best Junior Puppy in Show (beating 25+ Jr. Puppies) & Reserve Best in Show (beating 100+ all age dogs, including Champions) – He also obtained his Junior Championship with these wins!

Show 3: Best of Breed, Hound Group 1, Best Junior Puppy in Show (beating 25+ Jr. Puppies)

Show 4: Best of Breed, Hound Group 1

We were thrilled with his performance; it was a long day but he never quit and had a blast doing it! The event was hosted by the Rarities CA and offers International Championship and Junior Championship points and titles.

Mikeás was shown by our 12 year old Junior Handler, Rachel that helps me at shows. Rachel adores Mikeás and asked to show him since I had other client dogs to

show. We agreed, knowing that Rachel would do a superb job and thinking this was his first show and it was just for experience...boy did those two surprise us!

We look forward to this lovely boy's future in the ring and in the field!

Lesla & the Crew of BigStar

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Mikeás, Rachel and Lesla with his winning ribbons

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Omlin Proves That Water Buffalo Live In The Sierra Nevada

Tom Kaler

Betcha-Katcha Omlin arrived with his sister, Ojeda, this last spring. They are from the O-litter (sire Betcha-Katcha Nik Nak Paddy Wak and dam Betcha-Katcha Mignon). Nik Nak is the brother to our two girls Nellie Belle and Nubia (Willow). To say that we are big supporters of the Betcha-Katcha Kennel is an understatement!

Omlin quickly found his way into our pack and developed a fondness for water in our hot Sierra Nevada weather. Somehow through this process he ended up with the call name "Gator." But he's actually more of a water buffalo than he is a swamp

critter. As the summer days became hotter he excavated himself a little wallow where the overflow from irrigating the garden created his swamp. On some of his busiest days he was not a welcome dirty pup in our living room.

Gator's mom is an outstanding racing champion who we have seen race when we visited Europe in 2006. Mignon is also a very sweet girl who has a look that will make any hard heart melt. When there was an opportunity to have one of her pups we jumped at the opportunity. Gator will be training for LGRA this fall and winter with the hope for him to enter his first race



Gator attacking the garden hose.

Gil Continues With Wins

Audrey Hsia

Arangyagi Utonallo Fenseg, otherwise known as "Gil" to friends and family, celebrated his very first birthday on the 14th of June, 2008. Gil celebrated his birthday by qualifying for LGRA competition with his best bud Fecni. The summer heat has been tough on us, but it hasn't kept Gil from enjoying the great outdoors and generally seeing the sunny side of life. He and Fecni

attended the Northern California Whippet Club's annual Iron Hound LGRA Competition and he ended up earning his very first LGRA points! He has also become ASFA certified so we hope to get him out on the lure coursing field as soon as possible.

After a very nice start to his show career last January, Gil continued his winning streak at the Rarities Dog Shows in April by winning his very first Best in Show! He ended up being top dog of the weekend, even though he only attended one day and missed a whole day's worth of showing! After a rocky start in UKC conformation this spring, Gil finally received the acknowledgement of the judges and was awarded two Group 1's at the Silver State American Pitbull Terrier Club's conformation show in Sparks, NV. He has since followed up those placements with another Group 1 at the SSAPBT Club's September UKC shows. To the best of my knowledge, Gil is the first MA to earn competition points in any UKC event. As a grand finale to a very successful show career this year, Gil won a Reserve BIS and a Best Rare Breed Puppy in Show at the IABCA international dog shows

in September.

When he's not strutting his stuff in the show ring or burning it up on the race track, Gil enjoys being an ambassador for his breed; whether it's at the dog park, the feed store or any other doggie gathering, Gil is always happy to meet new people.



Gil at the Rarities show in Placerville, CA, April 2008



Gil at the Slouhouse ripping up the LGRA track (photo by Dave Mills ©)

Kucorgo-Dombi Bukkony (Bukky)

Tom Koler

Just as we were in the process of getting this newsletter to print, Lori Koler heard from Peter Laskier, who lives in Truckee, California. Peter had found the Magyar Agár Web site and called Lori to find out more about our group.

This was a big surprise and a very pleasant one at that. Truckee is a three hour drive from our place in the Sierra Nevada and we were amazed at the coincidence that we were nearby, given the rarity of the Magyar Agár in North America. Peter had purchased Bukky from Orsi Bali about six years ago. Orsi Bali who was nice to me in the early days of my Magyar Agár education; so I was delighted with the thought that our world is really very small.



Bukky enjoying the sunlight near a mountain stream.

Peter and Bukky will be coming to the LGRA event at Sloughouse on November 8th. Hopefully we'll have all seven of the known California MAs together at that event. It is quite possible that this coming spring we'll have four girls and three boys running the 200-yard track!

From the few e-mails that we have recently shared, I found out that Peter jogs with Bukky near their home in the Sierra Nevada. For those of you who do not know, Truckee is high in the Sierra Nevada near the place where the infamous Donner Party died in the mid-1800s. The winters are long in Truckee and frequently they can last from Thanksgiving until Easter. From the pictures it is obvious that Bukky is in top form and probably will give the rest of the California MAs a run for their money! He obviously thrives in his mountain environment.

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Bukky settles the question about Magyar Agárs and snow: MAs love the snow!



Handsome Bukky

From The President

Greetings MA owners and admirers! I am pleased to be writing to you from the second edition of the North American Magyar Agár Association (NAMAA) newsletter. These are exciting times for the Magyar Agár in North America; with two young pups in California growing like weeds and one more pup residing in Pennsylvania, our breed is on its way to a healthy and prosperous start in the states. The first official NAMAA club meeting took place on

the 4th of July 2008 in California's gold country. Club officials were officially nominated and elected and we worked on perfecting our draft for the club's Constitution and Bylaws. By mid September they were finalized even further and are now ready to be made official. We encourage any and all persons interested in being a part of the club.

Unfortunately a combination of the heat and a fierce California fire season kept the

hounds homebound for most of the summer, but now that fall is here and the weather is cooling down we are all looking forward to the racing and coursing season.

Tally Ho!

Audrey Hsia
President

North American Magyar Agár Association

Fecni Visits Friends this Summer

Tom Koler

Last May Sally Barron had an accident and hurt her back. Because she needed to recover she asked for help from friends to board her borzois and her Magyar Agár, Fecni. For the first month Fecni romped with Gil at the Hsia household in Davis, California. While visiting the Kolers, Fecni decided to stay with the Betcha-Katcha gang for most of July and the first part of August. But Miss Popularity was called back to the Hsia household for the rest of August and all of September. Fortunately Sally has recovered and Fecni has returned to her family of borzois and quarterhorses.

While staying with the Hsias, Fecni was entered in several UKC shows as well as a few lure-coursing and LGRA events. At the Koler household she taught Gator a

few tricks of the trade and was Tom's insomnia partner in the wee hours of the night.

Although we are all glad that Sally has fully recovered, we sure would like to have Fecni return for a visit or two.



Fecni and Gil at a LGRA event.



Miss Popularity.

NAMAA Officers Elected

In early July we had a draft Constitution and Bylaws adopted and we nominated and elected our first officers. The officers were convened in August to finish the draft Constitution and Bylaws. The officers elected in July are:

Audrey Hsia, President

Sally Barron, Vice-President

Tom Koler, Secretary

Olivia Hsia, Treasurer

The term of office is for two years so we will be looking for nominations for new officers probably in early 2010. The specifics of these offices are described in detail in our Constitution and Bylaws, which you can find on the Web site. Please re-

view these materials and provide us with your recommendations. The final constitution and bylaws will be formally adopted by vote in the middle of November. For more information, please contact Tom Koler.

Editors' Notes

The first issue of this newsletter has been highly successful and we continue to reap dividends from our efforts to get it published on the www.magyaragar.org Web site. In this issue we are combining two short newsletters to cover the period of April through September, 2008. This is due to the busy summer season when all of us have been up to our ears in activities.

Hopefully we will be more punctual with the fourth issue being available shortly after the Christmas-New Years holidays.

If you are interested in contributing, please do not hesitate to contact the American editor, Dr. Tom Koler, or the Hungarian editor, Dr. Maia Mózes. We welcome all types of articles concerning the MA.

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Who is walking whom? Photo by Zsuzs Pallogoni



Gil in the trees.



Gator sizing up the situation.



Fecni and Cali roughing it at the Hsia's.



A typical morning activity at the Oak Hill Ranch, Kelsey, California. Belle is in the foreground and Willow and Gator are left and