



# Seward County Kennel Club

A CLUB FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN DOGS AND THE SPORT OF DOGS.

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## MEET THE BREED: ALASKAN KLEE KAI



The Alaskan Klee Kai have ancient roots descending from the numerous native dogs which have populated Alaska for thousands of years. Many of these dogs became not only loving family pets, but in the harsh environment of Alaska, were crucial for survival for the tribal groups and nomadic people. They excelled at pulling sleds, hiking, hunting, tracking, and were early warning alerts for dangers such as wild animals or enemies approaching. One of the largest

groups of native dogs that make up the base of what became known as the Alaskan Husky type of dog are the Alaskan Interior Village dogs. Husky lines from Siberia, which were imported to Alaska in the early 1900s, were added to much of this hearty dog population as dog sled racing started to grow. They developed an intelligent, vigorous, and hardworking dog, with a happy nature.

The Alaskan Klee Kai breed we see today was developed in Alaska from these well-bred husky dogs by Linda Spurlin and her family starting in the early 1970s. Using a strict breeding program to select the somewhat smaller dogs with the type/look she envisioned that also met her high standards for health, structure and temperament, she carefully developed a companion-sized version of the Alaska Husky with a very distinctive contrasting symmetrical facial mask and markings.



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## NEXT MEETING February 16, 2023

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

**Meeting is in AV Room** - General Meeting 7:30pm

# MEETING MINUTES

Seward County Kennel Club

January 19, 2023

La Caretta Restaurant, Seward, NE

Members present: Jon and Kayla Thomas, Tanya Williams, Linda Soukup, Tabitha and Troy Dvorak, Kathy Jackson, Mary Bristol, Shelene and Maurice Costello and Vicki Nolte.

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Reading of last minutes- Correction- Old check was for security deposit not building rentals. Motion to accept minutes with correction made by Shelene and 2nd by Troy. Motion accepted.

Treasure's report: Quarterly and yearly report. Shelene motion to approved reports 2nd by Vicki. Motion passed. Ag Society sent us \$500 check. Didn't return our deposit check, Mary going to work on it.

Report of the President: Nothing

Awards & Trophies: Nothing

Legislation: Nothing

Show: 2023 is the 50th year of the club. Tanya has decorations. Cake, water, tea, and some sort of beverage. Fun match approved. AKC says we owe \$75, check has been sent show approved and ready to go. 1 obedience judge replaced. New judge is Nancy Watson. 4-6 puppy and veteran approved.

Canine health donation

Biennial Report due April 1st.

Nomination: None from the floor.

Obedience: Chris via text spring obedience class March 18th – April 24th CGC on April 24th.

Old Business: Discussion adding Juniors to bylaws, postponed to next meeting.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Troy, 2nd by Shelene. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42

Minutes taken by Kayla Thomas.

Winner of the 1st SCKC Founder's Award is Kayla Thomas. Congratulations Kayla!!



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Much like their ancestors, the Alaskan Klee Kai is adaptable to multiple lifestyles, traveling, hiking, sports, entertainment, therapy and service, and most importantly, a loving companion dog for all ages.

The name Alaskan “Klee Kai” was created from parts of Alaskan Athabaskan words meaning “little dog”.

Alaskan Klee Kai have distinctive contrasting symmetrical facial masks and body markings in three color varieties: Black with White, Gray with White, and Red with White.

The plural and singular spelling of the breed is Alaskan Klee Kai

(no ‘s’).

Alaskan Klee Kai “talk”, resulting in sometimes strange and amusing noises of howling, grumbling, yodeling, purring and chirping to express themselves.

Adorably animated, quirky, and comical, Alaskan Klee Kai produce many laughs and entertaining moments with their humans.

Alaskan Klee Kai are independent thinking problem solvers with a penchant for escape by digging, climbing, squeezing through small openings, or opening gates and crates.

The Alaskan Klee Kai was accepted into the Foundation Stock Service in October of 2020.

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