



2009

VERMONT SPORTS

DOG ISSUE

This is our 6th annual dog issue, and in the following pages you will find an assortment of dog-related topics: interviews with people, interviews with dogs, a calendar of sports-related dog events, humor, and great feature stories by our contributing writers.

The highlight of the dog issue is the Adventure Dogs Photo Contest on the following two pages, where you will see how important dogs are to so many of us. We received over 100 submissions to the contest and we thank everyone who sent photos. A variety of dog-loving "judges" rated the photos on how well they represented the contest theme (Adventure Dogs), the contest categories (most athletic, best looking, most humorous), composition, clarity, and whether or not the photo evoked an emotional response. It was inspiring as well as gratifying to see all the great things *Vermont Sports* readers do with their dogs.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together. ☐

— Kate Carter, Editor



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ADVENTUROUS

DOG

Photo Contest

CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Best Looking Dog
- Most Athletic Dog
- Most Humorous Dog

We would like to thank the following businesses who provided prizes for the photo contest:



3 First Place
Prizes—\$100 Gift
Certificate to Pet
Food Warehouse in
South Burlington.



3 Second Place
Prizes—\$50 Gift
Certificate to Onion River
Sports in Montpelier.

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3 Third Place Prizes—
Vermont Sports
swag and a one-year
subscription to the
magazine.

3 Honorable
Mentions—One-
year subscription to
Vermont Sports.

THE WINNERS!





BEST LOOKING

FIRST PLACE

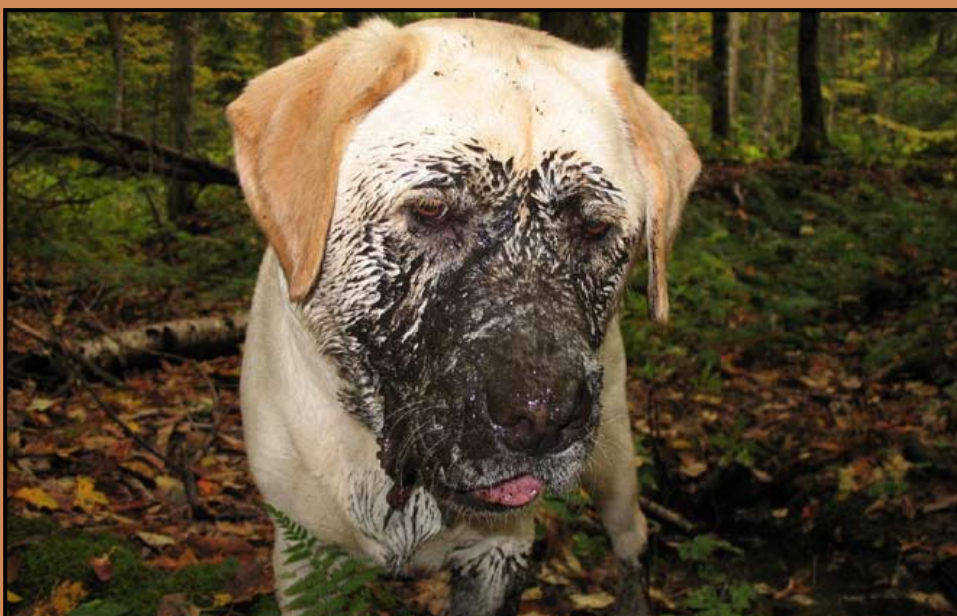
A Kodak Moment, Or Photoshop?
Film or digital, who cares? Piper, Beetle, and Wells are clearly mesmerized by the camera. The gang of black Labs lives with Abigail Littlefield, the photographer, and Martha Wilmot in Westminster West, VT, where they get to play at all the sports Labs love.



MOST ATHLETIC

FIRST PLACE

Winter in Vermont!
Digby the dog, skjoring with Tiaan van der Linde, the mother, and Lindley, the baby, in tow. Neal Frei of Plymouth, NH, captured the photo as the trio from Burk Hollow, VT, slid by while skiing at Kingdom Trails in East Burke.



MOST HUMOROUS

FIRST PLACE

Here's Mud In Your Eye!
Cutter, an English Lab, was abandoned last fall. He found his new people, Patti Murray and Kevin Merrill, when they rescued him from the pound. The three happily reside with Molly, an American Lab, in Killington. Jody Chudzik, also of Killington, took this photo of Cutter clowning around on the Appalachian Trail nearby.



SECOND PLACE

GQ Guy at Work

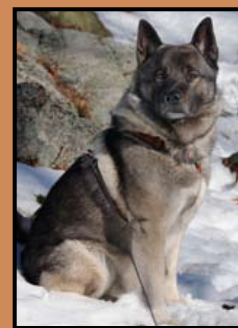
Two-year-old Cody, a Chocolate Lab, lives for the pool. Here he is, taking a break after a hard day swimming with the kids. The leader of the pack, Valerie Wilson, shot this photo at their home in Springfield, VT.



THIRD PLACE

There's No Business Like Snow Business

Juno is a Silver Labrador Retriever, a rare and relatively unknown breed. Caitlin Welter of Waitsfield, VT, took this photo of Juno while they were snowshoeing together in Fayston on Valentines Day.



HONORABLE MENTION

Friend-me@balto.com

Handsome Balto, a Norwegian Elkhound, is a regular at Harriman State Park, 30 miles north of New York City, where his owner, Michael Margulis, took this photo. Although Balto is a hunting breed, like his namesake, he also enjoys pulling, especially if Michael is on skis. The team lives in Port Washington, NY.



SECOND PLACE

Walkin' on Water

Poncho Bing Bat is a two-year-old Black Lab who needs no reason to go in the water. In fact, he loves it so much it's hard to keep him out. Poncho lives in Warren with Jesse and Whitney Phillips.



THIRD PLACE

Two Labs Are Better Than One

Zoe and Zia get to ski, sled, and walk almost every day with their sister Stitch, and their humans, Sandra Chicoine and Heather LaDuke. Heather shot this photo of Zoe and Zia skjoring with Sandra on a forest road in Ripton, VT, this past winter.



HONORABLE MENTION

You Go, I'll Guard the Gear

Nick Korda shot this photo of his Alaskan Husky, Ace, taking a snooze, while their buddy, Jed Palmer, tackles the ice in Franconia Notch. Nick and Ace live at Castleton State College during the school year, and are based out of Boulder, CO, in the summer, where they adventure together in the Rocky Mountains.



SECOND PLACE

Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee

Stephen Dybas of Brattleboro took this photo of Taber while hiking in Great Sand Dunes National Park near Mosca, CO. Taber is a mix of German Shorthair Pointer and Brittany Spaniel. He and his human, Jessica Denison, live in Durango, CO.



THIRD PLACE

Where's the Cabana Boy?

Viktor, a yellow Lab, relaxes after a long day of retrieving balls from the pool. He lives with Susan Weber, who shot the photo at their home in Little Ferry, NJ.



HONORABLE MENTION

Back Off Paparazzi!

Denali, Nicole, and Hans Dyhrman of Burlington were on an overnight camping trip at Green River Reservoir, when Nicole shot this photo from the bow of the kayak. Denali is a Boxer mix rescue dog who gets to go everywhere with her humans, even if it means riding in a heavily laden kayak, towing supplies in an inflatable raft.