

## PHOTO CONTEST 2011

*Judging the Saluki club's photo contest was a pleasure. I have long-admired the Saluki, having shared an office with a few while working as the art director at Dogs in Canada. Over the years, I have judged many photo contests and I am thrilled to say that the quality of this entry did not disappoint. I spent countless hours, enjoying the athleticism, beauty and playfulness that this breed exudes, and in many instances an argument could be made to place the final selections in a different order.*

*As I was sifting through the files, there were commonalities amongst them that stuck in my mind. The Saluki appears to be a two-speed breed – flat-out activity or flat out (asleep). They also have very dedicated and passionate owners who spend a considerable amount of time exercising them and catering to their needs while patiently waiting for the right time to snap a candid or two, or 200! I have never judged a photo contest for dogs with so many stunning outdoor pictures. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to spend some virtual time with your beautiful hounds.*

*– Alison Wraight*

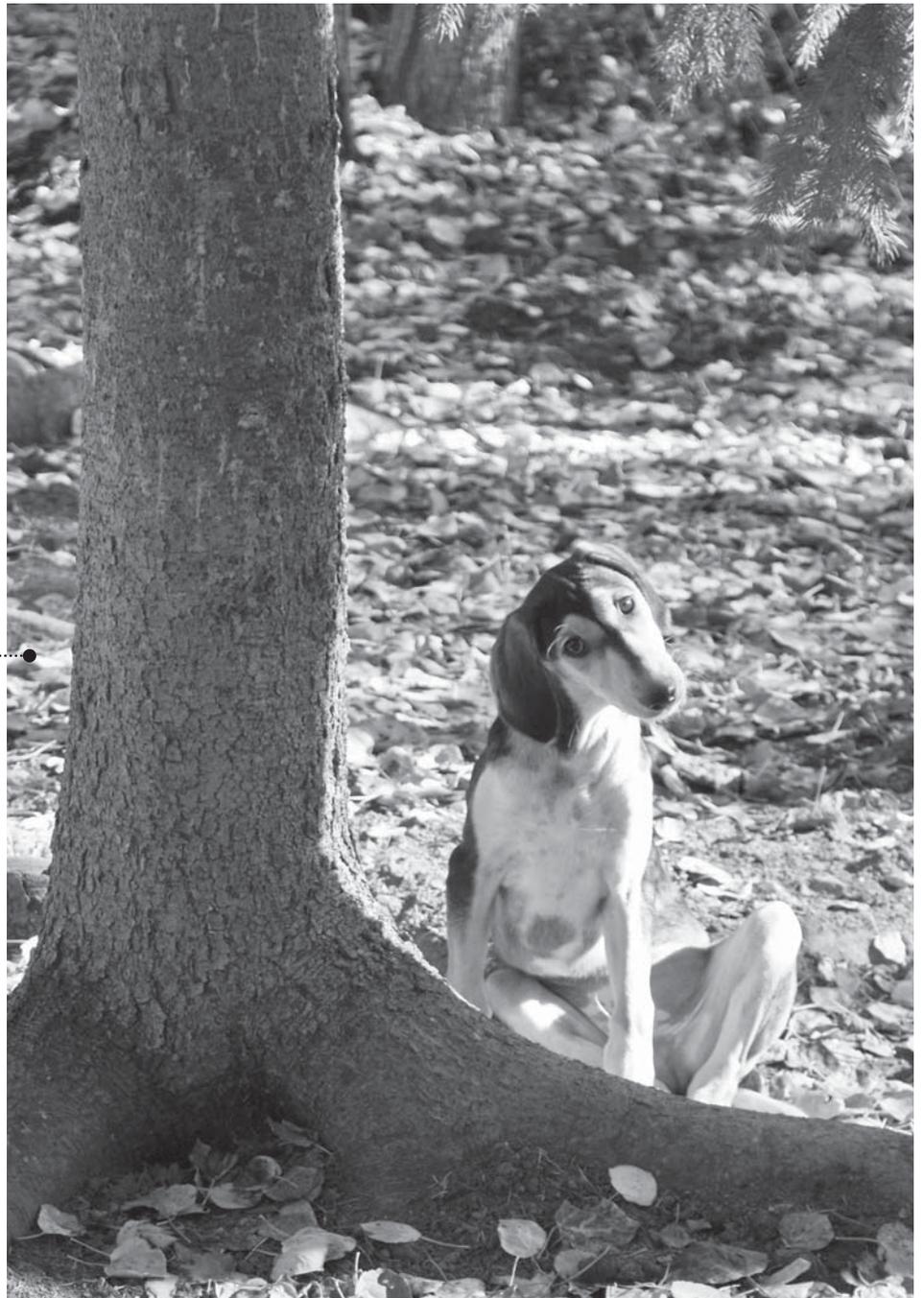
## portraits



### **FIRST**

Photographer: Tina Leiding

Judge's comments: An absolutely stunning portrait. The colours are glorious and the high-action dog is in crisp focus. The out-of-focus grass that encircles his head appears to form a halo.



### **SECOND**

Photographer: Shelley Work

Judge's comments: This photo is intriguing for many reasons. The puppy is adorably inquisitive, but it's the dappled sunlight that is echoed in the dog's spots that adds dimension to this image.



***THIRD***

Photographer: Gary Ellis

Judge's comments: A head-on shot always draws the viewer in. This dog's windblown furnishings adds to the carefree nature of the photo.

***RUNNER-UP***

Photographer: Johnny Mroz



## buddies



### **FIRST**

Photographer: Vicky Clarke

Judge's comments: There's a reason you let sleeping dogs lie – it provides a wonderful photo op. These two seemingly opposite hounds – long and lean, and short and round – have come together for a well-deserved nap. Perhaps they share a similar dream of the hunting fields. The lack of a busy background puts all the focus on the dogs.

### **RUNNER-UP**

Photographer: Ingrid Romanowski





### **SECOND**

Photographer: Kathy Morton

Judge's comments: We are almost made to feel that we are intruding on a private moment. This perfectly timed photo clearly shows the strong bond between these two buddies.

### **THIRD**

Photographer: Jennifer Pite

Judge's comments: Playing with your buddy is the next best thing to sleeping with him. The blue water and glistening wet coats make this action photo striking. Interestingly, there has been a reversal of ear carriage.



## puppies



### ***FIRST***

Photographer: Susan Schroder

Judge's comments: A classic, posed puppy portrait. The legs dangling over the wall adds vertical height, which provides a glimpse into the dog's future as a long, lean and elegant Saluki.

### ***SECOND***

Photographer: Marie Anti

Judge's comments: The eyes demand that you stop and look, but it's the sharpness of every detail of this puppy's furrowed brow, ear fringes and whiskers that makes you linger and examine the intricacies of this puppy's face.

### ***RUNNER-UP***

Photographer: Lin Hawkyard



***THIRD***

Photographer: Jennifer Pite

Judge's comments: Hiding in the garden under a leaf while sticking its tongue out every so slightly reveals much of this mischievous little puppy's character. Who wouldn't fall in love?

