

*Meet our director
for Quebec and Eastern Canada*

As the new director for Quebec and Eastern Canada I would, first of all, like to introduce myself. My name is Joan King and I live in Miramichi, New Brunswick. This is a very small city that rests on both the north and south side of the Miramichi River. At one time our river was the hub of shipbuilding and our great white pines were used as masts for some of the world's most famous sailing ships. Later on it became known as one of the world's great salmon rivers, and then came the pulp mills. Now the pulp mills are for the most part gone and the salmon are beginning to come back. Needless to say we all have our fingers crossed.

I came to this area of Canada in the late 1960s when my husband was stationed here with the Royal Canadian Air Force. We moved from the base at Cold Lake Alberta.

I have been interested in dogs from the time I was a very young child, when my father raised and trained Springer Spaniels. He later moved over to the scent hounds and my first, "very own dog," was a Black and Tan Coonhound puppy that was born at our house. Regrettably, in those days vaccines for distemper were rare and hard to come by. I lost 'Doc' when he was about five months old to the hated distemper, which – although our homes were long distances apart – went through our community like wildfire.

During Jim's time in the service we always had a dog in the family, mostly a rescue, and our three daughters grew up with four-footed friends around them.

In the early 1970s Jim retired from the military, after 20 years' service and went to work in civilian employment. This meant that we could now have a permanent home and settle down.

Our girls were graduating high school and I decided that I would now go back to a first love and 'get into' dogs. I had a dear friend who had been a pro handler and I went to several shows with her and got 'the bug,' so to say.

I saw my first Saluki in a newspaper and was mes-

merized. I did some research and, in 1974, learned that Joanne Swadren in Ontario (Ananada Reg'd) had Saluki puppies for sale. I contacted her and she sent lots of information and pictures. I chose a fawn feathered male and we called him 'Sebastian.' He was registered as Ananda's Dahna Lord of Katima. He had no trouble achieving his Canadian championship and thoroughly enjoyed the ring. A few months later Joanne contacted me. She was selling her property and leaving the area. She had a very nice six-month-old female for sale and would I be interested. Her pedigree went nicely with Sabastians' and so my daughter Jess and I drove to beyond Toronto (about 21 hours on the road), picked up 'Sarah' and drove back. Needless to say we were tired when we got back and Sarah had a new name, or at least an addition to her old one. She was now known as 20-mile Sarah. Every 20 miles poor Sarah threw up. We finally got her settled for that trip but for several years after that she lived up to that name until she went to Newfoundland with my friend, to be shown over there. She lived in Judy's van for three weeks; she never threw up on a road trip again. Sarah attained her Canadian championship quickly and had two litters in her lifetime. Her first litter sired by Sebastian and the second by the wonderful red Ch. Springtime Windstorm Jaadan, who had come to live with us from Starr and Randy White, after Sebastian died of cancer. Some of the puppies were sold and the rest remained with us until they passed. Several attained their championship. Salukis were not known very well in eastern Canada in those days.

Over the years we have learned much about Salukis, but I must admit we still have much to learn.

That tells you a bit about me, my family and our years with Salukis. Today we have one boy in residence and that is Burydown Hilerica Whistler, lovingly called 'Liam.' He is our very first smooth and he is a wonderful dog. Unfortunately, he has only been shown very sparingly as I have been home bound due to illness.

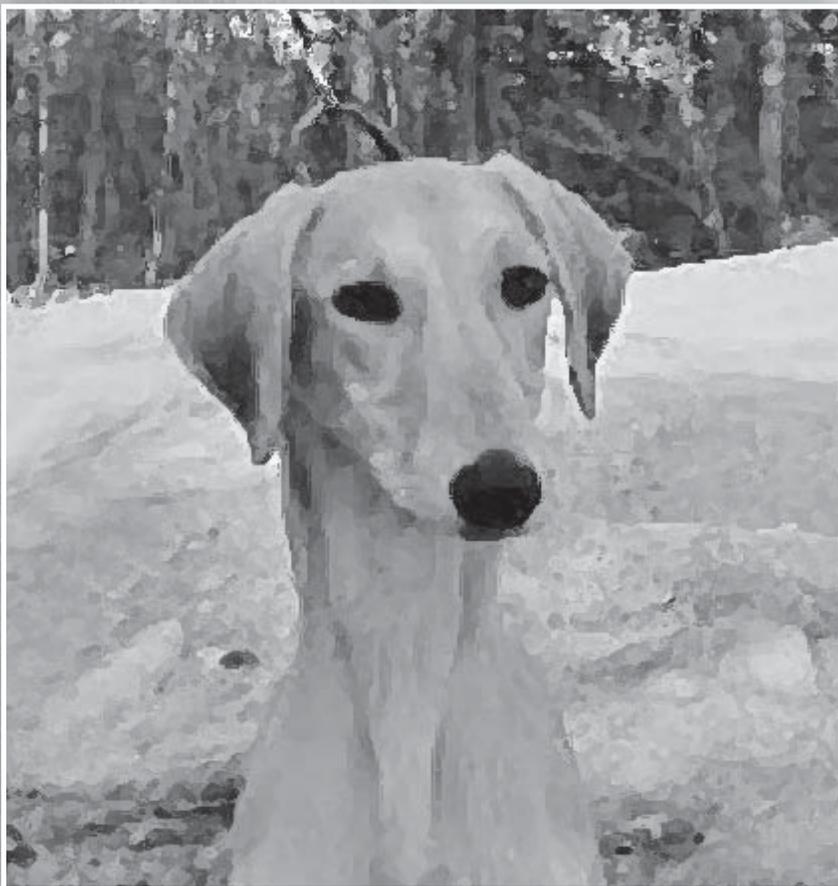
As the new director for Quebec and Eastern Canada I hope to contact each member who lives in this zone. I want to learn about your experiences with the breed both in the past and today and hopefully where you hope to go with the breed in the future. Unfortunately, I have been shut-in for a very long time but I have my fingers crossed that next year I might be able to get out again and meet you all in person. My daughter Joanna does get out and she loves Salukis with a passion, and she too would love to meet more folks in the breed. I am very thankful for

the computer, as it has allowed me to keep in good contact and it will make it easy for you to contact me at any time. You may also contact me by phone and to keep costs down I can call you back very quickly as I can take full advantage of my phone plan.

I hope that we can help our breed to become much better known throughout Quebec and Atlantic Canada. Perhaps if we can do this we won't get asked, "Is that a Greyhound?" when out walking with our pride and joy. Then

of course there is always the sly comment, "Don't they feed that dog?" which rarely gets asked to your face but is said in a stage whisper behind your back. Who knows, someday we may even have the honour of being chosen as the centre to hold our national specialty, and wouldn't that be wonderful.

So my friends be prepared to hear from me and be prepared to tell me about yourself and your Salukis. Until then, Saluki smiles to you all.



Liam

Burydown Hilerica Whistler

Enjoying his Winter Wonderland...

Wild rabbits live in our front yard and Liam is always on the watch. We are honoured to have this lovely smooth boy in our house.

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