

IWPA

Championships

BACK TO THE ROOTS

2022

Grand Rapids



**WELCOME
TO ALL INVITEES!**



IWPA
INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION

Proceeds will be donated to Rinks to Links, a Sled Wings Hockey program for athletes with physical disabilities.

Hello everyone.

Welcome back to Patterson Ice Center here in Grand Rapids Michigan. We are so glad to see you all here to compete in the 2022 International Weight Pull Association Championships - Back to the Roots.

We hope that we have put together a weekend that everyone will have friendly competition and will be lots of fun making memories.

This year we will have Snow events on Saturday and the Wheels will be Sunday. The building will be open for our use. The rest rooms are inside the building. We will have a Pizza buffet and the general meeting will be in the building Friday night and we will have the Dinner and Awards banquet in the building on Saturday night. The snack bar should be open during the day.

A silent auction will be held Saturday and Sunday until 1:30 pm. We will be donating the proceeds to the Sled Wings, an adaptive hockey program for athletes with physical disabilities.

Carol Gerke – Region 6 Championship Organizer

A Message From The President

Welcome to the 2022 *IWPA* Championships, “Back to the Roots”.

It has been a while. I don’t know about you but, for me the past two years have felt like missing a family reunion.

I look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Thank you to our gracious host, Carol Gerke and her crew from Region 6. I am confident that the weekend will hold a lot of fun and memories made.

Good luck to all of you, enjoy your weekend and drive safely going home.

Terry Reed
IWPA President

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2021-2022 Championship Judges

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Ted Gerke	Region 6	Terry Reed	Region 9
Melissa Kehler	Region 7	Stephanie Stoll	Region 6
Donna Libbey	Region 6	Shirley Webber	Region 6

Veterinary and Vet Tech Services will be available on-site courtesy of Mac's Landing Veterinary Services of Fennville, Sterner's Veterinary Clinic of Ionia and Plymouth Road Animal Clinic of Grand Rapids.

If Emergency Services are needed, please notify any Championship Judge.

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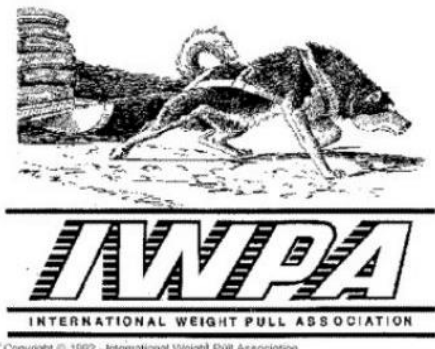
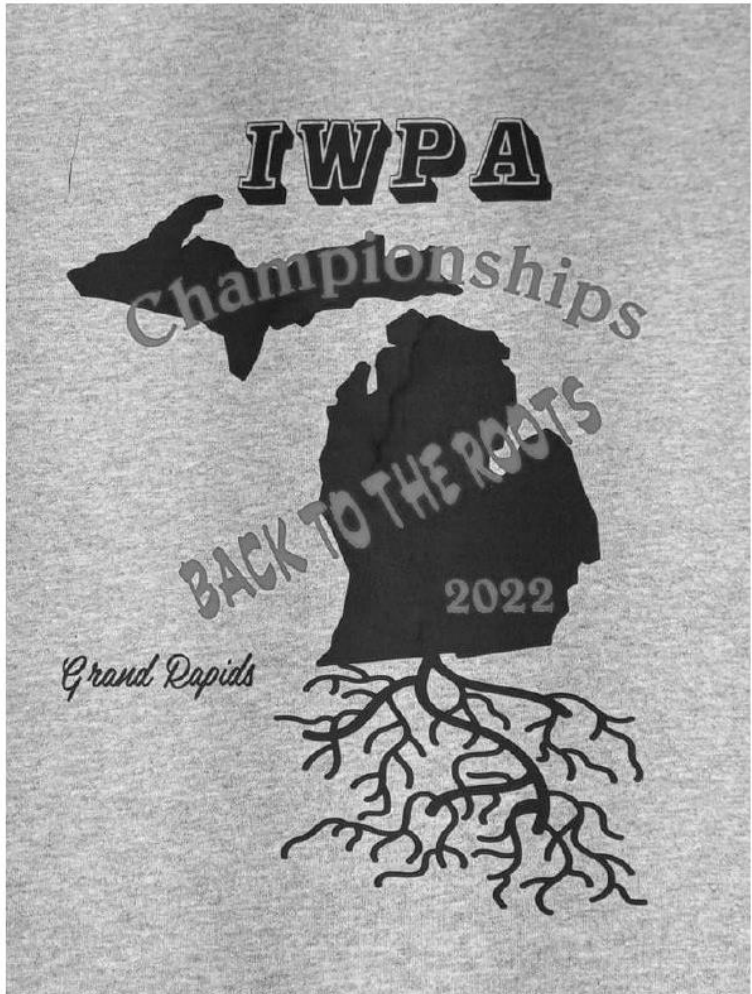
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Schedule of Events

at
 Patterson Ice Center
 2550 Patterson Ave SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Friday, April 29th

Early Registration (\$20 USD/Dog)
 & Weigh-In 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Dinner & General Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner
 Meeting after

Saturday, April 30th

Registration (\$20 USD/Dog)
 & Weigh-In 7:00 am—8:00 am

Handler's Meeting 8:30 am

Snow Pulls Begin 9:00 am

Awards Banquet/Dinner 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 1st

Registration & Weigh-In 7:00 am—8:00 am

Handler's Meeting 8:30 am

Wheels Pulls Begin 9:00 am

LODGING INFORMATION

Red Roof
 5131 28th St
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 (616) 942-0800
 Limit 2 dogs, <80 lbs., No Fee

Comfort Inn
 4155 28th St., SE
 Grand Rapids, MI
 (616) 957-2080
 \$25/Pet/Night

Roadway Inn
 4855 28th St., SE
 Grand Rapids, MI
 (616) 957-3000
 \$20/Pet/Night

Campground Information
 Ionia State Recreation Area
 Yankee Springs State Park
 (800) 447-2757 for reservations



On Site Camping Available for Self-Contained Camper Units at Patterson Ice Center

IWPA Record Holders

WHEELS/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Monarch Joseph	Robbie Reed	9	295	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
20	Sanchez	Trent Vance	4	935	Pitter-Patt	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
35	Two Dogs	Larry McGee	3	2000	American Pit Bull Terrier	Greeley, CO (1997)
40	Gracie	Damon Keels	6	2135	American Pit Bull Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
60	Throttle	Jim Walters	9	3985	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
80	Sky	Chris Stock	9	3980	American Bulldog	Estes Park, CO (2015)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4900	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cheyenne, WY (2001)
120	Maynard	Derrick Exstrom	9	4045	Rottweiler	Greeley, CO (1997)
125	Neebles	Mark Landers	9	3980	American Bulldog	Evans, CO (2007)
150	Delbert	Debbie Lee	7	3800	Alaskan Malamute	Estes Park, CO (2019)
Unl	Sly	Frank Wells	9	5395	English Mastiff	Greeley, CO (1997)

WHEELS/ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	307	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Kora	Justo Montanez	11	1550	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
25	Obie	Courtney McDermott/ Eric Markson	5	450	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Willey Makett	Anita Persinger	4	2030	American Pit Bull Terrier	St. Louis, MO (1995)
40	Lucy	Eli Landers	9	2090	Patterdale Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
60	Lyra	Jessica Joyce	11	3250	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
80	Dixie	Daryl Anderson	4	3810	American Pit Bull Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4700	American Pit Bull Terrier	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
120	Ox	Ron Poitras	5	4400	American Bulldog	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
125	Kong	Chris Stock	9	4370	American Pit Bull Terrier	Spokane, WA (2017)
150	Delbert	Debbie Lee	7	4475	Alaskan Malamute	Spokane, WA (2017)
Unl	Bastian	Raymond Sligh	2	5630	Saint Bernard	Spokane, WA (2017)

“Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.”

— Roger A. Caras

IWPA Record Holders

SNOW/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Monarch Joseph	Robbie Reed	9	42	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
20	Gingersnap	Donna Libbey	6	250	Jack Russell/Chihuahua	Spokane, WA (2004)
35	Swampdog's Diffy	Todd Pederson	7	440	American Pit Bull Terrier	Delaware, PA (1999)
40	Diamond Lil	Dean Mircos	9	930	American Pit Bull Terrier	Loveland, CO (2003)
60	Cody	Larry Brillart	11	1100	Siberian Husky	Loveland, CO (2003)
80	Eli	Bill Arndt	9	1130	Mix	Estes Park, CO (1994)
100	Shaq	Chris Stock	9	1700	Oklahoma Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
120	Mack	Fred Jenson	9	1270	Alaskan Malamute	Estes Park, CO (1994)
125	Swampdog's Bugg	Todd Pederson	7	1500	American Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
150	Moses	Mark Pickrel	11	1500	Alaskan Malamute	Loveland, CO (2003)
Unl	Chunka	Nathan Sellers	2	1390	Alaskan Malamute	Cheyenne, WY (2001)

SNOW / ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	90	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Bridget	Jenny Cousino	6	425	Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
25	Ripper	Diane Krupski	6	135	Patterdale Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Jackie	Bob Bonacorsi	4	1005	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
40	Honeysuckle	Rodney Martin	9	861	Norwegin Elkhound	Grand Rapids, MI(2018)
60	Smokey	Tim Long	9	1370	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids. MI (1998)
80	Scout	Darwin Lumbattis	3	2161	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
100	Ranger	David Gallagher	5	2105	Alaskan Malamute	Enfield, CT (2010)
120	Bubbadog	Bob Bonacorsi	4	2630	Alaskan Malamute	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
125	Legend	Heather Thompson	5	1940	Rottweiler	Cicero, NY (2014)
150	M.J.	Stephanie Pitz	6	2105	Saint Bernard Cross	Enfield, CT (2010)
Unl	Riddle	Joal Brisbois	6	2630	Mastiff	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)



**“Whoever said you can't buy Happiness forgot little puppies.”
— Gene Hill**

2021-2022 Regional Medalists on Wheels

Region 2

40# Class

Gold Cinder
Silver Camas

100# Class

Gold Chase

125# Class

Gold Tornado

Region 3

60# Class

Gold Baby
Silver Fleur
Silver Sasha
Bronze Chloe

80# Class

Gold Elliott
Silver Capone
Bronze Scout

100# Class

Gold Crunch
Silver Lunatic
Bronze Capone

125# Class

Gold Ripley
Silver Freyja
Bronze Bear

Unlimited Class

Gold Tank

Region 4

80# Class

Gold Kitanna
Silver Steamer
Bronze Heidi

Region 4

100# Class

Gold McLaren

125# Class

Gold Cammy

Region 5

40# Class

Gold Raven
Gold Pack Ur Bags & Bounce

80# Class

Gold Broadway Show

100# Class

Gold Xander

125# Class

Gold Cry Me A River

Region 6

10# Class

Gold Bug

20# Class

Gold Ripper
Silver Sprite
Bronze Yetta

40# Class

Gold Piper
Silver Anushka
Bronze Ivy

60# Class

Gold Magillacudie
Silver Hurricane Clyde
Bronze Xombie
Bronze Tir

80# Class

Gold Tank CK
Silver Zeus

100# Class

Gold Duke
Silver Bell

125# Class

Gold Madd Maxx
Silver Reilly
Bronze Sage

150# Class

Gold Rocky
Silver Sage

Region 7

10# Class

Gold Kenshin
Silver Ricky

Region 7

20# Class

Gold Barney
Silver Felix
Bronze Rebel Rose

40# Class

Gold Deuce
Silver Esmerelda
Bronze Rebel Rose

60# Class

Gold Fuego
Silver Q
Silver Hudson

80# Class

Gold Rafael
Silver Ronin
Bronze Lilly

100# Class

Gold Yahtzee
Silver Phoebe
Bronze Ursula

125# Class

Gold Yeti
Silver Binks
Bronze Lego

150# Class

Gold Magnus
Silver Jolene
Bronze Tank

Unlimited Class

Gold Aubryne

Region 8

20# Class

Gold Magic Mike

40# Class

Gold Amara

60# Class

Gold A.I.D.E.W

Region 9

10# Class

Gold Monarch Joseph

20# Class

Gold Baron Benjamin

Silver Magnus

40# Class

Gold Lily

Silver Peony

Bronze Charity

60# Class

Gold Midus

Silver Tek

Bronze Dexter

80# Class

Gold GrimmLoc

Silver Princess Mary

Bronze Duchess

100# Class

Gold Dahteste

Silver Cache

125# Class

Gold Hope

Silver Lacy

Bronze Princess Rahab

Region 11

20# Class

Gold Patrick Henry

60# Class

Gold Padfoot

Silver Toya

80# Class

Gold JoJo

Silver Lilith

Bronze Pearl

100# Class

Gold Xela

Silver Pepper Potts

Bronze Han Solo

125# Class

Gold Dezzy

Silver Trekker

Bronze Lamara

150# Class

Gold Logan

Unlimited Class

Gold Puddin

IWPA Regions

1. Alaska, Yukon Territory Canada
2. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia
3. Montana, Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories
4. Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Manitoba
5. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island
6. Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio
7. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
8. Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
9. Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico
10. Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah
11. Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia
12. Hawaii



2021-2022 Regional Medalists on Snow

Region 2

40# Class

Gold Cinder
Gold Bean

80# Class

Gold Chase

100# Class

Gold Hurricane Allie

125# Class

Gold Tornado

150# Class

Gold Russo

Unlimited Class

Gold Hannibal

Region 3

60# Class

Gold Baby
Silver Chloe
Bronze Sasha

80# Class

Gold Scout

100# Class

Gold Lunatic

Unlimited Class

Gold Tank

Region 4

80# Class

Gold Kitanna

100# Class

Gold McLaren

125# Class

Gold Cammy

Region 5

40# Class

Gold Raven
Gold Pack Ur Bags & Bounce

80# Class

Gold Broadway Show

125# Class

Gold Cry Me a River

Region 6

10# Class

Gold Bug

20# Class

Gold Ripper
Sprite Sprite
Bronze Dexter

40# Class

Gold Vala
Silver Ivy
Bronze Anushka

60# Class

Gold Magillacudie
Silver Hurricane Clyde

80# Class

Gold Zeus

100# Class

Gold Duke
Silver Bell

125# Class

Gold Madd Maxx
Silver Cooper

150# Class

Gold Rocky

Region 7

20# Class

Gold Felix
Silver Rebel Rose

40# Class

Gold Esmerelda
Silver Deuce

100# Class

Gold Phoebe
Gold Yahtzee
Silver Ursula

125# Class

Gold Lego

150# Class

Gold Block

Region 8

20# Class

Gold Magic Mike

Region 8

40# Class

Gold Amara

60# Class

Gold A.I.D.E.W

Region 9

10# Class

Gold Monarch Joseph

20# Class

Gold Baron Benjamin
Silver Magnus

40# Class

Gold Peony
Silver Lily
Bronze Charity

60# Class

Gold Molly
Silver Midus
Bronze Dexter

80# Class

Gold GrimmLoc
Silver Princess Mary
Bronze Bella

100# Class

Gold Dahteste

125# Class

Gold Hope
Silver Lacy
Bronze Draco

Region 11

80# Class

Gold JoJo

100# Class

Gold Xela

125# Class

Gold Dezzy
Silver Lamara

The 10# Class Qualifiers

Bug

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Diane Krupski

Region: 6

Breed: Chihuahua

Bug is my little princess. Bug really only has one speed, snail speed (lol) but she's a great fur baby.

Bug is the Regional 2021 – 2022 Gold Medalist on both Snow and Wheels



Monarch Joseph

Age: 5 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Robbie Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Chihuahua/Chinese Crested Mix

Royal's Jumping Monarch Joseph or "**Mojo**" is a Chi(ch e) Chi (ch eye); mostly Chihuahua and Chinese crested. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed of Greely, Colorado. A side note, Terry just calls him a "Lil' Mutt". Robbie just calls them "Munchkins". This is Mojo's fifth year pulling. This year his litter mate Benji has outgrown him. Mojo is still pulling in the 10-pound class. Robbie isn't sure how he'll do in the cold weather or on snow because he is certainly a fair-weather dog! Mojo has sensitive feet and doesn't like them cold. One of Mojo's funniest quirks is that he loves to jump and jump and jump! Mojo's personal best on natural wheels is 295 lbs. and on natural snow is 55 lbs. Mojo's personal best on artificial wheels is 225 lbs. and on artificial snow is 51 lbs. Mojo is the reigning IWPA Record holder in the 10-lb class on natural wheels pulling 295 lbs. and natural snow pulling 42 lbs. It's hard to believe that Mojo and Benji are litter mates!

Mojo is the Regional Gold Medalist on both wheels and snow for the 2021-2022 Season.



The 20# Class Qualifiers

Baron Benjamin

Age: 5 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Robbie Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Chihuahua/Chinese Crested Mix

Royal's Snuggling Baron Benjamin or "**Benji**" is a Chi (ch eye) Chi (ch e); mostly Chinese crested (the Powderpuff kind) and Chihuahua. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed. The same side note as with Mojo, Terry calls him a "Lil' Mutt". Robbie just calls them "Munchkins". This is Benji's fifth year pulling. Benji has outgrown his litter mate, Mojo, now pulling in the 20 lb. class. Benji is quite a snuggler! Nothing pleases him more than to snuggle up with someone. Oh yeah, and that massage he gets from Terry! Benji's personal best on natural wheels is 265 lbs. and 245 lbs. on natural snow. His personal best on artificial wheels is 275 lbs. and on artificial snow is 38 lbs. It's hard to believe that Benji and Mojo are litter mates!



Benji is the Regional Gold Medalist on both wheels and snow for the 2021-2022 Season.

Dexter

Age: 1 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Diane Krupski

Region: 6

Breed: Patterdale Terrier

Dexter is brand new to this fun game of weight pulling. He's a great dog but a little crazy at times.

Regional 2021 – 2022 Bronze Medalist on Snow.



Felix

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Region: 7

Breed: Wired Haired Terrier Mix

Surprise, surprise, surprise! **Felix**, a 5-year-old Wired Haired Terrier mix, who seems to have his barker set on “bark at everything and anything” has turned out to be quite the working little dog! The only time he is not barking is when he is in harness working. He came to us as a rescue in 2018. Rehoming him proved difficult due to his “I put the terror in terrier” personality. On a whim, I put a harness on him to see what he would do. Here we are, a few years later still working hard in harness, and still as noisy as ever. His UKC registered name is: “Felix Never Shuts Up”. I know this little dog drives me absolutely crazy with his incessant barking, but he has turned out to be a good dog. His Devotion to me is unmatched, at I feel honored that he chose me. It’s true what they say, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.



Regional Silver wheels – 20lb class 2021-2022
Regional Gold snow – 20lb class 2021-2022
Regional Gold wheels – 20lb class 2020-2021
Regional Gold wheels – 20lb class 2019-2020

Regional Gold snow – 20lb class 2019-2020
Regional Silver wheels – 20lb class 2018-2019
Regional Gold snow – 20lb class 2018-2019

Championships Bronze wheels - 20lb class 2018

Championships Bronze wheels - 20lb class 2019

Magic Mike

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: W. Clay Fonvielle

Region: 8

Breed: American Hairless Terrier

Magic Mike (Fonvielle’s Nekked Winning of Wizard of Lace) is representing Region 8 in the 20# class. Any dog on team No F.E.A.R’s active roster is expected to pull. 11# Mikey is no exception. This practical jokester spends most of his time jumping from high places and “borrowing” watches, shoes, phones, etc. and hiding them. He is also working in conformation and rally obedience and fast cat.

2021-2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels



Magnus

Age: Years Old

Owner/Handler: Mary Felice

Region: 9

Breed: Miniature Schnauzer

Magnus is back after taking a few years off. Magnus is the son of Evil Puppy Ceasar and has now earned the nickname of evil spawn. Since coming back to us he has become a shadow and a cuddle bug to Mary. He also likes to cuddle the foster girl that Richard and Mary still have come visit a few weekends a month and has learned the fuzziest blanket or toy the better to sleep on. He likes to chase the cats but seems to enjoy most his awake time "Taking on" his 15-year-old aunt. The 2021/2022 season ended with his personal best of 430 lbs. on wheels and 135 lbs. on snow. This will be his 2nd championship and was also his second year pulling. As Magnus and I learn each other's habits I look forward to seeing how close we can come to breaking a few of his dad's personal bests.

2021-2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow and Wheels



Rebel Rose

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Region: 7

Breed: Boston/Corgi Mix

Rebel Rose is a Boston/Corgi mis...or what I like to refer to as my Borgi. When we got her, we were told she was a Boston Terrier. Surprise, she's not. It's OK, because Rose is the best of both breeds. Rose makes us laugh with her clownish antics, and her impish personality. Rose is not a hard-working dog, but she does enjoy working in harness. She loves the camera and is always up for striking a pose. And that nose! Oh, how that sniffer of hers is always working overtime! Maybe some nose work classes might be in order for her during the off season.

Regional Bronze wheels – 20lb class 2021-2022
Regional Silver snow – 20lb class 2021-2022
Regional Silver snow – 20lb class 2019-2020
Regional Gold wheels – 20lb class 2018-2019
Regional Silver wheels – 20lb class 2020-2021
Regional Bronze wheels – 40lb class 2020-2021
Regional Bronze wheels - 20lb class 2019-2020

Championships Gold wheels - 20lb class 2019



Regional Bronze snow – 20lb class 2018-2019
Regional Gold wheels – 20lb class 2017-2018

Championships Bronze snow - 20lb class 2019

Ripper

Age: 9 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Diane Krupski

Region: 6

Breed: Patterdale Terrier

Ripper is a good, all-around little guy. He loves everyone and loves to dig for varmints. He's earned numerous regional medals as well as 5 Championship medals. I wouldn't trade him for the world.

2021-2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels



Sprite

Age: 3 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Donna Libbey

Region: 6

Breed: Mix

In January 2020 my favorite Animal Control, Osceola Animal Control in Reed City, MI posted a dog that was turned in as "found" at Westco gas station. I contacted them immediately and said, "I will take her". He said I had to wait the 10-day hold. She reminded me so much of my old Ginger Snap, Jill and Julie dogs. Like they were all reincarnated in her. I called 10 days later per his date and found she hadn't been claimed. I left and went down that day. When I got there, he said they suspected she was actually an owner-turn-in. I brought her home that day, made her a harness and appt to have her spayed and shot.

Only pulled her twice in 2020 as we were already at the end of the Season. THEY say when you rescue a dog it takes 3 months, but it took her about 6 months to finally "become" mom's dog. SHE got along with all my other dogs like she'd lived her whole life here. They figured she was about a year old and when I got her weighed, she was 10.5 lbs. The first time the day of her spay she was 11.4 lb. pounds. She acted so much like a heeler I figured she had to be some because she likes to bite my heels from under the wheelchair. ha ha But for SMITS and Grins I did a DNA test. Good old mutt ha ha. SHE is actually 37.5% Minpin. 30% Chihuahua, 26.4% Russell Terrier, 9.9 % Rat Terrier and 6.2% Dachshund. Good old American mutt but she still reminds me of GingerSnap, Jill and Julie. She loves me and that's what counts. In 2020 -21 we pulled quite a few times and this year we have pulled a lot more and she keeps Improving. So, I look forward to her figuring it out that she can do it. I love that she never stops trying. At home she owns all the other dogs, including my 3 pure Blue Heelers. I have to sometimes tell them she isn't a SQUEAKY toy! They like to grab her by her middle ha ha, which of course makes her mad. But I think what I love most about her, she has never met anyone she doesn't call Friend. AND she loves me. Sprite earned 2021-2022 Regional Silver Medals on both wheels and snow.



Tinker

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Region: 7

Breed: Cairn Terrier Mix

Tinker, (Tinker the Stinker) is a Cairn Terrier mix. She came to live with me in the fall of 2017. She's been bounced around a few homes in her short life span picking up some bad habits along the way. Most people fell for those little brown eyes, the slight underbite that sets her lower teeth out, and the wired, wispy hair. Then they get the shock of that tenacious terrier personality. Then they wonder what the hell happened and how do they contain it. Most people have opted to rehome her. I've chosen to redirect that crazy energy into harness work. I have had more than my fair share of "no pulls" and her giving me the fuzzy middle finger in the weight pull chute. Tinker and I have gone a few rounds on who the boss really is, and what the house rules are. Just when I think we broke one bad habit, she develops a new one. She is a good little dog though, and life would be boring without her.



5th Place Qualifier on Wheels – 20lb class 2021-2022

Regional Bronze wheels – 20lb class 2020-2021

Regional Bronze snow – 20lb class 2019-2020

Regional Silver snow – 20lb class 2018-2019

Regional Silver wheels – 20lb class 2019-2020

Regional Bronze wheels – 20lb class 2018-2019

Regional Silver wheels – 20lb class 2017-2018

Yetta

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Diane Krupski

Region: 6

Breed: Miniature Pinscher

Yetta is "Yet-Another-Dog". She is my spastic crazy girl that brings joy to our household. She still thinks that this pulling sport must be done on only 2 legs.

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Snow and Wheels



The 40# Class Qualifiers

Amara

Age: 5 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: W. Clay Fonvielle

Region: 8

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier

Amara of RDC – Sister of the legendary Boogiemann of Team No F.E.A.R., Amara is the reigning two-time National Champion of wheels. Amara took two years off from weight pull and went back to her breeders. After multiple unsuccessful attempts at starting a family, she came back home to Houston in March. My goal is put a harness on her and to get her in shape to defend her title and maybe add a snow title!

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels



Anushka

Age: 1 ¾ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Stephanie Stoll

Region: 6

Breed: American Bully

Anushka is very new to my pack, rescued and adopted 02/20/22. Anushka has had a lot of new things added to her life in the past month and accepts everything with happy tail! She is just in the beginning stages of her weight pull career. She currently enjoys seeing the people, other dogs, and the traveling. We are working slowly on pulling and each pull she has been to, she improves! I have high hopes that she will have an amazing career in the IWPA.

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Snow

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels



Deuce

Age: 4 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Deuce (Pandemonium's WK9 Let's Deuce it) Again, where did the time go? Can't believe Deuce is 4 years old already. Deuce and Esmerelda are like night and day. Esmerelda is a free spirit, while Deuce likes routine and structure. Deuce is very much like a small bull in a China shop. He tries to be graceful but fails miserably at it. He is sweet, lovable, and eager to please, though he does have a tendency to buckle under pressure. Everyone and everything is his BFF.

Regional Gold – wheels 2021-2022

Regional Silver – snow 2021-2022

Regional Silver – wheels – 40 lb. class – 2020-2021

Regional Bronze – wheels – 40 lb. class – 2019-2020

Regional Silver – wheels – 40 lb. class – 2018-2019

Region: 7

Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Esmerelda

Age: 4 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Esmerelda, (WK9's Rising Star of Esmerelda) Esmerelda! Where has the time gone? The last bio I wrote for you, you were only a year old!! We may not have gone to IWPA Championships for the past 2 years, but we sure have been busy! Esmerelda has earned her ATT, CGC, and her TKN titles through the AKC. She has also earned her SPOT and UWP through the UKC. She is vibrant, and full of life. She loves a good challenge, and keeps me on my toes. I am looking forward to expanding our horizons in the near future with tracking, rally and scentwork to name a few.

Regional Bronze – wheels – 40 lb. class

Regional Gold – snow – 40 lb. class

Region: 7

Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Ivy

Age: 3 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Courtnee Townsend

Region: 6

Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Ivy (Witching Hour Enchanted Ivy RN FDC), the fluffy and feisty, is also known as "Noodle". She was born on 12/19/2018. With few options for dog sports in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan we tried weight pull and rally. Not knowing if we (mostly Ivy) would like it. Well, she really seems to have taken to it. Ivy has earned her Rally Novice (RN) and Farm Dog Certified (FDC) titles with AKC. She also earned her UKC Championship. We have many more adventures on the horizon. She loves playing fetch, exploring, enjoys snacks, and stolen snacks are even better!

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels



Piper

Age: 9 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Wendy Lake

Region: 6

Breed: Patterdale Terrier

Piper is 9 years old now and this is her 5th regional medal, Gold on Wheels. One day at an ADDBA show, people standing ringside had a little scruffy pup on a leash. The dog was well behaved and kept staring at me and my dog. Fate would have it she was mine an hour later. She needed a home and the red "X" on my forehead must have been shining bright. She was 6 months old and jumped in the crate like a pro – was quiet the entire way home, got along with the other dogs. Soon she was nicknamed Hyper Piper as she was not a quiet dog when she realized where her home was. Well, she was loved asap and even competed in a county fair ugly dog contest, which she won. She started pulling later in life and has been a trooper no matter what she is doing.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels

Vala

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Courtnee Townsend

Region: 6

Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Vala (Witching Hour Vala Ceara CGCA FDC TKN RA) may be small and fluffy, but what she lacks in size she makes up for in enthusiasm. She was born on Dec 2, 2014, and we've been together ever since. She loves exploring, running around on the beach chasing seagulls, and meeting people. With her bright, bubbly personality, it's hard not to love her. She also loves snuggling, snacks, and will steal yours! Rally and weight pull have been a new adventure for us, and with her enthusiasm to do things with me it's quite comical. Vala has earned her Canine Good Citizen Advanced, Farm Dog Certified, Trick Novice and Rally Advanced titles with AKC.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow



The 60# Class Qualifiers

A.I.D.E.W.

Age: 1 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: W. Clay Fonvielle

Region: 8

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier

Fonvielle's Originally Synful Shot Caller of Team No F.E.A.R. Known affectionally as **A.I.D.E.W.**, this guy wasn't even born the last time that IWPA held a Nationals. Son of TNF's legendary Osy, this pup is just beginning his career in weight pull. I'm hoping to see good things from him. A.I.D.E.W. is training in obedience, agility, odor work and few other disciplines. He also received a Best of Opposite in conformation a few months back. He's a good-natured boy who has been my shadow since the day that he opened his eyes.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Baby

Age: 4 years old

Owner/Handler: Darwin Lumbattis

This is **Baby**, a 4-year-old American Bully and 1st year puller.

Good luck to all competitors. Darwin, from Butte, MT.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Region: 3

Breed: American Bully



Hurricane Clyde

Age: 9 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Carol Gerke

I am a 9-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier owned and handled by Carol Gerke and sometimes her son, Ted. I have been competing for about 6 years. I have done quite a good job in my years of weight pulling, but it's time to pass the torch to the younger generation. I probably can still pull some of the heavy weights but most of the time I don't want to, so I sit down and do my best impression of a gargoyle. I refuse to pull the cart until the time is up. At this time Carol or Ted will come up to me. I look up at them and most of the time I will put my shoulders into the harness and pull the cart to the end, but not always without encouragement.

I still like to pull but it's time to let the younger generation take the top awards. Good luck to my canine competitors.

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Region: 6

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier



Magillacudie (Gilly)

Region: 6

Age: 4 Years Old

Breed: Catahoula Mix

Owner/Handler: Randy Gerke

I am a 4-year-old Catahoula mix rescued from Tennessee. My handler is Randy Gerke. At first when I was introduced to this crazy sport of weight pulling, it really scared me, and I wasn't sure that it was something I wanted to do. So, Randy let me be just a part of the family. Then, about a year ago I tried it again. This time I seem to have more confidence and it was a whole lot more fun. I really enjoyed it and I think I am pretty good at it too. I keep improving and Randy keeps it fun. I have a lot of energy and I love to give hugs and chase the red bug, or any light. I do have a bad habit of chasing cars and trucks when we are in the vehicle, heading to a weight pull.



I look forward to competing at this year's Championships just to see what I can do. Good luck to all this year's participants.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Midus

Region: 9

Age: 6 Years Old

Breed: Mix

Owner/Handler: Mary Felice/Richard Felice & Julian Felice

Midus should have been named MiDass (with a silent D). Has become the best buddy to our youngest child. He even sits & watches out the window and cries in the morning as TJ leaves for school. He knows when TJ's bedtime is and heads in to bed many nights before TJ does. Sadly, due to how hyper he gets when time to pull, TJ has not been able to be the handler yet. He is ending this season with personal bests of 1,900 lbs. on wheels and 770 lbs. on snow. Each year of pulling I see more of Sasha in him whether it be how he acts when time to be hooked up to the cart, wanting to sit in the chair between pulls or just everyday life. He has to set or lay on either bulldog Lacy or Hope and must have his face buried as much as possible. Midus is great at making our "evil puppy" look like a saint and like a toddler believes everything SHOULD and does revolve around him. He has also now learned the "puppy time out" is another word for kennel but it's when he has gotten in trouble.



2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow
2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels

Molly

Age: 7 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Rochelle Wacker

Region: 9

Breed: Husky/Malamute Mix

Molly is a 7-year-old Husky/Malamute that came to me as a gift when she was only a few months old due to her coloring. I got started in weight pulling before Molly did, as I worked the cart at events, and learned about the sport. When Molly turned one, we started competing with IWPA and APA, and then later I started pulling with Iron Dog and W3PO. I have attended several Championships and encountered new challenges and new accomplishments each year. Molly has earned multiple titles with the different organizations, but I am not going to bore you with listing all of them. When we are not weight pulling, Molly enjoys spending the days outside playing in the snow and in the sunshine. She also enjoys going camping every summer and spending time in the Colorado Rockies and playing in the water. What she doesn't like is when her little human gets on the large yellow bus and is gone all day, but then she is super excited when he gets back home.



Regional Gold on snow 2021-2022

4th Place Regional Qualifier on wheels 2021-2022

Xombee

Age: 1 Year Old

Owner/Handler: Lynzie Bacchus

Region: 6

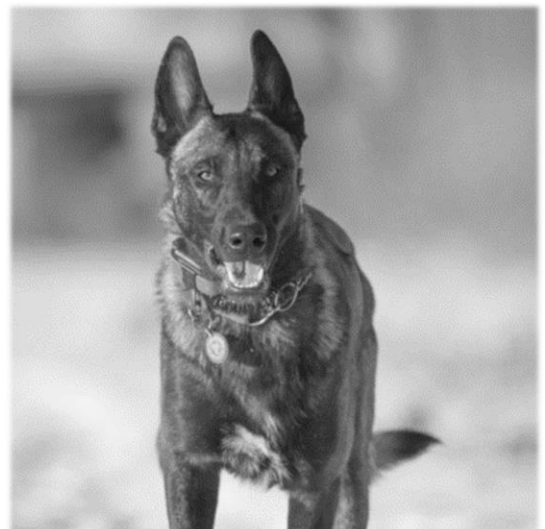
Breed: Belgian Malinois

I rescued **Xombee** in November from Detroit, MI. He was found wandering in lanes of traffic almost being his several times. Once he was finally caught, he was under weight and wearing a broken chain around his neck.

He was placed in several homes before coming to me. One home he ate through his crate, wall and door before the lady returned home from work.

That's when I knew I had to have him. His owners were never found, and he now is thriving as a member of the pack, excelling at nose work and loves weight pull.

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels



The 80# Class Qualifiers

Grimmloc

Age: Years Old

Owner/Handler: Richard Felice

Region: 9

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier

Grimmloc, AKA Cookie Monster, unlike our other dogs Grimmloc follows our past pit bull (Galyith) paw prints and when pulling loves to be driven. Within Region 9 his personal best on wheels is 3,240 lbs. and on snow his personal best is 1,180 lbs. Grimmloc is a big baby right down to a bedtime and crying if he's not curled up in bed with Richard by what he feels his bedtime is or crying in early morning when Richard leaves him for work. Besides going to town all the time with Richard, he enjoys stealing cookies I make as they cool, ice cubes, walking around carrying stuffies, chasing his feline friend, riding the ATV with his goggles on, swimming, stealing Mary's chair and getting into anything he can, including mud, or just relaxing out in the sun.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Heidi

Age:

Owner/Handler: Debby Jahnke

Region: 4

Breed: Samoyed

Heidi, (CH Stardan's Winner By a KnockOut WSX, HIC), last but not least, is our Veteran. She also pulled at the IWPA Weight pulls in Greeley, CO. She was the Top Veteran Weight Pulled winner and Top Veteran Percentage Pulled winner at this year's Samoyed Club of America National Specialty. She has had a great weight pull career and her best pull was pulling 3,660 lbs when she was 7 years old at a AMCA pull. She has had many Regional Season Awards and is my heart dog. She is getting older now, so definitely wanted to make this year's Championships. Great Job Heidi! Good luck to your son and granddaughter in this year's IWPA championship!



2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels

Ivy

Age: 4 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Terry Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Boxer

Ivy (Royals Ivory Princess Mary) is a 4-year-old Boxer owned and handled by Terry Reed of Greeley, Colorado. She is the Region 9, 80 lb. class Silver Medalist on Wheels and Snow. Ivy is making her first trip to the IWPA Championships. Her personal best pulls are 1,750 lbs. on carpet, 1,010 lbs. on dirt and 350 lbs. on snow. Ivy has also been known to sit and not pull at all.

It will be hard to tell which Ivy will show up this weekend!!!



JoJo

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

Region: 11

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

S'Rendi's Hop On Pop "JoJo" is a 5 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and is also an Izzy granddaughter. JoJo was Gold in the 61-80 lbs. class on both wheels and snow. JoJo is a lot of fun to watch pull. She has a huge heart and does not give up easily. She won Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2018 GSMDCA National Specialty. She is also known for her hugs!



Pearl

Age: 19 Months Old

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

Dahlgren's The Queen of Gems WWD "Pearl" is a 19-month-old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. She competed for the first time this season and came in Silver in the 61-80 lbs. class on wheels.

Region: 11

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog



Scout

Age: 10 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Darwin Lumbattis

Scout. He's a mix Border Collie Pit Bull. He's 10 yrs. old & has been pulling for 6 yrs. & won 3 Gold International medals. SO happy were having Champs, finally! Good luck all, Darwin from Butte, MT

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow
2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels

Region: 3

Breed: Mix



Steamer

Age:

Owner/Handler: Debby Jahnke

Steamer, (GCH CH Stardan's Full Steam Ahead to CI Edn WSX BCAT HIC) is the next dog qualified, Silver Winner. Steamer also pulled at the IWPA Weight Pulls in Greeley, CO. He went on to win the special Combined Percentage Award at this year's Samoyed Club of America National Specialty. We are proud of his accomplishments, and he just finished his Working Samoyed Excellent title last month. He also has his Fast CAT title and Herding Instinct Certification. Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels.

Region: 4

Breed: Samoyed



Tank CK

Age: 3 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Lynzie Bacchus

Region: 6

Breed: Belgian Malinois

Tank is a dog that once given a task she will do her best to excel at it.

I started her in weight pull as just something fun for the two of us to do. After the first pull Tank found her competitive side thus taking weight pull farther than I anticipated. She figured out the game with an end result being making mom over the moon happy.

She also excels at shed hunting, nose work and is a great jogging partner, but most of all she is a true loyal companion.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels



Zeus

Age: 1 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Jason Wilson

Region: 6

Breed: Husky/APBT Mix

Zeus was rescued at 6 months old from a puppy mill in Northern Michigan. He's shown us he has an abundance of energy and affection. Zeus started working at pulling shortly after his first birthday in August 2021. He's showing a lot of enthusiasm for the sport and works at getting better every day.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels



The 100# Class Qualifiers

Bell

Region: 6

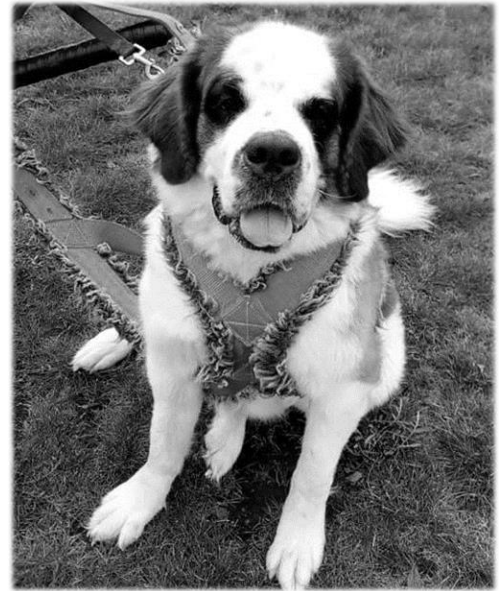
Age: 2 Years Old

Breed: St. Bernard

Owner/Handler: Stephanie Stoll/Ethan Blondeel

Bell was adopted 12/20 to my pack. She was a rescue that wandered in her neighborhood just looking for companionship of people or dogs for several months. When adopted by my family she instantly became a member of my pack and started her career in weight pulling. She attended a couple of pulls last season after she turned one year old and has shown improvement at each pull. Although she loves her pack, she is a man's dog and works more happily for her handler than her owner.

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow
2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels



Dahteste

Region: 9

Age: 5 Years Old

Breed: American Bulldog

Owner/Handler: Marlo Wacker

Dahteste (Dottie) is a 5-year-old American Bulldog. "Dottie" came to our home when she was almost a year old. Being that I had watched weight pulling for a couple of years, I started working with Dottie and at her first ever Championships, she took 3rd place and her mom Sky had taken 1st in that same weight class. We have competed with several clubs including IWPA, APA, W3PO, and Iron Dog. Dottie and I are always learning new things for weight pulling and we both enjoy traveling to events and to camping. When Dottie isn't weight pulling, she is lounging on the couch or up in bed to avoid her partner in crime, Micah (my grandson). Dottie knows that she has really big shoes to fill this year as her mom passed to cancer in June 2021.

Regional Gold for both wheels and snow 2021-2022



Duke

Region: 6

Age: 4 Years Old

Breed: St. Bernard/American Bulldog Mix

Owner/Handler: Ted Gerke

I am a 4-year-old, 91 pound Saint Bernard/American Bulldog mix that Ted Gerke rescued a couple years ago. I am starting to realize how much fun this sport can be. Ted is learning that I have my quirks and that he needs to have patience with me, but we work good together most times. Sometimes I even get to have my grandma Carol handle me, but I like it best when I get to be grandma's lap dog. I get so excited at night when grandma sits in her recliner and then I crawl up into her lap and cuddle. Sometimes she will even cover me up with a blanket. This is a great way to relax after a long day of weight pull.



I am looking forward to competing at this year's championships just to see what I can do. Good luck to everyone.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Phoebe

Region: 7

Age: 3 Years Old

Breed: St. Bernard

Owner/Handler: Dave Heffelfinger

Phoebe, (WK9's Sing Me Smelly Cat Phoebe) and Ursula are littermates that are named after the characters from "Friends". Phoebe is a lot like the character she is named after. She is full of personality, fun, adventurous, zany, and most importantly devoted to Dave. Phoebe is the smallest of the Bernard Brigade that we have, but she is the mightiest. She is still very new to working in harness, but she pulls with her heart and soul.



Regional Gold on wheels – 80lb class 2020-2021

Regional Silver on wheels – 100lb class 2021-2022

Regional Gold on snow – 100lb class 2021-2022

Ursula

Region: 7

Age: 3 Years Old

Breed: St. Bernard

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Ursula, (WK9's The Stars Will Show The Way Ursula) is a littermate to Phoebe. They are both named after the characters in "Friends". Ursula is a super sweet and gentle gal. She's not quite the puller like her sister, Phoebe. Actually, it has taken her a little time to "catch on" to the whole idea. Now she understands that if she works, she gets to go with us to the events. It's been fun watching her learn as she goes.

Regional Bronze on wheels – 80lb class 2021-2022

Regional Bronze on snow – 80lb class 2021-2022



Xela

Region: 11

Age: 4 Years Old

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

CH Dahlgren's Seven Deadly Sins WWD WWDX
WWDS ACE3-Bronze ATT ACT BCAT CGCA CGCU
TT TKI VHMA, "**Xela**" is 4 years old and another Izzy
granddaughter. Xela was Gold on both wheels and
snows for Region 11. Xela has a bit of a slow start,
but she is not one to give up easily once she starts.



Yahtzee

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: David Heffelfinger

Region: 7

Breed: Anatolian Shepherd

My rescue got the call about an abandoned puppy sitting in the middle of the road in a heavy rainstorm in 2017. Dave went out to pick it up and fell in love with her by the time he got home. He thought it was a pyr and would make a good goat dog for the farm. Well, she's an Anatolian and she fails miserably at being a livestock guard. She is proving to be a good working dog in harness...at least when she stays focused. Yahtzee's favorite pastime is protecting our farm from the army of squirrels that play in our trees. Actually, that is her unofficial exercise program and how she stays so fit...she chases them tree to tree.



Regional Gold-snow and wheels – 100lb class 2021-2022

Regional Gold-wheels–100lb class 2020-2021

Regional Gold-snow-100lb class 2019-2020

Regional Gold on snow – 100lb class 2018-2019

Regional Silver-wheels–100lb class 2019-2020

Regional Silver-wheels-100lb class 2018-2019

The 125# Class Qualifiers

Bear - 125

Age: 3 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Darwin Lumbattis

Region: 3

Breed: St. Bernard

Bear is a 3 ½ year old St. Bernard from St. Regis, outside of Missoula Montana. He was born September 24, 2018. He's been pulling for a couple of years, and he loves rolling around in the snow and walks everywhere and anywhere.

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels



Big Head

Region: 9

Age: 2 Years Old

Breed: American Bulldog

Owner/Handler: Rochelle Wacker

Big Head is a 2-year-old American Bulldog that came to our home in September. He is an over 100-pound baby that loves food and to play with the ladies in the home. "Big" loves spending time outside and waiting with his little human to get on the school bus. He doesn't understand why he doesn't get to go with Micah but is always happy to see him when he gets home from school. "Big" is still new to the weight pulling and likes to go slow. I am thinking that he is competing for the "Turtle" award this year, guess we will have to see what comes of it.

Big Head is a 5th place qualifier on wheels.



Cooper

Region: 6

Age: 6 Years Old

Breed: Newfoundland

Owner/Handler: Jean Wilson

Cooper was adopted by us on 02/04/22 from a downstate Michigan County animal control facility. This is what happens when I'm tagged in a Facebook post. (BTW This is NOT the first time this has happened. Remember Brody? 😊) We're told he was a 6-year-old puppy mill stud dog until they no longer had a use for him. Cooper had no socialization with people nor other dogs other than to breed and didn't even know his name. We decided on Cooper and in 2 days he knew his name. He used to constantly pace in circles, most likely due to living in a small kennel. He's a sweet, gentle, and loving boy that lives to please. He nearly swoons when he is petted or rubbed. He's fit right in with our other 3 Newfoundlands and has learned what a true dog's life should be (spoiled!). I introduced Cooper to weight pull to help socialize him and do what the other boys do. He had no idea what I expected but he did pull for me. I may keep pulling him, at his pace, but just so he's part of the action and doesn't feel left out. We're so glad we had the opportunity to turn this beautiful boy's life around and watch him learn and grow.



2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow

Dezzy

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

Region: 11

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

CH Dahlgren's The Man Child WWD WWDX WWDS 10xACE-Platinum ATT ACT BCAT CGCA CGCU TKI VHMA, "Dezzy" is 5 years old. He is a grandson to Izzy and is very much like his grandfather. Dezzy was Gold on both wheels and snow in the 101 to 125 lb. class for Region 11. Dezzy won Most Weight Pulled and Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2019 & 2021 GSMDCA National Specialty. He absolutely loves to pull and loves everyone he meets. He is known for given hugs before and after every pull! Keep in mind if you say "hi" to him, you will most likely get a hug too (and he might even sneak a kiss)!!



Hope

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Mary Felice/Richard Felice

Region: 9

Breed: American Bull Dog Mx

Still the youngest of the Felice family is Hope, following in her mother Sky's paw prints looking like her mom from one side view of her face and in many ways acting just like her mom including her heart for pulling. Hope's had a few seasons of pulling with Region 9, pulling her personal best of 1,250 on snow and 4,200 on wheels. But between eating a beanie baby and COVID, the 2021/22 season looks to be her first to make it to a championship. Hope enjoys cuddling with anyone especially Richard. Hope was our foster daughter's best friend, keeper of the house being safe and even the best sleeping buddy around. She now just follows everyone; plays with the cats and thinks she is the referee when Zada and Magnus get playing and Zada gets too loud Hope gets between the two miniature Schnauzers letting Magnus know that play time is over for his 15-year-old aunt Zada, watching the fish, helping her two legged brother play video games, or "working out" to moving lights on the wall or floor.

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels



Lacy

Region: 9

Age: 11 Years Old

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier

Owner/Handler: Richard Felice/Mary Felice & Julian Felice

Lacy is now the 2nd oldest of the 4-legged children in the Felice family. Lacy has made it to a few championships and the last few years seems to be competing against her sister Hope for regional placement as we end the 2021/2022 season. Lacy's personal best on wheels is 3,250 lbs. and 1,070 lbs. on snow. Besides escaping from her kennel, chasing the cats, wearing hats, cuddling, and watching any move or TV show with dogs on it, being a pillow for her buddy Midas and most importantly is to be pillow or a chair for any little foster children that we may have. Since Mary has started working from home Lacy also believes she has a new job as a security guard and must sit in front of the office door and watch down the hallway and out the kitchen window.



2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Snow and Wheels

Lamara

Region: 11

Age: 2 Years Old

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

GCH Simply-Dahlgren's Aint' Goin' Down Til Sun Comes Up, "**Lamara**" is a 2-year-old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. Lamara was Bronze in the 101-125 lbs. class on wheels and Silver on snow. Lamara's personality is larger than life. One day she is the most perfect dog and the next she is a holy terror. She has a mind of her own and does what she wants when she wants... This is basically how she is with weight pulling. One day she will pull like nothing could ever stop her: another day she will sniff all the flowers or stop to stare at butterflies or even a passing leaf and refuse to pull. It will be interesting to see which Lamara shows up at championships!



Lego

Region: 7

Age: 1 Year Old

Breed: St. Bernard

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Lego (WK9's Go Step On a Lego). Oh, what a happy dog Lego is. He's the clown of the Bernard Bunch. Lego just started competing in weight pull. He's young and immature both physically and mentally. LOTS of "puppy brain" going on with him and that can create such a challenge when working with him. Still super proud of him through. He's already earned his CGC and his TKI titles with the AKC. No big expectations for Championships this year, but still excited to see what he'll do.

Regional Bronze on wheels – 125lb. class 2021-2022

Regional Gold on snow – 125lb. class 2021-2022



Madd Maxx

Region: 6

Age: 2 Years

Breed: Newfoundland (Landseer)

Owner/Handler: Barry Wilson

Maxx, (Ebb Tide's Element Of Surprise RA BCAT TKA VHMP) is fondly called our "Bad Son". Maxx, (named after Mel Gibson's character in the movie "Mad Max") was brought home at 10 weeks of age, and has always been confident, fearless, and definitely overly energetic when compared to the breed's norm. He's a happy and loveable boy but can be very determined, if not downright defiant when his mind is set on something. He's taken to weight pulling with a vengeance and would get frustrated when withdrawn from competition after a few light pulls (due to his age). Championships will be the first time we'll let him loose as he's just turned 2. Hopefully he'll enjoy himself and surprise us all. Maxx loves to run (fast) so we let him try Fastcat. True to his nature, he ran all out and earned the distinction of being the fastest Newfoundland in AKC Fastcat for 2021. He's also earned his AKC Rally Advanced, Trick Advanced and BCAT titles. He certainly has proven to be an "Element Of Surprise".



Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels – 2021-2022

Mysty

Age: 4 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star/Cynthia Collins

CH Simply Swissies' Runnin; Down a Dream at Dahlgren TKN, "**Mysty**" is a 4-year-old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog pulled by Cynthia Collins. Cynthia is Tony's sister who is autistic. Cynthia came to live with us in August of 2021 and she and Mysty have been inseparable ever since. Mysty may not be the best puller, but her love for Cynthia is special and a joy to watch. Mysty is qualified to pull on wheels in the 101-125 lbs. class with Cynthia.

Region: 11

Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog



Reilly

Age: 3 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Stephanie Stoll

Reilly is finishing her second year of weight pulling. She is definitely strong-willed and works on her terms. She enjoys wheel pulls, but she's really not into snow pulls. We try to keep it fun, and let her come out to play at her pace. She is young and still figuring out the whole sport of weight pulling.

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels

Region: 6

Breed: St. Bernard Mix



Rosie

Age: 7 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Terry Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Dogue De Bordeaux

Rosie (Royal's Valentine Rose Princess Rahab) is a 7-year-old Dogue De Bordeaux. She was brought to her forever home at Royal Kennel from a local rescue in September 2016. Terry and Robbie were told she was one of two sisters that were purchased by the original owner to be show dogs and she was surrendered because the owner could not handle both of them. The rescue said her birthday is in February, hence her given name. This is Rosie's 6th season in IWPA. She is the Region 9 125# Bronze Medalist on Wheels and a 4th Place Qualifier on Snow. Her personal best pulls are: Carpet 3,110 lbs., Dirt 3,400 lbs., Natural Snow 1,162 lbs. and Artificial Snow is 858 lbs.



This will be Rosie's final season of competitions and will be retiring due to arthritis in her hips. It is very possible she will not even compete at this Championships.

Sage

Age: 1 ¾ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Stephanie Stoll

Region: 6

Breed: St. Bernard/English Mastiff Mix

Sage is my second St/Mastiff to teach to weight pull. She truly shows great potential and enthusiasm for the sport. This is her first year to compete and I have been limiting the weight pulled until she reaches maturity. I am very excited to see what the future holds for this very loyal girl.

2021 – 2022 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels (125 class)

2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels (150 class)



The 150# Class Qualifiers

Big Woo

Region: 7

Age: 7 Years Old

Breed: Alaskan Malamute

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler/David Heffelfinger

Big Woo lives up to his name. Always singing a tune about something. I was Malamute-less for a few years. I missed the woos and the antics of the breed, though I can't say I missed the hair. Oh the hair! Especially when you live in the soggy south. I mentioned to Sheryl Franklin that I was interested in getting a Malamute. She tagged me in a few posts over the next few months, but nothing really had that connection, and then we took a drive to a friend's house after an event. Hello. He was a flashback to my first Malamutes oh so many years ago. He truly is a gentle giant. When we go for walks, I feel like I am walking a black bear. I only had Big Woo a little over a week before trying him in his first weight pull. He did well and qualified on snow. Not bad! Dave has recently taken over handling Big Woo, and it has been fun watching them figure out each other in the chute.

Regional Gold – Snow – 125 lb. class 2018-2019

Regional Silver – Wheels – 125 lb. class – 2019-2020

Regional Gold – Snow – 125 lb. class – 2019-2020

Regional Bronze – Wheels – 150 lb. class – 2020-2021

5th Place qualifier on Wheels - 150 lb. class- 2021-2022



Block

Region: 7

Age: 1 Year Old

Breed: St. Bernard

Owner/Handler: Missy Kehler

Block, (WK9's Don't Trip Over That Block) is the biggest of our Bernard Brigade. And being the biggest, he takes the liberty of plopping down anywhere he wants. I think everyone in the household, both 2 and 4 legged, have tripped over him at one point. Hence the name: "Don't Trip Over That Block". Block bellows when he barks, and definitely intimidates those that do not know him. He's a sweet fellow though. This is Block's first year working in harness. Block is a slow and steady type of puller, unlike Lego's "give it gas and go!" style. Just like Lego, no expectations for Championships since he is young.

Regional Gold on Snow - 150lb class 2021-2022



Logan

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner/Handler: Jenna Star

Region: 11

Breed: American Bulldog Mix

Logan is an almost 6-year-old American Bulldog Mix. He finished in Gold in the 126 to 150 lbs. class on wheels for Region 11.



Magnus

Age: 2 ½ Years Old

Owner/Handler: Sheryl Franklin

Region: 7

Breed: Alaskan Malamute

Magnus is a 2.5-year-old Alaskan Malamute, owned and handled by Sheryl Franklin.

This season is Magnus' second season pulling pro. He's still learning, and I'm very pleased with his progress. Magnus has been going through puppy class, basic and intermediate obedience classes. We're holding off going for his CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) until he matures. He still shows puppy brain behavior at times. He's currently taking Rally classes and loving it. He has two legs towards his Rally Novice title. We work very hard on his patience on the sidelines, as he thinks it should always be his turn. There's that puppy brain again. LOL! He absolutely loves weight pull and has since he was a novice. He improves with each pull.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels

Rocky

Region: 6

Age: 4 Years old

Breed: Newfoundland (Landseer)

Owner/Handler: Jean Wilson

Rocky, (Ebb Tide's Always A Rock Star RM2 RAE2 CGC TKA) joined our family at 10 weeks of age and has always been a happy and enthusiastic boy. I jumped at the opportunity to get him because he came from a line that had so much of the qualities that Micky, our first Newf had. Rocky is a true working dog and loves to do most anything so long as we do it as a team. Rocky's been competing since he was 2 with several different pulling organizations. He's still building confidence in himself, but we have fun working together and that's what I feel it's all about. His personal best on wheels is 3,533 lbs. and on snow is 1,912 lbs. Rocky has titles in AKC Rally and Tricks and enjoys Fastcat and Therapy Work. Like a typical Newfoundland, he truly enjoys anything that involves interacting with people and making them happy.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels
2020 – 2021 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels
2019 – 2020 Regional Gold on Snow and Silver on Wheels

The Unlimited Class Qualifiers

Aubryne

Region: 7

Age: 9 ½ Years Old

Breed: Alaskan Malamute

Owner/Handler: Sheryl Franklin

Aubryne is a 9 ½ year old Alaskan Malamute, owned and handled by Sheryl Franklin.

Aubryn has been through basic and intermediate obedience classes. He finally got his CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) in 2021. He's given agility classes a try but is too big to like the tunnel very much and the jumps are scary to him. Rally has become his happy place. He loves the classes and has his Rally Intermediate title with a leg towards his Rally Advanced title. He started out this IWPA season great, then had a setback (he doesn't care to pull in the rain) but finished well. He's very gentle with people, especially kids. A true gentle giant.



2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels

Tank

Region: 3

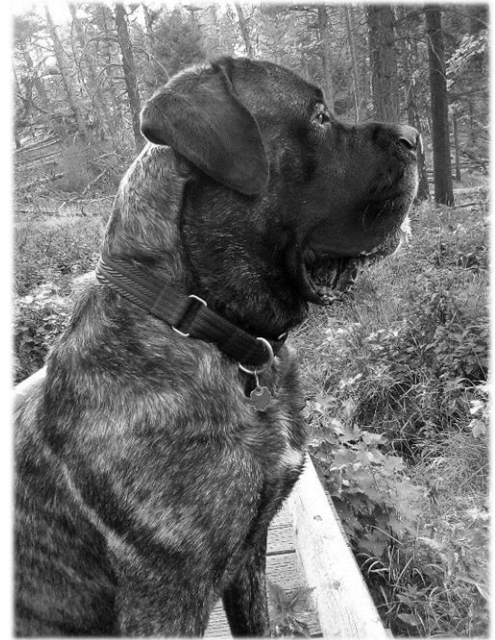
Age: 4 Years Old

Breed: English Mastiff

Owner/Handler: Darwin Lumbattis

Tank. He's been pulling 3 years and loves the outdoors & food.
Good luck to all. Darwin from Butte, MT

2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels



PROCEDURE OF THE WEIGHT PULL EVENT

1. At any time, the harness of each dog competing in the weight class may be measured by a judge to ensure that each harness measures 24 inches or less from the base of the tail to the farthest extent of the harness when measured approximately parallel to the ground.
2. Each dog shall be required to pull a loaded sled/ cart a measured sixteen (16) feet within 60 seconds. If the sled/cart is in continuous forward motion the dog shall be allowed to complete the pull and the actual time required to make the pull shall be recorded.
3. Handlers shall position the dog and proceed directly across the finish line if calling or behind the front of the cart if driving without stopping or hesitating; there shall not be any communication or contact with the dog or equipment. Once the handler has crossed the 16-foot line, they may not make contact with the dog, pulling surface or equipment between the start and finish line. The handler cannot touch the dog until the pull is complete.
4. Once the dog is in position in front of the sled/ cart no physical handling of the dog will be allowed. The judge will direct the handler to physically reposition the dog if there is a tangle or equipment failure. The dog is considered to be in position when the handler moves more than arm's length away from the dog
5. Only one handler is allowed to communicate with the dog, either with hand signals and/or voice commands from the course area.

6. The handler shall be allowed to position his/her dog anywhere between the wheels/runners in front of the sled/cart at the end of the extended tug line. The dog shall be positioned with enough slack in the tug line to prevent the dog from inadvertently moving the sled or cart. There shall not be so much slack as to allow a sling shot start. A defined stop in the forward motion of the dog must be achieved.
7. The handler may pass one or two turns but must pull on the third turn. Once the dog is hooked up to the sled/ cart the handler may not pass in that round except as stated in Section 5 #13. (Dogs are no longer required to pull the starting weight.)
8. Chief Judge shall recommend the starting weight not to exceed the following:

<i>Class Max Wt.</i>	<i>Class Max Wt.</i>
10 lb. 100 lbs	100 lb. 700 lbs
20 lb. 200 lbs	125 lb. 800 lbs
40 lb. 400 lbs	150 lb. 800 lbs
60 lb. 500 lbs	UNL. 800 lbs
80 lb. 600 lbs	

These weights are maximum starting weights. Each dog may enter any round at or below the max weight in that class. If poor pulling conditions exist, the Chief Judge may adjust the starting weights lower to match the conditions.

9. Starting Weight and Load increments shall be determined by the Chief Judge and a simple majority of the handlers and shall be set prior to the beginning of the class. (A load increment usually considered appropriate for the lower classes is 40 to 50 lbs. For the larger classes it may be as much as 100 to 200 lbs. or more.) The Chief Judge shall recommend the load increments to the handlers, considering the pulling conditions and the welfare of the dogs. The selected increment for each class shall remain consistent throughout the class.
10. The handler has the option of having the cart placed anywhere on the starting line as long as the wheels are perpendicular to the start line. The handler has the option to reposition the cart one time. No test rolling of the cart shall be allowed.
11. The time will start once the handler is in the proper position and instructs the dog to pull or the dog attempts or starts to pull.
12. When on snow the sled shall be broken in the following manner: There shall be a break line 2 feet BEHIND the designated start line. The front of the sled shall be positioned at the break line. The Chief Judge shall then direct the following sequence: (1) The sled to be positioned at the start line with the sled runners perpendicular to the start line. (2) The pulling pad to be cleared of all sled marshals (unless the handler requests assistance in hooking up the dog). (3) The handler to leave the on-deck circle, hook up the dog and the pull to commence.
13. Tangles are called at the Chief Judge's discretion. A tangle shall be called by the judge only if the dog or any of the equipment in use becomes entangled in such a way that it could possibly cause injury to the dog. Deliberate tangles will be an immediate disqualification.
 - A. In the event of a tangle, at the judge's discretion the timer will stop the clock and the handler must realign the dog and harness before the pull is resumed. Two tangles on the same round will constitute the dog's removal from the competition
 - B. If the sled/cart becomes stuck on a barrier of the pulling pad it shall be considered a tangle. The clock would be stopped, and the sled/cart would then be freed of the barrier at the point of which it was stuck. The dog would be

allowed to continue the pull with the remaining time left on the clock. Two tangles on the barrier on the same round shall constitute the dog's removal from the competition.

14. If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks, the handler shall have 60 seconds to repeat the pull after repairs. He/She may choose to accept this interrupted pull as a pass.
15. The use of whips, noisemakers, muzzles, pinch collars, or related aids shall not be permitted at any time during an IWPA event. Throwing of items while the dog is in pulling chute is considered baiting. No food, treats or bait/baiting shall be used from the time the dogs class begins until the dog is eliminated from competition and removed from the pull area. Handlers shall not have food or bait on their person during the competition.
16. No dogs, including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the area ahead of the starting line, except the dog that is pulling.
17. There shall be a marked "on deck" area behind, but near the starting end of the pull chute. This marked area shall house only the next dog to pull.
18. The dog pulling the most weight in its class is declared the winner. Each successive dog pulling a lower weight is placed second, third, etc. If two or more dogs pull the same weight the required distance and can pull no more weight the full distance, the winner is determined by the fastest time in the previous pull.
19. The maximum number of dogs handled in a given weight class by one handler shall be limited to no more than three (3) dogs per weight class.

WHO DID YOU MEET THIS WEEKEND? and/or NOTES	

Championship Wheels Top 5

10# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

20# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
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40# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
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Bronze						
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60# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
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Silver						
Bronze						
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5 th						

80# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
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5 th						

Championship Wheels Top 5 (cont.)

100# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

125# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

150# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

Unlimited	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold						
Silver						
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

You've got pull with the IWPA!

Championship Snow Top 5

10# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold		X				
Silver		X				
Bronze						
4 th						
5 th						

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"Back To The Roots"

