

February 2023 Newsletter

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# Life and Times at Shomaisou Shiba Inu

Each month we update our newsletters multiple times, so check the date on the newsletter to know when it was last updated.

**Visits of our dogs** We restrict visits to our home to people that are on our “Approved Homes List,” I added a page to my website called [shows](#). You are welcome to visit us and our dogs at one of the shows.

## New Dogs at Shomaisou Shiba Inu

**Mila, Lavender and Pretty Kitty** – We brought 3 new dogs into our breeding program in December. Mila is a 6-year-old girl. Lavender is a 4-month-old puppy girl. Mila has all of her health checks completed but has not whelped a litter. Both girls came from Joni Morningstar of Grants Pass, OR. We will be working with a reproduction veterinarian, Dr. Robert Hutchinson to complete a successful breeding on her next heat that should come in January 2023 (transcervical insemination – TCI). Lavender is a lease girl that will be with us while we show her to Champion, complete her health checks, breed her first litter, then she will go back to her owner in Oregon. We also have 8-month-old Pretty Kitty here, but we will be training then taking to a show in KY where she will likely go to a breeder in GA.

Update: Change of plans on Pretty Kitty. We have signed a lease on her and Lavender to show to champions and breed a litter with each. Look for them under their registered names Morningstar Picasso's Pretty Kitty Artwork and Morningstar To Be In The Lavender Haze. Their first 2 shows are in Talmadge, OH and Louisville, KY in March.

## Litter Plans / Adult Dogs

**Kimiko Bravo Litter** – A [Kimiko](#) breeding was completed with [Kuzya](#) early November and born 12/31/22. B/T girl and 2 B/T boys. We lost one of the boys, still born. At 5 weeks, Kimiko and pups have been moved to their weaning area where they will learn to use a doggie door to the outside. At 8 weeks they both evaluated as breeding/show prospects. The girl went home 2/26/2023 to a co-owned show/breeding home.

**Bella Foxtrot Litter** – A [Star-Lord](#) X [Bella](#) Foxtrot Litter was completed in late December. The whelp date was February 23, 2023  
2 red thriving girls.

**Michi Delta Litter** – We completed a [Guccifer](#) X [Michi](#) Delta Litter. This was a TCI. If it takes, whelp date 4/13/23 with estimated go home date first week of July.

**Mila Alpha Litter** – We are planning medical AI Dual-Sired litter on her next season, approximately August 2023.

**Aki Alpha Litter** – TBD [Aki](#).

**Adults To Approved Home** (Selection process for our adult and retired dogs is stricter than the selection process for our puppies). No adult dogs are currently available, but [Bella](#) will likely be retired in late 2023.

### **Shomaisou is HODSF and NSCA members**

Shomaisou Shiba Inu is a proud and active member of the [Heart of Dixie Shiba Fanciers \(HODSF\)](#) and the [National Shiba Club of America \(NSCA\)](#).

**Vaccination Protocols and Health Guarantee** The Shiba Inu is closely related to the Japanese wolf and is a primitive breed (very high on the [wolfiness scale](#)). We recently updated our [Vaccination Protocols](#) and [Health Guarantee](#) that is part of every Shomaisou contract. We hope this information is helpful for all Shiba homes when making vaccination decisions for your dogs.

### **Whelping/Weaning Area Cams and Growth Spreadsheet**

<http://shibas.dog/live.html> and [Online Puppy Spreadsheet](#).

### **Standing at Stud to approved bitches**

- **Standing at Stud – Guccifer (proven).** AKC and Nippo registration. Champion Gaylord's Guccifer 10.0 Shomaisou Shiba Inu CA BCAT is available to approved bitches. Guccifer is 3 1/2 yoa, both AKC and Nippo registered and his first sired litter was born on 10/26/19. He is a very bold and heavy boned, black & tan with solid temperament. Great grand dam (Shino Go Sanuki Mizumotosou) was a Grand National winner in Japan. Links to Guccifer's health testing, Embark DNA testing, show record and more is available on his page at <http://shibas.dog/gucci.html>.  
[Guccifer Pedigree](#)
- **Standing at Stud – Star-Lord (proven).** AKC and Nippo registration. CH Morningstar Star-Lord Son Of Shishigen Aka Kolo CA is available to approved bitches. Star-Lord is 6 yoa and both AKC and Nippo registered. He has sired several AKC Champion puppies. He is a very gentle red boy. Links to health testing, Embark DNA testing, show

record and more is available on his page at <http://shibas.dog/Star-Lord.html>.  
[Star-Lord Pedigree](#)

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## Dogfood News

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**Xylitol** — Popular Sweetener That Can Be Deadly to Your Dog! [Read the article here.](#)

Not already on a dog food recall notification list? [Sign up to get critical dog food recall alerts sent to you by email.](#) There's no cost for this service.

Rodney Habib and Dr. Karen Becker ranked the thirteen worst pet food brands of the year (Posted August 2021).  
<https://planetpaws.cmail20.com/t/d-l-quujiky-thddtdqlj-t/>

Download Rodney Habib and Dr. Karen Becker [Pet Food Homework PDF.](#)

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## Questions

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*Please review our [FAQ](#) or contact us direct.*

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## About Us

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**Shomaisou Shiba Inu** is a **Heritage Breeder**, an **Accountable Breeder**, and a **Preservation Breeder of Purposely Bred Purebred Dogs** (Shiba Inu). We strive to produce the best of the breed for the show conformation ring, dog sports and to be healthy, stable family members. We breed to the **AKC Shiba Inu Breed Standard** and as members, we have agreed to abide by the AKC rules and the **National Shiba Club of America** Code of Ethics. We participate in **AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T.** and are we an **AKC Breeder of Merit**. Some of our dogs are **Nippo** registered under our registered **Nippo Kennel** name in addition to their AKC registration. If we don't have what you are looking for, we will gladly assist or refer you to somebody that may be able to better meet your needs upon request.

If you have questions as a steward of the breed, we would be happy to help answer them.

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