



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®

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February 21, 2025

DEAR JOHN HELMUTH,

Congratulations on your new Shih Tzu and welcome to the world of purebred dogs. Your AKC registration dollars support numerous AKC efforts to benefit dogs and dog owners. By registering your dog with the AKC, you supported valuable programs such as Pet Disaster Relief, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the AKC Kennel Inspection Program, public education, canine legislation, and DNA parentage verification.

AKC registration provides wonderful opportunities for every purebred dog lover. The AKC Canine Good Citizen® program is an outstanding way to train your dog in basic obedience, valuable for every family. In addition, many dog owners enjoy the thrill of participating in AKC activities, shows and trials throughout the country. I invite you and your dog to get involved with the AKC!

Your registration also includes exclusive health benefits to help keep your new dog safe and healthy. Pet health insurance from AKC Pet Insurance offers affordable, comprehensive coverage and customizable plan options that allow you to build a plan to help meet your individual needs and budget. For more information and to get a quote, visit [www.akcpetinsurance.com](http://www.akcpetinsurance.com) or call 866-725-2747.†

Please note, if you ordered multiple items at the time of registration, they will be mailed separately and should arrive shortly. These include the AKC Certified Pedigree, the Dog Care and Training video, *Family Dog* magazine, and the AKC collar tag. If you did not order a Pedigree, you still have the opportunity to do so. An order form is provided on the back of this letter.

All of us want to be responsible dog owners. To help, the AKC offers a wealth of information at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Our site lists national and local dog clubs and AKC Canine Good Citizen® evaluators. Please visit us online and on Facebook and Twitter. If we can be of further service to you, please contact us by phone at 919-233-9767 or by email at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org).

Sincerely,

Dennis B. Sprung  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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NAME

SML SNICKERS

NUMBER

TS55462902

BREED

SHIH TZU

SEX

FEMALE

COLOR

GOLD & WHITE

DATE OF BIRTH

MAY 13, 2022

SIRE

DH PUMKIN

TS40138501 02-19 (AKC DNA V10016879)

DAM

SUNNYMEADOWS LILY

TS47791305 09-22

BREEDER

GARY L GINGERICH

OWNER

JOHN HELMUTH

1785 CR 1400E

SULLIVAN IL 61951-6968



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CERTIFICATE ISSUED

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

*This certificate invalidates all previous certificates issued.*

If a date appears after the name and number of the sire and dam, it indicates the issue of the Stud Book Register in which the sire or dam is published.

**For Transfer Instructions, see back of Certificate.**

*This Certificate issued with the right to correct or revoke by the American Kennel Club.*

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS, INC.

SML SNICKERS  
*registered name*

SHIH TZU  
*breed*

*film/test/lab #*

900255000880299  
*tattoo/microchip/DNA profile*

2639635  
*application number*

07/03/2025  
*date of report*

**RESULTS:**

Normal cardiovascular examination via auscultation - No evidence of congenital or acquired heart disease was noted. Since acquired heart disease may develop later, these evaluation results remain valid for one year, and annual examinations are recommended to continue to monitor cardiac health.

TS55462902  
*registration no.*

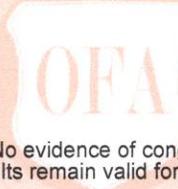
F  
*sex*

05/13/2022  
*date of birth*

37  
*age at evaluation in months*



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SHT-BCA1056/37F/P-VPI  
*O.F.A. NUMBER*

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NORMAL/CLEAR - PRACTITIONER

owner

JOHN HELMUTH  
1785 CR 1400 E  
SULLIVAN IL 61951

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Verify QR scan

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CHIEF OF VETERINARY SERVICES

[www.ofa.org](http://www.ofa.org)

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**RESULTS:**

The results of the examination submitted to OFA indicate that no evidence of patellar luxation was recognized.

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*registration no.*

**F**  
*sex*

**05/13/2022**  
*date of birth*

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*age at evaluation in months*



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**SHT-PA2939/37F/P-VPI**  
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**NORMAL - PRACTITIONER**

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