# #56: Taiga Dog Mild (Dark Mild)

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A dark mild session beer. Named for our dog Nika who enjoys bounding through the boreal forest on hikes and logging trips.

# **Recipe** (for 5 gallons final volume)

5 pounds (72%) Crisp Maris Otter Pale Malt 1 pound (14%) Briess Caramel Malt 60L

10 ounces (9%) Flaked Maize 6 ounces (5%) Chocolate Malt 12 ounces Corn Sugar

I ounce U.S. Goldings whole hops, 5.0% AA (first wort hop)
3/4 ounces U.S. Goldings whole hops, 5.0% AA (60 minutes)

White Labs wlp022 Essex Ale Yeast, pitched at 66°F

Starter: 3 quart starter (vial → 3 quarts), continuously stirred, cooled, decanted, warmed

Aeration: Drill aerator for two minutes after pitching

## Water

- Fairbanks city water
- 35½ quarts water treated with:
  - 4 ml Potassium Metabisulfide solution (50ppm). removes chlorine ion and chloramine, reduces oxidation
- 10½ quarts mash water treated with:
  - 0.7 ml 88% Lactic Acid

#### Mash

• 10½ quarts water @ 163°F, grist ratio of 1½ quarts:pound @ 153°F (Held 120 minutes). 147°F at the end of the mash

# **Sparge**

- 25 quarts water @ 175°F, drain
- Stuck mash, resolved with ½ pound barley hulls

#### Boil

Boiled 7½ gallons for 75 minutes to yield 5½ gallons wort

## **Fermentation**

- Primary: bucket, 7 days, 66°F
- Secondary: keg, 7 days, 66°F

# **Packaging**

- Kegged at 8 psi, 50°F (1.8 volumes CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Conditioned for 4 weeks
- Ready to drink on 3-Jun-2006

## **Properties**

Starting Gravity: 1.040 Final Gravity: 1.008
Original Extract: 10.0°Plato Apparent Extract: 2.1°Plato
Real Extract: 3,5°Plato

Alcohol: 4.2% by volume Alcohol: 3.3% by weight

Apparent Attenuation: 73.7% Mash Efficiency: 72% Bitterness: 21 IBU Color: 18°SRM

BU:SG: 0.52 BV: 1.22