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Australian Supreme Champion
Spalpeen Supa Troopa O'Horiglen



GR CGS HORRIEGLLEN DARE TO DREAM
'TEYA'



'REECE'



CAN GCH HORRIEGLLEN HOT TO TROT
'MOLLY'

Turbo has made his mark in USA and Canada with the arrival of his daughters Teya and Molly, both Grand Ch in their respective countries with Teya a Silver GCH. Molly has produced a litter (ALINTA LOCH KNLS) with the majority to hit the show ring as soon COVID crisis ends. Jolly has already won a BOB at just six months of age.



'JOLLY'



'JAKE' (AUST) MULTIPLE BABY G1



'SULLY'



'YORK'

Turbo was Awarded his Supreme Championship after an amazing and reactively short show career, the highest show award in Australia, at just 3 years of age. His positive influence overseas will continue by way of his frozen semen.

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Message from the President

William I. Christensen, MD, MPH



The hounds of spring are on winter's traces..." poem Atalanta in Calydon (1865), by English poet, Algernon Charles Swinburne

November 2020

Currently, the media seem consumed by the controversy concerning the eventual transfer of administrative authority from one political party to another political party. Although this will be my last President's Message, there should be no such controversy when the new officers and board take over on 1 January. Grace Massey, your new President, is highly accomplished in many areas, and even beginning prior to my taking office, had started work on updating the Standing Rules and amending the Bylaws. When work began on the Bylaws project during the administration of President Alexa Samarotto, I do not think that anyone on the board foresaw that would be a four- and one-half-year undertaking. Begun as an attempt to streamline the process of becoming a club member, for juniors as well as adults, the long duration of the project, with its back-and-forth with Susan Zucker, AKC Club Liaison, enabled us to include provisions for electronic voting and electronic meetings. This, of course, has been of tremendous value during the Pandemic, and we are grateful to our New Jersey attorney, Lauren P. Sandy, for working with Grace to ensure that our bylaws met the AKC requirement that they be compatible with N.J. corporate law, the ATCA being a N.J. corporation. (We are, of course, also grateful to Grace for bringing Zoom technology to our board meetings and this year's annual meeting. If we cannot meet in person, it is at least nice to be able to see those whom you are working with and with whom you share a common interest.)

Grace has not been the only board member working hard. All board members have enthusiastically engaged in the activities of the board, and over the past four years, have also helped to bring forward not only amended bylaws, but the proposed amended breed standard which is now out for a final vote by the membership. If you have not voted, make certain that you do so now, whatever your opinion. I myself hope that the members will pass the amendment as I believe that it is more inclusive and will facilitate easier exchange for Aussie breeders with their European and Australian counterparts. The board has also worked on a conflict of interest policy, a non-disclosure agreement, an updated website (thanks to Kerrie Bryan and Julie Seaton), a much enhanced social media presence, highly innovative sustainability and breed branding committees, and an instructional video for AKC judges.

I have a special debt of appreciation to those recording secretaries who have had to work closely with me—Sherrill Yates, Kerrie Bryan, and Dana Dean. Thanks, ladies for a job well done and for putting up with my eccentricities! I also wish to thank Darlene Evans for recurrently taking on the daunting job of treasurer. My estimate of the work involved in this position is approximately one-fourth of a full-time position.

Finally, I believe that we all need to acknowledge that these are trying times, and the measures which we need to adopt in order to stay alive and avoid spreading the infection are tedious and tiresome. However, we need to be encouraged by the announcement of at least two effective vaccines and look forward to better times when we can once again meet socially and enjoy dog shows together.

Bill Christensen
President

DELEGATES MEETING 14-15 September 2020

By ZOOM

Canine Health Committee:

Dr. Calvin Carpenter was introduced by Dr. Garvin and assured the committee that the work of the AKC/CHF was continuing despite the circumstances imposed by the Pandemic. There had been an initial financial impact on account of the decline in the stock market, but this proved temporary. 2020 goals for research funding have been met. Forty-nine grants in 21 research areas have been funded for a total of \$3.1 million. There are currently 152 active grants representing \$10.6 in funding. Of 86 new proposals received in the first quarter of 2020, 13 have completed scientific review and 73 are being processed by staff. An open solicitation for proposals in canine epilepsy has been issued. Twenty-nine new scientific publications so far this year resulted from work funded by the AKC/CHF. Although laboratory research was largely shut down by the onset of the Pandemic, it is beginning to resume now. (Please see this link for the "2020 Year-to-Date Scientific Program Highlights.") <https://www.akcchf.org/assets/files/AKC-CHF-YTD-Annual-Summary-September-2020-AKC-Delegates.pdf>

In the area of education, two new theriogenology fellowships have been funded, one at Virginia/Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and one at the University of Florida. Proposals are being requested from four veterinary schools for clinician scientist fellowships next year. A new quarterly publication aimed primarily at veterinary clinicians has been initiated. Five webinars have been presented thus far in 2020, with an additional 4 planned. Planning has begun for the AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference scheduled for 13-15 August 2021 in St. Louis, MO. Chair Hamil suggested that provision might have to be made for presenting the program virtually.

Fundraising is ongoing, led by the 25th Anniversary Campaign. There is currently a Donor Advised Fund challenge to Parent Clubs. Those clubs who contribute either \$25,000 or one-fourth of their total Donor Advised Fund amount to research will receive special recognition. An endowment campaign has begun. This year's Canine and Cocktails fund-raiser has been cancelled because of the Pandemic. Past contributors are urged to consider contributing an amount consistent with their previous contributions to this event directly to the AKC/CHF.

Eddie Dziuk reported on OFA and the CHIC program. Since December 2019 six thousand new CHIC numbers have been issued. After a Pandemic-

induced low in OFA submissions in April, there has been a rebound during the last two months. Two new breeds have been added: the French Spaniel and the Treeing Walker Coonhound. Contributions to the OFA DNA-repository have fallen owing to the cancellation of Parent Club national specialties. Chair Hamil suggested that Parent Clubs consider conducting blood DNA specimens at their national specialties next year. Eddie Dziuk pointed out that this was an especially effective means of jump-starting research proposals which might require genetic data. As an example, he stated that Collie club had launched a sample collection at the time that an epilepsy proposal for research in this area was being reviewed by AKC/CHF so that when the proposal was actually funded, the investigators could begin immediate work with the pre-collected DNA samples.

Member Marg Pough suggested that Parent Clubs consider paying for blood collection, shipping and OFA fees in order to encourage their members to contribute specimens from their dogs. This approach has worked well for the Border Terrier club. Effective 10/01/2020 the procedure for "cardiac clearance" by OFA will be changed. A "Basic Cardiac Exam" can be provided by any licensed veterinarian based on auscultatory findings, but "Advanced Cardiac Clearance" will require examination by a veterinary cardiologist to include an echocardiogram in addition to the clinical exam.

Keith Frazier reported on Mari-Beth's work in veterinary student outreach. Six "lunch and learn" sessions had been conducted with veterinary students prior to the onset of the Pandemic, which made in-person presentations impossible. However, presentations in Zoom format will resume on 09/16/2020, with 10 sessions scheduled through 11/16/2020 and including veterinary schools at Tufts, Texas A & M, Auburn, Ohio State, Washington State, North Carolina State, Lincoln Memorial, Michigan State, Purdue, and Kansas State.

As restrictions imposed by the Pandemic are lifted, clubs interested in sponsoring dog show tours, as first promoted by Delegate Anne Bowes and the Ladies Kennel Club, can contact Mari-Beth O'Neill at mbo@akc.org or at 919-816-3789 for guidance. The AKC Humane Fund has awarded scholarships to five full time students pursuing fields of study which will either contribute to the well-being of dogs or promote responsible dog ownership. The AKC has awarded \$25,000 in veterinary scholarships, two at North Carolina State and two at U. Penn.

Chair Hamil expressed the appreciation of the Canine Health Committee for all of Mari-Beth's work as well as the educational contributions of AKC, the AKC Humane Fund, and the AKC/CHF in fostering

increasingly positive relationships with veterinary students and the veterinary community as whole—far better relationships than were present a decade ago.

Eddie Dziuk reported on the work of the ad hoc Genetic Testing Committee, established by AKC Board Member William Feeney, initially chaired by Dr. Jerome Bell and then by Dr. Anita Oberbauer, whose work, funded by the AKC/CHF was accomplished within 14 months. A white paper will be presented at the Delegate Forum by Dr. Oberbauer and then published by the AKC. Dr. Oberbauer's presentation will be supplemented by additional sections written by Eddie Dziuk (introduction), Susan Hamil and Patti Strand (the breeder's perspective), Mark Dunn (registration implications), and Dr. Mathew Breen with Pamela Rosman.

Chair Hamil commented that AKC registration is moving to a SNP process for parenting genetics. Specimens will be submitted to the processing laboratory rather than being submitted through AKC, which will make the turn-around much shorter.

Joellen Gregory, with the assistance of Dr. Mathew Breen of N.C State, has developed a template for the creation of a serum heritage bank, based on her work with the Otterhound club. This will be forwarded the delegates for possible use by other Parent Clubs. Thus far, there are 14 specimens in the Otterhound semen bank.

Inasmuch as Mark Dunn could not be present today, some questions about the AKC Marketplace puppy listings were deferred. There is some concern that if no puppies of the desired breed are available, the program automatically suggests another breed. Chair Hamil pointed out that those breeders who did not use the Marketplace to advertise their puppies were missing an opportunity to interact with and, in so doing, educate the purchasing public. She had received 150 inquiries for a recent litter.

Keith Frazier reported that there had been recent phishing attacks on some breeders listing on the Marketplace. He stated that their goal was to interpose themselves between the selling breeders and the puppy-buying public by coopting the breeders' websites. He emphasized that the AKC would never ask for identifying information or passwords via email. AKC is continuing to investigate the feasibility of 2-factor authentication despite some recent difficulties with attempts at introduction of this system.

Dr. Garvin reported a significant increase in registrations, [AKC.org](https://www.akc.org) utilization (up 75%) and Marketplace visits (up 82%) during the Pandemic. Harvey Mohrenweiser expressed his concern that

Parent Club breeder referrals were becoming irrelevant due to websites maintained by individual breeders as well as to Facebook-based advertising. Members of Parent Clubs are breeding less frequently, and member numbers for many Parent Clubs are declining. Clubs seem to concentrate their attention more on judges' education than on mentoring breeders belonging to their clubs, a matter which should be given greater priority if a long-term view is taken.

Sharon Steckler represents the Canine Health Committee on a sub-committee of the Parent Club Committee, the "Parent Club Breeder Subcommittee," which is formulating guidelines for parent clubs who wish to form or enhance their breeder mentoring programs.

Eddie Dziuk is working with some of the brachycephalic breeds to obtain licensing of a breeding protocol, developed in the UK and directed at reducing the incidence of BOAS (brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome). Dr. Bryden Stanley, Professor Emeritus at Michigan State, is acting as an advisor to make the protocol more applicable to U.S veterinary and breeding practices. Training for veterinarians in the grading of severity of this condition is part of the protocol.

Parent Clubs Committee:

Chair, Pat Laurens, introduced those incumbent committee members running for re-election: Alan Kalter, Helen Prince, and Karen Burgess. Don James read the biographical information submitted by other delegates who wished to be elected to the committee: Katie Campbell, Richard Rohrbacher, and Maggi Strouse.

Those parent club members who wish to sign-up for the Parent Club Conference List (a Google Group) should email Peter Piusz at ppiusz@ncap.rr.com. Peter stated that the Parent Club Rescue List needs to be updated.

Anne Bowes gave the AKC Government Relations report for Sheila Goff. (I will ask Kerrie to email Sheila's full report to our membership.) Due partly to it being an election year, when elected officials wish to dispose of legislation in order to return home to campaign, and to the Pandemic, which seems to have disrupted nearly everything, there has been a great increase in legislative activity at all levels. AKC Government Relations is currently monitoring 3300 federal, state, and local bills, a 50% increase over last year, with 630 pending bills, a 40% increase over last year. They have issued "alerts" on 190 bills and given testimony, either in person in writing, on more than 175 bills. Much of the legislation relates to the Pandemic in some way, often waiving liability for

employers or event sponsors.

AKC Government Relations has created two position papers on the importance of continuing veterinary and other dog care during the Pandemic and created a "COVID-19 Liability" key issue page on the AKC website.

Anti-breeder harassment activities should be reported to AKC Government Relations immediately. A "confident puppy" course has been developed for the Detection Dog Program. Government Relations continues to work with service dog organizations and transportation agencies to develop an appropriate certification program.

The AKC PAC is offering labelled face masks as a fundraising activity--\$12 per mask.

Helen Prince reported that archivist Bryne White was no longer employed by the AKC. If information regarding the archives is needed, contact bud.boccone@akc.org.

Peter Piusz reported that 6 additional breed health statements have been accepted and are awaiting posting on the web site.

Pat Laurens reported that as of 09/11/2020, 433 clubs have participated in raising \$1,653,842.72, which, with \$650,00 donated by AKC Reunite, makes a total of \$2,303,842.72 raised. 90 trailers have been deployed to 29 states. 13 trailers are currently being built, with 6 clubs actively fund-raising for additional trailers. Since 05/30/2020 six trailers have been deployed to active wildfire areas in Oregon, Arizona, and Riverside and San Diego Counties in California.

AKC Staff Member Mari-Beth O'Neill reported on veterinary outreach activities, which I have covered in the Canine Health Committee report. She emphasized the importance of active participation by Chief Veterinary Officer, Jerry Klein, in engaging the interest of veterinary students. AKC veterinary scholarship recipients have proven to be important contacts in arranging for presentations at veterinary schools.

From March to July live daily webinars for judges had been presented by Parent Clubs, then switching to weekly presentations. These have been very popular with judges and helps them to add additional breeds. Parent Clubs who have not presented a webinar are asked to contact Tim Thomas in Judging Operations to arrange a presentation.

Mari-Beth is also the staff member on an All-Breed Clubs sub-committee, of which Nancy Fisk is the chair which is working on best practices for assisting all clubs with "attracting, engaging, and retaining" junior members. She stated that the AKC allows

juniors to be paid working for handlers but not for actually showing dogs.

Following phishing attacks on the AKC Marketplace, now blocked, the AKC has tried to move to two-factor authentication for those signing-on to the website. Unforeseen problems have produced a delay in the introduction of this security program.

Helen Prince reported that a letter will soon be sent out to Parent Clubs regarding access to an AKC Events Department list of show sites, together with evaluations of those sites by clubs previously using them. Show site reports by clubs following their national specialties are important in keeping this list relevant. A special code will be needed by each club accessing this information.

Connie Butherus stated that a survey would be sent to Parent Clubs in October, seeing information on 10 areas of club activities, with the goal of developing best practices. It is hoped that this would assist Parent Clubs in becoming Member Clubs.

Karen Burgess reported that the recommendations of the "Reaching Out when Fanciers are in Need" sub-committee would soon be sent out. The report had been previously submitted to Parent Club Committee members but was not reviewed in the meeting. It seems that considerable interaction between Parent Clubs and local clubs will be required for effective intervention.

Anne Bowles presented the "Parent Club Breeders' Sub-committee" Report. She stated that committee members represented more than 500 years of breeding experience. The goal is to increase the breeding of purebred dogs by members of the fancy. Attention is directed to the excellent breeder's education courses on the Canine College section of the AKC website. This is under "Expert Advice." Interviews with well established breeders who have been awarded Breeder of the Year in each group in past years will be posted in this area as well. Parent Clubs are strongly urged to establish Breeders' Education Committees with the same care and attention as is devoted to Judges' Education Committees. Guidelines to Parent Clubs in this area are soon to be sent out.

Alan Kalter reviewed the history leading up to the reading of a bylaws change which will occur at this Delegate Meeting and which will prohibit Regional Specialty clubs from becoming AKC Member Clubs. Of the 1853 "local," as AKC calls them specialty clubs, 23 are currently AKC Member Clubs, the last having been approved in 1945. The fear at this time, the stimulus for the arising of which is not evident to me, is that a local or "regional," as we term them, Specialty Club, after become a member club, will offer a vehicle for discontented Parent Club members

to cause trouble by challenging the Parent Clubs position as representing the interests of that breed. This bylaws change is unanimously supported by members of the Parent Club Committee.

On the other hand, there seems to be widespread report for a bylaws change which will allow Parent Clubs to hold two national specialties in 2021, including, if they so choose, the ability to award Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch points to the reserve winners, their being enough dogs entered to meet the established requirements. This bylaws change will also be read at this Delegate Meeting.

Kirsten Balhke, AKC staff member in charge of the AKC Marketplace, reported on a recent survey of Parent Clubs, which revealed that most clubs were unaware of all of the features available to puppy breeders advertising on the Marketplace. Clubs were not very aware of the ability of their ability to verify advertisers' claims of Parent Club membership and compliance with recommended health testing through use of the "tool" made available to Parent Clubs for this purpose. There were also unaware of the advertiser's ability to make direct contact with potential puppy-buyers via the Marketplace, including the ability to forward application forms requiring buyer information directly to potential buyers via the Marketplace. Other little-known features of the Marketplace include the ability to upload multiple photos at one time, the ability to tag or label photos, and the fact that if photos are not posted by the breeder, a line-drawing of that breed's appearance will automatically appear instead.

A much-desired feature has been for the appearance of an advertisement for the relevant Parent Club on the Marketplace page(s) for that breed. This feature is now being added, beginning with the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club.

The Forum was presented by Professor Anita Oberbauer, University of California, David: "Current State of Genetic Testing—a Living Resource." This will be updated periodically, with the goal of giving owners, breeders, and dog fanciers the most recent information relative to genetic testing. Dr. Oberbauer presented a summary of the complete paper, which is posted on the AKC Canine Health Foundation website, together with 4 additional papers presenting the implications of this information from a variety of standpoints. <https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/review-of-the-current-state.html>

I will briefly summarize Dr. Oberbauer's presentation, which, it may be hoped, will eventually be posted on the AKC/CHF website as a podcast. I would strongly encourage anyone interested in the subject, which should be everyone interested

in dogs, to read the actual paper. Dr. Oberbauer stressed the difference between a "simple" genetic test, where the presence of a mutation is both necessary and sufficient for expression of the altered trait or disease in the dog with more complex tests. For example, the test for the presence of the SOD1 gene, necessary but not sufficient for the appearance of degenerative myelopathy, is an example of a "risk test" rather than a definitive test. This must be a very old mutation, pre-dating the formation of most of our current breeds, since it is present in 7.8% of mixed breed dogs and 5.4% of purebred dogs and is the most common known mutation. Despite its frequency, only isolated dogs develop the disease. The University of Missouri has accumulated genetic data on 30,000 dogs representing 120 breeds. The SOD1 gene is present in 94% of Wire Fox Terriers but this breed does not and will not have clinically affected degenerative myelopathy cases. Boxers may have a frequency of up to 87% of the SOD1 gene, but fewer than 1% will be affected. There are breeds where the disease is more common, but presence of the SOD1 mutation should never be used for selective breeding in those breeds not known to have confirmed cases of degenerative myelopathy. Since the clinic presentation of this disorder may be simulated by several other conditions, a "confirmed case" requires post-mortem pathology studies of the spinal cord.

Australian Terriers have a frequency of approximately 50% of the SOD1 gene, but pathologically confirmed cases are unknown. (The Australian Terrier Trust will pay for an autopsy and study of the spinal cord by a neuropathologist for any Australian Terrier where degenerative myelopathy is the suspected cause of death.) On the other hand, in breeds susceptible to the disease, and especially with a positive family history, testing for the SOD1 gene can be helpful, since, if it is absent, degenerative myelopathy will not occur.

If "risk gene" testing, such as that for SOD1 is performed out of context, it may therefore lead to the inappropriate exclusion of desirable dogs from the gene pool of a breed not susceptible to the disease as well as "finger-pointing" by an uninformed puppy-buyer at the breeder. This type of situation may arise more frequently as multiple panel techniques of genetic testing become more commonly used. Testing laboratories, currently unregulated, may not provide owners with the appropriate context for the results obtained.

As if this is not complex enough, "susceptibility genes" have been identified. Although the mutation may be neither necessary nor sufficient for the disorder to occur, there may be an increased risk due to an association of the genetic abnormality with the disease. These have been termed "liability" genes.

An interplay of several genes may be required for the appearance of a disease. The occurrence of dermatomyositis in collies and shelties has been shown to occur with particular combinations of the alleles of 3 different genes in those breeds. This is a circumstance in which expert genetic counselling is required for informed breeding.

Dr. Oberbauer pointed out that genetic diversity in breeds is generally regarded as desirable. However, diversity testing is complicated. For both humans and dogs, 99.9% of the genetic material is common to the species. Breeding primarily for diversity may eliminate fixed alleles for health. She suggests that rather than seeking to eliminate dogs from a breeding program, use in the program but avoid using over-popular sires.

Genetic testing for breed ancestors depends heavily on what dogs that particular lab has previously tested just as human ancestry testing becomes more accurate with an increasing number of humans tested.

SNP array technologies are rapid and easy to apply, but the results need to be validated for specific assays to sequence the genes and confirm the tests.

Delegates Meeting:

Chairman's Report by Dr. Thomas M. Davies:

Some conformation shows have been held with participants observing "social distancing" and wearing "face coverings." Several virtual events have been held as well. 78 Parent Clubs have thus far presented webinars on judging their breeds to a total of 2300 judges. This program began in March and is now offered weekly on Monday evenings.

On September 17, 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT, Responsible Dog Day will be held as a Facebook event. Fanciers are asked to participate. Given the huge increase in members of the public seeking to buy puppies, purebred dog breeders are asked to help those inquiring locate quality breeders if they do not themselves have puppies available.

President's Report by Dennis Sprung:

"Visionary" awards were presented to long term AKC staff members, including Executive Vice Presidents Mark Dunn (Registration) and Doug Ljungren (Sports & Events), Dr. Mary Burch (AKC Author and Certified Animal Behaviorist), Shelia Goffe (Government Relations), Mari-Beth O'Neill (Sports Services), and Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary. Those champions qualifying for Crufts at the AKC Championship Show this December, will be allowed to enter the Crufts show in 2022.

Financial Report by Ted Phillips:

Through 08/01/2020, litter registrations were 185,758 (a 7% increase since this time last year) and dog registrations were 470,733 (a 16% increase). Dog registrations this August exceeded all previous August registrations since 2017.

There have been 59% fewer AKC events held year-to-date than in 2019.

Year-to-date total operating revenue was \$47,367 million, with a net operating income of \$6,805 million as compared with \$45,334 million and \$3,084 million at this time in 2019.

Overall expenses were down 15% this year with a year-to-date return on investments of 1.56%, as compared with the benchmark index of -2.33%. Total liabilities + net assets are \$135,453 million, as compared with \$168,463 million last year. The decrease is primarily due to pay-off of leases and write-down of expenses due to relocation of the N.Y. office and the Museum of the Dog.

Voting by the Delegates:

Voting for candidates for the Delegate Standing Committees was conducted via Survey Monkey; I was pleased to be retained as member of the Canine Health Committee.

Several votes were conducted relative to amendments to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. With reference to those addressing substantive issues rather than clarifying or simplifying the Rules, a proposal to create a Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class was defeated and a controversial proposal which would have removed the requirement for an injury to have occurred for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or dog at its event, and it believes presents a hazard to persons or other dogs was also defeated. Terrier breeds in particular were concerned that "sparring" or other behaviors characteristic of terriers might be misinterpreted as inappropriate aggression. Delegates for performance event clubs pointed out the risks to their dogs presented by their being off leash for some exercises and will continue to seek increased disciplinary measures for overly aggressive dogs participating in performance events.

Submitted by William I. Christensen
AKC Delegate
10 October 2020

My report is not intended to be an official report of the business conducted by the various delegate committees or by the official Delegate Meeting. Summaries of the minutes for all meetings are posted on the AKC website. If you need the full official minutes for a committee meeting or a transcript of the actual Delegates Meeting, I can access these and forward them to you.

Recording Secretary's Reports

ATCA TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

August 17, 2020; 6:00 p.m. PST

Board Members: Bryan, Christensen, Dean, Evans, Farmer, Floyd, Massey, Occhiuti, Post, Samarotto, Schreeder, Sousa, Zupan

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 6:05 PDT

Establish quorum: All members present

Time-keeper: Alexa Samarotto

Invitees: Susan Mason, Chair of Talkabout

Minutes: Previously approved and published.

President: Bill Christensen – Discussion regarding the opinion of Carl Holder on tabling issues and the vote of the general meeting. In Article III, Sect 3, paragraph (c) it reads “the Board shall also make available to individual club members, upon request, the reasons and voting record of Members of the Board when the Board has voted down a motion that was previously passed at a General Club Meeting.” Bill will send this section to Carl Holder for clarification and report back at the next meeting. The recommendation was made there should be a Parliamentarian should be hired to be present at the next General Club Member meeting. Darlene has been charged with finding a Parliamentarian local to the Sacramento show for that meeting.

Vice President Report: Grace Massey – the vendors who have provided information for the electronic balloting have been reviewed. One of the vendors is willing to do a mock balloting so we can see how it works.

Recording Secretary Report: Dana Dean – Passed 55% of the membership have responded to the request for eballot authorization. Dana will send out an updated list of the names who are still missing the form submission to Darlene so she can make phone calls. Hopefully this will encourage members to submit their form. Darlene recommended putting the option for electing the eballot on the new member applications. Darlene will work on

the wording for the new member application. Mentioned the new member applications were added to the agenda package and will be voted on at the next board meeting. Kerrie has sent the 30 day notice out to the membership.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Kerrie Bryan – Has been keeping everyone up to date with email from AKC as well as member news. AKC has approved the Pupdate for ATCA and it will allow advertising for breeders and buyers of Australian Terriers. The ATCA is now listed as a resource.

Treasurer Report: Darlene Evans – Financials are just an interim and the next quarterly report will be after September ends. The next quarterly report will be presented to the Board in October.

Old Business

Code Of Ethics: Kim Occhiuti presented some of the main changes to the code which include temperament, breed only AKC eligible dogs, recommend the full CHIC health testing, age criteria for dogs and bitches to be bred at 2 years or older, microchipping. There was considerable discussion regarding the use of social media for the sale of puppies. Motion was made to remove the statement regarding social media by Jen Sousa, second by Alexa Samarotto. Motion carried: Yes-6; No-5; Abstain-2. After the removal of the social media statement Teresa Schreeder made the motion to adopt the revised Code of Ethics, second by Kim Occhiuti. Motion passed unanimously. Will there be a need to send out the new Code of Ethics? Everyone on the Breeder's Referral list will need to sign the revised Code of Ethics. Since this is a revision to the Code of Ethics all members signed it should be sent to all members for signing. Kim O recommended the new Code of Ethics be sent out with the next membership dues notice. Darlene will be sending out a new membership notices in November and could send out the revised Code of Ethics to the members to sign then. Kim Occhiuti made the motion to send out the new Code of Ethics with the membership dues notice in November, second by Barb Post. Discussion of the need to get it signed

and dated and sent back to ATCA. The new version will be added to the Talkabout. Motion carried unanimously.

National Specialty: Applications are being put together and will be sent out tomorrow. Darlene researched a question raised by Anne McGroarty during the Annual Meeting of whether there could be an Australian Terrier independent Junior Showmanship class. Darlene indicated this would be added to the application and AKC will need to approve for the proposed Thursday and Friday show dates. Everything is moving along and working with the expectation the show and associated activities are going forward.

Auction: Jen Sousa – the auction begins on August 21st and runs through August 28th. Going to send out additional emails to members regarding the details of the auction.

Dr. Hess' Monthly Update: Teresa Schreeder – Dr. Hess's study has been published and the results indicated there is no correlation on the 3 auto-antibodies she used in her study to determine diabetes susceptibility. The pedigree article should be ready by the beginning of next year.

New Business

Branding Committee: Kerrie Bryan, adding older/rescue dogs to the Talkabout giveaway. All new owners get the digital copy of the Talkabout for a year. Darlene made the motion to provide a digital copy of the Talkabout to people who adopt or rescue an Australian Terrier for a year second by Teresa. Darlene pulled her motion and proposed the Branding Committee come back with a recommendation for the distribution of the Talkabout.

AustTrust Funding Request: Teresa Schreeder provided additional documentation regarding the proposed speaker for the National Specialty, Dr. Jean Dodd. Dr. Dodd will be talking about immunization protocols, food sensitivities, and genetic testing. Will ask her if she would be willing to donate one of the panels to be auctioned off. Kerrie Bryan moved to approve the speaker, second by Alexa Samarotta. Motion carried unanimously. There may

also be the option to record the presentation. There will be an honorarium of \$1,000 to be approved by the AustTrust.

Online Auctions/Raffles: Kerrie Bryan sent out an information package regarding the IRS and state law relative to doing raffles for a tax exempt organization. This item could be looked at more thoroughly for the next year. Pat Zupan looked through the information and because of the charter in NJ there may have to be some review by the legal rep in NJ. Alexa asked about a Ways and Means Committee and reviving the committee. This committee has been hard to fill in the past and the question of whether the club needs the extra funding. Darlene will look further into the issue and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Lifetime Membership Recommendation: Darlene Evans and Sue Bachman have submitted a Lifetime Membership nomination which needs to be done 6 months before the Annual Meeting. The nomination will be voted on by the Board and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Additional business: Darlene proposed to have a page in the catalog recognizing people who have contributed to the Australian Terrier but doesn't have to be an ATCA member. For example, Pat Conner and Kathy Vega who recently passed away. The motion to add their memorial to the National Specialty catalog made by Darlene Evans and second by Teresa Schreeder. Kim Occhiuti suggested the adoption of guidelines on how the selection for recognition will be made in the future. Darlene will work with Kim O to come up with guidelines for the selection process. Kerrie mentioned the article Carol Sazama wrote about Pat Connor in the 50th Anniversary Edition of the Talkabout. The information regarding Pat should be shared through the Talkabout. Darlene and Kerrie will send information to Susan Mason for inclusion in the Talkabout.

Adjourned at 7:27 PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Dana A Dean, Recording Secretary

ATCA TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

September 21, 2020; 6:00 p.m. PST

Board Members: Bryan, Christensen, Dean, Evans, Farmer, Floyd, Massey, Occhiuti, Post, Samarotto, Schreeder, Sousa, Zupan

Call to Order: 6:05 PDT

Quorum Established

Time-keeper: Alexa Samarotto

President: Bill Christensen – According to our Parliamentarian, Carl Holder, the Board can't override the General Membership vote even though the by-laws Article III, Section 3, paragraph (c) indicates the record shall be made available to members when the Board has voted down a motion that was previously passed at a General Club Meeting. Talked about the white paper regarding genetic testing. The AKC delegates heard a presentation regarding genetics by Anita Oberbauer, PhD, UC Davis. The delegates received varied education on Genetics at their last meeting. The AKC Canine Health Foundation intends to create a living document to keep it updated due to the large amount of research information available including both controversies and advances in genetic testing. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) requests the ATCA consider a blood draw at the next National Specialty. Bill felt the Aussie Trust consider paying for the testing. According to Teresa Schreeder the testing at the National will be with Dr. Popkin(?) he will not be doing any group draws. We would need to hire another veterinarian to do the draw. The health test was included in the 2020 Specialty but it is felt the Sacramento show would not be the best venue to hold the testing. The Board will review the capabilities of the 2022 show to host the testing. Judges education is calling upon parent club to present a virtual judges education seminar once per week. Kerrie indicated the team is currently working on it.

Vice President Report: Grace Massey – On the agenda later for the E-Voting firm

Recording Secretary Report: Dana Dean – Authorization update: Down to 24 no responses.

Authorization form has been included in the nomination slate package and hopefully the forms will be completed. Currently there are only 5 people who have requested receiving paper notifications. There needs to be clearer definition as to what is an official communication. Darlene has been personally contacting members to find out what their preferences are regarding the ballots.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Kerrie Bryan – New membership application review submitted the application for review and indicated she had no further responses. Darlene stated she submitted a marked-up copy to Dana in the afternoon which wasn't in time to include in the agenda package. The revised document will be sent out to the board for their comments. This will be brought back onto the agenda for the next board meeting. The nomination slate has been published to the ATCA website.

Treasurer Report: Darlene Evans – Financials at the meeting in October, the third quarter financials will be available. Until then, no significant update to report.

Old Business

National Specialty: Darlene Evans – Kim and Darlene came up with a recommendation for the purpose of dedications of specialties. The following is the proposed language: The purpose of this recognition is to pay homage (or to honor) to ATCA members that have supported the Australian Terrier Club of America as well as members of foreign Australian Terrier clubs that have had an influence on the Australian Terrier in America.

1. All National Specialties will be dedicated to ATCA members who have passed on between Nationals in the National Specialty Catalog. A picture and a brief history should accompany each member. Any ATCA member that left the club in good standing is eligible.
2. Any member of a foreign Australian Terrier club who has contributed to the advancement of the Australian Terrier in the US should also be recognized with a photo and a brief history. This could be an owner/breeder of a kennel whose dogs had an

influence in the US. Also individuals who have performed research or written guidance that has aided in the benefit of the Australian Terrier in areas including, but not limited to health, confirmation and performance. Names of individuals from outside of the U.S. should be submitted for approval by the board any time prior to the National Specialty catalog deadline for inclusion.

3. ATCA members will be listed first in the dedication, followed by foreign club members.

Still moving forward with the specialty as if it will still happen. Feels confident and wonders how large it will be, they are assuming 70 dogs will be in attendance.

Online Auction: Jen Sousa – The auction went very well and they are still waiting on the final shipping costs. Around \$3,000 has been raised.

Raffles and Auctions: Darlene Evans – Raffles are considered to be a game of chance in California. An auction is not considered to be gambling.

eBalloting Firm Selection: Grace Massey – three firms were evaluated and information has been included in the agenda package. Grace reviewed the process for all three firms. Grace recommended going with SimplyVoting. The process allows only one vote, one person. Rita Farmer made the motion to accept the recommendation of SimplyVoting as the eBallot firm. Second by Barb Post. Motion carried unanimously. Dana will contact Carl regarding the proposed new process for voting. Grace will contact the eBallot firm and Dana will take the point on setting the process up.

ATCA Standard Update: Alexa Samarotto – Moving on target. The revision to the standard was published in the August AKC Gazette and open for comment from anyone in the world. One comment was received regarding the standard and the General Appearance section which was inconsistent with the proposed tail standard change. The new language is: A small, sturdy, medium-boned working terrier, rather long in proportion to height with pricked ears and docked or *undocked* tail. The AKC approved of the change. The AKC will close the 60 day comment

period. It will then go back to the AKC Board at their October meeting. If approved, it will then go back to the ATCA for vote. When the standard change is adopted the illustrated standard will have to be updated to reflect the change. This project is already in the queue to be worked on. Will the board send out a comment along with the vote? Alexa will talk to Mari-Beth O'Neill at AKC regarding sending anything along with the ballot.

New Business

Standing Rule-Social Media Usage: Darlene Evans – Social media was used to put out information regarding recent events. However, the thought is to capture all the events that represent a catastrophe to members of the ATCA. The proposal is: Whenever an ATCA member has a catastrophic occurrence such as fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, or any other event where there has been significant loss, that ATCA social media platforms be available to notify members and others in the Aussie community about what has occurred. It is up to an ATCA member to generate the information and not the responsibility of the Social Media Committee. This would be added to the Standing Rules of the ATCA. Can the Sunshine Committee be used as a resource to assist in sending out information regarding member events. Should we send out a reminder to members that Scott Pruter, chair of the Sunshine Committee, should be contacted in the event of a member event? Kerrie will send out a reminder of this to the membership. Darlene proposes the statement read be included in the Social Media Committee and also added to the Sunshine Committee job description. Discussion followed regarding what committee would have responsibility. Is looking for the Board approval for the use of social media platforms for the notification of member catastrophic events. Darlene will re-work the proposal for the next meeting. Kim volunteered to help edit.

New Membership Applications:

No negative response was received regarding either of the new members.

Kerrie Bryan moved to accept Nathan Nixon as a new member, second by Alexa Samarotto. Motion carried

unanimously.

Kerrie Bryan moved to accept Christopher Morales as a new member, second by Alexa Samarotto. Motion carried unanimously.

Sponsors: Susan Mason and Rita Farmer

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Other Business: Teresa Schreeder sent out a video of the first 45 minutes of pet groom. This is the rough cut with no vocal overlay. She is asking for feedback. This is currently just for a pet grooming on a long tail. The link to the video was sent out to the Board members for their review.

Grace created a new Gmail account called ATCAZoom@gmail.com to share with committee chairs so they are able to use the Zoom account. The password will be shared with the various meeting organizers. This will enable them to set up Zoom meetings in the future. Since meetings can't be scheduled concurrently there will need to be a calendar or some other method to keep them from bumping into each other. Grace can set up a tutorial for using the Zoom meeting.

Kerrie asked if we are going to be asking for minutes on the website. Bill indicated reports should be available in January from committees. However, being able to just state what business is being transacted would be helpful to members. This can be further discussed at the next meeting and Kerrie will bring a proposal.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 PDT

Next Teleconference October 19, 2020

Australian Terrier Club of America BOARD SLATE 2021-2022

As no additional nominations were received by October 31, 2020.

The following SLATE of board members stands elected

President:	Grace Massey, VA
Vice President:	Teresa Schreeder, CA
Recording Secretary:	Celeste Platte, FL
Treasurer:	Darlene Evans, CA
Directors:	Teresa Cleland, CA Susan Mason, AL Kim Occhiuti, MA Alexa Samarotto, NY
Director (2021 only)	Jennifer Sousa, IL

Note: Jennifer was approved by the board in January 2020 to fill a vacancy. Per our Bylaw Article III, Section 6, vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the board.

BOARD MEMBERS RETURNING 2021

Corresponding Secretary:	Kerrie Bryan, CO
Directors:	Rita Farmer, TN Barbel Post, MI Pat Zupan, NJ
AKC Delegate:	William Christensen, CA

***Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You.....***

William Christensen; President, Dana Dean; Recording Secretary and Kim Floyd; Director for serving on the Board of the Australian Terrier Club of America. All members of the ATCA Thank YOU!

Early Neurological Stimulation

by Carmen L Battaglia

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Surprising as it may seem, it isn't capacity that explains the differences that exist between individuals because most seem to have far more capacity than they will ever use. The differences that exist between individuals seem to be related to something else.

The ones who achieve and outperform others seem to have within themselves the ability to use hidden resources. In other words, it's what they are able to do with what they have that makes the difference.

In many animal breeding programs, the entire process of selection and management is founded on the belief that performance is inherited. Attempts to analyze the genetics of performance in a systematic way have involved some distinguished names such as Charles Darwin and Francis Galton. But it has only been in recent decades that good estimates of heritability of performance have been based on adequate data. Cunningham, (1991) in his study of horses, found that only by using Timeform data, and measuring groups of half brothers and half sisters could good estimates of performance be determined. His data shows that performance for speed is about 35% heritable. In other words, only about 35% of all the variation that is observed in track performance is controlled by heritable factors, the remaining 65% is attributable to other influences, such as training, management and nutrition. Cunningham's work while limited to horses, provides a good basis for understanding how much breeders can attribute to the genetics and the pedigrees.

Researchers have studied these phenomena and

have looked for new ways to stimulate individuals in order to improve their natural abilities. Some of the methods discovered have produced life long lasting effects. Today many of the differences between individuals can now be explained by the use of early stimulation methods.

Introduction

Man for centuries has tried various methods to improve performance. Some of the methods have stood the test of time, others have not. Those who first conducted research on this topic believed that the period of early age was a most important time for stimulation because of its rapid growth and development. Today, we know that early life is a time when the physical immaturity of an organism is susceptible and responsive to a restricted but important class of stimuli. Because of its importance many studies have focused their efforts on the first few months of life.

Newborn pups are uniquely different from adults in several respects. When born, their eyes are closed and their digestive system has a limited capacity requiring periodic stimulation by their dam who routinely licks them in order to promote digestion. At this age they are only able to smell, suck, and crawl. Body temperature is maintained by snuggling close to their mother or by crawling into piles with other littermates. During these first few weeks of immobility, researchers noted that these immature and under-developed canines are sensitive to a restricted class of stimuli which includes thermal and tactile stimulation, motion and locomotion.

Other mammals such as mice and rats are also born with limitations, and they also have been found to demonstrate a similar sensitivity to the effects of early stimulation. Studies show that removing them from their nest for three minutes each day during the first five to ten days of life causes body temperatures to fall below normal. This mild form of stress is sufficient to stimulate hormonal, adrenal and pituitary systems. When tested later as adults, these same animals were better able to withstand stress than littermates who were not exposed to the same early stress exercises. As adults, they responded to stress in "a graded" fashion, while their non-stressed littermates responded in an "all or nothing way."

Data involving laboratory mice and rats also shows that stress in small amounts can produce adults who respond maximally. On the other hand, the results gathered from non-stressed littermate show that they become easily exhausted and are near death if exposed to intense prolonged stress. When tied down so they were unable to move for twenty-four hours, rats developed severe stomach ulcers, but litter mates exposed to early stress handling were found to be more resistant to stress tests and did not show evidence of ulcers. A secondary affect was also noticed.

Sexual maturity was attained sooner in the littermates given early stress exercises. When tested for differences in health and disease, the stressed animals were found to be more resistant to certain forms of cancer and infectious diseases and could withstand terminal starvation and exposure to cold for longer periods than their non-stressed littermates.

Other studies involving early stimulation exercises have been successfully performed on both cats and

dogs. In these studies, the Electrical Encephalogram (EEG) was found to be ideal for measuring the electrical activity in the brain because of its extreme sensitivity to changes in excitement, emotional stress, muscle tension, changes in oxygen and breathing. EEG measures show that pups and kittens when given early stimulation exercises mature at faster rates and perform better in certain problem solving tests than non-stimulated mates.

In the higher level animals the effect of early stimulation exercises have also been studied. The use of surrogate mothers and familiar objects were tested by both of the Kelloggs and Dr. Yearkes using young chimpanzees. Their pioneer research shows that the more primates were deprived of stimulation and interaction during early development, the less able they were to cope, adjust and later adapt to situations as adults.

While experiments have not yet produced specific information about the optimal amounts of stress needed to make young animals psychologically or physiologically superior, researchers agree that stress has value. What also is known is that a certain amount of stress for one may be too intense for another, and that too much stress can retard development. The results show that early stimulation exercises can have positive results but must be used with caution. In other words, too much stress can cause pathological adversities rather than physical or psychological superiority.

Methods of Stimulation

The U.S. Military in their canine program developed a method that still serves as a guide to what works. In an effort to improve the performance of dogs used

for military purposes, a program called “Bio Sensor” was developed. Later, it became known to the public as the “Super Dog” Program. Based on years of research, the military learned that early neurological stimulation exercises could have important and lasting effects. Their studies confirmed that there are specific time periods early in life when neurological stimulation has optimum results. The first period involves a window of time that begins at the third day of life and lasts until the sixteenth day. It is believed that because this interval of time is a period of rapid neurological growth and development, and therefore is of great importance to the individual.

The “Bio Sensor” program was also concerned with early neurological stimulation in order to give the dog a superior advantage. Its development utilized six exercises which were designed to stimulate the neurological system. Each workout involved handling puppies once each day. The workouts required handling them one at a time while performing a series of five exercises. Listed in order of preference, the handler starts with one pup and stimulates it using each of the five exercises. The handler completes the series from beginning to end before starting with the next pup. The handling of each pup once per day involves the following exercises:

1. Tactical stimulation (between toes)
2. Head held erect
3. Head pointed down
4. Supine position
5. Thermal stimulation

Tactile stimulation

1. Tactile stimulation - holding the pup in one hand, the handler gently stimulates (tickles)

the pup between the toes on any one foot using a Q-tip. It is not necessary to see that the pup is feeling the tickle. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds. (Figure 1)

2. Head held erect - using both hands, the pup is held perpendicular to the ground, (straight up), so that its head is directly above its tail. This is an upwards position. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds. (Figure 2)
3. Head pointed down - holding the pup firmly with both hands the head is reversed and is pointed downward so that it is pointing towards the ground. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds. (Figure 3)
4. Supine position - hold the pup so that its back is resting in the palm of both hands with its muzzle facing the ceiling. The pup while on its back is allowed to sleep. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 4)
5. Thermal stimulation—use a damp towel that has been cooled in a refrigerator for at least five minutes. Place the pup on the towel, feet down. Do not restrain it from moving. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 5)

These five exercises will produce neurological stimulations, none of which naturally occur during this early period of life. Experience shows that sometimes pups will resist these exercises, others will appear unconcerned. In either case a caution is offered to those who plan to use them. Do not repeat them more than once per day and do not extend the time beyond that recommended for each exercise. Over stimulation of the neurological system can have adverse and detrimental results. These exercises impact the neurological system by kicking it into action earlier than would be normally expected, the result being an increased capacity that later will help to make the difference in its performance. Those who play with their pups and routinely handle them should continue to do so because the neurological exercises are not substitutions for routine handling,

play socialization or bonding.

Benefits of Stimulation

Five benefits have been observed in canines that were exposed to the Bio Sensor stimulation exercises. The benefits noted were:

1. Improved cardio vascular performance (heart rate)
2. Stronger heart beats
3. Stronger adrenal glands
4. More tolerance to stress
5. Greater resistance to disease

In tests of learning, stimulated pups were found to be more active and were more exploratory than their non-stimulated littermates over which they were dominant in competitive situations.

Secondary effects were also noted regarding test performance. In simple problem solving tests using detours in a maze, the non-stimulated pups became extremely aroused, whined a great deal, and made many errors. Their stimulated littermates were less disturbed or upset by test conditions and when comparisons were made, the stimulated littermates were more calm in the test environment, made fewer errors and gave only an occasional distress sound when stressed.

Socialization

As each animal grows and develops, three kinds of stimulation have been identified that impact and influence how it will develop and be shaped as an individual. The first stage is called early neurological stimulation and the second stage is called socialization. The first two (early neurological stimulation and

socialization) have in common a window of limited time. When Lorenz, (1935) first wrote about the importance of the stimulation process, he wrote about imprinting during early life and its influence on the later development of the individual. He states that it was different from conditioning in that it occurred early in life and took place very rapidly producing results which seemed to be permanent. One of the first and perhaps the most noted research effort involving the larger animals was achieved by Kellogg & Kellogg (1933). As a student of Dr. Kellogg's, I found him and his wife to have an uncanny interest in children and young animals and the changes and the differences that occurred during early development. Their history-making study involved raising their own newborn child with a newborn primate. Both infants were raised together as if they were twins. This study, like others that followed attempted to demonstrate that among the mammals, there are great differences in their speed of physical and mental development. Some are born relatively mature and quickly capable of motion and locomotion, while others are very immature, immobile and slow to develop. For example, the Rhesus monkey shows rapid and precocious development at birth, while the chimpanzee and the other "great apes" take much longer. Last and slowest is the human infant.

One of the earliest efforts to investigate and look for the existence of socialization in canines was undertaken by Scott-Fuller (1965). In their early studies, they were able to demonstrate that the basic technique for testing the existence of socialization was to show how readily adult animals would foster young animals, or accept one from another species. They served that, with the higher level animals, it is easiest done by hand rearing. When the foster animal trans-

fers its social relationships to the new species, researchers conclude that socialization has taken place. Most researchers agree that among all species, a lack of adequate socialization generally results in unacceptable behavior and often times produces undesirable aggression, excessiveness, fearfulness, sexual inadequacy and indifference toward partners.

Socialization studies confirm that one of the critical periods for humans (infant) to be stimulated are generally between three weeks and twelve months of age. For canines the period is shorter, between the fourth and sixteenth weeks of age. The lack of adequate social stimulation, such as handling, mothering and contact with others, adversely affects social and psychological development in both humans and animals. In humans, the absence of love and cuddling increases the risk of an aloof, distant, asocial or sociopathic individual. Over-mothering also has its detrimental effects by preventing sufficient exposure to other individuals and situations that have an important influence on growth and development. It occurs when a parent insulates the child from outside contacts or keeps the apron strings tight, thus limiting opportunities to explore and interact with the outside world. In the end, over-mothering generally produces a dependent, socially maladjusted and sometimes emotionally disturbed individual. Protected youngsters who grow up in an insulated environment often become sickly, despondent, lacking in flexibility and unable to make simple social adjustments. Generally, they are unable to function productively or to interact successfully when they become adults.

Owners who have busy life styles with long and tiring work and social schedules often cause pets to be neglected. Left to themselves with only an occa-

sional trip out of the house or off of the property they seldom see other canines or strangers and generally suffer from poor stimulation and socialization. For many, the side effects of loneliness and boredom set in. The resulting behavior manifests itself in the form of chewing, digging, and hard-to-control behavior (Battaglia).

It seems clear that small amounts of stress followed by early socialization can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under stimulation. Many improperly socialized youngsters develop into older individuals unprepared for adult life, unable to cope with its challenges, and interactions. Attempts to re-socialize them as adults have only produced small gains. These failures confirm the notion that the window of time open for early neurological and social stimulation only comes once. After it passes, little or nothing can be done to overcome the negative effects of too much or too little stimulation.

The third and final stage in the process of growth and development is called enrichment. Unlike the first two stages it has no time limit, and by comparison, covers a very long period of time. Enrichment is a term which has come to mean the positive sum of experiences which have a cumulative effect upon the individual. Enrichment experiences typically involve exposure to a wide variety of interesting, novel, and exciting experiences with regular opportunities to freely investigate, manipulate, and interact with them. When measured in later life, the results show that those reared in an enriched environment tend to be more inquisitive and are more able to perform difficult tasks. The educational TV program called "Sesame Street" is perhaps the best known example of a children's enrichment program. The results show

that when tested, children who regularly watched this program performed better than playmates who did not. Follow-up studies show that those who regularly watch "Sesame Street" tend to seek a college education and when enrolled, performed better than playmates who were not regular watchers of the "Sesame Street" program.

There are numerous children's studies that show the benefits of enrichment techniques and programs. Most focus on improving self-esteem and self-talk. Follow-up studies show that the enriched "Sesame Street" students, when later tested were brighter and scored above average, and most often were found to be the products of environments that contributed to their superior test scores. On the other hand, those whose test scores were generally below average, (labeled as dull) and the products of underprivileged or non-enriched environments, often had little or only small amounts of stimulation during early childhood and only minimal amounts of enrichment during their developmental and formative years. Many were characterized as children who grew up with little interaction with others, poor parenting, few toys, no books and a steady diet of TV soap operas.

A similar analogy can be found among canines. All the time they are growing they are learning because their nervous systems are developing and storing information that may be of inestimable use at a later date. Studies by Scott and Fuller confirm that non-enriched pups, when given free choice, preferred to stay in their kennels. Other litter mates who were given only small amounts of outside stimulation between five and eight weeks of age were found to be very inquisitive and very active. When kennel doors were left open, the enriched pups would come bounding out while littermates who were not exposed to en-

richment would remain behind. The non-stimulated pups would typically be fearful of unfamiliar objects and generally preferred to withdraw rather than investigate. Even well-bred pups of superior pedigrees would not explore or leave their kennels, and many were found difficult to train as adults. These pups, in many respects, were similar to the deprived children. They acted as if they had become institutionalized, preferring the routine and safe environment of their kennel to the stimulating world outside their immediate place of residence.

Regular trips to the park, shopping centers and obedience and agility classes serve as good examples of enrichment activities. Chasing and retrieving a ball on the surface seems to be enriching because it provides exercise and includes rewards. While repeated attempts to retrieve a ball provide much physical activity, it should not be confused with enrichment exercises. Such playful activities should be used for exercise and play or as a reward after returning from a trip or training session. Road work and chasing balls are not substitutes for trips to the shopping mall, outings or obedience classes most of which provide many opportunities for interaction and investigation.

Finally, it seems clear that stress early in life can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under stimulation. The absence or the lack of adequate amounts of stimulation generally will produce negative and undesirable results. Based on the above, it is fair to say that the performance of most individuals can be improved, including the techniques described above. Each contributes in a cumulative way and supports the next stage of development.

Conclusion

Breeders can now take advantage of the information available to improve and enhance performance. Generally, genetics account for about 35% of the performance, but the remaining 65% (management, training, nutrition) can make the difference. In the management category, it has been shown that breeders should be guided by the rule that it is generally considered prudent to guard against under and over stimulation. Short of ignoring pups during their first two months of life, a conservative approach would be to expose them to children, people, toys and other animals on a regular basis. Handling and touching all parts of their anatomy is also a necessary part of their learning which can be started as early as the third day of life. Pups that are handled early and on a regular basis generally do not become hand-shy as adults.

Because of the risks involved in under-stimulation, a conservative approach to using the benefits of the three stages has been suggested based primarily on the works of Arskeusky, Kellogg, Yearkes and the "Bio Sensor" program (later known as the "Super Dog Program").

Both experience and research have dominated the beneficial effects that can be achieved via early neurological stimulation, socialization and enrichment experiences. Each has been used to improve performance and to explain the differences that occur between individuals, their trainability, health and potential. The cumulative effects of the three stages have been well documented. They best serve the interests of owners who seek high levels of performance when properly used. Each has a cumulative effect and contributes to the development and the potential for individual performance.

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Early Stimulation Exercises

Figure 1 Tactical stimulation





Figure 2 Head held erect



Figure 3 Head pointed down

Figure 4 Figure Supine position



Figure 5 Thermal stimulation



About the Author

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GUESS WHO?

A little dog, ten inches tall,
U usually loved by one and all,
See his eyes, so small and keen,
Tender, loving, never mean.
Right for young and old to love,
An asset always for your home.
Loyal nature beyond compare,
In health and sickness he'll be there.
A cold black nose and soft top knot,
Neck frill, apron, that's not the lot.

Truly this is a special breed,
Everything you'd ever need.
Right up on his rounded feet,
Repels intruders from the street.
If you cannot guess his name
Even though you own the same_
Read this poem carefully.

EACH FIRST LETTER HOLDS THE KEY

Doreen MacKenzie ATC NSW 1984

AKC Gazette Column – by Grace Massey

About the AKC Breed Columns:

The Breed columns are a time-honored feature of the AKC Gazette. Each columnist is appointed by a breed's national parent club, which preserves the breed's standard and helps to educate breeders, judges, and the public about the breed's history, function, and possible health issues. A national parent club is comprised of dedicated breeders and fanciers, and it represents many years of collective experience in the breed. Columnists are asked to write about topics of interest to the fancy in general as well as those of specific interest to judges and devotees of the breed.

Nov 2020 Issue

Breeding during Covid19

What does a dog fancier of Australian terriers do in the middle of a pandemic, when there are no dog shows to attend, no trials, and wonderful dogs at home? We attempt to breed a litter. Attempt is a the key work here as Covid19 has caused major travel restrictions, especially between countries.

In July, we were notified Rain (CANCH Tidewalker RainCoast Gypsy) had come into season. Rain is a bitch we co-own with a pet family with the agreement we would have breeding rights. First we needed to contact the co-owners to express our desire to breed and then book with our vet for progesterone testing. Of course, we happened to be on our boat in the middle of no-where with no cell reception. A full day was lost finding cell service. Then, while circling a small area, we are able to talk to the owners and call our vet, obtaining permission to breed and booking a progesterone test on day seven of her cycle.

Now, to find an appropriate stud dog. The Canada/USA border had been declared closed and we had heard stories about delays at the border for frozen and chilled semen. Not Good. A live breeding of a dog close by would be best. As luck would have it a nice Australian terrier stud, Carson (GCH Benayr Johnny Come Lately), twice winner of BOB during the US National weekend and sire of several known nice pups was in Alberta, Canada. He had been there since February, unable to get home due to the border closures. We hatched a plan to fly him via one stop to Victoria, BC. This made Carson's owner happy as flights from BC to Seattle were still taking live cargo. When Carson arrived in Victoria, a well-known local handler picked him up to care for him until I could get him.

On day seven of Rain's cycle the progesterone test was taken. The results, provided the next day, showed Rain had ovulated. Oh No! The numbers were through the roof! With the saying "Best laid plans" ringing in my head, several calls were made while, again, circling in an area to find cell service! Arrangements were made for Rain's co-owner to pick up Carson, and take him and Rain to the vet. A successful breeding was managed. However, there was still great uncertainty

as to whether it was too late! -- A lot of running around if it didn't take.

I arrived home a day later and picked up our Aussie guest! Carson was easy to have here, loved his toys and a walk each day. I immediately began to arrange to get him on a plane, as per my agreement with his owner. This required medical certificates, shipping paperwork and a 2 hour ferry ride to the mainland. After several days, I was able to turn over all the paperwork and the dog to airport cargo officials. These officials told me "Don't wait, all is in order – catch your ferry home!" An hour into my ferry home, I get a call. The computer isn't working and won't create a waybill – no waybill, no boarding of the dog. Oh the Drama!

Calls to Carson's owner, calls to the people waiting to pick the him up from the airport, calls to friends about what to do, calls to the airline and the cargo office and finally an agreement that the airline was at fault. They agree to put Carson up at an international kennel for the night and get him on the plane in the morning. Good thing Carson was up for the adventure and managed all the changes well.

On July 31st Carson makes it onto the flight from Vancouver to Seattle. We were told "You are very, very lucky!" It was the last airline company, and their last flight, taking live cargo to the US for the foreseeable future!!! As I write this, it's now Oct 28th and flights are still not carrying dogs between Canada to the US.

I have to share with you that we were lucky twice! First, Carson arrived home safe and sound. Second, a litter of 5 healthy pups, 2 males and 3 females, were born despite progesterone numbers that indicated it was too late to breed! Phew! Breeding during a pandemic, well ..breeding period is always an adventure.

Guest columnist – Caren Holtby, Tidewalker Australian Terriers, N Saanich, BC Canada.

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Check out the new web pages for the AusTTrust on the Australian Terrier Club of America's website
www.australianterrier.org/austtrust

As Chairman of the Trust I wish to acknowledge the hard work of Caren Holtby, Trustee Member at Large, for all her work on developing the new Web Pages for the AusTTrust. All of the Trustees work to make this Trust work for our wonderful breed. We hope you will check out our new webpages. We invite you to donate and become a part of our Friends of Aussies!



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Health Updates

Teresa Schreeder, Health Committee

CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER PARENT CLUB REPORTING: AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA



HEALTH TESTING REQUIREMENTS



The OFA, working with the breed's parent club, recommends the following basic health screening tests for all breeding stock. Dogs meeting these basic health screening requirements will be issued Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) numbers. For CHIC certification, all results do not need to be normal, but they must all be in the public domain so that responsible breeders can make more informed breeding decisions. For potential puppy buyers, CHIC certification is a good indicator the breeder responsibly factors good health into their selection criteria. The breed specific list below represents the basic health screening recommendations. It is not all encompassing. There may be other health screening tests appropriate for this breed. And, there may be other health concerns for which there is no commonly accepted screening protocol available.

Eye Examination

Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist

Patellar Luxation

OFA evaluation, minimum age 1 year

Autoimmune thyroiditis

OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory

THIRD QUARTER 2020

Animal	New/Update	CHIC	Registration #
TEMORA SAY IT WITH BACON	UPDATE	97630	RN25352101
TEMORA SIR CAN-A-LOT	NEW	151381	RN32988701
THE FARM'S FIRE BREATHING DRAGONFLY	NEW	151652	RN32470502



The Complex Genetics of Diabetes Mellitus in Australian Terriers

Dogs can suffer from diabetes mellitus, which resembles Type I or insulin-dependent diabetes in humans. In this condition, the pancreas does not make any insulin, the hormone needed to move sugar from the bloodstream into the body's cells that use it as fuel. Insulin must be given as a treatment for the body to function. Since certain purebred dogs have a higher risk of developing diabetes mellitus, it seems that genetics play some role in the development of this disease. For example, Samoyeds are 12 times more likely and Australian Terrier are 32 times more likely to develop diabetes mellitus than mixed breed dogs in the United States. If we can identify the genetic variations associated with diabetes mellitus, we can identify the dogs at higher risk for developing this disease. This allows initiation of preventive strategies in these high-risk dogs and guides breeding decisions to decrease the incidence of this disease.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) funded research to explore the genetics underlying diabetes mellitus in dogs with Grant 610: *Evaluation of Genetic Markers for Diabetes in Samoyed and Australian Terrier Dogs*. Working with national and regional breed clubs, investigators at the University of Pennsylvania examined variations in the insulin gene among Samoyeds and Australian Terriers with and without diabetes mellitus. The insulin gene is associated with several

types of human diabetes. In dogs, it is located on chromosome 18 and has been studied in several other dog breeds. Results recently published in the *Journal of Heredity* showed that at least one gene in the insulin gene region is associated with clinical diabetes in Samoyeds and Australian Terriers. The fact that the same gene region is associated with disease in two very different dog breeds indicates that the mutation occurred well before the development of modern breeds, or that the change occurred independently in each of the different breeds.

To further refine our understanding of the genetics underlying canine diabetes mellitus, investigators focused on its heritability in Australian Terriers and published their results in *PLoS ONE*. Pedigree analysis showed that the mode of inheritance is polygenic sporadic, meaning that multiple genes are involved in the development of this disease in this breed. The heritability of diabetes mellitus was estimated at 0.18, which is relatively low. Heritability can range from zero to one and indicates how much visible or phenotypic variation in the population is due to genetic variation. If heritability is low, then phenotype (genetic variations associated with diabetes mellitus or not) is not a good indicator genotype (genetic variations associated with Diabetes mellitus). The low heritability of diabetes mellitus in Australian Terriers in the United States indicates that while genetics

do contribute to the development of disease in this population, only a small amount of genetic variation is involved.

These results demonstrate that canine diabetes mellitus is a complex disease influenced by many factors including multiple genetic mutations, environment, and more. Additional study will continue to refine our understanding of the specific genes involved in diabetes, always with the goal of preventing or minimizing disease impact in dogs. Learn about CHF's research on diabetes mellitus and more at akcCHF.org/research and support canine health research so that all dogs can live longer, healthier lives.

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12 weeks to 5 months...WATCH ME GROW!



REGISTERING LITTERS FROM FROZEN SEMEN

The use of frozen semen has become popular over the past decade – not only to take advantage of the virtues of dogs long gone or stud dogs past their prime, but also offers other options not suitable for shipping chilled semen for your female. Using frozen allows breeders to do breedings across oceans or plan ahead to have semen on hand when the bitch is ready or the stud may be unavailable.

What AKC requires.

1. Semen Collection Statement (Form [ALFZ2](#))
2. DNA for the sire (for stored dogs collected after 1998)
3. Semen transfer letter
4. Frozen Semen Litter Application (Form [ALAIFZ](#))

Semen Collection Statement and DNA

The Vet/Facility collecting and storing semen must complete a Semen Collection Statement identifying the dog, number of units, form of Storage, unit identification number, and owner(s) information. If the stud dog does not have a DNA profile on file with AKC, DNA swabs should be collected and submitted to AKC with the DNA and Semen Collection forms.

Semen collected and stored after 10/1/1998 must have a DNA sample submitted. If one does not exist on file, a portion of the semen must be processed to provide the DNA.

For imported frozen semen, several items must accompany the litter application: A collection statement, a DNA sample, a certified 3 generation pedigree from the sire's country of birth, and a letter transferring the semen to be used to the owner in the US.

Transferring Semen

There is no official AKC form at this time for documenting the transfer of semen to a new facility. Each facility typically provides their own form with the shipped samples that will identify the facility, the dog, the number of units, unit id number(s), and the

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collection date. This information will be recorded by the receiving vet or storage facility.

If semen is shipped for purposes of insemination (i.e. a litter application), only one owner of the semen is required to sign the Frozen Semen application as with the other litter applications for natural or chilled breedings.

If ownership of semen is being transferred to another party, please note, ALL owners of the dog or breeding unit(s) must sign a letter transferring the ownership of the semen just as would be done for transferring a dog. The letter should identify the facility shipped from and to, identify the dog, the quantity and id number(s) of the breeding units, the date collected, the name and signatures of the former owner(s) and the names and address of the new owners. This letter should be sent to AKC for recording.

Frozen Litter Application

The 'Application to Register A Litter Resulting From Artificial Insemination Using Frozen Semen' should be given to the vet that receives the semen and performs the insemination. At least one owner of the sire/breeding units must sign the application, as well as all owners or leasees of the dam.

The most common reasons that an application is delayed is that the Semen Collection Statement has not been provided for recording at AKC or that not all owners have signed for the transfer of semen.

With a little planning, the registration process should go smoothly. When planning a frozen AI breeding, ensure the sire owner has DNA on the male and if already collected, has submitted the Collection Statement. Print out your application ahead of time and provide it to your vet at the time of the breeding.

For further information: If you have any questions regarding the required documentation or

MAKING VETERINARY VISITS EASY FOR YOUR DOG

by Heather Rife, DMV

Authors note: so much has changed in the world since I started writing this article. It is now common practice for your vet tech to come to your car and take your dog into the clinic without you. I doubt that this is going to change anytime soon. So the following ideas are now much more relevant. Your dog will need to have these tools in his/her toolbox to deal appropriately with the things that will happen in a routine veterinary visit.

YOU WANT TO DO WHAT?

Or , how to accept a muzzle without stress or anxiety. Clients always tell me " he'll never bite!" and that's usually after my techs and I have seen all the subtle signs that say yes, this dog is going to try to bite. Your Aussie may try to bite if he has a compound fracture of his radius and the broken bone is sticking through his skin. He may bite if he's just been attacked by a larger dog and his adrenalin is through the roof. Your Aussie may bite as your vet is trying to maneuver a stuck puppy through her birth canal. The purpose of the muzzle is twofold....to keep the Aussies mouth closed **WITHOUT STRESS TO THE PATIENT**, and to allow the doctor to adequately examine the dog without compromising care. Our goal as an owner is to make sure the dog is accustomed to the muzzle and has been reinforced enough that he views it as a favorable training exercise.

It's never too late to start muzzle training. You will need a well fitting muzzle and a pile of treats. Lure the dogs' nose through the larger end of the muzzle and feed a very high level of treat. Immediately remove the muzzle. Repeat, repeat, repeat!!! I like to use cheese whiz, peanut butter, or yogurt for beginner puppies. Let them have **TWO** very quick licks and remove the treat along with the muzzle. Repeat and repeat. You will see them begin to look for the muzzle and ask for you to place it on their nose.

For older, wiser dogs, I will increase the level of treat to the highest level of reinforcement I can think of.....roast beef, liverwurst or deli turkey. If they won't put their nose through the muzzle, I say "oh well, too bad" and eat the treat myself. I hide the muzzle under my arm for a few seconds. If you've got another dog watching from a crate, I'll turn and give the scrumptious treat to the crated dog. My Aussies never let that happen a second time. I wait a few seconds for that to register and try the muzzle again. Repeat, repeat, repeat. Don't give up because it is so worth it in the long run.

For dogs that are clicker trained, I will click and treat them for offering to put their nose through the muzzle. For an extra fun time, (and yes, I am pretty boring) I'll throw the muzzle and have them bring it back to me. When I'm **REALLY** bored I will hide the muzzle in a room and have them find it, bring it to me and then place it on, all for a really delicious treat. Be careful when buckling the muzzle, as it can pinch the skin (which **REALLY** hurts!) and, as an additional bonus, it's really loud. For noise sensitive dogs you may need to start with clicker training the clack of the buckle with great treats before you buckle the muzzle behind his ears, or you can remove the buckle and tie the ends behind the ears.

Your vet will thank you a million times over for this simple trick. Every day at work I take a chance that I will get bitten just because the owner and or the patient are so stressed with the idea of a muzzle. My face is often only about 3 inches from a very painful ear or an abscessed tooth. So far so good, but, oh how I would love for all owners to have this trick in their toolbox.

DARN IT, WHY DO VETS ALWAYS RUN SO LATE?

They are a number of reasons, and I love to talk to my clients about their pets. So the next time you're waiting for the vettrain your Aussie! New puppy? Bring your special treats. Show the puppy the treat,

place the treat on the table, pick the puppy up and put him/hwe on the table. As soon as the treat is gone, put the puppy on the floor. Repeat and repeat and repeat. Very quickly your puppy will be asking to go on the table. Older smarter dogs, same thing with high level treats, such as liverwurst or cooked hot dogs. I often will place 3 treats further apart on the table, put the dog up, let them eat one and put him back on the floor before he eats the other treats. Now he's asking to go to back on the table to get the other treats. I understand that when the vet comes to the room the older dogs may become too anxious to eat. I don't expect them to eat treats on the table particularly if they've previously had a bad experience but I do expect them to allow the exam (with or without the muzzle) and tolerate the injections and treatments. As soon as possible put the dog down on the floor and praise and treat.

HEY YOU'RE PINCHING MY BUTT!

This is an important part of training your dog for vet visits. I teach my dogs to accept a pinch on their skin, and the reason I do is that I've found that increased pressure on the skin at the same time as an injection lessens the sting of the needle. I do not pinch with my fingernails but with the pads of my thumb and forefinger. I start softly with minor pressure and immediately reward with a treat. I repeat this daily until the puppy or adult barely registers the pinch. I often do it when they are asleep in my arms. Remember we have a breed that can be predisposed to diabetes, which often includes insulin injections twice a day. When my Martha became diabetic at a very advanced age, she really disliked her injections. I restarted her pinch training and then coupled the insulin injection with a bite of liverwurst. Suddenly Martha would come looking for me when her insulin was due.

Do not be afraid to ask your veterinarian to use smaller gauge needles for injections. A 25 gauge needle is barely noticeable to most dogs while a 22 gauge needle can really get their attention. Some medications require a larger gauge needle and this is where the pinch training along with scrumptious treats will really help.

YOU'RE PUTTING THAT WHERE?

Getting your dog used to having his temperature taken can be very valuable. I do not do this to puppies because, well, it really is quite off putting. An older dog should be able to understand that inserting a thermometer is a necessary evil. Our breeding girls will need their temp taken several times a day prior to whelping, so get them used to it early on. I always do this on a table with minor restraint using another person, as struggling while the thermometer is inserted can be really painful. Again plenty of high value treats after removing the thermometer.

TIME TO RELAX

All dogs need to be crate trained, Period, end of sentence. In the hospital, they need to understand that a crate is a safe place to relax and be calm. I can walk through the hospital wards and point out which dogs are used to being crated and which are not. The crate trained dogs are lying on their blanket watching the world go by. The dogs unused to being crated are barking, scratching at the cage door and anxious. Their adrenaline is through the roof, possibly for hours on end. The last thing I want to see just before anesthesia is an anxious, frightened overheated dog.

POSITION, POSITION, POSITION!

Work with your dogs to accept restraint and to tolerate various positions. You should be practicing lateral recumbency (laying on their side) and dorsal recumbency (laying on their back). These positions will be used for radiographs and ultrasounds. Teach them to tolerate the position and relax until released.

REACH OUT

Teach your dog to tolerate people reaching for his collar or slipping a looped leash over his head. This may even come in handy if your dog escapes the yard and a good Samaritan is trying to slide a leash over his head. Practice picking him up and having others pick him up in an appropriate way (hand on collar and other hand under chest).

TEACH A TRICK OR TWO

When your dog gets anxious, it is helpful to have

them perform an easy trick or two. This alleviates anxiety because he knows and succeeds at the tricks. It pulls his focus from the hindbrain where fear originates and back to the forebrain. If the veterinary staff can ask him to shake hands 3 or 4 times, then examine the IV catheter in his front leg and then shake hands again, it becomes much less stressful to him. This is also an excellent thing to do in the reception area as you wait to be called in. Focusing his head on something he can do well will redirect him to you for guidance and ignore the barking dog next to you. Move to a quieter corner of the reception area and work on tricks.

THE DREADED CONE OF SHAME

Many times our little dogs will need to wear an e collar. Now is the time to teach it. After a surgery we often attach an e collar to a dog who most likely has never worn one. The dog is coming up out of anesthesia, which can be disorientating at the least, and he has this hard noisy plastic cone on. Something he has never seen nor worn. Sometimes the anxiety is severe enough that the dog requires additional sedation. Teach your dogs to tolerate all types of e collars. Obviously the soft cloth collars are great until your dog rips them off and chews out all his sutures. Personally I find the most comfortable collar is the Zen collar. They are inflatable life preserver type collars. They can be quite comfortable but not always appropriate for the protection

needed. Surgical or medical conditions involving eyes or ears will require the harder plastic cones, so practice with these collars too.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

If you have the time, take your dog to your vet for a quick stop, a couple of treats, some tricks and home again. Always check with your vet before you visit. There may have been a patient seen with parvo or kennel cough that day. Ask your vet if there is a quieter time to come in to train. Your training time should be no longer than a few minutes. Long enough to get some tricks and treats and short enough that your dog is wanting to stay and earn more treats.

As Covid 19 continues to be a problem, use the extra time we have to accomplish some or all of these recommendations. It will help your dog be more comfortable in the office and it will help your vet do the very best job that they can.

Heather Rife DVM has been a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for 34 years and has always been interested in training dogs to behave well and even to look forward to seeing their vet. Implementing these practices will allow your dog to relax and be a good ambassador for our breed. Additionally, it allows the vet to perform a more thorough examination with minimal restraint. Dr. Rife can be reached at dogvetdvm@gmail.com



ASK THE JUDGE?.....

What are the 4 attributes that you feel a dog must have to be selected as BEST OF BREED. (Please list these and explain)

Pat Joyce

1. Accurately follows the published breed standard (All the right parts!)
2. Spark of fire to show terrier expression (I am alert and loving life!)
3. Effortless movement (Put together right and able to do the job!)
4. Inspires that this dog should be used to breed. (Which of these would I like to take home with me today? That one!)

Dr. Jerry Klein

1. **Type:** looks like an Aussie (shape and balance, face and expression with required topknot, correct coat with shawl, proper correct color)
2. **Temperament:** Act like its job requirements need a dog to act
3. **Movement:** Sound true movement to sustain the temperament's wishes to get to the job and fulfill the job
4. **integrity of structure:** Correct shoulder/forearm/keel, topline, rear, feet

Joseph Vernuccio

1. Correct Australian Terrier Temperament
2. Correct proportions and pleasing balance
3. Typical Australian Terrier head
4. Free Movement

Gayle Denman

Not in a particular order:

1. Head must be long and strong with powerful jaws
2. correct proportions and size
3. well laid-ack shoulders this leads to a good post sternum and rear well angulated - both lead to correct movement
4. Correct color (including top knot), correct coat texture, and definitely a correct ruff

Nikki Riggsbee

What's important:

1. Overall proportions and balance: height to length, depth of body to leg length, matching front and rear angles, head and neck in balance to the rest of the dog
2. Head and expression
3. Topline level
4. Harsh coat texture and color
5. Movement.

Frank Kane

1. Type
 2. Temperament
 3. Movement and carriage i.e. sound and scopey on the move and holding the shape with terrier alertness on the move.
 4. Correct coat in good nick on the day.
- ** Best of Breed should be exactly what it says on the ribbon - the best example of the breed on the day. Not the best presented dog, nor the best show dog, but the best example of the breed.**

Pat Trotter

1. **Functionality:** Each breed evolved and developed for a specific purpose in a given area. A composite of several small terriers, the Aussie is uniquely built to be a multi-purpose farm dog-one that goes to ground and is prepared to deal with assorted vermin. It is structurally made to be a diminutive athletic worker, one that is sound enough to do the job well into old age. As such, it should signal the evaluator it is able and competent.
2. **Correct Type and Size:** This means what it says. One that is too short or too long in body is incorrect as is one that is too tall on leg or too short on leg. The profile of the animal must conform to the breed standard.
3. **Traits and Assets enabling Job Description:** Such elements as a strong underjaw; large teeth; a correct and protective coat; strong level topline; and correct feet are all part of this equation.
4. **Attitude:** An Aussie must possess the will and character appropriate for the breed. In essence, it must indicate to the judge that it possesses the heart of the rugged terrier best suited to be his master's assistant and hard-working companion. Even though our dogs may never be called on in this modern day to do the jobs the breed was bred to do, we must never lose sight of that fact if we are to remain true purists protecting our breeds.

Delores Burkholder

1. My first impression of the Australian Terrier is the correct proportion of Length of level back being 1-1/2" longer than height from withers to ground. Temperament showing a spirited, alert terrier.
2. Balanced angulation of 90 degrees front and rear.
3. All parts of the head as stated in the standard.
4. Movement parallel, ground covering, converging at a faster trot, holding a firm topline.

A Blast From The Past

A Trip Down Memory Lane

CHANGES IN THE BREED IN THE LAST 30 YEARS

The first Australian Terrier I ever saw was Ch Brohatna My Blue King in 1965. He was beautiful, full of energy and a great ambassador for the breed. Before I knew it, I was hooked. I got my first Aussie in 1966. He was CH Roachan's Ki-Wi of Cobberly, and at the time I thought he was the perfect dog. When I was showing Ki-Wi in the 1960's, he lacked what most Aussies at the time did: proper bone size, coat texture, and breed type. These are the areas in which the breed has changed the most in the past 30 years.

In the '60s, their lightness of bone made many of our dogs look more like large Yorkies than Aussies. The work Aussies were bred to do as rodent and snake killers requires a dog of medium bone. An Aussie that is too light of bone is not powerful enough to perform its intended function; if it is too heavy of bone, it

is not agile enough to catch a lively rodent or snake. By the mid-to-late 70's, we were starting to see dogs with proper bone size in the show ring. Because of the increase in bone size and other refinements, Aussies started to be noticed in the group ring at this time. By the '80s and '90s medium bone was more consistently present in the breed. Today we may occasionally see an Aussie that is slight or even too heavy of bone, but when we look in the ring we generally see dogs that look as if they could do the work for which they were bred.

The coat texture of Aussies was poor in the '60's and '70's. Many dogs were too soft and fluffy and lacked undercoat. Since that time better coat texture has been bred into our dogs, including improvement of the ruff and furnishings. Now we see Aussies with



hard coats that repel water and keep the dogs neat and clean.

More extensive grooming has also changed the look of the Australian Terrier's coat from that of 30 years ago. Our show dogs no longer have stray hairs flying around their feet as they gait, top knots that are so heavy that they lay flat, or muzzles so scruffy that the dogs look like they have beards.

One of the things that originally attracted me to the Aussie was its great head with keen, intelligent eyes and an expression that could melt your heart_ all key characteristics of Aussie breed type. The Aussie's ruff, apron and topknot are like those of no other breed. In the '70s, the Aussie went through a stage in which it resembled the Norwich: Heads were too short, as were muzzles. Fortunately, the '80s and '90s saw the return of great heads with beautiful strong muzzles and keen expression.

In the last two decades, the Australian Terrier has

come into its own by excelling in proper bone size, coat texture, and breed type.

In my opinion, Aussies have changed ever slightly over the years, and that is for the better. In important ways they have stayed the same. The Aussie's temperament is still spirited and courageous. Ki-Wi had a great temperament and a playful nature, and the dogs I have now have that same temperament.

I love the breed, although Aussies manage to open cabinets, get up on tables, take potholders out into the yard and generally terrorize my household on a daily basis! Just the other day, they took a box of tissue outside, and I found them pulling sheets out one at a time so they could watch them float into the air and fly away. How could you not love' em?

ATCA Member Ann Roache
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SPOTLIGHT ON AUSTRALIAN TERRIER BREEDERS

BLUQUO Australian Terriers

Rita Farmer

In 2008 Sandra Weigle and Marilyn Harban asked me to help them at a dog show in Atlanta. Since my husband had recently passed away I was looking for ways to fill my days so I agreed to help them. I drove down for the day and helped out by holding dogs and walking them to the ring. After they finished showing Sandra and I walked back to the set up. (Marilyn was waiting to have pictures made.) Sandra asked if I would walk a four month old male puppy around because he had "been in his crate all day". I complied. As this little male Aussie began walking around the show site he walked up to and Alaskan Malamute threw back his shoulders and began barking at him. The Alaskan Malamute cowered! I was certainly impressed but not yet convinced I was a "Terrier Person". A few weeks later I was invited to dinner at Marilyn's with she and Sandra. That evening I was offered the same puppy I had walked at the show in Atlanta. Having had less than stellar Cavaliers I was sure this could not be what he looked like to me (and still does), a really good dog.



help. I was hooked! After a while I knew I would be phasing out of Cavaliers and into Australian Terriers. As I began thinking about my future in Aussies we discussed finding a female. Luckily Marilyn and Sandra knew a friend in Finland that had a female she would place with us with me being the primary owner. Terhierin Read My Lips arrived at ten weeks of age. She was so cute we all fell in love. In 2011 Annie was bred to Ricky and I had two puppies. Sandra and Marilyn were right there with me all the way. Both were helpful with advice on how to care for the new mom-to-be and then the mom and babies. They also



Knowing Sandra was someone who would give an unmitigated honest answer I asked her what was wrong with the puppy. Her reply was "Not much"! Still skeptical I agreed to give him a try.

When I signed the contract I discovered my new puppy, Dreamtime's Latin Lover, had been born the day my husband passed away. Along with the puppy I got two of the absolute best mentors anyone in Australian Terriers could have, Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle. Not only did they help with modifying my house for an Aussie (I already had Cavaliers) they helped me with diet, exercise limitations, behavior, health matters they shared with me the history of the breed and of the ATCA. When my puppy's show career began I got handling instructions, grooming assistance, and travel



PHYSICAL STIMULATION

suggested a couple of books to read prior to whelping. With a background in health care I know the importance of healthy parents. So prior to breeding it is important to me to do health testing. Through the mentoring I have received I also understand the importance of studying pedigrees. A dog with all different ancestors can not consistently produce quality get and may not ever. A dog with known problems in the pedigree may produce a problem. A dog without proper conformation probably won't produce



it either. So now after a few litters of my own and being closely involved in litters of my mentors I am a "Terrier Person"! Anyone wanting to breed should avail themselves of education on dogs in general and Aussies in particular. Do not get in a hurry. Take your time and LISTEN to others. Ask questions but LISTEN! Learn as much as you can before you breed.



DIY PVC INDOOR PUPPY GYM

12 pieces PVC Pipe Cut in 24" pieces (or whatever length works in your space) Gym in photo uses 1 1/2 inch pipe.

You will need a Skill Saw or ask your hardware store to cut the PVC for you.

8 PVC 3-way Elbow Fittings pieces (can be ordered on line) 1 1/2 inch pictured.

Sandpaper to remove any burrs from the cut ends.

Zip Ties

Chain (C-Clip Hooks)

Toys, Bells, Measuring Cups, etc.

Assembles and comes apart easily for compact storage until your next litter.

Google for other PVC Dog Training Ideas.

AKC New Titles

This is a listing of New Titles
Published Sept 2020 - November 2020

June 2020

DOCK SENIOR

Temora Georgia On My Mind Dahling DS CGC TKN

Breeder: Julie Seaton & Terri Steinmetz & Vicki McKee & Jennifer Sousa & Jacqueline Johnson
Owner: Diana Jan Dahling & Eric Dahling

July 2020

RALLY NOVICE

CH The Farm's Spirit Of Rock And Roll RN NA NAJ CGC TKN

Breeder: Sheila Dunn
Owner: Nancy L Tibbett & Lisa Y Orr

TRICK DOG ADVANCED

Bluquo's Dance The Night Away CD BN GN RM THD CGCA TKA

Breeder: Rita Farmer
Owner: Patricia Goshorn

AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

Firewalker's Lake Alexandrina RATN TKN ATT

Breeder: Dr. Grace Massey
Owner: Susan Saulvester & Dr. Grace Massey

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER

Northern Lights Arctic Trouble RE OA AXJ ACT2

Breeder: Ms Carolyn Vaught & Miss Molly Wilson
Owner: Carolyn Vaught & James Wilson & Molly Wilson

TRICK DOG PERFORMER

Dreamtime Hocus Pocus UDX3 OM3 RM RAE THDX CGCA TKP

Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban
Owner: Patricia Goshorn

OPEN BARN HUNT

Dunham Lake Contender's Mr. Jax RATO CGCA TKI

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Cynthia Petti & Theresa Goiffon

DOCK SENIOR ADVANCED

CH Temora Stryke While The Iron Is Hot BN BCAT RATN DM DSA CGC TKN

Breeder: Julie Seaton & Zane Smith
Owner: Marvyl Grinney & Catherine Grinney

August 2020

CHAMPION

CH Roachan's Luxury Tax

Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache
Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

CH Roachan's Park Place

Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache
Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

CH Roachan's St. Charles Place

Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache
Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

RALLY MASTER 2

GCHB CH Dreamtime Melia Christhill PCD BN RM2 RAE CGC TKN

Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban
Owner: Kreg B Hill & Dr. William I Christensen M.D.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Bertram Bacon Roxy CGC TKN

Breeder: Julie Seaton & Eve Steele
Owner: Joni & Bill Kuckuck

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

Alinta Loch Looking for Mrgoodbar At Ryba TKI

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder & Kathleen Mayich & David Mayich
Owner: Claudette Earl & Teresa Schreeder & Susan Bachman

TRICK DOG PERFORMER

Alinta Loch Looking for Mrgoodbar At Ryba TKI TKP

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder & Kathleen Mayich & David Mayich
Owner: Claudette Earl & Teresa Schreeder & Susan Bachman

Bluquo's Dance The Night Away CD BN GN RM THD

Breeder: Rita Farmer
Owner: Patricia Goshorn

Dunham Lake Contender's Mr. Jax RATO CGCA TKI

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Cynthia Petti & Theresa Goiffon

AIR RETRIEVE JUNIOR

CH Temora Stryke While The Iron Is Hot BN BCAT RATN DM DSA AJ CGC TKN

Breeder: Julie Seaton & Zane Smith
Owner: Marvyl Grinney & Catherine Grinney

RALLY NOVICE

Christhill Izzydora De Coachella RN

Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen

RALLY MASTER 8

GCHB CH RACH2 Christhill First Lady Marie Geneva CDX PCDX BN GN RM8 RAE6 CGC TKN

Breeder: Kreg B Hill & Dr. William I Christensen
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen

TRICK DOG NOVICE

Alinta Loch Looking for Mrgoodbar At Ryba TKN

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder & Kathleen Mayich & David Mayich
Owner: Claudette Earl & Teresa Schreeder & Susan Bachman

Ryba's An Apple A Day For Tera-K RATN TKN

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder
Owner: Darlene Evans & Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

TRICK DOG ADVANCED

Alinta Loch Looking for Mrgoodbar At Ryba TKA

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder & Kathleen Mayich & David Mayich
Owner: Claudette Earl & Teresa Schreeder & Susan Bachman

SENIOR BARN HUNT

GCH CH Ryba's Precious Penelope RATS CGC TKN

Breeder: Teresa Schreeder & Susan Bachman
Owner: Virgil Silver & Margy Silver

September 2020

CHAMPION

CH Akiba's Sweet Secret

Breeder: Janet Maas & Joan H Bailey
Owner: Janet Maas & Joan H Bailey

CH Dunham Lake Contender's Top Gun

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon

CH River City Camerado

Breeder: Kim Floyd & Christina Worley
Owner: Kim Floyd & Christina Worley & Piper Alexis Mahoney

CH Samabel Say It With Diamonds

Breeder: Alexa Samarotto & Claudia C Coleman
Owner: Alexa Samarotto & Claudia C Coleman

BEGINNER NOVICE

Christhill Izzydora De Coachella BN RN

Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen

FCAT7

GCH CH Amawalk Wish Upon A Star RN CAX FCAT7 SWN RATN CGC TKP

Breeder: Susan A Jacobsen
Owner: Susan A Jacobsen

COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED

Killara's Legacy's Promise CAA RATN

Breeder: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty & Moira McGroarty
Owner: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty & Moira McGroarty

SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE

Dunham Lake Byron Bay SIN SEN

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Janet Broida & Theresa Goiffon, Ellie Goiffon & Ronald J Broida

SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE ELITE

GCH CH Amawalk Wish Upon A Star RN CAX FCAT7 SWN SCNE RATN CGC TKP

Breeder: Susan A Jacobsen
Owner: Susan A Jacobsen

SCENT WORK INTERIOR EXCELLENT

Dunham Lake Over The Moon NA NAJ AXP MJP OFP SWN SIE SCA SEA

Breeder: Ellie Goiffon & Theresa Goiffon & Donna Ensign
Owner: Emily Moon

TRICK DOG ELITE PERFORMER

Bluquo's Dance The Night Away CD BN GN RM THD CGCA TKE

Breeder: Rita Farmer
Owner: Patricia Goshorn

Dreamtime Hocus Pocus UDX3 OM3 RM RAE THDX CGCA TKE

Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban
Owner: Patricia Goshorn

GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE

GCHB CH Araluen's I Can'T Stop Loving You

Breeder: Jim Mechalke Jr. & Cheryl Mechalke
Owner: Cheryl A Mechalke & Jim L Mechalke, Jr.

RALLY NOVICE

Cooktown Red Scallywag RN RATO CGC TKN

Breeder: Bernt Bolin
Owner: Sheila Dunn

SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

Firewalker's Lake Alexandrina SCN RATN TKN ATT

Breeder: Dr. Grace Massey
Owner: Susan Saulvester & Dr. Grace Massey

COURSING ABILITY

Dunham Lake We've Got A Contender CA DCAT

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon & Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Ronald Michalec

Killara Legend Of The Jersey Devil CA

Breeder: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty & Moira McGroarty
Owner: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty

Killara's Inherit The Dance CA

Breeder: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty & Moira McGroarty
Owner: Anne P McGroarty & Fiona C McGroarty & Moira McGroarty

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE

Dunham Lake Byron Bay SIN SEN

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon & Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon
Owner: Janet Broida & Theresa Goiffon & Ellie Goiffon & Ronald J Broida

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

Dunham Lake Lunatrick Finnick BCAT SWN SCE SIE SEA

Breeder: Theresa Goiffon, Eleanor Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon

Owner: Beth Moon

Dunham Over The Moon NA NAJ AXP MJP OFP SWN SIE SCA SEA

Breeder: Ellie Goiffon & Theresa Goiffon & Donna Ensign

Owner: Emily Moon

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Temora My Fair Lady CGC

Breeder: Julie Seaton & Judy O'Brien & Vicki McKee & Jennifer Sousa & Jacqueline Johnson

Owner: Tim Willings & Theresa Willings

AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

GCH CH The Farm's Spirit Walker's Grace CD RE CA BCAT CGC TKN ATT

Breeder: Sheila Dunn

Owner: Diana Wilkie & Michelle Bell



Bacon and Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits

Ingredients

1 cup creamy peanut butter (all natural)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

1 egg

2 cups whole wheat flour, plus more if needed

1 tablespoon baking powder

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup oats

2-3 strips of bacon, cooked and chopped

Instructions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Mix the egg, peanut butter and milk.

Add in flour and baking powder to make a dough.

Mix in the bacon and oats.

Lightly flour your working surface, rolling pin and your hands.

Divide dough into 2 parts, roll to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness.

Use a cookie cutter to cut the biscuits. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet.

Continue this process until all dough is used.

Cook 20 minutes. Turn biscuits over and cook another 10 minutes.

Let biscuits cool on a wire rack before storing in an air-tight container.

These are perfect treat for your Australian Terrier.



2021 ATCA CALENDAR



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AUSSIE BRAGS



BIS MRBIS GCHS Temora Steal My Heart CA TKN

Presented by Jacqueline Johnson

Breeders: Julie Seaton, Temora Australian Terriers and Jose Franceschi Grand Lares Australian Terriers

Owner: Dana Kruetzfeldt

Thank you to all the Judges who continue to support Bandit

Group First : Dr. Steve Keating, James Moses

Group Second: Anne Savory Bolus, Janie Bousek, Sharol

Candace Way, Patricia Trotter

Group third : Ken Murray, Jon Cole

Group Fourth: John Booth, Cindy Meyer



**CH Roachan's Rockin' Block Party BN RN MX MXJ
MJB OF CGC TKN (Jazzy) Number ONE Australian
Terrier in the regular agility class for 2019-2020 year
We were invited to attend the AKC Agility
Invitational because of this achievement.**

**Jazzy received a Special Award of
Merit for Outstanding Performance in the Regular
Agility**

Classes by the AKC.

Owned and Trained by: Nancy Tibbett



**Ch Akainu Merrigang Call Me Crazy, JEaka Kiko earns a
Group 3 at Windham Hills Kennel Club under
Judge Fred Bassett**

Owned by Heather Rife, DVM and Kim Occhiuti

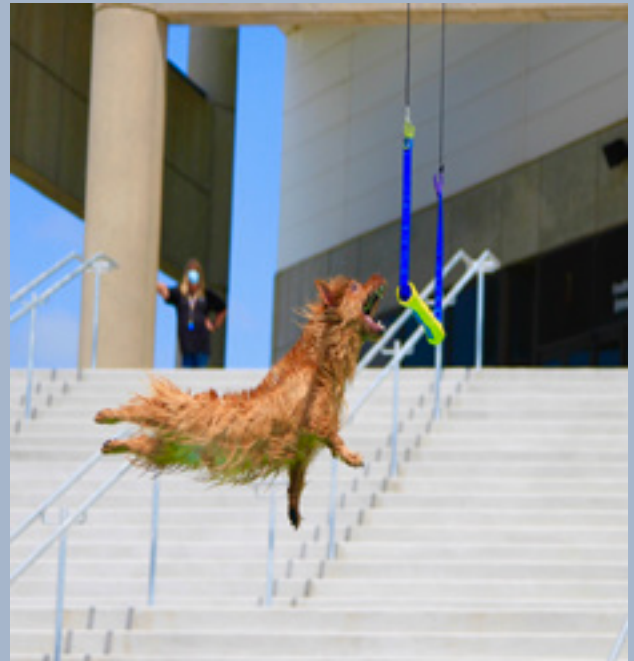


**Temora All In (Chip)
Group 1 NOHS - Indianhead Kennel Club
Owners: Dana Nelson and Julie Seaton
Breeders: Julie Seaton, Jennifer Sousa, Vicki McKee,
Jacqueline Johnson and Terri Steinmetz**

AUSSIE BRAGS



**GCHB CH RACH2 Christhill First Lady Marie Geneva CDX PCDX
BN GN RM8 RAE6 CGC TKN
Breeder: Kreg B Hill & Dr. William I Christensen
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen**



**Stryker is the first AT to earn a title in
Air Retrieve with NADD
Air Retrieve Junior title August 16, 2020
CH Temora Stryke While The Iron Is Hot CGC BN RATN
BCAT TKN DS DM DSA AJ
Owned and Trained by Marvyl Grinney & Catherine
Grinney
Breed by: Julie Seaton & Zane Smith**



**Benz earned his FCAT 8 at the Bayshore Companion Dog Club
October 9, 2020. He is on track
as the #1 Australian Terrier with a new personal record of 23.60
mph for 2020.**

**GCH CH Amawalk Wish Upon A Star RN CAX FCAT8 SWN SCNE
RATN CGC TKP
Bred, owned and loved
by: Susan Jacobsen**



**Pippa - Dreamtime's Master Gamer earned her Trick
Dog Novice title (pending AKC confirmation) at the
age of 4 months and 5 days. She is shown doing
one of her tricks - sit in a box.
Owned and Trained by: Pat Goshorn**

AKC Top Dogs

January 1, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

AKC Online Stats*

Conformation All-Breed Totals (Top 10)

1	GCHS CH Samabel Silver Bullet	685
2	GCHS CH Temora Steal My Heart CA TKN	314
3	GCHS CH Ludlu's Marshmallow Attack	175
4	GCHB CH Dreamtime's Sweet Treat	168
5	CH Roachan's Park Place	33
6	CH The Farm's Fire Breathing Dragonfly	28
7	GCH CH Acebreeders Queen B	24
8	GCH CH Shastakin Killara's Flying Eureka! RATN	22
8	GCHB CH Araluen's I Can'T Stop Loving You	22
8	GCHG CH Arista Redskys Love Is All There Is BCAT CGC TKA ATT	22

Conformation Breed Totals (Top 10)

1	GCHS CH Temora Steal My Heart CA TKN	37
2	GCHS CH Samabel Silver Bullet	28
3	GCH CH Acebreeders Queen B	24
4	GCHG CH Arista Redskys Love Is All There Is BCAT CGC TKA ATT	22
4	GCH CH Shastakin Killara's Flying Eureka RATN	22
6	GCHB CH CH Roachan's Hedge Fund King	20
7	GCH CH Ryba's A Day At The Races	13
7	GCH CH Ryba's And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K RN RATN	13
7	CH Ryba's Skyfall	13
10	GCHS CH Ludlu's Marshmallow Attack	12

Conformation Owner/Handler - NOHS (Top 10 - 2020)

-Starting from October 10, 2019 up to October 7, 2020

1	GCHB CH Dreamtime's Sweet Treat	325
2	GCH CH Samabel Luv That Augie At Marblearch	275
3	GCH Samabel Banjopats Ain T Over Till It s Over CAA	220
4	GCHS CH Horrieglen Dare To Dream FDC CA BCAT CGC TKN ATT	210
5	GCHB CH Wismiss Redhawk Here Comes The Sun	195
6	GCH CH Aka Inu Witchblade Red Sonya RN BCAT CGC	185
7	GCH CH Shastakin Killara's Flying Eureka RATN	160
8	Temora All In	105
9	CH Temora Georgia On My Mind Dahling DS CGC TKN	75
9	GCH CH Wismiss Redhawk Every Day's A Rainbow	75

Obedience Competition #1 All Breed and #1 Terrier Group

GCHB CH RACH Christhill First Lady Marie Geneva CDX BN GN RMS RAE4 CGC T	52
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Obedience Competition (Top 10) Australian Terriers

1	GCHB CH RACH Christhill First Lady Marie Geneva CDX BN GN RMS RAE4 CGC T	52
2	Dunham Lake Maid in Wisconsin CD PCDX BN RE SCN CGC TKE	11
2	Dunham Lake Sticky Beak CDX PCDX BN GN GO RM NAP NJP CGCA CGCU TKE	11
3	GCHB CH Christhill Coachella CDX PCDX BN GN RM2 RAE CGC TKN	9



CH TEMORA GEORGIA ON MY MIND DAHLING DS CGC TKN



BIS MBISS AU/AM Supreme GCH CH Temora Remember Me x Benayr Geste Amira Image

Bred by: Julie Seaton · Jennifer Sousa · Vicki McKee · Jacqueline Johnson · Terri Steinmetz

Owned by Diana Jan & Eric Dahling