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## Message from the President

### Carol Sazama

This will be my last message as your President. I look forward to working in other capacities for ATCA going forward – and I hope each of you will also consider participating in the work of this Parent Breed Club.

My thanks to all the Officers and Directors on the 2009 Board of ATCA, and those Club Members who served on committees this year, for their dedication, hard work, and very helpful, good ideas and solutions. I am confident that we will have an equally hard-working Board in 2010. They will need not only our full support but our participation in helping managing the business of the Club.

### REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD in 2009:

a) A thorough review in January by the Vice President, assisted by several Board members, of the somewhat scattered documents known as Standing Rules, resulting in an updated set of working documents for the Board's reference early on in the new year. That resource as anticipated already needs updating and further refinement, a task for the Board in 2010.

b) A restructuring of the committee structure with the appointment of several Working Group Coordinators of related committees. The goal was to encourage cross-committee interaction when useful. More work over time needs to be done in this area.

c) A SWOT Survey completed by the Board for the first time ever to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The Board's input was discussed during a major portion of the day devoted to the Annual Board Meeting, and for the first time in a long time, the agenda of the Annual Meeting included a Consent Agenda, and was further restricted to topics that were by and large not routine or that were most in need of face-to-face discussion by the Board. Better use of the meeting time resulted, without the need to reconvening the meeting for additional time.

d) The first ever Board Retreat held in early September with the aid of a professional Facilitator, attended by over half the members of our current Board, who covered their own travel and accommodation expenses for this meeting.

The Retreat generated several goals with due dates either by the end of this year or early into the next. These goals were then reviewed by the entire Board and approved, with some modifications. The Board is now working via ad hoc committees on these modified goals directed toward improving the way the Board

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conducts business and coming together on areas seen as needing development for the good of the Club. For example, these goals will have a beneficial effect for the Nominating Committee as we have known it, as well as development of our Board members over time.

Following the Retreat, we identified a practical, inexpensive means of conducting conference call Board meetings across the country to provide a meeting atmosphere for conducting business on the agenda.

Through the year, the Board experienced some difficulties with using email, possibly due to the fact that we probably need to establish rules of etiquette for using email in an effective way for Board business. The experiences of the 2009 Board should be helpful in developing such a code in 2010.

I cannot stress how important it is for each and every Club member to know where your copy of the Club By-laws is and to read it, just as each Officer and Board member must refer to not only the By-laws but also the Standing Rules routinely so that Board actions taken are concurrent with the By-laws and affected previous Rules can be updated in an orderly way. If you need replacement copies of these documents, contact the Recording Secretary.

**2009 TALKABOUT:** Our sincerest thanks to Editor, Darlene Evans, for her hard work, her patience, good judgment, and innovative approaches to our Club publication. The newsletter editor has one of the most interactive and ever-present deadlines (it seems) of any committee, I believe. Anyone who has ever served as a club Newsletter Editor knows how difficult the nitty-gritty can be, and there is always lots of it!

**2009 NATIONAL SPECIALTY:** Grace Cartwright chaired a most successful Specialty in Virginia in 2009, and we thank her and all the members of her committee and club members from the region who made the undertaking interesting, well-run and so much fun.

**2010 CALENDAR:** The 2010 Calendar has been completed and is being distributed and sold by the Editor, Diane Suter. Congratulations to you, Diane, for again giving us a beautiful product and for managing the process expertly! Remember, the ATCA Calendar makes excellent Holiday gifts.

**MEET-THE-BREEDS:** I was pleased to learn that our Aussies were well-represented at the east coast AKC-sponsored Meet-The-Breeds Event held at the Javits Center in New York this fall. Thanks to Sandra Weigle, Chair of Public Education, and to area club members (from NY, NJ, MA, to name a few member-states represented) who served as a committee for this event to represent our breed. See Sandra's report elsewhere in this issue.

On the west coast we know that members in California have again been working on a new Meet-the-Breeds display for the AKC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eukanuba Dog Show in Long Beach in

December. If you plan to attend this show, or could do so even without having entered the show, your presence for a time at the Aussie breed booth will be very welcome to participate in welcoming the curious and interested general public.

The earliest major "Meet-the-Breeds" effort I recall was instituted by AKC for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dog Show in Philadelphia. Chaired for ATCA by yours truly, I was assisted by Club members, non-Club friends and family who received and collected materials for the booth and brought or shipped them to Philadelphia for the appointed date. The effort was well supported by Club members, even though it was a very new event and in place for only one day, the day before the actual dog show. It doesn't matter what state you come from, if you attend either day of the 2-day AKC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show in Long Beach this year, please offer your services at the booth for a couple of hours. Your fellow Club members will thank you for it.

We welcomed a rather large number of NEW MEMBERS to ATCA during this year. While not everyone may have an interest in being a member of a parent breed club, the conscientious member/breeder has the responsibility to assess his/her new puppy owners and mentor them to the extent the new owners may be receptive. They should seek appropriate placements of puppies who seem to have no potential as show dogs, even at an early age, as well as for those who appear to have some early potential for the show ring.

**SECURING A GOOD FUTURE FOR OUR BREED IN THE US** We cannot overestimate the value of Members nurturing new owners who are newcomers to the sport of purebred dogs in ways that match their level of interest as it grows. Recommending a new puppy owner for ATCA membership immediately with purchase of a first Aussie puppy or dog **may not** be the first thing you should do for them. Carefully observe and evaluate those persons for a time, and assist in educating them to the sport and to the unique responsibilities of a Parent Club for the Constitution and By-Laws, and for the Breed Standard. The value of dog ownership itself is currently under fire and they should understand how they can be good dog owners. Share the Club Newsletter by suggesting a subscription. Invite them to participate in local dog show or kennel club activities, in regional breed club activities, if geographically applicable, or in interstate travel to these and Parent Club events so prospective sponsors can meet and get to know them.

There isn't a pet owner alive that doesn't welcome assistance with grooming. Often through that avenue the developing puppy can eventually be identified, by breeder and owner together, as one with potential for the show ring. Be inclusive of those who own pets of our breed. Their interest may grow through helping with regional fun matches or attending so-called "puppy parties" as more experienced members come together for an opportunity to evaluate puppies and young dogs and to talk "dogs". Education is still an important tool for both the experienced and the newcomer. Peer breeders

can and do often contribute to each others' expertise, if we are open and friendly about mutually developing an eye for a dog in our own breed.

Happy Holidays and sincere wishes for the best in the New Year!



Kerrie Bryan and Carol Sazama with a Wallaby at the Wildlife Sanctuary in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, November 2009.



## Recording Secretary

### Debby Sharp

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**Actions Taken by ATCA Board:** Approved templates to be used to put motion to the board and for reporting outcome of vote to board.

Approved Board Retreat on Sept. 3. See President's message.

Approved letter to be sent to American Veterinary Medical Association opposing their policy on tail docking.

Placed Darlene Evans back on Aussie Rescue Board.

Approved Nominating Committee

Approved Virgil DeFord, CPA, to receive election ballots

and tabulate same.

Approved Supported Entry for Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California, Copperstate, and Great Western Terrier. We might try submitting in your report:

### Additional topics that the Board is discussing:

- concern about and a closer look at the details of the proposed Associate Membership detailed in the Annual Board Meeting Minutes;
- the criteria for Supported Entries
- the need for a "task manager" to ensure we assign time-lines to topics discussed by the Board and stick with them.



## Corresponding Secretary Report

### Sherrill Yates

### Three new membership applications are being processed:

**Eileen Cummings**, Maine

Sponsors: Gerard T. Walsh and Heather Rife

**Leslie Fischer**, Wisconsin

Sponsors: Julie Seaton and Marge Reignier

**June Beckwith**, South Carolina

Sponsors: Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle

**NOTE:** ATCA Members have 30 days from the publication of this edition of Talkabout to ask questions and/or make comments regarding membership applicants. Please send inquiries to the Recording Secretary. After that time, the Board will vote on the applicant.

### AKC Canine Health Foundation will hold a fundraiser on December 11, 2009.

#### Gala By the Bay

Hyatt Grand Regency, Long Beach, California

Cocktail Reception 6 p.m.

Dinner and Dancing 7 – 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each. Call 1-888-682-9696 or go to

[www.AKCCHF.org/galabythebay](http://www.AKCCHF.org/galabythebay)

### Info on item of interest received (but not endorsed):

Newly patented canine floatation device called "Canine Swim Safe."

[www.canineswimsafe.com](http://www.canineswimsafe.com)

# The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

## Alexa Samarotto

Dear Members,

The ATCA Board of Directors has asked me to bring this new AKC Award to everyone's attention and I am pleased to bring you the program's details. Please review the AKC material I have printed below:

### The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

The AKC has left the structure of the program up to each individual club to decide its own process and criteria. The ATCA Board has asked me to convey the following in deciding if you feel someone is worthy of nomination for this prestigious award:

- Nominees must have abided by the AKC Sportsman Code of Ethics in all cases.
- Nominations will start 6 months prior to the National Specialty for that year. A call for nominations should appear in at least two issues of the Talkabout.
- Nominations will be received from any member in good standing of the ATCA and AKC and can be received for any member in good standing of the ATCA and AKC.

- Nominations will be received in writing. The program will start in 2009.
- The ATCA Board and officers will vote on the winner at the Annual Board meeting by anonymous ballot. A discussion of each nominee is encouraged prior to vote. Each Board member will vote for one winner or each Board member will rank each and every nominee and the ranks will be tallied to determine the winner.

Please review and think about the above criteria and if you are interested in nominating a candidate for the award please contact me at [Samabelaus@aol.com](mailto:Samabelaus@aol.com) or send me the nomination by mail.



## AKC Delegate Report

### Kim Occhiuti

#### AKC Awards and Honor

Below is a list of awards that AKC gives to those that meet the requirements of the individual award. I have taken this directly from AKC's website and there is more detail on each award listed there. While most of the awards are only for those in the fancy, the ACE award is given to any purebred dog that has shown exemplary achievement as a companion, law enforcement, search and rescue, service or therapy dog.

While it often seems that these awards are given out of nowhere, I am sure each and every award starts with someone recognizing a dog, an owner, a club member or a breeder and writing a letter of recommendation to AKC. There is no reason why members of ATCA cannot be recognized for these awards. Some of the awards are initiated by AKC and the club has input to a short list of individuals to determine the finalists. These include the Breeder of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Outstanding Sportsmanship award is nominated by the ATCA and AKC will honor the individual that the ATCA recommends. So put your thinking caps on recommend someone for an award!

- **ACE AWARDS** -- In 1999, The American Kennel Club took action to express its time-honored respect for the extraordinary canine-human bond, as well as its appreciation for the innumerable ways in which dogs meaningfully contribute to our lives. That initiative gave rise to The AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE), which celebrated its first presentation year in 2000.
- **Breeder of the Year** -- Each year, The American

Kennel Club recognizes and celebrates an outstanding purebred dog breeder with the Breeder of the Year Award. The award honors those breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs. At a special presentation held during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show, a breeder, or pair of breeders, is recognized in each of the 7 Groups. At the conclusion of the presentation, one of the 7 Group recipients is chosen as the Breeder of the Year.

- **Community Achievement Award** --The Public Education and Government Relations Divisions grants this award four times per year to honor exemplary public education and government relations efforts. Honorees receive a certificate of recognition, and their club or federation receives \$1,000 to further public education and strengthen Government Relations efforts within their community. Nominations are accepted throughout the entire year and awards are granted once every quarter.
- **Lifetime Achievement Awards** --The American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards were established in 1998 to honor our Fancy's best. The purpose of the awards is to celebrate those individuals whose many years of dedication have led to significant contributions to our sport on a national level.
- **Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** -- This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

#### Other News from AKC

##### AKC ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENT TO FULL LITTER REGISTRATION PROCESS

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the enhancement of its Full Litter registration option which allows breeders to register all puppies in a litter to themselves for a reduced fee. For no additional fee, AKC will now allow breeders to assign the limited designation to a dog after registration through the first transfer. The dog must have been first registered through the Full Litter Registration process. All breeders of the dog have to agree to add the limited designation.

"By utilizing Full Litter Registration, breeders are not only getting the best value for themselves, they are contributing to the long term well being of the American Kennel Club by registering all the puppies in their litter," said AKC Vice

President of Registration David W. Roberts. "In addition, new puppy owners will know they are bringing home an AKC registered puppy."

Breeders can also request limited registration when the initial application for registration is submitted. As an additional enhancement these new transfers will receive a complimentary 60-day trial of the AKC Pet Healthcare Plan if not previously activated for the dog. The trial plan offers coverage for unexpected accidents or illnesses up to \$1,500 (\$500 per incident).

Breeders who register a litter using Full Litter Registration between now and December 31, 2009, will also receive a special \$20 pedigree discount coupon to apply towards their next purchase of an AKC-Certified pedigree. The coupon will be sent to breeders after the completion of their Full Litter Registration.

AKC first implemented the Full Litter Registration option in 2006 at the request of AKC breeders who wanted the option to register a litter and all its puppies in one easy step. This benefits breeders by eliminating the individual litter puppy fee, reducing puppy registration fees and providing discounted pedigrees for each puppy in the litter. Full Litter Registration also offers breeders a 35% percent discount on registration fees (based on litter of five puppies); a streamlined process to complete the entire registration; and the ability to select each puppy's name, ensuring kennel names are used correctly.

The Full Litter Application and the Application to Designate Limited Status can be found at the following links:

- \* AKC Full Litter Registration Application:  
[www.akc.org/pdfs/full\\_litter\\_registraion\\_application.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/full_litter_registraion_application.pdf)
- \* Application to Designate Limited Status:  
[www.akc.org/pdfs/AXL001.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/AXL001.pdf)

For more information please contact AKC Customer Service at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org) or 919-233-9767.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 9 & 10TH, 2009 MEETING** – This text was taken directly from AKC correspondence, but I have eliminated non-ATCA related references.

New York, NY - Highlights from the November 2009 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors are as follows:

\*As recommended by the Realignment Committee, the Board voted that when the Group Realignment proposal is brought back the Delegates for a vote in March 2010, it will recommend that it be postponed indefinitely.

\*Effective December 31, 2009, at the end of a three year trial period, the Board voted to discontinue the Working Dog Sport. Moving forward the AKC will record Working Dog titles earned in events held by existing organizations, if requested by a breed Parent Club. The organization must be approved by the AKC Performance Events Department. Titles to be recorded require Board approval. The recording of the title

on an AKC pedigree will be done at the request of the dog's owner for a fee set by AKC. In addition, AKC clubs will be permitted to invite the other organization to hold its Working Dog event in conjunction with the AKC club's AKC event, as long as it is clear in the publicity that the former is being held under the auspices of another organization.

\*The Kennel Association of Macedonia was added to the list of organizations with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

\*The requirements for registering a litter resulting from artificial insemination using fresh extended semen were modified, removing the requirement that the extraction be done by a veterinarian.

\*The Chinook will be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class at shows held on or after June 30, 2010.

\*Effective March 1, 2010, dogs competing in Earthdog Events will be able to earn an Earthdog Endurance Title (EE). It would be awarded when a dog, on five occasions, passes both the Senior and Master Test at the same event.

**Editor's Note:** In a discussion with Kim, there is another award that is available to exhibitors. If you obtain your championship by earning all of points from the "Bred By" class you are eligible to receive a medal from AKC recognizing this achievement. All of the Bred By requirements apply.

If you complete 5 championships from the "Bred By" class you will receive an additional award. It is the same medal but with sterling silver on the edge as well the wheat on the back will be sterling silver.

These award are automatic and no one has to apply to receive.



The Witches and Warlock of Araluen  
Cheryl Mechalke

## Reggie Meets Agility

### Heather Rife

Reggie made his agility debut this last weekend. As many of you know, with each new dog, we all say "Im not going to repeat this mistake with this dog, THIS dog is going to do this, not that." Im no different.

Martha is a methodical, accurate deliberate dog in all that she does. Martha comes out of her crate in the morning with a new proposal for middle east peace, Reggie comes out expecting a parade in his honor.

Agility is a fast paced but accurate completion of jumps and exact criteria for contacts...the A frame, dog walk and see-saw. Weave poles are the most difficult obstacle, requiring the dog to slow and collect, mentally and physically enter and perform, with adrenaline coursing. Very difficult especially for novice babies.

Reggie starts his standard course with a lovely start line stay while I lead out. Off we go and even I am amazed at how quickly he overtakes me. Suddenly I am looking at his tail from pretty far away! I make a handler mistake due to his unexpected speed and he hits the dog walk sideways, jumps off and back on again. I am whistled off for unsafe contacts. We run like heck to the finish line and celebrate! No need for him to know I've blown it.

His next course is called jumpers and consists of jumps and weaves only. It's a very fast run and lots of fun. Now I think I am prepared for Reggie's speed. I lead out 3 jumps and release him, or should I say he catapults by me! Jump 4 and then a perfect entry to the weaves through them and into the tunnel, which does nothing more than speed him up! Now I am rear crossing a jump and sending him out to another, turning and heading for the 4 jumps to the finish. I rear cross him and he is on autopilot. He finishes the course while I am 3 jumps behind him. He has completed his course perfectly in a blazing 20 seconds! 5 seconds faster than 2nd place and the fastest run of any size dog in Novice, including the border collies!

People are starting to ask about these little red dogs, what are they? Are they easily trained? Border collie people are looking for a small dog to compete with. Reggie goes on the next day to win his jumpers course handily, but had to

repeat his weaves so not so fast...26 seconds. Now we know what to work on, he will do well, he tries very hard to please me. these are truly Grand Little Dogs! Turning heads, changing minds.....

NOTE: Heather pictured with Martha

Here are a few photos from ATCA's Meet The Breed booth in NYC on Oct 18 & 19. Kim Occhiuti, Alexa Samarotto and Esther Krom did a yeoman's job of manning our booth and showcasing our breed. The dogs, of course, were the stars! The public loved both the adults and the puppies. All the Aussies were wonderful and showed themselves off as every good Aussie would!



## Looking for Holiday Gifts? Share Some of the Most Beautiful Aussies Around!



**T**his is the calendar that celebrates the extraordinary Australian Terrier! If you love Australian Terriers as much as we do, you won't let a day go by without sharing the love or the beautiful pictures in our calendar. This marvelous calendar lists important Aussie events and it has enough room for your own essential information. At just \$14.95 plus shipping, this calendar is the perfect gift for you and for every dog-lover on your list. Don't hesitate! Buy now while supplies last! Make your check payable in U.S. funds to the ATCA and mail along with your completed order form to D. Suter, 20 Valleyview Road, Bellingham, MA, 02019. Thank you for supporting the ATCA!

<b><i>Yes! I love Australian Terriers and I must have the 2010 ATCA Calendar!</i></b>	
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# Share Your Aussies With The World!



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Aren't your Australian Terriers just beautiful? Don't they have a special way about them – something smart, something sassy, something that you want to share with everyone? Well why not share that special something in the 2011 ATCA Australian Terrier Calendar?

If you are a member of the Australian Terrier Club of America and have a great photograph of a purebred Aussie that you love, you can highlight your Aussie with a page in the 2011 calendar for just \$50.00. An entire month will be dedicated to your Aussie's perfect moment and you'll receive your own copy of the calendar to enjoy for the entire year. If you'd like to reserve a page, please send an email to [calendar@australianterrier.org](mailto:calendar@australianterrier.org). Pages can be reserved now, but don't send any money just yet; the deadline for page purchases is May 15, 2010 and we'll send more details when you reserve your page. But please note – if you want to get started taking pictures now using a digital camera, set your resolution to 300 dpi or higher. Higher resolution produces a better calendar page and you want the best for your wonderful Aussie companion!

# 2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY – RAPID CITY, SD

## Can you hear it?

Aussie Paws thundering across the prairie.

## Where are they going?

They are joining the stampede to the 2010 National Specialty in Rapid City, South Dakota. All Aussies are gathering there in anticipation of Huge Event!

## Where?

Oct. 20 thru Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Rapid City, South Dakota, Hosting hotel is the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn; it is a two minute walk from the hotel to the show site, which will be held in the state of the art -Rapid City Convention Center. Hotel features a full-service restaurant and lounge, high-speed internet, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna, complimentary airport shuttle (Airport is approx.10 minutes from hotel) and complimentary shuttle service within 5 mile radius in the city. Non-stop flights to the Rapid City Airport (RAP) are available from these gateways cities – Phoenix, Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Chicago, Salt Lake City, and Denver.



## What?

**Wed. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.** Board Meeting and in the late afternoon/evening join us in our Hospitality area for “Welcome to the National Specialty of 2010” food and drink will be provided

**Thurs. Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** Education Day -- The Puppy Puzzle –free for all ATCA members, lunch included. All non-members of the ATCA \$75.00 Lunch included.

**Fri. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** ATCA National Specialty - - Banquet held at Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn

– all you can eat Prime Rib and Crab leg buffet, including soup, salads, vegetables, bread and dessert.

**Sat. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** Rapid City Kennel Club all Breed Show and Bus tour of Mount Rushmore and Custer State Park of South Dakota – dog sitting/ walking will be available. (Approximately a 5 hour tour)

**Sun. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** Rapid City Kennel Club all Breed Show, Cowboy Round-Up Dinner

(TBD by the Rapid City Kennel Club) **Mon Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** Rapid City Kennel Club all Breed Show

**We are seeking donations for the Live Auction and Silent auctions that will be held during this Specialty, please begin thinking about what you might like to donate ( i.e. Art, new and old, memorabilia such as old Australian Terrier photos, calendars, out of print Australian Terrier books)**



# How and Why to Trim Your Dog's Nails

This information is not intended as, nor should it be taken as veterinary advice. You should consult with and follow the advice of your own vet who knows you and who has seen your dog.

## Why should I trim my dog's nails?

There are more than just aesthetic reasons to trim your dog's nails—untrimmed nails can cause a variety of problems including broken nails, which are painful and bleed profusely. And unlike humans or some other animals, a dog walks on his toes like a horse, not the soles of his feet. Long nails can cause the dog to rock back on his paws, causing strain on his leg assemblies and interfering with his gait. Some dogs (particularly overweight ones) may find it uncomfortable to put their full body weight on their feet with overgrown nails, causing sore feet, legs and hips. Over the long term, this can also contribute to the development of arthritis.

Many people have their dog's nails trimmed by a groomer or at the vet's office, which is usually affordable and quick. However, it can also be a very stressful experience for the dog, because rarely do such places take any time to ensure the dog is calm or comfortable. Really, they're probably only charging \$10 or so for the procedure, so if your dog puts up a fuss they'll just restrain him, perhaps muzzle him, and clip away. It would be far better, and nicer, for you to handle this frequent task with care and compassion, which is why I recommend doing it yourself.

## Getting started

There are two popular methods of trimming dogs nails: using a clipper tool and using a Dremel-style rotary grinding tool, which is my preferred method. The Dremel method is increasingly popular among owners and groomers because it has several safety advantages (which I will discuss below), but it's good to know the ins and outs of both methods before you choose the one that is right for you.

Whichever method of nail-trimming you decide to use, the first step is to make sure your dog is comfortable having his paws handled. If your dog is hesitant or fearful of allowing you to handle his paws, you may need several sessions (or more if your dog has ever had a negative nail trimming experience) of touching and holding your dog's paws, praising him, and giving him food rewards for allowing this contact. It is very important for you to remain calm, reassuring and confident—your dog can pick up on your stress and will react accordingly. If you get frustrated it's best to stop the activity and try later when you are calmer. Keep sessions short at first until you and your dog are both confident and relaxed.

Once your dog is allowing you to touch and hold his paws, you need to get him comfortable with the trimming tool, whether it is a pair of clippers or a Dremel tool. Start by having it near the dog while you are rewarding/praising him for allowing paw-handling. Then start touching the tool to your dogs nails while rewarding and praising him for allowing it.

Some handbooks instruct you to drape your body over your reclining dog so that if he tries to get up you are restraining him. This position may cause anxiety and some struggling by the dog because it's a dominant position that feels threatening to some dogs. It is far better to slowly help your dog learn that allowing nail trimming brings rewards. Even if he never loves the procedure, using care

and rewards will convince him to allow it without the necessity of restraint.

## Trimming nails with clippers

Clippers may be a convenient nail-trimming choice because they do not require power to operate. They are also less expensive to purchase than a rotary tool, but their blades can get dull rather quickly and need to be replaced. There are two popular styles of clippers for dogs: scissors style and guillotine style. The style you choose is a matter of personal preference, but many owners/groomers find the guillotine style to be easier to use on a regular basis (although for dogs whose nails have been allowed to grow so long they are curling, the scissors style may be more practical.) The guillotine-style clipper has a stationary ring guide through which the toenail is placed, and when the handles are squeezed a cutting blade moves across to slice the nail. Scissors-style clippers are positioned at a right angle to the nail with one blade on either side; squeezing the handles moves both blades together to cut the nail.

Regardless of which style you choose, the biggest challenge with clippers is avoiding the quick, which is the name for the blood vessels and nerves that supply the nail. Cutting the quick can cause bleeding and considerable pain for the dog (and will likely undo much of the work you have put into getting your dog to relax for paw handling!) It is far better to cut small bits off of the dog's nails and do it more frequently than to try cutting too much and running the risk of hitting the quick.

For a dog that is new to nail cutting, you may want to give a treat reward after every nail cut. For dogs that are more experienced and relaxed you can give fewer treats, but it is always important to make the nail-cutting experience rewarding for the dog: praise him and give him treats or play when it's over for a job well-done. Most importantly: it's best to avoid stress and strife that will make the experience unpleasant for your dog. If you become frustrated stop and try again when you are more relaxed. If you must get the nails cut soon, take your dog to the vet or groomer this time so he doesn't associate you with the unpleasant experience, and continue working at home getting the dog to relax for you.

## Trimming nails with a Dremel-style rotary tool

Clipping a dog's nails with guillotine- or scissors-style clippers involves squeezing the nail and putting pressure on the sensitive quick, potentially causing discomfort and pain. There is also the risk, especially with dark nails, that you will cut through the quick and cause considerable pain and bleeding—and perhaps make your dog afraid of nail cutting forever. The difficulty involved often makes the human stressed, which in turn stresses out the dog and makes the entire operation more nerve-wracking and prone to error.

A properly used Dremel (or similar rotary tool) involves no squeezing or pressure on the quick. Further, Dremeling makes it easier to check the nail as you grind so you can judge when you're getting close to nicking the quick and stop in time. With the Dremel, you can also grind off all around the quick so that it recedes faster and you can get even shorter nails. The closer you can get to the quick, the more you can force it to recede and the more quickly it will recede. Finally, you can grind off all the corners and rough edges

leaving nice smooth nails.

Remember that the first step is to help your dog relax and allow paw-handling. After this, you are ready to acquaint him with the Dremel too so he will not fear it. Start with the tool off, and leave it nearby in full sight while you handle your dogs paws and reward him. Then pick up the Dremel--keeping the power off--and hold it near him and allow him to sniff it. If he shows little fear or interest, touch the Dremel to a toenail or two and reward the dog for allowing it. (If he won't allow, go back a step). Remember that making the first experiences positive is very important!

Once he's comfortable with the Dremel off, you will need to habituate him to having it turned on. This is very difficult for some dogs and may take many sessions and some patience. Turn on the Dremel and hold it while praising your dog and giving it treats. Do not restrain the dog and force him to stay near the dremel. (If he's on a leash, let him go to the end of the leash if that's what he wants, but don't use it to pull him back. You could try all of this in the bathroom with the door closed so they are always near enough to lure back.) Lure him with treats, the closer he comes or stays, the better the reward. Gradually work toward holding the running Dremel close and closer to a paw, rewarding and praising your dog for allowing it. The next step is to tap the running Dremel head against the end of each claw briefly and reward. You are not actually trying to trim at this point, just getting your dog accustomed to the idea.

Once he is comfortable with the touch of the dremel, you can start spending more time grinding each nail. The friction from the Dremel can generate a lot of heat, and so it's important not to hold it too long at each nail. A few seconds on, a second or two off is a good pattern. Also, do not apply pressure to the nail with the Dremel--this will also make the nail too hot. The friction of the sandpaper and the spinning of the drum will do the grinding for you.

It's better and more comfortable for your dog if you take very long nails to their desirable short length by doing more frequent grindings of small amounts than to try and grind large amounts all at once. Plan twice-weekly sessions and take a little bit at a time until you've reach your goal, and then keep a weekly or bi-weekly schedule to maintain it.

Dremel makes several corded and cordless models. Corded models may be best for large dogs and multiple dog households, but cordless models work well for many dogs, are great for traveling and are more maneuverable. (I use a cordless and it works very well.) If you choose a style that has more than two speeds, keep it on 1 or 2--any faster and you may generate too much heat too quickly.

#### Tips:

- If you have a dog with a longer coat, you may want to trim the fur on the paws before dremeling so it will not get caught and cause pain.
- Styptic powder is handy to have in case you do nick the quick and need to stop the bleeding.

Article written by Lisa B. (granted permission to reprint.)

## I am so thankful for

I have so much to be thankful for. I have wonderful friends and family, good food on the table and a roof over my head. I'm thankful for kind strangers, good neighbors and the beauty of nature. But most of all, I am thankful for dogs.

I am thankful for the wake-up call of a cold, wet nose  
And for snuggling to keep warm on chilly nights  
I am blessed by the fur that is permanently embedded in  
everything I own

And the stray dog hairs that make their way into my lunch  
I am grateful for having a third of the bed to sleep on  
And for getting to use half of the covers  
For the tail that wags and the nose that sniffs  
For the eyes that gaze longingly at my dinner plate  
And for the jaws that destroy all squeakers, but never  
harm people

I'm beholden to the "tic, tic, tic" sound of paws on the floor  
Reminding me that a nail trim is due  
And the forgiveness after the dreaded task is done  
I appreciate the barking that tells me a stranger is at the  
door

And even the barking that warns of potential danger from  
squirrels and pedestrians

For endless games of fetch, Frisbee and tug-o-war  
For kibble-scented kisses and funky smelling feet  
And for coming when called (usually)

For all this, I am glad  
For the excited greeting upon my return, even if I've only  
been gone for a minute

The sheer glee of puppies to the patience and wisdom of  
seniors

And the unconditional love and affection, especially on my  
darkest days

For making me feel as if I am the most special, I am  
thankful to my dog...

~Written By a Fellow Dog Lover



Prince - Cheryl Mechalke



## Sally – A Typical Rescue Story

### Sherrill Yates

Sally (originally called Missy) was rescued from the Rogers County, Arkansas Animal Shelter. She was a 3 year old intact female who had physical signs of having had multiple back to back pregnancies, most likely as a puppy mill bitch. She was picked up running loose and never claimed.

When I got Missy home, I discovered she had an interesting mixture of behaviors. She was very friendly to all adults, kids and dogs, played with toys, found the sofa in the family room to be a safe spot to watch everyone else's comings and goings, seemed familiar with sleeping on the bed, did not like crates and was not house trained. This combination was not normal behaviors for a typical puppy mill dog.

Two and a half weeks later after spay, vaccinations, a microchip and house training lessons with mixed results, Missy went to her new forever home near St. Louis. Her new home has a great family consisting of Mom and Dad, two boys aged 3 and 8, a girl aged 5, a 13 year old male Aussie named Foster and 10 year old female Aussie Mix named Katy. After meeting and delivering Missy, emails flew back and forth between her new Mom, Kelly, and I. Below are some of these communications from Kelly.

### First Evening At New Home:

Aw! I'm lying here on my bed checking e-mail on my laptop and she is curled right beside me. She loves the kids and they love her. Our male dog loves her but our female dog is not so sure yet. She has growled at her twice but she is extremely protective of the kids and it was when she was around our little one. She will come around I'm sure. She was romping and playing in our backyard like she was so happy. It was really cute. She marked the entire yard and kept looking like "wow, is this all mine!" My daughter wants to call her Sally so I told them they have until 8pm tonight to figure it out and we are sticking with it. She went out the doggie door but can't figure out that she can get back in. She walks up the steps and looks at it like she knows it might work but not sure how. I bet by this time next week she will be a pro!

I'll take some pictures or video and send to you in the next couple of days. She was great on the way home. She lay on my lap most of the time and then she'd get in the crate and then come back out on my lap. Once she jumped in the back and got on my daughter's lap. She seems to really like the kids so I'm very happy about that.

### Later That Same Evening:

Sally has hopped up on our bed and is fast asleep next to my son who is reading a book. So cute! She did take one of my

son's Thomas trains in her mouth and my son was running around going "Sawwy has my twain!" He got to her before I did and she dropped the train and he grabbed it and she was totally fine. We'll have to pick up toys for a while! Our other two are too old and crabby to play with toys anymore! :-)

### Two Days Later:

She is doing great. We had to leave her yesterday for about 5 hours so we put her in our mudroom with a baby gate in the doorway and evidently she didn't like that so much so she jumped over it and made herself at home around the house! She has had quite a few accidents and the rain is preventing us from doing really effective potty training. She loves the kids and has slept by my side the last three nights. Yesterday I got out of bed to get ready for work and my 2 year old crawled into our bed and she went over and laid by him and put her head on his chest. It was so cute. She is a sweet dog. All three dogs are getting along well so hopefully that will continue.

### Day after Halloween:

Sally had a great Halloween! She is just amazing with the kids and even all the guests we had over. She is such a sweet dog and surprisingly good. We are still working on the potty training and now that the rain has stopped, the doggie door! She about has it down. Every night she runs and gets in our bed about 9pm and goes to sleep. We are late owls so I wake her about 11 to go potty one last time and she gets so annoyed. Last night she just sat on our patio and looked at me like I was crazy. Every morning our youngest usually ends up in our bed and she curls up next to him and snuggles. It's so cute. Last night, I went to lay down with him in his (twin) bed to get him to go to sleep and Sally hopped in and then our oldest crabby dog came in and wanted up on the bed too. So it was me, my son and the two dogs! She's sitting here at my feet right now looking at me like "pick me up will ya!" Half the time she is on my lap while I'm working at home. She is doing great. I'll get you an updated picture with all three and the kids if I can.

**Nov. 23:** The report from Kelly is that Sally continues to settle into her new home. Kelly thinks she is the sweetest dog ever and is great with the kids. She still has an occasional accident, but we are hopeful she will eventually be completely house trained. The last word from Kelly was, "We love this little girl."





## Addison's Disease

**Sabine Baker**

When Lucy picked at her breakfast in the morning, but ate it after I added a little canned food on top, I didn't think anything of it. Since our dogs often catch and consume wild birds, lizards, and rodents, I thought she might have eaten something that didn't agree with her. Lucy was entered in a show that morning, and, as usual, was happy to get in the car. Once at the show though, Lucy, who had always loved shows and was the life of the party everywhere she went, was uncharacteristically unenthusiastic about going into the ring. Later that afternoon, she reluctantly ate some rice and chicken, only to throw it up a short time later. She seemed to feel better afterwards and settled down on the couch for a long nap. When she got up from her nap that evening, I noticed that her rear seemed weak. Quite alarmed at this point, I checked her over thoroughly and discovered that her temperature was subnormal and her gums very red and slightly tacky to the touch. At this point I knew that Lucy didn't have a mere upset stomach, so Michelle and I rushed her to the Veterinary Emergency Clinic in Newport News, an hour away. By the time we arrived, Lucy had further deteriorated and had difficulty standing. Based on her initial blood work the diagnosis that evening was acute renal failure. With heavy hearts we left Lucy at the emergency clinic for supportive care and observation.

When we visited Lucy on Saturday, she was much improved, having received fluids overnight. She was so happy to see us! The vets still weren't sure what had caused her to become deathly ill so quickly, and though she was feeling much better, she was definitely not ready to come home yet. Fortunately, the vet that was on duty on Sunday noticed that Lucy's sodium (Na) was low, 130 mmol/L (normal 144 – 160), and that her potassium (K) was high, 6.3 mmol/L (normal 3.5 – 5.8), and her sodium / potassium ratio 20.64:1. In a healthy dog the ratio should be between 27 and 40. This vet told us that the electrolyte imbalance, coupled with Lucy's unusually quick recovery after receiving fluids made her strongly suspect Addison's Disease. In approximately 30% of dogs Addison's is diagnosed during an Addisonian crisis and for many dogs, unfortunately, help comes too late. We were lucky that we got Lucy to the clinic in time and that one of the emergency vets connected her electrolyte imbalance with Addison's.

Addison's Disease is caused by a failure of the adrenal glands. There are two types of Addison's. In Primary Typical Addison's the adrenal glands fail to produce enough cortisol, which is necessary for metabolism, as well as aldosterone, which balances the electrolytes in the blood. In Atypical Addison's, aldosterone is still being produced and only the

cortisol is lacking. Atypical Addisonians therefore have normal electrolytes. Primary Atypical Addison's can transition to Typical Addison's and must therefore be periodically monitored. Addison's can also be secondary to failure of the pituitary gland, which, when working properly, signals the adrenal glands to produce cortisol in response to stress.

Addison's Disease is often called "the Great Pretender" because it can present in so many different ways. It is often misdiagnosed – and almost certainly underdiagnosed – by veterinarians. Addison's dogs may have gastrointestinal problems, such as poor appetite, diarrhea, or vomiting. Regurgitation of undigested food causes some dogs to be diagnosed with megaesophagus. Other dogs might limp or appear weak or depressed. Some may have seizures caused by inability to maintain normal blood sugar levels. Some dogs develop a slow or irregular heart rate that can lead to circulatory collapse after minimal exertion. You may notice excessive thirst and urination. Coat changes are common. Lucy grew an unusually thick, soft coat in the weeks before her diagnosis and her nose pigment and pretty black eyeliner faded. Symptoms of Addison's can be subtle and varied and are very easy to miss. Consider Addison's a possibility in any dog that "just isn't doing well".

The only way to make a definitive diagnosis of Addison's Disease is with a blood test, the ACTH stimulation test. To perform the test, a blood sample is drawn and the cortisol level measured. The dog is then injected with a synthetic form of the pituitary hormone ACTH, which would cause a healthy adrenal gland to produce cortisol. An hour after the injection a second blood sample is drawn and the post-injection cortisol level measured. If the resting cortisol level is low and the dog shows little or no response after the ACTH injection, the diagnosis is Addison's Disease. If a glucocorticoid must be given before the ACTH test, dexamethasone should be used. Prednisone suppresses adrenal function and interferes with the ACTH test, causing a false positive. The ACTH test needs to be done just once, to diagnose the disease. It only checks for Addison's, but does not determine whether it's typical or atypical. If the electrolytes are normal, it is Atypical Addison's, so the dog only needs a glucocorticoid supplement such as Prednisone. If the electrolytes are abnormal as well (low sodium, high potassium), the dog has Typical Addison's, and is producing neither mineralocorticoids nor glucocorticoids. Dogs that have Atypical Addison's need to be fairly closely monitored, as they may transition to Typical Addison's.

Treatment of Atypical Addison's consists simply or replacing the cortisol the dog is no longer producing, usually with a small daily dose of Prednisone. There are two medications available for the treatment of Typical Addison's. Percorten-V (DOCP) is given via a monthly injection. It does not contain glucocorticoids, so dogs on Percorten usually take a small daily dose of Prednisone. The alternate treatment option is Florinef, a pill that must be given daily. Since Addison's often causes gastrointestinal problems, many dogs benefit from Pepcid AC given 20 minutes before meals.

Unlike Percorten, Florinef has a glucocorticoid component. Most dogs on Florinef need little or no additional glucocorticoid supplementation. Lucy takes Florinef and on the very rare occasions that she is under stress she needs a little glucocorticoid boost, I give her ¼ of a 1 mg Prednisone tablet. While the Florinef keeps Lucy's potassium right in the mid-range, her sodium tends to be low normal, so I add ¼ teaspoon of sea salt to both of her daily meals. She is feeling great and is a bundle of happy energy as well as a constant source of mischief. She quickly taught me that not all problems in an Addisonian dog are caused by Addison's disease. She came in from play one pleasant fall day looking very depressed. Her vet suggested that I give her 5mg Prednisone and wait to see whether that would help. It didn't, but a short time later I noticed that the hair on Lucy's muzzle was sticking out in odd directions and it soon became apparent that her muzzle was very swollen. My husband reported having seen a hornet in the front yard, so it's safe to assume that Lucy tried to play with it. Not long after, she injured her back playing with the other pups and had to have weekly acupuncture sessions for a couple of months. She charmed all of the staff at the vet hospital.

There are two e-mail support groups for owners of Addison's dogs, which I found very helpful:

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/k9Addisons/>  
<http://pets.gropus.yahoo.com/group/addisondogs/>

There is a lot of information in the "files" section of their web sites including a list of veterinarians who have experience treating Addison's. Since Addison's is not a commonly diagnosed disease, many vets are not very familiar with it. For that reason, the support groups can truly be a life-saver. While Lucy's vet thought that sodium and potassium levels anywhere in the normal range were fine, I learned from the group that, in order to feel great, Addison's dogs benefit from having their electrolytes kept close to the mid-point of the normal range. In a well-managed Addison's dog the disease is completely unnoticeable. It should affect neither quality of life nor lifespan.

The moderators of the support groups are also very good at suggesting ways to make management of the disease as affordable as it can be. Managing Addison's requires regular electrolyte checks, done more frequently when the dog is first diagnosed, and later two to four times per year. Where I live, the price of testing varies considerably, from \$18 dollars for a basic electrolyte test to over \$100 for a complete blood panel. Many of the smaller vet clinics do not have an electrolyte machine, only a machine that does the complete panel, so the cost of testing is obviously much higher. The medication is also expensive, but here again, the Addison's groups are very helpful in finding the best possible prices.

Like other endocrine diseases Addison's Disease is inherited. It is thought to be inherited via an autosomal recessive in Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, but a Swedish study

using Standard Poodles points towards it being a polygenic trait in that breed, with the presence of a single major autosomal locus affecting expression. We do not know what the mode of inheritance is in Aussies, but everything points towards this being an inherited condition.

Please, for the sake of the breed, make health a priority when planning a breeding, and be honest in sharing information regarding any health conditions in your dogs. Consider the lateral pedigree as well as the direct line when making breeding decisions, as siblings of affected dog are likely to be carriers. If we all try to do right by the breed, perhaps one day "Aussies are a healthy breed." will once again be an honest statement.

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## BRANDY'S HALLOWEEN TRICK

**Diane Cahill**

Kevin and I took Brandy (Tosta Blackhawk Hensley) to an agility trial on Halloween. Brandy decided to humor me with a very special TRICK – which was being a Super Agility Dog for Halloween.

The first time Brandy competed was in 2005. He had qualifying runs in Novice Jumpers with Weaves (also includes tunnels which Brandy loves) at the first two trials. Turned out to be beginner's luck. A third qualifying score was needed for a title. After competing in several more trials, without success, we took a break from agility when I turned my attention to our first litter of pups.



This past summer, after a three year break, I dusted off the weaves and jumps and started working with Brandy again. Back to class, where he quickly picked up where he left off. At seven, he still loved to climb the A-Frame. I ran him in Jumpers at a couple of trials. (Not Standard yet as we needed

a lot of practice on the pause table.) NQ - Non qualifying. Needed to work with him more, and hoped he would soon stop paying friendly visits to the ring stewards.

Then an amazing thing happened on HALLOWEEN. For that day, Brandy was a SUPER AGILITY DOG! He enthusiastically ran the 15 obstacle Jumpers course in 36 seconds, 8 seconds under time, with a perfect score of 100, earning the third qualifying score needed for the Novice Jumpers with Weaves NAJ title. YES!!! No time to celebrate as Brandy was to run Standard next. Standard includes all of the other obstacles - Tire Jump, Broad Jump, Chute, A-Frame, Dog Walk, Seesaw, and the dreaded Pause Table. This was his first Standard run in over three years, and HE NAILED IT! Such a relief when he did the DOWN on the table after having to make the request a second time, and then after the five second count down by the judge, when I encouraged him to hurry to the tunnel, Brandy jumped off the table, ran through the tunnel and continued on to finish the 16 obstacle course in just under 60 seconds, 19 seconds under time. Unbelievable. Not only a DOUBLE Q (two qualifying scores at the same trial), but both with a perfect score of 100. 1<sup>st</sup> place clean fast runs.

Kevin was astounded by Brandy's spectacular performance. When he saw him jump through the Tire and up and over the A-Frame, he thought "WHAT A NEAT DOG! I couldn't agree more. I was so very proud of Brandy.

Brandy's TREAT for this very special TRICK was a Frosty Paw party with his Aussie family. Wonder what Brandy's Halloween TRICK will be next year!



**Rescue**

### **Darlene Evans**

With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas as well as other holidays are in front of us, we need to take time and remember those Aussies that are awaiting that permanent home.

We are also thankful to all who have adopted our Aussies and have given them such loving homes and showing those Aussies that they are truly loved.

With the advent of the New Year, Rescue will need your continued support not only monetarily but help in finding foster homes, permanent homes, transport,

etc.

The question that comes up the most is "What can I do to help rescue?"

Each and every one of you can go to your local shelter and put your name in for a contact person. Let the staff know that you are there for the Aussie. Sometimes it also means in educating the staff so they know what an Aussie looks like.

We still have Aussies that are in foster homes that are seeking that GREAT and FINAL home.

Thanks to all who contributed to the welfare of Frick and Frack who are now in their permanent homes free of ringworm. They have a great life in front of them.

In California just in the last few months, we placed 2 Aussies from a kill shelter with one of them going to Nova Scotia and Sandy is truly enjoying her life as she gets to go to the beach every day.



Toby who we still do not know whether he was a Silkie or an Aussie is also enjoying life in his new surroundings.

These are the things that keep us all working toward saving Aussies.

Wouldn't it be great if all of our Aussies in foster homes could start the New Year with their final family. Let's all work towards that end.

From Rescue -- Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Fantastic New Year.

## Considering a Multiple Sired Litter? Here is the Long and Short of It

### Julie Seaton

After research and lots of talking to friends, handlers and fellow breeders, I decided to try a Multiple Sired litter. I was told by most, that if you use two fertile stud dogs, normally the stud dogs that goes first, the puppies will only be from that dog.

So I thought, ok, how to get around that?

After speaking to a friend and Golden Retriever Breeder that has done multiple sired litters on several occasions, I figured out how I think it would work, based on knowing all the dogs.

First the Dam (B/T) – Very mellow and laid back, will be up for anything

The First Sire (B/T)– Very laid back as well, not a demanding stud dog, almost ‘asks’ the bitch first prior to mounting

The Second Sire (Red)– Could care less what the bitch thinks, if she is in season, he is on her

I also thought about timing. If anyone remembers the movie ‘Look Whos Talking’, in the very beginning, all the sperm are on the race to impregnate the egg, so sperm conversing aside, the first dog has a head start in the race, so you have to give the second dog the same chance.

Only way to do that is to breed the bitch to the first dog, then immediately to the second dog.

So, the first sire, the laid back dog, was first. The second dog was chosen second because I knew he would not mind the scent of the first dog, where I knew the first dog would be bothered by the scent of the second dog, meaning he may not mount her.

As it was, I got ties on both dogs within 30 minutes of each other on the first day of the planned breeding.

The second day, I allowed the second dog only to breed to the bitch

The third day, I allowed the first dog to breed to the bitch

On the fourth day neither dogs bred to her

On the fifth day, I repeated the first day breeding schedule

Siren had 8 puppies and the first two were reds, so since the second dog was a red, I knew the second dog was

in there for sure. The rest were blue-tans, so now we have to wait for the DNA to determine who is from who.

Once the DNA was back, the analysis (which was extremely easy to read since neither sire was related to each other and the instructions were very clear on how to read DNA) showed that the first sire had two puppy girls by him and the second sire had the remaining two girls and all the boys.

It was very interesting, a lot of anticipation and VERY expensive.

Would I do it again? I don’t know, maybe if I could figure out a way to make the litter more even, but that is another problem to figure out a later time and date. I know now that it can work using two sires if you think ahead and keep in mind that there is a method to the madness or is it there is madness in the method?

#### Pros:

You gain the knowledge of what a sire is capable of producing without having to wait for each individual heat  
You can evaluate puppies without knowing the sire and make honest evaluations and then once the DNA results come in know what worked with an individual bitch and what did not

More selection if you have different sires with one litter

#### Cons:

Cost, extremely expensive

May not get puppies from both sires, but incur the cost anyway with the exception of registering the litter (if only 1 sire, you use the regular registration form)  
May be hard on the bitch to be bred to multiple sires as you have to breed them more in a weeks time then if you used just one sire

Costs for this litter:

DNA kits for 8 puppies: \$280.00

Microchips for puppies: \$107.50

Vet fee to Microchip puppies: \$61.98

Multiple Sire Litter Registration for 8 puppies - \$241.00

Total = \$690.48



# 2010 ATCA BREEDERS DIRECTORY

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**The requirements** for listing are as follows:

**First**, all persons listed must have on file with the Chairperson of Breeder Referral a signed and dated copy of ATCA's current/revised Code of Ethics.

**Second**, all persons listed must have the following provisions in their contract:

1. Spay /neuter requirement: All puppies and adult dogs sold as pets are to be sold on a spay-neuter contract with limited registration or already have been spayed or neutered. A pet is defined as a dog that will not be shown in the breed ring or used in a breeding program.
2. Basic health guarantee: This could be a statement in the contract that the animal is in good health at the time of sale and/or a health certificate from a veterinarian.
3. A policy for the return of the dog that will state the breeder will take back their dog for any reason at any time in dog's lifetime.
4. Must have participated in the current Health Survey.

**Third**, all vaccines are to be current when puppy or dog is placed and proof is to be provided to buyer.

**Fourth**, if the Buyer requests to see a copy of the Breeders contract prior to sale of the dog, the Breeder must provide the Buyer with such.

**If any Breeder fails to abide by these requirements, the Breeder will lose all listing privileges.**

**I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above requirements for ATCA's Breeders Directory.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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## LISTING INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Website URL \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: Puppies \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Breed Information \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or have not participated in the current Health Survey,  
please contact Sandra Weigle at 423-344-1952 or via email at MarbleArch@comcast.net.

Please return this entire page. Thank you.

# ATCA CODE OF ETHICS

## Preamble

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to describe and set forth the ideals necessary to advance and protect the interests of the Australian Terrier and the members of the Australian Terrier Club of America. As the primary objective of the members of the Club is to keep, breed and promote healthy, happy Australian Terriers, true to their heritage and the standard, each member is obliged to consider the welfare of the breed foremost in the course of their proceedings as owners and fanciers. Whether engaged in activities involving competition, breeding, or selling of Australian Terriers, members are duty-bound at all times to refrain from any actions that would be prejudicial to the best interests of either the breed or the Club.

This Code of Ethics embodies the principles to which we subscribe as a condition of membership in the Australian Terrier Club of America. Membership is a privilege conferred by the Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the membership, upon those individuals who meet and uphold the high standards set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws and the Code of Ethics. As members, we are individually charged with abiding by this Code and expecting similar compliance from all other members.

Nothing in this Code of Ethics shall be construed to be in violation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Australian Terrier Club of America or the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. If any provision of this Code of Ethics imposes a greater obligation and/or more stringent course of action than the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall prevail. Any individual who applies for membership will receive a copy of the Code of Ethics and by signing, declare his or her acceptance of its provisions in their entirety.

## General Conduct

- Read and be familiar with the Australian Terrier Club of America Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club; support and abide by the Code of Ethics, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Australian Terrier Club of America and the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon them, the breed, and the Club by practicing and promoting responsible dog ownership whether at home, while participating in dog events, or when traveling with their dog(s).
- Accept responsibility for educating the public about the breed and the importance of responsible dog ownership. Honestly represent the Australian Terrier by disclosing known health issues and advising prospective owners of the breed's characteristics and suitability.
- Refer the public to either the Club's Breeder Referral liaison or the ATCA web site when asked about the current/future availability of puppies and/or adult dogs. No member shall knowingly refer the public to anyone who has violated any of the principles set forth in this Code of Ethics.
- Encourage and educate new owners through constructive commentary and example.
- Participate in the efforts of the Australian Terrier Club of America to gather information assessing the health and longevity of the breed.
- Support activities and programs sponsored by the Australian Terrier Club of America to the best of their ability.
- Take responsibility for Australian Terriers that are impounded in humane societies, animal shelters or rescue organizations as circumstances permit.

## Responsibilities of Owners

- Put the welfare of each of their dogs above personal gain, profit and/or personal convenience.
- Assume responsibility for proper feeding, provide clean and safe living conditions, maintenance, socialization, exercise and training of all dogs in their care; retain or house only the dogs for which they have adequate time, facilities and resources.
- Provide their dog(s) with adequate health care and appropriate immunizations and/or serum titer level tests.
- Practice responsible dog ownership by keeping their dog(s) safe and under control at all times, being careful to observe local curb, leash and containment ordinances.
- Consider permanently identifying their dog(s) by tattoo or microchip implant.
- Re-home their dog(s) when necessary by making appropriate and responsible placements. At no time shall a member dispose of an Australian Terrier at an animal shelter, rescue facility, or through a secondary agent.

## Responsibilities of Exhibitors

- Display good sportsmanship at all dog events, both in and outside the ring, and treat all judges, competitors, officials, and spectators with courtesy.
- Conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will reflect favorably on the breed and the Australian Terrier Club of America.
- Refrain from maligning or misrepresenting other Club members or their dogs.
- Make every effort to prevent their dogs from injuring others or damaging another's property.
- Exhibit Australian Terriers that are conditioned and properly presented for competition. In the interest of good sportsmanship, members will make every effort to show entered exhibits on each day that they are scheduled to compete.

## Responsibilities of Breeders

- Accept and acknowledge that they have a lifetime responsibility to the breed, to those who purchase their puppies, and to the dogs they produce. A breeder is defined as an individual who allows the use of an Australian Terrier, whether owned or leased, to sire or produce a litter of puppies.
- Breed only to advance and improve the breed.

- Breed as closely as possible to the Australian Terrier Club of America Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club. Any breeding will be undertaken with the object of producing sound, healthy Australian Terriers of good temperament and correct breed type.
- Educate themselves with regard to known health problems within the breed. Each member is urged to use appropriate tests for screening breeding stock.
- Disclose known health defects/issues affecting the dog, its ancestors, or its offspring when breeding or selling.
- Repeat breeding between a dog and bitch only if the breeding has produced no defect that compromises the health and well-being of the offspring. If the dog or bitch produces the same defect when bred to another partner, the member will refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.
- Use a written agreement clearly stating the conditions and terms of any stud service, co-ownership, or lease.
- Protect the health of the bitch and pups by providing a safe, sanitary environment, necessary veterinary care and adequate puppy socialization.
- Breed a bitch no sooner than her second season.
- Breed a bitch no more than two out of three consecutive seasons, or more than twice in eighteen months.
- Safeguard bitches under their care and supervision from accidental breeding.
- Permanently identify dogs of breeding age that are kept on their premises.
- Keep accurate records of all dogs and litters as required by the American Kennel Club.
- Retain pups until suitable placements are found.
- Ascertain whether any bitch brought to their stud will meet the requirements of this Code, whether owned by a club member or not.
- Allow use of their stud to a bitch whose owner has the required knowledge and the necessary facilities to whelp and care for the resulting litter, and will rear and place them conscientiously in accordance with this Code.
- Offer at stud only dogs that are sound, healthy, of correct breed type, and free of communicable diseases. It is recommended that the dog be at least one year of age.
- Ensure that all advertising of puppies, adults or stud service is factual and without misleading representations.
- Under no circumstances, engage in the wholesale buying and/or selling of dogs or litters of puppies. At no time shall a member sell to such places as catalog or wholesale houses, electronic/virtual pet outlets, pet shops, pet dealers/distributors, research laboratories or any speculative source of distribution. Members shall not participate in the offering of puppies or dogs as prizes in raffles, drawings, or contests of any sort, nor shall a member solicit puppies or dogs for such purposes.

#### **Australian Terrier Placements**

- Conduct a comprehensive interview of the prospective buyer/owner.
- Place dogs with a written contract signed by both parties, prior to the physical transfer of the puppy or dog, which includes at minimum the following:
  - a) The puppy or dog's gender, color, date of birth, and AKC registered names and numbers of sire and dam.
  - b) The type of AKC registration. AKC Limited Registration and/or a Spay/Neuter contract clause is strongly recommended for dogs not purchased as show/breeding stock.
  - c) The terms of any co-ownership, if applicable.
  - d) A statement that guarantees the health of the puppy or dog at the time of delivery.
  - e) A policy providing for the safe return of a puppy or dog after an initial veterinary check. Buyers will be encouraged to take puppies/dogs to the veterinarian of their choice within one week after sale. Any reimbursements involved in returning a dog will be stated.
  - f) A policy for replacement or reimbursement in case of death or significant health problems due to hereditary disease.
  - g) The breeder's statement of lifetime responsibility. The breeder will be prepared to take back any dog or puppy of their breeding and will assist in relocating the dog.
  - h) Provision for valid, accurate documentation to be conveyed (e.g. registration papers and pedigrees). AKC registration papers may be withheld only by mutual consent in writing at the time of sale. Registration papers shall not be sold independently of the puppy/dog.
  - i) Placement of puppies not sooner than eight (8) weeks of age, with ten (10) weeks being the recommended minimum age.
- Place puppies/dogs with age-appropriate vaccinations or serum titer certificates as indicated.
- Monitor placements to ensure that puppies/dogs are receiving proper care.
- Be available to their puppy buyers for advice and counsel throughout the lifetime of the dog.

Club welfare and reputation should be an important concern of all members and are expected to be placed above monetary gain and individual prestige. Every effort should be made by members to reconcile and settle differences within the Club ranks and in accordance with the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Members are reminded that pledging to a Code of Ethics entails a commitment to a high standard of practice and that observing the spirit of the Code is as important as adhering to its law. By signing below, the member agrees to abide by the provisions of this Code of Ethics. Failure to comply may be considered not in the best interest of the Australian Terrier Club of America or the Australian Terrier, and could result in disciplinary action as provided for in Article VI of the Club Bylaws.

Signature

Date of Acceptance

# Montgomery Weekend

## Julie Seaton

The Montgomery shows this year had a combination of good weather and bad. We started out with cold weather combined with rain and wind. I do not think most of us were quite ready for this and had to go shopping to go buy more clothes. Any excuse to go shopping is good!

Thursday we all froze and everyone had mittens on if you were fortunate to bring them. By the end of the day, we were wet, cold and tired!

Britta Roos Borjeson from Sweden was our judge and she did a nice job with the dogs on hand.

WD - Millvalley Red Rufus

RWD - Shastakin Jersey Jake (his first show in the USA)

WB - Samabel-AKA Inu Shine On Me at Celestial

RWB - Temora Where The Magic Begins

BOS - CH Kambara's Bella Macchina

BOB - CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible

The dogs looked great and even though it was cold, it was a fun day for all and it was nice to see old friends again. Most of us went up to the Greek food area and Sheila Stoddart from the UK had her first Gyro ever! She said she liked them, but I think she liked the meat pie she had on Friday better. Alexa Samarotto was driving back and forth from her home in Staten Island NY to the show, it is hard to believe that we are that close to New York! Such dedication to dog showing, it is to be applauded!

On Friday it was a bit better weather wise, still cold, but the biting wind was absent from the area. This was the Raritan Valley Specialty and they did a wonderful job with the show and it was again, nicely set up. Raritan Valley does two shows a year, one in conjunction with Bucks County KC the first weekend in May and then the second one is in conjunction with the Hatboro KC the first weekend in October. For those of you that have not attended, both are worth going to and seeing first hand.

Beth Sweigart from PA was our judge and she also did a nice job with the dogs. Beth is still a 'Provisional' judge for Australian Terriers, and it was interesting to see her judge. She took her time and spent a good moment with each dog and did not rush through the process

WD - Millvalley Red Rufus

RWD - Shastakin Jersey Jake

WB - Temora Where The Magic Begins

RWB - Shastakin Good Day Girl

BOS - CH Mysticstars Carli's Angel

BOB - CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible

We were invited to have lunch by the Raritan Valley set up,

only to find out that the caterer put down the wrong date for delivery. He was coming the following Friday. He would have had quite a surprise if he had showed up the next weekend! I know Ida Ellen was not happy about the mix up, but everyone took it good naturedly and most of us went back up to the Greek place for more Greek food. How often does one find Greek food at a dog show!

Saturday was a beautiful day, still a bit damp from the rain the night before, but the grounds were beautiful and well kept and it was a really nice day for a dog show. I personally had never been to the Devon KC show as the only other time I have attended Montgomery weekend was at our last National and due to the rain, the Devon KC show was cancelled as it had flooded out. I can see why. It is basically set up like a bowl with the rings at the bottom and grooming at the top, if it rains hard, I can see the bottom filling up quite a bit! Would make a great area for a natural swimming hole!

Our Judge was Virginia Lynne from British Columbia. She also was very meticulous in picking her winners and it was interesting to watch her at the end when picking Best of Breed. It was between two dogs for the most part at the very end, but Randy prevailed. You had to pop Jean like a balloon so she could breathe again, it was very fierce competition and she was holding her breath the entire time!

WD - Shastakin Jersey Jake

RWD - Wismiss Regency Bonza Boy

WB - Samabel Diamond In The Ruff

WB - Samabel-AKA Inu Shine On Me at Celestial

BOS - Stonehedge Summer Breeze

BOB - CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible

The day of Montgomery loomed sunny and slightly humid. It was beautifully set up and from the last time I was here, organized much better. We showed early in the afternoon so some of us went to try the luncheon, you walked in through the doors and had this 6 foot poster of Josephine Deubler staring at you! Startled us a bit and we spent the rest of the lunch seeing how many people took a double take when walking in the doors and were startled by her lifesize plus-some cut out. It was a good time and the food was very good.

The weather could not have been more perfect by the time we were in the ring for Sweeps which started our day. Kim Occhiuti was our Sweeps Judge. Watching her in action, I personally think she should be a judge one day, she has the essence of a judge and the presence and most importantly, knows the breed. She did a wonderful job and everyone was very happy with her choices.

BVSW - CH Regency Ode To The Wild West (this bitch is 10 years old and with all the clapping everyone was doing for her, she pranced around the ring like a puppy) It was nice that everyone clapped and appreciated this bitch and the dog that won BOSVSW, thank you to all that showed their appreciation for our veteran dogs!

BOSVSW – CH Wagddog Tekoah Crcedylndeed

BSW – Pineterri Bella Stella – You could not have dragged down Gerald with this sweeps win even if you tried! Although with the slight breeze we had, his ribbon had other ideas!

Lenora Riddle was our judge for Montgomery. I have a photo of her with her hat. What a beautiful hat! Although it was a challenge not to get hit by the feathers when she was going over your dog. Mrs Riddle stayed for the deserts and photos after the judging. We had an 'International' flavor this year as we had Sheila Stoddart from the UK visiting (Sheila will be judging Australian Terriers at Crufts next year), Dorren and Terry Calvin from Canada and Dean Freshwater from Australia.

- WD – Shastakin Jersey Jake
- RWD – Regency Lord Michael
- WB – Samabel Diamond In The Ruff
- RWB – Temora's Theodora Rose
- BOS – Stonehedge Summer Breeze
- BOB – CH Kamaras Zebulon

Heather Rife and Reggie abandoned us to go tracking with her aussie - Martha in New Paltz NY. Tracking is quite a formable feat for an aussie and this is how Martha did:

There were 4 TDX tracks and 12 entries, Martha was drawn for on the available tracks (you randomly draw for them). Heather drew the #1 spot meaning Heather had no time to stress out. Martha's job is to scent an article left at a flag out in a field and then she has to determine which way the track goes and find objects associated with the laid track. Per the rules, Heather has to stay 20' behind Martha at all times. She is doing well in the short grass and onto a dirt road. She has a bit of trouble here, but finds her way into tall grass. She has to kangaroo jump to get through it. She tracks into the woods, there is a lot of downed trees and brush, but she fights gamely through it and finds her second article grabbing it and shaking it. It is a wallet. Once she turns over the wallet she tracks through the woods more, she now finds a black tie, shakes it and gives it to Heather. Martha then comes to a downed tree and loses the scent. She is tired and can not pick up the lost scent. The tracklayer comes up and the track goes over the large lot that is over her head. She finishes the track after that.

Her performance was terrific up until the last log. Martha tracked for 55 minutes and completed ¾ of a 1000 yard track that had aged for 3-5 hours. She ignored cross tracks put in by people to distract her from the original track she was to follow. I commend Martha and Heather for a job well done!

Although we missed Heather and Reggie the last day of conformation competition, what Heather and Martha were doing sounds like fun and is very interesting!

The atmosphere of Montgomery weekend this year was very competitive, but most importantly, at the end of the day, we were all still friends and it was nice to sit down and have a bite

to eat and talk to each other. It made the day and weekend much more fun and it completed the great memories for the weekend and for each of us, wanting more of the same.



**Best of Breed**

**Best of Winners**



**Best of Opposite Sex**



**Winners Bitch**





## NEW TITLES

### New Champion:

CH Temora Where The Magic Begins  
CH Temora Bully For You x CH Benayr All About Me

Breeder: Julie Seaton  
Owner: Julie Seaton



### MACH 2 & HIT

Topper and I had a very good fall with him earning his MACH 2 and also a HIT at the Pikes Peak Obedience Trial. His full name is MACH 2 Tattercoats Top hat with Tail, UDX,FE. Barb Curtis

Editor's Note: Archive photo of Topper.



### Editor's Comments

well as the 2009 ranking of Australian Terriers. Results of Eukanuba for 2009 also will be published.

### Darlene Evans

Please send in your new titles and photos of the Aussies. Continue to send in stories and achievements.

In the first issue of 2010 there will be a listing of all new titles in 2009 as

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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