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Letters To The Editor



A lovely issue, I think the most detailed and best yet. I so look forward to your lovely presentation. I know being editor is probably the most difficult position in an organization to have, and I appreciate all the thought and work you put into each issue.

Thank you so much!
- Sherry Cooper

I just finished reading your magazine. Interesting articles! I just have one small comment about the one on the standard. Everything said is correct. However, it can all be summed up with one sentence. **The standard is a written description of perfection.** I have been judging the Aussie for about 30 years and it is that written description of perfection, which is implanted in my brain, that I use every time I go into the Aussie ring. Others use it in other different ways but the written description of perfection is what it is.

Keep up the good work!
- Fredrick R. Stephens

So much wonderful information and generally interesting articles. Great job as always. Seems to me the club is advancing leaps and bounds in a great effort to maintain and improve the Australian Terrier.

- Jerry Walsh

Absolutely fabulous issue with so much important information on breeding.

- Kathi Brown

The cover is so great—snow being a rarity to me and Aussies look so good against the white.

- Susan Saulvester

As usual, great job! *The Talkabout* is very professionally done with great articles and photos and I learn so much every time I read one.

- Lisa Violette

I was delighted to receive the 4th edition of *The Talkabout*. The pictures and information of the breeders and owners were wonderful! I showed the *The Talkabout* to the Atlantic Terrier members in Halifax, Nova Scotia at our last monthly meeting. Were they impressed with the publication!! The calendar was beautiful!! I love to see the owners and breeders associated with the pictures! We, Bob & Heather and our 2 Aussies, Toby & Tigger wish you and the other Aussie owners a "Wonderful Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2013!"

I look forward to receiving the *The Talkabout* issues next year.

- Heather Cook

This was great.

The facts were excellent, but the pictures were to die for.

- Diane Kroeze

Hats off to another absolutely fabulous edition of *The Talkabout*! You have outdone yourself again. We are so blessed to have such talent among us. This issue has been a smorgasbord of breeder information. I couldn't put it down. I will be reading and re-reading the articles for some time. I also loved the interview with breeder Jeanne Popovits. What a great way to get to know another Aussie lover. There is such a wealth of knowledge in our ranks. I can't sign off without mentioning the wonderful photos. Good job to all the talented photographers out there! Love it!

Thanks again and keep up the good work!

- Eva Campbell

Thank you so very much for this recent issue. My wife and I adopted a dog from a local pound this past summer. A rescue person had told me over the phone that he was a Silky. One look confirmed that he was not a silky, but most likely an Aussie or Aussie mix. Scared out of his mind, the dog cowered in my lap as I held him. He was not the type of terrier that had broad appeal, and his prospects were not promising. I adopted him on the spot.

The next morning he was neutered and my wife and I picked him up from the vet. My wife held him in her lap the whole way home as the effects of the anesthesia wore off. Like me, she was smitten. We introduced him to the Yorkie bitch and ancient super aggressive 4-pound Silky male that formed our dog pack. Our cats came around to greet him, too. Within a few days Frankie (his name at the shelter) was well integrated, and taking his cues beautifully from the old male. It was obvious that he was very smart, very sensitive, and in need of calm affection. Within two months, the Silky had a heart attack and had to be put down two weeks later. However, the time the two spent together was invaluable. Frankie has never chewed up anything in the house, failed to alert us when he needed to be let out, or played too hard with the cats or our granddaughter. He has developed into a great watch dog, too.

I have never had an Aussie before, despite coming from a multi generational family of terrier owners. Without a doubt, I would consider another and recommend the breed, as well as your magazine. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

- Jeffrey Sklan

THANK YOU Jeff for adopting a rescue!

- Julie

Message from the President

Alexa Samarotto



Dear Members,
Happy Aussie 2013 to all--members, subscribers, soon-to-be members, family and friends. I hope we are all looking back on a good year and looking forward to a better year ahead for all as well as progress in all dog-related areas.

In this edition of *The Talkabout*, I can safely report without contradiction that the 2013 National Specialty was a beautiful and welcoming event, a tribute to the hard work that went into it, and well worth the effort for those who could attend. Mother Nature cooperated fully in providing weather that was, in the main, fairly decent and accommodating for those who traveled there. The venue provided by Desert Empire Terrier Club and Kennel Club of Palm Springs was simply breathtaking and they were most hospitable hosts of our club. The credit for our National goes to the Show Chairman, Kreg Hill, and his wonderful committee. At the risk of omitting anyone, I will once again thank all involved and attempt to omit no one this time (more on that later). I want to personally thank the following for their hard work,

which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all: Specialty Chair/Desert Empire Coordinator, Kreg Hill; KC Palm Springs Coordinator, Bill Christensen; Education Day Coordinators, Petie Schreeder and Bill Christensen; Copperstate ATC Coordinators, Kendall Liga and Jeanne Popovits; Obedience/Rally Coordinator, Thalia Rott; Hospitality, Patty Werner and Tammy Gaudet; Photography, Julie Seaton and Kerrie Bryan; Silent Auction Chairs, Julie Kirkpatrick and Tere Cruz; Trophy Chairs, Sue Bachman and Darlene Evans; Specialty Merchandise, Susan Saulvester, Catalog Advertising, Diane Kroeze; and International Liaison, Eve Steele. As noted above, I hope I have not left anyone out. If I did, please accept my apologies in advance and we will note your accomplishments in the next issue.

This is by way of explaining that in our last issue, in the attempt to thank all of those departing board members and officers, new board members and officers, and those staying on to continue their important roles, I somehow inadvertently omitted two valuable members—Kreg Hill and Jeanne Popovits. How this could happen, who knows? I conveyed my apologies at that time, but want to publicly acknowledge their contributions here. My apologies to Jeanne. Her insights and perspectives gained from much experience in other breeds is so appreciated. We all owe Kreg a debt of gratitude for fulfilling the extremely important role of club treasurer so well.

I would like to make special note that he had the 2013 Specialty to coordinate in addition to completing and submitting the ATCA year-end treasurer's reports, all with accuracy, efficiency, and excellence! Thank you so much, Kreg, for attempting so much and so successfully doing it all.

This brings me to another thought I wanted to convey at this time. At year's end, all the club's committees submit a summary of their work for the past year and outline their plans for the future. This work, as you know, is voluntary and is done for the love of our breed and club, and fulfills a desire to advance the progress of the breed. All of the members involved deserve our thanks for their hard work and attention. The committees represent a broad spectrum of club initiatives, including archives preservation, auction, the Aussie Store, awards, the calendar, health, legislation liaison, *AKC Gazette*, *Talkabout*, supported entry, historian, and others that I have not remembered to list here, but are equally important. Their work, so vital to the club's operations, is detailed in this and other

issues. Please take the time to read about these initiatives, especially those that interest you. Think about what you may be interested in helping with. Many of you have skills and abilities that the committee chairs would love to hear about. Members, for the future of this club, please contact those on the committees if you want to get involved.

Now I want to address those of you who are subscribers, perhaps new

Aussie owners. Maybe you are reading this and wonder just what a dog club is and what its members do. Well, we are not just the National, though it is an important event. We are all of the initiatives you are reading about. Do you want to become involved in helping to ensure the future of our favorite breed, the Australian Terrier? Think about joining ATCA and helping. Even if you are thinking, "I am just a pet owner. What can I do and would I even fit in?" Yes, you will! Your support and membership is sought at this time.

Once again, many thanks to all who helped make ATCA a success in 2012. What a great start to 2013 we have had in Palm Springs!



REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE ORLANDO, FL MEETINGS

13-14 December 2012

William I. Christensen, MD, MPH, Delegate

Canine Health Committee:

Delegates were reminded of the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program whereby Purina "weight circles" can be submitted by members feeding Purina in order to generate funds split between the Parent Clubs' health research and education efforts and the Canine Health Foundation donor advised funds. The total amount of money contributed by Purina thus far in 2012 is \$323,000.

Apply at www.PurinaProClub.com.

Attempts at initiating dialogue with the American Veterinary Medical Association had apparently resulted in a meeting to be scheduled between the AVMA and AKC senior staff. The goal would be to advance the interests of the purebred dog community versus the animal rights advocates in the official positions taken by the AVMA.

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists has switched the registry to which they contribute eye examination results from CERF to the OFA. OFA forms are considered to be more "user friendly," and the canine ophthalmologists do not have to pay for the forms as they do the CERF forms. Both CERF and OFA forms will continue to be submitted to CHIC.

Investigation as revealed that there is no "new Parvo" as has been reported in some news accounts. It seems that the "herd immunity" of the canine community is decreasing as owners become more reluctant to administer vaccines. Veterinarians on the committee suggested that two Parvo immunizations be given after 12 weeks of age, with the second administered after 16 weeks of age. A titer should be drawn at one year, and, assuming that this is adequate, the vaccine repeated every 2-3 years.

Renewed attempts at outreach to the 26 American veterinary schools are being made under the direction of MaryBeth O'Neill, a member of the AKC staff. Parent or member clubs in the vicinity of a veterinary school are being asked to contact her for guidance in initiating an "ambassador" program to the school.

Parent Clubs Committee:

Congratulations were expressed for passage of the "Three Point Major Reserve" amendment at the September meeting. (The Parent Club Committee had been a strong supporter of this amendment.)

Requirements for the "Parent Club of Excellence" award are being developed. These will focus on the numbers of new members added as well as the goal of having 100% of members' litters and dogs registered with AKC.

More discussion was held concerning the coincidence of judges' seminars and dog shows. The AKC Board has lifted its prohibition on the holding of a judges' seminar on a particular breed prior to that breed being judged on the same weekend. However, individual judges are not to examine dogs which may be exhibited under them in seminars held prior to the judging of the particular breeds under discussion. CGC titles will be awarded beginning 01/01/2013. Twelve hundred applications have already been received at \$20 per application. Dogs receiving this title must be either registered with AKC or enrolled in the Canine Partners program.

Every parent club is encouraged to designate a member to participate in the AKC Companion Events List. Enrollment information was said to have been e-mailed to parent club presidents and secretaries but was apparently not received by all clubs. This will be re-sent with a copy to the delegates. E-mail links were given as: bmann4@woh.rr.com or SetterDogs@aol.com.

Delegates Meeting:

Three proposed amendments to the AKC bylaws were read. The first would add to the objects of the AKC: "to advance canine health and well-being." The second would allow licensed agility clubs holding at least 3 agility trials in 3 consecutive years to apply to the AKC for designation as "member clubs." Fifty-five such licensed agility clubs are eligible at this time. The third would reduce the number of yearly delegate meetings from four to three and suggest that two meetings be expanded from two days to three days in order to enable increased attendance at the various delegate committee meetings. I will solicit the opinion of the ATCA Board concerning these proposed amendments. Any ATCA member having an opinion concerning these amendments is asked to contact me or a member of the ATCA Board. The seven candidates for the AKC Board Class of 2013 were presented and questions posed to them. The candidates are: Lee Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Carl C. Ashby III, U.S. Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mount Baker Kennel Club; Dr. Thomas Davies, Springfield Kennel Club; Alan Kalter, American Bullmastiff Association; Gail A. LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; and Harvey M. Woodring, Westminster Kennel Club. Any ATCA member having an opinion concerning these candidates is asked to contact me or a member of the ATCA Board. Voting will occur at the March Delegates' Meeting in Newark, NJ.

In response to the "President's Challenge," aimed at increasing the political clout of AKC, \$38,848 has thus far been contributed to the AKC Political Action Committee and \$52,166 to the Canine Legislative Support Fund. PAC contributions must be made by individuals but may be submitted by a club as a list of names and amounts donated to AKC; Legislative Support Funds may be contributed directly by the clubs.

For fiscal (calendar) year 2012 so far, revenues and expenses of the AKC are in balance. There has been some increase in investment gains, contributing to a net income for the year. The bad news is that both litter and dog registrations continue to fall, with an approximate decrease of 50,000 per year in overall dog registrations. There are currently approximately 500,000 dogs registered. Needless to say, this is an ominous trend.

A summary of minutes for each of the Committee Meetings and the Delegate Meeting will appear in the online AKC Gazette.

I will have access to the full meeting minutes if any member should be interested in reviewing them.

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Recording Secretary's Report Darlene Evans

AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB BOARD MEETING – January 2, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 am by the President Alexa Samarotto.

Members of the Board in attendance: Teresa Schreeder, Tamara Gaudet, Thalia Rott, Jeanne Popovits, Alexa Samarotto, Gerald Walsh, Kreg Hill, Kerrie Bryan, Darlene Evans, (Grace Cartwright and Sandra Weigle via Skype). William Christensen, delegate, was also in attendance.

Members absent: Mike Palazzo and Eva Campbell.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Board. The Archive Preservation Database and Awards Committee reports were moved to the Regular Agenda. The rest of the Consent Agenda was approved with the exception of the Treasurer's budget proposal.

Unfinished Business:

Three new members were approved for membership into ATCA.

Lisa Nance
Hollace Bamford
Frances Pierce

The Treasurer, Kreg Hill, requested that it not be the Treasurer's responsibility for publishing the Membership Directory. This task will be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary, Darlene Evans, who will ensure that it will be published and distributed to members by the end of September each year. The President thanked the Recording Secretary for assuming this much-needed task.

A motion was made by Kreg Hill "not to rejoin the National Animal Alliance" which was seconded by Kerrie Bryan and was passed. The Budget portion of the Treasurer's report will be redone and resubmitted to the Board within the next 30 days.

In the report from the Aussie Store, Susan Saulvester, it was stated that there were excess pin brushes and the Board decided that the excess pin brushes will be used for the supported entry trophies (conformation and obedience). Alexa stated originally the thought was that the brushes were too expensive for Supported entry trophies and the hope was that the Club could sell them but she would take the brushes at this time since they did not sell as expected. Susan also recommended that in the future on calendar orders that the website contain a phrase "to be mailed on or before Nov. 1st". Kerrie stated that she would include it on the website in the future.

Judge's education was discussed and a proposal was made by Teresa Schreeder as a recommendation to the Judge's Education Committee "1. The Committee must update the current list of presenters and get back to the Board within 60 days. 2. A proposed curriculum and visual presentation professionally done along with budget is to be presented to the Board in 4 months. 3. A training and certification process to become a presenter is to be presented to the Board in 6 months." was seconded by Kreg Hill and was passed.

Sandra Weigle requested that Public Education/Breed Referral be allowed to discontinue the "whelping box." The Board supported this decision.

A paper ballot vote was taken on 2 candidates for the "AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2013." The two candidates are Sue Bachman and Barbera Curtis. The winner will be announced at the annual dinner.

A proposal was made by Kerrie Bryan and seconded by Jeanne Popovits to grant "lifetime membership" to Mary Mead. Mary has been an active member of ATCA since 1979 and is active in the Colorado Regional Club. She has always supported the Australian Terrier and it was with great pride that the Board granted this membership. Two people were appointed to count the "judges' ballot": Jerry Walsh and Tammy Gaudet.

All proceeds from the silent auction at the 2013 National Specialty will go into the General Administrative Fund. This motion was made by Kreg Hill and seconded by Thalia Rott. Motion passed.

Ida Ellen Weinstock updated the Board on future specialties. The 2014 National in Colorado was updated by Kerrie Bryan. Ida Ellen will supply a copy of the judge's contract to the Recording Secretary which will then be presented to the Board. As long as there is an independent specialty, the contract should include a request for a 6-month moratorium in judging Australian Terriers. The 2015 National in Tennessee is also underway with the judge to be selected from the ballots being turned in at the 2013 Specialty in Palm Springs. Great Western in Long Beach, CA, was approved for the 2016 National. Future sites were discussed and Jerry Walsh will put together a proposal for 2017 in MA – June timeframe.

The Archive and Preservation Committee was given permission to store the material on the Internet and giving access to ATCA members who have a need. A proposal to allow \$300 for the completion of the indexing of the older material and preparing it for storage at AKC was made by Kreg Hill and seconded by Teresa Schreeder. Motion passed. The Awards Committee report – A recommendation was made that a quarterly reminder should be sent out via the website (Kerrie Bryan) calling for submissions to the Award Committee for the various awards. The Henderson Award will be re-established for titles acquired in Novice, Open or Utility. This award is to be funded by private donation only and will have no impact on ATCA financials.

The President reported that there is unfinished business in establishing the *The Talkabout* Editorial Board which was discussed and established in St. Louis and was to be ready by this meeting. The Board will consist of the heads of the Public Education, Judges' Education, Health Committees, *The Talkabout* and *Gazette* Editor, and were to have a procedure and guidelines set up. The President will ask the Vice-President, as head of Public Ed, to take the lead role and will work to follow up to ensure that guidelines and procedures are set.

ATCA was required to appoint 2 additional ATCA Board members to the AusTTrust. Jeanne Popovits and Kerrie Bryan were so appointed and join Teresa Schreeder, Marilyn Harban, Sandra Weigle, Caren Holtby and Kreg Hill.

Several issues are still under discussion:

- Illustrated Standard – The Board would like an update as to plans – Judges Education Committee
- ATCA logo – update – Jane Tenor
- Disband inactive committees as needed: Alexa Samarotto
- Look at fund raisers such as Futurity and present a proposal – Jeanne Popovits and Teresa Schreeder
- Breeder referral updating involvement with CHIC and Health – Sandra Weigle and Teresa Schreeder

COMMITTEE REPORTS – 1/2/13

ARCHIVE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

– Darlene Evans & Sue Bachman

In 2012 we were advised that our guidelines were approved by the ATCA Board.

1. In November a notice was sent to all committee chairs and officers requesting that 2012 archival data be sent to Darlene Evans at the beginning of 2013. At that time a request was made for previous years as there is missing data.
2. In 2011, the archives were reviewed and those documents identified as worthy of storage were packed for storage at AKC. That material remains in storage at Sue Bachman's house awaiting the final step of listing all of the documents in a table of contents. All of these documents have been scanned and digitally stored.
3. The original pedigrees have not been scanned/archived. The Historian needs to send them to Darlene Evans for scanning and then for storage at AKC.

Budget Item:

The Archive Committee is requesting that \$60 per year be allocated for offsite electronic storage at Carbonite.com. For this fee, there is no limit on the size of data. Currently the size is 28gb of data. This allows access from the membership. Data may be viewed but cannot be changed. A demonstration will be set up at the 2013 National.

REPORT OF THE AUSSIE STORE -- Susan Saulvester

The store continues to generate a small but dependable profit for the Club. We are currently competing with commercial sites as eBay, Amazon, and Café Press where many dog and breed related items are available for purchase and are easy to find, plus we have a limited budget to use in purchasing new items. Calendars sold through the Store and the grooming CD continues to be the top selling items. Since the treasurer has assumed responsibility of the Store's book keeping this past, year, Kreg can provide you with income and expenses to date.

The artwork offered by Claudia Coleman for use by ATCA has been put on hold temporarily, as it was discovered that once artwork is submitted to Café Press, although it remains the property of the artist, it may be used on any and all products that Café Press sells, and it was felt that this particular art would not lend itself to some of their items well. There were many of the pin brushes with the club logo left over from the June specialty. Since none of them have sold via the store, the board may wish to look at other ways they can be utilized such as for supported entry trophies in the future. Only one person has ever redeemed one of the store gift certificates now being given, so there should be some thought given to changing the obedience and rally supported entry trophies to something more useful.

A professional looking flyer for a non-member subscription to our newsletter is now being mailed with store and calendar orders to non-members, hoping to interest pet people in the Club.

I browsed other Terrier club's store web sites in preparation for this report. Some of them (Welsh) don't offer anything for sale, while the Westies have quite an on line business going. Some offer an annual Christmas ornament, new each year, or a collectible pottery item new each year, but I do not feel ATCA has a large enough buyer base to undertake any of these projects.

I suggest that to keep our Pay Pal sales in compliance with Federal Regulations in 2013, the calendars, which may be ordered early in the year for delivery later, contain the phrase "to be mailed on or before" and give a date.

Budget Item

I do not anticipate expense for the Store in 2013 to exceed \$150 except for postage, including calendar postage.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE – Susan Saulvester

Committee: Susan Saulvester, Chair

Barb Curtis, Thalia Rott

There are only four members who submitted requests for new title plaques this year. These will be announced at the banquet. There was one breed first this year: Heather Rife and Reggie achieved their EE2 (Enduro Earthdog 2) title. A list of all new AKC titles is sent to the Newsletter Editor for quarterly inclusion in the Newsletter. The Awards Committee supports the proposed reinstatement of the original Henderson Obedience Awards which would be funded by a private donor. See attached.

2013 MEMBERS' AWARDS

Sherrill Yates

Champion 6-13-2010 - CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate

Rally Novice 5-27-12 - CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate RN

Beginner Novice 9-23-12 - CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate RN BN

Rita Farmer

Champion 8-26-12 - CH Marble Arch Dancing In The Moonlight

Sandra Weigle

Champion 6-4-12 - CH Marble Arch The Corner Man

Grand Champion 8-26-12 GR - CH Marble Arch The Corner Man

Marilyn Harban

Champion 9-16-12 CH - Dreamtime Razzle Dazzle

Heather Rife

EE2 (Enduro Earthdog 2) - Reggie

VERSATILITY AWARDS

There are 7 members who qualified for the Versatility Award under the Dec 2011 approved guidelines and 2 who achieved the Versatility Excellent Award. Names are attached. These plaques will be presented at the banquet.

2013 VERSATILITY AWARDS

Ch Aussume Derringer CD, RE - Diana Wilkie and Michelle Bell

CH Blue Moon Times They R A-Changn' CD, BN, RE - Sherry Cooper and Celeste Platte

Roachan's It's Meant To Be CD, RA, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP - Ann Roache

CH Abq Cimina Christhill CD, GN, RE - Kreg Hill and Bill Christensen

CH Kambara's Aviatrix RN, JE, NAJ - Kim Floyd

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High CD, BN, RE, OA, OAJ - Pat Maynard

CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate RN BN – Sherrill Yates

VERSATILITY AWARD EXCELLENT

GR CH Rock Village Izabella Dinki-Di, ME, CAA - Susan A Jacobsen

Greyrock Soaring to Heaven CDX, BN, GN, RA, MX, MXJ, NF

- Barbera Curtis

The Awards Committee will review and reevaluate the point system for the VA and submit an updated proposal to the Board after the New Year. The Awards Committee consists of three members who have advanced titles in each of the AKC venues open to this breed. This Committee has implemented awards programs available to all ATCA members that are as fair and equitable as possible, are easy and straightforward to understand, and the required record keeping done by the Committee is simple.

In 1995 Barb Curtis and I approached the Board with the concept of a Versatility Award for members who pursued additional AKC titles with their dogs. The Guidelines were based on the point systems other Clubs had in place at that time, particularly the Corgi Club and the

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AKC VCD1. The Versatility Awards have evolved over time, most recently being updated and approved in Dec. 2011, with changes suggested in 2012.

Budget:

Based on this year, I would set \$250 each for Members and for VA.

HENDERSON OBEDIENCE AWARDS PROCEDURES

Established in 1974 by Jane Henderson

Revised 2013

SCOPE: This award will be given annually to the dog/handler team with the highest sum of three qualifying scores in only Novice A or Novice B, Open A or Open B, or Utility A or Utility B. The same dog/handler may win this award in all 3 categories (Novice, Open and Utility).

PURPOSE: This award is to recognize the achievements of acquiring a Novice, Open or Utility AKC title.

QUALIFICATION:

1. Applicant must be a member of ATCA in good standing. At least one of the qualifying scores must be earned after being a member of ATCA for 6 months.
2. The applicant with the 3 highest average score for Novice A or B will be awarded the Henderson Obedience Award for Novice. Once a dog handler team has won this award, that particular dog/handler team is no longer eligible for this level award.
3. The applicant with the 3 highest average score for Open A or B will be awarded the Henderson Obedience Award for Open. Once a dog/handler team has won this award, that particular dog/handler team is no longer eligible for this level award.
4. The applicant with the 3 highest average score for Utility A or B will be awarded the Henderson Obedience Award for Utility. Once a dog/handler team has won this award, that particular dog/handler team is no longer eligible for this level award.
5. Qualification period is from 60 days prior to ATCA National date to 60 days prior to following ATCA National date.

SUBMISSION:

1. The applicant is responsible for submitting their request to the Awards Committee which must contain their scores and a copy of their Certificate of Title from AKC. This may include scores obtained while the dog is completing its title, as well as scores obtained while the dog is being shown for 60 days following the completion of its title as allowed by AKC.
2. Submission for the Henderson Award must be received 60 days prior to the National.

AWARD:

1. Each category (Novice, Open, and Utility) winning applicant will receive an award of \$50 cash.
2. Each winning applicant will receive a certificate from ATCA titled "Henderson Award for Excellence in Obedience."
3. The award will be distributed at the ATCA Annual Meeting. If the applicant is not present, the check and certificate will be mailed.

FUNDING:

1. Funding for the \$150 annually will be through private contributions and not from ATCA funds. Excess will be held by the ATCA Treasurer and will remain in the Henderson Award Fund for future years.

ROM - Kendall and Mike Liga

The ROM Guidelines were updated this year. The ROM report is submitted separately.

BREEDER'S AWARD - Marilyn Harban

These will be presented at the banquet

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD 2013 REPORT

- Alexa Samarotto

A Call for Nominations for this Award together with the AKC's qualifications for Outstanding Sportsmanship and the ATCA's initial procedures were published as required in *The Talkabout* in 2012. There were 2 candidates nominated for this award: Barb Curtis and Sue Bachman and the Board will vote on these names at the Annual Board Meeting.

The 2013 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Medallion will be awarded to the winner at the Banquet after the 2013 ATCA Specialty.

The AKC has left the structure of the program up to each individual club to decide its own process and criteria.

- Nominees must have abided by the AKC Sportsman Code of Ethics in all cases.
- 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. Nominators are encouraged to write a brief blurb on why they feel their nominee should win.
- The ATCA Board and officers will vote on the winner 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.

Nominations for the award should be forwarded to me at Samabelaus@aol.com or send me the nomination by mail.

2013 AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD NOMINEES

FIRST NOMINEE: Sue Bachman

I strongly recommend Sue Bachman for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award granted through ATCA. I believe this award is not only for how you interact with fellow exhibitors but how throughout the year you support all owners of Australian Terriers or potential owners. Sue effortlessly gives up her time each year to help decorate our Aussie bench at the Golden Gate Kennel Club Bench Show which is 2 hard days of meeting people and talking to them about the merits of the Australian Terrier. Over time, she has supported multiple other shows such as the Eukanuba and regional shows that have a "meet the breed."

At events, Sue wants everyone to have a good time, be competitive, but gracious at all times to all exhibitors. She is always willing to step in and give advice on how to best present your dog. Sue is always willing to step in and groom a dog's tail (and it is the best tail). She will take the time at any show to explain the good and bad about our breed. When someone approaches Sue and wants to know about our breed because they are interested in either judging or acquiring one, Sue will always find the time to talk to them. She will show them the dogs that are there, and let them go over the dogs.

Sue has NEVER said no to a rescue that needs a temporary home. She will work with the dog and make the dog feel comfortable in its new environment. Sue also helps people who are having trouble with a dog in advising them how to handle the situation or bring the dog to her place and see what can be done.

Sue will work on any committee to making arts/crafts for trophies at NCTA, to Treasurer of ATCA, to Archive Co-Chair, to National Specialty Show Chair and to Trophy Chair for the 2013 National. Sue has also opened up her kennel and house when an emergency arises such as boarding my dogs when I was so sick, boarding Diane's dog when she fractured her back in a car accident, and taking care of Judy's dogs.

Sue is a very strong advocate of the Australian Terrier, Australian Terrier Club of America and its members, and Australian Terrier Rescue. I am proud to know her and call her a friend.

Darlene Evans

Darlene Evans has nominated Sue Bachman for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award granted through ATCA. I strongly echo the nomination of Sue for this award.

My first Australian Terrier was a 9 month old rescue puppy, Rott's Little Orphan Andy, CGC. We were entered in Novice B Obedience at Sacramento KC about 20 years ago. Sue Bachman stopped me as we walked by her setup and said, "Where did you get your Australian Terrier?" She then spent several hours showing me how to groom him and went out of her way to make me feel that my little dog was really something special (which he truly was). After Andy's death 10 years later, I contacted Sue to ask about acquiring another Australian Terrier. I told her that I didn't expect to be able to "replace Andy" but was hoping to find a dog with a similar temperament. To make a long story short, I purchased CH Ryba's Beat The Odds, CD, RE (Bugs) from Sue. She was 100% right on in matching me with Bugsie.

Sue spends countless hours mentoring, encouraging and giving advice. She is never too busy to answer a question, check to see if your dog is being gaited and/or groomed properly, putting the finishing touches on tails, giving moral support and is always there with congratulations, even if your dog places over her dog. Sue can be counted on for honest, non-biased and knowledgeable advice where the Australian Terrier breed is concerned. Add to all these assets her great sense of humor and it is easy to see why those of us who are lucky to count her as a friend are truly blessed.

Sue has given selflessly to ATCA, serving as Treasurer for many years. She is a great spokesman for ATCA. I've never know her to say no if asked to serve on a committee or help where ever needed. But, her true asset is spending time talking to people, especially those new to the breed. I know from personal experience that you can call her any time and she always is there for support.

She spends 2 long days every year in San Francisco at the Golden Gate KC bench show talking to anyone who stops by the booth for information.

I hope that ATCA will give the AKC Outstanding Sportsman Award to Sue Bachman.

Sincerely,
Thalia Rott

SECOND NOMINEE: Barbera Curtis

I would like to recommend Barbera Curtis as recipient of the 2013 AKC Good Sportsmanship Award. Barb has been a tireless worker and supporter of all things Australian Terrier since 1977. Since that time she has served as ATCA President, Vice President, and several terms on the Board. She has also chaired various committees and served as National Specialty Chair. In addition, her record of achievement with her own dogs stands alone. Barb had the first and to this date only Australian Terrier to achieve ALL the AKC titles offered for this breed at that time (Ch Greyrock Fire and Wind, UD, TDX,NA, JE), our first and only Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) and VCD2 (Cross-wind Blue Mist, VCD2, UD and Ch Greyrock Kelly Green Fire, VCD2, MXP,AXJ,MJP,RA). She has the breed's only TDX title, and is the only ATCA member to have achieved two Master Agility Champion (MACH) titles on two different dogs. Barb regularly represents the breed at national competitions and is the only member to have a dog qualified in both obedience and agility for the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational. For most of the Board who are not familiar with this array of titles, each represents a great deal of time and commitment in training for the different venues, and a dog handler team must work as one and have an emotional connection to qualify at these levels of competition.

In addition to having Australian Terriers in venues where this breed is rarely seen, she has served as Training Director and instructor for the Longs Peak Dog Training Club since shortly after her arrival in Colorado years ago. Barb is an AKC Rally judge.

Barb single handedly started and founded what has become Australian Terrier Rescue Inc and has been one of its most loyal supporters.

She is devoted to this breed, showing to top levels a breed not often seen in advanced obedience and agility and tracking. She is loyal to her friends, and always ready to help another member with their dog or a training problem or to help any Australian Terrier in need.

I am honored to call Barb Curtis a friend and she has been a good friend to the breed and to the Australian Terrier Club as well

Susan Saulvester

Nominees were submitted for the award for 2013

CALENDAR 2012 ANNUAL REPORT – Darlene Evans

- A consolidation was made in the cost of the calendar whereby there was a set fee which also included the shipping costs. This made things simpler for buyers to determine how much to send. I would recommend keeping Michael Langham's idea going for future years.
- There were more requests for calendar pages than pages. This is a good sign that members do enjoy showcasing their Aussies in the calendar. The pictures that were submitted were great and very little had to be done to incorporate them in the calendar. The cost per page is still \$50 and the ATCA member will receive 1 free calendar.
- Even though there was little time and there were not a lot of pictures submitted for the photo cover contest, the quality of the photos made decisions difficult for the selection panel of Sue Bachman and Jean Popovits.
- The cost per calendar printing was \$9.05 each with the selling price of \$15.00 which leaves a profit of \$5.95. Based on recommendation from previous years, 320 were purchased. This means that you have to sell 153 to break even. 139 were distributed on the initial mailing.
- The Memorial page was quite full. It is sad to see the loss of so many loved Aussies. The stories that people send along with their photos bring tears to your eyes as you feel their love and loss.

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- Norma Rowley volunteered to work alongside and helped in cleaning up a couple of the memorial photos. Thanks.
- The way the orders are taken for the calendar needs to be streamlined. Realizing that orders from the members are included in the dues, and orders from the Stores, there must be a better way to coordinate this activity. The data needs to be in a spreadsheet so labels can be computer generated for mailing. Because all of the addresses had to be handwritten, Sue Bachman volunteered to help.
- The generation of the calendar is not difficult – the selling of the calendar is what makes it difficult. With the economy being what it is, people are reluctant to spend money. We need a way to peddle them otherwise the profit from the calendar will not grow. We currently rely on people going to our website, members who order, and repeat customers.

Goal for 2013

- Train a back-up editor
- Try to reduce the cost of manufacturing the calendar to allow for greater profit to ATCA
- Do not increase selling price of calendar

Budget for 2013

| | 2012 Actual | 2013 Estimate |
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| Printing | \$2896 | \$3000 |
| Postage | \$ 30 | \$ 30 -sending to ATCA stores |
| Income | \$1500* | \$1500* *anticipate sales of 300 |

AKC GAZETTE BREED COLUMN

- Columnist – Grace Cartwright, gracec@vims.edu

Articles sent to AKC Gazette to be published in 2012 were:

February 2012 – What is your type?

May 2012 – Why won't you sell me a breeding pair of Aussies?

August 2012 – Dogs are like potato chips....

November 2012 - We weep with joy and sorrow

All articles since I started writing them in November 2007 have been sent to:

Darlene Evans, Archive Committee Chairman, to be kept in the electronic archives

Kerrie Bryan, Web Master, to be published on the web and

Julie Seaton, *The Talkabout* Editor, to be published in *The Talkabout*

I am always looking for new material to write about. If anyone has any ideas for an article or would like to serve as guest columnist please let me know!

ATCA HEALTH REPORT- Teresa Schreeder

In the last year the Health Committee has been bringing Health issues and concerns to the forefront of the membership's awareness including the following:

Completed:

- Health Survey –has been up on line x 1 yr. it will close 12/31/12 576 responses to date (11/28/12) with 228 new to Health Survey, see attached summary of the survey results status completed
- CERF clinic held in conjunction with the National in St. Louis 5/12, as well as DM blood draws status completed see report attached
- Canine Health Foundation dues paid
- CHF Study 01248 Whole Genome Association Analyses for Cryptorchidism in Dogs this study did find chromosome 27 to be involved, further studies will be done final report attached

- Study 01390-A the use of Mycophenolate in the Treatment of Primary Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia the drug was found effective with minimal side effects final report attached
- Reduced cost Health Testing for the 2013 National we were unable to get CERF to come in and Breeders Veterinary Service did offer 10% discount for the group no takers

Ongoing:

- DM Pilot started 9/11-9/12 has now been changed to a data base with annual blood checks for dogs, posted on the ATCA website status ongoing
- CHIC 35 dogs have followed thru with the updated health guidelines, an \$80 rebate was started for the first 100 dogs that started/updated CHIC after 2010, 27 dogs have currently qualified for the rebate. Development of the CHIC pin to go to all the owners of dogs that complete CHIC status ongoing
- Participation in the Aussie Trust in conjunction with Education status ongoing
- Newsletter updates of the Longevity and Health incident Reports, CHIC dogs published quarterly status ongoing
- Canine Health Foundation ongoing research
- Study01678-A Apoptosis- Programed Cell Death to Red Cell Destruction in Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia, the study is closed but no final report
- Study01312 Association mapping study of Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease the study is still open but no updates at this time
- Grooming CD Revenue Generation ongoing

Next Year Health Goals:

- DNA Clinic to be started at the 2013 National Specialty, possible a mailing to members to cheek swab their dogs at home
- In Conjunction with Breeder Referral establishing a 2 tier system for Breeder referral those that have completed CHIC with an explanation of what CHIC is and those Breeders who do not participate in CHIC
- Research the feasibility of supporting a Vet School scholarship \$250-500 /year offered by the club to 1 or more schools, students to apply for the funds annually
- Continue to approach Dr. Neff regarding using Aussies in research for Epigenetics
- Develop a plan for fundraising for Australian Terrier Health and Trust
- Encourage all members and non-members to support health thru online survey blood samples or CHIC
- Continue to answer Health questions within the committee's scope of knowledge from Website

Blood Glucose Pilot Study

- The study has been up and running for 1 year. The purpose of the study was to make owners aware of the Blood Glucose levels in their dogs.
- The study asked for 2 blood draws 6 months apart. Of the 85 dogs tested, only 16 (19%) of these did the second blood draw. The 16 dogs completed the trial. 15 dogs remained normal and 1 dog converted to Diabetic.
- The results from the study will be used to establish an annual Blood Glucose Data base which will be submitted to the ATCA website for posting. These results could potentially help researchers when looking for dogs for their clinical studies.

Update for the Health Survey

- The Australian Terrier Club of America's Health Survey has been online for 12 months at Orthopedic Foundation for Animals website (www.offa.org). 580 dogs have been surveyed during that time, 242 males and 323 females. The top five concerns of owners in the order of concern are: allergies, diabetes, skin disorders, cancer and eye problems.
- The overall health of the breed is felt to be excellent / good. The average age reported to the survey is between 1-5 years. The primary health test done for Australian Terriers is patella luxation. Of those tested, 119 dogs showed no luxation and 22 dogs had grade 1 patella luxation.
- The survey offered many areas to be documented on such as feeding habits, the number of litters produced, and the types of vaccines used. The findings were remarkably similar across the board. Many people use a wet dry combo for foods, a significant number of people do titers for the vaccines, and the average number of litters is 1-5. The followup questions regarding breeding and litters have noted issues with cryptorchidism, inguinal hernias, no tail/no rectum and cerebellar hypoplasia (developmental disorder characterized by the incomplete or underdevelopment of the cerebellum. It may be genetic or occur sporadically.)
- The Health Survey will continue in an online format thru the OFA website (www.offa.org) every other year. If you have any concerns or additions to the survey please contact me via email, subject Health Survey (pete128@earthlink.net) thank you.

Budget for Health 2013

Income: donations private party and dues, Grooming CD
\$100 +/-

Expense:

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| Annual cost to Canine Health Foundation membership | \$250 |
| Mailing | \$100 |
| CHIC Rebate (dog balance) | \$80/dog (73) |



GRANT PROGRESS REPORT REVIEW

Grant: 01390-A: The Use of Mycophenolate in the Treatment of Primary Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia
Principal Investigator: Dr. Laura West, DVM
Research Institution: Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego
Grant Amount: \$6,339.50
Start Date: 4/1/2010 End Date: 9/30/2011
Progress Report: 18 month
Report Due: 9/30/2011 Report Received: 9/12/2011

Recommended for Approval: Approved

(Content of this report is not confidential. A grant sponsor's CHF Health Liaison may request the confidential scientific report submitted by the investigator by contacting the CHF office. The below Report to Grant Sponsors from Investigator can be used in communications with your club members.)

Original Project Description:

Immune mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA) is an autoimmune condition caused by the body attacking its own red cells. Approximately 1 in every 3 affected dogs die from the disease or its complications (either naturally or through humane euthanasia). The mainstay of treatment is suppression of the immune system to stop the destruction of the red cells; this typically involves the use of prednisone (a corticosteroid) and a second immunosuppressive medication. However, the most effective treatment strategy remains unknown. Mycophenolate is an immunosuppressive drug used in human medicine for autoimmune diseases and prevention of rejection of liver or kidney transplants. It is currently being used with increasing frequency in veterinary medicine for the treatment of autoimmune conditions, including IMHA. The purpose of our study is to report the use of mycophenolate in the treatment of naturally occurring IMHA in client owned animals while providing additional standard of care therapies (blood transfusions, prednisone, low dose aspirin for clot prevention, and symptomatic therapies). We will determine the survival rate for our patients as well as average length of hospitalization, transfusion requirements, time to resolution of the anemia, and long term survival. We will compare our findings to IMHA cases treated at our hospital in 2009 without the use of mycophenolate as well as to previously published values in the literature. Our goal will be to determine if the use of mycophenolate in the treatment protocol appears to have a benefit and if further studies investigating the use of this drug are warranted.

Grant Objectives:

Hypothesis: Mycophenolate with prednisone will be an effective treatment option for primary IMHA.

Purpose: To document the use of mycophenolate as a first line drug used in combination with prednisone to treat primary IMHA and describe potential adverse effects.

Publications:

Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

In the past 18 months, we have enrolled five patients in our study. Although true efficacy cannot be assessed in the absence of a control group, the findings suggest that mycophenolate can be used in combination with prednisone in the treatment of IMHA. Close monitoring of cell counts, liver values, and kidney function have revealed no major adverse effects. The most common adverse effect noted has been diarrhea which can be severe in some patients, particularly if combined with vomiting and loss of appetite. Future studies are indicated to evaluate mycophenolate's efficacy in comparison to other commonly used immunosuppressants, such as cyclosporine, and to better understand the associated gastrointestinal adverse effects.



GRANT PROGRESS REPORT REVIEW

Grant: 01248: Whole Genome Association Analyses for Cryptorchidism in Dogs
Principal Investigator: Dr. Max F. Rothschild, PhD
Research Institution: Iowa State University
Grant Amount: \$74,104.00
Start Date: 1/1/2010 End Date: 12/31/2010
Progress Report: 12 month
Report Due: 12/31/2010 Report Received: 12/15/2010

Recommended for Approval: Approved

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Original Project Description:

Background: Cryptorchidism, or retained testicles, is one of the common congenital problems in dogs. The testes of cryptorchids are more prone to testicular cancer and infertility. Therefore, cryptorchids and animals carrying genes for cryptorchidism should be eliminated from the breeding population. Some evidence exists to suggest that it appears to be a multigenic trait but single genes with large effects may exist. In earlier studies, the researchers utilized a candidate gene approach using 50 polymorphisms (called SNPs) in 22 candidate genes and found that collagen 2A1 (COL2A1) was significantly associated with cryptorchidism in Siberian Huskies. Now, they need to use the whole genome association analysis which typically provides more comprehensive analyses of chromosomal regions associated with a particular trait. This will then allow them to confirm previous findings or suggest other contributing regions or genes.

Objective: The researchers will utilize a new tool called the canine SNP chip which allows them to genotype for over 200,000 genetic differences between affected and unaffected animals. All results will be published and available freely to all dog breeders and they also aim to develop a test to remove the defect from the population.

Grant Objectives:

Objective 1: Genome wide SNP genotyping of cryptorchid cases and controls using the Illumina CanineHD BeadChip with more than 170,000 SNPs

Objective 2: Statistical analyses to discover SNPs associated with canine cryptorchidism

Objective 3: Provide recommendations for breeders based on the association results

Publications:

Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

Cryptorchidism, or retained testicles, is one of the common congenital problems in dogs. The testes of cryptorchids are more prone to testicular cancer and infertility. Hence cryptorchids and animals carrying genes for cryptorchidism should be eliminated from the breeding population. Evidence exists to suggest that it appears to have a genetic cause. Therefore, the present study was performed to find the genetic differences on all chromosomes (genome wide) between 56 unrelated cryptorchid male dogs (cases) and 45 normal dogs (controls). More than 170,000 genetic differences called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) throughout the genome were tested between cases and controls using the Illumina CanineHD Genotyping BeadChip at GeneSeek, Lincoln, NE. Several advanced statistical methods were implemented to find the associated chromosomal regions and the genes within the regions for canine cryptorchidism. Our statistical association analyses for this defect indicated associated regions on chromosome 27 and chromosome 1. The associated region on chromosome 1 has a novel gene, whereas the associated region on chromosome 27 contained several genes including ATFI (Activating transcription factor 1), DIP2B (DIP2 disco-interacting protein 2 homolog B), MTTL7A (Methyltransferase like 7A) and ACVR1B (Activin receptor 1B). Some of these genes (DIP 2B and MTTL 7A) were thought to be involved in gene imprinting (their effect differs if they receive

the gene from the mother or the father). However, we performed some genetic imprinting tests which then excluded obvious imprinting phenomenon. By using a few other statistical methods, we identified the predominant association of an interesting combination of three genetic differences on chromosome 27 with the cryptorchidism in Siberian Huskies. Hence the present results are very exciting, but further studies using additional animals from this breed are needed to confirm the present results and testing other breeds is needed to establish a genetic test for all canine cryptorchidism.

ATCA HISTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT - Carol Sazama

In the 6 months since our last report, we participated in writing copy for the new AKC Dog Book. The AKC's format has changed, leaving an allotment of only 200 words (!) for each breed history. Other new sections include descriptions of function and structure, health, obtaining a new puppy, and specific AKC-licensed activities in which each breed may participate, and the Breed Standard.

It would appear the focus will now have greater relevance to each breed in modern times. This means that an in depth history of any breed depends even more on other sources of information written by breed experts, dog historians, and Parent Breed Club records, histories and compilations. This makes our Archives even more valuable going forward.

Fortunately the Australian Terrier is well-covered by several historical accounts, books and articles, but their availability varies greatly for purposes of the new fancier. This prompts two rhetorical questions; How to deal with this as a parent breed club and does our current arrangement for collecting pertinent information fit the need?

It appears the digital archives of the Australian Terrier Club of America have, as a result, become even more valuable and important to the student of our breed. Work on this digital archive must continue with funding from the ATCA with even greater resolve than before.

Maintenance of "the Lists" needs to be supported by more volunteer/members who like to do this work. For instance, every 10 years we should consider publishing an update of our historical "lists" of specialty winners, regional specialty winners, group placement awardees, Best in Show awards, top ten dogs and bitches, and the like – in much the same way as the ROM records are submitted and verified and Annual Awards are codified. Members could self-report given a set of lists that becomes the matrix for annual reporting.

I would welcome assistance with this record-keeping, and would hope to interest newer members in this activity.

Budget

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET for Historian: \$300

ATCA JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Jane Tenor, Chair
Committee Members – Carol Sazama, Ida Ellen Weinstock

JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The existing ATCA Judges Education Committee (JEC) Guidelines are in process of being posted on the ATCA website. The latest version is from 2011, and it is our understanding that all Board members are sent these various committee guidelines along with other standing rules at the beginning of each year. They include a rationale for the number of Presenters sanctioned by the Club's JEC and the process that has long been accepted practice for approval of any additional presenters when needed.

The JEC will review these Guidelines again in 2013 and make recommendations to the Board for any changes the Committee feels are needed to remain current with the needs of 2013. Among these is the need for additional input into the Committee's deliberations by adding additional members to the Committee itself.

ACTIVITY IN 2013

The Committee participated in 3 major requests for Breed presentations during the 2012 Club Year: 1) May 2012 for the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association in Frederick, Maryland; 2) August 2012, American Dog Judges Association, Indiana PA, and 3) December 2012 for the AKC Advanced Terrier Institute, Orlando FL combined with a Judges Education Coordinators Conference prior to the AKC-Eukanuba Dog Show.

All three were in the Eastern U.S. Ida Ellen Weinstock agreed to do two of these, and was assisted by Esther Krom for the Maryland presentation; Marilyn Harban with assistance from Sandra Weigle did the presentation in Indiana, PA.

PLANS FOR UPDATING THE CLARIFICATION OF THE STANDARD

The Committee has been looking to the time when the Club no longer has sufficient number of Standard Clarification Books available to meet distribution requirements and sale. This was alluded to in the May 2012 Annual Report to the Board and to the Membership. Not only will a more efficient digital format be considered, but also improvements to the text and illustrations. The ATCA Judges Education Committee will have primary responsibility for revising the existing document, and input from the members will be an essential part of this process. This will require additional financial support from ATCA, and the Judges Education Committee will work with the Board to assure that sufficient funds are developed and made available for this project.

BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee sees the need for a budget that will allow for a more predictable use of Club funds to support TRAVEL necessary to provide Presenters and an assistant when feasible/necessary, at important venues, without specific Board approval. The Committee feels it must have the authority and flexibility to organize participation in at least two such events each year, with contingency funds for a third event. The Committee further requests authority to decide which events should be scheduled, up to 3 events, WITHOUT SPECIFIC BOARD APPROVAL FOR EACH EVENT. We propose a budget for 3 events each calendar year, at an average cost of up to \$1000 per event. Actual expenditures will be no more than that amount, and often less. Experience has shown that there are years when we give only one Breed presentation.

AKC is beginning to organize occasional CONFERENCES for Judges Education Coordinators. Our club must be in a position to respond through its Judges Education Committee, and to schedule and send a representative or two to such conferences, much as we do for Health and Parent Breed Clubs conferences. Bear in mind these are NOT held every year, nor are we given a lot of notice on some of these AKC-sponsored events. Therefore we also request the amount of \$700 annually earmarked for RT airfare or mileage by car, per diem for meals and a minimum of 1-2 nights lodging for the JEC Coordinators conferences. It is clear we will not need these funds every year, but as a Committee we must be prepared to send an attendee from our ranks when such a conference does occur, without specific Board approval.

The Committee also requires a FUNCTIONAL BUDGET annually for basic needs related to maintaining the JEC Presentation materials with current technology, text and photographs, plus postage when needed by the Seminar organizers.

The Committee will review the specific proposed costs for each event and provide oversight of budgeted funds according to the travel policies set in general by the Board for any club-supported travel needs. Currently approved travel request forms will be the guidelines governing such travel within the annual budget approved by the Board.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2013: \$1,000 travel per trip for up to 3 Judges Education Events per year (3 x 1,000=\$3,000); \$700 for travel to Judges Education Coordinators Conference per year; \$300 per year for materials, postage, supplies – TOTAL \$4000

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Kerrie Bryan

The Legislative Committee has the mission of informing members of current legislation that may affect dog owners and advise them of action that may be taken.

The Committee continues to take the following actions in the past year:

1. Updated the Legislation Button on the ATCA web site. This button links to the AKC Taking Command Bulletins and is updated monthly.
2. Posted alerts under the News Bulletin page of the ATCA web site
3. Emailed Legislative alerts to individual members in any state that has proposed dog unfriendly legislation
4. Emailed all members monthly with the AKC Taking Command bulletins

PUBLIC EDUCATION/BREED REFERRAL - Sandra Weigle

As you know, our Breeder Referral Directory online lists available puppies and dogs and expected litters. It is a service to the public who are mainly looking for a pet. It has served both the public and our breeders well and will continue to do so.

The Whelping Box, which began in January 2011, is a mechanism for listing show potential puppies over the age of 8 weeks. It has been very sparsely used by our breeders. If there are no objections, I would like to discontinue it.

Participation in the Health Survey is a requirement for any breeder wishing to be listed in the Breeder Directory. I would like to encourage all our Breeders to also participate in CHIC. In 2013 Breeder Directory CHIC participation will be designated by a CHIC symbol next to the breeder's listing. This will give the public confidence that we are really interested in the health of our breed and are doing everything we can to produce healthy puppies. This is the same procedure we followed when the Health Survey participation was not mandatory.

In this the age of electronic communication when the public is looking for a puppy, they check the website first. From January through November 2012 the Breeder Referral page had 20210 hits. This is a 50% drop from the previous year. I get so few emails and phone calls that I do not keep track of the number.

Meet The Breed is our main Public Education outreach. We have participated in AKC's Meet The Breed event at the Javits Center in NYC since its inception. We have also have participated in Meet The Breed at Eukanuba every year since its beginning. We also participate in Meet the Breed at the International Show in Chicago. We supply brochures for the Montgomery County Breed Information table. We participated in MTB at Purina Farms as part of a MTB event sponsored by the MRKC. Hopefully, we will be able to participate in additional MTBs as the opportunity arises.

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My Budget request for 2013:

- Javits Center \$300.00 to help offset some of volunteers' expenses
- Eukanuba \$500.00 to help offset some of volunteers' expenses when they do not have a dog entered
- Postage and Shipping for banners \$300.00
- Web Advertising: \$500.00 to help us compete and drive traffic to our website/breeders

Total Budget Request: \$1600.00

The Breeder Referral Directory generates approximately \$800.00 in income annually. AKC also gives us \$300.00 to help with expenses at the Javits Center. Total income: \$1100.00.

SPECIALTY PLANNING COMMITTEE – Ida Ellen Weinstock
2014 – Longmont CO – Chair – Kerrie Bryan

Proposals were submitted for:

2015 - Chattanooga TN – Chair – Marilyn Harban
Co-Chair – Sandra Weigle

2016 – Long Beach CA – Chair – Eve Steele

Tentative Schedule – 2014 Longmont, CO

Wednesday May 28

Board Meeting- 9.00 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Welcome Night

Thursday May 29

Education Day

Lunch

Evening – Hospitality 7:00 – 9:00 Dessert and Coffee, Tea

Friday May 30

Independent 74th ATCA Specialty - 1 p.m.

Judge – Anne Katona (pending AKC approval)

Sweeps Judge – Beverly Bailey (pending AKC approval)

Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Annual Meeting and Banquet

Saturday May 31 Australian Terrier Club of Colorado Regional Specialty & ATCA Supported Entry Flatirons Kennel Club Dog Show
Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Lunch (after showing) on the grounds in an adjoining area.

Sunday

ATCA Specialty Supported Entry

Flatirons Kennel Club Dog Show Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Hotel- Marriott Springhill Suites (contract pending)

1470 Dry Creek Dr, 80503 Longmont

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/denbl-springhill-suites-boulder-longmont/>

Springhill Suites Boulder Longmont offers stunning Rocky Mountain views and oversized suites along Highway 119, just 15 minutes from Boulder and 40 minutes from Denver. Among the best hotels in Longmont, Colorado, Springhill Suites Longmont provides onsite amenities like free hot breakfast, a business center and a 24-hour fitness center. The hotel, which won Marriott's 2011 Silver Circle Award for guest services, features free upgraded Wi-Fi property-wide. Each of the 90 suites has 25% more space than those of other hotels in Longmont, Colorado, and features free Wi-Fi, new flat-screen TVs and luxury bedding. Host a function in the 3,600 sq. ft. of total event space, spread over four AV-equipped spaces.

The rooms are spacious with a fridge, microwave oven and coffee-maker. The charge will be around \$125 and there will be no pet fee.

The hotel is providing a grassy area for x-pens.

There is plenty of room for walking dogs at the hotel and in adjoining space.

Restaurants, coffee shops, department stores are within walking distance. The show site is 2.6 miles from the hotel.

Specialty Committee (Tentative)

Kerrie Bryan – Show Chair

Carol Sazama- Co -Show Chair

Sheila Dunn – Catalog ads

Hospitality – Eva Campbell

Grace Cartwright

Other members TBA

NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSAL CHATTANOOGA, TN
- SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

We would like to extend an invitation to the Australian Terrier Club of America to join the Chattanooga Kennel Club back-to-back All-Breed Shows held September 12 and 13, 2015. We will have an independent Specialty. Our Specialty will be held either at the Chattanooga Show Site or at our host hotel.

Chattanooga Kennel Club will make every effort to accommodate our choice of Judge in order to share expenses; however, our Judge choice must be submitted to the CKC Judges Selection Committee in a timely manner.

Chattanooga Kennel Club will also provide for Specialty and Supported Entries Days:

1. Rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch
2. Rosettes for Puppy and/or Veteran Sweepstakes for Best in Sweeps and Best of Opposite Sex
3. \$1.00 per dog entered in Confirmation on our supported days.
4. Complimentary page of advertising (no Photos) in Catalog in All-Breed Show
5. Onofrio is the Superintendent

The Chattanooga Shows are held at Camp Jordan Park and Arena. This facility is conveniently located 1/2 mile off Interstate 75 in East Ridge, a suburb of Chattanooga. The Show will be held in an air-conditioned building with two hundred dog friendly acres, 300 RV parking spaces with electric, water & a dump station on the grounds. There will be no cost for the use of the building.

We are working on accommodation proposals from the Clarion Inn and the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn. Both hotels have complimentary airport transportation service from the Chattanooga Airport. Atlanta and Nashville are major airports nearby. Both are approximately two hours from Chattanooga. Shuttle and limousine service is offered to and from Atlanta and Nashville. Each airport is an easy drive to Chattanooga. You may opt for a rental car.

Stay and spend a few days enjoying Chattanooga and the many things there are to see and do. The Tennessee Aquarium is not to be missed. There is also the Hunter Museum, Coolidge Park, which boasts a hand-carved carousel. If you are a history buff, Chattanooga

surrounds you with Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga Battlefield, and Signal Mountain...just to name a few historic sites.

We invite you to come and enjoy Tennessee Hospitality!
Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle

GREAT WESTERN TERRIER ASSOCIATION – 2016 Proposal – Eve Steele

Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California would like to invite the Australian Terrier Club of America to hold its year 2016 Specialty in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association's Terrier weekend on Saturday, June 25, 2016 or Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Queen Mary Events Park, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA.

The Great Western Terrier Association's group shows also offer obedience, junior showmanship and sweepstakes, culminating with the GWTA Terrier Bred By Group, GWTA Terrier Group Sweepstakes and Terrier Groups. Listed below is a proposed schedule of events:

Thursday, June 23, 2016 - Arrival for overnight parking
Friday, June 24, 2016 - Various Independent Specialties and GWTA Obedience
Saturday, June 20, 2016 - GWTA Group Show, Terrier Group and Bred By Group
Sunday, June 21, 2016 - GWTA Group Show, Terrier Group and Sweepstakes Group

Arrangements including hotel accommodations, meeting rooms, seminars, sweepstakes and specialty judging, lots of shade for grooming, breakfast, lunch and even dinner on the show site or the equivalent at the hosting hotel can be arranged. Just let us know your requirements.

(Report has been shortened – if you want the complete report – please send request to the Recording Secretary – Darlene Evans.)

ATCA SUPPORTED ENTRY TROPHY COMMITTEE - Alexa Samarotto
(And Awards of Merit and Mae Roo Trophies)

The ATCA Supported Entry Trophy Committee has the responsibility of keeping and sending the ATCA Supported Entry Trophies to the Liaison for each supported entry approved by the Board throughout the year, in a timely fashion, to be awarded to the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, and highest-scoring Aussie in Obedience at each supported entry. There are trophies for Rally (Gift Certificates for the Aussie Store).

At the end of 2010, the Awards Committee ordered a new supply of pewter plates. These, in addition to donations of trophies previously won and the addition of the black and gold mug, have enabled the supply to last until the end of this year.

There are sufficient Mae Roo Trophies for quite a few years.

There are just enough Awards of Merit Trophies (3 Pewter Key chains) for the entry for this Specialty if in keeping with the last Specialty where 3 were needed; in addition, we have a number of pewter and ribbon items that are suitable (pewter and gold ribbon, for example) that should be utilized rather than simply discarded as they have sufficient value and are attractive. After, we will need a new supply.

Trophies were mailed using Priority Mail boxes in the appropriate size box, which is the safest and most economical for this type of package. Estimated postage costs are less than \$100.

We have sufficient trophies for now but new ideas are being developed for the future.

TALKABOUT/NEWSLETTER – Julie Seaton -
Updates as of 11-27-2012

Members receiving the Newsletter via email - 156
Paying Non-Members receiving the Newsletter – 18
Non-Paying New Aussie Owners – 66
Paying Member/Judge Hardcopies - 31

Judges Receiving Email Addition - 182
Individual Hard copies sold (no subscription) – 15
Total Email Subscriptions: 422
Total Hardcopy Subscriptions: 31

The Cover is sold through Issue 3, 2014

With each printed addition I am ordering 40 copies, the extras are selling individually for \$7.00 each

Gross Income from Newsletter (1-12-2012 to 11-27-2012) - \$957.00

Expenses (1-12-2012 to 11-27-2012) - \$1226.40

Loss to date - \$269.40**

**Please note that many subscriptions expire with Issue 4, 2012.

Renewals will go out with Issue 4, 2012, so by the end of the year (12-31-12) we should be breaking even with renewed subscriptions.

Expected Expenses for 2013: \$1300.00

Expected Income for 2013: \$1300.00

One of the goals for the New Aussie owner subscriptions is that those people will sign up for the paid subscription at the end of their free year. This is approaching soon for many of them.

ATCA WEB SITE REPORT – Kerrie Bryan

SAME REPORT AS ISSUED AT 2011, AND 2012 ANNUAL BD MEETING

Date: September 2011 Committee Members: Kerrie Bryan, Sandra Weigle

The aim of the Website and Facebook is to provide relevant information to members and visitors.

1. Website Activities

Emails are sent to all members (individually) to remind them of current information as it is posted on the website, such as:

Regional Specialty: (Premium lists, Judging programs, results,)

National Specialty: (Premium lists, Judging programs, results, slide programs of activities)

News Bulletins: All information of interest to members is posted on a regular (dated) basis.

Send A Sunbeam: Information about members is posted so that we may support each other in difficult times.

Members: Updated Newsletters are now available in both Flipbook and PDF formats; a new section, the Whelping Box, (featuring show quality puppies) is available to members; Board minutes are posted regularly.

In Memoriam: Here we remember those members who have passed Store: This page is updated on a regular basis. Susan Saulvester and I work together on this.

Events: Results are now posted on the Events page as well as the Premium Lists and Judging Program

Judges Education: Upcoming judges Education programs are now posted on this page.

2. FACEBOOK: Sandra Weigle has done a great job in setting up and maintaining a FACEBOOK page.

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3. Area in need of improvement:

I would like to better report the results of the National Specialty. I received no report last year and when I asked for photographs from the winners, I received none. I suggest that the Board recruits a member(s) to write a report on the National Specialties and also encourages winners to send photographs to me.

REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN TERRIER RESCUE -

President: Darlene Evans Secretary: Susan Saulvester
Treasurer: Carole Larsen Board: Barb Curtis and Angie Bly

As this report falls at the end of the year, ATR may look back on the joys and challenges of helping Aussies this past year. In this difficult economy Rescue continues to serve as a valuable resource for people who must surrender their pets for financial, medical or personal reasons. ATR depends on its partnership with ATCA, its members, and our volunteers to be able to help the dogs.

The annual meeting of ATR was held during the Specialty weekend in June 2012. Following this meeting ATR has obtained liability insurance which includes coverage of our volunteers and foster homes. We have revised and updated our release, adoption and foster home contracts using the verbiage and guidelines suggested by the insurance company. ATR has amended its By Laws at the request of ATCA so that the current ATR Officers will nominate and elect their own officers, thus defining the relationship between but separation of ATCA and ATR.

Information

- Since June of 2012 ATR has received and adopted 10 dogs. There were 5 additional assists where we offered referrals resulting in adoptions from other legitimate rescue groups. ATR works closely with Yorkie Rescue, Cairn Rescue, and Silky Rescue, as each of our similar breeds tend to be misidentified in shelter situations.
- The ATR website generated 46,956 hits between Jan 1, 2012 and November 20, 2012, with 3,192 returning visitors. Forty six non members across the US volunteered to help tallied by applications filled out and left on the web site. ATR Facebook was created on 12-30-10 and currently has 398 "friends" around the world.
- The cost incurred by each rescue dog has increased as some dogs are older and require more veterinary care before placement. This year the economy and personal issues seem to be the reason dogs are becoming displaced.
- ATR reaffirms its policy of not accepting any known aggressive dog or dog with a history of biting.
- When a non-member inquires about adoption and gives the reason for the death of their previous Aussie, this information is sent on the Health Committee, thus giving more statistics from non-club members on health issues in our breed.

Our Corporate Charter with the State of Arizona is current and our IRS forms were properly filed this year.

ATR welcomes the involvement of more members with fostering and with transport. With more volunteers more dogs could be helped.

AGENDA TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION FOR THE BOD

- Submitted by Board Members – Teresa Schreeder and Darlene Evans

- Illustrated Standard
- Judges Breed Presentation
- Train New members of the ATCA BOD
- New ATCA Logo
- Review the committees and disband the inactive one or appoint a new chair who will be active. The remaining committee chairs will submit a budget to the Budget Committee (New) for approval
- Ways and Means is inactive and we need ideas to make money i.e. Futurity, top 20
- National Specialty must notify judges that they must not judge the breed for 6 mos prior to judging the National. Consider adding it to the contract they sign (This is in the Judging Contract)
- Breeder referral (already in discussion with Sandra)
- Aussie Store; assess value, revenue and products
- Reinstate Henderson Award – Darlene
- Appoint Chair for Membership and Mentoring Committee

Proposal: to remove club business (such as minutes, financials, correspondence) from *The Talkabout*. Establish a "newsletter" that only carries those few items and have it posted on the member's section of the website. Those members that do not have access would receive a hard copy if they desired such.

Justification: *The Talkabout* has become a publication and not really a "newsletter." It is being sold to non-members and being distributed to all terrier judges. Club business should be for club members only. This would free up *The Talkabout* for future activities such as advertising, etc. The By-Laws refer to "newsletter" and not by name "*The Talkabout*."

Implementation: The minutes would be written and sent to the webmaster for inclusion in the member's only section. At the same time the webmaster, as she is currently doing, continues to notify ATCA members of updates being posted. If members who have no access to the internet so desire, a hard copy could be mailed quarterly to them (which would be no more frequent than current.)

Consensus: I have talked to Julie Seaton and she supports the concept of moving the club business to a "newsletter." I have talked to Kerrie Bryan and she states that a "newsletter" could be incorporated into the website. Darlene Evans

Treasurer requests vote on whether or not to rejoin NAIA this year.

AUSTTRUST

AusTTrust Trustees' Board Meeting Minutes 2012

Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, Missouri
Thursday, May 31, 2012

Trustees Members in attendance:

Kreg Hill, Treasurer

Marilyn Harban, appointed Board Member

Sandra Weigle, Public Education Chair

Caren Holtby, Member-at-Large

Sherrill Yates, Member-at-Large

Absent: Teresa Schreeder, Health Education Chair and Michael Palazzo, appointed Board Member.

1. Officers were elected as follows: Kreg Hill, Chairman; Sherrill Yates, Secretary
2. Annual Campaign procedures were discussed. It was decided: A letter will be sent to all ATCA members explaining a Letter of Intent for Estate giving, the annual campaigns, how giving can occur, and the benefits of giving.
3. Use of Email vs. U.S.P.S. was discussed. It was decided to use email when possible; however, U.S.P.S. may be used when mailing with other items.
4. Naming of a legacy/recognition group was discussed. AusTTrust Heritage Society was popular with the Trustees. Further discussion will be held.
5. It was decided: A Presentation will be made on Education Day at the next ATCA National Specialty in Palm Springs, California, January, 2012. The different methods of giving to the AusTTrust will be discussed. There will also be an explanation given that any ATCA member can request use of the AusTTrust moneys for any health and education event. The ATCA Board will review these requests and forward their recommendations to the Trustees for the final decision on use of the funds.
6. It was decided: Committee members will be appointed by the Trustees as needed.
7. Logo: Caren Holtby volunteered to work on developing a Logo for the AusTTrust.
8. Canadian requirements and tax benefits: Caren Holtby volunteered to investigate and report.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrill Yates, Secretary

AusTTrust - 2013 - Need to elect two AusTTrust Trustees from among Board of Directors.

Public Ed Chair was appointed for a two-year term in 2012 and has one additional year to serve.

Health Chair was approved for a one-year term (2012).

- Request a two-year appointment of Health Chair to facilitate continuity of the appointment of these two Trustees.
- Request that this appointment be done prior to the 2013 AusTTrust Board meeting. This meeting is to be held annually in conjunction with each National Specialties per Operating Procedure of the Trust.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS FINAL VOTE
PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 28, 2012

Fran Pierce
Lisa Nance
Hollie Bamford

Applicants' names and sponsors have been published in *The Talkabout* Issue 4 for comment. None received. Board of 2012 and Board of 2013 have received membership applications, resumes and sponsor letters. Final vote is now called.

JANUARY 3, 2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Palm Springs, California

The Annual Membership Meeting of ATCA was called to order at 6pm on January 3rd by Alexa Samarotto. A quorum was present. All of the awards are to be presented at the dinner Friday evening.

Alexa thanked Kreg and his committees for putting together this 73rd National. Alexa also provided a highlight of some of the Board Actions.

- Mary Mead was granted Life Time Membership for all of her contributions and support of the Australian Terrier.
- Welcome to ATCA's 3 new members – Hollace Bamford, Lisa Nance and Frances Pierce.
- Judge's Education to update the list of presenters and provide a proposal on how to become a presenter as well as update the current presentation.
- The "whelping box" on the breed referral site will be discontinued.
- The AKC Sportsmanship award to be announced at the Annual dinner banquet.
- Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go the General Administrative Fund.
- Future National Specialties will be:
 - 2014 – Longmont, Colorado – Kerrie Bryan
 - 2015 – Tennessee – Sandra Weigle and Marilyn Harban
 - 2016 – Great Western Terrier Association, Long Beach, CA – Eve Steele

Darlene Evans gave a brief report on Rescue. When Rescue started it cost approximately \$200 per dog to rescue and now today it is about \$750 per dog. Rescue is always seeking homes and assistance in rehoming of dogs. She also thanked Sandy Lassen for stepping in and taking over the co-ordination for the Western Seaboard. Members and breeders should remember that Rescue can assist in placing a dog and therefore euthanizing should never be an option for a healthy dog. Rescue will work with all parties in trying to locate homes for these dogs.

Darlene Evans has agreed to be the Calendar Chair for another year and she thanked everyone for the great pictures that were submitted. She looks forward to doing the 2014 calendar.

Teresa Schreeder talked about Health. Please read her entire report in the Board Minutes. Petie (Teresa) also pointed out that she had DNA kits available at a reduced cost. Everyone should pick up their kits and submit them to Petie by March 1st. If you did not get your kit, please contact her. This data is for AKC. The blood glucose study has been completed and now will be changed to an annual glucose check submitted to the ATCA website.

Ida Ellen Weinstock gave an update on the Judges Education Committee. The event in Florida had about 14 people in attendance and about 8 dogs with a good variety. It was deemed a success and one person stated that "it was the best." Ida Ellen stated that she always ask the audience for ways to improve. Ida Ellen also stated that she and Jane Tenor were asked to do an article on judging the Australian Terrier for *ShowSight* Magazine.

The ballot for 2015 judges had to be postponed till Friday night at the dinner pending collection and final tabulation of all the ballots for compilation of the new list of top 20. This list is voted on by those in attendance at the banquet for the top 10. The result of the final vote is listed below.

Kreg Hill talked about the AusTTrust which has been in existence for 1 year and has \$25,000. After the Annual Board Meeting, there is now a full Trustee Board which consists of Teresa Schreeder, Marilyn Harban, Sandra Weigle, Caren Holtby, Jeanne Popovits, Kerrie Bryan and Kreg Hill. He also stated that ATCA funds are approximately \$110,000 including the Trust and restricted funds. He also requested prompt renewal on membership funds.

Kerrie Bryan talked about the 2014 National which will be held in Longmont, Colorado. She passed out a postcard listing key information.

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Marilyn Harban talked about the 2015 National in Tennessee and some of the ideas that they are kicking around and considering.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Addendum – Friday, January 4, 2013 Dinner

The ballot of the top 21 judges was passed out so members could select the top 10. They are:

- 1 - Linda More
- 2 - Robert Black
- 3 tie - Patricia Trotter
- 3 tie - Cindy Vogels
- 3 tie – Judy Webb
- 6 - David Alexander
- 7 - James Reynolds
- 8 - Florence Males
- 9 tie - Virginia Lyne
- 9 tie - Linda Scanlon

Kirsi Ola, the sweepstake judge, talked about her winners. She commented that she took this task very seriously and tried her best to judge to the standard and not to her preference. Her written critique will be very interesting. She also presented gifts to her winners and gave a booklet of Aussie Drawings by Betty Byrde to all of her class winners.

The following awards were also presented:

- Sue Bachman was honored with the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.
- Lisa Nance was recognized as Breeder of the Best Veteran Dog - CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible.
- Sue Bachman and Teresa Schreeder were recognized as Breeders of the Best In Sweeps – Ryba's And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K.
- Julie Seaton was recognized as Breeder of the Best of Breed – GCH Temora Ri Diercc

ROM Awards were granted to:

- Pamela Levy – Sire of Merit - GCH Black Back Firefly
- Kim Floyd – Dam of Merit -Tall Oaks Kapi Ku'a
- Lisa Weaver – Dam of Merit - CH Benayr's Goodness Gracious
- Jeanne Popovits and Brian Rock –Sire of Merit Excellent - Ch Azuls Smart Remark
- Julie Seaton – Sire of Merit Excellent - CH Temora Bully For you
- Sandra Weigle – Dam of Merit Excellent - CH Marble Arch Lady Marmalade

Performance Awards plaques were given to:

- Sherrill Yates – Champion and Rally Novice and Beginner Novice – CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate RA, BN
- Rita Farmer – Champion – CH Marble Arch Dancing In The Moonlight
- Sandra Weigle – Champion and Grand Champion – GCH Marble Arch the Corner Man
- Marilyn Harban – Champion – CH Dreamtime Razzle Dazzle
- Heather Rife – Enduro Earthdog 2 (first for our breed) – Reggie

Versatility Awards

- Sherrill Yates – CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate RN, BN
- Debra Wilkie and Michelle Bell – CH Ausome Derringer CD RE
- Sherry Cooper and Celeste Platte - CH Blue Moon MyTimes They R A-Changn BN CD RE
- Ann Roache – Roachan's It's Meant To Be CD RA NA NAJ NAP NJP
- Kreg Hill and Bill Christensen – CH Abq Cimina Christhill CD GN RE

- Kim Floyd – CH Kambara's Aviatrix RN JE NAJ
- Pat Maynard – Greyrock Tozan Maximum High CD BN RE OA OAJ
- Susan Jacobsen – GCH Rock Village Izabella Dinki-Di ME CAA
- Barbera Curtis – Greyrock Soaring to Heaven CDX BN GN RA MX MXJ NF

Corresponding Secretary's Report Mike Palazzo First Quarter 2013

Application for membership received from Zane Smith of Texas (USA).
Sponsors: Michael Liga and Kendall Liga

Application for membership received from Patricia Goshorn of Ohio (USA).
Sponsors: Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle

Application for membership received from Claudette Earl of California (USA).
Sponsors: Sue Bachman and Darlene Evans

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

- Received three breeder information queries in search of nearby AT breeders (each had breeders listed either within, or adjacent to their respective U.S States on the ATCA website). *Recommended that each inquirer check the breeder information webpage for local and nearby ATCA breeders or contact the ATCA Breeder Referral Chair directly.*
- Received one inquiry requesting information about where she could be introduced to an Australian Terrier in her area. *Asked a local ATCA member if he would be willing to meet with her and he agreed to do so (Many thanks to Kenneth Cox).*
- Received one inquiry regarding an Aussie Store order. *Referred to ATCA Storekeeper.*
- Received one non-member inquiry regarding ATCA membership forms and procedure. *Advised her to contact her ATCA breeder for possible sponsorship and follow-up.*
- Received one query concerning ongoing behavior issues. *Recommended that inquirer contact his breeder and veterinarian respectively for advice and follow-up.*
- Received AKC electronic correspondence expressing support of proposed legislation that would repeal a recent breed-specific ban ruling as well as protection from discrimination against dog owners by insurance companies based solely on breed, both in the State of Maryland.
- Sent letter of appreciation to Dr. Thomas Graves, DVM in gratitude for his outstanding presentation on diabetes mellitus during the 2013 ATCA National Education Day program.



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February 11, 2013

Dear Dr. Graves,

I am writing today on behalf of the officers, directors, and members of the Australian Terrier Club of America to offer our sincere thanks to you for your outstanding presentation during the ATCA National Specialty Education program this past January.

As you indicated so well, endocrine diseases are complex in nature and treatment, and no one solution applies. Understanding the etiology of diabetes mellitus in dogs is vital to the planning of any responsible purebred dog breeding program, and offers hope that the knowledge gained will result in a brighter and healthier future for our breed.

Please accept our gratitude for your generous service in support of the Australian Terrier. Be assured that your willingness to help increase lay awareness of the tentacles of DM and the range of treatment plans for our dogs has made a lasting impression on ATCA members and AT breed enthusiasts alike.

Very kind regards,

Michael Palazzo
Corresponding Secretary
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.



National Specialty 2013 - photos by Julie Seaton



Health Updates – Teresa Schreeder, Health Committee

CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

PARENT CLUB REPORTING: AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

CHIC NUMBERS ISSUED OR UPDATED: Q4 2012

| Animal | Date | New / Update | CHIC # | Reg # | Owner |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|------------|------------------|
| FIREWALKER'S DAZZLING DISPLAY | 10/12/2012 | NEW | 84675 | RN20167806 | GRACE CARTWRIGHT |

LONGEVITY REPORT

AZ- Gallbladder/Kidney failure 10yo
FL- Kidney Failure 13yo
MA- Pulmonary Fibrosis 10yo
unknown state- Osteosarcoma 13yo
VA - Oral Melanoma unknown age

HEALTH INCIDENT REPORT

PA- Melanoma 13yo



DON'T MISS OUT being in the top 100 CHIC!
The first 100 dogs get an \$80 rebate from ATCA Once their CHIC #'s are posted

Any questions regarding CHIC please contact Teresa Schreeder Via email
Pete128@earthlink.net

DNA Profile Program

The AKC DNA Profile Program brings cutting-edge parentage testing technology to AKC customers. A cheek swab brush is used to collect the DNA sample from the dog, and returned to the AKC. The sample is processed by AKC's DNA service provider, MMI Genomics, and the resulting genotype is entered into the AKC DNA Database. The information is used to verify parentage of AKC dogs and for genetic identity purposes. This technology allows breeders, dog owners, and the AKC to ensure that the AKC Registry is the most accurate in the world.

DNA Profiling is required for stud dogs whose semen is collected for fresh-extended or frozen use. AKC DNA Profiling is also required for Frequently Used Sires, effective for litters whelped on or after July 1, 2000, and for imported breeding stock registered on or after March 1, 2006.

The dog owner will receive an AKC letter of DNA Analysis including the DNA profile for each dog sampled. Additionally, for dogs individually registered at the time the DNA sample is received by the AKC, the DNA Profile Number will be added to that dog's registration record, and will appear on all Registration Certificates and Pedigrees issued in the future.

The kits were offered at 2013 National. I will hold off sending them in till 5/1/13. The cost per dog is \$30 instead of \$40. Please call or email me for the number of kits you want, after filling out the kit RETURN it to me with the check made out to AKC at which time I will return them to AKC.

Any questions regarding the DNA profile program, please contact Teresa Schreeder via email Pete128@earthlink.net

Letter from the Editor



Since becoming Editor for The Talkabout, I have noticed many new and exciting things. Not only within the ATCA, but among members as well. As my editorial skills develop, I find myself wanting to show people what I see and hear. I guess it is one of the perks of the job! So, I have made an editor's column in which to share what I hear with all of you.

I was most impressed when I got a phone call from a woman about a puppy. She lived in Massachusetts. She left me a message and I called her back. When she told me where she lived, I asked her, due to her location if she had spoken to another breeder first that was in her area that I knew had puppies. She had, but that breeder had no puppies and so she had sent her to me and a breeder in South Carolina. She had already spoken to the breeder in South Carolina and she also had all her puppies sold. What impressed me was her statement, "It is nice to see that you all know each other and have good things to say about each other." To know that as a club, we can support each other like that is wonderful! It also shows that our website is working in regards to breeder referral, but also that we can steer people in the right direction to breeders within the club and to make a POSITIVE impact on people new to the breed. So kudos to every and all breeders that support each other and the club!

Another recent incident that has made an impact on all of us was the rescue of 4 senior Australian Terriers from a person in Wichita KS. You can read about that adventure on page 66. The drawing of people from all over the USA, the world actually, to help save these dogs was nothing more than a miracle in the making. Donations came from as far as Scotland to Canada and throughout the USA. Kudos to everyone that saw the need to help these 4 old dogs that still have a bit of life in them and at least will spend their remaining days in the care and comfort ALL dogs should have.

I see more and more that people are thinking in a positive light and not a negative one. When you go to a National, it is always a friendly atmosphere with warmth surrounding everyone. I see new people to the breed being welcomed and introduced to people. The positive vibes are humming and we can all admit, it takes more work to be positive, but the rewards are greater to see everyone moving forward into the new year on a good note!

So to everyone involved in the breed, make friends and get involved!

*Hug your Aussie tonight and every night
and have a wonderful year!*

*Julie Seaton
Editor*

Meet the Members

We would like to introduce you to the breeders/owners of the dog on the cover of the current issue. This month, our cover was reserved by Kreg Hill & Bill Christensen, both members of the ATCA since 2001. Thank You, Kreg & Bill for sharing with us!

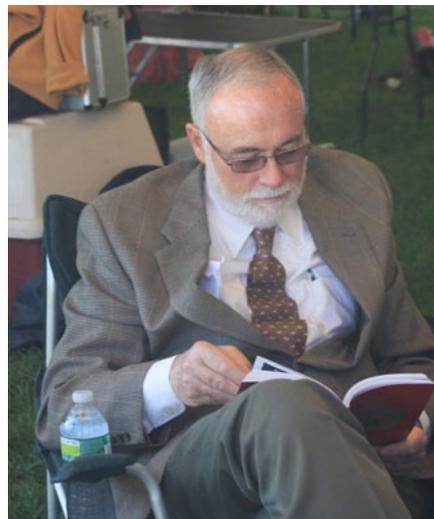
When we first got together more than 25 years ago, I had three Silky Terriers, and Bill had an Airedale. We started doing obedience training at the New Mexican Kennels with Kiku Kennedy (Quantas Australian Terriers) – this was for fun and not competition. I lost one of my Silkies from old age and wanted a new puppy. I told Kiku that I was interested in one of her terriers that were very similar to my dogs I had had for over fifteen years. Kiku at this time was in her mid-eighties and only had a couple of Aussies left. She called her old friend in Phoenix, Doris Robbins (Azul Australian Terriers, Julie Rock's Mother), and asked if she had any pups available. Doris said she had a six-month-old bitch that she had kept from her last litter to show, but decided to retire and she would place the bitch with us at Kiku's recommendation. We were driving to Phoenix in a few weeks to judge a Rose Show and brought Phoebe from Phoenix back with us! She was our first Aussie. In a few years it came time that I wanted another puppy and ask Kiku if I could breed Phoebe. She only had one 9 ½ year old male – Quantas Uranus ("UU", since Kiku named her dogs alphabetically, and it was the second "U."). Kiku had me closely observe Phoebe when she came into season and when she thought the timing was right she summoned me to her home. When I got to her home she had also summoned her old friend and kennel companion Willy Baldwin to assist with the breeding. We did the breeding twice and as a result we had a litter of two and kept our Ch Quentin Christhill CDX, RN, ROM. Kiku's request was that we show the pup in conformation and continue on her line. We did this with the assistance of Willy.



Bill and I have been vacationing in Palm Springs for years. I remember some of the first shows we participated in were the Palm Springs Shows. Showing dogs was much simpler back then. We drove to the show site in my Jaguar, went to the show ring, brushed Quenny up, and Bill showed him. We won Winners Dog. There had not been a Quantas-bred dog in the show ring in twenty years. We did not know anyone at the show. Nedra Adams came up to us and asked who we were and how in the world we ended up with a Quantas dog? Thus began a long-term friendship with Nedra and Jerry. We also met Julie Rock for the first time at that show.



At this point, Bill wanted to breed again, and I started doing competitive obedience. To me, you do not have a well-rounded Aussie unless you have titles on both ends! Now we needed a wife for Quenny. With an introduction from Willy, we met Marilyn Harban. After a series of long talks, we were able to bring back Ch Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill RN, CD, ROM from Ooltewah, TN. Zoe became the foundation of our breeding. Her son Izzy was the #1 Australian Terrier in Breed in 2012. We joined the ATCA in 2001 and been very active members since that time, and club activities have become an important part of our lives.



Side note: A few of us would continue to do obedience drills with Kiku when she was in her 90's. We would bring her out with her walker, sit her on her stool, and she would call drill – it was the highlight of her week!

Breeding, Whelping & Puppy Care

This is the second part of the series offered by
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PLANNING FOR THE BREEDING:

Careful management of the breeding, pregnant bitch (prenatal period), birth of the pups (parturition) and the postpartum (neonatal) period is critical to assure the best possible outcome. In other words, YOU are in control of your bitch's and puppies' destiny.

HEALTH EVALUATION PRIOR TO BREEDING:

BITCHES:

Several weeks to months prior to your bitch's heat cycle during which you intend to breed her, your dog should be examined by your veterinarian. She should be in good general health, current on core vaccines, have good parasite control, and be free from orthopedic problems.

All necessary upcoming (within the next 4 months) core vaccines should be given prior to the start of her estrous cycle. She should not be overweight and should be on a moderate exercise program. She should also be on a high quality PUPPY diet prior to breeding. In addition, she should be Brucella negative and screened for genetic defects (see sections below). She should be examined to assure there have been no pelvic fractures or other structural abnormalities which could have narrowed the birth canal.

Pregnancy should be as drug-free as possible. Medications and supplements should not be given prior to or after breeding without first consulting with your veterinarian as certain drugs are known to cause birth defects. Even seemingly innocuous nutritional supplements can be dangerous at this time. Specifically avoid calcium supplementation and raspberry tea leaf preparations.

DOGS:

The male dog should also be in good general health, well fed, exercised, current on immunizations, free of parasites, screened for genetic defects and Brucella negative (see sections below).

BRUCELLA TESTING:

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease which is most frequently transmitted between dogs by sexual contact. It is easily screened for on a blood test. Both the male and female dog should be tested prior to breeding. Brucellosis not only can cause health problems for the adult dogs, but it can also cause sterility, abortion and early puppy death. Of highest concern is that this incurable disease is transmissible to humans.

DNA TESTING:

For most AKC registered dog breedings, this is not currently required but this may become mandatory in the future.

SCREENING FOR GENETIC DISORDERS:

Each breed and family of dogs within a breed has a different set of potential inherited disorders. Your veterinarian and breeder can help you identify which problems should be screened for in your dog. Proper genetic screening for selection of breeders minimizes inherited congenital defects. The CHIC website, www.caninehealthinfo.org, lists specific tests recommended by many breed clubs.

DNA TESTING:

New DNA tests become available frequently. They range from tests to predict coat color and length to tests associated with life-threatening defects. It is recommended that each breeder research current tests and familiarize themselves with defects and tests specific to their breed. Even the best-informed veterinarian is unlikely to know about every available DNA test for each breed as the research is changing frequently.

EYES:

The Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) in the USA registers dogs that are found to be clear of eye problems by a board certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist (AVCO). There are many inherited ocular disorders such as cataracts, glaucoma, and retinal diseases. All breeds should have their eyes examined prior to breeding and on an annual basis thereafter, particularly if these dogs or their offspring are still in your breeding program.

HIPS AND JOINTS:

Regardless of size, there are a variety of joint problems found in most breeds. Hip dysplasia is probably the best known problem. This is a malformation of the ball and socket of the hip joint, found primarily in large breed dogs, which leads to premature development of arthritis in the hips. In many breeds, 30% and up of individuals may be affected.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) is an organization which provides certification based on pelvic x-rays that the dog being evaluated does not show radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia. To have your dog certified by OFA, he or she must be at least two years of age. Carefully positioned x-rays are taken, at times with sedation, by your veterinarian and are submitted for rating by OFA.

OFA issues a rating (excellent, good or fair) and a certification number if the dog "passes." OFA will issue a preliminary rating for dogs less than 2 years of age to aid breeders in their decisions regarding their dog's future. The goal of OFA certification is to reduce the incidence of dysplasia in your breed. Selecting dogs that are free of dysplasia and whose parents and relatives were also OFA certified will help reduce the incidence of hip dysplasia in your lines over time. OFA will also certify elbows (for elbow dysplasia), shoulders (for OCD) and patellas (for patellar luxation) free for defects which can lead to debilitating orthopedic disease.

An additional method of evaluating hips is a procedure known as PennHip R. This requires general anesthesia and a series of 3 x-rays. The films are submitted to PennHip R in Pennsylvania to have measurements taken to compare distracted with compressed views. A number evaluating the amount of laxity or looseness in the hip is reported. This laxity is felt to have predictive value.

There are other breed-specific orthopedic problems which can affect other joints or the spine.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Some breeds may be candidates for other health screens. These include testing for thyroid disease, von Willebrand's disease (a bleeding disorder), heart disease, deafness, etc. In addition, dogs exhibiting or carrying genes for certain health problems felt to be inherited such as epilepsy, should not be bred.

TEMPERAMENT:

We feel it is important to breed dogs who are happy, confident and obedient as new research indicates temperament is a highly inherited trait.

PEDIGREE RESEARCH:

It is important to carefully consider each dog's pedigree for compatibility. This may require considerable research to find a suitable candidate. Often the breeder of your dog or someone with experience with your breed can assist you.

CONTRACTS:

It is recommended that the stud and bitch owners have a written agreement defining the details of the breeding. For example, fees, number of pups guaranteed, and health checks to be completed prior to the breeding are topics that need to be defined prior to breeding to avoid any misunderstandings.

BREEDING:

ESTROUS CYCLES:

Bitches usually reach puberty at 6 to 9 months of age, but this may occur as early as 4 months in small breeds and as late as 14 months in giant breeds. It is usually recommended that a female not be bred until her second or third heat cycle, and older than 2 years if OFA certification is expected. This assures she has reached her full size and maturity prior to breeding. Most dogs have two heats or estrous cycles a year, approximately 6 months apart, usually in spring and fall. The estrous cycle can be divided into 4 parts. The first, called proestrus, is the part where the vulva swells and a bloody vaginal discharge occurs. It lasts approximately 7 to 12 days and the bitch is neither fertile nor will she accept the male during this time. However, males, especially those without experience, are frequently attracted to the bitch at this time. The second part, called estrus, lasts 5 to 7 days. During this stage, there is usually a straw-colored discharge (sometimes with blood). Ovulation occurs at this time, the bitch is fertile and will accept the male for breeding. The third and fourth parts are called metestrus and diestrus. During this time, the bitch again is not fertile and is not interested in the male.

UNTIMED BREEDINGS:

The usual recommendation for untimed breeding is to breed the female on days 12 and 14 after the onset of vaginal bleeding. At this time, the vaginal discharge is straw colored and the vulva lips are softer. Two or possibly 3 breedings are ideal and adequate for a good conception rate. It is not possible to follow these guidelines exactly as not every female is ready to breed on these days. In this case, the best guideline is to introduce the male to the female daily starting day 9 after the onset of bleeding, breed the female as soon as she will accept the male and repeat at 24- to 48-hour intervals until the female will no longer accept the male. When selecting a male for an inexperienced female, it is best that he be experienced but not overly aggressive, and vice versa. It is a good idea that the dogs be introduced to one another prior to breeding, but not allowed to become familiar as this may diminish the chance they will breed.

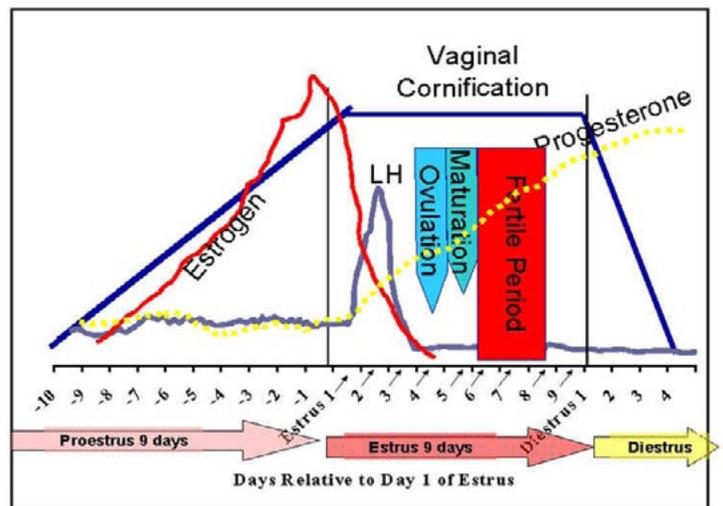
Observing a "tie" between the male and female is your best indication that a successful breeding occurred. A tie of up to 15 to 30 minutes is normal. It should not be misinterpreted that the dogs are stuck together. The tie occurs because the bulb of the male's penis engorges with blood once inside the female's vagina and remains enlarged for approximately 15 minutes. This is normal and necessary for breedings to be successful. No attempt should be made to separate them as this could harm both the male and female physically and psychologically for future breedings. For the reasons listed below, we prefer timed breedings.

TIMING BREEDINGS:

Many times, it is important to evaluate the bitch to estimate the ideal time for breeding. This may be useful if the dog will be traveling a long distance for breeding, if fresh or frozen semen is to be used, or in dogs that have a history of being difficult to breed. Additionally, it allows precise prediction of the whelping date and for scheduled c-sections.

A vaginal cytology is commonly done. This involves a swab being placed up into the vagina, the cells smeared onto a microscope slide, stained, and examined for changes in the cell types in the vaginal fluid. The cells seen at the ideal time of breeding are cornified epithelial cells, with few red blood cells (RBCs), white blood cells (WBCs) or debris. This vaginal smear also may indicate the presence of other problems such as vaginitis. This test is simple, safe, inexpensive, well tolerated by the bitch approaching estrus, and is helpful in timing breedings.

A progesterone blood test is the most accurate method to time breedings. A semi-quantitative test, to estimate progesterone levels, can be done in the some veterinary clinics. A quantitative progesterone test can be sent to a reference lab or may be run in-house in the few clinics with this equipment if an exact progesterone level is needed. Quantitative progesterone tests are essential for fresh chilled and frozen inseminations, but are invaluable for all breedings and are strongly recommended. Precise timing is not only helpful for timing breedings using fresh chilled or frozen semen, but also for males and females with compromised fertility.



An LH peak test can also be run if it is necessary to specifically pinpoint the time of ovulation.

Our recommendation is to breed 2 to 3 days after the progesterone level reached 5 ng/ml. At this time, we expect the progesterone level to have exceeded 10 ng/ml for fresh and 20 ng/ml for frozen semen breedings.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)

Artificial insemination is the process by which semen is collected from a male dog, and is introduced into the vagina of the bitch in lieu of a natural breeding. This can be done to assist breeding if there is a male-female incompatibility, for safety, or if both the dog and bitch are not on the same premises.

FRESH CHILLED SEMEN:

Fresh chilled AI can be done to breed a bitch to a dog long-distance. This procedure is highly successful in producing a pregnancy and is recognized by the AKC with appropriate paperwork. Special transport medium and overnight shipment is required to ship semen to another site.

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FROZEN SEMEN:

Semen can now also be collected and stored for use at a later date. This is also accepted by the AKC. Specialized techniques for handling, freezing and insemination are now well worked out. Prior arrangement must be made.

AFTER THE BREEDING:

ACCIDENTAL BREEDINGS:

At times, breedings may occur which are unplanned. Several options are available should this occur.

1. Allow the pregnancy to go to term, the bitch to whelp, and choose to raise or not raise the pups, as you see fit. This is by far the safest option as a normal pregnancy has few risks. For an inexperienced bitch, whelping and raising pups may reduce the loss of pups at the next intended breeding. This breeding will in no way compromise the quality of subsequent planned breedings.
2. Spay the bitch early in the course of her pregnancy. Spays close to term frequently result in large volumes of blood lost and can be risky, thus are not advised. Of course, this is not an option if future breedings are planned.
3. Mismatch injections: This is a course of estrogen treatment to prevent pregnancy. Owners occasionally ask for this service, but in my opinion and that of many other veterinarians, it is DEFINITELY UNSAFE. Side effects include incomplete elimination of fertilized embryos resulting in the birth of an unexpected litter, pyometra, and bone marrow suppression. A pyometra is an infected uterus and the generally accepted therapy is an ovariohysterectomy or spay. This is a high-risk procedure and obviously precludes future litters. Bone marrow suppression is when the cells in the bone marrow, where new WBCs, RBCs and platelets are manufactured, quit functioning which frequently proves to be fatal. DON'T DO IT!
4. Prostaglandin & anti-prolactin therapy: This is a series of injections and oral medication given over several days to the bitch four weeks after breeding when a pregnancy has been confirmed. This will cause the expulsion of developing fetuses. Coupled with ultrasound and progesterone levels, termination of the pregnancy can be confirmed. It is often accompanied by vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps and usually done as an inpatient procedure. This is the preferred method.

If a breeding is suspected but was not witnessed, a vaginal smear can help determine if the bitch may have been fertile at that time. The presence of sperm confirms a breeding, but the absence does not rule this out. Studies show approximately 62% of bitches with one witnessed accidental breeding were shown NOT to become pregnant. (Of course, the 38% will ALWAYS be your bitch.)

The bottom line is to be very protective of your bitch in estrus. Males will go to all extremes to accomplish their goal. Medications are available to prevent estrus and aid in planned breedings.

BREEDING FREQUENCY:

It is no longer recommended to limit breeding a bitch to once a year – back to back breedings are better for maximal fertility, or 2 times in 18 months. Most bitches should not be bred after 6 years of age for a maiden bitch and after 8 years if previously bred. Reproductive performance generally declines and the incidence of pyometra rises

after the age of 6. Every estrus cycle the non-pregnant uterus is bombarded by progesterone, irreversible aging changes occur.

In some cases, protecting the uterus by using the prescription drug mibolerone, may be recommended by your veterinarian.

FAILURE TO CONCEIVE:

The most common cause of failure to conceive is not breeding at the correct time. The second most common cause of apparent infertility is poor semen quality. Diagnostic evaluations usually will begin evaluating timing history and semen quality.

Many diseases, conditions and hormonal disorders can interfere with normal estrous and breedings. Should difficulty in breeding arise, or illness is detected, a diagnostic work-up should be started to determine the cause. Some of these problems can be successfully treated, thus returning the bitch to fertility.

SEMEN ANALYSIS:

Semen analysis should be recommended for dogs prior to collecting semen for shipping or freezing, for cases when the bitch failed to conceive after a witnessed breeding, or for dogs who have not been bred for an extended period. A semen analysis is required by AKC to register litters of pups fathered by a stud over 12 years of age.



PREGNANCY & WHELPING:

PREGNANCY AND OBSTETRICS:

During the last 3 to 4 weeks of pregnancy, the bitch should be housed in familiar surroundings with minimal exposure to infectious diseases or dogs from other households of kennels.

Normal pregnancy in the bitch is considered to be 63 days from ovulation, but can range from 58 to 65 days depending on the timing of the breedings. It is often a good idea to confirm the pregnancy prior to delivery. Several methods are available. Pregnancy can be diagnosed by abdominal palpation (feeling the uterus through the abdominal wall) 28 to 35 days post-breeding.

Ultrasound can be used as early as day 28 and confirms both presence and viability of fetuses. The number of pups can only be estimated with ultrasound. Puppy count x-rays can be taken from days 58 to 62 of pregnancy. These are strongly recommended. This aids in determining puppy size, position and number. Knowing the anticipated number of pups will assist in determining when it is safe to consider her delivery to be complete and when a scheduled c-section should be recommended. X-rays are not harmful to the fetuses after the first 3 weeks of pregnancy.

NUTRITION:

Throughout the pregnancy, the bitch should be fed a high-quality puppy, pregnancy or performance diet (appropriate for pregnancy and lactation as assessed by feeding trials established by Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), containing a protein level of 27-34% from animal sources with at least 18% fat, balanced supply of both n-6 and n-3 fatty acids and 20-30% carbohydrates). This diet should be fed starting several weeks prior to breeding. Recent research suggests that it requires 8 months for a bitch to return her nutritional stores to the pre-breeding level. We recommend continuing her on this special diet if another breeding is planned within the year.

In many cases, the bitch's appetite will diminish about 4 weeks into her pregnancy (the range is 3 to 5 weeks) and is the most reliable symptom indicating pregnancy. After 5 weeks, the bitch will begin to gain weight, may show moderate discomfort, and her mammary glands begin to enlarge. At this point, she should consume 20% or more food to adequately nourish her pups.

WORMING:

To minimize the transmission of parasites through the placenta and mammary glands into the puppies, the pregnant bitch can be treated with Panacur®. This should be used once daily from day 40 of pregnancy through day 14 of lactation to reduce the parasite load in the pups. Dose at the regular rate of 50 mg/kg once daily.

EXERCISE:

After breeding the bitch should have moderate exercise as determined by her breed, normal activity, time of year, and body condition. Care should be taken to avoid overheating during any part of her pregnancy. Swimming should NOT be allowed during the last 3 weeks of pregnancy.

LABOR AND DELIVERY:

PRIOR TO LABOR:

Several days before delivery, her vulva will enlarge, the tail head may become prominent, and watery milk may be present. Bitches with large amounts of hair on the abdomen should be shaved to assist the pups in nursing. Twenty-four hours prior to delivery, she may nest, stop eating and may vomit. Eight to 12 hours before delivery, the

rectal temperature may drop by 2 to 3 degrees, to below 100 degrees, then rises back to 102 degrees as whelping approaches. At this time, she should be housed in a quiet warm room with suitable flooring or plastic sheeting and absorbent blankets. If not already done, her whelping box should be prepared. An inexpensive, easy to clean whelping box can be made from a child's round swimming pool lined with towels, blankets, or a fitted carpet to improve footing for the pups to aid in their development.

LABOR:

As with all mammals, there are 3 stages to delivery. The first consists of mild uterine contractions, and may last 6 to 12 hours, during which milk is present and the bitch is restless. At this point, you may notice that she passes a plug of mucus, called the cervical plug. The second stage is true labor (abdominal and uterine contractions) and delivery. In hard labor, the bitch will visibly strain and groan – she may lay down or stand.

DELIVERY:

In the uterus, each pup is surrounded by fetal membranes known as allantoic and amniotic membranes, their associated fluids, and a placenta. Delivery is preceded by passage of dark amber allantoic fluids. The amniotic sac passes into the cervix and anterior pelvis, resulting in abdominal straining and panting. Next, the perineum (skin around the vulva) distends as the amnion and pup is delivered. The first fetus should be delivered within 2 to 3 hours after the beginning of the start of hard labor. As long as the bitch's vaginal discharge is clear and she is not in hard labor, she should not be disturbed. Puppies can live in the uterus for up to 24 hours after labor starts. Dogs in labor for 3 hours without delivery of the first pup should be examined for evidence of complications.

If you are comfortable with this, you may don a glove and do a vaginal examination to assess position of the puppy. If there is a puppy in the pelvic canal, you can help her by massaging the roof of the vagina (called feathering).

You may be able to feel the pup's head or legs and assist the bitch by pulling the puppy out and down (toward the bitch's feet). Labor should be progressive and productive. If you are uninterested in intervening yourself, the bitch is weak and seems to you to be in danger, or you unable to assess the situation, this is the time to contact a veterinarian for assistance.

Subsequent pups should be delivered within 45 to 60 minutes of hard labor. Often the first 2 pups are born close together, and then a pause of up to several hours can occur. As long as the bitch is not in hard labor, or there is not excessive blood or green color to the discharge, there is no need to intervene. (Green color is normal after 1 or more pups have been delivered as this signifies placental separation). Frequently, the first and last pups are the largest, due to position in the uterus and optimum nutrition. It is not abnormal for pups to be born tail first (up to 40%). As long as the delivery is short, the pup should survive. Regardless of presentation, if the delivery is slow or difficult, the bitch can be assisted by gently grasping the pup with a towel or gauze and pulling downward between her rear legs.

The third and final stage of labor is the delivery of the placentae, which frequently occurs with each delivery. The amniotic sac is may be intact and the umbilical cord is unbroken. The bitch will normally remove the amnion and chew through the cord after each birth, then lick the pup to stimulate breathing. Do not interfere unless she is not interested, too aggressive or too weak. Try to account for one placenta per pup and allow her to eat only a few. Too many may cause stomach upset.

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If the bitch fails to clean up the pup within 30 to 60 seconds of birth, you may need to intervene. This is best accomplished by tearing the sac off the face with a terry towel and rubbing the pup vigorously. A bulb syringe or DeLee mucus trap can be used to suction excess fluids from the back of the pup's throat. (Never swing the pups as this causes brain damage.) The pup can be held at a 45-degree angle with the head down to allow drainage of fluids from the airways if necessary.

If the pup does not start to breathe promptly, an acupuncture point (25 gauge needle inserted in the center of the upper lip, below the nostrils, insert to bone and rotate) or a caffeine solution (1 caffeine tablet crushed in 1 cc of water) dropped on to the pup's tongue can be used to stimulate the first breath. Mouth-to-mouth and chest compressions can be attempted if the pup fails to respond to the above measures.

If the umbilical cord tears too short and bleeds, immediately clamp the cord and tie dental floss or thread around it to control blood loss. Whelping is best accomplished at home and without intervention if possible. Disrupting the bitch can stop or delay delivery of the pups. Occasional walking to allow the bitch to urinate may assist with delivery. Be sure to accompany her and take along a towel (and flashlight if in the dark), just in case she delivers a pup while outside. Allowing pups to nurse between deliveries will aid in uterine contractions. Ice cream (for calcium and energy) can be fed to her (and you) throughout labor to aid in keeping her contractions strong and effective. If indicated, oxytocin use MUST be done very conservatively to avoid endangering the health of the bitch and puppies. Only very small doses, if any, should be administered without veterinary or Whelpwise® oversight and should NEVER exceed 2 injections. The more oxytocin most experienced breeder-veterinarians use, the more respect they have for its misuse.

UTERINE CONTRACTION MONITORING:

The Whelpwise™ uterine contraction monitor (tocodynamometer) can be used to monitor pre-labor and labor and allow for early intervention if premature delivery or dystocia is diagnosed. As in human obstetrics, insightful monitoring of labor can significantly improve neonatal survival. The equipment for this service needs to be ordered in advance. They may be reached at 1-888-281-4867.

The fetal Doppler included can be utilized to assess fetal heartbeats and detect fetal distress.

DYSTOCIA:

There are 2 basic causes for dystocia or difficulties with deliveries: those caused by the bitch and those caused by the pups. Maternal causes included obesity; voluntary inhibition if interrupted or overly sensitive; abnormally small litters (1-2 pups); exhaustion; or small pelvic or vaginal diameter. Fetal causes are large head, malposition or malpresentation, large size, other structural defects, and 2 pups being delivered simultaneously. To help alleviate exhaustion in the bitch you may wish to offer vanilla ice cream to provide energy, fluids and calcium without causing vomiting.

Under some circumstances, the bitch will need assistance and should be taken to the veterinarian. Corrections of dystocia (performed by your veterinarian) include manipulation and traction on the pup, episiotomy, drug therapy (oxytocin, calcium and glucose) and Caesarian section. Each case must be considered and treated individually.

CESAREAN SECTION (C-section):

At times, a c-section may be scheduled prior to the onset of labor. These reasons include small litters of 1-2 pups, larger litters of over 10 pups, or a breed at risk. On occasion, surgical intervention may be necessary to save the bitch and/or puppies. DO NOT DELAY HERE.

Any bitch that is too weak to stand, has an unexplained discharge from her eyes, unrelenting vomiting, has severe abdominal pain, is greater than 68 days post-ovulation, has a history of dystocia unrelated to fetal malposition, is having severe tremors, has green vaginal discharge without a pup delivered, has signs of fetal distress, has failed to respond to oxytocin, has weak contractions, has had her temp rise without labor starting, or is in hard labor 2 hours without presenting a pup needs immediate veterinary attention.

Done prior to the bitch and puppies developing extreme distress and done well by an experienced team of veterinarians and veterinary staff, c-sections can be highly successful, often producing 100% puppy survival rates. This is done with general anesthesia using propofol for induction followed by isoflurane or sevoflurane. The bitch is monitored during anesthesia with a pulse oximeter and is given IV fluids. A spay should only be performed at the c-section under extraordinary circumstances due to the associated risks. The puppies are rapidly removed from the uterus and revived. As soon as the puppies and bitch are medically stable, they are sent home in your care.

POSTPARTUM AND PEDIATRIC CARE:

Careful management of the pregnant bitch (prenatal period), birth of the pups (parturition) and the postpartum (neonatal) period is critical to assure the best possible outcome. In other words, YOU are in control of your puppies' destiny. Carefully handled, you can set a goal of raising 100% of your puppies. Unfortunately, the veterinary literature often reports a "normal" death loss of up to 40% in the first 4 weeks of life. The goal of this information is to arm you with ammunition you need to maximize your success rate. We cannot expect our bitches and puppies to thrive unless we manage their health, nutrition and environment carefully.

It is critical to keep the pups warm with supplemental heat at this point – we use a towel and heating pad on low and wrap the pup like a taco while doing the initial handling and drying. The umbilical cord can be clamped and tied with thread or dental floss, cut 3/4" from the abdominal wall, and treated with iodine to prevent infection. The placenta/umbilical cord can be left attached if the pups are being delivered quickly. The pups should be left with the bitch if possible during subsequent deliveries to nurse, as this nursing will stimulate uterine contractions.

If the pups must be separated from the mother, they should be kept warm by placing them in the chest pocket of a shirt turned wrong side out. (You or an assistant wears the shirt, not the bitch!) This avoids burns associated with external heat source misuse and your movement will keep the pup stimulated. If the pups seem reluctant to nurse or are crying, a rectal temperature should be taken and if it is under 97 degrees, they should be warmed up to 97 degrees prior to feeding. If the rectal temperature exceeds 99 degrees, this indicates overheating or illness.

Environmental temperatures should be checked with a thermometer. Puppies do not have the mechanism to maintain their own body temperature. The area should be 80 to 90 degrees the first week and

dropped 5 degrees a week until weaning. Specialized whelping nests are available commercially which provide a controlled and safe heat source. Light bulbs, heat lamps, hot water bottles, towel-wrapped heating pads, or incubators can be used with caution to keep the pups warm. Only half of the box should be warmed so as to allow the pups and mother to move to warmer or cooler areas to best suit their needs. Once (or more daily if the pups are not thriving), at the same time each day, the pups should be weighed and have a rectal temperature taken, recording it to monitor for adequate nursing and weight gain. At least once a day, you should really LOOK and LISTEN to your litter. Pick up the puppies, roll them over, feel how they hold their body, their body condition, their attitude and their general appearance. Don't worry – Mom should let you do this and she won't reject them. After all, you tend to her needs and she looks to you for this.



Stools should be formed, light brown with a yellow-seedy appearance. Urine color should be assessed on a cotton ball at least once daily to monitor for adequate nursing and dehydration. The urine should be pale yellow in color. If the urine is darker yellow in color, this signifies dehydration. If the pups fail to gain weight, are fussy or weak, the urine is dark, the stools are abnormal, or the pups do not have good body tone, contact your veterinarian.

The first week of life is the time of greatest risk for the newborn. The pups should be kept warm, free from drafts, away from other dogs, and the neighbors and their children. Healthy well-nourished pups should be quiet, eat and sleep (with some jerking during REM) 90% of the time, gain weight daily after the first 2 days, and show increasing strength and body tone.

Each pup should gain 2 to 7 grams per day per kilogram of anticipated adult body weight. By day 10 to 12 of age, their birth weight should double. This is an average of 1 to 3 oz per day per puppy as neonates.

Daily, you should also examine your bitch. Assess her appetite, water consumption, urination, stools, temperature, and attitude. Look at the color, character and volume of her vaginal discharge. Take note of any unusual odor. Feel each mammary gland for texture and temperature (they should feel soft to firm, never hard) and look at a few drops of milk from each nipple. Colostrum, the first milk, will be yellow and thick. After the first 2 days, the color and consistency should very closely resemble cow's milk. Thick milk of any color other than white should be noted. Report any abnormalities to your veterinarian. DO NOT START MEDICATIONS without consultation as some medications can harm the pups.

POSTPARTUM EXAMINATION:

Normal postpartum discharge is dark green for the first 1 to 2 days, then becomes bloody. There is usually a lot of discharge for the first 5 to 7 days. It should gradually decrease in volume and become thick and clear or gray by day 10. Abnormal, excessive or foul-smelling vaginal discharge may indicate an infection, and you should consult your veterinarian. Postpartum complications include uterine infections, retained fetuses, retained placentas, poor return of the uterus to normal, mastitis, eclampsia (low blood calcium), and fetal death.

It is recommended to have the bitch and puppies examined within 24 hours of delivery to ensure there are no retained pups, that the mammary glands are normal, and to have the puppies examined for defects or illness. The first day or two after whelping, the bitch may be reluctant to eat and have diarrhea. Drinking adequate fluids must be encouraged to assure adequate milk production. The mother's diet should be a high-quality puppy or performance food to assure adequate consumption of calcium, protein, and calories. She will eat 2 to 3 times the amount she ate prior to breeding. Adding salt to her food and increasing the water availability will help ensure adequate milk production. Do not administer any medications at this time without your veterinarians advice as many drugs can pass through the milk and affect the puppies.

TAILDOCKS AND DEWCLAWS:

Taildocks and/or dewclaw removal, if standard for your breed, are done between 3 and 5 days by your veterinarian.

From day 3 to day 16, we recommend the Early Neurologic Stimulation program by Carmen Battaglia be instituted to help the pups grow up as tolerant well-adjusted adults.

By days 10 to 14, the pups' ears and eyes are usually opening. If bulging of the eyelids (Neonatal Ophthalmia) is noted prior to the eyes opening, you should seek veterinary care at once. At this time, the pups become more aware of their surroundings. By 3 weeks, the pups are becoming active.

Often, a runt pup is noted in the litter. It may help to direct the pup to nurse on one of the mammary glands between the back legs as these have the most milk. Nutritional supplementation may also be indicated. Frequently, this pup will catch up by weaning time, and often this pup has the most spunk. This pup should not be destroyed.

SICK NEWBORNS:

The most common concerns we see in the newborn are fading pups (failure to thrive), diarrhea and constipation. The first place to start is to assess the situation. Evaluate the puppy's environment: Are they too warm, too cold, dry, clean? Do the pups have a normal temperature (96-99 degrees)? Are they gaining weight? How are their urine and stools? Do they feel dehydrated? How is their body tone? Is mom feeling her best? If she is sick, has infected mammary glands, a uterine infection, or is not eating well, she cannot adequately care for the pups.

Once you have done the assessment, it is now time to address the situation. Correct any environmental issues. Supplement feed with a bottle or tube if the pups are weak, thin, dehydrated, or not nursing ONLY IF they have a rectal temperature over 96 degrees. If they have diarrhea, feed 1-2 cc of active culture yogurt and a couple of drops of Kaopectate. If they continue to have diarrhea, you may need to reduce their intake of milk for 1 to 2 feedings and/or substitute an electrolyte solution. If they are constipated, stimulate stool passage by rubbing the rectal area with a warm wet cotton ball and give a few drops of Karo syrup orally. Pediatric simethicone drops can be used under veterinary direction if excess gas is noted.

Breeding, Whelping & Puppy Care

Should this not resolve the problem within a few hours, or if the pups cry or mew excessively, fail to gain weight, fail to suck, have bloody urine, have labored breathing, have ongoing diarrhea, abdominal distension and pain, slough the toes or tail tip, or do not appear to be thriving, seek veterinary advice.

HAND-RAISING PUPPIES:

Unfortunately, not all puppies are lucky enough to be raised exclusively by their mothers. The first 24 to 48 hours are the most critical for the puppy to nurse. This is when the colostrum, the first milk, is produced. Colostrum contains high levels of antibodies critical to the pup's ability to resist infectious diseases (bacterial or viral). Without this, the pups will be more vulnerable to contagious diseases.

If the pup is unable to nurse from its mother, the second best option is to find another lactating bitch that will accept the pups. This surrogate mother can usually increase her milk supply within a few days to respond to the increased demand.

Plasma, available commercially, may be given to sick pups. This is useful in providing antibodies and proteins to pups, and will support pups with a wide variety of illnesses. A total dose of 15 cc is required over a 24 hour period.

NO PUPPY SHOULD DIE OF STARVATION OR DEHYDRATION! If necessary, you may need to bottle or tube feed the pups. Pasteurized goat's milk or commercially available bitch milk substitutes make excellent supplements. In an emergency, a formula of 1 cup cow's milk, 1 egg yolk and 1 tablespoon Karo syrup can be used temporarily. Puppies can ingest 20 cc (4 teaspoons) of formula per 16 oz of body weight per feeding. Pups can be fed with an appropriate sized bottle if they will suck effectively. If not, they must be tube fed with a soft feeding catheter. With veterinary assistance, most owners can be taught how to place the tube. This should not be attempted without instruction as there are associated risks such as inhalation of the formula. The pups should not be fed or allowed to nurse if their rectal temperature is not between 96 and 99 F.

Whether bottle or tube feeding, pups should be fed at least 4 times daily, preferably every 3 to 4 hours. Less frequent feedings or cow's milk formulas will guarantee diarrhea, weight loss and unthrifty pups.

For the first 2 weeks of life, after feeding, the pups should be stimulated to urinate and defecate by rubbing the area between the back legs with a warm wet cotton ball. This simulates the mother's clean-up efforts.

At three weeks, or if the pups are orphaned at this age, a gruel of high-quality softened small breed puppy food can be made and the pups handled as if they were being weaned. Orphaned pups should be immunized at a younger age than other pups. Hand-raising pups is time-consuming and an enormous amount of work but can be very rewarding when successful.

WEANING:

At 3 to 4 weeks of age, a dish of water and dish of gruel should be introduced to the pups. Feed a high quality dry puppy food, softened with warm goat milk or water to make a gruel. This can be fed in a low heavy dish 4 times daily. "Flying saucer" dishes, pie plates, ashtrays or rabbit dishes work well for this. Gradually decrease the amount of time the pups spend with their mother at this point. This will make the

transition from nursing to weaning smoother and will also lessen the puppies' demands on their mother. Beginning at 2 weeks of age, they should be wormed with Nemex® for the first time, then weekly until 2 negative fecal samples results are obtained, unless the bitch was on the Panacur® protocol during pregnancy. By 5 to 6 weeks of age, they should be weaned and eating only puppy food. After weaning, temporarily decrease the bitch's food and water to aid in drying her up.

From this point on, the pups will become more fun and a lot more work. It can become difficult to keep the pups confined and they can be messy and destructive. An exercise pen or playpen can be helpful.

The first 3 weeks with the puppies are relatively neat and clean. Mom will lick them frequently and ingest all of their urine and feces. However, upon starting on solid food, the mom will give up this quest and you will now have to deal with excrement. There are many ways to keep the pups clean. My favorite is to place a 2" deep plastic tray in the enclosure filled with pine shavings or shredded or pelleted newspaper. This, with some practice, will give the pups a place to eliminate thereby keeping their bedding clean.

In addition to providing bedding to allow for good footing, the shavings tray, and food and water dishes, the pups should have a bed to sleep in and acceptable chew toys. Stuffed Kongs, soft toys, and rawhides should be changed regularly to provide environmental variety and developmental stimulation.

By this time, they should have increased human social contact. At 8 weeks, your pups should be examined, vaccinated, checked for worms, and wormed. Up to 95% of pups may have worms by this age, unless the bitch was on the prenatal Panacur® protocol.

LEAVING THE NEST:

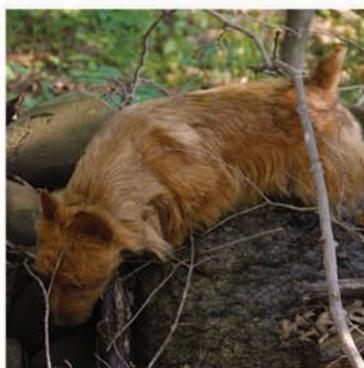
Eight to ten weeks is an ideal age socially to place pups in their new homes. The pups should have a great deal of human contact. A great challenge comes in selecting which, if any, pups are to be kept. It can be difficult to let them go out into the big world. Potential puppy buyers should be carefully screened to assure they are the right home for your pup. We recommend you sign a contract with puppy buyers.

Breeding your dog and raising pups can be hard work, time-consuming, expensive, messy, and at times heart-breaking. But the rewards of being a responsible breeder raising healthy, high-quality puppies for your own stock or to sell are many.

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Pet Cemetery

Not just another Stephen King novel..... by Leslie Hoy

A trend that is receiving much attention is how we care for our companion animals after death. It's not difficult to find dedicated pet cemeteries and crematories as well as grief counseling for bereaved pet owners, and the pet death industry is rapidly becoming an important niche business.

Formally mourning the loss of pets and ceremonially burying them alongside their human companions is nothing new. It's been part of human culture for as long as we have loved our companion animals and vice versa. Indeed, Ashkelon National Park in Israel dates back to the fifth century B.C. and is regarded as not only the largest dog burial ground in the world, but most likely the oldest. New York's Hartsdale Pet Cemetery and Crematory, the first of its kind in the United States, dates back to 1896. But an overall boom in spending money on our pets is causing other funeral service providers to update this practice for the 21st century.

Most vets offer cremation with return of ashes, but there's been an upswing in the number of human crematoria that now extend this same service to owners of deceased pets. Funeral directors are advertising animal embalming and funerals, followed by cremation and/or interment in a pet cemetery, while still other providers can freeze-dry your pet as an alternative to traditional embalming or taxidermy. Pet cemeteries are just as proactive as human cemeteries at touting pre-need planning for your pets. And municipal and private burial grounds everywhere, not to be left behind, are opening up sections just for pets, though burying of human and animal remains together is legal just in the state of New York and then only under strict guidelines.

There's another trend in pet aftercare that has come by way of the human world: cremation jewelry with urn compartments or tubes. This is again a long-established tradition in many human cultures that has been updated for the pet owner. You can buy plain or more personalized items such as pendants, bracelets, and rings that will hold small amounts of animal cremains.

Losing your best furry friend has a huge emotional and spiritual impact, and pet loss counseling has become a subspecialty for humans who need help to cope with their loss. The Iams Company has a toll-free hotline for grieving pet owners. So do various colleges of veterinary medicine, including Cornell University, the University of

Tennessee, and the University of Florida. There are certification programs and continuing education in the field of pet loss and grief for the helping professions, and the Internet makes it easy to find a trained counselor in your area.

The links at the end of this article can help you find local services that offer these options. Just as you would with any other service provider, take the time to educate yourself before making a decision. Though it may sound morbid, if you know you want death services for your pets, preplanning allows you the luxury of time to think about options and make decisions before they are needed. Ask around and see if your vet or anyone you know has used pet aftercare and follow up

on what they say. And perhaps most importantly, trust your instincts. If you don't feel comfortable with a provider at the preplanning stage, if they seem unsympathetic or can't answer questions to your satisfaction—find someone else. If you don't like them now, you really won't like them when that sad day comes.



USEFUL LINKS:

International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories:
<http://www.iaopc.com>

Cremation Association of North America:
<http://www.cremationassociation.org/?page=PetCremation>

Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement:
<http://aplb.org/services/aftercare.html>

Animal Chaplain Services:
<http://www.animalchaplain.info>

Pet Cemetery Directory:
<http://www.everlifememorials.com/v/pet-loss/pet-cemetery-directory.htm>

Examples of pet cremation jewelry can be found at:
<http://www.pet-loss.net/products/jewelry.shtml>
<http://www.memorialgallerypets.com>

A Blast From The Past

By Edith Rivers
Australian Kennel Review -
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Color in the Australian Terrier:

The color of the coat in the Australian Terrier is one of the most interesting and difficult points to establish in the breeding of the Aussie, and it is also one of the most misunderstood and controversial subjects between breeders, owners of one or two dogs, and judges who are expected to know the requirements of the Standard regarding the color and texture of the coat. Unfortunately, in the latter case, there are too many who attach small importance to the color whether it is correct or not, or have a bias toward a certain color which influences them consciously or unconsciously.

Color is definitely associated with texture, and in the assessing of points the same number is allowed for each and, as both the color and the coat contribute so much to the general appearance of the dogs, and points allowed for general appearance equal then total allowed for color and coat, almost half of the full total of 100 points is involved in judging to the Standard.

To understand color, one must study the evolution of the breed. As far as I have been able to ascertain, speculation, not knowledge, has formulated the theory of its origin, but it has been quite authoritatively stated that certain breeds which were British in origin, were known to have been used to create the breed. These British dogs, namely, the Skye, Scotch and Dandie Dinmont Terriers, had a common ancestry. When the Australian Terrier was first exhibited in Australia in 1885 it has been stated that it was then similar in type to the Scotch Terrier and was known as the Rough Coated Terrier. I want to impress upon those who are unfamiliar with the old Scotch Terrier, not to confuse it with the present Scottie dog we know so well.

There is no doubt that we owe a tremendous debt to the breeders of the past, as the type was very mixed - all sizes, shapes, colors - and it was one of the hardest tasks to breed to uniformity. The Aussie was originally created to be a useful, game, small dog. With hordes of rats plaguing the southern cities, it was referred to as the Rat Terrier.

In the evolution to uniformity, the Yorkshire, the Irish and the Black and Tan Terriers were known to have been used, as well as the Skye, the Scotch and the Dandie Dinmont. It is claimed by some that the Cairn Terrier was also used, but it has been stated very authoritatively that the type was more or less fixed before the Cairn Terrier was introduced to Australia after World War I.

I have been told by a southern breeder that the Norwich Terrier has also been used, and with so many persons trying to improve the dog I daresay various breeds have been used which perhaps we may never know about. Be this as it may, it is not disputed that a number of breeds were used to create the Aussie of today and in considering these different breeds in their sizes and colors, it is not difficult to understand the variety which appears in the breed and to realize that it is still difficult and most interesting breed to work with.

Whatever the origin and the diversity of opinions, there has been no dispute concerning the color grouping of the coat. This was divided into two classes, No 1 embracing the bi-color blue and tan, and No 2

covering sandy or red. These two group colors were definitely recognized in 1895. The sandy or reds were sometimes called the straw color. In 1889 a Club to foster the breed was formed in Melbourne. In the Standard, ears were permitted to be pricked or dropped towards the front, and they were also cut, but this practice was abolished in Australia in 1896. The standard which we possess today was adopted by the Kennel Control Council of Victoria on October 23, 1947. In this Standard, the grouping of color is still the same. Actually in Group 2 there are two colors listed. Sandy AND red, whereas in Group 1 it is one color; Blue and tan with its variety of shades in body color and topknot. Body color is listed as Blue, Blue-Black, and Grey-Black shades with tan - the richer the tan the better - on face and legs.

The coat of the blue dogs should be bluish at the roots of the hair and darker at the ends, to give a nice dark bluish color. It is definitely stated that black, or coal-black, coat color is not desirable, although forgiven in a puppy whose coat may not color up until much later. But nowhere is it stated that pale fawn to a wheaten shade in place of the rich tan is correct, and unfortunately so many adult dogs with black coats and wheaten colors, instead of tan are accepted as correct, that it has been suggested quite seriously that the Standard should be altered to accept these as correct! Admittedly, it is the most difficult thing to do to breed a good specimen with the correct coat coloring, but it is the ideal which has been set and should be worked for.

There is diversity of opinion as to who the broken coats are caused, or can be corrected, and this is where a study of ancestors on the pedigree will be of benefit. Good coat color doesn't just happen, and it is invariably allied with the correct coat texture. The Standard calls for a harsh and weather-resistant coat of 2-2 1/2 inches in length, a rough, hard coat with a short undercoat to make the coat weather-resistant, as the Aussie is working Terrier going to earth after vermin, rabbits and other game, and requires a coat to withstand the roughness of the earth and its herbage, which a soft-coat is unable to do.

Time does not permit me to deal exhaustively with the whole question of color, with its desirable and undesirable features, and I hope that I have not discouraged any novice breeders by drawing attention to the necessity and difficulty in achieving the correct color. In my limited breeding experience I assure you I have found it one of the most fascinating points to experiment with, to produce good color with correct texture of coat in the two groups, as well as all the other important features necessary to produce a dog true to type and character. The general type in Aussies may be mixed, but I think everyone will agree that the character of the breed runs very hard - intelligent, affectionate, and game and whether we prefer a Blue and Tan, or a Sandy or Red, or all of them (as I do) we will find no fault with the Aussie as a grand little dog.

AKC Gazette Column

– by Guest Editors Darlene Evans & Julie Seaton

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.

Australian Terrier Column

February 2013 Issue

Rescue Tugs at Your Heart.....

An Aussie has found love and a forever home. It is what, as rescue workers, we all hope for. To know that a bad situation has been turned into a good one fills everyone involved with feelings of accomplishment. There are many hands at work in rescue. We are a team of people with one goal—to help dogs in need.

Australian Terrier Rescue, Inc., was founded several years ago and has since been associated with (and strongly supported by) members of the Australian Terrier Club of America. It is not a large group of people. Many have different areas they help in. Some are able to do more than others, but everyone works together to find those 'Forever Homes' for the dogs that need them.

The initial step that must be taken when an Aussie needs assistance is to assess the situation and make sure, first of all, that the dog is safe. If there is immediate danger to the dog, such as being placed in a kill shelter, then it must be moved immediately. That might mean asking strangers to help get the dog into a safe environment, which could be a foster home or a boarding kennel. A lot of shelters have assistance from outsiders whose goal is to move these dogs out of the shelters and contact the proper rescue groups, who understand the needs and characteristics of the breed.

There are many different reasons why people feel they need to surrender their Aussies. For some, life events or situations beyond their control force them to surrender a much-loved pet. At the other end of the spectrum are those who simply decide one day that this dog they have had since puppyhood is too much work and responsibility. Either way, a dog is left behind, wondering why its people have left.

We can get angry at the injustice of it all, or we can choose to focus that energy towards helping rehome the dog. We learn to turn our anger and frustration into the energy needed to help that dog get its life back. And that is much more rewarding than being angry. One thing a rescue worker must realize is that there may be some Aussies that cannot be saved, no matter how much our hearts may break over them. Thankfully, those are few and far between, but each time it happens, we must remember instead that there will be many others that we can help.



Mark & Gwen and their 4 adopted rescue Australian Terriers

When the Aussie is safe and has found a forever home, there is no greater joy. We have saved a life. There may not always be gratitude, recognition, or thanks from others when this happens, but we know that we have changed a dog's life and that of its adoptive family.

Rescue is not about anything but the dogs. There is no ulterior motive, no fame, and no fortune. If you have not assisted in a rescue, now is the time. Get your hands dirty, get your heart involved, and wear the title of "RESCUE VOLUNTEER" proudly.

Please visit the Australian Terrier Rescue website at: www.australianterrierrescue.org or friend us on Facebook!

Aussie Brags



**GCH Rock Village Izabella Dinki-Di ME CAA CGC
Izzy earned her CAA title in October 2012
Breeder: Lisa Violette
Owner: Susan Jacobsen**



**We are proud to announce that Dylan,
CH Blue Moon MyTimes They R-A-Changn',
finished his Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title
at the 2013 Australian Terrier Nationals weekend,
passing eight classes in four days
with six placements!
He now has titles: BN, CD, RAE to his credit. Thank
you very much, Anne Roache, for the terrific picture
of Dylan and me the day we finished the RAE title. I
am also honored that Dylan and I qualified for the
inaugural National Rally Competition being held
in Tulsa, OK in March, but will be working on the
Graduate Novice and Open titles instead.**



**GCH Bluemoon River
"Chloe" owned and shown by Jeanne Popovits
finished her Grand Championship during
the National Specialty weekend.**

**Send in Your
Braggs!.....
We want to know
what you are doing
with your Aussie!**

Eukanuba Week Results!

Once again, the trek to Orlando Florida was made by a few to compete in conformation.
Here are the results:

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Judge: Barbara Dempsey Alderman

BOB: GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc

BOS: GCH CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill

SEL Dog: GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster

SEL Bitch: GCH CH Outbackred Rhana Tabor Majesty

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Judge: Gerard Penta

BOB: CH Dreamweavers General J.E.B. Stuart

BOS: GCH CH Rock Village Rumor Has It

WB: Kambara's Luck Be A Lady At Celestial

SEL Dog: GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster

SEL Bitch: GCH CH Outbackred Rhana Tabor Majesty

Friday, December 14, 2012

Judge: Paula Hartinger

BOB: GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc

BOS: GCH CH Outbackred Rhana Tabor Majesty

WB: Kambara's Luck Be A Lady At Celestial

SEL Dog: GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster

SEL Bitch: GCH CH Rock Village Rumor Has It

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, December 16, 2012

Judge: Mareth Kipp

BOB: GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc

BOS: GCH CH Dreamweaver's Southern Charm

SEL Dog: GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster

SEL Bitch: GCH CH Outbackred Rhana Tabor Majesty

Best Bred By, AOE: GCH CH Redsky Flyboy Wellington

AOE: GCH CH Nellyson's Mr Dont Skip The Zip

AOE: GCH CH Marble Arch The Corner Man



EUKANUBA 2012

by Leslie Hoy

If you asked me to sum up the experience of being at Eukanuba in a single word, it would be a tough choice. Let's explore some of the possibilities.

"Friendly"—amazingly so—would be my first choice. Maybe not the whole town, but certainly this particular part of Orlando had definitely gone to the dogs! While standing in a very short line in the lobby of my hotel at check-in, I saw 2 people I knew inside of 10 minutes. It was great to see them and it felt like finding long-lost friends. The desk clerks and hotel staff were helpful and kind, and seemed very tolerant of the dogs everywhere.

A good second choice is "overwhelming." One of the attendants at the Orange County Convention Center, where the event takes place, told me that the building is one-half mile long. The effect felt like being in a very sizeable airport. (So why didn't I come home about 2 dress sizes smaller from all the walking I did back and forth, both from the hotel and at the show?) That's a lot of territory, so I decided to scope out everything first thing on the first day so I'd know where everything was.

Even at a very early hour on Friday, the conformation area was awash in activity. Some were still waking up over coffee and breakfast, while others were getting down to the business of grooming. Still others, early spectators like me, walked about, just drinking in the sights. The vendors weren't open for business yet, but the lack of crowds made it easy to make note of those that I wanted to visit later. I strolled the Meet the Breeds area and found the Australian Terrier booth, as well as others that I wanted to see. Then onward to the other side of the building. Eukanuba had a large area set aside for products and information, as well as a demo section for events such as dock diving and flyball. On the opposite side from this Eukanuba area, the agility competition was being set up.

"Challenging and fun" are paired. They describe the experience of just about everybody at the agility rings. Top competitors in AKC agility faced off on challenging, fast courses that tested the teamwork so essential to success. If the hotel was a microcosm of the dog world, then the agility area was the United States in miniature. Competitors from different states and different breed clubs had coordinated their attire. Club logos and team logos from all across the country walked by. And everywhere was the bonhomie and kinship that I so enjoy in my chosen sport. Regardless of who took home the blue ribbon, everyone here was a winner. Just getting to go is a real honor, representing a lot of hard work and determination.

Our breed was well represented this year. Competing in the 8-inch jump height were Heather Rife and Reggie (Merrigang's Wild n Crazy Guy) and Nancy Wentworth and Ben (Merrigang's Benjamin Matlock). Representing us in the 12-inch jump height were Mark McGrath and Hamels (Tak-A-Chance Cole Hamels) and Janet Broida and Mel (Feathertop Melbourne Outbackred).

I don't have a single word for this idea. Later that evening, sitting in the hotel lobby with friends, my thought was that dogs owned the place—at least, temporarily. They rested wherever their owners did, at their owners' feet in the conversation areas, at tables near the coffee shop, or near the bar. They sailed in and out of the lobby, on leashes

or being wheeled through inside their crates. They posed for pictures beside the digital logo of the show, which was projected onto the hotel's marble floor for the duration of the event. Walking around the hotel grounds was like a mini-show in itself, as dogs and owners posed beside the giant Christmas balls at the hotel entrance or headed for that all-important potty area. It was a real cavalcade of dogs from all the different groups, and all you had to do to see it was watch for awhile. I felt sorry for people whose only exposure to a dog show is on television.



Let's see, oh yes, "shopping." That's a word I really like, and there was plenty of opportunity to give my credit card a workout at the show. The vendors were of a caliber you would expect at a quality show and I saw many tempting items of clothing, jewelry, and accessories, as well as dog toys and treats. One absolute must-have for me wasn't a dog item at all. It was a pair of silicone-filled insoles that massage the feet as you walk. My feet still hurt at the end of the day, but I can't begin to imagine how they would have felt without these handy items!

The "shopping" theme continued outside of the show as well. When I had a few hours free, I hopped the inexpensive trolley that runs all along International Drive and had a great mall experience—found some real bargains, too! My duffel bag felt about twice as heavy going home as it did flying down!

And of course, "exciting!" Watching the finest representatives of each breed strut their stuff in the conformation rings, then being in the audience on Sunday night for best in show. Holding my breath while watching breathtakingly fast agility runs. Greeting the public at the Meet The Breeds booth and explaining why the versatile Aussie could be the right dog for them. (Nice card trick, Reggie!) Socializing with people from all over the country, united by our love for All Things Dog.

Will I go back again? There's only one word to answer that. YES!

Eukanuba Candida by Cathy Dahlberg



The Athletes of Eukanuba!



Well... the human athletes, that is. Since the dogs weren't able to comment directly for this interview, we'll assume that their enthusiastic performances in the ring, plus bright eyes, happy tails, and big Aussie grins meant that Ben, Reggie, Hamels, and Mel all had a rockin' good time! But for a more in-depth perspective, we asked their four handlers—Nancy Wentworth (Ben); Heather Rife (Reggie); Mark McGrath (Hamels) and Janet Broida (Mel) to share some of their Eukanuba experiences with us.

It takes a lot of hard work and training, not to mention trialing, just to get the invitation, as only the top 5 agility dogs in each breed are eligible. But not all those invited decide to make the trip. Whether flying or driving, it's long way to Orlando, and we know that going places with our dogs involves careful planning. There's also the lonely feeling of traveling solo in a strange city and hoping to see a friendly face. Nancy and Ben had been invited twice before. This year, Ben had the distinction of being the #1 agility Aussie. What made Nancy's decision final was learning that a good friend with a Norwich would be there too, so the mammoth Orange County Convention Center would feel a little less lonely. Hearing that Heather and Reggie would be competing too was a plus. The litter brothers, Reggie and Ben, could cheer each other on.

Janet and Ben were invited last year and hoped to be among the top 5 this year, "but you never know—there are a lot of talented dogs and handlers." But once she learned their status, she said it was a go.

Heather wasn't at all sure they'd make the cut. "I didn't expect to be invited this year, as we had really concentrated on earthdog activities. So it was a surprise for me, and really, the only reason I went was to cheer on Ben, [who is] Reggie's litter brother. I nearly canceled my trip when we had a particularly bad showing at a trial 2 weeks before. But my long-suffering husband said to me, 'You always think you will not do well and then you are thrilled when you do, so go!'" That was just the push that she needed to buy her plane tickets!

Mark was certain they would be heading to Florida in December, as it was clear that he and Hamels would meet the criteria. He was also the only one of this group who drove to Florida. He and his family made the Invitational part of a leisurely 3-week holiday vacation. They loaded up the travel trailer and did some sightseeing in the Gulf states, visited their daughter in Austin for Christmas, and returned home to Pennsylvania after New Year's. The rest of the group all flew and said that their dogs were well-mannered travelers, fit under the seats just fine, and were great "ambassadors" for our breed.

The first day of competition seemed like any other trial to the dogs, who hung out ringside with their handlers or rested in their crates, as usual. It was the handlers who needed some time to adjust. "The building was overwhelming to me. It took me until Sunday to find my way around!" said Nancy. Heather felt unsettled on the first day and planned a conservative strategy for their first morning run. Her spirits lifted after they qualified and it was nowhere but up for her and Reggie.

That first run made her "more confident and we got faster, and I thought we really deserved to be here!" Heather and Reggie became more confident and faster as the weekend progressed, ending up with qualifying scores in all runs and finishing #28 out of the 160 dogs in the 8-inch height division—"Beyond my wildest dreams!"

If Mark was at all nervous, it didn't show. During the weekend, Hamels qualified in all 4 runs and Mark was overall very happy with their performance. He observed that "Hamels was very fast in his first run but slower for the three following. If we can improve that [next time], we might be able to make it to the final round. We finished 13th in the 12-inch height division and only the top 10 run in the finals, so it seems if we can improve our speed and run clean, we'll have a chance."



A reporter's job is to present honestly, so I must say that I shook my head over some of the calls that one of the judges made, as did others watching ringside. This judge seemed to be less than consistent and not as objective as one would expect. And Janet and Mel had the unfortunate experience of twice being on the receiving end of these judgments. But even that setback didn't diminish Mel's enthusiasm. "He is a terrific dog and I'm privileged and proud to have him in my life," said Janet. "He has made me a better handler and trainer."

So will the Team Aussie members return to Eukanuba if asked? Janet's response was, "Maybe not....but I've said that before!" Heather and Reggie "can't wait!" Mark and Hamels "will definitely consider attending again if invited." Nancy and Ben are on the fence, but next year is a long way off. Be watching this space in 2014 to see what this year has in store for the human and canine athletes of Team Aussie!

- An Insider's Perspective

by Bill Christensen

The 2013 National Specialty

Although I did little of the work for the specialty, except for some cooking, I had plenty of opportunity to observe and would offer some comments which might be helpful for those considering or planning future national specialties.

Good relationships with the host parent all-breed and/or terrier-group clubs are essential. In negotiating with the clubs, it is important to remember that hosting a national specialty not only enhances the prestige of the host club but also increases the entry, and hence the income. It is not unreasonable to ask that a dollar or two of the entry fee be rebated to the specialty. Although our actual host club was the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California, this two-day terrier show is actually held within the grounds, rings and tents provided by the Kennel Club of Palm Springs. Although traditionally opposed to the concept of paid grooming, the K.C. of Palm Springs did agree to an individual hospitality tent rented by and limited to the ATCA. In my opinion this worked out well as it provided not only a venue for morning coffee and snacks but also lunch and a place to socialize with other Aussie owners. Kreg was able to persuade the Desert Empire Terrier Club to offer all-terrier obedience and rally trials, which were their first. Although these were held with the ATCA license, the 37-dog entry as well as the enthusiasm of the exhibitors and the revenue generated seem to be leading to the application for a license submitted by the Terrier Club for annual obedience and rally trials.

We need to thank Jim Thompson for judging the obedience and rally trials. He is a member of the Kennel Club of Palm Springs and told Kreg two years ago if Kreg could organize it, he would judge it without charge. Jim could not believe the size of the entry or how "darn" well some of the terriers performed! (Jim is a Saluki fancier.)

As Kreg and I have learned in the past from hosting American Rose Society conventions, identification of a suitable host hotel and the maintenance of an on-going relationship with the management are also essential. It seems that most hotel corporations rotate management frequently, so that unless a signed contract is obtained and its provisions reviewed frequently with the current manager, management staff may forget that a convention has even been scheduled. We were fortunate to secure the Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort at a reasonable price and with helpful staff and enough grass for the dogs. The hotel was delighted with the number of room nights that it brought to them and was also pleasantly surprised at how few were the complaints about dogs from other guests. Including the hotel in the Premium List for the Palm Springs shows brought them even more business than the specialty itself, and they have asked to be included in the future. (How often, as a show-sponsoring kennel club, have we even reviewed the hotels offered in the premium list to ensure their continued suitability?)

It was also a tremendous advantage to have the Copperstate Australian Club of Greater Phoenix host a regional specialty the day prior to the national specialty. Their members did most of the work for this and provided the wonderful copper trophies which have become their trademark.

They also hosted the hospitality dinner that evening. Special thanks to Jeanne Popovits and Mike and Kendall Liga.

The National Specialty Awards Banquet took place at the Indian Wells Country Club, with Joel Baker (Mr. Piano) entertaining. Kerrie Bryan served as MC and supervised the drawing of tickets for the amusing items which she and Carol Sazama had collected. Jon Cole, breed judge, and Kirsí Osa, sweeps judge, offered comments. Kirsí brought prizes from Sweden for the winners; someone asked Jon Cole why he had not brought any prizes!

Of course, it is always helpful to have hard-working friends. Patti Werner and Tammy Gaudet shopped and shopped, served dinners, snacks and lunches, cleaned up, put away, and served again. Patti's experience in food service proved invaluable in keeping food costs reasonable. Not to be forgotten were those dishwashers extraordinaire, Diane Kroeze (also catalog sales) and Thalia Rott. Thalia and Chris Tuthill kept the obedience and rally trial moving like clockwork. Julie Kirkpatrick and Terri Kruz organized and maintained the successful silent auction. The northern California Girls, Darlene Evans, Petie Schreeder and Sue Bachman, were there for raising funds and selecting all the great trophies plus organizing the trophy tables. Kerrie Bryan and Julie Seaton also did a great job photographing the events and show. Susan Saulvester ordered and pre-packaged the specialty tee and sweat shirts. We missed her in person but sure appreciated all that she had done.



Kreg had wondered how well received would be the "package" price for all events. However, this seemed to have gone over well and it certainly made bookkeeping much less complex.

Our education day speaker, Thomas K. Graves, DVM, PHD, DACVIM, Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, provided a superb review of canine diabetes. I have asked Kerrie Bryan to post his slides on the members-only section of the ATCA web site. I would encourage those hosting future national specialties to look to schools of veterinary medicine for speakers on those health issues afflicting the breed. Not only will this inform the members but also it will help break down the antipathy toward pure-bred dog breeders which animal rights activists have worked to create amongst veterinary school faculty. Funds were made available from the Australian Terrier Trust to support this event, which seems to me to be in line with the objectives of the Trust.

Finally, most appreciated are the exhibitors in conformation and performance events, who provide the substance of a national specialty weekend. It was a joy to see so many nice Aussies close up and in action, and the winners among them are to be honored indeed. Check out the Bradshaw Dog Shows web site to review the winners, and please congratulate them.

THE JUDGE'S CORNER

Our guest judge this issue is Jon Cole, judge for the 2013 National Specialty

The 2013 Australian Terrier National has now come and gone. What a wonderful event. No one could ask for a nicer day with beautiful blue sky and plenty of sun.

Based upon comments made, the entry was not as large as hoped. However there were plenty of very good Aussies present. Overall, I found the dog classes stronger than the bitch classes. This held in the Specials ring as well. Like in all major shows, quality ran the gambit from ok to very good. Some entries had lacking head structure with too wide ear placement. Coat texture and length varied along with lacking in undercoat. Size from ground to top of withers varied. Length of back also varied. However, that being said, I was very pleased by what I saw. I also appreciated the opportunity to Judge your national again. Now some comments about the winners.

Winner Dog and Best of Winners

Dunham Lake Unanimous Decision – owner Goiffon.

A red dog in color that presented a good overall picture. Height to length of back was appropriate with a good top line. He had a strong back skull, muzzle and well placed ears. The expression was good. Plenty of reach and drive in profile carrying a level top line in motion. I liked the length of coat, texture and also had some undercoat. A deserving win considering the depth of quality in the various dog classes.

Reserve Winners Dog

Ryba's And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K – owner Evans & Schreeder.

This 9-12 month puppy caught my eye in the classes. Blue and tan with a similar body style as the winners' dog. He had a good strong head piece including back skull and muzzle. Bone and feet were correct. He moved well in profile. The young coat has a ways to go, but because of age I was not concerned with that. Quality young animal.

Winners Bitch

Dreamtime The Duchess – owner Harban.

This entry came from the Bred by class. She is nicely proportioned. The height to length of back is good. The headpiece was very pleasing. The ears were placed on top of the head giving her a good expression. She moved easily around the ring carrying her top line. Coat was good.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Benayr So Adventurous – owner Bentley.

This bitch came from the 6-9 month class. Striking youngster with proper balance. Strong head piece and moved well. Still needs a mature coat.

Veteran Dog

CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible – owner Bachman & Schreeder.

This was a lovely veteran still in excellent shape. Well balanced with a strong headpiece and good expression. Good make and shape who moved well. Nice coat. He was in the mix at the end for BOB until he faded, but getting an award of merit. I also gave this entry a Group 3 two days later at the All Breed Show when he showed to his potential.

Veteran Bitch

Ch Ryba's Coco Chanel – owner Bachman & Schreeder.

Nice constructed bitch. Beginning to show her age.

Best of Breed

GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc – owner Smith.

Red dog that was well balanced in profile. The height to length of back was proper ending with a good tail set. He had bone and feet to match the body. Nice strength of head. Ears could have been a little higher on the head. Coat with texture and length. Moved well around the ring carrying a correct top line. While he was the ultimate winner, several other award of merit dogs pushed him hard as well as the BOS bitch.

Best of Opposite

CH Gabriella Touched By An Angel – owner Goiffon.

Lovely bitch correct in size and length. Headpiece fit her with well-placed ears giving an excellent expression. All her parts fit together well. She carried a good top line that remained in movement including a proper tail set. Plenty of reach and drive. Nicely coated. She pushed the BOB winner hard, and with a bit more presentation in the ring could have been the overall winner. An interesting side story on this entry. About mid way through the Special judging the Steward came to me and asked if one of the exhibitors could be excused from the ring for Jr. Handling. I asked which entry and the Steward indicated this bitch. She had caught my eye on the first go around, so I told the young lady that she could leave, but not the dog. However, it was her final decision. Fortunately for me, she decided to stay. The rest is history.

Awards of Merit.

CH Ryba's Gotham City Hero – owner Bachman & Schreeder & Longham.

CH Ryba's Call me Irresponsible – owner Bachman & Schreeder.

CH Rebelglen Card Shark – owner Bryan & Sazama.

GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master – owner Steinmetz & Goiffon.

Once again I would like to thank the Club for inviting me to judge the National and I hope everyone had a good time.



Australian Terrier Club of America 2013 National Results

Sweepstakes

Judge - Ms Krisi Ola - Finland

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS SWEEPSTAKES Puppy 6 months and under 9 months Dogs.

1 5 THE FARM'S GO FLY A KITE FRANKLIN , RN24226401 6/25/2012. Breeder: Sheila Dunn
By CH Twee-Dle-Dee My Boy Lollipop -- CH The Farm's Designed On The Fly. Alice Ann Wright and Sheila Dunn

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS SWEEPSTAKES Puppy 9 months and under 12 months Dogs.

**1/BEST 7 RYBA'S AND THE BEAT GOES ON FOR TERA-K , RN24285301 4/3/2012. Breeder: Sue Bachman & Teresa Schreeder
By CH Ryba's Twentieth Century Limited -- CH Ryba's Beyond a Doubt. Darlene Evans and Teresa Schreeder**

2 9 RYBA'S CONTRABAND , RN24285302 4/3/2012. Breeder: Susan Bachman and Teresa Shreeder
By CH Ryba's Twentieth Century Limited -- CH Ryba's Beyond A Doubt. Tami Collier

3 11 ZANTOKA NEW DERBY , RN23824906 2/10/2012. Breeder: Mary E Freeman and Esther Krom
By CH Zantoka Kyra Herald Angel -- CH Shastakin Cinnamon Fern RN. Mary E Freeman

A 17 DREAMTIME THE PROFESSOR OF BLUQUO , RN23822303 2/10/2012. Breeder: Rita Farmer, M. Harban and S.. Weigle
By CH Dreamtime One and Only -- CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Rita Farmer

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS SWEEPSTAKES 12 Months and under 18 Months Dogs.

A 21 WISSMISS UP THERE CAZALY , RN23448301 11/2/2011. Breeder: K Bryan , C Sazama, I E Weinstock. and AA Weinstock
By CH Rebelglen Card Shark -- CH Regency Tempest of Wismiss. Kerrie Bryan and Carol Sazama

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS SWEEPSTAKES Puppy 6 months and under 9 months Bitches.

**1/OS 6 TEMORA AMERICAN MAID , RN24339702 6/8/2012. Breeder: Julie M Seaton
By CH Temora Bully For You -- CH Temora Maid of Islay. Julie M Seaton and Zane Smith**

2 8 BENAYR SO ADVENTUROUS , RN24561003 7/1/2012. Breeder: Susan Bentley
By CH Millvalley Venturesome -- GCH Benayr Rightly So. Susan M. Bentley

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS SWEEPSTAKES Puppy 9 months and under 12 months Bitches.

2 10 ARALUEN CATCH A SUNBEAM , RN23908704 3/12/2012. Breeder: Cheryl A. and Jim L. Mechalke
By Melukylan Ursa Major -- CH Araluen's Bubbles In The Wine. Angie Cross Bly

3 12 TOUCHSTONE GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN , RN23572302 1/8/2012. Breeder: owner and Philip Benway
By CH Benways Super Trooper At Touchstone -- Touchstone Kiss Me Kate. Kendall and Mike Liga

4 14 RYBA'S LORI MY DARLIN , RN24285303 4/3/2012. Breeder: S Bachman and T Schreeder
By CH Ryba's Twentieth Century Limited -- CH Beyond A Doubt. Lisa Nance

1 16 DREAMTIME THE DUCHESS , RN23822301 2/10/2012. Breeder: Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban and Sandra M. Weigle
By CH Dreamtime's One and Only -- CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Marilyn Y. Harban

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1 18 CHRISTHILL THE GIRL NEXT DOOR , RN23157703 8/3/2011. Breeder: Kreg Hill and William Christensen
By CH Bluepepper's Panda -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD RE GN. Marietta Cowan and Kreg Hill

2 20 CHRISTHILL KIKU O'KIWI, BN RE CD , RN23157705 8/3/2011. Breeder: Kreg Hill and William Christensen
By CH Bluepepper's Panda -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN,CD,RN. Willy Baldwin and Kreg Hill

4 22 DIRIGO'S IN A MINUTE , RN23271901 11/3/2011. Breeder: Eileen Cummings
By CH Temora's P's New Guy In Town -- Pineterri Blue Moon. Eileen Cummings

3 24 CHRISTHILL COACHELLA , RN23157702 8/3/2011. Breeder: Kreg Hill. and William Christensen
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By CH Ryba's Twentieth Century Limited -- CH Ryba's Beyond A Doubt. Tami Collier

3 15 BENWAY'S KOLE PORT R BT , RN23572301 1/8/2012. Breeder: Kendall and Michael Liga and Philip Benway
By CH Benway's Super Trooper at Touchstone -- Touchstone Kiss Me Kate. Philip Benway

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS 12 Months and under 18 Months Dogs.

1 19 ROACHAN'S MASTER RAPTOR , RN23190206 9/5/2011. Breeder: Ann Roache
By GCH Kambara's Zebulon -- Reimin Dark Passion Play. Richard Kaye. Bergit H Kabel, Agent

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.

3 11 ZANTOKA NEW DERBY , RN23824906 2/10/2012. Breeder: Mary E Freeman and Esther Krom
By CH Zantoka Kyra Herald Angel -- CH Shastakin Cinnamon Fern RN. Mary E Freeman
A 17 DREAMTIME THE PROFESSOR OF BLUQUO , RN23822303 2/10/2012
Breeder: Rita Farmer, M. Harban and S.. Weigle By CH Dreamtime One and Only -- CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Rita Farmer
2 25 SAMABEL SUNSHINE SUPERMAN , RN22864001 4/24/2011. Breeder: owners
By CH Samabel Jersey Boy -- CH Samabel Diamond In The Ruff. Alexa Samarotto and Claudia C. Coleman

**1/W/BW 27 DUNHAM LAKE UNANIMOUS DECISION , RN22395201 5/18/2011. Breeder: Theresa, Lydia and Ellie Goiffon
By GCH Nellyson's Mr Don't Skip The Zip -- CH Benayr Kaih Catch the Wave. Theresa, Lydia and Ellie Goiffon**

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Open Dogs.

A 33 REDHAWK A BOY NAMED SIOUX , RN22600807 5/8/2011. Breeder: Eva Campbell
By GCH Merrigang's Wild 'n Crazy Guy OA NAJ SE -- CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN ROM. Ann Ridenour
1 35 MELUKLYAN URSA MAJOR , RN23859401 4/4/2011. Breeder: Kirsi Olsa
By Melukylan Jalo Kiwi -- Melukylan Olan Kokautus. Cheryl A and Jim L Mechalke, Jr.

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By CH Dreamtime's One and Only -- CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Marilyn Y. Harban**
26 AZUL'S CARBON COPY , RN12061202 2/10/2006. Breeder: Brianne and Julie Rock. and Adrianna Sanchez
By Azul Walks On The Wild Side -- Azul's Mahjong. Brianne, Kristina, Julie Rock
3 28 BENAYR MY T FINE , RN22289401 3/14/2011. Breeder: owner
By CH Benayr Here Comes Trouble -- CH Benayr Fine and Dandy. Susan M. Bentley

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Open Bitches.

1 36 DUNHAM LAKE TAKE A BOW , RN22395202 5/18/2011. Breeder: Theresa, Lydia and Ellie Goiffon
By GCH Nellyson's Mr. Don't Skip The Zip -- CH Benayr Kaih Catch The Wave. Ellie Goiffon
2 38 REDHAWK BACK TO THE FUTURE , RN22600803 5/8/2011. Breeder: Eva Campbell
By GCH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy OA, NAJ, SE -- CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN. Angie Cross Bly
3 40 MYSTICSTAR JOAN OF ARC , RN20487804 3/12/2010. Breeder: Owner
By CH Dreamtimes One and Only -- CH Mysticstars Carly's Angel. Golda Whitlaw. Gustavo Molinari, Agent

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Non-Reg Eligible BOB/BOV Veteran Dogs.

3 37 CH HUMVEE O'KIWI , RN07071804 11/11/2004. Breeder: Willy Baldwin and J Kirkpatrick. and C Payne
By TT's Sorcerers Apprentice -- CH Dbl Nkl Happy Trails O'Kiwi. Baldwin, Willy and Allison Kirk
4 39 CH BLUEPEPPER'S MAY-DAY , RN18430801 5/8/2005. Breeder: Marjo Ahola
By Bluepepper's WoodyWoodPecker -- WildWest's Flower Power. Bruce Saunders & Eve Steel & Marjo Ahola

2 41 CH CHRISTHILL SUNNY DUNES TAPA , RN03181005 8/20/2003. Breeder: Kreg B Hill, William I Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill CDX -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill. Tamara Gaudet
**1/JAM 43 RYBA'S CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE , RN06732001 9/14/2004. Breeder: Lisa Nance
By CH Ryba's Tom Foolery -- CH Ryba's Rat-A-Tat Boogie Brat. S. Bachman and T. Schreeder**

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Non-Reg Eligible BOB/BOV Veteran Bitches.

**1/JAM 42 CH RYBA'S COCO CHANEL , RN10417307 9/10/2005. Breeder: S Bachman, T Schreeder
By CH Ryba's Tom Foolery -- CH Ryba's Dancing Queen. S. Bachman and T. Schreeder**

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Best-of-Breed/Variety

21 WISSMISS UP THERE CAZALY , RN23448301 11/2/2011. Breeder: K Bryan , C Sazama, I E Weinstock and AA Weinstock
By CH Rebelglen Card Shark -- CH Regency Tempest of Wismiss. Kerrie Bryan and Carol Sazama
**OS 4 CH DUNHAM LAKE GABRIELLA TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL , RN19904105 12/6/2009. Breeder: Theresa and Ellie Goiffon
By CH Benayr Just For Kicks -- CH Benayr Dakota's Daring Darling. Theresa and Ellie Goiffon**
**JAM 45 GCH DUNHAM LAKE SCOUT MASTER , RN19904103 12/6/2009. Breeder: Theresa and Ellie Goiffon
By CH Benayr Just For Kicks -- CH Benayr Dakota's Daring Darling. Tim and Jane Steinmetz and Theresa Goiffon
Jacqueline Johnson, Agent**

46 CH ARISTAS ENCHANTED AT JOVI , RN21719303 11/18/2010. Breeder: Pamela C Levy
By GCH Black Back Firefly -- CH Crestwoods Suddenly I See KT. Vivien Gilli. Gabriel Rangel, Agent

A 47 CH REBELGLEN CARD SHARK , RN22322601 3/28/2001. Breeder: John Davidson
By Rebelglen Gungadin -- Rebelglen if Nwhen. Kerrie Bryan and Carol Sazama

48 GCH P.S. PHOEBE II CHRISTHILL , RN17702501 10/28/2008. Breeder: William I Christensen. and Kreg B Hill
By CH Marble Arch Mysticstar Chance -- CH P.S. Roxbury Christhill, CDX RE. Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
Carlos Carrizo, Agent

**JAM 49 CH RYBA'S GOTHAM CITY HERO , RN20875408 6/2/2010. Breeder: Owner
By CH Barberi Hedge Ryba's Dundee -- CH Ryba's Coco Chanel. S Bachman and T Schreeder & M Langham**

50 CH BENAYR SHIRLEY U GESTE , RN21827303 12/26/2010. Breeder: Susan Bentley
By CH Benayr Beau Geste -- CH Benayr the Bee's Knees. Susan M. Bentley

51 CH BLUE MOON MYTIMES THEY R A-CHANGN' CD BN RE, RN18483902 3/9/2009. Breeder: Jeanne Popovits
By GCH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible -- CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl. Sherry Cooper and Celeste Platte

52 CH BRITEYES TIGER LILLY , RN14603905 9/6/2007. Breeder: Diane Kroeze
By CH Benayr Take It By Storm, RN -- CH Gypsy Rose Lee II, RN. Diane Kroeze

**SEL 53 GCH SHASTAKIN FLYING DUST BUSTER , RN17922705 12/20/2008. Breeder: Esther Krom
By CH Shastakin Flying Hoover -- CH Shastakin Northern Dancer. Zoe VanWyck De Ropp Ernesto Lara, Agent**

54 CH ARALUEN'S BUBBLES IN THE WINE , RN21936604 12/27/2010. Breeder: owner
By GCH Nellyson's Don't Skip The Zip -- Tatong's Shepherds Moon. Cheryl A and Jim L Mechalke, Jr.

56 CH DREAMTIMES KEEPSAKE , RN20114501 12/8/2009. Breeder: Marilyn Y. Harban
By CH Dreamtime's One and Only -- Dreamtime Little Dove. Marilyn Y. Harban

**SEL 58 GCH ROCK VILLAGE RUMOR HAS IT , RN21045801 7/25/2010. Breeder: Lisa Violette
By CH Pineterri Forever Trevor -- CH Benayr And Back Again. Lisa Violette**

A 59 RYBA'S A HINT OF SCANDAL , RN23346002 10/22/2011. Breeder: S. Bachman & T. Schreeder
By CH Ryba's Diamond Jim -- CH Ryba's On A Clear Day. S. & T. Schreeder

60 CH ABQ CIMINA CHRISTHILL, CD, GN, RE, BN , RN15237201 9/26/2007. Breeder: William I. Christensen and Kreg B. Hill
By GCH ABQ San Isidro Christhill -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD, RE. William Christensen and Kreg B. Hill

61 GCH ABQ SAN ISIDRO CHRISTHILL, CD GN RE , RN12829203 10/10/2006. Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill RN -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CD. Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
Carlos Carrizo, Agent.

62 GCH RYBA'S ON A CLEAR DAY , RN17651204 9/24/2008. Breeder: S. Bachman & T. Schreeder
By CH Redwing Licensed to Thrill -- CH Ryba's Coco Chanel. S. Bachman and T. Schreeder

63 GCH REDSKY FLYBOY WELLINGTON , RN21402706 8/17/2010. Breeder: Elaine Strid
By GCH Black Back Firefly -- GCH Roachan's Live & Let Fly At Redsky. Elaine Strid and Linda DeMartine
Colton Johnson, Agent

64 CH BLUE MOON RIVER , RN18483903 3/9/2009. Breeder: owner
By CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible -- CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl. Jeanne Popovits

65 CH BLUE MOON MISTER POPPINS , RN22072702 1/11/2011. Breeder: Jeanne Popovits
By CH Azul Smart Remark -- CH Blue Moon River. Jeanne Popovits

67 CH AZUL'S BEAR NECESSITY RA, RN04956103 12/21/2003. Breeder: Brian and Julie Rock
By Azul Gotta Play to Win -- Shea's Ring of Fire. Kristina Rock

69 GCH NELLYSON'S MR DON'T SKIP THE ZIP , RN16361201 11/1/2007. Breeder: Tina Nordgren
By CH Nellyson's Ihihottie -- CH Tatong's Indiana. Cheryl A and Jim L Mechalke, Jr.

71 GCH SUNDG PLETTY BOY FLOYD , RN17568501 11/3/2008. Breeder: Owner
By CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible -- CH Sundog The Viking's Daughter. Angie Cross Bly

**B 73 GCH TEMORA RI DIERCC , RN19568001 8/26/2009. Breeder: Julie M Seaton.
By CH Millvalley Red Rufus -- CH Truozzys Black Delilah. Zane Smith
Kellie Dahlberg, Agent**

75 CH CHRISTHILL MORONGO , RN23157701 8/3/2011. Breeder: Kreg Hill and William Christensen
By CH Bluepepper's Panda -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD, RE, GN. Kreg Hill and Bill Christensen

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Non-Reg NOT Eligible BOB/BOV Stud Dog

1 79 CH DREAMTIMES ONE AND ONLY , RN17426301 7/18/2008. Breeder: owner
By CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible -- CH Dreamtime's Holly Berry. Marilyn Y. Harban

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Non-Reg NOT Eligible BOB/BOV Brood Bitch

1 64 CH BLUE MOON RIVER , RN18483903 3/9/2009. Breeder: owner
By CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible -- CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl. Jeanne Popovits
2 66 CH ABQ CANDELARIA CHRISTHILL , CD GN RE BN , RN12829202 10/10/2006. Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill CDX RN -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CD. Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS Non-Reg NOT Eligible BOB/BOV Brace

1 48 GCH P.S. PHOEBE II CHRISTHILL , RN17702501 10/28/2008. Breeder: William I Christensen and Kreg B Hill
By CH Marble Arch Mysticstar Chance -- CH P.S. Roxbury Christhill, CDX RE. Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
A 59 RYBA'S A HINT OF SCANDAL , RN23346002 10/22/2011. Breeder: S. Bachman & T. Schreeder
By CH Ryba's Diamond Jim -- CH Ryba's On A Clear Day. S. & T. Schreeder
1 61 GCH ABQ SAN ISIDRO CHRISTHILL , CD GN RE , RN12829203 10/10/2006. Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill RN -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CD. Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
A 62 GCH RYBA'S ON A CLEAR DAY , RN17651204 9/24/2008. Breeder: S. Bachman & T. Schreeder
By CH Redwing Licensed to Thrill -- CH Ryba's Coco Chanel. S. Bachman and T. Schreeder

Obedience (Placements Only)**Novice A Class**

2 185.0 7 CAMBRIDGE TAZZMANIAN BLUE DEVIL , RN18112503 12/28/2008. Breeder: Ann Ridenour.
By Cambridge Mr. Blue -- Cambridge Blue Contessa. Owner: Joy Miller

Rally (Placements Only)**Rally Advanced B**

Q 90. 306 CH ABQ CIMINA CHRISTHILL , CD, GN, RE, BN , RN15237201 9/26/2007. Breeder: William I. Christensen and Kreg B. Hill
By GCH ABQ San Isidro Christhill -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD, RE. Owner: William Christensen and Kreg B. Hill
2 95. 308 CH ABQ CANDELARIA CHRISTHILL , CD GN RE BN , RN12829202 10/10/2006. Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill CDX RN -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CD. Owner: Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
4 94. 312 CH P.S. ROXBURY CHRISTHILL , CDX RE , RN03181001 8/20/2003. Breeder: owner
By CH Quentin Christhill RN CDX -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CDX RA. Owner: Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
**1 97. 315 MACH 2 TATTERCOATS TOP HAT WITH TAIL UDX VS XF , RM32410302 10/24/2000. Breeder: Jeannine Johnson
By Tattercoats Tribal Voice -- CH Benayr Jungle Jezebel. Owner: Barbera Curtis**
Q 92. 330 CH BLUE MOON MYTIMES THEY R A-CHANGN' CD BN RE , RN18483902 3/9/2009. Breeder: Jeanne Popovits
By GCH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible -- CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl. Owner: Sherry Cooper and Celeste Platte

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4 86. 505 MACH 2 TATTERCOATS TOP HAT WITH TAIL UDX VS XF , RM32410302 10/24/2000. Breeder: Jeannine Johnson
By Tattercoats Tribal Voice -- CH Benayr Jungle Jezebel. Owner: Barbera Curtis
Q 86. 506 CH P.S. ROXBURY CHRISTHILL , CDX RE , RN03181001 8/20/2003. Breeder: owner
By CH Quentin Christhill RN CDX -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CDX RA. Owner: Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
Q 86. 510 CH ABQ CIMINA CHRISTHILL , CD, GN, RE, BN , RN15237201 9/26/2007. Breeder: William I. Christensen and Kreg B. Hill
By GCH ABQ San Isidro Christhill -- CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD, RE. Owner: William Christensen and Kreg B. Hill
Q 77. 512 CH ABQ CANDELARIA CHRISTHILL , CD GN RE BN , RN12829202 10/10/2006. Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen
By CH Quentin Christhill CDX RN -- CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christhill CD. Owner: Kreg B. Hill and William I. Christensen
**1 90. 530 CH BLUE MOON MYTIMES THEY R A-CHANGN' CD BN RE , RN18483902 3/9/2009. Breeder: Jeanne Popovits
By GCH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible -- CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl
Owner: Sherry Cooper and Celeste Platte**

Congratulations to Everyone!!

National Sweepstakes Review

by Kirsi Ola, kennel Melukylan, Finland

It was my pleasure to judge the sweepstakes classes at the ATCA National in January 2013. I want to thank the Show Committee for the invitation. It was a great honor and I'm grateful for that wonderful opportunity.

My general impression of the sweepstakes and of the national is highly positive. I saw many beautiful Aussies, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and the showgrounds were amazingly beautiful, not to mention the clear blue sky and the shining sun.

The sweepstakes were a joy to judge; however I noticed that judging is more difficult than I had expected.

With more than 20 years in the breed, I'm used to evaluating dogs at the ringside and at owners'/breeders' homes, but I've always been able to use my own preferences. When judging, I had to think about the standard and forget my type and my needs within my breeding program. I did my best and the winners represented my view of the overall quality in breed type, movement, and attitude. All of my winners had a true working terrier presence, with a happy, outgoing attitude and a good natural posture, free movement, straight topline, and good proportions. But they were not the only specimens in the sweepstakes ring that possessed those qualities; there were several more to choose from and I had a difficult time making the final choices. I also appreciate charisma and an air of "stardom" in dogs, and I think all four winners had that special something.

Here are more specific comments of all class winners, copied from notes I made during the judging.

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

Puppy 6 and under 9 months Dogs: The Farm's Go Fly A Kite Franklin:

An extremely promising puppy male of excellent type and head. Long ribcage and therefore wonderful short loins part, nice keel, excellent expression and ears, nice balanced angulation, and free movement with straight topline all the time. Good coat and color. Body still to develop.

BOB, Puppy 9 and under 12 months Dogs: Ryba's And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K:

Just lovely type and proportions. Excellent eyes and eye pigmentation. Excellent body, balanced angulation, firm topline all the time, fluent easy movement. Excellent coat with excellent colors. Charming attitude and contact with the handler. Skull a little heavy and muzzle a little short for my taste.

BOS, Puppy 6 and under 9 months Bitches: Temora American Maid:

An extremely promising puppy of lovely size and good proportions. Excellent expression. Balanced angulation, straight topline, good reach and drive when moving. Wonderful harsh coat quality and color. Great alert presence standing on her toes. Smaller head for my taste, and I'd prefer a little longer ribcage.

Puppy 9 and under 12 months Bitches: Dreamtime's The Duchess:

A beautiful bitch with lovely proportions, excellent head, good coat and colors, excellent tail set, straight topline, easy mover, really good posture when moving. Ears quite big.

12 and under 18 months Bitches: Christhill The Girl Next Door:

Charming bitch with excellent size and proportions. Very good front, lovely expression, good coat, good topline. Nice balanced movement. Eyes a little light.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

BOB: 7 and under 10 years Dogs: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible:

Excellent type, wonderful easy and flowing movement, excellent topline and balanced angulation, lovely face and expression and eyes and ears. Full of himself and happy in the ring.

BOS: 7 and under 10 years Bitches: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel:

Excellent strong bitch, lovely proportions, excellent topline, wonderful angulation at both ends, good coat and color, very good head, effective movement.

After the Sweepstakes I was able to relax and look at the national ring. Since the champions, except veterans, had been missing from my ring, it was a wonderful treat to my eye to see the best of breed class. So many so gorgeous Aussies in one place at the same time! I've watched videos from U.S. nationals a few times, and even if I thought that the videos did not always give an accurate picture, I now think that the overall quality is really high. I didn't see any Aussies that were too short or too high in the legs. The heads were mostly long enough and I saw hardly any snipey-faced Aussies, while the toplines were mostly good. I think there were about a dozen participants that could have been chosen for BOB!

One thing that stood out to me was overgrooming—soft coats and soft expressions. Aussies should look like working terriers from farms Down Under with a hard-bitten look, not like toy dogs or spoiled city pets. Another concern was short ribcages. I believe U.S. breeders, like Aussie breeders everywhere I've seen Aussies, should pay attention to that. A long loin is a weak point in the anatomy of the dog and may put long-bodied breeds at greater risk for spinal problems. Also, fronts are a problem everywhere in this breed. Even though I saw more good fronts now in the U.S. than ever before anywhere, there is still work to be done.

ATCA had organized a wonderful national, and I'm so happy I had the chance to be there. I enjoyed it with all my heart. I send my sincere and warmest thanks to everybody there who made my weekend so special and am wishing to see as many of you as possible in the World Winner Show in August 2014 in Helsinki, Finland!



National Winners Photos



Best of Breed
GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc



Best of Opposite
CH Dunham Lake Gabriella
Touched By An Angel



Best In Sweeps
Ryba's And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K



Winners Bitch
Dreamtime The Duchess



Select Bitch
GCH CH Rock Village Rumor Has It



Best of Opposite In Sweeps
Temora American Maid



Best in Brace
GCH CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill
GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill



Best in Veteran in Sweeps
Best of Opposite Veteran In Sweeps
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CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible
CH Ryba's Coco Chanel



Winners Dog/Best of Winners
Dunham Lake Unanimous Decision



AOM
GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master

The National in the Desert

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by Julie Seaton

The 2013 Australian Terrier National Specialty was held on January 4th in Palm Springs, CA. The weather was amazing, the people warm and friendly, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time! One thing about the ATCA; they know how to have a party and the camaraderie was as always, amazing!

Guests came from all over the USA, as well as Finland and Australia. You could tell who the northerners were from the way they dressed—sleeveless tops, shorts, and a light jacket at night, compared to the regulars, who were in long sleeves, long pants, and heavy jackets. This beautiful show started with a New Year's Eve party at the show chair's home! Kreg Hill and Bill Christensen invited everyone over to their house for a New Year's Eve party. The evening was a gathering of friends and everyone had a good time. The outside of the house was decorated to the hilt and every light was on, making the house literally glow in the dark. The food, cooked by Bill, was great and abundant. Dessert was the best part of the meal! Kreg grows roses and the backyard was filled with these beautiful flowers. Their lovely fragrance permeated the entire property.

Education Day, which was held on Wednesday, was about diabetes and other endocrine issues in our breed. The presenter was Dr. Thomas Graves, a small-animal veterinarian who specializes in endocrinology, metabolism, obesity, and geriatric medicine. For those who want an informative and enlightening lecture on a subject close to many of our hearts, Dr. Graves' presentation was not only interesting, but entertaining.

Wednesday night finished with a gathering of the masses in the hospitality room. Here you could browse the silent auction items, get some snacks, and visit with people you had not seen for 6 months. Yes, just 6 months! This National was on the heels of the last, which was held at Purina Farms in May 2012. It seemed like we all just saw each other and the party was still going on, so we just picked up where we left off from May.

Like most dog show people, everyone was in bed early, because we always get excited about the first day of showing. Of course, the opposite is true by the end of the weekend.

One of our overseas visitors, Diana Fenton from Australia, shared her impressions of the show: *I thoroughly enjoyed the show. It was very well managed, the trophies were wonderful, the judging was undertaken with precision, and the grounds were nothing short of magnificent. There is nothing in this country to match that venue.*

The dogs were a joy to see. The Specials class had so many styles of Aussies, many of them first-class. We simply do not have either the numbers or overall quality of Aussies in this country. The presentation was exceptional and no country I have visited is in USA's class for show preparation. The people were friendly and willing to discuss their dogs (faults and virtues.)

Obedience was great to watch. Aussies just love to 'look around' during their exercises and I laughed at some of their antics, especially when some's inquisitiveness simply overcame their training. They just do not work as tightly as some of the more popular obedience breeds. As for the judging, as is generally the case, regardless of individual placements, the cream rose to the top. The competition was fierce in that there were more

quality dogs than winning places. I think that any Aussie judge would be honored to have the opportunity to lay their hands on the Aussies shown over the 4 days.

Thursday, the obedience & rally ring started the day off first and there were plenty of Aussies doing their stuff; not all qualified, however. One thing we know about our breed is that they have a mind of their own and sometimes that piece of horse poo was just too important to pass up. The show was held at a polo field, so numerous little, dried mounds of horse poo dotted the grounds. Even though it had been cleaned up very well, there was still some here and there. For the Aussies that had never encountered these little gems before, it was wayyyy too interesting a smell and detours had to be made to check it out. But, one thing nice about the breed, they always come back to you. They may be munching on something new when they do, but they come back! One exhibitor actually used the horse poo for bait during the conformation show! Her dog never showed so well. She mentioned later she should have bagged some and taken it home with her!

Conformation was with the Copperstate Australian Terrier Regional Specialty Show. Normally held in Arizona with the Fiesta Cluster, this year it was held in conjunction with the National Specialty. The unique thing about this show is that every year, the trophies are made of copper. Something different is offered each year. They are beautiful and we ALL want them! It is much more fun to win one of these beautiful pieces than buying one for yourself, but it is tempting. Jeanne Popovits, Mike and Kendall Liga, and Ann Ridenour made sure that the trophies were out and ready, and were on hand to answer any questions people had. National Show Chair Kreg Hill was also present to make sure that all ran smoothly. Kudos to everyone who made the day very special!

Joyce Standish started Sweeps. With an entry of 14 puppies, she went over each with a light hand. The puppies were having fun and their antics charmed the spectators. Once again, horse poo was present. During the down and back, Joyce toed through one pile and had everyone take their puppy "down to the split of the horse pile and back." One or two pups made a grab for either side of the mound when turning around!



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photo by Jackie Johnson



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Her placements were:

Best in Sweeps: Ryba's Contraband – owned by Tami Collier

Best in Opposite in Sweeps: Temora American Maid – owned by Julie Seaton and Zane Smith

Joyce then had the Veteran Sweeps to judge. Although there were not many Veterans, they were in great condition and you could see the dogs respond to the applause as they went around the ring. It is always wonderful to see these dogs come back out and to see that they are happy and are still loving being in the ring.

Her placements were:

Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel

– owned by Susan Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

Best in Opposite in Veteran Sweeps: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible

– owned by Susan Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

Kathleen Ferris judged the regular classes. With an entry of 50 dogs, she went through them with patience and consideration for the fact it was getting warm and the dogs were getting hot.

Her placements were:

BOB: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible – owned by Susan Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

BOS: CH Dunham Lake Gabriella Touched by an Angel – owned by Ellie Goiffon and T Goiffon

WD/BW: Wismiss Up There Cazaly – owned by Kerrie Bryan and Carol Sazama

RWD: Samabel Sunshine Superman – owned by Alexa Samaratto and Claudia Coleman

WB: Christhill The Girl Next Door – owned by Marietta Cowan and Kreg Hill

RWB: Temora American Maid – owned by Julie Seaton and Zane Smith

SEL Dog: GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master – owned by Jim and Jane Steinmetz and T Goiffon

SEL Bitch: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel – owned by Susan Bachman and Theresa Schreeder

Thursday night was a get-together at the hotel, hosted by Copperstate and featuring fried chicken with all the fixings. Hospitality chairs never get the recognition they deserve. This team did a superb job and the food was wonderful! So thank you to both Copperstate and the National Committee for a job well done!



Friday morning arrived and as usual, excitement was in the air. It was the day of the National—a day where we all gather together in one place, at one time, to see what this particular judge (whom we have chosen in a membership poll) thinks of our dogs and the breed overall. Each year, Australian Terrier breeders and owners come from near and far to see old friends, make new ones, and to show their dogs. Some come for the fun of it. Others come hoping to finish their dogs. Still others come to see what's up and coming in the breed ring. Regardless of the reason, everyone gets together and has a good time. This National was no exception. Members and non-members under the reserved hospitality tent had a good time grooming their dogs, socializing and enjoying each and every day together. A lot of laughter floated across the tent as well as friendly banter and conversation. The ATCA is a small group, but our common bond—the love for the Australian Terrier—is first and foremost. Many first-time attendees were introduced to club members and it was nice to see all the new people greeted so warmly.

Sweeps was first and was judged by Kirsi Ola of Finland. Kirsi has been



a breeder of Australian Terriers for over 20 years and this was her first-ever judging assignment. Here is what she had to say about her visit to the USA:

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the invitation. It was a great honor and I'm grateful for that wonderful opportunity.

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The sweepstakes were truly a joy to judge. However, I noticed while judging that it was more difficult than I had expected. During more than 20 years in the breed, I'm used to evaluating dogs at ringside and at owners'/breeders' homes, but I've been always able to do that from my own preferences. When judging, I had to think about the standard and forget "my type" and my needs in my breeding program. I did my best and my winners represent my view of an excellent Aussie based on their overall quality in breed type, movement, and attitude.

All of my winners had a true working terrier presence, with a happy outgoing attitude and a good natural posture, free movement, straight topline, and good proportions. My winners were not the only specimens in the sweepstakes ring that possessed those qualities; there were several more to choose from and I had a difficult time making the final choices. I also appreciate charisma and air of "stardom" in dogs, and I think all four of my winners have that special "something" in them.

After the sweepstakes, I was able to relax and look at the National ring. Since the champions had been missing from my ring, it was a wonderful treat to my eyes to see the best of breed. So many so gorgeous Aussies in one place at the same time!

ATCA organized a wonderful National and I'm so happy I had a possibility to be there and enjoy with all my heart. Sending my thanks to everybody there who made my weekend so special.

Kirsi had 14 puppies to judge. She would approach each one and start talking to him/her in Finnish. You could see each one tilt its head to the side to listen to her. When each puppy was done with their down and back, she asked the handler to wait while she jotted down notes. Much like the critiques done where she lives, she wrote down her thoughts on every puppy.

Kirsi Ola's Sweepstake Placements:

Best in Sweeps: Ryba And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K – owned by Darlene Evans and Theresa Schreeder

Best in Opposite in Sweeps: Temora American Maid – owned by Julie Seaton and Zane Smith

She then had the Veterans to judge. Like the day before, the two that won Best and Opposite were the same, just reversed!

Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible – owned by Susan Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

Best in Opposite in Veteran Sweeps: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel – owned by Susan Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

A notable thing was that even though this was Kirsi's first judging assignment, her placements for the day throughout each class were not much different than the placements from the day before. She was not present on Thursday, nor had she seen any of the dogs prior to her judging them on Friday. It is always interesting to see what each individual judge does on any given day. But knowing how nervous and excited Kirsi was, and that it was her first judging assignment ever, it was noteworthy that she was so similar in placements to the judge the day before when going over the same dogs.

Jon Cole had the regular assignment for the National. With an entry of 53 dogs, he went through each class with efficiency. With his usual flair for keeping us in suspense during the Best of Breed Competition, his placements were:

BOB: GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc – owned by Zane Smith

BOS: CH Dunham Lake Gabriella Touched by an Angel – owned by Ellie Goiffon & T Goiffon

WD/BW: Dunham Lake Unanimous Decision – owned by Lydia and Ellie Goiffon

RWD: Ryba And The Beat Goes On For Tera-K – owned by Darlene Evans & Theresa Schreeder

WB: Dreamtime The Duchess – owned by Marilyn Harban

RWB: Benayr So Adventurous – owned by Susan Bentley

SEL Dog: GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dustbuster – owned by Zoe Van-Wyck De Ropp

SEL Bitch: GCH CH Rock Village Rumor Has It – owned by Lisa Violette

AOM: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible – owned by Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

AOM: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel – owned by Susan Bachman & Theresa Schreeder

AOM: CH Ryba's Gotham City Hero - owned by Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder and M Langham

AOM: GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master – owned by Jim and Jane Steinmetz & T Goiffon

Brace 1st: GCH CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill & GCH CH ABQ San Isidro Christhill - owned by Kreg Hill & William Christensen

During the bred-by class, one Aussie bitch, who never potties while at a show, decided in the middle of judging that she needed to go. Normally when a dog or bitch goes, it is a mark, but this one decided that she needed to empty her entire bladder! About 2 minutes later, or so it seemed, she was finally done. Everyone was cracking up by this time. It was quite humorous for the bystanders, but probably not so much for the owner. She won the Bred-by class and then went on to take Winners Bitch. We said she won by 'Pee-Fault.'

Most people stayed to watch the Bred-by group. Much to the disappointment of all those who watched the group, the Australian Terrier that won from the Bred-by class WD/BW was not present, but everyone was there to cheer on the regular group and the Breed winner for the National.

Once the Terrier group was over, everyone headed back to the hotel to get ready for the annual banquet, which was held at the Indian Wells Country Club. Live piano music played throughout the evening, which started with a social hour of drinks. An annual tradition within the club is that the owner of the Best of Breed winner buys one round of drinks. No one is sure who started that tradition, but it has caught on! So Zane Smith, even though he was not present for the festivities, did buy that round—thanks, Zane!! The country club was elegant and the lovely atmosphere contributed to the great banquet. Dinner was excellent; every dish was top-notch and well worth the price. The day had gone well and all present had a wonderful time. Awards were handed out, speeches were made, and before you knew it, the night was over. Saturday was another day of showing and like the day before, everyone froze in the morning, peeled clothes off in early afternoon, and by late afternoon put clothes back on. Gotta love California in the winter!



Clay Coady was the judge for the day. Best of Breed dog was once again CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible, again from the Veteran's class. He then repeated the win on Sunday under Susan Goldberg and took a Group 3 as well under Jon Cole. A nod to the Veteran, for three days out of four was terrific. On Saturday and Sunday, the roar that went up when he won was thrilling to hear. He was a beautiful dog when in his prime and he still is as a veteran.

So another National has come and gone. The next one will be in Colorado in 2014, almost a year and a half away. The party will start up once again and we will all make the trek to see each other and to show our dogs. Thank you to Kreg Hill, show chair, and his team for putting on a wonderful specialty. Thank s also to the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California and The Kennel Club of Palm Springs. Australian Terrier Enthusiasts enjoyed their time there and you did a great job with the show. Till next year!



Candidas - photos by Kerrie Bryan



the Other Ring *by Leslie Hoy*

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The story goes that a pedestrian on Fifty-Seventh Street stopped violinist Jascha Heifetz and inquired, "Can you tell me how to get to Carnegie Hall?" "Yes," said Heifetz. "Practice!"

So how do you get to Eukanuba? Practice. Dedication. Hard work. Focus. Patience. Planning. Holding a vision. More hard work. Refinement. More practice.

All of those concepts, as well as that tired old joke about Carnegie Hall and others, ran through my mind as I watched the agility competition at the December 2012 AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. The beautiful Florida weather barely registered for those of us fortunate enough to be there, whether active competitors, part of the support team, or spectators. We were glued to the rings. Watching people run, hearing their comments, seeing their support for one another, and yes, "feeling the love"—all that was part of the experience.

There was so much to see and do at Eukanuba, not just in the agility rings, that my recollections of those 3 days are kind of a blur. Good thing I took some notes each day!



The Invitational is a place where the heavy hitters in the agility world go head to head with those of us who aren't quite as dedicated and focused on competition. Sure, it's tempting to see how you compare to others. But the focus is on you and your personal best. It's an honor just to get to this level and get the invitation. Only the top 5 dogs in each breed are eligible to participate.

Our breed was well represented this year. Janet Broida and Mel; Mark McGrath and Hamels; Heather Rife and Reggie; and Nancy Wentworth and Ben showed the crowd that Australian Terriers can do more than just chase varmints! All of them had great runs and a super-good time. And the Aussies got along just fine, too. We sat ringside together through many runs with not a snark or growl among them.

I'm proud to say also that two of my teachers, Stephanie Capkovic and Missy Johnson, were entered, with a Scottie and a Sealyham respectively, and that Stephanie and Rubio were the #1 Scottie! It speaks so well of our agility training program and our teaching staff that they achieved this honor.

Some of the most emotional moments occurred on Friday morning during the junior handlers' competition. These young men and women, some of them very young, had their turn in the same spotlight where all the adults played. They were nervous but for the most part poised, and many had breathtaking, brilliant runs with well-trained dogs. Everyone clapped and cheered and there were many tears of joy and awe that were shed, including mine. What lucky kids, to have the backing and encouragement of their parents. And what lucky kids too to have a place to play where they're taken seriously and treated like adults by other adults, not like children!

I think that a comment I heard sums it up best. A woman said, after studying the map and walking the course, "I don't think we're gonna be competitive out there, but we're gonna do our best and have fun." That is what I love best about agility. No matter what the challenges (and remember, no two courses are alike!), no matter how you feel, you give it your best shot—whatever you have—and remember how fortunate you are to do this in the first place.

Will Libby and I ever make it to Eukanuba? Hmm... When I think of the hard work and dedication it would take to get there, I get tired before I begin. And there are so many other things we enjoy doing together, like different rally and agility venues, that I'm not sure I'd want to focus on "just" AKC. But life has a way of taking us to places we don't expect, so I won't rule out that possibility.

Wishing everyone many Qs in 2013, whatever your favorite venue or chosen sport. Cherish the moments and memories, good or bad, with your dogs and your friends.

Untraditional in a Traditional World

by Leslie Hoy

Many of us “of a certain age,” especially women, were raised with the expectation of choosing safe, traditional careers. You might have been encouraged to become a teacher, nurse, or secretary, with marriage and parenthood not far behind. And if you were a man, of course you stayed at your job, however unfulfilling, until you retired, right?

As we’ve matured, those traditional choices have become much less relevant. Typical retirement has gone out the window and the traditional American family doesn’t suit everyone. It’s not unusual nowadays to make career changes multiple times during our lives. Add to this mix that people invent their own careers, thinking of creative ways to pursue their passion while paying their bills.

This overall trend is reflected in the world of dogs as well. Time was, if someone considered a career in the pet industry, what choices came to mind? No doubt, some very necessary, vital ones, like veterinarian, veterinary technician, groomer, store owner ... But now we have exciting new options such as canine physical therapist, animal behaviorist, dog writer ... The list is bounded only by our imaginations.

For this issue, *The Talkabout* has interviewed two women whose dog-centric working lives have taken them down pathways they hadn’t anticipated. The first is Jennifer Amundsen of Madison, WI, “The Dog-Savvy Lawyer.” A long-time dog lover (Clumber and Field Spaniels, with a fondness for Terriers in general and Australian Terriers in particular!), she wanted to tailor her professional interests and talents in business law and estate planning to better serve the dog community. “I have known for some time that I wanted to serve fellow dog enthusiasts as part of my law practice [and] combine several different skill sets, especially in the areas of business law (contracts) and estate planning.” Amundsen is happy to help pet owners with more common issues such as municipal ordinance problems, but explains how the fancy in particular can benefit from her specialized expertise: “My focus is specifically on serving the needs of purebred dog owners and breeders. For example, while someone specializing in animal law might handle an estate plan that factors in the family pet, I would also encourage purebred owners to consider

the disposition of frozen semen, pedigrees, and other items that may be an important part of a breeder’s legacy. Most breeders choose to write their contracts without legal assistance, and many people choose to make informal arrangements for their pets upon death, rather than tailoring an estate plan that specifically takes their animals into account.”

Yes, dogs are indeed part of our human families and Amundsen’s practice, while a niche market at present, reflects this societal trend. Just as we now recognize the importance of healthy food and top-notch, sometimes nontraditional vet care for our fur kids, so too is it important to recognize our pets’ legal status in ways we may not have considered. Think for a moment about the unthinkable. What if you

predeceased your dogs? Do you have plans in place for their care, and would those plans hold up to a legal challenge? Estate planning for our animals can be as complex as that for human family members.

“Many people choose to make informal arrangements for their pets upon death, rather than tailoring an estate plan that specifically takes their animals into account. I encourage clients

So just what are those legal documents, anyway, and how do they pertain to us as pet owners?

A will is used to distribute property to beneficiaries, specify last wishes, and name guardians for minor children.

It is an important part of any estate plan.

Without one, the courts will make these critical decisions for you.

A living trust is used to transfer property to beneficiaries.

But unlike a last will, a living trust is not usually subject to probate court, which can take years and cost thousands in attorneys’ and court fees.

A living will lets you outline important healthcare decisions in advance, such as whether or not to remain on artificial life support.

A power of attorney lets you appoint someone you trust to handle important financial and legal matters on your behalf either immediately or only if you are unable to make decisions for yourself.

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to plan for death *and* incapacity. This means that, in addition to a will or living trust to cover the disposition of assets, I usually also prepare a durable power of attorney (for financial affairs), as well as a power of attorney for health care and a living will. Thus, an estate plan for a pet owner involves a will or living trust, as appropriate, that includes provisions for the care of companion animals after the owner’s death. It also involves authorization for [someone] to care for animals in the event of the owner’s absence or temporary or long-term incapacity.”

If you haven’t considered any of these crucial steps to caring for your pet after you’re gone or want to revisit any arrangements you’ve made, get in touch with Jennifer Amundsen at: tmlawmadison@yahoo.com or by phone at 608-347-9983. Dog Savvy Lawyer is also on Facebook, where you can keep up with her latest doings.

Why would someone with a comfortable position as a state employee quit that job to concentrate full-time on dog training? Some of her friends were sure she'd lost her mind, but Stephanie Capkovic of Lewisberry, PA took that step in 2008 and hasn't looked back—there's been no time! For her, the decision was driven largely by supply and demand: "Dog sports are no longer an occasional weekend hobby—they are an addiction for many. Thousands of dollars are spent and consumers want the best surface, equipment, and training that is available in their area."



As well, her location has become more desirable for groups wanting to rent her building to hold their own trials there. "Outdoor trials and homemade equipment are quickly becoming things of the past. Training centers need to keep up to ensure that dog sport participants are kept happy or they will go elsewhere."



A typical day at Bella Vista involves an early start on caring for house dogs and kennel boarders throughout the day, tending to grooming customers, teaching private lessons, preparing for classes and teaching weekday evenings, battling an amazing amount of paperwork, and eventually grabbing a few hours of sleep. "One of my mottoes is 'There is no sleeping at Bella Vista. I'll sleep when I'm dead!'"



Though she enjoys all dog activities and enthusiastically will try anything, she points out that each enhancement is first viewed from a business perspective. "How will this make things better—for the dogs, the owners, and me? Is it fun (though I think most dog activities are fun!)? Will it support itself quickly and eventually make a profit? Is this something people will pay more for? Cost is also an issue—return on investment and how quick."

She knew this was a niche that she could fill, and the decision took on a life of its own in the ensuing years. She started by offering evening agility classes (in addition to that state job) in her backyard, using the garage for weave pole drills in bad weather and storing equipment on her front porch. Next came agility classes on matting in a former warehouse, followed by an outdoor ring, again at home, with floodlights for nighttime classes, but bigger and better things were ahead. Goodbye outdoors, hello indoors. She built a 10-run boarding kennel with second-floor guest unit, a bed-and-breakfast suite for humans and dogs connected to her home, and a 180 x 50-foot pole barn with sand/rubber mulch flooring to hold year-round classes, as well as sanctioned rally and agility trials. Along the way, she had to negotiate somewhat arcane local zoning laws:



"Since my property is zoned agricultural, I had to get a "Use by Special Exception" to build the boarding kennel. And I had to build the kennel to do

dog training, as dog training is a kennel activity in our township. I also needed multiple permits for building and septic, wetland studies, land development plans, had to meet with township supervisors, hire an attorney, have the neighbors sign a petition... Good thing I am a Terrier at heart and was persistent!"

When asked for any thoughts she might share with someone considering such a life change, she says, "Chances are you will make lots of great friends, but a few people will try to pull you down. Do your best to ignore them—they usually go away. Some will stick around longer than others but they just help you appreciate your friends better! Be ready to be busy 24-plus hours a day. Try to stay organized (chances are you won't be at times). Learn to delegate what's not important (that's the really hard part). Do what you can to the best of your ability and realize that some things will need to be redone as times change. And be careful what you wish for! Living the dream is hard work, but is worth all the effort."

See how all her effort has paid off at: www.bvtrainingcenter.com

In early 2013, she took another big step and an equally big loan, and replaced all the mulch flooring with new sport turf. Doing this has brought her facility up to date with dedicated indoor sports arenas that now host canine performance events of all kinds.



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Best of Breed
CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible



Winners Dog/Best of Winners
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Best of Opposite
CH Dunham Lake Gabriella
Touched By An Angel



Best In Sweeps
Ryba's Contraband



Best of Opposite In Sweeps
Temora American Maid



Winners Bitch
Christhill The Girl Next Door



Best in Veteran in Sweeps
CH Ryba's Coco Chanel



Best in Brace
GCH CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill
GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill



SEL Dog
Gch Dunham Lake Scout Master



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Westminster 2013 Results

Judge Merle Taylor



Best of Breed

GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc

Breeder: Julie M Seaton

Owner: Zane Smith



Best of Opposite

GCH Rock Village Izabella Dinki-Di ME CA

Breeder: Lisa Violette

Owner: Susan Jacobsen



SEL Dog

GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill

Breeder: William Christensen & Kreg B Hill

Owner: William Christensen & Kreg B Hill



SEL Bitch

GCH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill

Breeder: William Christensen & Kreg B Hill

Owner: William Christensen & Kreg B Hill

The Grand Little Dog

By Leslie Hoy & Julie Seaton - from ShowSight January 2013

Imagine yourself at a dog show, watching as the Terrier group enters the ring. A little prick-eared dog—one of the smallest of the group and with a lively expression—catches your eye. What's that? It's not a Cairn, too big for a Norwich... A glance at the catalog tells you it's an Australian Terrier, a breed you may never have heard of, and a breed that's a great little secret!



ORIGINS AND HISTORY

Like many breeds, the Aussie's exact origins are somewhat obscure. It is known that early British settlers to Tasmania, a harsh and often unfriendly country, needed fearless dogs to control rodents and snakes, guard the gold mines, and look after the flocks on the large sheep stations, as well as be companion dogs for them and their families. A native dog of Australia, the Rough-Coated Terrier, is believed to have been cross-bred with the settlers' dogs, which included small Terriers that came along from various parts of Great Britain. What most breed historians do seem to agree upon is that Dandie Dinmont, Skye, and Black and Tan Terriers are all part of the Australian Terrier's makeup. From this combination, we get the distinctive Aussie "topknot," the harsh weather-proof coat, and the colors of sandy, red, and blue/tan. Their heritage also gives them their distinctive silhouette—proportionately longer than tall, with upright ears. Their diminutive size, about 10 to 11 inches at the withers and about 14 to 18 pounds when fully grown, makes them an ideal size for people who want a big dog in a small package.

The Aussie has the distinction of being the first Australian breed to be recognized and shown in its country of origin, as well as being the first breed from that country to be accepted into the registries of other nations. Initially exhibited as the Broken-Coated Terrier in 1868 in Melbourne, Australia, the name was changed to the Australian Rough-Coated Terrier and then again to the Australian Terrier in the very late 1800s. Several were brought to England at about the same time. They also became popular in India with British officials stationed there, and were exhibited in Indian dog shows during the 1910s and 1920s. Officially recognized in England by the British Kennel Club in 1933, they first came to America in the late 1940s, but it took some time for them to be recognized and shown in AKC events.

Nine of them were entered in Westminster under the "Miscellaneous" class in 1958, but two years later, in 1960, the entry jumped to 58. That was also the year in which they were admitted to the AKC's registry. Along with this was the distinction of being the first new Terrier breed to be admitted to the AKC in over 20 years. Much of this is the legacy of the late Nell Fox of Pleasantpastures Kennels. She was a New Zealand native who grew to love the Aussie and advocated tirelessly for its acceptance into the AKC and to uphold and refine the breed standard in the United States. Our affiliate breed club, the Australian Terrier Club of America, became an AKC member club in 1977 and now is some 150 members strong.

CHOOSING AN AUSTRALIAN TERRIER

If you're thinking about getting an Australian Terrier, it's important to keep in mind the heritage and history of the breed. The Australian Terrier has a strong working background and needs a job to do. Their instinct is to chase down and kill rodents and snakes. They are born to dig, going to ground if needed to catch their prey. If your property has landscaping or formal gardening, an Aussie on the hunt may do some gardening of its own if left unsupervised. And if a mole or chipmunk makes its presence known, look out! They take their job as pest controllers very seriously. No chipmunk, squirrel, rabbit, or snake is safe when they're on patrol! Terriers in general often have a reputation for being "stubborn," but this isn't entirely fair. A dog that is bred to go to ground needs a great deal of confidence and independence from its owner to do that work, which can be misconstrued as willfulness.



Aussies have a real affinity for children and the elderly, and are unswervingly devoted to their homes and families.

As well, they have historically been companion animals and do best in close proximity to their families. Their rough coat will protect them from the elements, but this is not a dog suited to live outside or spend too much time alone in a crate or kennel run. Likewise, they must never be allowed to roam unsupervised, as their prey drive is strong and they could easily be hit by a car, so a fenced yard is best. They are alert watchdogs and will let their owners know if anyone or anything is too close for their liking, although in general, they do not bark just to make noise and are much quieter than other small breeds. As with other terriers, they can be somewhat bossy and will want to rule the roost in your home, so some consideration must be given if you have other dogs in your household.

dogs”), earthdog, flyball, and tracking are just a few of the many canine sports in which the Aussie can and does shine. It is important to start a young one off right by going to puppy kindergarten class and then continuing on with manners and basic obedience. Aussies want to please their people and learn easily, but become bored with repetitions. Vary the skills you train and the activities you do, keep your sessions short and get them to want more, and you’ll always have their attention!

Their innate understanding of people also makes Aussies a great choice as pet therapy dogs. They will happily cuddle up to someone who is ill, plus their small size makes them more approachable to people who have balance or gait problems or who are not regularly

around dogs. The Aussie will happily curl up at the side of someone who is ill or bedridden, whether a stranger or you, and warm you with their loving presence.

But now let’s go back for a moment to that show ring. The dogs circle the ring and finally it’s the Aussie’s turn to be examined. Once off the table and on the down and back, this lively little fellow stops walking and starts strutting! Back in the lineup, he happily “boings” straight up, as high as his handler’s waist, while waiting to go around the ring again. Whether or not he wins, he’s happy and he shows it in every endeavor he participates in.

But why do they jump vertically like that? Some breeders think it’s part of their working heritage. According to one breeder

from Australia, the dogs have just one chance to kill a snake and to do that, they need to be as far off the ground as possible to land on top of it and avoid the snake striking back. They have carried that trait through generations. Even now, when there are no snakes around, they still sail into the air for no reason other than they can!

So welcome to the world of Australian Terriers! You are one of the lucky ones if you are part of it, but if not, give them a try! They’re devoted companions who celebrate with you when you’re happy, console you when you’re sad, and make you laugh every day. They’re a mix of sage and clown, buttoned down and all business when it’s time to get serious, but the life of the party when work’s done and it’s time to play. Get to know these lively little boys and girls and enrich your life.



On the plus side, Aussies have a real affinity for children and the elderly, and are unswervingly devoted to their homes and families. They need regular exercise, but not a lot, and daily walks and playing with a ball or a toy will suffice. Because they are not very well known, they have not been overbred and are less prone to genetic ailments than other, more popular breeds. Typically they live well into their teens with few problems. Coat care is easily achieved with regular brushing and combing to pull out the dead hair and only occasional baths, as too much bathing can dry out the coat and skin. A high-quality dog food is of course the best. They are adaptable and quite comfortable in country or city life and all stops in between, and are in general easy keepers who want nothing more than to be at the heart of your home.

THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR AUSTRALIAN TERRIER

Because of their lively and intelligent nature, the Australian Terrier can be found participating enthusiastically in a number of performance events. Agility, obedience, rally obedience, freestyle (“dancing with

Across The Pond by Brenda Brown

CRUFTS & JUDGES AT UK SHOWS

Crufts – the biggest and most famous dog show in the world – is due to take place from the March 7 – 11 at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Postal entries for Crufts closed on Monday, January 7, with online entries closing one week later. By now everyone is really gearing up to getting everything organized for showing and spectating at Crufts.

We have organized a coach to Crufts every year for 20+ years. Exhibitors, their dogs and spectators leave here at Ralindi shortly before midnight to travel overnight to the show. We aim to arrive at the venue at 7 a.m. There is no point in getting there before that as the venue does not open until 7 a.m. We leave the show in the late afternoon/early evening for the return journey, usually arriving at Ralindi somewhere between 12:30 – 1 a.m. Nowadays exhibitors can leave Crufts at 4 p.m., whereas years ago, when the show was held in London, we were not allowed to leave the venue until 8 p.m. The leaving time has gradually crept forward over the years but I very much doubt it will go to before 4 p.m. A number of years ago one exhibitor was determined he was leaving Crufts before the designated time; he was later banned from showing!

Others, of course, drive there and back, often driving overnight and returning home straight after the show, while others stay over. By now (mid January), the vast majority of the people staying over for one, two, or all four nights will have booked their accommodation.

I have written before about the fact that all dogs shown at Crufts have to qualify at a Ch show, either here in the UK or at designated overseas shows, to be able to be entered at Crufts so I won't repeat it here.

Crufts is really the only dog show the general public know anything about and because of that, it's the one show they visit. It can be extremely busy, especially at the weekends and more so, in the afternoons. A few years ago when Aussies were shown on a Sunday and because our benches were in direct line with where the general public were heading to get to the arena (where the agility championships were being held), the ATCGB chairman and I agreed Crufts had actually become a victim of its own success! Why did we agree on that? The answer is very simple. We could not get near our dogs on their benches for the seething mass of people making their way between our benches and the ring we had been judged in that very morning. From the exhibitors' point of view, Crufts is probably the show we least look forward to, mainly because of its sheer size, the fact that it is like no other show in the calendar year, and the fact that it is the most tiring show of all for both humans and dogs.

And yet, as I have said many times over the years, we all make "the annual pilgrimage"!

JUDGES AT UK SHOWS

I know that in the US, judges are asked not to watch the breed/breeds they are about to judge at any shows just before they are due to judge. When I was in the US with a very good friend who was due to judge a Scottish Terrier breed club show, she was told she could not watch any Scottie judging at Hatboro, Devon or Montgomery County the weekend before she was due to judge them in Virginia the following Friday. We arrived at the breed club show a little early, but Sandra was told she would have to wait outside because the Sweepstakes classes were still being judged. Thankfully, it was a lovely warm, sunny day, so she and I stayed outside until we were told the Sweepstakes classes were finished.

Here in the UK that simply would not happen, to be honest. Had the above happened here then, as soon as we arrived, we would simply have walked straight in to the venue, would have immediately been offered tea or coffee and a seat somewhere quiet, even if it meant

passing the ring where some judging of the breed concerned was taking place.

We leave it entirely to the judges' discretion as to whether they want to watch whatever breed or breeds they may be due to judge at any show – even at a show the day before they are due to

judge – and no-one would think anything of it!

If anyone were to raise an objection about a judge watching the breed or breeds they are due to judge, especially if their appointment is shortly thereafter, it would be viewed as calling into question the judge's integrity.

George Ness from Australia has been over here on two occasions and both times he judged an ATCGB Open show shortly after seeing Aussies being judged at an all-breeds Ch show. When I judged Australian Terriers at the Australian Terrier Club of New South Wales Ch show on April 3, 1994, there was no problem about me watching Aussies being judged the day before at Sydney Royal. In fact, I was introduced to lots of the people who were showing that day and they all showed under me the following day.

Also, bear in mind, we have people in all of our KC-recognized breeds who judge the breeds they themselves own or have owned. The vast majority of us prefer to show under breed specialists rather than non-specialists, terrier specialists, or all-rounders.



Where Do Rescue Dogs Come From?

by Susan Saulvester

A member, with obvious trepidation, has asked of Australian Terrier Rescue (ATR) "Where do these dogs come from? Is it us?"

First and foremost, ATR can state that rarely is rescue asked to assist with placement of a dog known to be bred by an ATCA member. The Code of Ethics (COE) of the ATCA states that 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." The COE goes on to state that no member may wholesale, sell via wholesale houses, pet outlets, etc. or any speculative source of distribution. It further states "observing the spirit of the Code is as important as adhering to its law." In order to list with ATCA Breeder Referral, a member must have on file with the breed referral chair a signed copy of ATCA's COE and also a signed breeder referral compliance form. This includes having a written contract between buyer and seller and a spay/neuter agreement for pet puppies.

In the early years of ATCA, members' dogs could be found behind some of our most prolific USDA licensed breeders and also backyard breeders of Australian Terriers. Over the years, member education and excellent mentorship of new members by experienced breeders, and yes, peer pressure, has virtually eliminated the breeding stock of ATCA members from the pedigrees of commercial breeders, wholesalers, and pet shop suppliers. Today, if a dog bred by a club member needs assistance from rescue, that club member is notified and must assume responsibility for the dog. If requested, ATR will offer adoption referrals. Failure to assume this responsibility is in violation of our Code of Ethics.

Most dogs that come into rescue are from unknown sources and most of the reasons are not the dog's fault! One only has to look at them to see that while they are Aussies, they do look different from our dogs in the show ring, but they are still our happy, joyful little breed, in spite of this.

ATR is contacted by public shelters when they receive what they think is an Aussie. ATR works closely with Silky Rescue, Yorkie Rescue, and Cairn Rescue, as these breeds are often misidentified by shelter employees. We are also contacted by private local rescue groups who pull adoptable dogs from high-kill shelters. Most shelters now have either a paid or volunteer adoption coordinator who contacts rescue groups.

Some of the Aussies come from owners who pass away or go into nursing homes. Sometimes, owners are in the military and have to move, often on short notice, to places where they cannot take their dogs. The most common reason, and perhaps the most valid, is that the poor dog is the wrong breed for the wrong person at the wrong time in their life. This seems to be especially true of adult male Aussies.

ATR occasionally finds large numbers of dogs being offered at auction. Reluctantly, we have decided not to pursue this, as we would be perpetuating commercially licensed dealers by buying their older breeding stock so they are able purchase more and younger dogs. Former breeding dogs are often discarded along the road or found in shelters, primarily in the Midwest.

Pet people may lose the registration papers over time, so they often do not know where their dog came from. Many dogs have been passed around several times by well-intentioned people or adopted from a newspaper ad or from Craig's List. These dogs have untraceable backgrounds.

Tireless public education on TV, through the media, and networks such as Animal Planet have made the puppy-buying public much more cognizant of purchasing their new family pet from a reputable breeder, one they get to know and stay in touch with. The buying public has become much more demanding and aware of making the proper purchase.

The best way an ATCA member can be sure that no dog they breed and sell ever becomes homeless is to keep in touch with each puppy buyer for the lifetime of the dog. Sending a note at Christmas or at the time of the litter's birthday annually is a nice touch. This way, you will find out if there are health problems in your line, which you might not know about otherwise, as the dogs age. Keeping the lines of communication open between yourself and the owners encourages them to come to you with health issues and even behavioral issues. You can share their loss when they tell you that old age has taken their beloved pet. Sometimes people's lives take a turn in ways they do not anticipate, and letting them know you are always there for that puppy that you sold them can be reassuring for both breeder and buyer. And who knows? They may come back to you for another puppy in the future.



Australian Terrier Rescue

The Kansas 4

by Julie Seaton

It's difficult to write a story about yourself. I don't like "I" stories. They seem too self-absorbed for my taste. I like "we" stories, for they are about togetherness and teamwork. But this tale starts out as an "I" story and ends as a "we" story, so that is how it will be told.

After returning from the National Specialty on Sunday, January 6, all was calm on the home front. On Tuesday, January 8, ATR (Australian Terrier Rescue) got an email from another rescue group in Wichita, KS. Animal control had a report of 4 senior Australian Terriers that were in bad condition, living outdoors in January and the owner was nowhere to be found. The rescue group contacted us, as they did not want to take them. Could we?

The initial contact was made by Susan Saulvester, as she is the secretary for ATR. Per the animal control report, the dogs were old and were former breeder dogs. Their retiree owner was ill and could no longer take care of them properly. Animal control was nice, but they were also honest; if they seized the dogs, they would be put down due to their age.

The emails circulated between several of rescue coordinators. For some reason, the photo of Judy just tore at me. All of us tried to find



Judy

solutions, but at this point, we didn't have a release form from the owner so we couldn't even step in to help. A plea was sent out on the ATR Facebook page. It did generate a bit of interest, but not the kind we needed. There was no one in the immediate area who could go evaluate or take these dogs.

On Friday, at about 6am, I made the decision to make the 11-hour drive to go and get these senior dogs. Why? I can't tell you. I think it had a lot to do with the photo of Judy. I kept staring at it while my own dogs lay at my feet. I felt a real need to do this. When you work with rescues, this gut reaction to dogs in need happens quite often. But to make all this happen, we needed a signed release form. It would do no good to make an 11-hour drive only to have the owner refuse to turn the dogs over to ATR. Susan Saulvester and Carole Larsen both jumped into high gear to take care of this.

At 5pm that evening, after speaking briefly with my contact in Wichita, KS, I set out on a 783-mile trip to pick up the 4 dogs. I stopped for the night at about 11 p.m. when I got too tired to drive anymore. Thanks to AC/DC, 5-Hour Energy and a box of Milk Duds for getting me that far!!

My car's wheels were back on the road at about 7:30 a.m. To my surprise, the journey had gotten quite a following on Facebook, where people were keeping track of my progress. It was inspiring that there was so much support for these dogs. The remaining 4 hours of the trip

was uneventful. When I got to Wichita Animal Control, my contact there, Nika, said, "You actually made the trip! You're my hero!" OK, more tears at that point. She had warned me of the dogs' condition and how bad they smelled, so before I started on this journey, I had cleared everything possible from my car and spread out a sheet beneath the crates. I also wore clothes that could withstand getting filthy and could go right in the washer the minute I got home.

I followed Nika out to the woman's house, a modest home, nothing fancy. The owner wanted to meet me, so we went to the front door, where a middle-aged woman opened the door. We stepped inside to a tidy home that was toasty warm. We went into the kitchen first so she could sign off on the AKC papers for each dog. She got out a book about Judy, the 12-year-old, and showed us a photo of a puppy of hers and Jigs (now renamed Jasper). "I have had them since they were puppies," she said proudly. When I asked for vet records, she said they had none. They had never been to a vet for anything. Then she showed us Judy's breeding records. Stopping at litter #7, she pointed to a photo. "There were 5 puppies in this litter and 3 died." Tapping the image of the puppy on the right in the photo, she said, "Then he died." All I could really focus on were the words **LITTER #7** at the top of the page, but I didn't say a word. I simply couldn't. I was completely horrified. She had had the pair since puppyhood, bred them at least 7 times, and was PROUD OF THIS? I think Nika saw the look of horror on my face and told the woman we needed to be moving along. The owner's last comment to Nika was, "I wonder who reported me?"



Jake

Not 500 feet behind the house was a run-down shed with a flimsy doggie door. Judy and Jasper came out of the shed into the attached pens to see who was there. The pens were about 4 feet off the ground and made completely of wire. The dogs could

see the grass and trees, but could not feel or touch them. Jasper's pen was caked with frozen feces so high that they made a ledge. In order to have some room for himself, he had to climb up it each and every day to pee and poop. He came out and turned around and went right back into the shed through the doggie door. The drafty shed was unheated and had no bedding, just a box with some straw in it. I knew I had to take photos of this, but I just couldn't stay there long enough to do that.

I asked Nika to get each dog and bring it to my car. She understood and did as I asked. As she brought them out to me, one at a time, I cupped each of their heads in my hands and looked into their eyes. Jasper (13 years old) was bewildered and scared, as was Judy (12 years old). Jasmine (10 years old) seemed confused, but not too nervous. Jake (9 years old) was clearly nervous about being picked up. He

barked once as he was put into my car and started to rip up his bedding. After he had done as much damage as he could to that, he grabbed hold of the sheet beneath the crates. Pulling that into his crate, he got to work shredding that as well. Then, once he had as much as he could get into his crate, he put his head down on it and fell asleep. As I had been warned, they smelled awful---really, really bad. I said goodbye to Nika and started back home.

Once I got away from the house, I had to pull over for a few minutes because I couldn't see through my tears. We all hear about the puppy mills and we help with the rescues after they're picked up, but we rarely see it in person. I was overwhelmed with sorrow for these 4 dogs. They had never known love, warmth, or kindness, only a cold shed with wire cages. I glanced at the AKC papers. Thirteen-year-old Jasper and 12-year-old Judy were the sire and dam of 10-year-old Jasmine. I was heartbreaking to think that this was the only life they all knew.



Then I got angry. I can't say why I was angry or who it was directed towards. It wasn't the person that I had just met; I felt nothing for her. I did feel a brief flash of anger at the person who reported her to Animal Control. Why had it taken them so long to speak out? Would the dogs have been

in better condition if it had happened a year ago?

As I got under way again and entered the freeway, I made a promise to these dogs. NEVER AGAIN would they sleep in the cold while their caretakers slept in warmth. That said, I also knew that I could not stop anywhere for the night. These dogs smelled too terrible to take into a motel. So, just like the decision to pick them up in the first place, I made a snap decision to do the 11-hour drive back in a single day, rather than two.

I called ahead to my vet's assistant Kati and let her know of this change of plans. If the weather was good all the way home, I could get to the clinic by 9:30 that evening. She promised to be there to take the dogs in if I got there by that time. I also called my friend and fellow rescue coordinator, Carole Larsen, to let her know what I was doing. We talked for 150 miles of the trip! The nonsense you can come up with to talk about when bored and driving is ingenious!

When I got to Des Moines, IA, I started feeling tired, so I stopped to let the dogs out. None of them really knew what to do and would not go to the bathroom. Jake had decided to have a party in his crate, which included emptying his water dish all over everything. I had to throw away my beautiful crate pad that he had been on, as it was now in pieces. I gave him an old towel instead and told him to have fun with it. I was really falling in love with Jake; his personality was so "terrier"! I checked my cell phone too and found lots of emails, text messages, and Facebook messages, all wishing me luck and sending me encouragement as I made the trek home. Word had gotten out about what I was trying to accomplish. I sent a Facebook message letting everyone know that I was on my way home.

Right outside of Des Moines, there was a snowstorm. The wind was blowing hard and visibility was not great. Getting behind a tractor-trailer in these conditions is not fun, nor is it safe. I lost time there due to slow traffic, but eventually everything cleared and I got to Illinois.

Just outside of Rockford, I saw snow plows spreading salt onto the dry freeway. I wondered about that as I drove along. As soon as I got into Rockford, I saw why. Freezing rain was coming down! Everything was turning to ice, including my windshield. Traffic speeds were down to about 30 miles an hour the rest of the 70-plus miles home to Muskego, WI. I called the clinic again to say that I couldn't possibly make it there by 9:30 and ask what was the latest time I could bring them over. Kati told me 10:30.

When I called the clinic, I only halfway and knew I wouldn't make it by 10:30 p.m. She asked what time I thought I could get there and I estimated 10:45--11:00. Knowing how far I had come already, she told me to come on over, she would wait.

Now why, you might ask, was I not taking these poor dogs straight to my own home with me? If they tugged so hard at my heartstrings, why was their first stop a veterinary clinic rather than a comfortable house? If you've never been involved with a rescue, here is something to think about. In my home at that time, there was a bitch due to have puppies the following week and a young pup who had only had her first shots. Remember that the owner said that the rescues had never been vetted? When you get involved with a rescue dog, you never know what diseases they could be carrying, and these four seniors were in deplorable condition. I could not take them into my home, knowing that I had two dogs plus an unborn litter that could be susceptible to any number of illnesses that the rescues might bring with them. Your responsibility to your own dogs is just as important as responsibility for any rescue you are helping. For this reason, in general it's best to take rescues right to a vet, rather than bringing them home.

At 10:45 p.m., I got to Animal Doctors, where Dr. Jody and Kati were there to greet us. As we got the dogs out of my car and into the crating area, the room took on the smell of old urine and feces. I had gotten immune to it over the long drive, but now, after being out in the fresh air, their terrible odor became overpowering. Just as we got the



last one in, they started peeing and pooping in their crates. Their stools were red, pink, and green. The owner had said how glad she was that I picked them up that day, as she had just run out of biscuits to feed them with. It was obvious that the food dye used in the biscuits created some very colorful, smelly stools! After cleaning up the mess, each dog was given fresh water, some real food, and a spray of calming oil in their crates. They were all dazed and confused over what was happening. It was heartbreaking to see their confusion, but I was comforted because for the first time ever, they were going to sleep someplace warm and on a bed rather than a cold box with a bit of straw.

The next day, Sunday, Kati and some of the staff volunteered to come to the clinic to give each dog a bath, an ear cleaning, and a nail trim. Judy, due to her mats, had to be shaved. Again they were given good food, probably for the first time in their lives. All were fed a diet of raw food, which they ate with much gusto!

A Facebook plea was sent out, as was a message to ATCA members. The ATR website was updated to let people know that lots of help was needed for these seniors. It was at this point that the "I" story becomes a "we" one. Once the word got out about the 4 seniors, donations

The Kansas 4

poured in from throughout the USA, Canada and even parts of Europe. The response was overwhelming! That was a good, thing, too. Getting these dogs healthy was going to be expensive.

Jake was heartworm positive. Due to his exuberance, he needed to be neutered, but his heartworm status puts him at increased risk for anesthesia complications. Jasmine was the healthiest of the four, and could be spayed once she got some TLC and is a bit healthier. Judy was heartworm positive and has mammary tumors. She was so bloated that at first, a diagnosis of Cushing's disease seemed possible. Jasper and Judy were too old and ill to be spayed/neutered, so the decision was made to leave them intact. Jasper, the oldest of the four, had teeth literally rotting in his head. He also has liver disease and kidney issues. He was also diagnosed with diabetes and was partially blind. Much thought and planning went into determining the course of treatment that was in each dog's best interests.

Over the weeks since they were picked up, the four seniors got the medical care they needed and deserved. Over those weeks, they slowly got healthier. Jasper, who was skin and bones when he arrived, started to gain weight once all his ailments were diagnosed and he got the necessary treatments. None of them are in the condition that we would like our senior dogs to be, but they're much improved.

Finding homes, even temporary foster homes, was a bit difficult, but they were found for each dog. After they went into foster care, their individual personalities began to emerge.

Jasmine likes doggie beds and she loves to shred stuffed animals.



Jake likes to sleep on regular beds and is becoming quite the couch potato. His shredding of everything in sight has stopped.



Judy barks when she is hungry and is learning to go in and out of a doggie door. She is hanging with the Chihuahuas now and sleeping on her own doggie bed!



Jasper likes to walk up and down the bottom of the couch and rub against it. He also is attempting to play with his house mates!



Donations continue to come in from all over. Facebook updates have been posted as well so people can see how each dog is progressing.

These four seniors are enjoying their lives for the first time, all because of the support of everyone who helped with this intervention in any way. We wish these seniors could be with us longer, but that is besides the point. They are happy and well cared for now, thanks to everyone's help.

If you contributed in any way, pat yourself on the back! You helped save a life! We are all rescue and should be proud of everything we have done for them.

AKC Top Dogs

Jan 1, 2012 to Dec 31st, 2012*

AKC Online Stats*

Conformation Breed Totals (Top 10)

- 1 GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill
- 2 GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon
- 3 GCH CH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies
- 4 GCH CH Redsky Flyboy Wellington
- 5 GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dustbuster
- 6 GCH CH Nellyson's Mr Don't Skip The Zip
- 7 GCH CH Wild West's Double Cat
- 8 GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master
- 9 GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc
- 10 GCH CH Temora Taint She Sweet

Conformation All-Breed Totals (Top 10)

- 1 GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon
- 2 GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master
- 3 GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster
- 4 GCH CH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies
- 5 GCH CH Nellyson's Mr Don't Skip The Zip
- 6 GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill
- 7 GCH CH Redsky Flyboy Wellington
- 8 GCH CH Temora Ri Diercc
- 9 GCH CH Marble Arch The Corner Man
- 10 GCH CH Temora Taint She Sweet

Agility MACH Competition**

** Sorted by the Score (Double Q's x 10) + MACH points

- 1 Tak-A-Chance Cole Hamels MX MXJ OF
- 2 MACH Merrigang Benjamin Matlock MXB MJS
- 3 Feathertop Melbourne Outbackred MX MXJ MJB
- 4 GCH CH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy AX AXJ ME EE2
- 5 Abq Kacy Christhill AX MXJ OF
- 6 MACH2 Greyrock On The Edge UD VER RE MXG MJB2 XF
- 7 CH Redwing Its All About Me TD MX MXJ NAP NJP
- 8 Greyrock Soaring To Heaven CD BN GN RA MX MXJ NF

AKC New Titles

This is a listing of New Titles from October 2012 to December 2012. This listing is for ATCA 'Owner' Members only

October 2012

CHAMPION

CH Johmanda's Greatest Story Ever Told

Breeder: Kim Floyd

Owner: Kim Floyd

CH Ryba's A Bit Risque

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

Owner: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

CH Ryba's A Hint Of Scandal

Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

Owner: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder

CH Samabel Jersey Girl Of Shastakin

Breeder: Alexa Samarotto & Claudia Coleman

Owner: Alexa Samarotto & Esther Krom

CH The Farm's Flying Colors

Breeder: Sheila Dunn

Owner: Sheila Dunn

CH The Farm's Take A Flying Leap

Breeder: Sheila Dunn

Owner: Angie Cross Bly & Sheila Dunn

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH Harringtons Red Rover Red Rover

Breeder: Jeannine Harrington

Owner: Jeannine Harrington

NOVICE AGILITY

The Farm's Top Flight NA NAJ

Breeder: Sheila Dunn

Owner: Sally Dunn & Jennifer Eichstedt

OPEN AGILITY

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High BN RE OA NAJ

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER

GCH CH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy AX MXJ ME EE2

Breeder: Heather Rife & Susan Holsinger

Owner: Heather Rife

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

The Farm's Top Flight NA OAJ

Breeder: Sheila Dunn

Owner: Sally Dunn & Jennifer Eichstedt

BEGINNER NOVICE

Tera-K's Too Hot To Trott BN RN

Breeder: Darlene Evans & Thalia Rott & Sue Bachman

Owner: Thalia Rott

RALLY NOVICE

CH Tosta Ruby Double Dutchtreat RN

Breeder: Thomas Stallings & Phillip Benway & Judy Stallings

Owner: Diane Cahill & Kevin Cahill

Zantoka Little Scarlett O'Hara RN

Breeder: Mary Freeman & Esther Krom

Owner: Mary Freeman

Zantoka Morning Truffle RN

Breeder: Mary Freeman

Owner: Mary Freeman

RALLY EXCELLENT

Roachan's Kayi Drifting Snow RE

Breeder: Anne Roache & Gayle Roache

Owner: Scott McSwain

October 2012 continued.....

COURSING ABILITY

GCh CH Shastakin Bush Ranger CA

Breeder: Esther Krom

Owner: Esther Krom

ENDURANCE EARTHDOG 2

GCH CH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy AX MXJ ME EE2

Breeder: Heather Rife & Susan Holsinger

Owner: Heather Rife

COMPANION DOG

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High CD BN RE OA NAJ

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

Roachan's It's Meant To Be CD BN RA NA NAJ NAP NJP

Breeder: Anne Roache & Gayle Roache

Owner: Anne Roache & Gayle Roache

November 2012

CHAMPION

CH Araluen's Bubbles In The Wine

Breeder: Cheryl Mechalke & Jim Mechalke

Owner: Cheryl Mechalke & Jim Mechalke

GCH CH Dreamweaver's General J.E.B. Stuart

Breeder: Lisa Weaver

Owner: Lisa Weaver

CH Firewalkers Dazzling Display

Breeder: Grace Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Grace Cartwright

CH Pineterri Gabby Go Girl

Breeder: Gerard T Walsh

Owner: Gerard T Walsh

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH Bluquo Hopscotch

Breeder: Rita Farmer & Sandra Weigle & Marilyn Harban

Owner: Debby Sharp



BEGINNER NOVICE

Greyrock Master Chief
Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti
Owner: Barbera Curtis

CH Zantoka's Christmas Angel BN RN
Breeder: Mary Freeman
Owner: Mary Freeman

RALLY NOVICE

CH Blue Moon N Mytime Poppin' In Phoenix RN
Breeder: Jeanne Popovits
Owner: Celeste Platte & Jeanne Popovits & Sherry Cooper

CH Kambara's Santivo RN
Breeder: Anne Mitchell & Craig Mitchell
Owner: Kim Floyd & Gary Floyd

Zantoka Just Cool Redboy RN
Breeder: Mary Freeman
Owner: Mary Freeman

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

Greyrock Soaring To Heaven CDX BN GN RA MX MXJ NF
Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti
Owner: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

CH Temora's Flight To Kambara CD RE NA NAJ CA
Breeder: Julie Seaton
Owner: Mary Hall & Anne Mitchell

NOVICE AGILITY

CH Temora's Flight To Kambara CD RE NA NAJ CA
Breeder: Julie Seaton
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AGILITY EXCELLENT

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High CD BN RE OA NAJ
Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti
Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

The Farm's Top Flight NA OAJ NF
Breeder: Sheila Dunn
Owner: Sally Dunn & Jennifer Eichstedt

COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED

GCh CH Rock Village Izabella Dinki-Di ME CAA
Breeder: Lisa Violette
Owner: Susan Jacobsen

COURSING ABILITY

Redhawk A Take On Red CA
Breeder: Eva Campbell
Owner: Penny Lewis & Eva Campbell

NOVICE AGILITY

The Farm's Top Flight NA NAJ
Breeder: Sheila Dunn
Owner: Sally Dunn & Jennifer Eichstedt

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High CD BN RE AX OAJ
Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti
Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

CHAMPION

CH Aka Inu Ralfaz Ruck
Breeder: Kim Occhiuti & Shari Boyd-Carusi & Marsha Gray
Owner: Susanne Hopkins & Kim Occhiuti & Shari Boyd-Carus

JUNIOR EARTHDOG

CH Kambara's Aviatrix RN NAJ JE
Breeder: Anne Mitchell
Owner: Kim Floyd & Taylor Toms

GRADUATE NOVICE

CH Abq Candelaria Christhill CD BN GN RE
Breeder: William Christensen & Kreg Hill & Mary Abbott
Owner: Kreg Hill & William Christensen





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