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# Letters To The Editor

I can hardly wait for my hard copy to come. Julie, what a fantastic job!

- Debby

Outstanding issue again, Julie you've outdone yourself!

- Heather

This looks to be very interesting as one of our vets use's the methods talked about. They work as our dog went from great pain to playing again in a few weeks. He is not an Aussie, he came in as a rescue from a relative that entered an assisted living home.

- Richard

The issue is beautiful! I loved the story about Taz. I am so happy Charlie found his home with them (I think he was renamed). There are so many success stories. I hear from June, who adopted Sally from CO, very often. I know she is this type of success story. It makes me very eager for our family's break from fostering to end, but I know will happen in due time. Thank you for the lovely issue and everything everyone continues to do for rescue. I cannot wait to teach our daughter how important these little dogs are.

- Brooke Fitzsimmons

- We miss you in rescue Brooke! We look forward to having you back on the team - Julie

This issue is too good to not have on hand to read and reread. I definitely want a hard copy. Thanks for the great issue,

- Gerard Walsh

This has to be the most fantastic NL of ANY club anywhere. Loved it on line and can't wait to get it as a hard copy. The cover was lovely and means a lot to me.

- SS

I was in Arizona during February & March and didn't have much internet access except at the library...so I didn't get to look at the Talkabout until today. All I can say is "Wow".....

- Jeri Leu



# Message from the President

Alexa Samarotto



Dear Members,

I just returned from the 2012 ATCA National Specialty and what a blast it was! The location, Purina Farms, in Gray Summit, Missouri, was the utmost in dog-friendly convenience, and the central location enabled so many of us to attend. The venue enabled us to demonstrate and test all aspects of our dogs' abilities, including conformation, obedience, earthdog, and lure coursing. I would like to thank everyone involved in making this a resounding success: Julie Seaton, our specialty chair; committee heads and members Kevin and Diane Cahill, Anne Roache, Susan Saulvester, Carole Larsen, Carol Arnold, Lisa Weaver, and Heather Rife for their incredible hard work and attention to all events and committee functions, and special thanks to Ida Ellen Weinstock, our specialty coordinator, for suggesting this venue. The club could not function as well as it does without the dedication and hard work of such valuable members.

And many thanks to the many generous members and friends who donated money, bought auction items or raffle tickets, or sent beautiful auction items to be bid on. I would also like to thank the members and friends who attended, who brought their dogs and competed, who participated in the activities, who cheered and sang and danced, and who came just to support and learn and enjoy. Who knew that our Aussie folks were such fans of karaoke, jazz, and casinos—what a howl! For those who were not able to make it, you missed a lot of fun! Congratulations to all the winners, too numerous to list, and their happy owners, breeders, and handlers. With 5 days of strong competition, all the winners deserve to be proud of their accomplishments.

And now on the Palm Springs in January! This weekend is a premier dog show event and we are lucky to have our specialty on this weekend. Preliminary reports sound so enticing! I hope everyone is looking at their calendars and planning for this next specialty. For 2014, we will return to Colorado for the first time in quite a while. Plan on extra time there as well for the sightseeing opportunities. More details are available in the annual meeting minutes in this issue.

Every national specialty can offer so much in terms of not only wins, but learning and bonding experiences, that there is value for all of us to try to attend as many as we can. Speaking for myself, I look forward to each one, win or lose, wherever we go, and hope you do too!

Please be sure to read the annual meeting minutes and reports from your officers in this issue. All members need to know what is going on and feel included, and these reports will help illuminate the workings of the club for all. I am thrilled to announce a real highlight in the minutes: The 2012 winner of the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award is Marilyn Harban!

Many other awards earned by our members and their dogs are listed—Versatility, breeder awards, the Mae Roo Award ROM, and title holders for the year. Please take the time to read all about them. Congratulations to all the winners! These are awards you may be able to apply for; please check for eligibility and win one! I hope we will see yours and your dog's name in the minutes soon!

In the same vein, please remember to take the time to peruse The Talkabout and the ATCA website for all club announcements and business. Many times, the board members and officers need your input or feedback and these are our primary tools of communication. I am happy to hear from anyone who wants to communicate. Right now, our specialty coordinator, Ida Ellen Weinstock, is still seeking ideas for locations for our future nationals. You can contact her directly if you have any thoughts. Even if you do not feel you want to chair a specialty right away, why not volunteer to assist or apprentice if you want to learn more and perhaps plan one in your area in the future? We also need an apprentice to learn about doing the ATCA calendar, our much loved publication which has been so popular for holiday gift giving. Our calendar chair had to resign, and Darlene Evans and Diane Suter have graciously agreed to fill in once again this year. Many thanks to you both. But they want to teach a new chairperson and pass the mantle on. Even if you do not know much about doing either project, we welcome anyone volunteering to learn. Please feel free to read and respond as you wish to any and all issues or requests. The more we hear from you, the better and more responsive to your needs can we make this club.





# AKC Communications

-- *AKC Breeders, a Labor of Love* --

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One of the founding fathers of the American Kennel Club was William G. Rockefeller; his family is featured prominently throughout the history of the AKC. The Rockefellers had a family creed that formed their guiding principles. Visitors to New York will find it carved in granite at the entrance to the winter skating rink/summer restaurant area of Rockefeller Plaza. Included in the creed is the following principle: "every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty." While I would venture that the vast majority of us don't know a Rockefeller today, I believe we embrace the sentiment of the Rockefeller creed when it comes to our dogs. And nowhere is it more evident than among the breeders who are members of AKC Parent Clubs.

Through knowledge, passion, and determination, these breeders not only help preserve breed type, but improve the health, temperament and quality of their respective breeds as well. Responsible breeders serve as canine ambassadors, opening their homes to prospective owners, matching puppies with suitable families and bringing the AKC into their puppy owners' lives. But the most noticeable accomplishment of our breeders can be seen in homes throughout America, in the happy and healthy family pets that bring joy and rewards beyond measure to their families. In fact, 90% of the dogs from all AKC registered litters are not bred, nor are they entered in any AKC event. Families have experienced not only a well-bred puppy, but also a supportive breeder who is there to provide advice on every issue imaginable throughout their dog's life. It simply is what our breeders do and do so well.

The American Kennel Club values the hard work and importance of those who maintain and improve the future of purebred dogs; the Breeder of the Year award and the Breeder of Merit program were created to recognize these achievements. However, AKC's commitment to our breeders goes far beyond recognition. The AKC has a number of supportive programs for breeders.

The AKC website (the exciting re-imagining is coming this summer) is a deep resource for breeders, with help for all breeders. For the novice or infrequent breeder, there is solid information to help them through that somewhat scary, yet magical, experience. The first-time breeder's resource covers everything from planning a breeding to whelping a litter to puppy care. We've made registering a litter easier through our online litter registration service. And by using your My AKC Account, a lot of the work is done for you. We developed AKC Online Record Keeping as a centralized area to maintain dog and litter records, your puppy owners and co-owners information, and the ability to quickly print pre-filled records - all free for AKC breeders.

Breeders have told us that a constant flow of useful information is a crucial necessity in their quest for continuous improvement of their breeding programs. In response to that

need, we created the AKC Breeder Newsletter, a free quarterly publication covering nutrition, breeding techniques, health concerns, genetics, and informative interviews with respected AKC breeders. If you haven't seen it lately, check out the latest issue (and back issues as well) on the AKC website under the "Breeders" tab.

Health is an important focus point for all responsible breeders. Even our most strident detractors are compelled to admit that AKC Parent Club breeders are dedicated to producing healthy puppies. Our commitment to health and our breeders led to the establishment of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The AKC/CHF produces a series of podcasts on a variety of health issues called Genome Barks. All of the podcasts are available through the AKC website. In addition, the AKC and the AKC/CHF launched the Breeders Symposia in 1994 targeted to both novice and experienced breeders.

Breeding, as exemplified by the Rockefeller creed of responsibility, obligation, and duty, and as practiced by our Parent Club breeders, is a labor of love - for dogs. Our breeders are not only at the core of what we do, they are a powerful force in creating the public's perception of all we do. We are now developing a new social media strategy to help tell our story - our breeders and their stories will be a part of that. At the heart of those stories is that the difference between a purebred dog and a well-bred purebred dog is just this: an AKC breeder. How can you top a story like that?



The American Kennel Club (AKC) proudly celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog.



Join us in supporting responsible breeders and giving the American public access to acquiring happy, healthy puppies. The American Kennel Club has created the Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders petition in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) new proposed regulations which would create harsh and unintended consequences for responsible small and hobby breeders in this country.

Under the proposed regulations, breeders or others who sell a puppy sight unseen, by any means including online, by mail or by telephone, would now be regulated in accordance with USDA standards, if you own more than four "breeding females" of any of the listed species, including dogs and cats. The effect of these proposed regulations would be to take away the public's opportunity to obtain puppies from those breeders, who in many cases have dedicated their lives to breeding for health, breed type and temperament.

Please join us by signing the Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders petition before July 16 when the public comment period to the Animal Care Division of the USDA's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service ends. The petition, along with AKC's comments on the proposed rule change, will be sent to the USDA.

How to Sign:

1. Visit [www.akc.org/petition](http://www.akc.org/petition) and click "Sign Here Now!"
2. Read through Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders and click the blue box titled "Sign the Petition."
3. Complete the required fields — name, email, city and state. You can also leave a comment if you wish. We recommend you check the "Signature Display" box so that your name is displayed rather than an anonymous signature.
4. After filling out those fields, click the blue "Sign" button.
5. Once you are finished you'll have the option to share the petition via email, Facebook, Twitter and your blog. Please take a moment to share it with your fellow fanciers, club members, and friends who support responsible breeders.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the petition or the proposed rule change, please contact our Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Kalter".

Alan Kalter  
Chairman of the Board  
American Kennel Club

# Corresponding & Recording Secretary Reports

## Recording Secretary's Report Marilyn Harban

MAY 12, 2012

Board Actions Taken since February 1, 2012

- Approved dedication of specialty in memory of Sydney Butcher.
- Approved a Breed presentation at the ADSJ (American Dog Show Judges) Seminar to be held August 13 -17. Presentation will be headed by Ida Ellen Weinstock.
- Opted out to send Dog Judges Educational Foundation (non-profit organization of ADSJ) a monetary contribution to help support their efforts. We contribute by presenting a breed presentation at the Club's expense.
- Approved to cover expenses of Presentation to the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges' Association in Frederick, Maryland, on May 22, 2012.
- Approved request from Supported Trophy committee to reword the 2010 Standing Rule on Supported Trophies as to read as follows: 2010 SUPPORTED TROPHIES – ATCA will offer trophies of equal value (instead of the same trophy) for WD, WB and Highest Qualifying Score by an Australian Terrier in Obedience, if Obedience is also offered at that show and a trophy of lesser value, such as a gift certificate at the Aussie Store, be offered for to the highest scoring Australian Terrier at the 3 levels of the Rally classes if offered at that same Dog Show.
- Approved Supported Entries in conjunction with Evergreen KC shows September 8 & 9, 2012.  
Liaison: Kerrie Bryan
- Approved Committee Chairs for 2012

### 2 YEAR APPOINTMENTS

Archives Preservation and Database – Darlene Evans and Sue Bachman – Co-Chairs (Titles, Statistics, Documents)  
Gazette Columnist - Grace Cartwright  
Calendar Chair – Mike Langham  
Talkabout Editor – Julie Seaton  
Breeder Referral/Public Education - Sandra Weigle  
Judges Education - Jane Tenor  
National Specialty Planning Coordinator – Ida Ellen Weinstock

### 1 YEAR APPOINTMENTS

Health Committee Chair - Teresa Schreeder  
Aussie Store - Susan Saulvester  
Awards Committee - to include Versatility and AKC Sportsmanship Awards -Susan Saulvester,  
Historian - Carol Sazama  
Legislative Liaison - Kerrie Bryan  
Long Term Planning - Kreg Hill  
Register of Merit Coordinators- Mike and Kendall Liga  
Supported Entry, Awards of Merit, and Mae Roo Trophies Chair - Alexa Samarotto  
Webmaster - Kerrie Bryan  
Membership and Mentoring Chair - Kathy Huebing

Auction Chair(2012) Carole Larsen - Responsible for 2012 Auction  
Auction Chair(2013) Julie Kirkpatrick - Responsible for 2013 Auction

Members Education Chair (2012) – Ann Roache & Heather Rife -Co-Chairs Responsible for Education Day at the 2012 National Specialty  
Members Education Chair(2013) –Bill Christensen and Pete Schreeder - Co-Chairs Responsible for Education Day at the 2013 National Specialty

- Approved Nominating Committee  
Sue Bachman, Barbera Curtis, and Heather Rife - Committee  
Kreg Hill, Sandra Weigle - Alternates

## Corresponding Secretary's Report Mike Palazzo

- Application for membership received from Barbara J. Nunley of Texas.  
Sponsors: Willy Baldwin and Sandra Weigle.

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 two breeder information queries. Responded and referred to Breeder Referral Chair.
- Responded to one query regarding dates and location of 2013 National specialty.
- Received one inquiry regarding timetable for 2013 calendar photo submissions.  
Forwarded to ATCA Calendar Chair.
- Received Coursing Ability Events approval for 6/3/12 at Gray Summit, MO.
- Received judge's query regarding possible judge's education program at Purina Farms. Responded and forwarded to Judge's Education Chair.
- Received AKC electronic correspondence in reference to the new fee schedule for special breed reports. Made further inquiries with AKC Electronic Records seeking clarification with respect to discounts and whether breed reports would continue to be provided free to designated parent club recipients. Referred to President and Recording Secretary for Board discussion.

# Corresponding & Recording Secretary Reports

## Corresponding Secretary's Report

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- Received AKC electronic approval of Sweepstakes and Specialty events for 2012 ATCA National. Forwarded to President and Recording Secretary for information & record keeping.
- Received AKC Club Relations electronic correspondence requesting that the ATCA submit its membership list in electronic form to accommodate record keeping changes for 2013. Treasurer also copied by AKC and responded.
- Received AKC Government Relations alert for proposed Maryland HB 912 legislation requiring that all language referring to "owners" be replaced with "guardian" in state's animal code. Defeated in committee.
- Received electronic "AKC Report of the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee." Forwarded to President and Recording Secretary.
- Received AKC invitation to the 4th standalone AKC Meet the Breeds event to be held in New York City, NY on October 20 and 21, 2012. Forwarded to Recording Secretary.
- Received electronic request from the AENC for ATCA input on breed judge selection for the 2015 AKC Eukanuba National Championship panel. Forwarded to Recording Secretary.- Responded to request from the Australian Terrier Club of Finland for AKC breed registration statistics needed for a project covering the years 2006 through 2011. Shortly thereafter, Anna-Mari Uimonen, ATCF Club Secretary kindly forwarded the following statistics to the ATCA:

### Australian Terriers, registration statistics

#### Finland

year	1992	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	207	182	185	275	276	177	310	312	275	267

#### Sweden

year	1978	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	31	65	48	76	102	146	161	176	182	167	162	136

#### Australia

year	1986	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	782	648	432	350	342	289	383	317	329	272	247

#### USA

year	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	458	435	416	361	404	330	285	243	250

#### Norway

year	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	68	70	74	44	37	42	16	23

#### Denmark

year	1970	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
puppies	244	95	87	58	46	51	22	25	14	18	28	20

**The Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.**  
**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 29, 2012**  
**Six Flags Holiday Inn, Eureka MO**

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by President, Alexa Samarotto.

Members of the Board in attendance: Eva Campbell, Marilyn Harban, Kreg Hill, Kathy Huebing, Jeanne Popovits, Thalia Rott, Alexa Samarotto, Ann Roache, Carol Sazama, and Teresa Schreeder. Delegate, Bill Christensen, was also in attendance.

Members absent: Grace Cartwright, Kim Occhiutti, and Mike Palazzo.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Board. The Treasurer's Report, Aussie Store, Calendar, Health Committee, Versatility and Australian Terrier Rescue reports were moved to the Regular Agenda. The rest of the Consent Agenda was approved.

The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report of 2011, Montgomery County Specialty, the Balance Sheet and Report of Profit and Loss from January through May, 2012. The Balance Sheet as of May 21st will be sent to the Membership through The Talkabout and will also be posted on the Members Section on our Website. The Club is saving money with The Talkabout and other Club mailing being sent by electronic mail. Use of PayPal for payment of store items, dues and donations, and Specialty Events has gone well. Request to include PayPal option for Breed Referral. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports was made by Carol Sazama and seconded by Jeanne Popovits.

Our Treasurer also noted that many of us knew Nedra and Jerry Adams. They were always involved with the health of our breed and were always so supportive of ATCA. They both died too soon however in their Estate planning left ATCA a contribution of \$21,000. Their instructions were to have this amount transferred to a 501(c)3 for Health when it became a reality. This amount has been deposited in the AustTrust. This was indeed an indication of how much they loved the breed.

Specialty Coordinator, Ida Ellen Weinstock presented a proposal for a Specialty to be held in Longmont, CO, May 30 through June 1 with Flat Irons KC. Friday will be an Independent Specialty and Rally and Obedience will be offered all three days. Thalia Rott made a motion to accept this proposal and Kreg Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A possible future site for 2015 was discussed for a Specialty in Grayslake, IL. Ida Ellen and Alexa are looking into this possibility. Further discussion was held on a possible Specialty at Great Western in 2016 with Eve Steele to chair. Ida Ellen will contact Eve to firm up her proposal.

Ida Ellen brought up the point of minimizing hospitality to relieve pressure on the Show Chair.

Kreg spoke about the plans for the 2013 Specialty in Palms Springs to be held with Desert Empire Kennel Club. Approval was given to the Palm Springs All-Terrier Show to use ATCA's license to hold Obedience and Rally in January 2013 in conjunction with our Specialty. The Board will meet for a Board Meeting Breakfast the morning of Education Day, January 2, 2013. Education Day will start at 10:00 am. Diabetes Expert will speak on Education Day. More info will be sent out in a packet soon.

Long Term Planning, Kreg Hill requested Board approval of four candidates to be approved as Trustees to the AustTrust. Term will expire Dec. 31. Candidates are Marilyn Harban and Mike Palazzo as Board nominations and Caren Holtby and Sherrill Yates as members-at-large. Motion to approve these four candidates was made by Ann Roache and seconded by Teresa Schreeder.

Motion was made by Kathy Huebing to dissolve the Ad Hoc committee of Long Term Planning. Teresa Schreeder seconded.

Lunch Break 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm  
Resumed 2:00 pm

Webmaster Report: Carol Sazama reported several sources sent photos taken of the Specialty for archives. There is a need to make sure Specialty Guidelines include a statement that someone contribute a write-up of the specialty and send to The Talkabout and Webmaster. Also that reports from Supported Entries at shows held throughout the year also be sent to The Talkabout and Webmaster. These instructions need to be included on the application for supported entries. Recording Secretary will make sure these instructions are on the application.

Judges Education: AKC is requesting a list of five Judges be sent to them for use at AKC/Eukanuba Show. Board recommended that Mike Palazzo, Corresponding Secretary submit our Judges list from 2012. Motion was made to submit list of four judges on final Ballot less the judge hired for our National Specialty.

Talkabout: A request was made to the Board to send 'The Talkabout' in e-mail format to judges that are AKC licensed to judge our breed.

1. Kreg Hill made a motion to accept proposal with second by Teresa Schreeder. Motion approved.
2. Kreg Hill made a motion for the creation of a Publications Committee chaired by Julie Seaton, Talkabout Editor, and include Jane Tenor, Judges Education, Grace Cartwright, Gazette Columnist, Sandra Weigle, Public Education Chair, Teresa Schreeder, Health Chair, and Kerrie Bryan, Webmaster. Guidelines for this Publications Committee will be submitted to the Board for review by the next Annual Board Meeting to be held in Palm Springs, January 2, 2013. Jeanne Popovits seconded. Motion approved.

# The Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.

## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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ROM Committee: Request to scan ROM history into electronic format. The scanning would be done by Mike and Kendall Liga. Motion to approve proposal was made by Marilyn Harban and seconded by Ann Roache. Motion passed with one abstaining.

Alexa reported that Susan Saulvester states that she continues to receive the Awards Records from AKC free from AKC with no change in the procedure. We may be able to rescind our previous motion to purchase records if we continue to receive them at no charge.

AKC Good Sportsmanship Award – Secret ballot was held to determine the winner. Results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held Friday, June 1, 2012.

Judges' Ballots: Board approved Ida Ellen Weinstein, Marge Reignier and Eva Campbell to count this year's Judges' Ballots.

Auction Proceeds: Motion made by Kreg Hill for proceeds from this year's Silent Auction to go to the AusTTrust. Teresa Schreeder seconded. Motion approved.

Delegates Report: At June Delegates Meeting there will be a vote to allow Superintendents to make age related class changes prior to the show, rather than waiting for the owner to make the correction, when there is an error in calculating the age and entering the wrong age division.

Australian Terrier Rescue: No response has been received to date by the ATR Board following their receipt of a letter sent to Rescue after last year's Board Meeting concerning liability issues and revision of ATR's by-laws. Darlene has indicated that the Rescue Board will meet and put together a proposal during their stay in Eureka and submit it to the Board of ATCA. We will await their response.

Aussie Store: An offer has been made by Claudia Coleman to offer use of her Aussie artwork to Café Press to be produced on products to be sold through the Aussie Store yielding the Aussie Store 10% of the sale price. A motion was made by Kathy Huebing to accept this generous offer. Motion carried by acclamation. A thank-you letter will be sent to the artist by Corresponding Secretary, Mike Palazzo.

Health Committee: A request was made to make participation in CHIC mandatory for listing in the Breeders Directory. The Board recommended that we revisit this at the 2013 Annual Board Meeting.

Versatility Award: AKC has created three new titles in obedi-

ence. Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice and Open graduate. The question has been posed: Why can't these be included towards a Versatility Title.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Carol Szama to include these new titles as a part of our Versatility qualifications. Jeanne Popovitts seconded. 6 Voted to approve motion with 4 votes to oppose. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on why Canadian Judges

licensed to judge in AKC shows have not been included in our list of Judges for National Specialties. There was a misunderstanding: all AKC approved judges are included regardless of country of residence, but visiting foreign judges are not included. The President said there just needs to be clarification with our specialty Coordinator.

Our Calendar needs a Chair. President will work on getting a chair immediately as we have a calendar for 2013 to produce. Motion to adjourn was made by Thalia Rott and seconded by Alexa Samarotto. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Harban, Recording Secretary



**The Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, June 21, 2012**  
**Six Flags Holiday Inn, Eureka MO**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm. by President, Alexa Samarotto.

Everyone in attendance was asked to sign in on sheet being passed around. 45 Members and 17 guests

Alexa issued a Thank you to Specialty Chair, Julie Seaton and her committee for their work on a great Specialty.

Judges Ballots were circulated to all members present to vote for five names. These ballots were then counted reducing the Judges list to ten names. These names will be used to select the 2015 National Specialty Judge.

All guests were asked to stand up and received a warm welcome. Members of ATCA attending their first Specialty were then asked to stand up and be recognized. All received a round of applause.

Special thanks to Elaine Strid for providing a free drink to everyone to celebrate her Specialty Best of Breed win with CH Red Sky Flyboy Wellington.

Recording Secretary, Marilyn Harban, was asked to read minutes from the Annual Board Meeting.

Bill Christensen presented information about the 2013 Specialty to be held in Palm Springs, January 3 through January 6. January 2 will be Education Day. Information will be on the web shortly. Bill reminded everyone to make hotel reservations early as this is peak season.

Kerrie Bryan presented information on the Specialty for 2014. It will be in Longmont, CO. Rally and Obedience will be offered all days. The show is indoors. The tentative motel is approximately 1 mi. from the show site. More information will be available later – Stay tuned. This will be 16 months from the 2013 Specialty. Save your money and plan now to attend.

Darlene Evans reported that Rescue is instituting liability insurance for \$1,000,000. They will be reviewing and revising their By-Laws in the near future. Rescue will list retired dogs on ATR's website but Aussies up for adoption will come first. Rescue will also be soliciting volunteers to help with dogs in need. All members are encouraged to check shelters and make it known you are in their area and available to help out with an Aussie in the shelter.

Rescue wishes to acknowledge having received a very generous endowment of \$5000 from the estate of Sydney Butcher.

**AWARDS:**

Breeder Awards were announced:

Breeder of Best in Sweepstakes- Sandra Weigle

Breeder of Best Veteran in Sweepstakes – Darlene Evans

Breeder of Best of Breed – Elaine Strid

Marilyn will mail certificates to each recipient

Winner of the Mae Roo Award for Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed was awarded to Julie Kirkpatrick and Eve Steele for GCH Wild West's Double Cat.

Rally Awards, \$10 gift certificates to the Aussie Store, were presented to Diane Cahill and Heather Rife.

Awards of Merit were presented to:

GCH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies owned by Pamela Levy

GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover owned by Rita Farmer and Marilyn Harban

GCH Temora Taint She Sweet owned by Julie Seaton

AKC Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to Marilyn Harban.

Alexa congratulated the winners of Best of Breed for Thursday at Gateway Terrier, GCH Kambara's Zebulon and Best of Breed at our National Specialty with Missouri Rhineland KC held on Friday, CH Red Sky Flyboy Wellington. Well wishes were extended to all for the remaining shows.

Health Chair, Teresa Schreeder, distributed reports to everyone on our health survey and discussed the results. She encouraged everyone to do health testing on their dogs and participate in CHIC. She also reported that there was great participation in the CERF testing that was offered on Thursday evening for free. Diabetic Blood Draws were also done with much success. Testing for all required tests for CHIC will be offered in Palm Springs at a discounted price.



Alexa reported that the Calendar Chair regrettably had to resign. We are looking for someone to apprentice under Darlene Evans and Diane Suter.

Darlene Evans spoke about breeders having a responsibility to speak up on health issues in their breeding stock's blood lines. "We must be open and speak up to preserve the health of our breed."

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Alexa presented ATCA's Versatility Award Excellent to:

- Heather Rife for GCH CH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy AX, AXJ, ME, EE
- Susan Saulvester for CH Tak-A Chance Time Honored, RE, AX, AXJ, NF, CAA

Alexa then presented ATCA's Versatility Awards to:

- Bill Christensen for CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill CD, BN, RN
- Kevin and Diane Cahill for CH Banjopats Coppertone Girl, RN, NA, NAJ

Each Versatility and Versatility Award Excellent title holder received a wooden plaque with the ATCA logo and the dog and member's name, titles, and year presented.

A wooden plaque was awarded to Heather Rife for Agility, Earthdog and Championship Titles earned:

- Master Excellent Jumper 12-11-11, CH Redwing It's All About Me TD, MX, MXJ, NAP, NJP
- Master Agility Excellent 7-23-11, CH Redwing It's All About Me TD, MX, AXJ, NAP, NJP
- Agility Excellent Jumpers 1-2-10, CH Redwing It's All About Me TD, AX, AXJ, NAJ, NJP
- Senior Earthdog 6-5-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy SE, OA, NAJ
- Master Earthdog 10-10-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy ME, OA, OAJ
- Enduro Earthdog 11-5-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy ME, EE, AX, OAJ
- Grand Champion 11-27-10, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy
- Open Agility Jumpers 9-3-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy SE, OA, OAJ
- Agility Excellent 10-14-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy ME, EE, AX, OAJ
- Excellent Agility Jumper 11-28-11, GRCH Merrigang's Wild N Crazy Guy ME, EE, AX, AXJ



A wooden plaque was awarded to Diane Cahill for Agility and Rally titles earned:

- Novice Agility 7-23-11, CH Banjopats Coppertone Girl NA
- Novice Agility Jumpers 10-4-11, Ch Banjopats Coppertone Girl NA, NAJ
- Rally Novice 1-29-12, CH Banjopats Coppertone Girl NA, NAJ, RN
- Novice Agility Jumpers 10-31-09, Tosta Blackhawk Hensley NAJ

A wooden plaque was awarded to Rita Farmer for Championship titles earned:

- Champion 5-22-09, CH Dreamtime's Latin Lover
  - Grand Champion 3-16-11, GRCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover
  - Champion 8-1-10, to CH Terhierin Read My Lips
- Brass plates with dogs name and titles was also awarded.

The names of the Judges receiving the most votes were announced: Ann Katona, Linda Moore, Keke Kahn, Peter Green, Judy Franklin, Vandra Huber, Beth Sweigart, Betty-Ann Stenmark and Pat Trotter. There are only nine names as the tenth judge was tied with several others.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Harban, Recording Secretary

**The Australian Terrier Club Of America, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 21, 2012

	May 21, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Wells Fargo</b>	
Australian Terrier Trust	21,000.00
Wells Fargo Checking	12,740.96
<b>Wells Fargo Savings</b>	
ATCA Funds	21,803.62
Educational Fund	2,926.65
Health Funds	11,943.89
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
Eleanor Fischer Fund	5,201.23
Milton and Nell Fox Mem. Fund	9,395.71
Normalynn Heard Mem Fund	15,283.83
Rose Parker Award Fund	6,131.66
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	36,012.43
<b>Total Wells Fargo Savings</b>	72,686.59
<b>Total Wells Fargo</b>	106,427.55
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	106,427.55
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	-105.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	-105.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	106,322.55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>106,322.55</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	78,665.10
Net Income	27,657.45
<b>Total Equity</b>	106,322.55
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>106,322.55</b>

# Purina Parent Club Partnership



## Purina® Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program

Since 2002, thousands of fellow dog breeders and enthusiasts have declared their participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program. This program allows national parent breed clubs to individually earn funding based on Purina weight circle submissions by Pro Club® members.

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a check representing  
10 percent of the value of  
the submitted weight circles  
for the year is evenly split  
between the participating  
national parent breed club  
and the AKC Canine  
Health Foundation

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## How it Works

Pro Club members submit weight circles from bags of participating Purina® brand Dog Foods and accumulate weight circle points as part of the Pro Club Weight Circle Program. (Refer to Purina Pro Club Weight Circle Program for the program details). Purina tracks these weight circle submissions, and for every \$100 of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members, Purina donates \$10 to the participating national parent breed club. It is as simple as that.

Points are accumulated throughout a calendar year, and a check representing 10 percent of the value of the submitted weight circles for the year is evenly split between the participating national parent breed club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Since all funding is incremental to the weight circle program, your participation in the PPCP will not result in reduction of the points you personally earn.

## Funding Distribution

One half of each club's individual annual earnings is issued directly to the Canine Health Foundation to support research grants aimed at a better understanding of genetics and other conditions impacting our dogs' health. The other half is issued to the individual national parent breed club for use in the support of canine health research, education and/or rescue efforts. The PPCP Program has raised in excess of \$3.5 million for canine health research, education and rescue efforts since 2002.

In addition to helping fund canine health research projects, the funding returned to the individual clubs has been used to help support educational outreach programs such as scholarships, library support, youth programs and conservation education programs. It has been used to support judges' education seminars, to produce breed specific educational materials and to produce responsible dog ownership materials.

Rescue programs have benefitted with funds being used for the direct care of dogs in need, the development of fundraising tools and the support of adoption events.

## How to Participate in the PPCP Program

You must be a Purina® Pro Club® Member to participate. Pro Club® members must individually declare their participation in the program and identify the national parent breed club that will receive their Purina Points. Members may declare for their national parent breed club by calling the Purina® Pro Club® toll-free number at 1-877-PRO-CLUB (1-877-776-2582) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday, or by registering on this site. Pro Club members can only earn funds for their national parent breed club if the national parent breed club is enrolled in the PPCP Program.



# Health Updates – Teresa Schreeder, Health Committee

## CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

### PARENT CLUB REPORTING: AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

CHIC NUMBERS ISSUED OR UPDATED: Q1 2012

Animal	Date	New / Update	CHIC #	Reg #	Owner
RYBA'S MATINEE IDOL	1/20/2012		NEW	78221	RN13854205 M Langham, S Bachman, T Schreeder

### HEALTH INCIDENT REPORT

Ca-Lymphangiectasia 7yr  
NC-Melanoma/Cushings age unknown

### LONGEVITY REPORT

AI-Congestive Heart Failure age unknown  
Ca-Trauma 12yr  
Heart failure 14.5 yr  
Lymphangiectasia 9yr  
Unknown Cause 15yr

### Keep our Aussies Healthy

Complete the 2012 Health Survey!

To complete the survey go to:

[www.offa.org/surveys/survey\\_austerrier.html](http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_austerrier.html)

Please complete a form for EACH of your dogs.

If you have any questions please contact:

[Teresa Schreeder](#)/ ATCA Chair of the Health Committee



# Health Updates

by Teresa Schreeder

Dear Membership,

Health has been very busy keeping the members informed regarding up and coming Research, current Aussie health issues, new guidelines for breeder referral and articles. Recently the Longevity and Incident reports have been added to the Newsletter. The Longevity and Health Incident reports are the first avenue members and non-members have to alert Health to potential issues. Last year thirty- one reports were generated by four ATCA members.

In 2010 had ATCA sponsoring 4 Research studies through Canine Health Foundation, three of the studies are now finished all with positive findings. I have included the summary for the four studies.

- Study 01390-A, the Use of Mycophenolate in the Treatment of Primary Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. The study found the drug helpful with no major adverse effects in supporting dogs with IMHA .
- Study 01678-A the Contribution of Programmed Cell Death to Red Cell Destruction in Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. Positive results in determining the protein associated with the cells of IMHA . Future studies to come.
- Study 01248 Whole Genome Association Analyses for Cryptorchidism in Dogs. These results came up with three Markers on Chromosome 27 for cryptorchidism. More studies to come.
- Study 01312 Association mapping study of Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease in West Highland, Yorkshire Terriers and Cairn Terriers. No updates at this time.

In 2011, ATCA achieved a milestone by establishing the AusTTrust, a 501C3, which allows tax deductible donations to Health and Education.

Health started a Blood Glucose Data Base established on the Health page for Members and Non-Members to support. Currently 48 dogs have been tested and posted. 42 of those dogs belong to Members and 6 non-members. Diabetic dogs and non-diabetic dogs are represented. We would like to make this feature a permanent part of the Health page with annual rechecks.

The BOD approved Health Testing with Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). CHIC is tracking Australian Terrier patella luxation and thyroid levels, CERF is monitoring eye disease. Thank you to the thirty participants of CHIC.

With the assistance of the OFFA, the Health Survey is online. They formatted the survey, and manage the results in real time. The survey has been on line on the ATCA website and is available to members to complete.

Thank You to Australian Terrier International, who graciously allowed us to post the survey on the ATI website as well.

The Survey generated responses from 158 people who currently own Australian Terriers. 44 ATCA Members have completed the survey. According to the responses, 66 people felt Diabetes was the #1 issue, 55 people felt Allergies were #2 and 32 responses had Cancer #3.

Of the 483 dogs reported on, 359 were born in the US and Canada, 88 were born in Europe, 310 of the dogs were purchased for Conformation, 248 for Pet/Companion, and 93 for Performance Events. 237 of these dogs were purchased directly from a breeder, 190 were bred by the owner and 11 dogs came from Rescue.

The Orthopedic issues:

Hip 29 dogs with Good hips, 15 with Excellent hips.

Patella 107 dogs had NO Luxation, 20 dogs had Grade 1 luxation, 7 dogs with Grade 2, 1 dog Grade 3 and 5 dogs with Grade 4 luxation.

Cancer: 7 dogs with Mammary Cancer, 4 dogs reported Hemangiosarcoma

GI Issues: 6 dogs reported gastritis

Cardiac: 5 dogs reported Heart murmur, 3 dogs with Congestive Heart Failure

Eye: 24 dogs reported Cataracts; of those 12 were over the age of 8 years, BUT 8 dogs were under 5 years of age.

Skin disorders: 15 dogs reported Seasonal Allergies, 11 dogs reported Hot Spots

Endocrine: 9 dogs reported Diabetes, 8 dogs Cushing's

Dental: 17 dogs reported issues with Plaque, 16 dogs reported Missing Teeth

These highlights from the Health survey can be reviewed on the [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org) website under surveys.

Health is about sharing information, using the testing tools available to us and being willing to follow through with support. What does support mean? Support is as easy as following through with filling out the Health Survey, CHIC, getting your dog's Blood Glucose done and of course financial support. Help us by talking about Health to your puppy buyers. Encourage people to participate in CHIC, Health Survey, Incident/ Longevity Reports and Blood Glucose.

The more we do, the better handle we will have on health issues in the future.

# June 2012 Committee & Delegate Meeting

- Bill Christensen, AKC Delegate

## Canine Health Committee:

Reference was made to a recent conference in Sweden which had been attended by several members of the committee. Some concern was expressed regarding the European concern for "hyper types," by which is meant dogs exhibiting extreme phenotypes. (It was on this basis that approximately 10 dogs achieving BOB at Crufts were prohibited from progressing to group judging.) Health testing which is breed-specific is required for canine registration and breeding permission in Europe. This raised concern about the accuracy and methods of validation of genetic testing since too broad testing might needlessly remove dogs from the gene pool for that breed—a real problem in small breeds.

Much discussion focused on the Breeder of Merit program, now approaching 10,000 participants. Although specific health testing was not included in the initial requirements for that certification, an approach is now being made to the Parent Clubs to define those health conditions for which testing should be done. Parent and Member Club delegates related varying success in getting their clubs to support testing. It was pointed out that the Breeder of Merit designation was not breed-specific. Therefore, a breeder could achieve this in one breed and be breeding another or additional breeds without any additional requirements.

Outreach of breeders to veterinary schools and students is required in counteracting the cultivation of faculty and students by animal rights groups. It was suggested that clubs approach local veterinary schools in order to see if they might address student groups. The Houston all breed club sponsors programs and dinners for pre-veterinarian students at the undergraduate level. The AKC scholarship program for veterinary students is in disarray due to cuts in AKC staff.

A survey on bloat, sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation will appear in the 06/15/2012 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medicine Association.

## Parent Clubs Committee:

Effective 06/11/2012, judges attending breed seminars must also take a 15 question open-book examination based on the written breed standard. Judges may complete these at their hotel or at home, but the completed examinations must be returned to the Parent Club conducting the seminar, which will forward the examinations to AKC for grading. Absent passing this examination, judges will not get credit for the seminar. Examinations are available from the AKC Judging Operations Department.

In recent weeks, HSUS has been targeting parent clubs with e-mails soliciting participation in a variety of initiatives, including joining a breeders' advisory group, buying vendor space at a dog show, etc. These should not be responded to directly but should be forwarded immediately to Lisa Peterson, AKC

Director of Communications (lxp@akc.org), telephone 212-696-8360 if questions.

Parent Clubs need to submit their requests for judges at the AKC Eukanuba event.

There is a moratorium on requests for the "3/4 height exemption" in performance events which involve jumping pending the issuing of new competition rules with new jumping heights which are to be issued by July 13.

The hot button issue was the decision by the Board to require that one-half of all grooming space at a dog show be free rather than reserved. This decision had been made without any delegate input. Many clubs, both Parent and Member, reported that they would not be able to afford their show sites without this income, and surveys of exhibitors had revealed that most preferred reserved grooming despite the added expense. It was unanimously moved by the Committee that the issue be re-addressed by the Board.

## Coordinating Committee:

Both the Bylaws Committee and the Parent Club Committee unanimously requested that the Board re-address its decision concerning paid grooming space. There was much applause from the delegates.

The Complete Dog Book is to be revised and republished by the AKC. Parent Clubs will be contacted in the near future for in-put and at least three photographs of "excellent" dogs displaying the standards for the breed.

Twelve new delegates were seated, nine representing Parent Clubs. Beginning in 2013, it may be proposed that three delegate meetings per year rather than four will be held. Pleas from Western delegates that at least one meeting per year be held in the West or Midwest fell on deaf ears.

From January-April 2012, 52,954 exhibitors had participated in obedience, tracking and agility events, an increase of 13.6% since the same period last year. The number of exhibitors participating in all events now exceeds one million.



# June 2012 Committee & Delegate Meeting

## Legislative Caucus:

A new Care and Conditions Policy has been issued by the AKC and is available as a brochure to assist in educating legislators and government officials with regard to appropriate conditions for the care of dogs and emphasizing the role of AKC in enforcing this policy through inspections. Brochures can be obtained from the AKC.

The proposed changes in USDA regulations were much discussed. If implemented, they would bring anyone with more than four intact bitches and anyone who sold even one dog without the buyer having physically entered the seller's home subject to federal inspection and oversight. Comments are due by July 17, 2012. Everyone was asked to sign the AKC petition currently being circulated electronically and to check the AKC website, which will advise when and how comments should be submitted to the USDA. For strategic reasons comments should not be submitted until advised. The impact of these regulations on hobby breeders should be stressed in the comments.

It was pointed out that in 2012, HSUS had spent many million dollars on lobbying whereas AKC had spent only several thousand—an amount averaging 5 cents per club member. In an effort to mount a more effective legislative effort, individual clubs will soon be asked to contribute \$200 per year to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund, and individual club members will also be asked to contribute a total of \$300 per club to the AKC PAC. The difference between these two funds is explained on the AKC web site, but, briefly, the AKC PAC contributes to the election of dog-friendly candidates and the Legislative Support Fund pays for lobbyists and other approaches to educating legislators. Only individuals can contribute to a PAC, but a club can bundle these contributions, if, for example, individuals are asked to contribute via a check-off box on their dues renewal form, so long as a list of those individuals donating is submitted with the check to the AKC PAC. An individual can donate no more than \$5000 per year. Clubs may contribute directly to the Legislative Support Fund, as, for example, as a part of the proceeds from dog events. Club presidents may expect to receive information soon on donating to these efforts to protect the rights of dog owners.



Reports of the Chairman, President and Chief Financial Officer: will appear in up-coming issue of the AKC Gazette as well as minutes for each of the meetings held. Revenue, investment gains and participation in events have all increased substantially since last year. It was not stated what gain or loss might exist with regard to registrations.

## Delegates Meeting:

One Dog Show Rule passed unanimously. This would allow superintendents and show secretaries using AKC entry verification to correct entries as appropriate.

Two additional Rules were read, without amendments added. One would create internal consistency in the Rules relative to the awarding of ribbons and prizes. The other would allow, but not require, breed clubs to award a 3-point major to the Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch if there were twice the number of class dogs and bitches present required for a 5-point major. Both will be voted on at the September meeting. A third proposed Rule amendment was withdrawn by the sponsoring club. This related to the maintenance of exclusive privileges for events within a club's territory.

These notes represent my summary of those meetings which I attended. Minutes will be published in the upcoming AKC Gazette. If the minutes do not clarify any issues about which you feel that you need additional information, please contact me, and I will attempt to obtain the information from AKC for you.





# Canine Fitness

by Chris Zink DVM PhD

The new millennium is an exciting time for the sport of dogs. More dogs participate in athletic events now than at any other time in history. Dogs and owners alike enjoy preparing for and participating in a variety of new performance events.

In the past several years the AKC alone has more than doubled the number of sponsored events. Retrievers, pointers, setters and spaniels can now enter non-competitive hunting tests at a variety of levels of difficulty, sighthounds can try their paws at lure coursing, herding breeds can work sheep in herding tests, terriers can test their mettle by going to ground, and dogs of all breeds can participate in agility, an exciting sport that tests the timing, coordination, and athleticism of dog and handler alike. Additional organized canine performance events include flyball, sledging, draft dog tests, coonhound trials, free-style heeling, weight-pulling competitions, Schutzhund, water rescue and more.

It is our responsibility to understand canine structure and locomotion, to learn how to condition dogs for specific performance events, and to feed nutritionally balanced diets—in essence to view and respect the dog as an athlete.

A coach for humans selects the best potential athletes, trains them in the skills of the game, provides them with appropriate conditioning exercises and diet, ensures that they receive expert medical care, and gives them emotional support and encouragement when needed. Those of us involved in canine performance events must play this role of coach for our dogs.

## Dogs of all Shapes and Sizes

Dogs are the most varied of all species. Humans have taken advantage of the plastic genetic make-up, short gestation period, and large litter size of the dog to mold his best friend into a variety of shapes and sizes. It is astounding to consider that the Irish Wolfhound and the Dachshund are not only members of the same species, but that both are members of the Hound group. Therefore, before beginning a program of conditioning and skill-training, it is necessary to objectively evaluate your dog's structure.

First consider whether your dog is of a heavy-set breed such as the Clumber Spaniel or the St. Bernard, light-boned like the Afghan Hound or the Whippet, or of medium structure like the Labrador Retriever or the Border Terrier. The heavier a dog is in relation to its height, the more stress will be exerted on the musculoskeletal system. Thus, although a Clumber Spaniel and an Afghan Hound may weigh the same, the Clumber Spaniel carries that weight on a smaller frame and will therefore create more stress on the musculoskeletal system while jumping, running, and some performance events, proper conditioning and appropriate modifications in training can provide significant compensation.

Whether a dog is being prepared for the conformation ring or

performance, it is essential that canine athletes be maintained at a correct weight. There is no breed standard which states that the ideal dog of that breed should be “flabby, moderately overweight, and with a pendulous abdomen!” Instead, many standards expressly state that the dog should be shown at peak fitness. Excess weight increases the stresses on the musculoskeletal system regardless of the performance event. How can you determine whether your dog has excessive fat? When palpating the ribcage and the loin, you should be able to feel the bones of the vertebrae and the ribs under the skin. How can you judge whether your dog is fit? Stand behind the dog and feel the muscles of the rear legs. They should be firm and well-defined.



In addition to understanding the dog's overall shape and level of fitness, you should evaluate your dog's conformation, both standing and moving. Get the assistance of someone familiar with canine conformation and with the standard for your breed. Keep in mind your chosen performance event(s). Make a list of your dog's strengths and weaknesses (for no dog is without both) and use it to create a conditioning program unique to your dog. For example, while agility training a Doberman Pinscher that has minimal shoulder layback and a short upper arm, the jumps should be at full height only when excellent footing and a soft landing surface can be provided.

Prior to starting a conditioning program, your dog should be given a thorough physical examination by a competent veterinarian to ensure that he is free of any pre-existing medical condition that could compromise his health. In addition, your dog's hips should be radiographed, and the radiographs evaluated for hip dysplasia by a qualified radiologist. Evaluations can be performed by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or veterinarians involved in the PennHip Study at the University of Pennsylvania. In some breeds, elbow radiographs should be obtained and evaluated. In some breeds a cardiac examination is also recommended. Finally, to ensure that the dog has no abnormalities of vision, your dog's eyes should be examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist.

## Designing a Conditioning Program

Once your dog has been given a clean bill of health, a conditioning program can be established. What exactly does conditioning mean? The dictionary defines it as “developing a state of health, readiness, or physical fitness.” Simply stated, conditioning consists of a planned program of exercise and nutrition.

# Canine Fitness

When designing an exercise program, consideration should be given to the dog's age and current level of fitness, to any pre-existing medical conditions or injuries, to the performance event(s) that the dog will compete in, and to the handler's time and physical constraints. Although young puppies can be introduced to some of the skills and tools of their future trade, conditioning exercises should not begin in earnest until well after a dog's growth plates have closed (at approximately 10 months in small dogs and 14 months in the larger breeds). The growth plates are the locations in each bone where new bone forms and damage to the growth plates can result in serious limb deformities.

Dogs that have physical conditions such as hip dysplasia that can result in arthritis should be given only moderate exercise throughout their lives. The best exercise for these dogs is swimming, because it is a non-weight-bearing exercise. The owner of a dog with hip dysplasia should ensure that it trains and competes only in ideal conditions, and should carefully monitor it for signs of fatigue or pain.

An exercise program should start gradually, should be consistently applied, should provide variety, and should progress towards a specific goal. Conditioning is not just a weekend activity. A Golden Retriever that is being prepared for the National Specialty 2 months away may be taken swimming on Saturday when there is more time for travel, and on Sunday it may undergo skill-training (practice stacking, free-baiting, and gaiting) in the morning and a 30 minute trot in the evening. During the week, when the handler has less time to devote to conditioning, the dog may be trotted for 30 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday. On Monday and Wednesday, the dog may be worked on cavaletti and conditioning jumps, and on Friday it gets to watch a movie on HBO.



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Exercises should include both general conditioning exercises and specific skill training. Some examples of general conditioning exercises are: swimming, retrieving, walking or running with the dog, mechanical trotters, conditioning jumps, canine cavaletti, specific agility exercises, and stationary exercises. Retrieving is a popular method to exercise a dog, but it has a high potential for injury. Frisbees as a retrieving tool should be avoided if at all possible, or thrown low to the ground to prevent the dog from twisting on landing. Mechanical trotters can be useful, particularly in hot or cold weather, when it may be difficult or unsafe to exercise outdoors. However, they can be exceedingly boring for owners and dogs alike. Agility obstacles can be very helpful in strengthening specific muscle groups and improving coordination. For example, the weave poles can help to strengthen the muscles of the spine.



Stationary exercises can also be used to strengthen specific groups of muscles. For example, teaching a dog to sit up can strengthen the back muscles. Stretching exercises, such as the play-bow should always be used to warm up a dog prior to training and competition.

Although physical conditioning is important, mental conditioning is also essential. The best way to mentally condition a dog is to provide frequent periods of play and to incorporate play into the skill training exercises. Play is an essential part of a dog's emotional make-up. Games such as tug-of-war and chase-the-owner are a great way to relieve your dog's stress while at the same increasing his focus on the owner and strengthening the dog-human bond. Be careful not to over-train, whether it be in physical conditioning or in skill-training. Remember—just like you, every dog needs one day off a week!

This decade's explosion of interest in canine performance events will have many positive effects on dog and owner alike. Training a dog is one of the best ways to strengthen the human-canine bond. By learning as much as we can about canine structure and its relationship to performance, we can contribute to our dogs' general health and ensure success in our chosen performance event(s). Take time to appreciate your dog's marvelous athletic ability and to learn new ways to keep your dog fit and healthy throughout his life. ■

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# Freestyle

by Devorah Sperber

Let me start by saying I think Australian Terriers are the greatest dogs on the planet. The joyfulness they bring to everything they do is contagious. Contrary to popular belief that terriers are hard to train, I find Australian Terriers to be incredibly smart and easy to train using positive reinforcement training methods.

As a full-time visual artist, I am fortunate to be able to take Jake and Lil to my art studio most days. We can do several short training/play sessions (2 to 5 minutes long) throughout the day. What we do varies greatly. One session might focus on a particular agility obstacle, fine-tuning a freestyle move, or working with both dogs at once. The options are endless so it never gets boring for the dogs or me. Keeping the sessions short and fun is ideal for Australian Terriers and it also gives me a fun way to break up my workday. We also go for a nice long walk most days, which is one of my favorite activities to do with Jake and Lil. I became involved in dog training shortly after we got our first Australian Terrier 4 years ago. Jake was 2 years old at the time. He was completely out of control, yet also totally charming and very funny! Our friend, Sue Sternberg, an extraordinary behaviorist, suggested we take Jake to agility classes as a way to bond.



I quickly got the “agility bug” and within a couple of years, I found myself attending seminars by top agility instructor/competitors including Silvia Trkman from Ljubljana, Slovenia. After reading Silvia’s theory, “If you train your dog to do 100 tricks, you will have a great agility dog,” I started training as many tricks as I could think of.



Trick training morphed into freestyle when I realized that freestyle was just a combination of heeling and tricks while moving to music. I have to say that Jake is a real “natural” at freestyle. As soon as I turn on the music, he is ready to dance and he has great pizzazz in his movements! I started training freestyle with Lil when she joined our family as a puppy 3 years ago. Eventually I started playing around with brace work, which is doing freestyle with 2 dogs at the same time. Brace work is very challenging because in order for it to look good, both dogs need to move at the same time and speed, so heeling and tricks need to be very precise.

At the beginning, most of my freestyle sessions spontaneously erupted in my kitchen while I was cooking. A great song would come on the radio, and I’d stop cooking and start dancing around the kitchen with Jake. You’d be surprised at how beautiful and rhythmic basic heeling can be when paired with the right tempo and style of music for your dog.

If you are looking for inspiration to get you started in freestyle, I think you will find it in this particular routine by Tina Humphrey. It inspired me to teach Jake and Lil to walk and prance with high-stepping front feet. Jake’s interpretation of this trick is so cute! He moves his head from side to side when doing it so he really looks like he is dancing. Here is a link to Tina’s Routine: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sknEaZHHbhc> And here is a link to Jake and Lil practicing fancy footwork, which looks and feels very different than Tina’s dog: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdHRCtB1Y>

# Freestyle continued....

There are also great ideas for tricks on Silvia Trkman's website, plus DVDs for sale, including one titled "Heeling Is Just Another Trick." She also has 3 new trick DVDs that sound fantastic. I have watched her DVD on speed and motivation and absolutely loved it.

prefer certain types of music, so try a variety and see what makes your dogs perk up and shake their booties! Let your dogs "tell" you how they like to move and what tricks they like best. Jake and Lil are equal collaborators in developing our freestyle tricks and routines!



Another great freestyle resource is the Yahoo group "101caninefreestyle," moderated by Judy Gamet. She posts a lot of great freestyle training ideas and also offers online classes. I have not taken any personally but I get great ideas from her posts!

A few months ago, I started a blog about Jake and Lil's training. Lately my posts have been focusing on Lil, who is participating in Sylvia Trkman's online agility class, but I am also doing the exercises with Jake. I just don't have time to edit and upload more videos to YouTube right now. Feel free to post comments on my blog and ask questions about anything you've read here.



Besides being way too much fun, freestyle and trick training are also great for general conditioning for your canine partner. Backing up, sidestepping, spinning, crawling, bowing, paw and shake, and numerous other tricks keep Jake and Lil very fit. The precision required in freestyle has made me a better trainer. Plus, it is great way for learning how to keep dogs motivated and focused while training complex skills and freestyle tricks.

If you are wondering whether your dog would enjoy doing freestyle, just put on some music, start moving around and playing with your dog, and see what happens. I think some dogs

Here are a few links:

Devorah's blog: <http://artanddogblog.wordpress.com>

Devorah's Art Web Site: <http://www.devorahsperber.com>

Devorah's YouTube Channel with videos of Jake and Lil: <http://www.youtube.com/user/devorahsperber/videos>

Silvia Trkman's Web-Site that has many great dog training tips: <http://silvia.trkman.net> ■

# My Dog Can Do That!

It's always both a pleasure and a challenge to open a new session at our training center. We get people of all ages and all backgrounds, many different kinds of dogs, and a real spectrum of experiences.

And there are always people who have never taken a class with this or any dog and decide they'd like to do agility. They watched it on TV or saw videos on YouTube, or they went to a local competition and talked to some people who made them feel welcome. They tell us that their dogs are energetic, and they and their dogs are enthusiastic. They're ready!

Enthusiasm is wonderful. Without it, we'd get nowhere. But I have long had the feeling that some basics are necessary before you come to a beginner class in any dog sport.

A recent event at our facility was a great time to solicit some opinions. I gathered some instructors for an unofficial opinion poll about what aspiring performance handlers should know or do to get more out of that first experience.

Stephanie Capkovic (Westies and Scotties; AKC/UKC/TDAA agility judge; founder/owner of Bella Vista Training Center; competes in multiple dog sports including obedience, rally, tracking, and agility): Handlers need to understand that they are 100% responsible for the safety of their dog. They need to pay attention not only to what their dog is doing, but to what is going on in the environment. Dogs that are going to participate in a dog sport need to be crate trained—this allows the handler to give the dog a time-out and to be in a safe place when the handler needs to focus on other things during class. Basic obedience skills are also needed. These include: coming when called (the most important!), sit, sit-stay, down, down-stay, and walking politely on a leash.



Rob Kripaitis (Shelties; Border Collies; AKC/USDAA agility judge): I agree with Steph. Dogs need to have basic obedience and crate training. And, when starting a training class, owners need to be able to maintain their dog's focus. Books such as *In Focus*, *Control Unleashed*, and *Ruff Love* are great ones to build a good foundation and relationship for training with your dog.



Carolyn Dumaresq (American Eskimos; Border Collies; instructor at Dauphin Dog Training Club in Hershey, PA for 5 years in agility, rally, and basic obedience; competing in rally and agility, and also does nursing home visits with a certified therapy dog): Often the folks in my classes are new to dog training and are not aware of the venues open to them in the future. I attempt to give them the basics of good pet behavior while exposing them to a variety of different experiences. I think the most important skills, regardless of future interests, are: reliable sit stays and down stays; recalls; loose leash heeling; and off-leash heeling. I also teach "hand touch" as a game, as well as going to a mat to "settle." All of these skills serve as foundations for traditional obedience, rally, agility, or flyball.

Joan Dandy (German Shepherd Dogs; founder/owner of Dandy Dog Training, Newville, PA; competes in obedience, rally, and agility): I strongly believe that basic obedience training needs to be included into their program. Also, be open-minded to new ideas while still being an advocate for your dog. By advocate, I'm referring to things like asking questions of the instructor when you are uncertain of a training technique or not participation in or modifying techniques that you know would negatively affect your dog.

And me—how would I answer this question?

If you've never taken any instruction with your dog, never taken him to different places in proximity with other dogs—this isn't the place to start. Teamwork is at the heart of any sport you do with your dog, and teamwork begins long before you set foot in the classroom. It's no fun for anyone (especially you) if your dog is too excited or, worse, too threatened by all the other dogs to pay any attention to you. Consider also that some dogs mature more quickly than others and keep your expectations in line with your dog's mental and emotional level. You might be ready, but is your dog? Don't judge your performance against other people in the class; some of us have done this before with other dogs. Everyone, human and dog, learns at their own level. And finally, canine sports should be enjoyable for dogs and handlers. Don't be afraid to laugh and have fun!

# Teacup Dogs Agility Association

– by Bud Houston

The purpose of the Teacup Dogs Agility Association is to provide a competitive venue for dogs of small stature without regard to breed or pedigree; and to encourage course challenges that are comparable to the course challenges which face large dog handlers in other popular venues.

Obstacles are scaled down to a size more appropriate to the little guys. Jump heights will be set in a range from 4" to 16", with adjustments for long-backed and short-legged dogs.

Please note that participation in the TDAA is dogs measuring no more than 20" at the withers. There is no restriction on account of breed or pedigree.

What strikes you first about a Teacup Dogs trial has to be the diminutive size of the obstacles. "Cute" is the word that most often comes to lips; Cute. The teeter is eight feet long and is painted mostly yellow. The A-frame is two feet wide with six foot ramps. The tire looks like something found in a doll-house. The bar jumps are taller than they are wide.

And when we set the jumps for the 12" dogs, we were setting them for the big dogs.

When the exhibitors walk the course they must take note of the short transitional distances between obstacles. Often it's only ten feet or eight. Sometimes it's no more than six. The "cute" thing doesn't play so well when the dogs start running. The marathon loping between obstacles a small dog handler has to do in the big dog agility organizations doesn't apply to Teacup action. The small dog is tuned up and hitting obstacles at about the same pace a Border Collie might work obstacles set 15 to 18 feet apart. That means the handler has to be smart in his timing and keen on his feet.

The date of the first trial was: May 19, 2002 , Kansas City , Kansas . Three other trials were conducted in 2002 in Columbus , Ohio; Manchester, New Hampshire, and Eugene, Oregon . A considerably more active has occurred since then.

The Teacup Dogs Agility Association made a debut in Ohio in a magical weekend at Camp Mary Orton. Nestled incongruously just above the busy beltway in a part of Columbus bustling with growth and business are several hundred acres of rare Ohio field and forest. At the end of a long dirt and gravel road that wends down into the hidden forest stands a turn-of-the-century lodge house, complete with a grand fireplace and ornately carved rafters.

The field outside was littered with freshly dropped walnuts. Out of this we cleared just enough room for a Teacup course, a ring measuring a spacious sixty by seventy feet.

Thirty-two dogs were entered in this trial, camping with their people in a friendly community of tents and picnic tables around the ring. The agility program consisted of two standard runs and two games on Saturday and the same thing on



Sunday. The games played included Dare to Double, Pole Jacks, What's My Line, and Time Warp.

The trial in Ohio was a small one. It was scheduled to compete for entry on a weekend with an AKC trial not a hundred miles away. But nobody cared. There was only one ring. Everyone cheered for everyone else. Placement and qualifying ribbons were handed out in ceremony between the classes. More than half the field of competitors went to dinner with the judge. And the host club bought everyone pizza for lunch.

This is the way agility was twelve and fifteen years ago. Frankly it's because the trial was small. That's what agility was like in the old days. It was undiscovered country.

Today there are over 1,900 dogs registered in TDAA representing 81 breeds including All America. TDAA has clubs in 18 states, with dogs registered in 39 states, Mexico and Canada.

And so we have now a venue intended solely for the small dog. Dogs over 20 inches are not even allowed to compete. The 16" division is the super class.

So what's the point?

We've got agility in the AKC, USDAA, NADAC, CPE, UKC. Does the TDAA serve any useful purpose?

The point of TDAA is a simple matter of respect. The small dog is scarcely tolerated in the big agility organizations. Courses are scaled for the big dogs. Equipment is scaled for the big dogs. When Animal Planet "covers" an agility venue, the small dogs are typically chopped from the program in favor of the "real" dogs.

Running a 6" Yorkshire Terrier on a course designed for a 24" tall Border Collie is just about as appropriate as running that same Border Collie on an Equestrian cross country course. Phooey on anyone who thinks that agility is about big fast dogs. Agility is a recreational sport with the family animal. And in the TDAA the little dog will have his day.

# Touch & Go, All About Fly-Ball



What is Flyball?

Flyball is a high energy, high speed, sport in which two teams of 4 dogs each and their handlers compete relay-style against each other, and the clock. Flyball is open to all dogs - any breed, any size, any background - and is governed by the North American Flyball Association, NAFA.

What is involved?

A flyball course consists of two side-by-side lanes, each 51 feet long, and consisting of 4 jumps. At the end of each lane is a flyball box, which when triggered by the dog, releases a tennis ball. Each dog must retrieve his ball, and return over the jumps, thus releasing the next dog to race. The following dog may not cross the start/finish line, until the previous dog has already done so. Each dog must jump all jumps down and back, must trigger the box, and must return back over the start/finish line with the ball that was placed in the box specifically for them. If any of these qualifications are not met, the dog that made the error must run the course again after the others have finished. The first team to have all four dogs complete the course without error wins that heat.

The Course, Equipment, Judges, and Goals



The side-by-side lanes begin with a run back area followed by the start/finish line and an electronic judging system. The EJS uses lights and infrared timing sensors to help the handlers to time their releases, as well as alert the head judge of any obvious

errors. The goal of the first dog in the lineup, or the start dog, is to cross the Start/Finish line at the exact moment the lights change from yellow to green. If done perfectly, this results in a start time of 0.000 - a coveted perfect start! Any time that lapses between the light turning green and the start dog crossing the line is added to the final time of the team after all dogs have run. Any negative times are referred to as false starts resulting in one do over per team. If there is ever a double false start on one team, it's an error and the start dog must run a second time at the end of the lineup. The start/finish line and the lights also aid in timing perfect passes, performed when the dogs meet exactly nose to nose at the line.

If this is done too soon, it will be an overpass and the lights will signal so. The dog that overpasses must run again at the end

of the lineup. There are line judges assigned to watch for any overpasses or errors missed by the lights. The line judges also keep a record of all the times the EJS displays including the start time, each dog's individual time, the teams' total collective time, and the winner of the heat.

Six feet past the start/finish line begins a series of 4 jumps set 10 feet apart. The height of the jumps is set based on the shortest dog running for a team. This is why one often notices three large fast dogs and a smaller dog making up a four some. The highest the jumps can be is 14" and the lowest is 7". The height is determined by subtracting 5" from the withers of the shortest dog. Fractions of inches are rounded down so a dog measuring 14.8", would round down to a 14" and would set the jumps at 9". These height dogs must be measured by a judge to determine their true height prior to racing, and

eventually are issued a height card as permanent height identification. A height dog is considered very valuable to a team as even an inch or two added to the jumps can slow everyone else down significantly.



The flyball box is set 15' beyond the last jump. The flyball box is a spring loaded box triggered by the dog to release a ball placed there by the box loader. The box loader stands behind the box to steady it and places a new ball in the box for each dog. This is often described as the toughest job in flyball because all dogs are different. Some dogs turn left, some turn right, some hit straight on... some take tennis balls, some take squishy balls, some take tiny balls, and some will only touch a certain color. The box loader is responsible for differentiating what each dog requires and doing so on a moment's notice if the lineup changes! All teams are responsible for providing their own boxes, which are inspected by a judge prior to the start of a tournament.

Teams train their dogs to perform a swimmers turn off of their box - the fastest turn possible on the box that results in retrieving the ball and reversing direction. The swimmers turn can make a huge difference in a dog's individual course completion time. There are also box judges who watch for box malfunctions, lack of triggering, dropped balls, and skipped jumps.

# Touch & Go, All About Fly-Ball



## Tournaments, Times, Points, & Titles

Flyball has evolved a lot since its primitive start in the late 1960s, and with the development of the spring loaded flyball box and the electronic judging system, competition has gotten tight! The current NAFA World Record for 4 dogs successfully completing the course is a mere 15.22 seconds! The overall world record was achieved on May 16, 2009 by a team out of Utah who ran four Border collie / Staffordshire terrier crosses with a time of 14.963 seconds! However, they did not run a height dog and jumped 7" jumps.

The 300+ tournaments sanctioned by NAFA are held all over North America. Divisions are set up to ensure fair racing and to keep the competitive spirit of all those involved - human and K9! The divisions help to pit teams of equal ability and caliber against each other, with Division 1 teams racing other Division 1 teams and so on. There are 4 sub-divisions: Open, Regular, Multi, and Veteran. In an Open Division, dogs from different registered flyball clubs can join together and run in a tournament. Regular division is any four dogs from the same registered NAFA Team, and Multibreed division teams must have four dogs of different breeds from the same NAFA team. A mixed breed dog is considered a separate breed as well. Veteran divisions have teams in which all four dogs are over the age of 7. The Veteran division also limits the jump height as well as the number of heats each dog can run in a single tournament.

Once teams are separated into divisions, they are then broken into smaller classes to ensure similar possible racing times. That way, a 16 second team isn't placed into the same class

as a team working hard to get under 24 seconds. These smaller groups are based on a seed time - the fastest time a given team can possibly run. Seed times are determined by each team and turned in to the tournament prior to racing begins. To ensure a team doesn't underestimate what their abilities are, a break out time is given to the team as well. The break out time is usually 1 second faster than the given seed time. If a team breaks out, it means they ran faster than they claimed they could, possibly putting them in a different division. Penalties for breaking out in a tournament are hefty! Once receives a warning, but if a team breaks out twice in a single tournament, that team will forfeit any placement AND points they earn for the entire tournament.

Titles are earned based on points which are determined by the cumulative team completion time, and are issued to every dog that ran on that team. The point scale is as follows:

- under 24 seconds earns each dog in the heat 25 points
- 24.000 through 27.999 seconds earns each dog in the heat 5 points
- 28.000 through 31.999 seconds earns each dog in the heat 1 point

Before a dog can step into a NAFA sanctioned ring, he is issued a Competition Registration Number, or CRN, to provide an accurate method of keeping up with that dog's achievements. Points are cumulative throughout a dog's entire flyball career and titles are earned when goals are reached. ■



# Run Your Fastest, Jump Your Highest

## *The Talkabout* Interviews Dan Dandy

While working through some physical problems lately, I couldn't find any books or videos about how to condition myself as a handler to prevent injury. There's a lot of information about conditioning for our dogs. All of it says that to perform their best, dogs need dedicated stretching routines and physical activity outside of the ring. But what about us? What stretches and activities will help us mature athletes stay fit and injury-free? This becomes more important as we age. Many of us in the agility world are "over 40" and we all want to stay out there running our dogs as well as we can for as long as we can.

Fortunately, someone in our area has answers for this problem. Dan Dandy is a physical therapist who lives near Carlisle, PA. His wife, Joan, owns and operates Dandy Dog Training Center in Newville, which holds classes and competitions in obedience, rally, agility, and freestyle. Dan's interest in Joan's activities led him to become certified in canine conditioning several years ago, and he wisely perceived that the students needed his help too. Together, Dan and Joan now offer conditioning classes for dogs and handlers. He agreed to share his insights about handler fitness for this issue of *The Talkabout*.



Dan's unique career path has taken him to an excellent place to help both handlers and dogs run their fastest and jump their highest. His undergraduate degree is in physical education and he coached gymnastics for 7 years. His interests led him to study physical therapy, and he now holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in that discipline. He's been a therapist in hospitals and rehab centers, and now works with homebound patients, with emphasis on balance and fall prevention. He has taught classes on this topic for all ages in both community and clinical settings. On the academic side, Dan has been an adjunct instructor in physical therapy at Penn State's Mont Alto campus, teaching therapeutic exercise and balance/fall prevention, as well as guest lecturing on canine rehabilitation.

How did you become aware of the need for a handler conditioning class?

First, I want to commend you for referring to yourself and your fellow competitors as "mature athletes"! You are athletes. It's obvious to casual observers, but many participants in dog sports seem to miss that fact. Recently while lecturing on canine rehab to my physical therapy students, I showed them an agility trial video. Afterward, I asked, "If you were one of these handlers, what would you be doing prior to running your dog?" They didn't hesitate—all said they would warm up. The students thought we were kidding when my wife explained that most of the time, "handler warm-up" means getting out of the chair you have been waiting in for the last few hours and getting your dog out of its crate!

There has been a very appropriate shift in perspective regarding competitive dogs that has been widely embraced by those who do canine performance. This change in perception, this appreciation of the rigors of various canine sports and the demands on their bodies, is changing how we train our dogs. However, there's no corresponding standard or process for handlers. So much time and energy, travel, instruction and money is spent on shaving seconds off a dog's time. I often wonder how much the performances would improve if the handlers applied the same principles to themselves.

But back to your question. A number of years ago, after running my daughter's dog through an agility course we set up for a community demonstration, I realized that there's a lot more involved in this than I thought. A handler needs to be coordinated and fit to manage running the course and simultaneously managing a dog. Then, during one of my courses for the Canine Rehab Practitioner certification program, we students attended an agility trial, ostensibly to observe the sport-specific demands on the dogs. I couldn't help, however, but notice that the handlers were wearing all types of braces or supports. This got me thinking about how I could apply my training and knowledge to help handlers improve their ability to get around the course.



# Run Your Fastest, Jump Your Highest

What exactly do you teach in your handler fitness classes?

I like to alternate activities and education so participants understand the principles behind the exercises and have a framework for exercise progression. Each session begins with a warm-up. We progress from supine and sitting activities to standing and moving exercises. Over the weeks, as they learn new exercises, students assimilate them into the warm-up. Students learn the value of a pre-run warm-up for their dogs as well as themselves, as well as exercises they can easily perform at trials.

Each week, various themes are introduced, such as: the components of balance maintenance and balance recovery strategies; exercises to improve acceleration, deceleration, and body awareness; as well as traditional flexibility, conditioning and core strengthening exercises. The nice thing about our group is the way participants learn from each other as well as direct instruction.

What's the makeup of the classes (age/gender)?  
Are there any common problems people in class seem to have?

Definitely middle age-ish individuals, females more often than males. Not surprisingly, ankles, hamstrings, and knees seem to be the more common areas of concern. The demands of the sport—the quick direction changes, frequent bursts of acceleration, and sudden deceleration, as well as the various types of turns, all test the integrity and strength of these structures

Do students feel that the exercises they learn have helped them prevent injury and perform better? Can they see and feel the results?

Yes! My students have commented that they run the courses better after first warming up and that their post-run soreness is improved through use of exercises from class.



Susan Saulvester©

What modalities (yoga, swimming, etc.) might you recommend as a good way for us mature athletes to keep in condition? Or, if someone is just getting into canine sports, what might they do to get fit and lessen the chance of injuries?

There are two answers to your question, and the first overlaps both answers. Physical training adheres to the “SAID” principle: Specific Adaptation to Imposed Demand. You get better at what you practice. If you need greater cardiovascular fitness, then look into aerobic activities, such as swimming or brisk walking, jogging, bicycling, cardio equipment at a local gym, or maybe a Zumba or aerobics class. If the need is for improved balance, Tai Chi would be good. Flexibility is an important component of most fitness programs and, yoga is a great way to learn a wide variety of stretches and breathing techniques. Regular participation in any of these will improve your fitness in general and your performance in your dog activities in particular. To improve your performance in the agility ring, it's important to honestly assess your current strengths and weaknesses. Once you know what you need – endurance, speed, balance, strength, or flexibility – you can better get yourself into a fitness program.

The second answer to this question is “you can never get enough of what you don't need.” Here's an example. Adding more intense or more frequent aerobic conditioning exercises is a great idea, but that won't directly improve your balance. To improve specific skills, you need to practice those skills. Only practicing the skill itself improves the skill. In short, there may be many roads to general fitness, but there's only one path to improving your sport-specific skills, and it is a bit narrow at that.

To wrap up, is there any other advice you might give or last thoughts you'd like to leave for our readers?

If you are involved in any performance sports with your dog, YOU are an athlete and part of the team. There is as much value in taking care of yourself as in taking care of your dog so that you can enjoy your sport, injury-free, for many years. Additionally, you have a responsibility to your canine partner. The more you improve your fitness, balance, agility, and flexibility, the more able you will be to integrate the handling techniques that you are learning. In plain words—you will become a better handler. You will be able to manage the demands of your sport and be where your dog needs you to be. Once you accept that you, too, are an athlete, the number of ways in which your performance can improve are limitless. Once you see yourself in that light, you will begin to train yourself as the athlete that you are. ■

# Dock Jumping

Dock jumping is a simple, yet exciting sport that has been exploding all over the country. UKC is excited to add it as another performance event, through Ultimate Air Dogs; yet another way to have fun with your dog! There are two different forms of jumping that UKC dogs will be able to obtain titles in: Ultimate Air or Distance Jumping, and Ultimate Vertical.

Ultimate Air is the basic form of competition that started dock jumping. Dogs run down the dock and handlers try to get them to fly as far as they can after a toy. It's a thrilling, adrenaline-driven event that is a blast for handlers and crowds alike.

Ultimate Vertical is a newer twist on the sport that started as a training tool to get more distance out of dogs. It's a form of high jumping. A training bumper is held 8' out over the water by an extender.

A starting height is set and dogs must bring the bumper down (by either a knock or a catch) for that height to count, then the bumper is moved up two inches and the dog progresses until the next round. This repeats until there is only one dog still soaring, and crowd excitement builds the higher and higher the dogs fly.

The sport of dock jumping started in 1997 when Purina needed another sport to add to their Incredible Dog Challenge program. It increased in popularity in 2000 when ESPN added it to their lumberjack programming and developed the Great Outdoor Games that were popular for a period on ESPN. In the years since, the sport has grown exponentially.

Milt Wilcox, former pitcher for the Detroit Tigers who played in the 1984 World Series, is the founder of Ultimate Air Dogs. Milt was vacationing at his summer lake cottage in 2002 when he saw the Great Outdoor Games on ESPN, which at that time consisted mostly of black Labrador competitors. His black Labrador mix Sparky had been jumping off the dock for the whole vacation and Milt thought, 'my dog can do that!' He soon got into the sport and launched to the top.

Milt loved the sport so much he founded Ultimate Air Dogs in 2005. What started as a grassroots Michigan organization has grown incredibly and holds several events a year all over the country. Milt founded UAD because of his love and passion for the sport. He wanted more people to be able to enjoy the fun time that it is to have with your dog. At any event Milt is working at, you'll see him going non-stop all weekend, giving training tips to anyone who seeks his advice. He really takes the time to get to know newcomers and spends a lot of one on one time with competitors on the dock.

UKC/UAD Dock Jumping events are a great sport for all dog owners to get into for many reasons. First off, UAD events have very helpful and friendly staff and competitors. They'll

answer questions, help teach your dog to jump, or just hang out and chat—just good company all around. Many people get hooked on the sport for the social aspect and seem to gain a 'dog' family.

Also, while it was noted previously that this sport started with mostly Labradors, any breed, any mix, any size dog can come play! The sport is no longer completely dominated by Gun Dogs, but many

breeds are heavily involved. A good example would be the last Great Outdoor Games in 2005. Only the top dogs in the country got invited to go, and one of them, hanging with the big Labs, was a small 17 inch tall Australian Cattle Dog named Clementine who can blast out 23+ foot jumps.

Another plus to dock jumping is that it's probably one of the safest dog sports out there. There's no real pressure on the joints, as the dogs are landing in water, which is especially good for older dogs. There's also no training required to participate, unlike most other dog sports; you can just come out and try it with your dog. Some are very competitive and do lots of training and conditioning for their dogs. Others just see it as another way to have a fun time with their dogs and meet a lot of fellow dog lovers! ■



# Fun with a Touch of Humility

by Karen Smith

I've had Australian Terriers since 1989. Then I thought I wanted a better pet, so we went to an obedience class and got hooked. All my dogs have had AKC, UKC, and CKC performance titles. My first dog was the second Aussie to get a UDX after the title became available. He thought he was retired—ha! My third Aussie had a UDX, RE, MOTCH (Canadian Master Obedience Trial Champion), and a UKC OTCH. So far, I've trained and shown 5 Australian Terriers in obedience and now rally. Who said an Australian Terrier can't teach you humility? Well, mine can and have always been able to make me humble.....

I was so looking forward to going to the trials in St. Louis and getting Sugar's Novice and Rally excellent title. However, since there's only one limited obedience and rally trial all weekend, I will not be able to attend. I'll miss everyone because it's always a lot of fun but this year I'll have to miss.

In February, Sugar got her first two legs in AKC Rally excellent. The rally excellent exercises have significantly changed this April. After attending a rally seminar, it was apparent that the judges aren't real sure how to judge the new exercises and AKC is working on it. Also, with the new exercises, you will need to have your dog trained in utility because several of the exercises are patterned after the obedience utility exercises. Not a problem for Sugar but maybe for me since you are facing the back of the sign as you give your dog certain utility signals. Need a sharp memory.

In May, I'm planning on showing Sugar in UKC open. There's a few differences between AKC and UKC open exercises. In the heeling exercise, you have a walker and an honor dog in the ring. The walker will start at the other side of the ring and as you heel your dog, you will pass each other twice. Good distraction, right? The honor dog will be going a long down in the ring until you, the working dog, finish your figure eight.



On the drop on recall, there is also a walker who will start walking from the opposite end of the ring once your dog is down and walk past your dog. Your dog must stay in the down position while this happens. The judge will then tell you to call your dog to front. In the drop on recall you are allowed to use voice and hand signal. In showing one of my other Aussies in AKC open, I gave both a voice and hand signal on the drop on recall. The judge apparently didn't see it but boy did I feel dumb. That's one of the problems in trying to do all three venues at the same time whether it's obedience or rally. They all are just a little different which really keeps the handler on their toes.

The retrieve on the flat with the dumbbell, the retrieve over the high jump and the broad jump in UKC are all the same as AKC except on the broad jump you can use voice and hand to send your dog over. My Sugar has lately decided that sometimes she can't get back over the high jump (10 inches) with the dumbbell in her mouth. So we spit it out before we jump. This problem seems to come and go as the mood strikes her.

At the end of the open class, you have the out of sight group sit. You've already done the long down in the ring as an honor. In Novice, Sugar's neck wasn't quite long enough to see in the next ring, so she stood up on the honor and I was in the ring with her. Lot of authority I have, right?

Hopefully, we can come home with at least a couple of open legs but with Aussies, you never know. Sometimes they have other plans.

Everyone have a great time at the specialty. I'll be anxious to hear all the news.



# Member Brags



CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN, CD, RN  
Brood Bitch

Christhill Morongo - Tammy Werner Gaudet  
Christhill Kiku O'Kiwi - Willy Baldwin  
Christhill The Girl Next Door - Marietta Cowan  
Christhill Coachella - Patty Werner  
ABQ Cimina Christhill CD, GN, RN, RA - Bill Christensen



From Pat Maynard:

Greyrock Tozan Maximum High, RN,  
BN, NA, NAJ . . . . finished his  
Novice Numpers  
with Weaves agility title



ABQ Cimina Christhill CD, GN, RN, RA  
Winners Bitch  
Copperstate Specialty  
March 3, 2012



CH Temora Ri Diercc  
Group 1 Owner/Handler Competition  
Chicago International KC  
February 26, 2012



From Celeste Platte and Sherry Cooper:

We are pleased to announce our newest breed champion,  
Ch. BlueMoon's Mytime Poppin in Phoenix.  
Phoenix finished his championship at the Lakeland, FL  
shows in February 2012. Phoenix is now preparing for his  
debut in companion events. We also finished the Rally Ex-  
cellent title on Ch. BlueMoon's MyTimes They R'A-Changn',  
BN, RE, We both thank Jeanne Popovits for trusting us with  
these wonderful Australian Terriers and Blake Hansen for  
his talent and dedication in the breed ring.

# *AKC Gazette Column* - by Grace Cartwright

## 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 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 May 2012 Issue

### *Why won't you sell me a breeding pair of Aussies?*

A "gentleman" got irate with me when I told him that my pet puppies are sold with a spay/neuter contract. He informed me he wanted a pair of Australian Terriers to breed pets for his friends and family. He said he wants everyone to have an Aussie "just like my Tucker." When asked if he understood the time and expense it took to be a responsible breeder he said "not really." The following information is what I shared with him:

A responsible breeder will strive to obtain the best specimens of their breed. They verify their choices by showing them in AKC conformation shows to obtain their Champion titles. In these shows the judges will look at the dog's structure, movement and type to decide if the dog meets the breed standard. In order to earn its title a dog must win a total of 15 points. Two shows, where they win points, must be "3 to 5 point majors." In order to win a major it is necessary to travel to shows where there are enough dogs of the breed being shown (in Virginia it takes a minimum of 4 dogs or 5 bitches to make a 3 point major). Thus the owner incurs the expense of entry fees and travel to at least three shows, but realistically many more.

Once the breeder has obtained a title for their prospective breeding dog or bitch they pay to have health tests performed and registered. For the Aussie the minimum tests, as recommended by the Australian Terrier Club of America, are: CERF for eyes, OFA luxating patella, and OFA thyroid. The cost doubles if the breeder owns both the prospective stud and dam. Most breeders also get a general health screening done and test for Brucellosis.

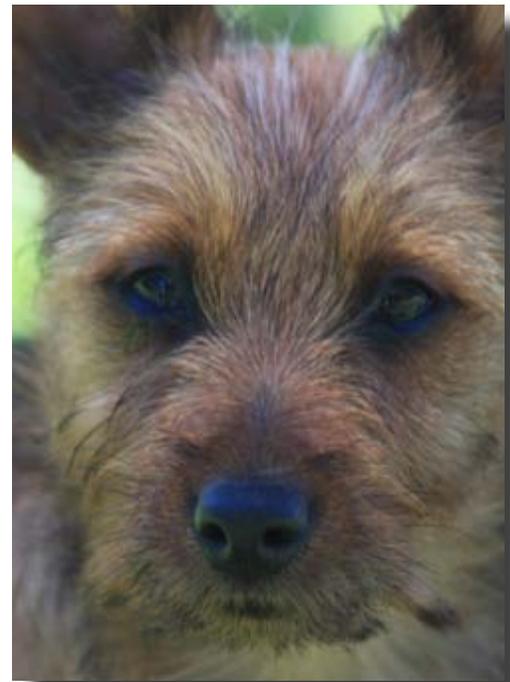
Pedigrees of the prospective dog and bitch are examined to try to determine that their conformation characteristics, and those of their ancestors, are compatible. The breeder also spends many hours of study trying to decipher what recessive genes may be hiding in the background ready to combine in the wrong way.

If the breeder only owns the prospective bitch, or decides that her stud isn't compatible, then a stud fee must be paid. Most times the breeder incurs round trip shipping costs sending the prospective dam to her mate. If frozen or fresh chilled semen is used, additional costs include testing the bitch for proper breeding timing and insemination costs.

Hopefully the puppies are born healthy and without veterinary assistance. If not, the breeder incurs the cost of a C-section or vet bills caring for sick puppies. Then there is the cost of food, puppy shots, worm medicine and vet visits to have the tails docked and the puppies' health checked. The breeder keeps the puppies at least 12 weeks to allow them to get the socialization skills they can only get with their mother and littermates. A responsible breeder is willing to keep their puppies until they are significantly older, gives a health guarantee, and is willing to take one back for any reason.

Placing a puppy in the right home isn't easy. For every 10 calls from prospective new owners, a breeder MAY sell one of their puppies. Breeding dogs isn't easy nor a money maker (it will probably cost you).

But, it is a labor of love if done right!



# What is a Dog Whisperer?

A dog whisperer is somebody who has developed a high level of awareness and understanding of the mind and natural instincts of the canine species. This allows human and dog to form a deep connection free of the many constraints humans normally put in the way.

Because us humans and our dogs are a different species we often encounter difficulties in communicating effectively with each other. We can't just sit down with them and have a conversation over a nice cup of coffee, like we would with our human friends. But what can we do? I'll get into that a little later, but you could say that being a dog whisperer means that you have broken down these barriers of communication and have developed a very real form of two way communication with dogs. A dog whisperer realigns his/her methods of communication so that it matches up with and is relevant to dogs.

Unfortunately the majority of human-dog relationships in this world are one way, lopsided affairs. It's usually us humans endlessly issuing commands or reprimanding our dogs, seemingly oblivious to what our dogs are actually feeling and trying to communicate to us. Look at it this way - think of a very dominant, overbearing person you have come across in your own life (in my case it was a boss I had a few years back). This person probably doesn't care much for how you are feeling and what your thoughts are. They just want to get their message across to you and tell you off when you don't reach their standards. When you do try to do or say something they fail to acknowledge your attempts or simply ignore you. How do you feel? frustrated.., helpless.. and probably much worse. I believe many of our dogs live in this type of restrictive environment every day. Our dogs are constantly reaching out and trying to communicate with their human family, but somehow it seems to go unnoticed or at least misinterpreted.

The thing is our dogs are continually speaking to us in their language. They communicate with us (and each other) through various means using energy, body language, scent, facial expression, the movement of ears and tail, overall posture and voice (barking, growling). As you can see, most of these signals or expressions are non verbal where's humans communicate in a mainly verbal manner. What a dog whisperer does is acknowledge the difference between human and dog. A dog whisperer takes a step back, shuts up, observes and understands these gestures our dogs continue to express to us. When you do this you can't help but form a deep connection with your dog as you will understand his wants and needs and therefore can respond in a manner

which is appropriate to the situation, and is expected by your dog. You are communicating, your dog to you, and you to your dog - instead of merely issuing and enforcing an order and having your dog "do something for you."

When we are in this position of understanding our dogs it's only logical that we are better placed to address their problems and shape their behavior. A dog whisperer

treats a dog as a dog, not as a fluffy four legged human. They respect a dog for what it is and work with mother nature and the natural instincts of the canine species. Sadly most dogs aren't afforded this same respect and level of understanding. Many well intentioned "dog lovers" smother their dogs with affection and the best of everything (toys, treats, fancy beds etc.) but this is not what dogs actually crave. A dog whisperer will provide the species specific, very real needs of the dog so they can live a fulfilling, peaceful, happy and well balanced life.

Picture this all too common scenario. You arrive home from a hard day at the office to find that your beloved dog has once again chewed up the cushions that were nicely decorating the sofa. You're angry. In a raised voice you swear at him/her and tell him how disappointed you are. You then throw your shoe at him as you bend down to pick up the mess. As you are



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blowing off steam your dog is avoiding you, head down low, eyes looking up almost sheepishly, with tail firmly tucked between his hind legs.

At this point many dog owners look at their dog and say "look at the little bugger, he knows what he's done wrong, just look at how guilty he looks." This is the wrong conclusion to make. Your dog doesn't think like that (like a human) and he doesn't have a clue what you are rambling on about. He makes no connection between the chewed up cushions and your mood.

Dogs live in the present moment, so what he is picking up on and reacting to is your angry energy, raised voice and threatening body language. He may have also learned what the consequences are when you arrive home in this type of mood - he was probably waiting for the shoe to come his way! This scenario is an example of how us humans and our dogs view the very same situation from an entirely different perspective. Dog whispering is about understanding and recognizing that these differences exist, then acting accordingly.



## How Do You Integrate Dog Whispering Techniques Into Dog Training?

When you open up the lines of communication with your dog, it can't help but impact on the entire relationship and bond you share. The advantage of utilizing dog whispering techniques in your training is that you create an environment where your dog chooses to work with you and doesn't feel intimidated or forced to perform under the threat of violence. Dog whispering in a training context is motivational, non violent and based on repetition and positive reinforcement. In many ways it replicates how dogs interact with each other, working with mother nature and with the natural instincts and drives of the dog. It's a give and take process, just like any functional, working relationship. In practical terms a dog whisperer uses observation skills, watches, listens, identifies, interprets and develops an understanding of the dogs actions, feelings and needs. He/she also uses energy, voice in a soft tone, subtle movements (body language) and scent - in a consistent, reliable manner. You can be sure that the dogs involved will be studying and picking up on all of these gestures, regardless of how subtle they may appear to be.

## Can Anyone Be A Dog Whisperer?

Yes. Like anything there will be some people who are better at dog whispering than others. It certainly can be learned though. Dog Whispering is not hocus pocus or voodoo, it is there for anybody to see/do if you just take the time and effort. You can start right now by really studying your own dog, watching other dogs interact with each other at the park and if possible, monitoring a skilled dog trainer at work. If you are interested in learning more about dog whispering, dog psychology and how to apply it in your dog training I'd highly recommend *The Dog Whisperer - A compassionate, nonviolent approach to dog training* by Paul Owens. If you read this book and watch the lessons in Paul's DVD of the same name you will have all the tools you need to become a dog whisperer. ■



# Canine Arthritis

by Dr Jeannie Thomason

Certified Veterinary Naturopath

Arthritis (from Greek arthro-, joint + -itis, inflammation) is a form of joint disorder that involves inflammation of one or more joints. Arthritis is not a single disease. Arthritis refers to a group of more than 100 rheumatic diseases and other conditions that can cause pain, stiffness and swelling in the joints.

Let's take a holistic look and approach at this dis-ease.

Poor nutrition and toxin overload as well as aging can cause arthritis symptoms that have the ability to reduce the mobility and joint health of dogs, just as it does in humans.

Understanding the various causes of arthritis and possible remedies for relief could assist in enhancing your best friend's quality of life.

With age, it is often the daily wear and tear of joints that begins to destroy the cartilage, often causing osteoarthritis and eventually degenerative arthritis.

What happens is that the aging process reduces cell stability and membrane strength, leading to free-radical production and injury susceptibility. Much of the pain associated with arthritis is due to swelling in the joint.

Regular, moderate exercise offers a whole host of benefits to our companions with arthritis. Mainly, exercise reduces joint pain and stiffness, builds strong muscle around the joints, and increases flexibility and endurance. It reduces inflammation from arthritis and related conditions and reduces the risk of other chronic conditions. It also helps promote overall health and fitness by actually giving your dog more energy, helping him/her sleep better, controlling their weight and even helps to decrease lethargy and depression.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a collective term for many diseases, some of which are curable. Infection or immune-mediated diseases can be localized or affect the entire body simultaneously. Resolving the infection or addressing the particular disease may alleviate rheumatoid arthritis.

Conventional, veterinary medicine recommends non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), including aspirin and ibuprofen to reduce the pain associated with arthritis. However, NSAIDS do not treat the causes of arthritis, only the symptoms. Also, the use of Aspirin has in some dogs, caused digestive tract problems, including ulcers or hemorrhaging.

## Senior or older dogs who do not get regular exercise are more prone to arthritis

Poor or inadequate nutrition as well as illness, injuries and damage to body cells cause the release of compounds that cause inflammation, muscle spasms and pain. Some forms of arthritis in dogs are caused by a weakened immune system due to poor nutrition as a puppy. Your dog's immune system can be kept in peak condition by providing raw and unprocessed food, avoidance of toxins, plenty of exercise, sunshine and clean water. Make sure your dog is not exposed to toxins such as household cleaning chemicals, pesticides, weed killers or chemicals found in flea collars and topical drops.

Large-breed dogs and over weight dogs usually have a higher incidence of joint problems than other dogs do. However, just as with humans, there are considerable differences between individuals for arthritis susceptibility and the rate of arthritis progression.

Senior or older dogs who do not get regular exercise are more prone to arthritis. We hate to see our dogs suffer in pain and they appear to be so uncomfortable the thought of forcing them to play or go for a walk seems cruel to some of us. However, research has shown that exercise is an essential tool in managing arthritis and its pain!

A raw, species-appropriate diet along with nutritional supplementation of trace minerals, vitamins and key nutrients can aid in enhancing the quality of life for a dog afflicted with arthritis. Processed and or cooked foods are extremely low in the amino acids, essential fatty acids, vitamins and trace minerals needed to grow and maintain healthy joints and any true, live nutrients have been destroyed by the cooking/processing at such high temperatures. Oh sure, they list almost every vitamin or mineral under the sun on the label but remember, these have all been added to the processed food and are from man made synthetic sources.

Raw meat, bones and organs are chock full of LIVE, nutrition - vitamins, minerals, amino acids, etc., etc.

### Supplements

#### Omega 3 Fatty Acids

Research shows that omega-3 fatty acids reduce inflammation and may help lower risk of chronic diseases such as arthritis, heart disease and even cancer. The best source of omega -3 fatty acids for our dogs is wild salmon oil.

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Vitamins A, C and E support immune function to defend against harmful bacteria, viruses and toxins, which otherwise could induce rheumatoid type arthritis. Mineral status is a key factor for determining a dog's response to stress, injury, exercise and illness. The vitamins A, C and E are antioxidants to reduce tissue damage caused by free-radicals other harmful compounds. Vitamin C is involved in the synthesis collagen and connective tissue repair. Vitamin E blocks destructive enzymes that degrade cartilage.

Egg shells, chicken necks and/or fish Cartilage contain Calcium ( for strong bones), Phosphorus (bone-teeth formation), Protein (manufacture of hormones, antibodies, enzymes, tissues) , Chondroitin Sulfate (vital compound in connective tissue, healthy joints, responsible for building cartilage), MPS (lubricates joints)

Glucosamine is an amino sugar produced from the shells of shellfish. Glucosamine is a key component of cartilage, stimulates joint function and repair, renews synovial fluid and relieves the pain of osteoarthritis. Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM) contains sulfur, an abundant mineral in the body and vital for creating and regenerating body tissue, especially connective tissue. Research studies suggest MSM reduces inflammation, dilates blood vessels to increase blood flow and reduces muscle spasms.

The green-lipped mussel is a shellfish from Australia and New Zealand. This mussel flesh is a good supplement as a source of chondroitin and other glycosaminoglycans. The glycosaminoglycans maintain and rebuild connective tissue such as cartilage, tendons and ligaments as well as reduce inflammation, which results in reduced joint pain and stiffness, less inflammation, and quicker recovery from exercise and injury.



Some herbs and essential oils have anti-inflammatory and pain reducing properties.

A few of the many Essential Oils helpful for arthritis:

Chamomile German (*Matricaria recutita*)--anti-inflammatory  
Chamomile Roman (*Anthemis nobilis*)--analgesic  
Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*)--analgesic, anti-inflammatory  
Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*)--anti-inflammatory, circulatory stimulants, analgesic  
Juniper (*Juniperus communis*)--eliminates toxins  
Lavender (*Lavandula officinalis*)--analgesic  
Marjoram (*Origanum majorana*)--analgesic  
Peppermint (*Mentha piperita*)--analgesic  
Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)--circulatory stimulants, analgesic

Please Note: I personally only use and only recommend the use of Young Living Essential oils due to their being Grade A, therapeutic/medical grade oils so pure and safe you can ingest them!

Some herbs helpful with inflammation and/or pain caused by arthritis are:

Turmeric --Anti-inflammatory, Antioxidant  
Devils Claw --Anti-rheumatic, blood cleanser, Eliminates uric acid and deposits in joints  
Horsetail --Increases calcium absorption, promotes healing of broken bones and connective tissue  
Yucca --Blood purifier, Anti-inflammatory. Vitamin A, B-Complex, C, calcium, potassium, phosphorus, manganese, copper  
Celery Seed --B-Complex Vitamins, Iron, Vitamins A, C, calcium, potassium, iron, phosphorus, sodium. Neutralizes Uric and Other acids  
Magnolia Bark --Reduce inflammation  
Chamomile --Calmative, Anti-inflammatory  
Ginger --Stimulates circulation, Antioxidant, Reduces spasms

Arthritis does not have to be the depressing diagnosis we dread as our companions age and we surely can do so much naturally and holistically to eliminate it and it's affects on our dogs.

Arthro-Aid is a nutritional supplement of naturally sourced (not synthetic) chelated trace minerals, vitamins, green-lipped mussels, and herbs that help to enhance the quality of life for joint-afflicted dogs. ■

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Dr Jeannie Thomason

# TAKE THE LEAD – A CONTINUING STORY

by Susan Sprung, Secretary



For those of you unfamiliar with Take The Lead, I am happy to be able to present an overview. For those who have supported us over the years and continue to do so, please consider this a refresher course.

As an introduction, Take The Lead is an organization formed in 1993 by a small group of concerned fanciers who recognized a dire need amongst us. Several of the founders continue to lead our organization today. At that time in our history, the AIDS epidemic was rampant within the fancy. It was horrific for us to see many of our closest friends suffering with this dreaded illness and at the same time observe them being faced with financial hardships nearly impossible to bear. To address this undeniable fact, the organization began as a rather small, but very important undertaking.

As time went on, the founders realized there was indeed a greater need within the fancy and they quickly understood the organization needed to expand its scope. There were those amongst us suffering from other life threatening diseases such as cancer; there were those who had been seriously hurt in an accident; those struck down by illnesses of unknown origin; those who needed surgeries not covered by medical insurance and unfortunately the list goes on. At that point, our group expanded to encompass those suffering from ALL life threatening or terminal illnesses and thankfully, the organization remains strong through the support of people like you.

So to bring you up to the present, the goal of Take The Lead is to provide financial aid to individuals and families in the purebred dog community who are facing the realities of these life-threatening and often financially devastating illnesses. It is our mission to help our fellow fanciers and for the year 2008 we have assisted more clients than ever. Take the Lead has expended nearly \$325,000.00 in a continuing effort to aid our friends in the fancy and we continue to do so.

Take The Lead is a not-for-profit foundation as designated under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions to Take The Lead are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the law. In 1995 a permanent restricted Endowment Fund was formed in order to ensure the future of Take The Lead. Our goal is to contribute half of each year's net income to the fund, so our ability to assist those in need will continue long after many of us are gone.

Now that you know what we are about, let me continue to answer some frequently asked questions.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Take The Lead provides services to individuals who have been actively engaged in the sport of dogs for a minimum of five years – breeding, training, exhibiting, handling and/or judging AKC registered dogs.

“Take The Lead is there for people in the sport of purebred dogs to provide some very real assistance and comfort in difficult times,” said Chairman Edd E. Bivin. “We reach across the country with our efforts. We are there for anyone with a need, no matter where they live, if they fall within our mission and meet our criteria”.

## WHAT EXPENSES ARE COVERED?

Take The Lead has provided financial support for:

- Home Health Care
- Health Insurance Payments and Deductibles
- Medical Treatment
- Medical Equipment Rentals
- Prescription Drugs
- Transportation
- Rent or Mortgage Payments
- Homeowners' Insurance
- Funeral Expenses

It should be noted, in order to protect the integrity of the program, no monetary payments are ever made directly to the applicant. When a client is assisted, they must be specific in their request for assistance. An Application for Assistance (available at our website [www.takethelead.org](http://www.takethelead.org)) requires completion and supporting documentation must be sent for review by our Assistance Committee. This ensures all necessary criteria is met before we are able to proceed further. If approved for assistance, the applicant would then need to specify what level of assistance is needed and each pertinent invoice would then be submitted. After review, Take The Lead would only then issue payments to the individuals, institutions or organization providing the services or merchandise to our clients and thereby relieve them of financial burdens they would have had great difficulty handling without our help.



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### HOW ARE FUNDS RAISED?

Memberships (multi-level)  
Donations  
Bequests  
Auctions & Raffles  
Events & Parties  
Sale of "Take The Lead" Merchandise

### WHY DON'T WE KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN HELPED BY TAKE THE LEAD? (Maybe you DO!)

Many of you may actually have a friend or relative who has been helped, but if that's the case, then you would only have heard it directly from them or their families. In most cases though, Take The Lead strives to maintain complete confidentiality.

Sadly many of our clients do not survive their illnesses, but through our organization, we have helped to make their last days more comfortable. Happily in other instances, clients do recover and their lives continue, but clearly do not wish to divulge either their condition or circumstances publicly and

that's fine. We neither publicly nor privately divulge the names of our clients – not even to our own Board. Only our Assistance Committee members and Office Manager are aware of client identities.

Occasionally however, former clients do voluntarily come forward in an effort to try and help others by publicizing our good work. If this does occur, it is completely of their own accord and their testimonials are indeed helpful to the cause.

In conclusion, we welcome our friends within our National and Regional Clubs to join us. Remember by supporting Take The Lead, you are supporting seriously ill members of our community who are unable to help themselves. Come to the booth, become a member, participate in our major events and meet your fellow fanciers.

Help us continue to "Make A Difference"....

### HERE IS WHAT YOUR CLUB & MEMBERS CAN DO TO HELP

#### BECOME A MEMBER!\*

*(Contributions to Take The Lead are tax deductible as designated under Section 501©(3) of the IRS Code)*

#### ANNUAL Membership

_All Breed & Parent Clubs	\$500
_Family Membership	\$ 50
_Individual Membership	\$ 30
_Junior Membership	\$ 15
_Regional Specialty Clubs	\$100*

#### MAJOR SUPPORT Membership

_Individual Life Member	\$ 750
_Silver Tier Members	\$1,000
_Gold Tier Members	\$2,500
_Diamond Tier	\$5,000

#### WHEN YOU JOIN, A PIN WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. WEAR IT PROUDLY!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to go to our website, [www.takethelead.org](http://www.takethelead.org), or call our toll-free number 1-800-814-1123.

We feel that everyone who benefits from the sport of pure-bred dogs has a responsibility to give back. We hope that we can count on you and/or your Club to become a partner in this effort within our community

We Thank You

\* New Designation

# Natural Heartworm Prevention & Treatment

The cause of heartworms is mosquitoes

Mosquitoes carry these parasites that enter the bloodstream as larvae and migrate to the heart. Six months after reaching the heart, the larvae turn into adults, and that's when problems begin. Full-grown heartworms may eventually fill the heart, blocking flow of blood to the lungs and doing damage to the heart. Often, by the time you see symptoms, they've already done some damage to the heart.

What the average pet owner is not aware of, is just how perfect the conditions have to be for a dog to get heartworms in the first place:

The heartworm

has 5 separate larval stages referred to simply as L1, L2, L3, and so on. It also has two separate cycles which have to be combined to make up the lifecycle of the heartworm. Only one cycle takes place in a mosquito and the other inside a dog.

The mosquito becomes infested when it bites a dog which is already harboring L1 (MICROFILARIAE). \*This can only happen if the dog is also harboring the L5, which is the adult, male and female heartworm as the Microfilariae are their offspring. These Microfilariae can live for up to two years in the dog's blood but must be taken up by a mosquito in order to develop any further. If they are not taken up by a mosquito to further develop, they will simply die of old age.



Once the mosquito is infested, the larva must then go through two stages of development or molts L2, and L3, before they can infect another dog. This, mosquito, stage takes anywhere from two weeks to several months depending on the weather. The warmer the weather the faster the development.

The importance of temperature

While the larva are developing within the mosquito, the temperature MUST remain above 57 degrees Fahrenheit at all

times, day and night. If at any time during the mosquito stage the temperature drops below 57 degrees F, the development is halted and it must start all over again. It is only the L3 larva which are capable of infesting your dog.

So, now let's say that a mosquito has bitten an infested dog and the temperature has remained above 57 F for a minimum of 14 days since that bite and the mosquito bites your dog. Still your dog is not infested because the L3 larva are deposited in a tiny droplet of mosquito saliva adjacent to the bite not actually injected into your dog as many would have us believe.

Providing the humidity and temperature are such that the droplet does not evaporate, the L3 larva must then swim through the droplet of saliva and into the mosquito bite, thereby entering your dog's system. Once inside your dog the L3 larva must spend the next two weeks or so developing into the L4 larva. During this period of time the larva is living in the skin, not the blood of the newly infested dog. The L4 will continue to live and develop in the skin for the next three or four months where it will finally develop into the L5 stage.

Once it makes this development into the L5 it then leaves the skin and enters the circulatory system. The L5 or young adult then migrates to the heart and pulmonary arteries. Once there it will mate approximately 5 to 7 months after entering the dog's body. That is of course assuming that the dog has been infested with both male and female larva. This mating produces the Microfilariae.

Prevention

Prevention is by far the most important part of medicine. As you all know by now, I am convinced that having a very strong immune system is of the utmost importance to your dog. I believe that a strong healthy dog will throw off parasites and illness all on its own.

With that said, dogs that are not at their peak of health should be first started with a good diet, I recommend a raw, species appropriate diet first and foremost. At the very least a home cooked diet, supplementation and general remedies for a period of time to strengthen their immune system. Then, the wonderful, natural treatment effects will kick in!

If your dog has been diagnosed with heartworm, it is imperative that you improve his or her immune system as stated above and don't cheat your dog out of perfect health.

Dr Jeffery Levy feels as I do about the importance of treating the dog, not the heartworm.(emphasis is mine)  
"The objective of treating a dog with heartworm should NOT be to get rid of the heartworm. You're not treating the heartworm, you're treating the dog... It makes a lot more sense to measure the treatment by looking at the dog's quality of life. So, he is positive for heartworm. The fact is, heartworms have

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been around forever and dogs and heartworms have been coexisting for all eternity. It's actually a relatively recent phenomenon that dogs are dying from heartworm. Heartworm is not, by any means, the death penalty it's made out to be. The dogs that die from heartworm are the dogs that are being vaccinated, fed processed pet food and are being treated with suppressive drugs for every little thing that comes along."

Did you catch that? This is so vitally important to note. Please re-read that last sentence above again.

I (as well as other veterinary naturopaths and many holistic vets) maintain that, "Allopathic medicine is based on fear - fear of disease, fear of pathogens, fear of death. It's fear-based medicine. Allopathic/fear based medicine has been the approach that's been used to get people to use heartworm preventives. It is not to say that heartworms don't exist, obviously, they do. The very same fear-based approach is used as the main basis of vaccinations and for a lot of things.

Disease, illness and symptoms come from within. A relatively healthy animal will not be susceptible to those things. So the ultimate answer is not to prevent heartworm (or distemper or parvo or whatever), by some artificial means, but rather to work on improving and maintaining good health. To the degree that you can improve your dog's level of health, disease of any kind becomes less threatening."

NOW, realize this, a dog must be essentially healthy in order to resist succumbing to heartworm (or its treatments). This statement is more than just an idle observation, it is the principle that ensures the survival of wild canines, who (think about this now...) suffer far greater exposure to heartworm-carrying mosquitoes than our domestic pets; however, they succumb in far lesser numbers than our domestic dogs!

Dr. William Falconer, a veterinarian with a homeopathic practice in Austin, Texas states: "The heartworm has been out there forever as far as we know, but we don't read reports of wolves and coyotes being wiped out by heartworm, and yet domestic dogs are falling prey to it."

Interesting point, don't you think? So why are our pets/domesticated dogs falling prey to heartworms? Surely they are healthier than the wild canines, with all our feeding of "scientifically balanced," processed foods and vaccinating them to prevent them from getting all the nasty and sometimes fatal diseases right? ... WRONG!

We are vaccinating our dogs way too much and way too often, we are feeding them poor nutrition to say the least, and we are using chemical pesticides to kill their fleas, ticks and any internal parasites they may have. All of these things combine to weaken their immune systems, and their immunity is the only thing that can save them.

On the other hand, foxes, coyotes, and wolves go un-vaccinated, eat only raw meat, bones, and a very few herbs and/or

berries when there is no meat available. These wild canines are never exposed to the dozens of toxic chemicals we use to kill fleas, ticks and even heartworm on our dogs and in our homes. Interesting that some coyotes and foxes have been found through research, to be able to "fight off" heartworm infestations and some others become host to the parasite however, in small enough numbers that the heartworms don't threaten their hosts' lives.

Dr Jeffrey Levy again thinks as I do and states: "Thanks in large part to the scare tactics of many veterinarians in promoting (so called) preventive drugs, many people believe that contracting heartworms is the equivalent of a death sentence for their dogs. This is not true."

Dr Levy concluded as I and many other have from this; that it is not the heartworms that caused disease, but the other factors that damaged the dogs' health/immune system to the point that they could no longer compensate for an otherwise tolerable parasite load. "It is not really that different from the common intestinal roundworms, in that most dogs do not show any symptoms. Only a dog whose health is compromised is unable to tolerate a few worms. Furthermore, a truly healthy dog would not be susceptible to either type of worm in the first place. It seems to me that the real problem is that allopathic attitudes have instilled in many of us a fear of disease, fear of pathogens and parasites, fear of rabies, as if these are evil and malicious entities just waiting to lay waste to a naive and unprotected public."

Whichever end of the scale holistic veterinarians and veterinary naturopaths place themselves on, we all agree about the first step toward heartworm prevention and treatment: A dog must be essentially healthy in order to resist succumbing to heartworm (or its treatments). This is more than an idle observation, it is the principle that ensures the survival of wild canines, who suffer far greater exposure to heartworm-carrying mosquitoes but succumb from the parasites in far lesser numbers than domestic dogs.

Parasites were never intended to kill their hosts. It and when they do, then you can be assured that something is very out of balance. A parasite's whole evolutionary thrust is to continue to live/survive its life cycle; if it kills its host, then there is a dead end. The fact that our dogs are dying of this disease in greater and greater numbers indicates loudly that something is way out of whack!

Given the wild canine's innate efficiency in dealing with heartworm, virtually all veterinary naturopaths and holistic practitioners, recommend utilizing as many aspects of the wild canine's lifestyle as is practical for domestic dogs, including, most importantly, a natural diet of raw meat and bones, minimal vaccination, and severely curtailed exposure to flea/tick -killing pesticides. Just STOP using them! There are many alternative, healthy ways of preventing and even killing pests but again, a healthy immune system is the key. ■

# COPPERSTATE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB REGIONAL SPECIALTY 2012

By  
*Jeanne Popovits and Kendall Liga*



It was just one of those perfect weekends in the desert. Beautiful weather, beautiful dogs, and great competition provided all attending with a wonderful dog show experience.

Starting the five show cluster was the Sun Country Terrier Club group show which draws over 300+ terriers. The Fiesta Cluster followed, which offers four All Breed shows plus Obedience/Rally trials.

Copperstate held its Regional Specialty on the Saturday show with majors being awarded in Dogs and Bitches. Judge Dr David Harris awarded BOB to Ch Blue Moon River and ABQ Cimina Christhill, CD RN GN was highest scoring Australian Terrier in Rally. The trophies were donated by the estate of the late Judy and Tom Stallings, former CATC and ATCA members.

After the specialty all celebrated "under the tents" with a delicious lunch buffet. Copperstate's traditional "Aussie cupcakes" were again a big hit. Saturday evening all Aussie exhibitors met at a family style Italian restaurant where we stuffed ourselves with incredible food. Sunday's lunch back under the tent consisted of a sandwich bar with salads.

This great cluster of shows came to an end on Monday and we had to say goodbye to our members, friends, and exhibitors from near and far. However, we know we will see each other and many others at our next Regional Specialty which will be held in Palm Springs January 2013 in conjunction with our National Specialty. We look forward to seeing you in 2013!



# REGIONAL SPECIALTY 2012 RESULTS

## Sun Country Terrier Club

March 1, 2012

BOB - GCH CH Benayr Blue Danube – Susan Bentley  
BOS - GCH CH Crestwoods Charisma Tapa – Tami Gaudet & Patti Werner  
BOW/WD – Benways Super Trooper at Touchstone - Mike & Kendall Liga  
WB – Benayr My T Fine – Susan Bentley  
SEL Dog – Ch Redsky Flyboy Wellington – Elaine Strid and Linda DeMartine  
SEL Bitch – CH P. S. Phoebe II Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen

## Puppy Sweeps

Best in Sweeps – Benayr My T Fine – Susan Bentley  
Best of Opposite in Sweeps – Redhawk a Boy Named Sioux

## Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

March 2, 2012

BOB – GCH CH ABQ San Isidro Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen  
BOS – CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen  
BOW/WD – Benways Super Trooper at Touchstone – Mike & Kendall Liga  
WB – Benayr My T Fine – Susan Bentley  
SEL Dog – GCh Ch Benayr Blue Danube – Susan Bentley  
SEL Bitch – GCh Ch Crestwoods Charisma Tapa – Tami Gaudet & Patti Werner

## Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association



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March 3, 2012

BOB – Ch Blue Moon River  
– Jeanne Popovits  
BOS – GCh Ch ABQ San Isidro Christhill  
– Kreg Hill & William Christensen  
BOW/WD - Jovi's Always on my Mind  
– Arlene Rubenstein  
WB – ABQ Cimina Christhill, CD, RN, GN  
– William Christensen & Kreg Hill  
SEL Dog – Ch Benayr Blue Danube  
– Susan Bentley  
SEL Bitch – GCh Ch Wildwest's Double Cat  
– Julie Kirkpatrick & Eve Steele

## Puppy Sweeps

Best in Sweeps – Redhawk a Boy Named Sioux  
– Ann Ridenour  
Best of Opposite in Sweeps – Christhill Kiku O'Kiwi  
– Willy Baldwin & Kreg Hill

## Veteran Sweeps

Best in Veteran Sweeps – Ch Blue Moon Miss Smarty Pants  
– Jeanne Popovits  
Brood Bitch – ABQ Candelaria Christhill, CD GN RN  
Rally  
High Scoring Australian Terrier in Rally – ABQ Cimina  
Christhill, CD RN GN – William Christensen & Kreg Hill

## Superstition Kennel Club

March 4, 2012

BOB – GCh Ch QBQ San Isidro Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen  
BOS - GCh Ch Crestwoods Charisma Tapa – Tami Gaudet  
BOW/WB – Benayr My T Fine – Susan Bentley  
WD – Jovi's Always on My Mind – Arlene Rubenstein  
SEL Dog – Ch Redsky Flyboy Wellington – Elaine Strid & Linda DeMartine  
SEL Bitch – Ch Blue Moon River

## Superstition Kennel Club

March 5, 2012

BOB – GCh Ch QBQ San Isidro Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen  
BOS – Ch Blue Moon River – Jeanne Popovits  
BOW/WD – Benway Super Trooper at Touchstone – Mike & Kendall Liga  
WB – Benayr My T Fine – Susan Bentley  
SEL Dog – Ch Redsky Flyboy Wellington – Elaine Strid & Linda DeMartine  
SEL Bitch – Ch P.S. Phoebe II Christhill – Kreg Hill & William Christensen



# REGIONAL SPECIALTY 2012



# *the Other Ring* by Leslie Hoy

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"It has been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon, my home town..."  
-- Garrison Keillor

It's been a quiet week here too in our house--rather a quiet couple of months, in fact. First, I had carpal tunnel surgeries on both hands, left followed by right, and as of this writing I am recovering from the second one. It's tough to type with 1-1/2 hands, hard to hold leashes and I can't drive afterwards, so the Red Dogs are getting an unaccustomed and unwelcome break from their usual routines. On top of that, just before this last surgery, I injured a hamstring in class. So I'm sidelined for a second reason and just have to wait it out till I feel better. While I'm off post surgery, I have had plenty of time to think.

I remembered watching agility nationals on Animal Planet more than a few years ago with a friend. The TV commentator made a remark about "... this sport, increasingly dominated by middle-aged women..." First we goggled, then we giggled, then we said, "Yep, that's us!" Back then, it seemed funny. Now we're almost 10 years older and it's not funny at all. The older I get, the more I realize that I don't bounce any more when I hit the ground.

We have always emphasized the importance of stretching and warming up our canine athletes before classes at Bella Vista. My hamstring injury happened because I didn't take the time to do for myself what I ask my students to do with their dogs every week! So just what could I have done---and will make sure to do in the future---to prevent this or something like it from happening again?

I decided to look into this while at home following surgery. What I found was a lot of information about conditioning, stretching etc. for our dogs, but not much for us handlers. Daisy Peel, a renowned agility competitor and trainer and World Team member, has an online handler fitness class. A few agility blogs touched on this subject, and some dog fitness seminars include advice for handlers as well. But I found no dedicated books or DVDs on the subject---no video I could watch and learn at home, no book that I could tuck into my gear bag and take to a trial.

We're fortunate to have someone in our area actively addressing this. Dan Dandy is a physical therapist whose wife, Joan, operates Dandy Dog Training Center near Carlisle, PA. Dan is certified in both human and canine conditioning and wisely perceived a need for handlers to have the same opportunities that we give our performance dogs. Our interview with Dan, which starts on page 30 describes his classes and his experiences.

Talking with Dan made me think about how most of us spend so much time and money conditioning our dogs and so little working on ourselves. Go to a competition and watch people run. While our dogs are lean and lithe, many of us are overweight and/or out of shape. Count the number of knee and ankle braces. Watch how awkward and pained we look on the course. I hate watching my videos. It's embarrassing! What do I want out of my competitive life? How many more years, and what quality do I want them to have?

I'm doing three things. First is starting a no-nonsense, nutritionally sound diet. There are plenty of good resources, no matter where you live, either online or in-person. A good friend has lost 50 pounds through Weight Watchers and it's made a big difference in her performance in the ring. Time for me to step up to---or is that away from?---the plate!

Second is doing some gentle conditioning, because nutrition and exercise go hand in hand. Just getting out and walking around the block without the dogs is great. I can concentrate on how I move, how I breathe, on swinging my arms and stepping out with my legs. This is perfect for my hamstring injury, because I set the pace and can stop before it gets painful. I make sure I do some stretches (thanks, Dan!) before and after, and I make time to stretch during the day. My clothes are already fitting better!

I found a lot of books and how-to videos for such things as yoga and stretching. Try your local library or even YouTube for some suggestions. Find a YMCA or fitness center near you and try a class or two. Swimming or water walking is great for aging joints if you have a pool or nearby body of water where it's safe to do so. If too much jiggling in public isn't your thing, maybe you can walk in your neighborhood or on your lunch break at work. So many people walk nowadays that you won't look out of place.

The third thing, which I believe is the key to all this, is mindfulness. Remember the book *The Inner Game of Tennis*? That book and others like it remind us that our performance starts long before we set foot in the ring, whatever our game. It's the same with becoming fit. Keeping my goal of "fitness" in mind (not "I want to lose 50 pounds") helps me make much wiser choices with eating. The more results I see, the happier I am with myself and the easier it is to stay on track.

So how about you? How might you better care for yourself, along the lines of how you care for your dogs? That might be one of your more important decisions. Choose wisely!

# THE JUDGE'S CORNER

*Our Guest Judge this Issue is our National Specialty Judge*

*- Peggy Beisel-Mcilwaine*

Let me begin by thanking the membership of the Australian Terrier Club of America for honoring me with the task of judging your national. It is always a tremendous thrill for me to judge a national because that is where one should find the best of the best, and your national did not disappoint. Thank you to my ring steward, Lori, for helping me keep things moving along smoothly and to all the committee members, who were also very helpful. I had a great day. I feel the breed has made tremendous strides since the time I began judging the breed in 1996. Congratulations to all the breeders for caring enough to make these great improvements.

I am always relieved after I judge the first couple of classes and find some excellent puppies. It sets the tone and is nice to have a youngster I can use for winners if need be and such was the case. Both my 6-9 and 9-12 puppy males were quality and I carried my 9-12 youngster onto winners. Benayr Nick of Time is a very promising blue and tan boy of correct size with excellent outline and proportions. He has a strong level back, good length of body, and moved very well. He has a keen and intelligent expression. Although neither my WD nor RWD came from the bred-by class, I was really happy to see such a nice entry in such an important class. RWD went to the open dog, Twee-Dle-Dee My Boy Lollipop, another well-proportioned blue and tan with a strong level topline and beautiful head and expression. Had his coat been in a little better condition, he may have garnered the top award. The bred-by bitch class was also deep in quality, which pleased me. My winners bitch class was filled with quality bitches that had the correct length of body, level toplines, good tailsets, and pleasing sizes. My winners bitch, Temora I Should Cocoa!, is a lovely sized red that is all female. She has the desired length of body with a strong level topline and length of rib to go with her length. She moved well with the confidence we want in our terriers. She was in wonderful condition with harsh coat and properly presented. Her head and expression were lovely and alert and of proper length and proportions, with lovely dark eyes which give a terrier the spirited expression we strive for. I carried her to BOW. My BOB dog, Ch. Red Sky Flyboy Wellington, caught my eye on the first go-around and he never disappointed me. He moved well, had the correct length of body, strong level topline, bang-on tailset and was in beautiful condition. He too had a lovely correct head and expression. He is a nice-sized red boy and I understand was my BOW at a previous specialty or supported entry. It is always nice to see one that I had previously liked continue to impress me. I was very happy to see the judge on Saturday had awarded him BOB as well and I awarded him a group second in very strong competition. I had an impressive group of specials that qualified for the selects and AOMs and was disappointed I couldn't have awarded more.

I was pleased to announce to a few exhibitors that I didn't have one bad bite. Now, I don't think I ever found bites to be a problem in the breed, but it sure was nice to see. Can't say the same about the Parsons I judged the next day! The improvements I did find were more consistent body proportions and toplines. Tailsets have also improved. I feel fronts have improved and many exhibits had keel, something I rarely found years ago. All my winners had a nice handful in front. Front assemblies are very difficult to achieve, since so much goes into making a correct front. I also feel movement has improved, both front and rear. I'd still like to see a little better extension on the rear when viewed from the side, but overall I was very pleased with the majority of the movement. The areas I feel still need a bit of work are ears.

They are still too big. Heads were very inconsistent, with many that were too broad in the back skull and had short, snipey muzzles. Eye color wasn't a big problem, but I did see some light eyes, which really destroys the terrier expression. The only other thing I'd like to mention is coat condition. Many may have fared

better if they had had the harsh coat that protects the breed from the elements. The art of proper terrier presentation takes a lot of time and planning, and something that is so unique to our group and vital to type.

The mood during the show was wonderful. Everyone seemed to have a good time and I enjoyed all the positive 'vibes' I was feeling around the ring. Our sport has become too serious and it was terrific to see everyone get along and help and support each other. After all, we all have one common goal, to produce healthy, quality dogs that will add to our lives as well as the lives of others. I know the sport has given me so much more than I ever anticipated when I started so long ago. Congratulations on a great club, wonderful people, and some real quality dogs. And thank you again for the tremendous honor of judging your national. I had a blast!



# 72nd National Specialty



## Welcome Night - Wine tasting contest with Karaoke



# Road Trip 2012

by Eva Campbell

Originally, I didn't think that I would be able to make the 2012 National Specialty. I talked about it to Ann Roache and she said, "Just fly in for the board meeting and the national and then go back home." That would be only 4 days of vacation; it was do-able. When I mentioned it to Heather Rife, she said, "You know, you really need to come for the rally obedience competition. If you did, you could room with me." I was starting to get excited about the fact that I was actually going to the 2012 national specialty at Purina Farms!

Packing the van for the trip turned out to be another story in itself. Elaine, Linda, and Wellington along with Cheyenne, Elaine's puppy en route to Lincoln, NE, to her new family, plus my 3 dogs and I, would be traveling in the van. Lucky for us, Penny Lewis was driving out to the in her SUV with just herself and Carmeen. She had some room if we needed her to bring some things out.

So, the day to go to Cheyenne, WY finally arrived. Sunday morning was beautiful. The skies were clear and the sun was starting to come up as we headed down I-80 on our way to Kansas City. We felt a little like the Beverly Hillbillies, but we didn't care! We were officially on our way.

Traffic was good. There was a little construction along the way, but not bad. Elaine was driving now and everyone was relaxed. I had brought along George Alston's book *The Winning Edge* and everyone thought that I could read aloud for a while. We were enjoying the wisdom of George when all of a sudden, a crazy Nebraska driver did his best to run us off the road! Thanks to Elaine's quick thinking and reflexes, we avoided catastrophe! A little shaken, but none worse for the wear, we thanked the Lord above for avoiding a serious accident and continued on down the road. We were much more conscious of our fellow travelers after that.

We were getting pretty close to our first destination, Lincoln, NE, for this leg of the journey. Everyone was ready to stop and stretch their legs and get the doggies out for a good walk. All in all, we'd had a good day so far. We'd made good time, the weather was good to us, and except for the wild driver, the traffic had been reasonable.

Back on the road and the last leg of the journey to Kansas City! We were more than ready to stop for the night. Elaine's sister, Angela, and her husband, were most welcoming. The next day, Elaine and Addison would join us and we'd be on the road again. I was looking forward to Monday and getting to our final destination, Gray Summit!

Monday morning, we loaded Addison and her belongings in the already stuffed to the gills van and headed to our next stop, Warm Springs Ranch in Booneville, MO, to see the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding farm. What an awesome facility. The barns and buildings are immaculate. It was a beautiful and very picturesque setting. They were grooming one of the

geldings and we could so relate! They use special shampoos and conditioners on their white leg featherings, and they 'pull' their manes, just the long hairs, to keep them at a perfect length. The manes are braided when they are pulling the wagons. Each horse's tack is custom-made by one company and costs \$10,000 per set. They ride in state-of-the-art tractor-trailers, customized for horses, complete with special suspension, rubber floors, air conditioning, and surveillance cameras in the cab so the driver can see what's going on at a moment's notice. We learned how they train the horses to harness and for pulling, and which horses go where on the team and why. The guides enjoyed visiting with us and let us walk the dogs on the property after the tour was over. We walked over to a pasture that contained 7 mares and 8 foals. The horses were so curious about the Aussies that they all trotted up to the fence and put their heads through to take a better look. They are such beautiful horses.



After a fuel stop, it's time to go. We kept seeing signs about wine tasting and vineyards. Linda is into wines, so we decided to follow a "bunny trail" to Hermann, MO, to check out a winery there. Wow, what a beautiful little town. It was originally a German settlement, which explains why the wine is so good. It reminded me very much of Pennsylvania, with brick colonial-style buildings and narrow streets. We tasted some of the wines and ended up buying some to take to the wine tasting and to bring back home.

By now, we were all anxious to get to the hotel. Finally, we could see it from the highway! As it turns out, the building used to be a stone barn that was renovated into a hotel. We checked in, unloaded, and walked the dogs. The room was perfect, with an outside entrance to a mowed field complete with doggie bags and trash receptacles. The dogs and I walked the perimeter of the hotel grounds twice or more each day.

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Tuesday night was Welcome Night! Julie Seaton told us to bring a bottle of wine from our home state and a \$10 bill. The wine part I understood, but what was the \$10 bill for? We would find out very soon. Off to the hospitality area, where we were given a name tag with a bit of colored paper with it. We each got different colored pieces of paper. These matched the centerpiece of the table where we were to sit. We sipped our wine, snacked at the buffet, and browsed the silent auction items, and were given ballots to vote for our favorite wine. After the announcement was made that it was time for us to take our seats, each person to sit at the table that had paper on it that matched what we were given at the door. The group at each table was told they were now a team. Each team was to choose a song from a list at the table to sing karaoke. If a person did not sing with the team, they were to forfeit their \$10 bill! It turned out to be a hoot! Most of us are not gifted singers, but Angie Bly's son, Joe, has a fabulous voice.



Wednesday was Education Day. This was going to be a different kind of education day. We were being treated to a dock diving demonstration with the opportunity to let our dogs try it. The employees of Purina Farms gave us a demonstration with one of their seasoned dock diving dogs. . What fun! My Aussie, Fancy Campbell, has inherited the retriever gene of the Aussie world. She's a very good swimmer and if there's water nearby, you can depend on her being in it.

She didn't let us down. She jumped in the pool many times to retrieve the tennis ball. She really enjoyed herself!

Afterwards, it was down to the earthdog tunnels for Introduction to Quarry. All the dogs were VERY interested! The tunnels



at Purina Farms are permanent and there are all levels-Intro to Quarry (IQ), Junior, Senior, and Master. There was time for a quick lunch before the agility demonstration, where we could all give it a try. Everyone helped set up the equipment, and then Reggie and Heather Rife gave us a quick demo to show us what to do. Then it was our turn! Dogs and people gave it their best. We loved it!

Then it was time for rally obedience.

Heather Rife, Thalia Rott, and Ann Roache gave a brief explanation about it, followed by some instruction, and then we were encouraged to give it a try. Our dogs are so smart!

Afterwards, Ida Ellen Weinstock & Heather Rife gave a presentation on the importance of correct structure in the Aussie.

Everyone had a really good time. It was so nice to be outdoors with our dogs and have all that fun! Great Education Day, everyone! Back to the hotel and supper on our own. Tomorrow was the Gateway Terrier Show, the first one of our specialty weekend.

Zeb, aka GCH Kambara's Zebulon, won breed on Thursday under judge Claudia Seaberg and went to the Terrier Group to win Group 1/Best in Specialty Show! What a great start to the weekend for the Aussies! He looked fabulous, and he and Kellie did us all proud. In addition to Zeb taking breed, Marble Arch The Corner Man took Best of Winners, CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA took Best of Opposite, GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover was Select Dog, and GCH Temora Tain't She Sweet was Select Bitch.

There was another event on Thursday after breed, a rally obedience competition. Fancy and I were entered, along with Reggie and Heather. Also entered were Sherrill Yates with her Aussie, Katie. Our judge was Ms. Virginia Kinion. It was Reggie's first go at Rally Novice and he and Heather did a

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seamless job. Soon it was Fancy's and my turn. Here we go. It's not as easy as it looks. You have to have a certain amount of eye/hand coordination and a huge amount of humor. We started off really well until we got to a 270-degree turn to the left. I got dyslexic and did a 270-degree turn to the right, putting us totally off course! Huge penalty for that one, but we regrouped and continued on and finished the course. At the end of the event, Fancy and I had squeaked by with a score of 74! It probably would have been an 84 if not for my blunder, but no worries, it was good; we earned a green rosette! But wait, there were placements to be given. Reggie received a High in Trial with a score of 97 (and a Rosette that was as tall as Heather!). Sherril Yates' dog was second with a score of 95, and believe it or not, Fancy and I were third with our score of 74! The Aussies rule again! Diane Cahill qualified in Rally Novice B with two of her Aussies. Great job!

Now it was Thursday night, casino night! We received mardi gras beads and a mask as well as a chip as we entered. We had a cash bar along with pizza and a 'Make your own Sundae.' There were tables for blackjack, 21, roulette, and some kind of dice game. A local recently graduated high school senior whose name was Alex Matthews played his saxophone all night long. He was really good and set the mood all night long for a night of fun. It was fun, but we needed to get to bed early, as tomorrow would be our specialty day!



At last, the big day is here. Puppy sweeps, veteran sweeps, and then the specialty. The weather was beautiful and there was excitement in the air. People and their dogs were there early, getting groomed and ready for the ring. Our sweeps judge, Sheila Stoddart, took her place in the ring in total style, complete with very cute high heels. Can you believe it, 36 puppies were entered! And what a good-looking group they were. How would she be able to decide? But decide she did, with Sandra Weigle's puppy dog from the 12 to 15-month class, Marble Arch The Corner Man (Angelo), going BISS and Susan Bentley's Benayr Shirley U Geste going BOSW.

The veterans were nothing to shake a stick at, either. Darlene Evans' GCH Tera-K's Parson Brown took top honors with BVSS, while Marge Reignier's girl, CH Crestwood's Lady in Red, took BOVSS. Kudos to all and a big thank you to Sheila!

On to the specialty! Ms Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine was our specialty judge. What a fabulous entry. Zoey, Redhawk Live the Legend, and I were entered in the Bred by Exhibitor class and as we all entered the ring, the judge said, "Thank you for bringing me such a nice bred-by class! This is what I love to see." What a nice compliment.

Winners Dog went to Mauri Porter's Benayr Nick of Time. Reserve went to Sheila Dunn's Twee-Die-Dee My Boy Lollipop. Winners Bitch went to Carol Arnold's Temora I Should Cocoa! Reserve to Winners Bitch went to Susan Bentley's Benayr Shirley U Geste. As I said, the entries were all lovely; what a testament to our breeders.

On to the Best of Breed, where no less than 22 specials were entered! The adrenalin was flowing. You could feel it in the air. The judge made her cuts, then finally brought back the veteran dog and veteran bitch, along with the winners dog and winners bitch. The ring was full! "Around the ring once and stop there," she says.

Then she began to move the dogs into place. She pointed to Wellington and Elaine and motioned them to the front of the line, followed by 8 more. "Take them around, please." Everyone hold their breath as the Aussies went around the ring. The judge pointed at Wellington for best of breed, Temora I Should Cocoa for best of winners, GCH Wild West's Double Cat for best of opposite, GCH Kambara's Zebulon for select dog, CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA for select bitch, and GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover, GCH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies, and GCH Temora Tain't She Sweet for AOM.

I could hardly believe it! Our Wellington, best of breed at the national specialty! Elaine was in tears. I was thinking, "She's not believing it, either—Good Lord, a breeder/owner/handler win!" How can a person even begin to describe what that feels like? We would have clapped for whoever had won, but this was OUR boy! The boy who had made the journey in the Beverly Hillbillies, stuffed to the gills, van. What a guy.

# Road Trip 2012

But wait, we weren't done yet. Next were the stud dog and brood bitch classes. My puppies' daddy, Reggie, GCH Mer-rigang's Wild N' Crazy Guy, was the first to enter the ring, along with his 3 daughters, Zoey, Carmeen, and Punk. Four more stud dogs came in with their puppies and got into place for examination. This was going to be a tough class, I thought. There are some really nice puppies here and some really nice stud dogs. The judge had everyone take the puppies down and back, then take the boys and get around the ring. She pointed at Reggie, "First!" GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover, "Second!" Rebelglen Card Shark, "Third!" CH Temora Ri Diercc, "Fourth!" Reggie, a first, with his first and only litter of puppies! This time it's Heather who was crying as she came out of the ring and gave me a big hug. "We did it!" she says.

Now it was the girls' turn. The brood bitch puppies and brood bitches entered the ring. There are 2 entries, again, very nice puppies entered, another tough class. This one was especially important to me as one of the entrants, Fancy, CH Redwing Cadillac Style, was my girl. Zoey, Carmeen, and Punk entered the ring with their dam. Heather handled Fancy for me because I had Zoey. This time, there was another puppy (full grown at 7 years of age) from the veteran sweeps class earlier in the day--Layla, CH Redhawk Tickle My Fancy. My dear friend, Jeanne Popovitz, handled Layla. Jeanne is Layla's "grandmother," as she owns Layla's sire, Eddie (CH Azul Smart Remark). This represented Fancy's first and last litters. Fancy is 9 1/2 years old as she her puppies into the ring that night. (I always tell her that she doesn't look a day over 3!) The judge had everyone down and back the puppies. Then, after going around the ring with the bitches and their get, she pointed to Fancy, "First!" and GCH Temora Tain't She Sweet, "Second!" I was grinning from ear to ear! What a day for Reggie and Fancy, their puppies, and all the Aussies.

The Terrier Group is one of the first to go in. The Aussie faithful are ringside, ready to cheer for our breed winner. Heather and I finished taking the family photos just in time. What a beautiful sight to see, the winners of the day. There was applause for all the dogs as they went around and got in place for examination by judge Karen Wilson. Thunderous applause for Wellington when it was his turn on the matting—after all, it was our specialty! After deliberating, the judge picked the Border Terrier first, the Aussie second (pandemonium ensued!) the Am Staff third, and the Soft-Coated Wheaten fourth. What an absolutely phenomenal day. The Aussies made their mark in the Terrier rings this weekend! I couldn't have been more proud! Back to our set-up to tidy things up, exercise the dogs, and climb back into the van for the drive to our rooms. The 2012 National Specialty winner is in MY van! What a day. What a DAY!

So, how to cap off a day like this? With a banquet, of course! Heather and I changed our clothes and headed to the hospital-ity room, stopping for Penny along the way. A buffet dinner was waiting and we were all starved!

Elaine bought the first round of drinks for ALL! Thanks, Elaine! I'm liking this already.

Penny and I found our table and sat down, joining Bill Christensen. We introduced ourselves and he and Penny begin to chat. Well, who would have known, they grew up in the same town in Colorado, went to the same middle school, graduated from the same high school, even took piano lessons from the same teacher, and only lived a couple of blocks apart! What a small world! It was so interesting to hear them go down memory lane. Isn't that the way—only the Aussies can bring people together like that.

The business meeting was called to order. Awards were presented, of which there were many—good job, everyone!, speakers on different important subjects, after which the meeting was adjourned.

It was nice to be able to sleep in a bit on Saturday. There was something else special today—earthdog!

After a quick breakfast, we were off to the show site. Layla was entered in Intro to Quarry. I was SURE she would bolt right into the tunnel and work those rats! She's a fierce hunter at home and has brought me many trophies through the dog-gie door. She pondered the opening to the den, came back out., sniffed around a bit, and then went back in! She found the rats and started barking. Good, I thought, work the rats! She did—for a whole 6 seconds. Bummer! Being from Wyoming, Layla, you could have at least gone 8 seconds!



On to the grooming set-up to get Zoey ready for conformation. Everyone was there, getting their dogs ready for the ring. Karen Wilson was our judge. She commented when Zoey was on the table that "she's well fed. I'd take about half a pound off her." Okay, thanks. It's such a fine line when they're puppies, but it is a well-known fact that dogs do not go without at the Campbell household.

# Road Trip 2012

Our specialty winner, Wellington, took breed again in fine form. He and Elaine went on to the Group to take another Group 2 under Judge Peggy Biesel-McIlwaine. What a weekend for our boy! Along with Wellington taking the breed, the best of winners went to Benayr Shirley U Geste, best of opposite to GCH Temora Tain't She Sweet, select dog to Zeb, select bitch to CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA. What a weekend for our Aussies! Three group placements so far!



There was just enough time to get back to the room and get ready for the evening event, a trip to the AKC Museum of the Dog in St Louis. After supper for the dogs and putting them into their crates for a nice nap, off we went! There was to be a guided tour of the museum and sandwiches on the patio for supper. I

know I keep saying this, but what a fabulous place. I wish we had had more time there. So much beauty, paintings, photos, sculptures, figurines... We could have spent an entire day there easily. The grounds were beautiful, and we were able to view them as we ate our sandwiches, then found the gift shop for a memento to bring back home. It had to be something that would fit into the van, though. I found out that we could get prints of most of the artwork at the museum. Nice! There was a painting downstairs that I was drawn to, a scene done in a primitive style of people walking their dogs in Central Park, with a blue and tan Aussie on the corner! I asked several other Aussie people and they all agreed, it was an Aussie all right. So, into a protective tube it went, and then it was time to board the bus and head back to the hotel. What a fabulous day and evening.

Sunday was another beautiful day. Today Heather was up very early, as it was Lure Coursing day! She had to be there for sign-ups and was out the door at 6:45! Fancy Campbell is signed up for this, as is Carmeen. I finished getting dressed and Penny and I headed to the coursing site in the van, leaving Penny's vehicle for Elaine and Linda. Heather was busy getting the running order figured out so that those who are showing in conformation could run first. First up was Sandra's boy, Angelo. What a good-looking boy he is. Sandra carried him off to the Hound Master. "Tally ho!" and the pulley started dragging the lures, and off we went! Angelo was on it, just flying around the course!



Then it was Fancy's turn. She started to run after the lures, but before the first turn, she veered off and came back. I thought for sure she'd go after the lure! She loves playing fetch with sticks and Frisbees. No worries; we'll try again this afternoon.

Next up was Carmeen. She locked right onto the lures. She was definitely interested! They're off! Carmeen went flying after the lures! Wow, she is SO fast! She ran the entire course and as the lures came to a stop, she grabbed one and shook it! Carmeen has officially earned her first leg! A ribbon and a trophy,



There were a total of 12 entries at the coursing field today. There were many very talented and beautiful dogs of other breeds that ran the course. It was so much fun to watch them as they stretched flat-out and sped along the course.

We were able to see Reggie run. He ran like the wind! Aussies rock at lure coursing! He too got a qualifying leg towards his coursing ability title. What a boy!

Now it's time to get back to the conformation ring and get ready to show. Linda More is our conformation judge today. After a quick clean-up, we get back just as the breed judging finishes. Zeb took breed, Roachan's I'm No Angel went best of winners, GCH Temora Tain't She Sweet was best of opposite, CH Red Sky Fly Boy Wellington was select dog, and CH Blue Moon River was select bitch.

Back to the Coursing for the afternoon test. Okay, Fancy, your turn again. Let's see if we can make this work. She locked onto the lures. Good, she's going to chase them! We're gonna do this! But, wait, she's distracted. She lifts her nose up slightly, oh, no, she's caught wind of something. She follows her nose and just before the first turn, she veered off course right over to a very fresh cow pie and decides to have a good back scratch right in the middle of it, all fours up in the air! Oh, Fancy, how could you?! She was green all over and smelled to high heaven. Everyone said, "What happened? Did she fall?" Oh, she fell, all right, right into a great big cow pie! Everyone erupts in laughter. They thought something had happened, but all they could see were four legs waving in the air! All I can say is thanks, Lord, for that wonderful bathing area at Purina Farms. If we ever do lure coursing again, I think the prerequisite is to dredge the lures in cow pie. THEN she'd follow it!

*Welcome Night*





*Education Day*

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*Education Day*



# 72nd National Specialty Sweepstakes Critique

- by UK Judge Sheila Stoddart

I was very honored to be invited to judge the sweepstakes at the Aussie Specialty at the Purina Farms near St. Louis. I always love judging the youngsters of the breed and the veterans are always a joy. I have been visiting the USA since my first specialty in Greeley, Colorado, and it was then I noticed there was a difference in the type I was used to and what I was seeing out there. As I said at that time, there were a lot of round eyes, which does give a strange expression... not the hard-bitten look we want for our breed, and the dogs were all quite a bit bigger. There are still variations in size on both sides of "the pond," probably due to better nutrition, but I was so pleased to see that round eyes are now in the minority. I envy the standard of presentation and always come home with more ideas as to how to improve my own grooming. Thank you to all the exhibitors who accepted my decisions with such grace.

## Puppy dogs 6-9 months:

1. Bryan & Sazama's Wismiss Up There Cazaly: A charming 6-month-old blue and tan puppy with the enthusiasm and verve of such a youngster. Good outline and firm to go over, nice neck and shoulders but still has a lot of growing up to do. Needs to tighten in the front but that is just his age. Proportions of length to height good at this stage. As I would expect of the US, a harsh coat.
2. Bachman & Schreeder's Ryba's A Hint of Scandal: Well-developed red male, lovely to go over but I do hope he does not grow too much. Liked his dark eye and good pigment, sometimes difficult to achieve with a red. Good on the move both going and coming; well muscled too for his age.
3. Cartwright & Massey's Firewalker's Ravenclaw Dean: A smaller dog than #2, but was not as pleased with his expression as the others in his class. Nice type of Aussie with good movement and balance, moving well. I feel he needs time to mature. Again, correct proportions, keel starting to develop, so given time I think he will be a good representative of the breed.

## Puppy dogs 9-12 months:

1. Porter's Benayr Nick Of Time: A very nice blue and tan male, well balanced and presented, with a very mature outline for such a young dog. Lovely dark tan, coat still to break. He has a nice small dark eye. Retained his topline on the move. Good length of neck flowing into good shoulders. I would have liked the handler to have moved him a little bit quicker on that day.
2. Freeman's Zantoka Morning Sun: An immature red boy but a lovely deep red and everything in place to go over him. I think he will take time to mature, as he was not as sure of himself as #1; however I was pleased to see him growing in confidence as the week went on.

## 12-16-month dogs:

1. Weigle's Marble Arch The Corner Man: A beautifully constructed deep red dog who was certainly enjoying himself

in the ring. Well muscled and well proportioned overall with that arched neck, good keel, and rear, which he used to advantage when he wanted to keep all 4 feet on the ground!! Good harsh coat, which was new coat coming in, making him difficult to groom, I suspect. Kept a level topline on the move, but has the tendency to let his tail relax when standing, so needs to be constantly stimulated.

1. Harban's Dreamtime Razzle Dazzle: Up to size blue and tan but a very elegant dog as one would expect from this breeder. Good strong head and good mouth with big teeth, and good front and rear. Moved well both going and coming.
2. Sharp's Bluquo Hopscotch: A smaller type of dog than #1 and #2 and not as showy as the others, but a very nice type as well. Moved well both ways and nice to go over, with good proportions
3. Roache's Roachan's Weekend At Bernies: Again a smaller type but with a nice outline and good movement. Looked a little short in the back at this stage, but I loved his small ears. Expression could be better.

## 15-18 month dogs:

1. Bly & Dunn's The Farm's Take A Flying Leap: A very nice outline on the table and nicely arched neck and a strong rear as well, which showed in his good movement. Good harsh coat and a nice dark eye with good dark pigment.

## 6-9 month puppy bitches:

1. Bachman & Schreeder's Ryba's A Bit Risque: A very nice young red bitch, beautifully constructed and lovely to go over. Well presented, as to be expected from this kennel, and again a lovely harsh coat. Very feminine with a good mouth and nice small ears. A bit sluggish on the move today, I thought, but that did not detract from her quality.
2. Roache's Roachan's I'm No Angel: A very appealing blue and tan puppy, again very feminine, and shows herself off like a veteran at this game!! Good harsh coat, good mouth and teeth, and moved well both ways.
3. Bryan & Sazama's Wismiss Nellie Melba: Not quite as finished as her brother at this stage and looks a bit short in the neck, but I know that on a puppy, not everything grows together. Liked her attitude and showed well. I think she will be lovely when she gets it all together,
4. Farmer's Marble Arch Dancing In The Dark: Very much a baby but I think shows a lot of promise. Lovely small dark eye with good strong pigment, nice ears, and good movement overall.



# 72nd National Specialty Sweepstakes Critique

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## 9-12 month puppy bitches:

1. Reignier's Crestwood 's Leading Lady: An eye-catching red puppy bitch, lovely eye, good pigment, and good, harsh coat. Good front and strong rear and perfectly proportioned overall. She moved well both ways but I would have liked to see her move out a bit faster, as the drive is there but not shown to advantage today. I really liked her type.
2. Baldwin & Hall's Christhill Kiku O'Kiwi: This young bitch has a lot of growing up to do, but on the move had a level topline and everything is here. Good mouth, good coat but needs to fill out a bit more as well. I think she will look a different bitch in a couple of months' time, as they change so much at that age.
3. Freeman's Zantoka Morning Truffle: A very nice head but again like #3, very immature at this stage. When she decided to move for her handler, she did a good job. Her proportions are quite good at this stage; just needs a little more confidence.

## 12-15 month bitches:

1. Roache's Roachan's Lakeside Party: An eye-catching blue and tan bitch, very mature for her age. Lovely to go over with everything in place. Good arched neck into well-laid-back shoulders and level topline, which she kept on the move. She moved out strongly both coming and going—a real show girl.
2. Campbell's Redhawk Live The Legend: Another nice bitch from this kennel. Not as mature as #1 at this stage, but not a lot to choose between them. Lovely feminine head, good eye, and good scissor bite. Moved well.
3. Campbell's Redhawk A Take On Red: More sandy in color than #2, but very similar in type. Preferred the rear movement on #2, but not a lot to choose between them at this stage. Expression did not appeal as well as #2 but nevertheless a very nice typey Aussie.
4. Whitehead's Temora I Won't Tell: A stylish blue and tan bitch, lacking in maturity compared to the others. Lovely dark pigment and lovely small ears. Moved out well both ways, but lost out on maturity on the day.

## 15-18 month bitches:

1. Bentley's Benayr Shirley U Geste: A very typey blue and tan bitch, as you would expect from this breeder. Well proportioned, with an outline to die for, but was also a good mover, holding her topline at all times. Felt for me she could have done with losing a little weight but that's just my preference. Lovely expression, good small eye, good pigment, and small ears set well on the head. Loved her!



## Veteran dog:

1. Evan's GCH Tera-K's Parson Brown: An 8-year-old blue and tan male who was classy and showed it. Perhaps a little too much weight but that can be forgiven at his age as it in no way detracted from his movement in the ring. A well-deserved GCH.
2. Floyd's GCH Akiba's Southern Exposure: A 7-year-old male showing well and enjoying his day in the ring! Good harsh coat and every thing correct but a slightly round eye, which took away the hard-bitten expression required. He, like #1, moved well going and coming.

## Veteran bitch:

1. Reignier's Ch. Crestwood's Lady In Red: A 9-year-old bitch looking very sprightly for her age. In very good hard condition and moved well round the ring. Coat still in excellent condition... this is a breed which matures well!!
2. Campbell's Ch. Redhawk Tickle My Fancy: A 7-1/2-year-old bitch in tip-top condition. Lovely outline standing and moved out well too. Would have preferred a better expression but that could not detract from her quality.
3. Popovits' Ch. Blue Moon Miss Smarty Pants: Again a very smart 8-1/2-year-old blue and tan girl. I found it very hard to choose between #2 and #3 Well presented and handled, and she certainly loved her time in the ring.
4. Saulvester's Tak- A Chance Tell Tale Hannah: An 8-year-old blue and tan bitch. Today her coat was not her fortune, but she moved well and had all the correct attributes of an Aussie. A lovely, lovely class... thank you.



## Best In Sweepstakes:

Marble Arch The Corner Man

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes:

Benayr Shirley U Geste

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:

GCH Tera-K's Parson Brown

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes:

Ch. Crestwood's Lady In Red



*Jazz/Casino Night*



# 72nd National Specialty Results

Judge:  
Sheila Stoddart

## Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 6-9) Dogs

- 5 **1** Wismiss Up There Cazaly. RN23448301  
11/2/2011 Breeder: Kerrie Bryan, Carol Sazama, Ida Ellen Weinstock, Alice Ann Wight.  
Sire: Rebelglen Card Shark Dam: Ch Regency Tempest of Wismiss. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carl Sazama.
- 7 **3** Firewalker's Ravenclaw Dean. RN23477501  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker.  
Owner: Grace Cartwright and Bruce Massey.
- 33 **2** Ryba's A Hint of Scandal. RN23346002  
10/22/2011 Breeder: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.  
Sire: Ch.Ryba's Diamond Jim Dam: Ch.Ryba's On a Clear Day. Owner: S.Bachman/T. Schreeder.

## Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 9-12) Dogs

- 9 **1** Benayr Nick Of Time. RN23143301  
8/4/2011 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: CH Benayr My Rose Royce. Owner: Mauri Porter.
- 31 **2** Zantoka Morning Sun. RN22884504  
6/26/2011 Breeder: Mary E Freeman.  
Sire: CH Redwing Licensed To Thrill RN Dam: Zantoka Dream Sky CD RN. Owner: Mary E Freeman.

## Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 12-15) Dogs

- 17 **3** Bluquo Hopscotch. RN22378701  
4/15/2011 Breeder: Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban & Sandra Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Owner: Debby Sharp.
- 21 Bluquo Daydream Believer. RN22378702  
4/15/2011 Breeder: Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban & Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: CH Temierin Read My Lips. Owner: Rita Farmer.
- 25 **1/BISS** Marble Arch The Corner Man. RN22471901  
5/22/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: CH Temora Ri Diercc Dam: CH Marble Arch Lady Miranda. Owner: Sandra M Weigle.
- 27 **AB** Roachan's Weekend At Bernie's. RN22492002  
5/25/2011 Breeder: Ann & Gayle Roache.  
Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Roachan's Fairy Tale. Owner: Ann & Gayle Roache.
- 29 **2** Dreamtime Razzle Dazzle. RN22543104  
4/10/2011 Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Dreamtime's De-Lovely. Owner: Marilyn Y Harban.

## Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 15-18) Dogs

- 11 **1** The Farm's Take a Flying Leap. RN21920901  
1/3/2011 Breeder: Sheila Dunn.  
Sire: CH Lodiah Red Hawk Dam: CH The Farm's Designed On The Fly. Owner: Angie Cross Bly and Sheila Dunn.

## Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 6-9) Bitches

- 6 **2** Roachan's lam No Angel. RN23190203  
9/5/2011 Breeder: Ann Roache.  
Sire: GCH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: CH Reimin Dark Passion Play. Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.
- 10 Marble Arch Dancing In The Moonlight. RN23353105  
11/18/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: GCH Marble Arch Lady From Castle. Owner: Rita Farmer.
- 12 **4** Marble Arch Dancing In The Dark. RN23353109  
11/18/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: GCH Marble Arch Lady From Castile. Owner: Sandra M Weigle.
- 14 **3** Wismiss Nellie Melba. RN23448302  
11/2/2011 Breeder: Kerrie Bryan, Carol Sazama, Ida Ellen Weinstock, Alica Ann Wight.  
Sire: Rebelglen Card Shark Dam: Ch Regency Tempest of Wismiss. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carol Sazama
- 16 Firewalker's Slytherin Seeker. RN23477504  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace M Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker. Owner: Grace Cartwright & Kelsey Fall.



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- 18 Firewalker's Gryffindor Ginny. RN23477505  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace M Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker.  
Owner: Grace Cartwright & Rebecca E Hornby.
- 40 1 Ryba's a Bit Risque. RN23346001  
10/22/2011 Breeder: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.  
Sire: Ch. Ryba's Diamond Jim Dam: Ch.Ryba's On A Clear Day. Owner: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.
- Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 9-12) Bitches
- 20 3 Zantoka Morning Truffle. RN22884502  
6/26/2011 Breeder: Mary E Freeman.  
Sire: CH Redwing Licensed To Thrill RN Dam: Zantoka Dream Sky CD RN Owner: Mary E Freeman.
- 22 2 Christhill Kiku O'Kiwi. RN23157705  
8/3/2011 Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.  
Sire: CH Bluepepper Panda Dam: CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN CD RN . Owner: Willy Baldwin & Kreg B Hill.
- 24 1 Crestwoods Leading Lady. RN23818201  
8/22/2011 Breeder: Margaret Reignier.  
Sire: CH Crestwoods Charlie Brown II Dam: CH Crestwoods Temoras Best Bet. Owner: Margaret Reignier.
- 38 AB Christhill Coachella. RN23157702  
8/3/2011 Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.  
Sire: CH Bluepepper Panda Dam: CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN CD RN  
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.
- 60 AB The Farm's Flying Start. RN22705801  
7/8/2011 Breeder: Sheila Dunn.  
Sire: CH Lodia Red Hawk Dam: CH The Farm's Designed On The Fly. Owner: Sheila Dunn.
- Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 12-15) Bitches
- 28 4 Temora I Won't Tell. RN22413603  
3/10/2011 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
Sire: GCH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: GCH Temora Taint She Sweet.  
Owner: Carol Whitehead & Michelle Whitehead.
- 30 Temora Come Spirit, Come Charm. RN22413606  
3/10/2011 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
Sire: GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: GCH CH Temora Taint She Sweet. Owner: Carol Arnold.
- 32 Samabel Orchid's For ME. RN22477302  
4/8/2011 Breeder: Alexa Samarotto & Esther C Krom.  
Sire: CH Samabel Jersey Boy Dam: Samabel Jersey Girl Of Shasakin. Owner: Alexa Samarotto
- 34 Redhawk Back to the Future. RN22600803  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
Sire: GCH CH Merrigans Wild N Crazy Guy OA NAJ SE Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN. Owner: Angie Bly.
- 56 1 Roachan's Lakeside Party. RN22492003  
5/25/2011 Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.  
Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Roachan's Fairy Tale. Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.
- 58 2 Redhawk Live The Legend. RN22600804  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbel.  
Sire: GCH Merrigan's Wild N' Crazy Guy Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style. Owner: Eva Campbell.
- 74 3 Redhawk A Take On Red. RN22600801  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
Sire: GCH Merrigan's Wild 'N Crazy Guy AX OAJ ME Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN.  
Owner: Penny Lewis & Eva Campbell.
- Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Puppy 15-18) Bitches
- 70 1/BOSS Benayr Shirley U Geste. RN21827303  
12/26/2010 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Beau Geste Dam: CH Benayr The Bee's Knees. Owner: Susan Bentley.
- Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Veterans 7-10 yrs) Dogs
- 39 2 GCH Akiba's Southern Exposure. RN06011901  
7/22/2004 Breeder: Janet Maas, Joan Bailey, Sandy Hodges.  
Sire: CH Akiba's Ragtime Cowboy Dam: CH Akiba's Witchy Woman. Owner: Kim Floyd.
- 41 1/BVISS GCH Tera-K's Parson Brown. RN07239703  
12/24/2004 Breeder: Darlene Evans.  
Sire: Ch Benyars Take it by Storm Dam: Ch Ryba's Diamond Lil for Tera-k. Owner: Darlene Evans.
- Australian Terriers, Sweepstakes (Veterans 7-10 yrs) Bitches
- 76 1/BVOSS CH Crestwoods Lady In Red. RN04570701  
11/3/2003 Breeder: Margaret Reignier.  
Sire: CH Tineetown Mr Sandman Dam: CH Crestwoods Crown Ruby. Owner: Margaret Reignier.

- 78 3 CH Blue Moon Miss Smarty Pants. RN04713401  
1/19/2004 Breeder: Jeanie Popovits.  
Sire: CH Azul Smart Remark Dam: CH Cambridge Once In A Bluemoon. Owner: Jeanne Popvits.
- 80 4 CH Tak-A Chance Tall Tale Hannah. RN05290005  
4/4/2004 Breeder: Susan M Saulvester.  
Sire: CH B'ud's Zakra' Blue CDX NA NAJ SE RN Dam: CH Takachance Sprite Lea Jordie RN.  
Owner: Susan M Saulvester.
- 82 2 CH Redhawk Tickle My Fancy. RN08469406  
4/30/2005 Breeder: Eva Campbell & Susan Holsinger.  
Sire: CH Azul Smart Remark Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style. Owner: Eva Campbell.

Judge:

Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

Australian Terriers, Puppy (6-9 Mos) Dogs

- 7 1 Firewalker's Ravenclaw Dean. RN23477501  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: Ch Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker.  
Owner: Grace Cartwright And Bruce Massey.

Australian Terriers, Puppy (9-12 Mos) Dogs

- 9 1/W Benayr Nick Of Time. Rn23143301  
8/4/2011 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: Ch Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: Ch Benayr My Rose Royce. Owner: Mauri Porter.

Australian Terriers, 12-18 Mos Dogs

- 11 1 The Farm's Take A Flying Leap. Rn21920901  
1/3/2011 Breeder: Sheila Dunn.  
Sire: CH Lodiah Red Hawk Dam: CH The Farm's Designed On The Fly. Owner: Angie Cross Bly And Sheila Dunn.
- 17 2 Bluquo Hopscotch. RN22378701  
4/15/2011 Breeder: Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban & Sandra Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: CH Terhierin Read My Lips. Owner: Debby Sharp.

Australian Terriers, Amateur Owner Handler Dogs

- 19 1 Kambara's Santivo. RN22229602  
3/30/2011 Breeder: Anne Mitchell.  
Sire: GCH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: CH Blue Moon's Captiva Kambara. Owner: Kim Floyd.

Australian Terriers, Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 21 1 Bluquo Daydream Believer. RN22378702  
4/15/2011 Breeder: Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban & Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: CH Temierin Read My Lips. Owner: Rita Farmer.
- 23 Akiba's Abracadabra. RN22423302  
4/21/2011 Breeder: Janet Maas.  
Sire: CH Akiba's Untouchable Dam: CH Akiba's Divine Secrets. Owner: Janet Maas.
- 25 2 Marble Arch The Corner Man. RN22471901  
5/22/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: CH Temora Ri Diercc Dam: CH Marble Arch Lady Miranda. Owner: Sandra M Weigle.
- 27 Roachan's Weekend At Bernie's. RN22492002  
5/25/2011 Breeder: Ann & Gayle Roache.  
Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Roachan's Fairy Tale. Owner: Ann & Gayle Roache.
- 29 3 Dreamtime Razzle Dazzle. RN22543104  
4/10/2011 Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Dreamtime's De-Lovely. Owner: Marilyn Y Harban.
- 31 Zantoka Morning Sun. RN22884504  
6/26/2011 Breeder: Mary E Freeman.  
Sire: CH Redwing Licensed To Thrill Rn Dam: Zantoka Dream Sky Cd Rn. Owner: Mary E Freeman.
- 33 4 Ryba's A Hint Of Scandal. RN23346002  
10/22/2011 Breeder: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.  
Sire: CH Ryba's Diamond Jim Dam: CH Ryba's On A Clear Day. Owners. Bachman/T. Schreeder.
- 35 1 Wismiss Up There Cazaly. RN23448301  
11/2/2011 Breeder: Kerrie Bryan, Carol Sazama, Ida Ellen Weinstock, Alice Ann Wight.  
Sire: Rebelglen Card Shark Dam: CH Regency Tempest Of Wismiss. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carl Sazama.

Australian Terriers, Open Dogs

- 37 1/R Twee-Dle-Dee My Boy Lollipop. RN22679201  
5/9/2010 Breeder: Carin & Roger Sandahl.  
Sire: Selendia Sugar Daddy Dam: Twee-Dle-Dee Without Makeup. Owner: Sheila Dunn.

Australian Terriers, Puppy (6-9 mos) Bitches

- 6 1 Roachan's lam No Angel. RN23190203  
9/5/2011 Breeder: Ann Roache.  
Sire: GCH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: CH Reimin Dark Paaion Play. Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.
- 8 Benayr Danube So Blue. RN23308704  
11/12/2011 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Blue Danube Dam: CH Benayr Fine And Dandy. Owner: Julie M Seaton.
- 10 3 Marble Arch Dancing In The Moonlight. RN23353105  
11/18/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: GCH Marble Arch Lady From Castle. Owner: Rita Farmer.
- 12 Marble Arch Dancing In The Dark. RN23353109  
11/18/2011 Breeder: Sandra M Weigle.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: GCH Marble Arch Lady From Castile. Owner: Sandra M Weigle.
- 16 4 Firewalker's Slytherin Seeker. RN23477504  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace M Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker. Owner: Grace Cartwright & Kelsey Fall.
- 18 2 Firewalker's Gryffindor Ginny. RN23477505  
11/22/2011 Breeder: Grace M Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: Notice All In At Southern Cross Dam: CH Aka Inu Azucena Firewalker.  
Owner: Grace Cartwright & Rebecca E Hornby.

Australian Terriers, Puppy (9-12 mos) Bitches

- 20 3 Zantoka Morning Truffle. RN22884502  
6/26/2011 Breeder: Mary E Freeman.  
Sire: CH Redwing Licensed To Thrill RN Dam: Zantoka Dream Sky CD RN. Owner: Mary E Freeman.
- 22 2 Christhill Kiku O'Kiwi. RN23157705  
8/3/2011 Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.  
Sire: CH Bluepepper Panda Dam: CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN CD RN . Owner: Willy Baldwin & Kreg B Hill.
- 24 1 Crestwoods Leading Lady. RN23818201  
8/22/2011 Breeder: Margaret Reignier.  
Sire: CH Crestwoods Charlie Brown II Dam: CH Crestwoods Temoras Best Bet. Owner: Margaret Reignier.

Australian Terriers, 12-18 mos Bitches

- 26 1 Dunham Lake Take A Bow Reba. RN22395202  
5/18/2011 Breeder: Theresa Goiffon & Ellie Goiffon & Lydia Goiffon.  
Sire: GCH Nellyson's Don't Skip The Zip Dam: CH Benayr Kaih Catch The Wave.  
Owner: Luisa Bustamante & Theresa Goiffon. Agent: Kellie Dahlberg
- 28 2 Temora I Won't Tell. RN22413603  
3/10/2011 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
Sire: GCH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: GCH Temora Taint She Sweet.  
Owner: Carol Whitehead & Michelle Whitehead.
- 30 4 Temora Come Spirit, Come Charm. RN22413606  
3/10/2011 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
Sire: GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon Dam: GCH CH Temora Taint She Sweet. Owner: Carol Arnold.
- 32 Samabel Orchid's For ME. RN22477302  
4/8/2011 Breeder: Alexa Samarotto & Esther C Krom.  
Sire: CH Samabel Jersey Boy Dam: Samabel Jersey Girl Of Shasakin. Owner: Alexa Samarotto.
- 34 3 Redhawk Back to the Future. RN22600803  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
Sire: GCH CH Merrigans Wild N Crazy Guy OA NAJ SE Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN. Owner: Angie Bly.

Australian Terriers, Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 36 4 Temora Where Magic Lives. RN23091301  
8/4/2011 Breeder: Julie M Seaton.  
Sire: CH Temora Ri Diercc Dam: CH Temora Where The Magic Begins. Owner: Julie M Seaton.
- 38 AB Christhill Coachella. RN23157702  
8/3/2011 Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.  
Sire: CH Bluepepper Panda Dam: CH ABQ Candelaria Christhill BN CD RN .  
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.
- 40 3 Ryba's A Bit Risque. RN23346001  
10/22/2011 Breeder: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.  
Sire: CH Ryba's Diamond Jim Dam: CH Ryba's On A Clear Day. Owner: S. Bachman/T. Schreeder.
- 42 Wismiss Nellie Melba. RN23448302  
11/2/2011 Breeder: Kerrie Bryan, Carol Sazama, Ida Ellen Weinstock, Alica Ann Wight.  
Sire: Rebelglen Card Shark Dam: CH Regency Tempest of Wismiss. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carol Sazama.

- 44 Tak-A Chance Miss Sophie Tucker. RN17212406  
8/20/2008 Breeder: Susan M Saulvester.  
Sire: CH Tak-A Chance Nip 'N Tucker Dam: CH Tak-A-Chance Tall Tale Hannah. Owner: Susan M Saulvester.
- 46 Crestwoods Red Diva. RN19796301  
6/9/2009 Breeder: Margaret Reignier.  
Sire: CH Crestwoods Temoras Flashback Dam: CH Crestwoods Valentine Rose. Owner: Margaret Reignier.
- 48 Samabel Jersey Girl Of Shastakin. RN20705502  
1/11/2010 Breeder: Alexa Samarotto & Claudia C Coleman.  
Sire: CH Shastakin Bush Ranger Dam: CH Samabel Lucy In The Sky. Owner: Alexa Samarotta & Esther C Krom.
- 50 Benayr Alice Blue Gown. RN21168404  
7/7/2010 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: CH Benayr My Rolls Royce. Owner: Susan Bentley.
- 52 Zantoka Kyra Angel Hope. RN21939503  
11/19/2010 Breeder: Mary E Freeman.  
Sire: CH Harrington Red Rover Red Rover Dam: CH Zantoka's Christmas Angel RN. Owner: Mary E Freeman.
- 54 Akiba's Singular Sensation. RN21998301  
12/9/2010 Breeder: Janet Maas.  
Sire: CH Akiba's Untouchable Dam: Akiba's Tekoalutions. Owner: Janet Maas.
- 56 1 Roachan's Lakeside Party. RN22492003  
5/25/2011 Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.  
Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Roachan's Fairy Tale. Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.
- 58 2 Redhawk Live The Legend. RN22600804  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
Sire: GCH Merrigang's Wild N' Crazy Guy Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style. Owner: Eva Campbell.
- 60 AB The Farm's Flying Start. RN22705801  
7/8/2011 Breeder: Sheila Dunn.  
Sire: CH Lodiah Red Hawk Dam: CH The Farm's Designed On The Fly. Owner: Sheila Dunn.
- Australian Terriers, Open Bitches
- 62 1/W/BW Temora I Should Cocoa!. RN18431205  
2/20/2009 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
Sire: CH Melukylan Prop-A-Ganda Dam: CH Temora's Maid In America. Owner: Carol Arnold.
- 64 4 Firewalker's Dazzling Display. RN20167806  
1/26/2010 Breeder: Grace Cartwright & Kim Occhiuti.  
Sire: CH Aussume Cherokee Firewalker Dam: CH Aka Inu Firewalker. Owner: Grace Cartwright.
- 66 Dreamtime's Bollywood Kanti. RN20393103  
2/25/2010 Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban.  
Sire: GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover Dam: CH Dreamtime's De-Lovely. Owner: J Caren Holtby.
- 68 Benayr's Dark Lady. RN21168406  
7/7/2010 Breeder: Susan M Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: CH Benayr My Rose Royce. Owner: Michelle Whitehead.
- 70 2/R Benayr Shirley U Geste. RN21827303  
12/26/2010 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Beau Geste Dam: CH Benayr The Bee's Knees. Owner: Susan Bentley.
- 72 Millvalley Touch Of Class. RN22576201  
1/11/2011 Breeder: Sheila Stoddart.  
Sire: Millvalley FireCracker Dam: CH Temora's The Simple Life. Owner: Julie Seaton & Fran & Terry Pierce.
- 74 3 Redhawk A Take On Red. RN22600801  
5/8/2011 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
Sire: GCH Merrigang's Wild 'N Crazy Guy AX OAJ ME Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN.  
Owner: Penny Lewis & Eva Campbell.
- Australian Terriers, Veteran (7-10 years) Dogs
- 39 2 GCH Akiba's Southern Exposure. RN06011901  
7/22/2004 Breeder: Janet Maas, Joan Bailey, Sandy Hodges.  
Sire: CH Akiba's Ragtime Cowboy Dam: CH Akiba's Witchy Woman. Owner: Kim Floyd.
- 41 1 GCH Tera-K's Parson Brown. RN07239703  
12/24/2004 Breeder: Darlene Evans.  
Sire: CH Benyar Take It By Storm Dam: CH Ryba's Diamond Lil For Tera-K. Owner: Darlene Evans
- Australian Terriers, Veteran (7-10 years) Bitches
- 76 1 CH Crestwoods Lady In Red. RN04570701  
11/3/2003 Breeder: Margaret Reignier.  
Sire: CH Tineetown Mr Sandman Dam: CH Crestwoods Crown Ruby. Owner: Margaret Reignier.



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- 78 3 CH Blue Moon Miss Smarty Pants. RN04713401  
1/19/2004 Breeder: Jeanie Popovits.  
Sire: CH Azul Smart Remark Dam: CH Cambridge Once In A Bluemoon. Owner: Jeanne Popovits.
- 80 4 CH Tak-A Chance Tall Tale Hannah. RN05290005  
4/4/2004 Breeder: Susan M Saulvester.  
Sire: CH B'ud's Zakra' Blue CDX NA NAJ SE RN Dam: CH Tak-A-Chance Sprite Lea Jordie RN.  
Owner: Susan M Saulvester.
- 82 2 CH Redhawk Tickle My Fancy. RN08469406  
4/30/2005 Breeder: Eva Campbell & Susan Holsinger.  
Sire: CH Azul Smart Remark Dam: CH Redwing Cadillac Style. Owner: Eva Campbell.
- Australian Terriers, Best of Breed
- 43 CH Tak-A Chance Time Honored RE AX AXJ NF CAA. RM36849802  
7/25/2002 Breeder: Susan M Saulvester.  
Sire: CH Fredrick Willie Wombat CD OA Dam: CH Wilgent's Tak-A Chance Indigo MX OAP AXJ AJP JE RN.  
Owner: Susan M Saulvester.
- 45 GCH Shastakin Bush Ranger. RN12156501  
5/18/2006 Breeder: Esther C Krom.  
Sire: CH Good Days Count De Monee Dam: CH Shastakin Moon Dancer. Owner: Esther C Krom.
- 47 GCH ABQ San Isidro Christhill. RN12829203  
10/10/2006 Breeder: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen.  
Sire: CH Quentin Christhill RN, CDX Dam: CH Dreamtime's Zoe Christensen CD, RN.  
Owner: Kreg B Hill & William I Christensen. Agent: Matias Mato
- 49 GCH Merrigans Wild N Crazy Guy OA OAJ ME. RN14486005  
6/23/2007 Breeder: Heather M Rife DVM & Susan Holsinger.  
Sire: CH Wismiss AKA Inu Figaro Dam: CH Redwing Its All About Me NA NAJ NAP JP.  
Owner: Heather M Rife DVM.
- 51 CH Benayr Clay Tucker. RN15138602  
9/7/2007 Breeder: Susan M Bentley.  
Sire: CH Benayr Wild Again Dam: CH Benayr As You Like It. Owner: Lisa Weaver. Agent: Rindi A. Gaudet
- 53 SEL GCH Kambara's Zebulon. RN16153901  
4/5/2008 Breeder: Anne Mitchell & Craig Mitchell.  
Sire: Ch Akiba's Sixty Minute Man Dam: Ch Temora's Flight To Kambara. Owner: Anne Mitchell & Craig Mitchell.  
Agent: Kellie Dahlberg
- 55 AOM GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover. RN16332802  
3/12/2008 Breeder: Marilyn Harban.  
Sire: CH Dreamtime's Frontiersman Dam: CH Dreamtime's Sweet Delight.  
Owner: Rita Farmer & Marilyn Harban.
- 57 GCH CH Sundog Pretty Boy Floyd. RN17568501  
11/3/2008 Breeder: Angie Cross Bly.  
Sire: CH Ryba's Call Me Irresponsible Dam: CH Sundog The Vikings Daughter. Owner: Angie Cross Bly.
- 59 AOM GCH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies. RN17651203  
9/24/2008 Breeder: Susan Bachman & Teresa Schreeder.  
Sire: CH Redwing Licensed To Thrill Dam: CH Ryba's Coco Chanel. Owner: Pamela Levy.
- 61 CH Temora Ri Diercc. RN19568001  
8/26/2009 Breeder: Julie M. Seaton.  
Sire: CH Millvalley Red Rufus Dam: CH Truozy's Black Delilah. Owner: Julie M. Seaton.
- 63 GrCh Benayr Blue Danube. RN20784501  
6/1/2010 Breeder: Susan M Bentley.  
Sire: Ch Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: Ch Benayr My Rose Royce. Owner: Susan Bentley.
- 65 BB/G2 Ch Red Sky Flyboy Wellington. RN21402706  
8/17/2010 Breeder: Elaine Strid.  
Sire: GCH Blackback Firefly Dam: GCH Roachan's Live & Let Fly at Red Sky.  
Owner: Elaine Strid & Linda DeMartine. Agent: Whitney Shafer
- 67 Rebelglen Card Shark. RN22322601  
3/28/2010 Breeder: John Davidson.  
Sire: AUSGCH Rebelglen Gungadin Dam: Rebelglen If Nwhen. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carol Sazama.
- 84 CH Briteyes Tiger Lilly. RN14603905  
7/6/2007 Breeder: Diane Kroeze.  
Sire: CH Benayr Take It By Storm RN Dam: CH Gypsy Rose Lee II RN. Owner: Diane Kroeze.
- 86 OS GCH CH Wild West's Double Cat. RN16584706  
3/17/2008 Breeder: Eve Steele/Marjo Ahola.  
Sire: CH Bluepepper's Mickey Mouse Dam: CH Jaskarin Catwalk.  
Owner: Julie Kirkpatrick/Eve Steele. Agent: Gustavo Molinari



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- 88 **AOM** GCH Temora Taint She Sweet. RN16621303  
 5/18/2008 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
 Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Benayr All About Me. Owner: Julie Seaton. Agent: Leonardo Garcini
- 90 GCH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill. RN17702501  
 10/28/2008 Breeder: Greg B. Hill & William I. Christensen.  
 Sire: CH Marble Arch Mysticstars Chance Dam: CH P.S. Roxbury Christhill CDX, RN, RA.  
 Owner: Greg B. Hill & William I. Christensen. Agent: Matias Mato
- 92 CH Blue Moon River. RN18483903  
 3/9/2009 Breeder: Jeanne Popovits.  
 Sire: GCH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible Dam: CH Benayr Blue Moon Goodtime Girl. Owner: Jeanne Popovits.
- 94 CH Redhawk Roachan's One For The Road. RN19276801  
 8/8/2009 Breeder: Eva Campbell.  
 Sire: CH Roachan's Reckless Robert Dam: CH Redhawk Tickle My Fancy. Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache.
- 96 GCH Benayr Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo. RN19471601  
 6/19/2009 Breeder: Susan Bentley.  
 Sire: CH Benayr Here Comes Trouble Dam: CH Benayr Hello Gorgeous. Owner: Tracy Nelson.
- 98 Shastakin Sky Dancer. RN19928101  
 10/7/2009 Breeder: Esther C Krom.  
 Sire: GCH Shastakin Bush Ranger Dam: CH Shastakin Red Bessie. Owner: Esther C Krom.
- 100 **SEL** CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA. RN20114501  
 12/8/2009 Breeder: Marilyn Y Harban.  
 Sire: CH Dreamtime's One And Only Dam: Dreamtime Little Dove. Owner: Marilyn Y Harban.

Australian Terriers, Stud Dogs

- 49 **1** GCH Merrigans Wild N Crazy Guy OA OAJ ME. RN14486005  
 6/23/2007 Breeder: Heather M Rife DVM & Susan Holsinger.  
 Sire: CH Wismiss AKA Inu Figaro Dam: CH Redwing Its All About Me NA NAJ NAP JP.  
 Owner: Heather M Rife DVM.
- 55 **2** GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover. RN16332802  
 3/12/2008 Breeder: Marilyn Harban.  
 Sire: CH Dreamtime's Frontiersman Dam: CH Dreamtime's Sweet Delight. Owner: Rita Farmer & Marilyn Harban.
- 61 **4** CH Temora Ri Diercc. RN19568001  
 8/26/2009 Breeder: Julie M. Seaton.  
 Sire: CH Millvalley Red Rufus Dam: CH Truozy's Black Delilah. Owner: Julie M. Seaton.
- 67 **3** Rebelglen Card Shark. RN22322601  
 3/28/2010 Breeder: John Davidson.  
 Sire: AUSGCH Rebelglen Gungadin Dam: Rebelglen If Nwhen. Owner: Kerrie Bryan & Carol Sazama.
- 69 CH Akiba's Untouchable. RN14102201  
 4/25/2007 Breeder: Janet Maas.  
 Sire: CH Benayr Worldwide Webster Dam: CH Akiba's Cosmic Blues. Owner: Janet Maas.

Australian Terriers, Brood Bitches

- 88 **2** GCH Temora Taint She Sweet. RN16621303  
 5/18/2008 Breeder: Julie Seaton.  
 Sire: CH Temora Bully For You Dam: CH Benayr All About Me. Owner: Julie Seaton. Agent: Leonardo Garcini
- 102 **1** CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN. RN01729001  
 1/20/2003 Breeder: Susan Holsinger.  
 Sire: CH Lodiah Red Hawk Dam: CH Redwing Putting On The Ritz. Owner: Eva Campbell



# National Winners Photos



**Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners  
Temora I Should Cocoa!**



**Best of Opposite  
GCH CH Wild West's Double Cat**



**Best of Breed  
Ch Red Sky Flyboy Wellington**



**Best of Opposite In Sweeps  
Benayr Shirley U Geste**



**Best In Sweeps  
Marble Arch The Corner Man**



**Winners Dog  
Benayr Nick Of Time**



**Stud Dog  
GCH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy**



**Select Bitch  
CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA**



**Best of Opposite Veteran In Sweeps  
CH Crestwoods Lady In Red**



**Brood Bitch  
CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN**



**AOM  
GCH Temora Taint She Sweet**



*Earthdog*



# Specialty Banquet





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# 72nd National Specialty Weekend Show Results

Thursday, May 31st  
Gateway Terrier Association  
\*\* Supported Entry \*\*  
Judge - Claudia Seaberg

BOB & GRP1 - GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon  
BOS - CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA  
WD/BW - Marble Arch The Corner Man  
RWD - Twee-Dle-Dee My Boy Lollipop  
WB - Benayr Shirley U Geste  
RWB - Dreamtime's Bollywood Kanti  
SEL Dog - GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover  
SEL Bitch - GCH Temora Taint She Sweet

Rally  
Novice A  
1 - GCH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy OA OAJ ME  
2 - CH Dreamtime's Kiss Me Kate  
3 - CH Redwing Cadillac Style RN

Novice B  
Q - Ch Tosta Ruby Double Dutchtreat  
Q - CH Banjopats Coppertone Girl



Saturday, June 2nd  
Missouri Rhineland KC  
Judge - Karen Wilson

BOB & GRP2 - CH Red Sky Flyboy Wellington  
BOS - GCH Temora Taint She Sweet  
WD - Twee-Dle-Dee My Boy Lollipop  
RWD - Marble Arch The Corner Man  
WB/BW - Benayr Shirley U Geste  
RWB - Ryba's A Bit Risque  
SEL Dog - GCH Kambara's Zebulon  
SEL Bitch - CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA

Sunday, June 3rd  
Mississippi Valley KC  
\*\* Supported Entry \*\*  
Judge - Linda More

BOB & GRP2 - GCH Kambara's Zebulon  
BOS - GCH Temora Taint She Sweet  
WD - Benayr Nick Of Time  
RWD - Marble Arch The Corner Man  
WB/BW - Raochan's I am No Angel  
RWB - Ryba's A Bit Risque  
SEL Dog - Ch Red Sky Flyboy Wellington  
SEL Bitch - CH Blue Moon River



Monday, June 4th  
Mississippi Valley KC  
Judge - Betsy Dale

BOB & GRP1 - GCH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy OA OAJ ME  
BOS - CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA  
WD/BW - Marble Arch The Corner Man  
RWD - Bluquo Hopscotch  
WB - Roachan's Lakeside Party  
RWB - Ryba's A Bit Risque  
SEL Dog - GCH Kambara's Zebulon  
SEL Bitch - CH Blue Moon River



# A Blast From The Past

by Ann Ridenour  
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## A Gratifying Concept

One of the most satisfying things in the world is helping others learn about one's chosen breed. Thirty years have passed since I acquired my first Australian Terrier, and I think back I remember the individuals who took the time to share their knowledge about the Aussie with a newcomer to their world.

The communication took place both in person and in writing. When I found my first show Aussie I also found a mentor who patiently explained so many things that I now find myself explaining to the next generation. Nell Fox would send detailed pages answering a question I'd raise - sometimes continuing on to the outside of the envelope with just one more thought.

There were also lessons in grooming that I appreciated, Mary Cobet, Mae Roo, and Mary Mead were willing to share their knowledge. After my show ring debut, Mary Cobet declared "I can't stand it any more! I'll help you with your dog's coat." (Until then I thought that was something done in seedy little joints in border towns). Mae showed me how to groom feet to make them catlike and natural looking, as if untouched by human hands. Mary Mead shared with me how to sculpt an Aussie head, removing hairs with fingers, scissors, and a stripping knife.



Rosamond Hathaway taught me there are two sides to a dog - the exhibitor's side and the judge's side. and one had better check both! A topline may look just fine on one side, but there can be a serious dip on the other that will result in no points for the day.

There were those who helped me understand the structure and movement of our Aussies. Ida Ellen Weinstock proved herself invaluable. Her greatest gift was allowing me to move her specialty Best of Breed girl so that I realized one can "feel" the dog's movement through the lead. When evaluating, one of the best questions to ask is, "May I move your dog?" Wit this simple exercise a world of information comes into the left hand holding the lead.

For years in the Aussie world there has been an ongoing, heated discussion about whether to breed only red to red and blue/tan to blue/tan. Ida Ellen's words of wisdom based upon experience were, "Breed the best to the best!"

Many people - and you know who you are - have given their thoughts on grooming, exhibiting, and breeding of the Australian Terrier. They fully understand Jack Lemmon's advice: "If you're lucky enough to have done well, then it's your responsibility to send the evaluator back down."

Indeed, it is just fine to ask each other about tips. I have noticed that a number of the people mentioned above (especially Mae Roo) would never pontificate about what should be done. but, if asked directly, they would share a thoughtful answer and often a demonstration as a follow-up lesson. It is important as a follow-up lesson. It is important to pass on the good fortune that's come to you, and the ideas you are putting to use. It is a very rich, rewarding concept.



# Unpaid Kennel Help

I was watching the new puppy play the other day, yes, we have another one, it is like a revolving door. I stopped keeping track of them long ago! The puppy was quietly playing and wrestling with a kennel mate on the floor. She was not a barker, nor did she seem very aggressive. I was very delighted with her until the boss said, "She is the polite house-guest at the moment; give her a week and she will become the 'live-in never going to leave child.'" Sure enough, a week later she was barking at 5:15 a.m. in the morning figuring it was time to get up and wanted everyone to know about it. Ok, she can leave now....

Whenever a puppy/dog leaves, the boss always tells people that the sweet natured, quiet dog they 'think' they are getting will change in personality within a week. I never paid much attention, but she is correct. The sweet natured dog of the first week has decided that she is staying and has become the terrier she is supposed to be.

Gotta love terriers, especially Aussies. We had a person over to see the dogs and while discussing the breed and its attributes, the person asked if they ran away if off leash. On cue, like any good dog, the ones in the fenced in backyard got out. Did they see freedom and decide that they should take off and make for the wild blue yonder? No, they just ran to the front door of the house and waited to be let in, all 5 of them. One actually never left the yard! Not the brightest bulb on a string of lights.....

Puppies learn very quickly. I am always amazed at how quickly they figure out that they can make a hole in drywall, then VOILA, a hole that gets bigger and deeper with each chew! They have been watching too many movies that feature felons on Alcatraz trying to dig their way out. Of course they never have completely eaten through the drywall. took the humans of the house a little longer to figure out that filling in the hole after they left did no good, the next batch just ate that away too! Now we have paneling in the whelping room, so they try and work on the door frame. They too are not getting to far with that one.

We recently just had another litter. She is a first time mom and is doing very well with her puppies and handling things in a calm manner. She was very attentive up to about day 3. She must have decided she was bored. So she now leaves the whelping box, but tries to bury her babies first. Then she goes over the food bowl and starts trying to bury that. I have not quite figured out what she is thinking, but burying her food bowl has become quite an adventure for her.

I get a kick out of her when she goes outside and comes back in. She races frantically to the whelping room, leans over the box, counts heads to make sure they are all there, relaxes then leaves to check out what else is going on. I know the boss says they do not know how to count, but I SWEAR that is

what she is doing. To prove this, I think I will remove one puppy. Of course I will get yelled at, but this is an experiment worth pursuing!

Another thing about Australian terriers, you can never have just one. They seem to be like Lays potato chips, "One is Never Enough," but 6 is more than enough. Is there not an old TV show that had the same name? Or was that the show called: 8 is Enough? OK, we



are not going there!

One last note.

The boss went to a dog show where they had a cow show going on at the same time. NOTE TO ALL EXHIBITORS, Aussies like to roll in cow poo! Seems about 1/2 hour prior to showing, the boss' red boy decided to roll in some cow dung. Needless to say, he was still slightly damp when he went into the ring. I was told he looked like a Cheeto Cheese Puff by the time the judging was done. Needless to say he did not win, but at least he smelled good! Nothing like a good roll!!

I have not let her live that one down, but I do have to have my fun as well, don't I?

Till next time.....



# AKC Museum



HALL OF FAME  
HONORING THE GREATEST OF CHAMPIONS  
THE FINEST OF SPORTING DOGS,  
THE PINNACLE OF SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT  
AND THE VERY BEST OF THOSE WHO ENTER



# *Coursing Ability Test*





# Australian Terrier Rescue

## All About Beau

When I agreed to write an article about Beau, I thought it would be a great tribute to both these dogs and their love for me. Little did I realize the emotions that would come out. I still do not understand why

I, and I am sure many others, experience the same feelings about their pets. The term "Unconditional Love" certainly applies to both these little dogs. In addition, for that reason, it has been a much more difficult journey than I ever thought to express my love and relationship with these two wonderful little companions.

To start, I must pay tribute to the best dog I have ever had, Spencer the Silky Terrier, born around 1998, died in my arms on September 14, 2010, of pancreatic cancer. It seems that of all the factors in life that scream loudly at us about reality, the death of a pet screams the loudest. And so it was with Spencer. I buried him next to a large palm by the pool that he loved to walk around. His leash hangs next to him on the wall with a plaque that edifies his place.

It took me many days to talk to anyone about anything. My very good friend had warned me that I would be a basket case when Spencer died. And so it was.

Despite all the recommendations from friends and family to wait a while before getting another dog, I decided otherwise. The internet was my vehicle and it did not take long before I discovered a red haired, long eared dog staring at me from inside a kennel enclosure. I quickly contacted the owners and learned that this was part of the Australian Terrier society and this was their rescue website. After some negotiations, we agreed that this was the dog for me and I made plans to travel to Colorado Springs to pick up Beau.



The drive took a full day. I arranged to meet the following morning. When I was introduced to Beau, he was running around in their open area and he was everything I expected. We packed up Beau with

instructions about his needs and I left for Tucson. The drive was uneventful, but I realized, during stops for stretching and dog needs, that Beau was very nervous and would take some time to calm down. We arrived home late at night and after introductions to my wife, I put Beau in the backyard, which was very secure and allowed him time to set his own pace in learning the new territory. His new environment was so strange to him that every little noise freaked him out. Because of this, I decided that since he had spent most if not all of his time outside I would sleep outside with him for the first few nights. I set up a patio lounge so that we would be comfortable.

It did not take long for Beau to figure out the best spot was with me in the bed. He made it a point to get right under the covers, curl up and spent the night as if it was his normal sleeping quarters. A few nights turned into two weeks. By this time, Beau had become somewhat comfortable with his new surroundings. I am still perplexed why Beau was so relaxed sleeping with me like this, but I'm sure it sealed the bond we have today.

Eventually he recognized the things that were normal to our life and slowly started to take advantage of the benefits that were bestowed upon him by this new environment. One of the first discoveries was the couch, which to this day is one of his favorite spots. Whenever I sit on the couch, it has become one of his routines to jump up and roughhouse.

One of the most satisfying characteristics this little dog has acquired is sleeping with me on the bed at night. I routinely put him up there with me and he spends the night curled up between my wife and me. It is curious, however, that every once in a while he wants to spend the night outside instead of with us.

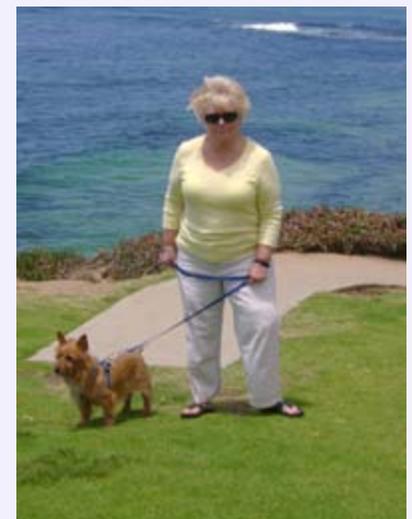


We travel to California twice a year. Spring and Christmas. He has been introduced to the beach and is fond of the freedom since I let him off leash whenever it is safe. He is even comfortable with getting out in the surf a little. This article has us currently in San Felipe, Mexico. The beach has practically no one around and Beau is constantly whining to get back down there. If I lay down to take in some sun BBB is soon asleep by my side on the warm sand.

By the way, I have to inform everyone that BBB is no longer "Baby Boy Beau." We now have, "Beach Bum Beau."

I said in the beginning that Spencer was the best little dog I ever had. That is still true, but Beau is slowly weaving himself into the fabric of that truth and will, I'm sure, some day take over that spot as the "Best Little Dog Ever."

Cooper and BBB



# Australian Terrier Rescue



Just thought I would send you a couple pictures of Sally and her buddy, Ivan the Terrific. Do you think she is relaxed???? This is the way she sleeps on our couch when we are watching TV in the LR at night.....she has finally.....learned to sit on command.....I contacted the whole world about that.....we were soooooo excited!!!! She would automatically "sit" at night to be picked up to be put in our bed and I just started saying "sit" and she has now associated it to the point she understands what is needed. Her personality is BLOOMING!!! We are having a GREAT time with these two.....they are "buds." - June Hulit

Cleo  
Adopted in February 2012



I was sitting here at work today and someone mentioned the Westminster Dog Show and I went online to look at the winners. You see, I rescued my darling Petey almost 5 years ago. I swear the minute we looked at each other we were bonded for life. I knew when I took one look at him that he would be one of the greatest loves of my life.

Aussies are the most loving, sweet, wonderful dogs I have ever had the pleasure of spending time with. Petey has been through so much with me in the short time I've had him.

I have no children of my own and don't plan to so to me, he's my baby. I look at his face and think of all the times he's been there for me no matter what and it brings tears to my eyes. He will be 7 in May and I pray to God to give me many, many more wonderful years with this most awesome creature. He makes my life truly worth living.

I just wanted to share more of the joy of knowing an Aussie. They are blessed little babies sent from Heaven to actually rescue us... not the other way around.

Kimberley Drown  
Proud Aussie Mom

# Crufts 2012 Results

BEST OF BREED  
CH SILHILL SWEET PEA

BEST PUPPY  
RIVERWYE POACHER

DOG CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE  
CH/AM CH MILLVALLEY RED RUFUS

BITCH CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE  
CH SILHILL SWEET PEA

RESERVE DOG CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE  
MILLVALLEY THE EXCISEMAN

RESERVE BITCH CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE  
WYEFON ILLUSION IN RED

## Classes

### Special Puppy - Dog

- 1st RIVERWYE POACHER (MISS P G MOORES)
- 2nd BETHANE CONNA SIR (A & G SMALL)

### Special Junior - Dog

- 1st MILLVALLEY SCOTCH MIST (MR M R & MRS J A SKELTON)

### Post Graduate - Dog

- 1st FARFADET DU PREDES VALOIS AVEC BELYNDI (IMP FR) (MISS L M BELL)
- 2nd MILLVALLEY BLUE DASHWOOD AT RALINDI (MRS B M BROWN)

### Limit - Dog

- 1st MILLVALLEY THE EXCISEMAN (MRS A & MR P TAMS)
- 2nd SPITWINTER COSMOS AT BLUJON (MRS A & MR J CABOURN)
- 3rd RALINDI THE EXECUTOR (MISS L J BROWN)

### Open - Dog

- 1st CH/AM CH MILLVALLEY RED RUFUS (MISS S G STODDART)
- 2nd HISNIBS (IMP BEL) (MRS C, MISS K & MISS F FOSKETT, TYRRELL & FREER)

### Veteran - Bitch

- 1st WERRIBEE PLATINUM GLORY (MR M R & MRS J A SKELTON)
- 2nd CH MILLVALLEY HEATHER BELLE (MISS S G STODDART)



BEST OF BREED  
CH SILHILL SWEET PEA

### Special Junior - Bitch

- 1st WYEFON ILLUSION IN RED (MRS M R JONES)
- 2nd ARMIRELLI SECRET CODE (IMP EST) (MRS R LEE-SON)
- 3rd TWEE-DLE-DEE FACE THE MUSIC (MRS O MITCHELL)

### Post Graduate - Bitch

- 1st RALINDI EXPRESS YOURSELF (MRS B M BROWN)

### Limit - Bitch

- 1st SILHILL SNAP DRAGON WITH SHEREX (MRS S & MR P MCCOURT & EARDLEY)
- 2nd MILLVALLEY POOSIE NANCY (MR M R & MRS J A SKELTON)

### Open - Bitch

- 1st CH SILHILL SWEET PEA (MRS S MCCOURT)
- 2nd AM CH TEMORA'S THE SIMPLE LIFE (MISS S G STODDART)
- 3rd JENINA JAZAMTAZ (MESDAMES C A & J A THOMPSON & LAPTHORNE)
- Res CH MILLVALLEY RED RUBY (MISS S G STODDART)
- VHC KISAMBA'S MAGIC MUSIC (MRS O MITCHELL)

### Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch

- 1st SPITWINTER CAUSING CHAOS AT PETITPAWS (MISS V COX)





# Life is NEVER Dull

by Leslie Hoy

Life with a performance dog is NEVER dull and there's ALWAYS something to do on the weekends! The other great thing about dog performance is the multigenerational aspect. I love going to our trials and seeing two and three generations of handlers—grandparents, parents, and grandchildren—all out there with their dogs, having a great time. It's a great way to get young people involved with dogs.

Here is an overview of some of the many canine sports you and your dog can try, with links for organizations where you can find classes and competitions in your area. You can find lots more information on the Internet, but this will get you started.

**Obedience:** In addition to the traditional AKC obedience that most of us are familiar with, the United Kennel Club (UKC) and Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP, formerly St. Hubert's) also offer opportunities for everyone to try their hand, er, paw, at obedience. The ground rules remain the same for all venues, so before you grab your leash and your dog and head for a trial, make sure you have a good foundation in basic obedience! It's one thing to do well at home, but quite another to perform at a trial. Have a few classes under your belt at a local dog club or training center near you before you take that step into the ring. Your dog must respond reliably and immediately to such commands as Heel, Sit, Down, Come, Stand, and Stay. Learn more at:

<http://www.akc.org/events/obedience>  
<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogObedience>  
<http://www.companiondogsportsprogram.com>

**Rally Obedience:** In this offshoot of traditional obedience, the dog and handler teams must independently complete a course comprised of heeling and stationary exercises. Each exercise is designated by a sign. Teams are judged on the ability to perform the tasks listed on the course. In rally obedience, communication between the dog and handler is encouraged. Some handlers talk their dogs through the entire course! It's meant to be fun and is less pressured than obedience. The American Kennel Club (AKC), the United Kennel Club (UKC) and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) are all organizations that sanction rally obedience trials. Although the rules for each venue vary slightly, the philosophy and basic procedures are consistent. Prior to competing, handlers walk the course without their dogs. Individual dog and handler teams then run the course, where they are timed and judged on their ability to perform each exercise. Entry level in all three venues begins with the dog on leash and progresses to off-leash heeling, jumping, retrieving, and more advanced heeling exercises. APDT rally courses include a "bonus" exercise at the end, worth 10 points, which handlers can choose to attempt or not. Rally is a great way to build teamwork and communication with your dog, as well as reinforce basic obedience commands. The links below will get you started with classes and events, and you can learn about the differences between each.

<http://www.akc.org/events/rally>  
<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/News/FLASHTheRallyObedienceRul12232008092531AM>  
<http://www.apdt.com/rally>  
<http://www.canadianrallyo.ca>

**Earthdog:** Here, the slogan is "Built Sturdy To Get Dirty"! Earthdog competitions test the natural ability of small terriers and dachshunds to go to ground and indicate to the handler that they have found quarry. The AKC, AWTA (American Working Terrier Association), and CKC (Canadian Kennel Club) sanction events throughout the US and Canada. The dog is first "introduced" to the quarry (a rat in a small dog-proof cage) and then encouraged to go to ground to negotiate a short tunnel with one turn. The dog must "signal" (bark) at the quarry for a measured amount of time. To earn titles, dogs progress through different levels of difficulty, including longer tunnels with obstacles and turns, and having to signal for a longer period of time. The links below will help you get started:

<http://www.akc.org/events/earthdog>  
[www. http://awta.org](http://www.awta.org)



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**Agility:** You've watched it on Animal Planet, heard people talk about it around the water cooler, and wondered if it's for you. Of course it is! Try a local class and have some fun with your dog. Both you and your canine buddy will develop confidence, discover new skills, make new friends—and maybe get motivated to shed that 20 pounds you wanted to lose a few years ago! As with the other dog sports, there are multiple venues, all with slightly different rules and events. For example, UKC agility features some unusual equipment, including a swaying “bridge” that the dog must run across and a “hoop tunnel” made of hula hoops attached to a frame. We terrier people are at an advantage. A new venue called Teacup Dog Agility Association (TDAA) is open only to dogs 20 inches and under, so our small dogs have their own playground!

<http://www.akc.org/events/agility>  
<http://www.k9tdaa.com>  
<http://www.nadac.com>  
<http://www.usdaa.com>  
<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogAgility>

**Flyball:** If your dog loves tennis balls and has a reliable recall, this could be the activity for you! Flyball is a relay race for dogs, four to a team, in which they race one at a time down a lane of hurdles, trigger a spring-operated box that's preloaded with a tennis ball, then race back over the hurdles without dropping the ball till they return to you. The skills are taught in small increments, including how to turn and trigger the box, running past other dogs, and reinforcing the recall. Little dogs are always in demand, because the height of the hurdles is based on the team's smallest dog. If you've never seen it before, find a tournament near you—unbelievable!

<http://www.flyball.org/aboutflyball.html>  
<http://flyballdogs.com/FAQ.html>



**Disc Dogs:** It's gone from tossing a disc in our backyards and beaches to international competitions in places like Poland, Japan, and Switzerland, as well as Canada and the US. And it's not just about catching that disc, either. Disc dogs might go for distance, or learn amazing acrobatic tricks with their human handlers. Check out these websites and see if your dog has what it takes.

<http://skyhoundz.com>  
<http://www.ufoworldcup.org>

**Dock Dogs:** It's not just for traditional water dogs! Any dog with a love for water and a drive to fetch a favorite toy can learn this sport. The roster of top dogs in the US for 2011 has not only Retrievers, but Shepherds, mixed breeds—and a Staffordshire Bull Terrier! No Aussies as yet, but maybe your dog can be the first! For descriptions of the events and to find a competition or training group near you, check out:

<http://www.dockdogs.com>



**Freestyle:** Why moon over “Dancing With The Stars” when you could be out there dancing with your dog? As my trainer says, “It helps shy dogs gain confidence and boisterous dogs get control over themselves.” Some handlers dress themselves and their dogs up in costume and come up with routines based on a song or a theme. Others incorporate tricks or basic heelwork to music. Whatever way you do it, it's fun. I'm no dancer but even I've done it, and if I can, you can! Click on these links for some great ideas and cool videos:

<http://www.worldcaninefreestyle.org>  
<http://www.canine-freestyle.org>  
<http://www.musicaldogsport.org>

**Tracking:** Using its nose is instinctive to a dog, so why not turn that sniffing into a game? Tracking is an AKC-sanctioned sport that tests your dog's ability to follow a scent and at its end, find an article (a glove). Dog and handler teams progress from “fresh” tracks to “old” scents, then across various urban and wooded settings, in any season. Make “scense” to you? It might to your dog. Look here to read more:

[http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/getting\\_started.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/getting_started.cfm)

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**Scent Work:** Related to tracking is a relatively new sport generically referred to as “scent work” or “nose games.” First, dogs are taught to recognize a particular scent, such as anise or clove. A target containing that scent is hidden (in a cardboard box for starters), then the dog is encouraged to search for that odor. As they become more skilled, dogs are trained to find different scents and the searches become more difficult. See if your Aussie “nose” the way. Check out available camps and instructors at:

<http://www.k9nosework.com>

<http://www.nacsw.net>

**Treibball:** This very new dog sport began in Germany and has become a hit here in the US. Treibball is for all dogs, not just traditional herding breeds, and helps burn off some energy as well as tapping into dogs’ problem-solving abilities. Dogs learn to use their noses and shoulders to “drive” eight fitness-type vinyl balls into a goal within 10 minutes. The size of the balls is proportionate to the size of the dogs, so all contestants are challenged equally. Trainers and clubs exist throughout the US and abroad. Find them and give this a try at:

<http://www.americantreibballassociation.org>

**Weight Pull:** “My dog pulls on leash!” That might be to your advantage if you try weight pulling. Yes, dogs under 20 pounds are eligible to compete. They must pull a loaded sled or cart a certain distance within a certain time without stopping or hesitating. For something completely different, look on the links below. (Can you spot the rat terrier?)

<http://www.iwpa.net>

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogWeight-Pull>



**Dog Scouts of America:** So you’ve looked at these websites and just aren’t sure what to try first or whether any of this is really for you. Perhaps there’s no one in your area teaching the kind of game you’d like to try. Or maybe you’d just enjoy having a group of friends to go hiking with dogs. You might look for a local troop of the Dog Scouts of America (DSA). Founded in 1995, its primary goal is enjoying our dogs’ company and being able to try as many activities as possible with your dog—all in a noncompetitive way that promotes the human-canine bond. The DSA’s philosophy is that any dog should be able to try any activity and, if you find your dog has a flair for it, you can earn merit badges for various activities. At the heart of DSA is becoming a responsible dog owner and showing others by example just what that means. Using humane training methods, picking up after your dog, having your dog under control in a public place—these are just some of the ways in which DSA members demonstrate “responsibility” every day. It’s a worthwhile organization and all about having a good time with our dogs during their too-brief lives with us. There are many chapters, so find one near you and get in on the fun at:

[http://dogscouts.org/About\\_Us.ht](http://dogscouts.org/About_Us.ht) ■



# The STANDARD

by Heather Rife DVM



## Education Day 2012 broken down.....

This issue will be a recap on what was talked about on Education Day by Ida Ellen & Heather Rife DVM. The Series "The Standard Broken Down" will continue with the next issue.

Education Day culminated in a discussion of the breed standard by Ida Ellen Weinstock. She described the ideal movement of the Australian Terrier as effortless and fluid, with a level topline. Reach and drive should be equal. Her demo aussie was not cooperating as the sun and humidity had combined to make it uncomfortable, even under the awning. Reggie had had enough also, and he moved down and back with less than his usual enthusiasm.



Back to the table for an excellent discussion of shoulder layback as compared to pelvic angles.

Ida Ellen demonstrated how to locate the angle of the acromium, or the scapular ridge. Tracing along this ridge and its intersection of the humerus allows us to visualize the front angulation. Then drop a line from the uppermost line of the scapula and the angle from this vertical line and the line of the acromium allows us

to estimate the actual angle of the shoulder assembly. Previously thought to be ideal at 45 degrees, recent studies using cineradiography instead show us that the ideal angle is more correctly 30 degrees.

The rear angulation is calculated using a straight horizontal line along the topline or vertebral column. The line from the ilium (or hipbone) to the ischium (the buttock or "shelf") then constitutes the angle of the pelvis. When angles are mismatched, one body part will work harder to compensate, thus risking injury and stress to the dog.

An excellent resource for this topic is *Dog steps, A New Look* by Rachel Page Elliott.

Ms Elliott's first book *Dogsteps* was published in 1973. Her newest book looks at movement through cineradiography, or moving xrays, and clearly illustrates the concepts discussed here.



There were a lot of questions asked and discussion of anatomy and angles. Many remarked on how they finally understood the angle issue as it relates to movement.

I discussed the importance of performance dog anatomy. Good anatomy is crucial in a performance dog and cannot be overemphasized. A performance owner

can often spend exponentially more money and invest more time training than conformation owners. Then, just as the dog is exhibiting at peak levels of performance, underlying structural faults exacerbate injury and may eliminate the dog from further competition.

A dog with straight shoulders and matching angles in the rear may still be an excellent performance prospect. An incorrect head would not adversely affect the ability of the dog to perform in the fields. Ida Ellen recommended that we, as breeders, separate our puppies into conformation, performance and pet prospects. As our "grand little dogs" continue to attract attention and excel in performance events, the demand for performance Aussies will increase.

It behooves us as breeders to be aware of the physical demands placed on the performance dog and help match structure and function of body type to future performance goals.



# *Across The Pond* by Brenda Brown

## THE DOG SHOW SCENE IN THE UK

The dog show scene here in the UK, where we have the oldest Kennel Club in the world, is very different to the rest of the world. Let me explain why that is.

In most countries throughout the world the majority of conformation shows are Ch shows. Not so in the UK where it's a whole different ball-game!

By a HUGE margin the majority of conformation shows in the UK are Open Shows, not Ch shows. 1,444 Breed Club and General (i.e. all-breeds) Open shows were licensed in the UK in 2010 compared to a total of 38 General and Group Ch shows and 564 Breed Club Ch shows.

The Scottish Kennel Club is the delegated authority for The Kennel Club in Scotland and this is where Scotland is completely different to the rest of the UK. It is, in fact, The Scottish Kennel Club which issues licences for all of Scotland's Open shows, both Breed Club and General societies. At all-breeds Open shows in Scotland entries range from 350 – 750 dogs and occasionally this can be a lot more depending on judges, venue, etc.

Generally speaking, Scottish exhibitors travel much further to show at Open shows than exhibitors in Wales and, more-so, in England.

SKC cannot issue licences for any Ch shows held in Scotland. The licences for all Ch shows in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland are issued solely by The Kennel Club in London.

Southern Ireland (Eire) is different again as it has its own governing body.

As I said in a previous Talkabout we have just 10 Ch shows per year for Aussies.....and that number is for the entire UK!!!!!! Here in Scotland our one and only Ch show per year for Aussies is The Scottish Kennel Club Ch show, held in Edinburgh each May. This means Sheila Stoddart and I have to travel much further to Ch shows than any other Aussie exhibitors in the UK.

With petrol costs at US\$2.26 per litre (diesel is US\$2.34) and entry fees of US\$40 per dog (online it's US\$44) showing is an expensive hobby!

The only people in the UK who can judge the seven Groups plus the Any Variety classes at Open shows are those of us, myself included, who judge at Championship Show level. Dogs which have their Ch title can be shown, and often are, at UK Open shows so competition at these shows can be fierce.

Aspiring judges who are in the early stages of judging can judge a maximum of three Breed classes at all-breeds Open shows where classes for our breeds are scheduled. In the case of Aussies not many Open shows schedule classes for our breed which makes it difficult for aspiring judges in our breed, especially here in Scotland and in the more far-flung areas of the UK such as Devon and Cornwall, to get enough classes under their belt to gain promotion to the next level on the judging front. People from the Midlands area of the UK (i.e. the Birmingham area) have far greater opportunities to gain the number of classes needed for promotion as there are many more shows in the Midlands which schedule Aussie classes.

In certain breeds the number of classes can be four and in a small number of the numerically strong breeds people can judge up to five classes. If the judge is more qualified than that and, providing they have the support of a Breed Club, they can judge more classes of that breed.

The UK also has Members' Limited shows where, in order to compete, the exhibitors have to be fully paid-up members of the society running the show. Membership is usually a fairly nominal fee. Dogs which have won any award towards the title of Ch cannot be shown at Limited Shows but dogs which have won a Runner-Up Ch can be shown at Limited shows. These are smaller shows which can be a great training-ground, particularly for puppies/young stock and for up-and-coming judges.

I know in the US you have great difficulty understanding why we have Breed Specialists as judges. You have grave concerns re Club members judging fellow members' dogs. Here in the UK we have no such hang-ups!

So much so, the vast majority of UK exhibitors prefer to show under Breed Specialists as they have physically owned, shown and lived with our breeds whereas the Non Specialists have no first-hand knowledge of the breeds they are scheduled to judge. Non Specialists know little of the characteristics of the breed that make that dog the very breed it is.

As to sportsmanship – I'm delighted to say that, almost without exception, the UK's exhibitors accept our placings with good grace. Maybe, it's the "stiff upper lip" we Brits are world-famous for having! We know that, as in any competition, the judge's decision is final.

Bad sportsmanship is hugely frowned upon. "A bad loser" will quickly gain a reputation and if an exhibitor goes too far and causes a scene (thankfully, that's very rare), the judge can very easily report them to The Kennel Club. The offender can and will be disciplined by The Kennel Club which does not tolerate such behaviour. Offenders are usually banned from ALL participation in our sport for anything from 1 – 10 years.

# Road Trip 2012

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Lots of folks are heading home today; people are loading their cars and hitting the road. It was sad to see everyone leaving as that meant it was almost over. Back at the room, we talk about supper. The Hawthorne Inn is the place that everyone wanted to try, and we enjoyed a sirloin beef dinner with bread pudding for dessert.

Monday came much too soon and there were not as many entries today. Betsy Dale was our judge and she didn't mess around. Before I knew it, the bred-by bitches class was already in! I scooped up Zoey and ran to the ring steward and asked if I was too late. She talked to Ms Dale and since she wasn't finished judging yet, she allowed us in. We would have been in the same spot anyway, as our catalog order placed us last in line, so it wasn't so bad. I figured being late was the kiss of death, but she placed us fourth. I figured it was better to be late than absent, so I was happy with the placement.

Time for best of breed, the last show of the weekend. Even though many had left for home, there was still a total of 34 entries. I had asked Heather earlier that morning whether she would stay for group if Reggie took breed. She said that she'd have to change her flight schedule, but yes, she would.

In came the specials, winners dog, and winners bitch. After all were shown and examined, she came back to Heather and Reggie, motioning them to the head of the line. Then Marble Arch The Corner Man for best of winners, then CH Dreamtime's Keepsake CA for best of opposite. Select dog went to Zeb and select bitch to CH Blue Moon River.

What a nice win for Heather and Reggie! Looks like Heather has to schedule a different flight home! We had planned on leaving after showing, we have to stay now that Heather and Reggie will be in the Group. Looks like Terriers will be fifth in the ring. Time to start dismantling our equipment and repacking the Jenga van. A young man, a professional handler, walked by and commented, "This is what it looks like when my wife comes to a show with me!" Thanks, fella.



Elaine, Linda and I headed back to the ring to take our seats. Reggie and Heather are ready. Here they come! There was applause for all as they took their places in the ring. Betsy Dale is the group judge today. Let's see how much she likes our Aussie. The dogs are examined and moved around the ring. Then it was Reggie's turn. When Heather set him up on the table, he looked just fabulous. "Down and back, please," Ms Dale said. We clapped and cheered for our boy, quieted as he slowed down and stacked perfectly for the judge, then erupted in applause and cheers as she sent him around the ring. Good job, Reggie! The remaining dogs are examined and moved. Now it's time for Ms. Dale to make her choices. She walks down the line and as she came to Reggie, she called out "One!" Dear God, you could hardly contain us, we were clapping and hollering so loudly! The Am Staff was second, the Norwich third, and the Border was fourth. Our Aussie had taken the Group!!! I think she liked him just fine! That meant Best In Show for Reggie and Heather! What a way to end our Specialty week. Our Aussies opened it with a bang, took a piece of the Group each day and closed it with another bang. I'd say we made a huge impression this week.

There's a slight hitch. Best In Show can't start until the Hound Group is judged. The Saluki specialty is on Tuesday and there is a huge entry, with 50 dogs yet to be judged. It will be very late in the day before they are done and the Hound Group can be judged. As much as we wished we could stay, we just couldn't. We have to be on the road this afternoon. We say our good-byes and give Heather and Reggie our best wishes.

We settle in for the drive back home. So much has happened during the week that we were here. We are driving home with the 2012 specialty winner, 2-time breed winner, and 2-time Group 2 winner in our van! We plan to stop in Independence, MO, to meet Elaine's sister and brother-in-law once more. We will be dining at Gate's Barbeque, a favorite of Elaine's from her days in Missouri. Supper was great. Elaine bought bottles of barbeque sauce to bring home. When we walked the dogs, lightning bugs were out! I hadn't seen those since I was a kid!

Once back in the van, Elaine is driving. I'm glad, as I'm exhausted. Destination – Nebraska City, NE, where we stop for the night. We get there about midnight and all are ready for a nice bed and some good sleep. On Tuesday, we got an early start. We are making good time, despite the 50-plus mile an hour winds coming up from the south. The trucks on I-80 are leaning almost sideways and some drivers have pulled over to the side of the road. We kept on going and got to Cheyenne midafternoon. After unloading Linda's and Elaine's stuff, I repacked the van for the last time, and the girls and I headed home to Gillette. In a few more hours, we would be home.

It surely was an action-packed week. Lots of work, lots of fun. And to think, I almost missed it. Thank you, Lord, for letting me be a part of it all.

# During the Full Moon.....

Popular astrology focuses on the power of the Sun so much that we forget what a major impact the Moon has on our daily lives.

While the Moon's relationship to the tides is common knowledge, its effect on growth is less well known. Farmers time the planting of fields and harvesting of crops around specific Moon phases. In fact, even your hair follicles are quite susceptible to the gravitational pull of the Moon. Lunar gardening and agriculture are such time-honored and proven practices that gardeners and farmers planted their crops during favorable times to achieve maximum growth and yield. If the moon has such a magnificent effect on the ocean, then plants, composed of a good deal of water, must at least be affected to some degree.

For mammals, water accounts for 60-80% of our body weight. The moon must have an effect on hair since the hair follicles are made of epithelial tissue that is comprised mainly of Hydrogen and Oxygen, the two elements that combine to form water.

One explanation for the subtle effect is that during the phase when the moon increases in light (the waxing moon) fluids are drawn upwards as in growth. When the moon decreases in light (the waning moon) fluids flow to the roots. If you planted during a new moon, the growth energy available would increase the success and hardiness of a seedling. If, however, you planted after the full moon, energy for new seeds would decline.

Enough about farming, what about the moon phases' effect on hair?

The best astrological signs for faster, longer and healthier hair is the New Moon in Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn or Pisces.

Groom during the New Moon or during the First Phase of the Moon when the light of the moon is increasing. When possible start a hair growth program with the New Moon in one of the most beneficial signs. Start by stripping coat during the New Moon or First Phase of the Waxing (increasing) Moon.

These dates are also helpful if you are starting a specific hair growth program and want faster results. When the Moon is in the same place as the Sun, it is called a New Moon. This happens roughly every 28 days.

Strip your dogs coat after a New Moon only if you want the coat to grow out very fast.

Now to hear from someone who that has actually applied these grooming techniques and has the following advice:

Matthew who has groomed his dogs during the moon phases for fifteen years sites these observations:

Hair is an energy carrier. Hair is as sensitive as its owner and needs a certain vibration in order to feel well. The best day for grooming is the third day after a new moon and the third day before a full moon. On these days the hair does not lose any energy.

If the coat is groomed on these 2 days, it will continue growing without impedance.

He has found that when a coat is groomed with the moon in the sign of Leo, coat improves and becomes stronger.

American Astrologer Linda Goodman says if you want your dog's coat thick then continue grooming during the full moon; it will not grow back as fast. However if you want it to grow back quickly, trim regularly at the new moon, even just a tiny bit. Then you will realize the coat is growing much faster.

Never groom a coat when the moon is in Virgo. If you want coat to grow faster strip it when moon is in Cancer or Pisces in the 1st or 2nd quarter. If you want it to grow slower, groom it when the moon is in Aries, Gemini or Virgo in the 3rd or 4th quarter, with Saturn opposing moon or square.

To make it grow thicker, strip when moon is full, or, when it's in opposition to the sun in the signs of Taurus, Cancer, or Leo up to and on the full moon.

Confused yet???

Follow your monthly calendar to see when there is a next full moon and groom your dog and let us know the results!



# *The Australian Terrier*

*is a very happy dog by nature,*



*known for his clever sense of humor and his affection for people.*



*Not a backyard dog by any means, the Australian Terrier needs to live indoors as a member of the family.*

# To Breed or Not to Breed

## The Ties That Bind: Genetics & The Breeder

By Susan Thorpe-Vargas, PhD and John C. Cargill, MA, MBA, MS

This four-part series on breeder ethics discusses religious, historical and legal concepts surrounding the dog and its place in modern society. With this foundation, we will examine ethical issues pertaining to breed preservation, the betterment of breeds, overpopulation and the altering of dogs, genetic disease and the purpose of breeds as well as backyard and occasional breeders. Along the way, we will take a look at American Kennel Club statistics, the showing of dogs, sportsmanship, responsibilities of puppy buyers, the need for contracts, the work of rescue groups, the presence of puppy mills and pet stores, the role of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the sales/advertising of dogs, including the Internet marketplace.

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### PART 3

One must make ethical choices when deciding what to breed, when to breed and even if to breed

Humans have created all of the more than 400 dog breeds in existence today. Even if their origins are shrouded in obscurity, we still know breeds were not brought into existence by natural selection. In fact, dog breeds are such an artificial construct that without human intervention and supervision, these breeds would cease to exist.

The canine species as a whole maintains a tremendous genetic diversity. Indeed, it is the "plastic" nature of the canine genome that has allowed the creation of such a variety of different dog breeds. By selection for certain behaviors and the physical requirements needed for a particular occupation, humans were able to fashion breeds as morphologically different as the Yorkshire Terrier and the Newfoundland.

Every dog carries deleterious genes. It is nothing to be ashamed of; it is simply a fact. When you inbreed, you not only double up on the "good" genes, or those that you are selecting for, but you are also doubling up on those recessive traits that are at the least suboptimal and which, at the worst, express genetic disease. If the trait is polygenetic, such as hip dysplasia, then you are likely adding to the "threshold" genetic load at which that disease is expressed.

We already have discussed the social, historical and political issues surrounding canine ownership and breeding, as well as some of the responsibilities that go along with them. In this third part, we will discuss the choices and priorities of individual breeders and their impact on the continued viability of their specific dog breeds. The question one should ask is, are you breeding for yourself and your ego or are you seeking the betterment of, and indeed the continued existence of, your breed? We suggest that some current breeding practices are neither in the best interest of the individual dog in terms of health and temperament, nor do they bode well for the future.

### BREEDING QUESTIONS

So what defines a breed? It has been suggested by Jeffrey Bragg in the World Wide Web site titled "Purebred Dog Breeds

into the Twenty-First Century—Achieving Genetic Health for Our Dogs" ([www.seppalaseddogs.com/documents/pbdg21c.htm](http://www.seppalaseddogs.com/documents/pbdg21c.htm)) that three concurrent criteria have to be met before one can declare with certainty that, yes, this is a distinct breed.

Dog breeds are first distinguished by ancestry. This means that all the dogs of a certain breed can trace their pedigree back to a select group known in breeding parlance as founders or foundation stock. The next condition is that they have been created for an express purpose, i.e., they all have a specific job to fulfill. Thirdly, they all must share a particular physical appearance that subsequently has been defined and refined into what is now known as the breed standard.

Originally, that breed standard should have reflected the type of work required of the dog but, sadly, this no longer may be true. The Bulldog is a good illustration of how exaggerated type (appearance) has led to the creation of a dog no longer capable of performing its original function, which was bull-baiting—setting Bulldogs on a tethered bull with the purpose of pinning and holding it. The breed has lost its agility and now would get stomped or gored by a bull.

We suggest that rigid selection for appearance and preference of breeding partners, based on a closed and genetically isolated population derived from a particular foundation, has resulted in the loss of genetic diversity and the steadily declining health of the purebred dog. In addition, little or no emphasis is often placed on performance factors for which the dog was originally bred. Even though many do not acknowledge there is a problem, modern breeders are now in a quandary because they have failed to recognize that techniques needed to establish a breed (such as extreme inbreeding) are detrimental to the continued existence of that breed.

Dog breeders are a group with long traditions and many "rules of thumb" that are contrary to known scientific facts. In making most breeding decisions, very few in dogdom have had any exposure to basic genetics, much less population genetics. Population genetics involve a population or species as a whole, rather than concentrating on the individual animal. Population genetics is a very useful tool for showing what happens when we lose genetic diversity.

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Our worldwide purebred registries were developed on premises that do not hold scientifically today, such as the idea that inbreeding is not problematic. This must change if we are to save the sport of dog breeding and showing.

When discussing the need for changes, many "old line" breeders argue, "Genetics is just a science based on theories, and theories have often been proven wrong by newer theories." We even have seen comments on various Internet breed lists alluding that no one person's theory has more value than another's because they are only opinions.

Theory and scientific opinion are often misused and misunderstood terms. To a layperson "theory" means speculation, but in truth, anything in science that gets elevated to the status of a theory has an overwhelming amount of evidence that supports it and has, in fact, withstood many challenges. Theories bring together and elucidate a large chunk of information and help us to understand and organize a wide range of topics.

### INBREEDING AND THE PUREBRED DOG

So what has science shown us? In order to create a uniform type that breeds true, one must inbreed. Inbreeding is the mating of two animals that are more closely related than the average individual within a certain breeding population. When breeds were formed, usually just a few dogs were used as founders. As a result, many existing breeds are more than 20 percent ancestrally inbred, as shown in Daniel L. Hartl and Andrew G. Clark's "Principles of Population Genetics."

Author Thorpe-Vargas works with Samoyeds, a breed that started from a foundation stock of fewer than 20 dogs. The English had already taken some of the dogs of the natives local to the Bering Straits for sled dogs in their quest for the north and south poles. (Taking a small population from a major population in this way is called a founder event.) The English had a rather severe selection criteria: The dogs were to be white, have dark eyes, dark eye rims and solid black lip lines. The situation with the Mastiff is even more problematic because there were only four dogs used after World War II.

Compounding the problem of a limited number of founders was the overuse of several of these foundation animals, and the underutilization of the others. This artificial selection was necessary because inbreeding alone is not sufficient to "fix" characteristics and eliminate unwanted traits. Artificial selection refers to nonassortive mating in which selection pressures are determined by factors such as a human deciding, for example, that he or she likes red coats. So inbreeding and artificial selection were used to fix type by increasing the homozygosity of the genes that coded for appearance. In addition, many other traits not expressed in the phenotype also became homozygous.

This practice also resulted in a loss of genetic diversity and the fixing of gene frequency. This means that the frequency

of certain genes found within the source or original population are not necessarily reflected in the new founder population. It all depends on what genes the founder animals brought with them. Thus a genetic defect that was very rare in the source population now can be very common in a particular breed, because one or more individuals in the new population carried that defect.

Compounding the problem is that small populations are subject to genetic drift. Genetic drift is the random loss of alleles due to chance. Alleles are alternative forms of genes at the same position on a chromosome. Having multiple alleles at a particular locus within a population is a measure of that population's genetic diversity.

One way to illustrate the concept of genetic drift is to think of a coin toss. The probability is 50:50 that either side will come up. However, if you toss the coin only three times, it is not all that unusual for you to get three heads or three tails. It is only by increasing the number of tosses that you start to get the normal probability. This is called the Law of Large Numbers.

Think of the number of tosses as the number of individuals in a population—the fewer the number of individuals, then the fewer the number of alternative alleles available. Also adding to the problem is the fact that not every individual is chosen to produce progeny, so his or her genetic contribution is lost forever.

Although the effective population is not really the actual number of individuals that produce progeny, it is very close to that number, as opposed to the actual number of individuals that make up a population. To illustrate, imagine you have a very popular breed with thousands of registrations yearly. What if only 300 males are used to provide stud service? Anything that restricts the number of males used will limit the effective population. This uneven use of individuals in breeding continues today and is called the popular sire syndrome.



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### LINE BREEDING AND INBREEDING

We have listened to dog breeders expound ad infinitum on the merits of line breeding as opposed to inbreeding (see “Definitions”). We have often heard how line breeding has no deleterious effects. This is just not so. Line breeding is not a recognized term in genetics—it is all considered inbreeding. Dr. John Armstrong of the University of Ottawa, Canada, communicated with us via e-mail. He so elegantly wrote:

“In my view, one could probably subdivide inbreeding into three categories: background, historic and recent. The background level is dependent upon the number of founders. In a breed/population that started from six or eight founders, sometimes closely related, you cannot find individuals that are not related even if you breed as carefully as possible. Recent (or “close”) inbreeding is, to me, the breeding of sons to mothers, full siblings, and the like. When it isn’t done simply for the convenience of the breeder, the usual justification is that it is the only way to preserve type, or that it is an effective way of discovering problems in your line. Yes, genetic defects can be uncovered in this way, but in practice I don’t think many are or they are not recognized as such.

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“Historic inbreeding results from uneven sampling from the population,” he continued. “This is most obvious with the males. The same few ‘popular’ (well-promoted) individuals are used repeatedly, and many of the others are not used at all. The collection of genes from the latter may be lost to the population, particularly if it is small. Everyone becomes related to these popular sires and inbreeding becomes inevitable. What appears to happen is that slightly detrimental genes that individually might not make much of an impact start to accumulate in the population until breeders begin to notice that their litter sizes are smaller than they remember the old-timers reporting, they have difficulty getting a bitch pregnant and that various health problems seem to be turning up more often than in the past. Some may attribute these problems to diet, environmental toxins and the like, but the bulk of it is genetic [authors’ emphasis]. This is what inbreeding depression is all about.”



### COEFFICIENT OF INBREEDING

The coefficient of inbreeding is the statistical probability that the two alleles at a randomly chosen gene locus are identical by descent; i.e., inherited from an ancestor common to both parents. The more inbred the breeding partners are, the more likely that they will share the same alleles. A common inbreeding paradigm in the dog world is the breeding of a grandfather to a granddaughter. (Although this may be a general concept of breeders, it is contrary to how geneticists, especially population geneticists, think you should do it.) If one ignores any previous inbreeding within the pedigree, the minimum COI of this breeding is 12.5 percent. Professional breeders of production animals such as cows, pigs, goats, horse, sheep and chickens, think that a COI around 9 percent is skirting the allowable limit. They, of course, are interested in such issues as health, productivity and reproductive viability. One then must ask what dog breeders are interested in? A COI of 12.5 percent means that it is very likely that the progeny of a granddaughter/grandfather cross share identical alleles at one out of every eight possible loci.

Decreasing heterozygosity within the individual breeds must give us cause for alarm. Not only are we seeing loss of reproductive fitness, but other parameters such as longevity also are affected. A paper titled “Inbreeding and Longevity in the Domestic Dog,” which was submitted by Armstrong for publication in the *Journal of Heredity*, suggests that in the breeds he looked at, there is a decline in the median life span of about 7 percent for every 10 percent increase in inbreeding.

Another example of the deleterious effects of inbreeding is what is happening to the immune system. More and more we are seeing such problems as autoimmune diseases, irritable bowel syndrome and various food and environmental allergies. The genes that control the immune system must be heterozygous if the individual is to have the ability to recognize foreign proteins, to differentiate foreign proteins from “self” and to fight off disease and parasites without overreacting to these environmental perils.

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The genes that control the immune system are passed down together as "haplotypes," one set from each parent. They are found so close together on the chromosome that very little if any recombination occurs. Recombination is the process of combining genotypes and phenotypes not present in either parent, but which show up in their offspring. When inbreeding occurs, the chance that a puppy will inherit an identical set of these genes from each parent increases. This, in effect, cuts the functional ability of the immune system in half and seriously compromises the quality and duration of life for the puppy. Those of you who have had a dog with allergies, with demodectic mange or without the ability to fight off a deadly disease know the tremendous suffering this involves, both for the dog and its owner.

There are other reasons for an impaired immune response, such as poor nutrition or a lack of vitamin E and selenium in the dam's diet. Without those two nutrients the offspring are born without a sufficient number of immune competent cells. So there are environmental reasons for an impaired immune system, but the bulk of the literature suggests that inbreeding plays the greater role.

### THE RAMPANT RABBIT

Inbreeding was another topic on an Internet breed list recently, and the question was asked, "Wild rabbits arrived in Australia in 1859, when Thomas Austin released 24 animals he had brought from England for sport hunting; why didn't the rabbit inbreed itself to death?"

This story is a good illustration of the problems associated with dog breeding. The first difference between dogs and rabbits is that the rabbits were not being selectively bred for anything other than survival. They had the additional advantage of having an almost unlimited food supply, no effective predators and really no competition for their particular ecological niche. In fact, there was no natural selection to begin with because few if any diseases and parasites came with them. The breeding was as random as possible, and rabbits have lots and lots of offspring, who also bred randomly, so the founder's alleles were comparatively evenly distributed during the first explosive phase of population growth.

Once the rabbit population was large enough to meet the Hardy-Weinberg criteria of about 10,000 to 100,000, the gene pool was pretty safe from genetic drift. (The Hardy-Weinberg criteria states that the population needs to reach a certain number of individuals for it not to be subject to genetic drift.) Considering that rabbits breed like, well, rabbits, they undoubtedly reached that population cushion pretty rapidly. Even so, the Australian rabbits had a smaller number of alleles available to them than their European cousins, so they would be less able to handle any new environmental hazards.

On the other hand, dog breeds were intensively selectively bred right from the first generation and for criteria that had

nothing to do with survival: In the Samoyed it was all-white coats, black lip lines and prick ears; thus, breeding was by no means random. In addition, because the population was never large enough early in the breed history to protect the dogs from genetic drift, the random loss of alleles was a serious problem. Some alleles that code for big brown spots do not matter in this breed, but what about those that control the immune response or allow an individual to metabolize an environmental toxin?

There are alternatives to inbreeding, however. Assortative mating is the selection for breeding of phenotypically similar individuals. For dog breeders this means that when choosing a mate for a bitch, you find a male that matches all the physical appearances or traits within the breed standard that you want to keep and that do not duplicate any of your bitch's faults.

Selection by phenotype is very common in those European countries where inbreeding is discouraged. According to M.W. Willis in *Genetics of the Dog*, most German breeds are bred with very little inbreeding—instead they use assortative mating and selection. This results in a very uniform type among dogs appearing in the show ring. Assortative mating does increase the resemblances among littermates; however, phenotype breeding is still selective breeding so some increase in homozygosity is to be expected.

The difference between the two breeding techniques is that the chance of doubling up on hidden or undesired traits is minimized with assortative mating, even though the breeder is selecting the animals. This is not true of inbreeding.

### PRESERVING GENETIC DIVERSITY

The optimal program for breeders is to use assortative mating and avoid inbreeding as much as possible in order to minimize the coefficient of inbreeding. Open up the studbooks, and, if possible, use the original stock. Three examples of breeds that have small pockets of "country of origin" dogs include the Saluki, the Samoyed and the Basenji.

Allow breeding between different strains of dogs that are really the same breed but that have had artificial breed status conferred upon them by the various registries. There have been numerous artificial breed splits along color lines or sizes or based on politics. A current hot topic is the American Kennel Club's Akita vs. the Federation Cynologique Internationale's Great Japanese Dog vs. the Japanese Kennel Club's Akita. There were never very many Akitas in Japan. Fewer still survived World War II. After its recognition of the Akita, the AKC closed the studbook on Akitas from Japan, effectively cutting the genetic pool of Akitas off from their land of origin.

The politics innate in the registries have not followed rational genetic lines but rather have followed power, influence and winning kennels. Basenji and Saluki breeders understand firsthand what we mean by politically restricted gene pools subordinated to a European concept of purebred dogs.

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These two breeds of great antiquity are not AKC-recognized unless they come from just a few founders. It matters not that they have been around for several thousands of years.

### HIDING GENETIC DISEASE

If breeders withhold information about the genetic disease in their breed or within their line, then we face an insurmountable barrier in any attempt to control genetic disease. Open discussion about problems your dogs have produced allows other breeders to make more informed choices. Secrecy and denial only perpetuate the problem. Genetic testing may help; however, if the disease does not appear until late in the dog's life, then only by alerting your puppy owners "downstream" from the affected dog can you hope to prevent further misery for both the dogs and owners.

False pedigrees, absent genetic testing, can invalidate the conclusions drawn from pedigree analysis. We recognize that there is some "noise" in the various registries and, in some cases, a significant level of noise. False information on pedigrees makes analysis difficult and in some cases impossible. The SCC (French Kennel Club) has done random paternity and maternity checks on about 200 pups from recent litters from various breeds. The parents of 17 percent of the pups as indicated by the pedigree were incorrect. We suspect that this French example is not only a French example, but a worldwide example. This may occur even more often in the United States where there is a significant amount of money changing hands between commercial breeders and pet stores.

This quote from C.A. Sharp, author of *The Biggest Problem*, in the Summer 2000 edition of *Double Helix Network News*, says it all succinctly:

"You all know them. The ones that put winning above all other goals. 'It doesn't matter as long as the dog wins,' is their mantra. Their dogs must win, as must their dogs' offspring, and woe betide anyone who stands in their way as they pursue greater breed and personal glory . . . If a genetic problem isn't apparent they will ignore it. If it can be (surgically) fixed they will. If it can't, they will employ some variant on 'shoot, shovel and shut-up,' or recoup their losses by shipping the dog a long way away, preferably across an ocean or two. If someone else knows about the problem, the Incorrigibles will use any means at their disposal to shut that person up, ranging from veiled threats and rumor-mongering to blatant bully tactics and threatened legal action."

Most of us can think of an example of this behavior. In author Thorpe-Vargas' breed it was the attack on Rosemary Jones, the breeder who first brought the dirty little secret of progressive retinal atrophy into the light of day and who named names and published pedigrees. Without acknowledging there is a problem, how can we fix it?

Why is it also that we speak among ourselves about these unethical breeders and yet we do business with them because . . . their dogs win! What does this say about our own ethics?

The form of PRA expressed in Siberian Huskies and Samoyeds is an X-linked, late-onset disease that usually appears somewhere between 3 and 5 years of age. By testing breeding stock, breeders will be able to avoid producing affected offspring. Research on the disease was done at the James Baker Institute, Cornell University and was funded by a combined grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Siberian Husky Club of America. The test is offered by Optigen®, LLC ([www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)).

Let's move on to the Ostrich Syndrome breeders. These are the ones who will do anything not to test for a genetic disease. If they do not test for it they will never find it. Denial is the name of that game.

The authors recently became aware of a situation with respect to hip dysplasia, a crippling disease that cannot be diagnosed without radiography. It seems a breeder with dogs having an incidence of hip dysplasia much greater than the breed average is saying that the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is incorrectly diagnosing hip dysplasia. In addition, the breeder states that the dogs are passing PennHIP®, another rating system. PennHIP, however, does not grade using "pass" or "fail."



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Those of us who are truly dedicated to the health of our canine companions will not make any headway until we first recognize and confront the human behavior expressed when faced with canine genetic disease. We conclude that the genetic problems in purebred dogs are not intrinsically a canine problem, but rather a human problem supported by politics, old wives' tales, ignorance and even outright rejection of scientific opinion. In the words of Elvin Stackman, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as quoted in *Life* magazine in 1950, "Science cannot stop while ethics catches up—and nobody should expect scientists to do all the thinking for the country."

We have shown that breeders' understanding of genetics plays a controlling role in the future of any dog breed. Why, on the majority of Internet breed lists, do we keep hearing that line breeding is necessary to preserve type and that one needs to improve a breed by "doubling up" on popular sires?

We have the knowledge; we have the technology. Failure to incorporate this information and technology into a breeding program is unconscionable; however, in many cases (and some would argue most cases) breeders have not availed themselves of the necessary information to make informed breeding choices.

The time is now and the knowledge is here. We hope we have demonstrated the prime moral imperative of breeder ethics—breed for the genetic health of the breed.

The fourth and final article in this series on breeder ethics will concentrate on some of the nuts and bolts of dealing with puppy buyers and the dog-owning public in general. The "devil is in the details," and we will do our best to sort out the high road for breeders to follow.



### DEFINITIONS:

**Allele** — An alternative form of a given gene producing a difference in the trait controlled by that gene; some genes have only one allele, some have two and some have multiple alleles for the same trait.

**Artificial selection** — Nonassortive mating, in which selection pressures are determined not by fitness to breed and to perpetuate the species, but by other factors such as a human deciding, for example, that he or she likes red coats.

**Country of origin dogs** — Dogs of a specific country. For instance, Akitas originated in Japan, and Akitas from Japan are dogs from country of origin.

**Genotype** — Genetic makeup of the individual, which includes alleles that may be recessive and therefore have no visible physical expression.

**Heterozygosity** — The opposite of homozygosity; having nonidentical alleles at one locus (the space that a particular gene occupies on a chromosome) regarding a specific trait. The natural genetic balance systems of most species include a high degree of heterozygosity.

**Homozygosity** — The opposite of heterozygosity; having identical alleles at one or more loci.

**Inbreeding** — Any breeding selection wherein the breeding partners are any more closely related to each other than they are to average potential opposite sex partners in the general population.

**Line breeding** — A form of inbreeding in which there is an attempt to concentrate the genes of one of more ancestors.

**Phenotype** — Appearance, as opposed to genotype, which is the genetic makeup of the individual.

**Population genetics** — The genetics involving a population or species as a whole, rather than concentrating on the individual animal. It is associated with the concept of "gene pool."

**Recombination** — The process of combining genotypes and phenotypes not present in either parent, but which show up in their offspring.

**Type** — Phenotypic appearance that sets the dogs of one kennel apart from another ■

# To Breed or Not to Breed

## A Breeders Work is Never Done

### PART 4

All of us “in dogs” started somewhere, and not all of us had the good fortune to grow up in families that were involved with dogs and dog breeding, showing or other activities. Author Cargill was born into dogging. When he came home from the hospital, he came home to an Airedale Terrier that was to become his first “baby sitter.” Author Thorpe-Vargas’ dog life started later.

We have been somewhat hypothetical in the earlier installments (see “To Breed Or Not To Breed: Building An Ethical Framework,” “For Pups’ Sake: A Breeder’s duty To Pets And People” and “The Ties That Bind: Genetics And The Breeder” in *The Talkabout*, Issue 1, 2012, and Issue 2, 2012 respectively), but in this final article we now concentrate on specific moral issues the ordinary breeder can expect to encounter.

We thought the best way to start was to talk about our own personal experience with breeding and our relationship with our “puppy people.” both authors made many mistakes when getting into the game as novices, and we will use personal examples of some of the ethical issues.

### LEARNING A LESSON

Thorpe-Vargas got her first Samoyed (her first dog ever) in 1984. It was a rescue, but her family immediately fell in love with the breed and wanted their very own puppy. They had never had a puppy before and were not dog people. The people they had gotten their rescue from had a Christmas litter, so they bought a bitch puppy from them as a present for their son. These people were one step up from backyard breeders. They did do some showing and rescue, but they bred litters to make money. (In preparing to write article, we found that puppy mills do not make up the bulk of American Kennel Club registrations. According to published AKC statistics, the majority of dog registrations are attributed to those who produce only occasional litters.)

This Christmas puppy, call name Shisu, turned out to be Thorpe-Vargas’ “foundation bitch,” and she was extremely lucky with her choice (for Shisu was free from major genetic defects), although Thorpe-Vargas didn’t realize how lucky she was at the time. Shisu came into heat three times between 6 months and 1 year old. Her vet told Thorpe-Vargas either to breed her or fix her because this girl “wanted to be a mother.” So, she called Shisu’s breeder who said, “I have the perfect choice for a stud. You should breed her to her grandfather.”

And they did. The litter decided to arrive on Thanksgiving Day, and the first puppy was breech. With her vet on the phone, Thorpe-Vargas was talked through the process and was able to help Shisu deliver nine puppies, one of which later died. (The family thinks the mother might have stepped on it.) At 6 weeks, Thorpe-Vargas put an ad in the newspaper and

sold the puppies to whoever had the money. To this day, she has no idea what happened to those puppies after they were placed.

What is wrong with this picture?

The people who sold Shisu should have never sold a puppy at Christmas time. Leaving a mother and littermates is probably the most traumatic experience of a puppy’s life. All the turmoil and confusion associated with the holidays is not an environment conducive to introducing a puppy to a new household, especially a family that has never owned a puppy before.

- Thorpe-Vargas had no experience with young dogs and did not know what questions to ask. She knew nothing about the breed, hadn’t done her “homework” and the breeder had done no genetic testing of her dogs.
- Thorpe-Vargas bred a dog that was too young and had had no genetic testing done. She did not know what genetic diseases were common in her breed and what, if any, testing was available.
- Thorpe-Vargas did not carefully plan the litter, studied no pedigrees and used a sire that was both too closely related and that had not undergone any genetic clearances.
- Thorpe-Vargas was neither physically nor mentally prepared to whelp the litter, nor did she have the proper equipment, i.e., a whelping box with pig rails. (These rails prevent the puppies from being asphyxiated or squashed to death.) She should have had an experienced breeder with her or, at the very least, assisted at a few whelpings. She put both her dam and puppies at risk because of her inexperience. Fortunately, Shisu turned out to be a very good mother, but if she hadn’t, the pups would have been at risk of death or abandonment and then depended on the breeder to hand-raise them.
- Thorpe-Vargas did not have a list of qualified puppy buyers prior to the breeding of her bitch.
- Thorpe-Vargas placed her puppies through an advertisement in the newspaper. She did not require even the most basic criteria of her puppy buyers, such as recommendations regarding their character and responsibility. She did not offer any guarantees nor did she have a puppy contract. (One point in her favor is that she did not sell her puppies to a pet store.)
- Thorpe-Vargas let those puppies go out in the world with no help offered to the new owners and with no way to keep track of them.

Thorpe-Vargas did not breed dogs again for four years. She did a much better job the next time.

Some breeders object to selling puppies over the Internet or through the newspaper. In fact, they decry these practices and call them unethical. Others disagree. One thing we must stress is this: Under no circumstances should one sell puppies to a pet store, auction them off or offer them as prizes in any type of raffle. These sorts of events take the control of the sale from the seller and give it to the buyer.

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Breeders should avoid any situation in which they have no control over who eventually receives the puppy after they have given careful consideration to the circumstances and have matched the type of dog to the type of buyer. The World Wide Web is one tool that can help bring breeders and buyers together, but it has drawn criticism because some feel the Web does not facilitate careful screening of the unknown prospective buyers. We suspect many who talk down selling over the Internet, however, have actually sold to buyers who were members of chat groups, breed lists, etc.

### PLANNING A BREEDING

If you are a breeder, the purpose of having a litter is to provide yourself with a dog that you feel will better the breed or at least maintain a high status quo with the best.

However, every puppy produced is not a show- or performance-quality dog. One side effect of producing a show or performance dog is that one will always have pet-quality dogs to place. The breeder's responsibility to them is just as significant as it is for the dog or dogs the breeder is keeping - maybe even more so.

Thorpe-Vargas again has an example of what not to do. She bought a bitch puppy from a very well-known kennel. This puppy matched the phenotype of what she wanted to breed, but she came from a litter of six from which only two survived. (Warning bells should have been ringing.)

After this girl reached 2 years of age and had passed her hip and eye exams, she was bred to a dog that was related to her seven generations back. She produced eight healthy puppies, all of which survived. She, however, developed eclampsia, a life-threatening condition involving an imbalance in the blood calcium levels. She was pulled through this situation but shortly after weaning her pups she started to get seriously dog-aggressive. This behavior only worsened when Thorpe-Vargas started to show her again, and she became useless on the sled team. When Thorpe-Vargas complained to the breeder, she was told to return her, which she did.



Less than a year later, this dog had finished her championship and had been bred to her father. This bitch should never have been bred again. Her life was put in jeopardy by whelping for a second time, and such close inbreeding practically guaranteed an increased probability that she would pass her poor temperament on to her offspring.

One should breed only dogs that have good temperament and good health. If you have performance or working dogs, the next criterion is to produce dogs that can do the work they were bred to do. A sled dog should want to pull a sled, that is, it should be mentally and physically predisposed to the task.

Granted, not all breeds have jobs that still exist. To illustrate, bull-baiting is now illegal. Does this mean that Bulldogs no longer have a job? Unfortunately, this breed no longer has the conformation required to do its "job," but the loyal, rugged temperament should still be there.

So, choosing a mating pair should include not only matching the phenotype or the conformation you want to perpetuate, but also running all available genetic tests and some types of performance tests prior to breeding, too. At the very least, both parents should be mentally stable and have passed some type of temperament test.

### WHELPING A LITTER

There is a lot to consider when breeding dogs, so those who have never done so should first get a mentor. Although most dogs of most breeds whelp freely and are good mothers, there will always be some that will have problems and may be poor mothers.

Ethical breeders will have prepared themselves properly for the procedure by training with another person experienced in the breed. The ethical breeder also would provide the best medical care possible and see that the dam has had the proper conditioning and nutrition she needs. There are services available that provide access to modern instrumentation and professional contacts during the whelping process. With the equipment and remote telemetry leased out by a breeding service, one can even tell if a puppy is in distress or if the bitch has finished whelping.

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At the very least, a close relationship between breeder and vet is essential. Most experienced breeders and vets strongly advise checking for retained puppies by X-raying the bitch within 24 hours or so after the breeder thinks the dam has finished whelping. Many breeders have lost their bitches by neglecting this step.

The proper equipment, including a whelping box, warming pads and an overhead source of heat, is crucial. Remember that puppies have very little capacity for thermal self-regulation. Provide a safe and quiet place for your bitch throughout her pregnancy. Familiar, comfortable surroundings ease the transition of a first-time mother into her new occupation.

### PLACING A PUPPY

Before the bitch becomes a mother, however, the breeder should have prospective buyers at the ready. In fact, the breeder should have buyers in line before the breeding even occurs.

A puppy should be thought of as a new addition to the family. Without that type of commitment, prospective puppy owners should be actively discouraged from getting a dog. But commitment alone is insufficient - the breeder has a responsibility to ensure that the potential buyer also has adequate resources and sufficient stability to afford and care for a dog. There also should be a reasonable degree of certainty on the breeder's part that these conditions will continue.

A breeder should not allow owners to set the puppy up for failure - instead, owners should be given reasonable expectations. The breeder should discuss the different stages of puppy growth and what behaviors to expect at these different stages. In fact, some breeders suggest books and quiz prospective puppy buyers on the material.

A dog can be very inconvenient and puppies especially are very destructive. An 8-week old puppy is probably the equivalent of an 8-month-old human child - they will chew everything. A breeder's job is to mentor puppy buyers and give them the tools needed to get through difficult puppy stages. Talk to them about the dos and don'ts of crating, housetraining, etc.

Did we mention that puppies chew everything? Safe chew toys should be provided, but most of them should be given to the puppy only when it can be supervised. Breeders should impress upon the new owner that anything ruined by the puppy is the owner's fault. Anything left out is fair game.

Breeders should also discuss ownership responsibilities and training. Some puppies need to be fed more than twice a day. Breeders should actively discourage people who work long hours from getting a puppy unless someone can be there to take it out to eliminate on a regular schedule. Perhaps an older or "rescue" dog would be more suitable for those individuals.

Some animals require a firm hand, others a gentle hand. We encourage the gentlest hand consistent with the bravado of the individual animal. Some dogs, even breeds of dogs, will need an "external influence" to intrude on their "I have a mind of my own" mentality and bravado. If they don't get it and discipline is not established early on and maintained throughout the animal's life, there can be serious behavior problems.

One way to get a handle on how new owners will react is to watch them carefully with their own children. Children younger than 5 usually do not have any real concept of how to handle small animals unless they are members of a "doggy" family or are properly supervised. During visits with prospective buyers, breeders should note the guidance parents give or don't give to their children.

Breeders should insist upon some type of personal recommendations. Veterinarians and groomers are usually good contacts. What a breeder needs to determine is the long-term commitment a puppy buyer has. The goal is to find a puppy's "forever home." Dogs grow up and get old. Will these owners get rid of the dog when it gets to be inconvenient or medically costly? Potential owners should be made aware of the genetic diseases the breed is prone to, and medical insurance should be discussed. For a list of topics that breeders should address, see the "Finding Good Homes" sidebar.

### MAKING A COMMITMENT

Breeders must deal with the public. This public is known to be capricious, sometimes irrational, sometimes enlightened and sometimes not. With this in mind, breeders are wise to use contracts.

Breeders should look at the contract as a "training tool," and it should include items that one would normally take for granted. Most experienced and ethical breeders include some type of clause about getting the dog back if for any reason the owners are no longer able to keep the animal or if they fail to live up to their obligations. How enforceable is this proviso? It is probably not very enforceable, but it does give buyers something to think about



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Not only the new owner has such responsibilities to the dog - it goes without saying that breeders should take back their own puppies. Situations do change, however. Financial and health issues arise, not to mention that local dog restrictions (such as those limiting the number of animals on a property) sometimes make it impossible to legally take back a puppy. This is why it is necessary to be so careful when choosing your own puppy buyers. No matter how thorough we think we are, however, circumstances may arise that require the return of a dog.

If you are unable to physically take back the animal, what are your responsibilities? At the very least, you should work with your own breed rescue and provide some monetary recompense. Others to whom you have sold puppies may be able to provide some type of temporary foster care. Puppy people are a wonderful resource if breeders have chosen wisely. What is unconscionable is for breeders to keep producing puppies if they are unable to physically or financially take back what they have created. Ethical breeders, if they really care for their breed, will rescue even others' dogs or will actively and financially support breed rescue efforts.



### SUMMARY OF SERIES:

In this series we have covered the place of the dog in history, in biology and in our hearts. We have looked at various ethical constructs ranging from "dogs are sentient life forms" to "man has absolute dominion." We have reviewed the differences between animal welfare and animal rights.

We believe in domestication, especially when it comes to the dog, but we have not made up our minds yet as to whether the dog domesticated humans or humans domesticated dog. We

prefer to think they probably co-domesticated each other. Certainly early Homo sapiens did better after partnership with the wolf prototypes of domestic dogs, and, certainly, the domesticated dog did better than its remaining undomesticated wolf counterparts. Arguments can be made both ways.

Regardless of the moral stances taken, it seems to us that there is a very real responsibility to breed carefully to avoid creating a cadre of genetically sick dogs. We believe the national registries have a part to play in preventing this potential occurrence. Registries will be forced by population genetics realities to modify their views of what constitutes purebred dog as a group. Breeders will be forced to rethink their understanding of the benefits of line breeding and other such tight inbreeding schemes in favor of assortive matings to preserve genetic diversity. Those involved in breeds with few founders will run up against genetic reality sooner than others.

It is nearly certain there will be a day of reckoning when the genetic choices made in the past will determine the dogs of the future. With the worldwide movement to ban many breeds of dogs (Germany is up to 42 breeds at the time of this writing), we feel there will be a requirement to emphasize temperament above all else in breeding schemes of the future.

We thank those who have provided input on this series. We did our best to offend no one, knowing full well from our experiences, however, that we probably offended just about everyone who read the series. Breeder ethics is an emotionally charged subject; it is difficult to know right from wrong, moral from immoral, and it is virtually impossible to find a neutral ground acceptable to all. ■

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# ATCA 2011 ROM REPORT

Reported by Mike & Kendall Liga

## DAMS OF MERIT:

1. Name: GCH CH Marble Arch Lady From Castile  
 RN09734603  
 Date of Birth: 9/18/2005  
 Owner: Sandra M. Weigle  
 Breeder: Sandra M. Weigle & Marilyn Y. Harban

### Offspring:

Name		Gender
CH Marble Arch Serindip Come Home	Male	
CH Marble Arch Lady Miranda		Female
CH Marble Arch Good Golly Miss Molly	Female	

2. Name: CH Marble Arch Lady Marmalade  
 RN00969403  
 Date of Birth: 8/30/2002  
 Breeder/Owner: Sandra M. Weigle

### Offspring:

Name		Gender
CH Marble Arch Mysticstars Chance	Male	
GCH CH Marble Arch Lady From Castile		Female
CH Marble Arch Buttons And Bows		Female
CH Marbel Arch Ginger Marmalade		Female



## ATCA ROM SIRES 2011

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Ch. Azul Smart Remark  
 Ch. Bangor TT's Winchester, CDX  
 Aus. Am Ch. Benbullen Red Robert  
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 Ch. Brandywine's Moving Target  
 Ch. Benayr Jig's Up  
 Ch. Elvyne Regal Salute  
 Ch. Embars The Wayfarer  
 Ch. Feathertop Riproarious  
 Ch. Frederick Willie Wombat, CD, OA  
 Ch. Plesant Pastures Marble Arch  
 Ch. Qantas Tick  
 Ch. Quentin Christhill, CDX, RN  
 Ch. Roachan's Corky of Tralene  
 Ch. Roachans Rum Runner O'Tralene  
 Ch. Ryba's Batteries Not Included  
 Ch. Ryba's Diamond Jim  
 Ch. Southern Cross Nathan Hawk  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Abernathy  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Charles  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Farm Boy  
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 Ch. Tak-A Chance Nip 'N Tucker  
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Aus Am Can Col Mex Bde Int Ch Tinee Town Talkbac	Gust & Shirley Lund
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Am. Can. Mex. Int. Ch. Touchstones Special FX	Thornoaks Kennels, Reg.
Ch. Wingspan's Wallaby	Mrs. Mllton Fox
Ch. Wirrindi Tweedle Dum	



## ATCA ROM-EXCELLENT DAMS 2011

DOG'S NAME	OWNER
Ch. Azul Bobbi Hill	Mike Liga
Ch. Azul Roadrunner Juxi	Doris Robbins & Julie Rock
Ch. Bearstep's Outback Annie of Akiba	Janet G. Maas
Ch. Benayr No Hugs, Just Kizzi	Julie M Seaton
Ch. Benayr Opening Day	Phyllis & Randy Knight
Ch. Brandywine's Jet Setter	Susan Bentley
Ch. Brandywine's Limited Edition	Phyllis Knight
Ch. Brandywine's Special Edition	Phyllis Knight
Ch. Birchrun Cricket	Kenneth P. & Nancy J. Goesch
Ch. Cambridge Once in a Blue Moon	Jeanne Popovits
Craigieborne Beauty	Virginia Herts
Ch. Dreamtime's Divine Miss Em	Marilyn Harban

Ch Dreamtime's Bit O'Whimsey  
 Ch. Eager Polly Ann, TT  
 Ch. Esperance Kori of Maiaia  
 Ch. Fra-Dor-Mar Fantastic  
 Ch. Frederick Fire N Fame  
 Ch. Goforit Aussie Matilda  
 Ch. Hathaway's Blue Sundowner  
 Janeph Jill  
 Kircot Kandy Kane  
 Ch. Landlyn's Nancy, CD  
 Ch. Maiaia Kylie of Heirloom  
 Ch. Maiaia Rachel of Sprite Lea  
 Ch. Marcwind Follyways of Jalwood  
 Ch. Mawarra Meggs  
 Myalma Red Fyre Belle  
 Ch. Outback's Showtime Lady  
 Ch. Pierardi Jilleroo  
 Pleasant Pastures Firefly  
 Ch. Pleasantpastures Ma's Jubilee  
 Am. Can. Ch. Pleasantpastures Ms Gran Jo Jo  
 Ch. Pleasantpastures Peg O'M' Heart  
 Ch. Pleasantpastures Tak-a-chance, CD  
 Ch. Qantas Roadrunner Kiku  
 Ch. Rachell  
 Ch. Ryba's All That Jazz  
 Ch. Ryba's Little Arfin Annie  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Arfin' Annie  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Dylan's Spice  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Eileen  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Eloise  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Frederica  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Guinevere  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Heritage of Fame  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Hermione  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Jessica  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Kendra  
 Sprite Lea Kiwi's Pride  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Millicent  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Miss Annabelle  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Ophelia  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Rowena  
 Sprite Lea Taffeta  
 Ch. Sprite Lea Vamp  
 Ch. Tammikins Pleasant Sandra  
 Ch. Tammikins Sweet Wilhemina  
 Ch. Tasmin Beta Cactus Kate  
 Ch. Thornoaks Brisbane Banner  
 Thornoaks Dinkum Lady  
 Thornoaks Endora  
 Ch. Thornoaks Kiwi Girl  
 Ch. Thornoaks Victoria  
 Thornoaks Zsa Zsa  
 Aus. Can. Am. Ch. Tuaguba Hawthini  
 Ch. Willroel's Amanda Dickens, TD  
 Ch. Wil-Wag of Robmar

Marilyn Harban  
 Gertrude Reid  
 Phyllis Knight  
 Barbara Retke  
 Barbara Deer  
 B. & L. Nunley  
 Rosamond T. Hathaway, MD  
 Nell N. Fox  
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 Harold & Alice Wilcox  
 Sharon Soulsby  
 Marilyn P. Pauley  
 Phyllis Knight  
 Barbara Gilbertson  
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 Philip Benway  
 Katharine F. Barnes  
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 Sabine Baker  
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# AKC New Titles

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

Well, as you can see, we are still getting the New Titles.....

February 2012

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## January 2012

### Greyrock Soaring To Heaven CD BN GN RA MX MXJ NF

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

### Greyrock Tozan Maximum High BN RN NA

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

### CH Blue Moon Mister Poppins

Breeder: Jeanne Popovits

Owner: Jeanne Popovits

### CH Abq Candelaria Christhill CD BN RN

Breeder: William Christensen & Kreg Hill & Mary Abbott

Owner: William Christensen & Kreg Hill

### CH Banjopats Coppertone Girl RN NA NAJ

Breeder: Diane Cahill & Kevin Cahill

Owner: Diane Cahill & Kevin Cahill

### Roachan's Kayi Drifting Snow RN

Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

Owner: Scott McSwain

### CH Blue Moon Mister Poppins

Breeder: Jeanne Popovits

Owner: Jeanne Popovits

### Wismiss August Moon Rose RA THD

Breeder: Carol Szama & Ida Ellen Weinstock & Kerrie Bryan & Alice Ann Wright

Owner: Eileen Wittfelt

### Greyrock Tozan Maximum High BN RN NA NAJ

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Pat Maynard & Jeff Longin

### GCH CH Sundog Pretty Boy Floyd

Breeder: Angie Cross Bly

Owner: Angie Cross Bly

### Abq Cimina Christhill CD GN RN

Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

Owner: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

### CH Twee-Dle-Dee Lost In Space

Breeder: Carin Sandahl & Roger Sandahl

Owner: Cheryl Mechalke & Jim Mechalke

### MACH2 Greyrock On The Edge CDX VER RE XF

Breeder: Barbera Curtis & Kim Occhiuti

Owner: Barbera Curtis

### GCH CH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy AX OAJ ME

Breeder: Heather Rife DVM & Susan Holsinger

Owner: Heather Rife DVM

### Tak-A-Chance Cole Hamels AX AXJ OF

Breeder: Susan Saulvester

Owner: Mark McGrath

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

Breeder: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

Owner: Ann Roache & Gayle Roache

### CH Blue Moon N Mytime Poppin' In Phoenix

Breeder: Jeanne Popovits

Owner: Celeste Platte & Jeanne Popovits & Sherry Cooper

### CH Dreamweaver's Southern Charm

Breeder: Lisa Weaver

Owner: Lisa weaver

### CH Blue Moon Mytimes They R A-Changn' BN RA

Breeder: Jeanne Popovits

Owner: Celeste Platte & Sherry Cooper

## March 2012

### CH Dreamweaver's Carolina Cowboy

Breeder: Lisa Weaver

Owner: Lisa Weaver

### MACH2 Tattercoats Tophat with Tail UDX2 VER RE XF

Breeder: Jeannine Johnson

Owner: Barbera Curtis

### Abq Cimina Christhill CD GN RA

Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

Owner: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

### CH P.S. Roxbury Christhill CD RA

Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

Owner: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

### CH Tak-A-Chance time Honored RE AX AXJ NF CAA

Breeder: Susan Saulvester

Owner: Susan Saulvester

### CH Blue Moon Mytimes They R A-Changn' BN RE

Breeder: Jeanne Popovits

Owner: Celeste Platte & Sherry Cooper

### GCH CH P.S. Phoebe II Christhill

Breeder: Kreg Hill & William Christensen

Owner: Kreg Hill & William Christensen



# AKC Top Dogs

Jan 1-2012 to May 31-2012\*

AKC online Stats\*

## Conformation Breed Totals (Top 10)

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

## Conformation All-Breed Totals (Top 10)

- 1 GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon
- 2 GCH CH Ryba's Nothing But Blue Skies
- 3 GCH CH Shastakin Flying Dust Buster
- 4 GCH CH Dunham Lake Scout Master
- 5 GCH CH Nellyson's Mr Don't Skip The Zip
- 6 GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill
- 7 GCH CH Dreamtime's Latin Lover
- 8 GCH CH Wild West's Double Cat
- 9 GCH CH Tera-K's Parson Brown
- 10 GCH CH Benayr Blue Danube

## Agility MACH Competition

- 1 Tak-A-Chance Cole Hamels MX MXJ OF
- 2 MACH Merrigang Benjamin Matlock
- 3 Feathertop Melbourne Outbackred AX MXJ
- 4 GCH CH Merrigangs Wild N Crazy Guy AX AXJ ME EE
- 5 Abq Kacy Christhill AX MXJ OF
- 6 MACH2 Greyrock On The Edge CDX VER RE 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



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## *What is a Title, really?*

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says that your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may sometimes have seemed. And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

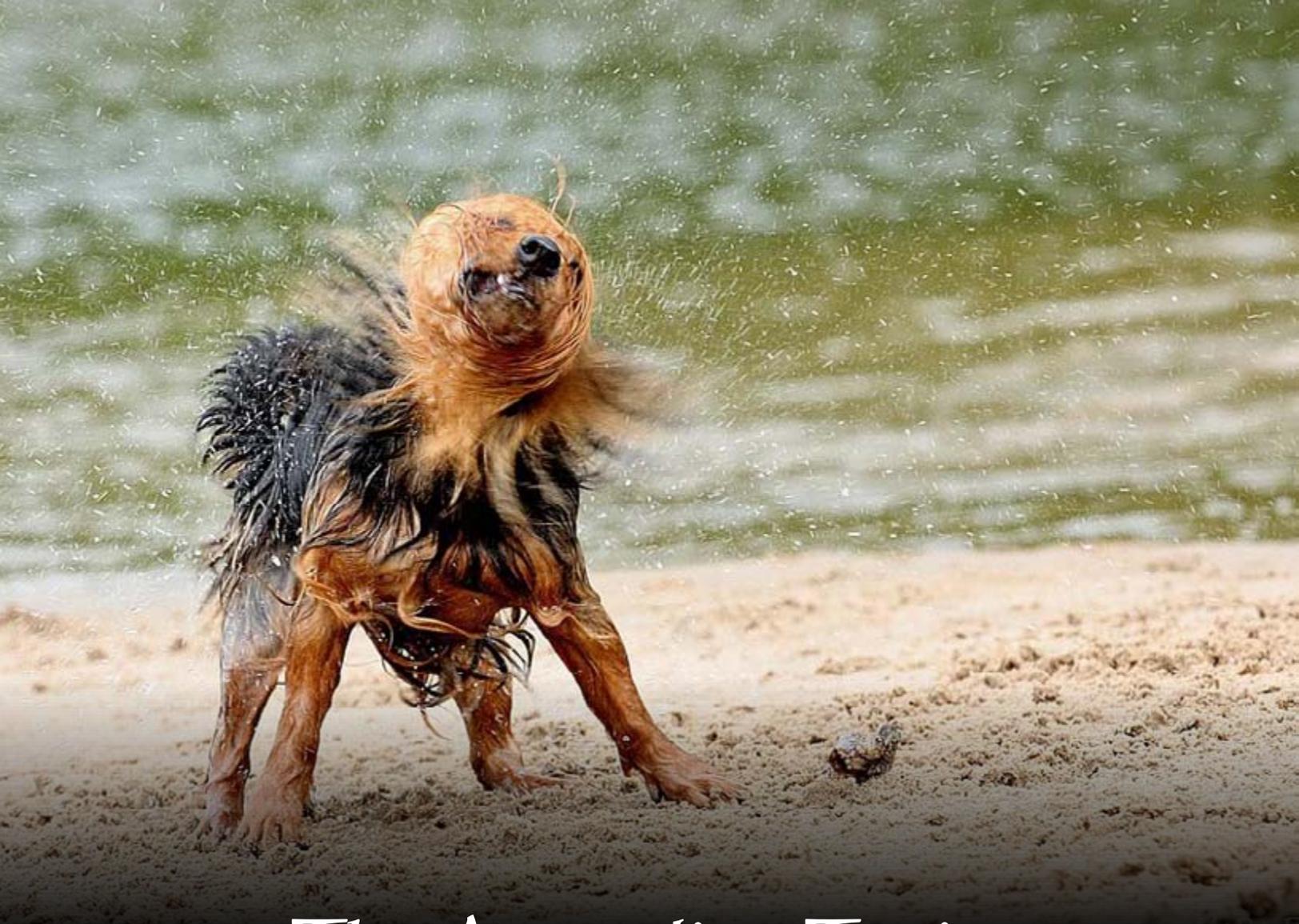
A title proves that your dog inspired you to have that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

- "Adapted from Sandy Mowery"





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