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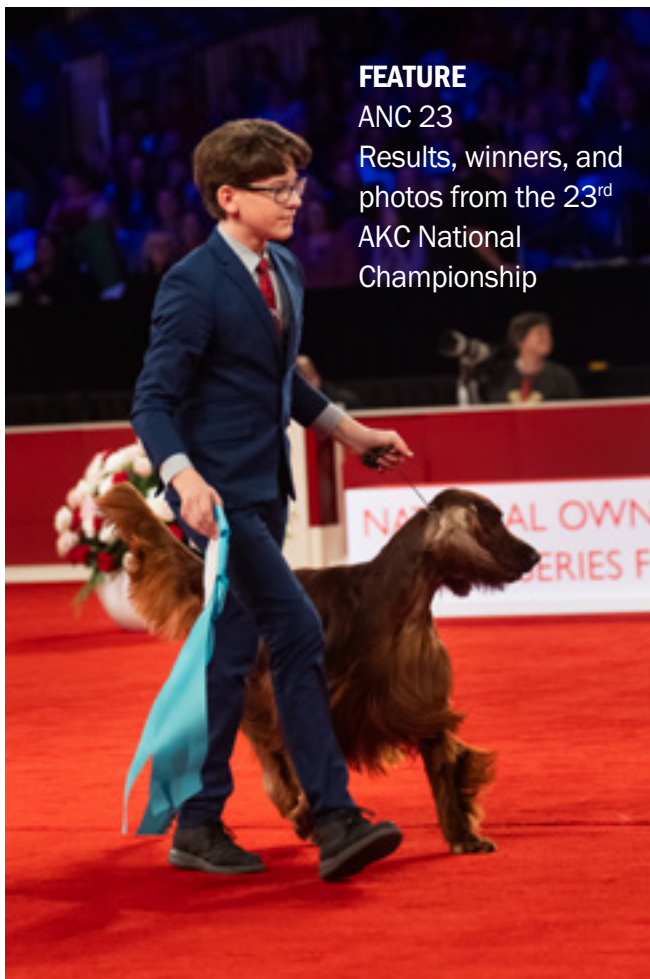
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## A Month of *Success and Honors*

**J**anuary was full of an abundance of activity at AKC.

Our flagship AKC Meet the Breeds event in New York City was a resounding success. Over 20,000 dog lovers descended on the Javits Center, January 27 and 28, to meet and greet our beloved breeds, while seeing unique canine demonstrations. Over 130 of our breed clubs and their representatives volunteered to educate the public about their breed, finding the right breed for their family and lifestyle, and about responsible dog ownership. A fun time was had by each attendee.

We would like to thank our parent clubs, exhibitors, and their wonderful dogs who made the weekend a successful one. Meet the Breeds allows us to directly engage with the public and



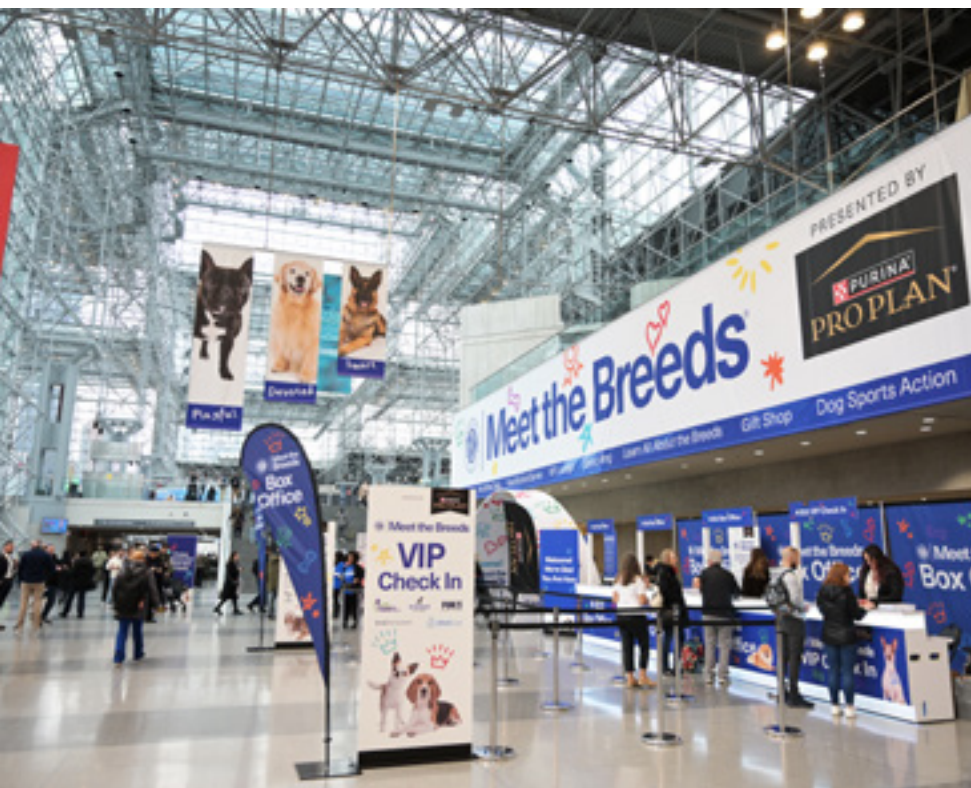
make them aware of the many good things that AKC and its clubs do on a regular basis.

As we are speaking of success, we want to congratulate the 2023 Fall Season Agility League winners. The [AKC Agility League](#) recently concluded its fifth season of competition and honored its top teams and

competitors. Team champions were named in each of the eight divisions.

The league offers three 12-week-long seasons each year. Teams, composed of three to eight dogs, run six courses each season. There are three field/ring size divisions: Extended (100 x 100 min.); Regulation (70 x 100 min.); and Limited (50 x 70

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



min.). There are four skill levels: Ph.D. (international); Senior (Masters/Excellent); Sophomore (Open); and Freshman (Novice).

Congratulations to the team and individual winners at each skill level. We are excited to see what season six brings.

Lastly, I am pleased to share with you that nominations for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE) are officially open. Nominations are

open now through July 1. Winners will be announced in late 2024 and will be highlighted in a made-for-TV special on ESPN.

Each year, the AKC Humane Fund, a not-for-profit organization, honors five dedicated, hardworking dogs for making significant contributions to an individual or entire community. Since its creation in 2000, 120 ACE awards have been presented. Awards are given in the follow-

ing categories: Uniformed K9 Service, Exemplary Companion, Search and Rescue, Therapy, Service. Last year's ACE recipients included a Labrador Retriever who is trained to sniff out hidden electronic devices to prove sex offenders and traffickers guilty and a Border Collie who's a fan favorite on and off the football field at New Mexico State University.

Honorees of the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE) will receive \$1,000 to be awarded to a pet-related charity of their choice.

We encourage you to nominate the phenomenal dogs in your life as we are honored to share their stories. To nominate a dog, please visit [www.akchumanefund.org](http://www.akchumanefund.org).

Until next time,

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## Calling All Clubs— Play Your ACE!

**N**ominations for the 2024 AKC Humane Fund Awards For Canine Excellence (ACE) are now open. Since the founding of the awards in 2000, ACEs have gone to several show and performance champions.

If you know of a dog in your club or in your breed that has performed some exemplary service outside the ring, please consider making an ACE nomination before



*Bernese Mountain Dog Mufasa, 2014 Westminster Best of Breed and 2015 Exemplary Companion ACE recipient, was one of many champion purebreds honored with an ACE.*

nominations close on **July 1**. The ACE program is a wonderful way to showcase the abilities of our fabulous purebreds on the national stage.

An award is given in the categories of Uniformed Service K-9, Exemplary Companion, Search and Rescue,

Therapy, and Service Dog. Recipients will be announced in late 2024 and will be highlighted in a made-for-TV special.

For more information about the ACEs or to nominate a dog, visit [AKC Humane Fund Awards For Canine Excellence \(ACE\)](#).

**On Our Cover:** Luke Ehricht and 2023 AKC National Champion Shih Tzu GCh.P Hallmark Jolei Out of This World (Stephaniellen photo)



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## Outfoxed!

*Fox Terriers Top the Bill at AKC Museum*

The AKC Museum of the Dog's new exhibition *Outfoxed: Fox Terriers and Friends*, sponsored in part by the American Fox Terrier Club, runs through April 28.

*Outfoxed* explores the development of the fox terrier breeds and chronicles the many champions depicted in the museum collection. The roster of the show's famous fox terriers reads like a who's who in the history of the breed. The visitor will encounter

portrayals of such notables like Belgrave Joe, one of the early fathers of the breed, and Cackler of Notts, The Duchess of Newcastle's masterpiece.

"It is an honor to be able to display this collection of art of one of the first breeds recognized by AKC," Alan Fausel, the museum's adjunct curator says. "To be able to give museumgoers the opportunity to learn more about this fantastic breed and its history is exciting for us."

And where would the Fox



Above: "Ch. Flornell Spicy Bit of Halleston" (Mildred Megargee)  
Left: "Ch. Sabine Rarebit" (Mackarness)

Terrier be without a supporting cast featuring their prey: foxes, rabbits, and rats as well as their companions the foxhounds? Works showing the breed "on the job" will be featured prominently. The exhibition will be supported by images and documents supplied by the [AKC Library and Archives](#), noting fox terriers' show successes and their place in popular culture.

*AKC Museum of the Dog programs are made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.*

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# AKC Honors Parent-Club Ed.

The AKC has announced the recipients of the annual AKC Eddy Award, encouraging and rewarding parent-club breeder-education efforts providing information beyond the expected in an interesting and unique manner.

“We are extremely excited to recognize these clubs for their continuous efforts

towards furthering breeder education,” AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo says.

### 2023 EDDY RECIPIENTS

#### Tier 1

American Eskimo Dog Club of America, Norfolk Terrier Club of America

#### Tier 2

Pug Dog Club of America,

American Bullmastiff Association

#### Tier 3

Basset Hound Club of America, Dachshund Club of America

#### Tier 4

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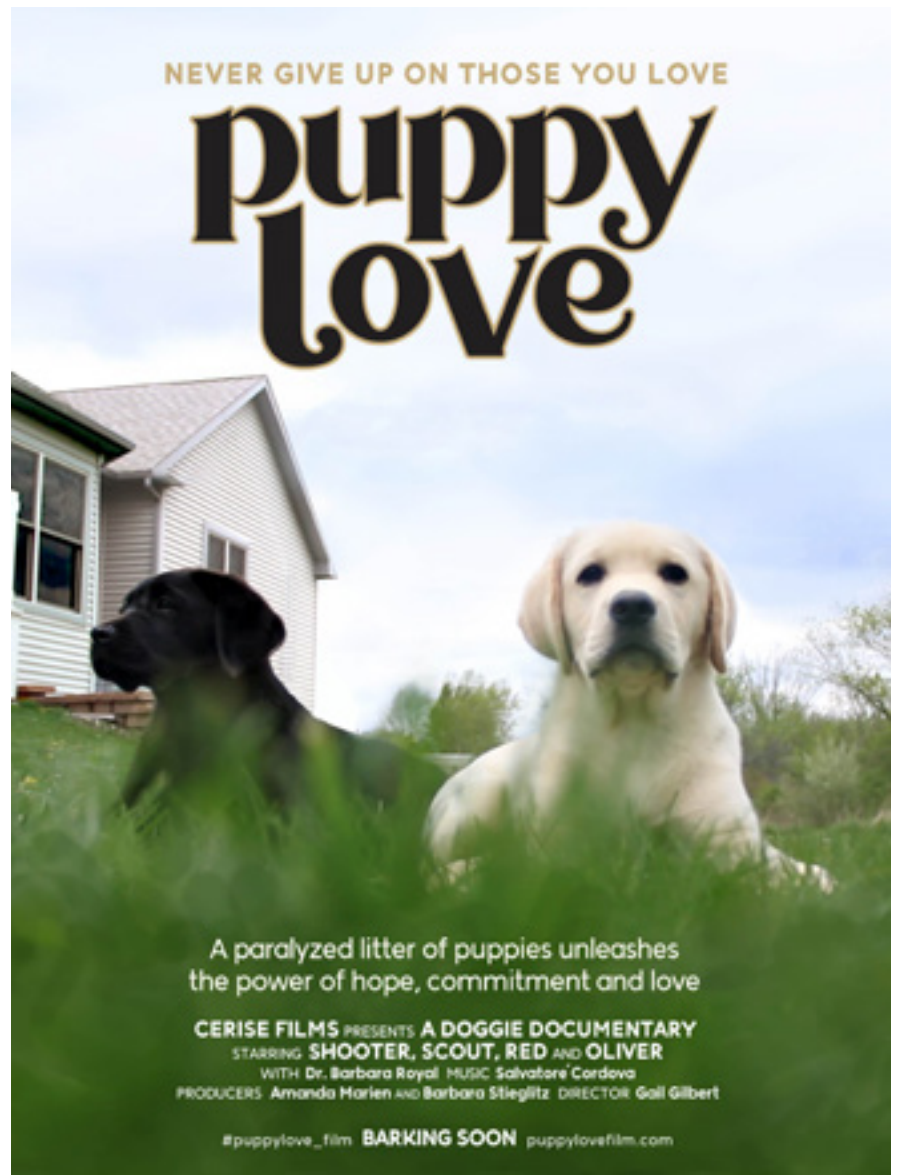
# Hustle and Heart

*A review of Gail Gilbert's documentary Puppy Love*

*By Shannon Rodgers, Field Spaniel Society of America*

I have been getting back to training and facing some new challenges, including overcoming certain limitations as a handler in dog activities. I'm a firm believer in bringing out the best in each dog at the end of our leashes. We have to work with what we have, no matter the situation. Getting opportunities to try different methods and work with a variety of dogs teaches us to be flexible and provides an arsenal of tools and techniques to select from.

A film I recently watched was a reminder that sometimes life does not prepare us for situations or the amazing lessons we will experience. *Puppy Love*, a documentary presented by Cerise Films and directed by Gail Gilbert, shares a story of perseverance and hope as it follows a group



of dedicated dog lovers who assist a longtime breeder of Labrador Retrievers with a challenge of a litter

of four healthy puppies who suddenly and mysteriously develop paralysis. I recommend this film for its

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candor and realism, and how it conveys the power of not giving up.

I learned about this film from two dog people I'm taking class with, Penny Kurz and Michelle Cullen. Penny and Michelle are featured in the film as they worked through a labor of love in efforts to help the puppies as the neurological change affects their growth and mobility. Friends worked with the breeder to help these puppies survive and thrive.

Veterinarians often recommend euthanasia in such cases, but together these people met the challenge with every bit of compassion and resources available to improve their growth and abilities. With a genetic basis ruled out, possible causes were considered, and myriad therapies tried. Canine practitioners assisted in developing strategies to build the puppies' muscle and ease their ligaments. Massage, nutrition, herbal medicine, and an underwater treadmill

were employed. Each puppy had ups and downs, but the community worked together for months to help them despite the odds.

We may never know how or why the paralysis occurred—was it a vaccine reaction or illness? Why were these pups affected? As documented in the film, the mystery is met with hustle and heart.

As the puppies grow, the path moves from feedings and cleanings to focus on physical strength and learning. As trainers and fanciers, we know the puppies' capabilities, and we see the efforts of this group to foster their natural instincts. The owners and friends introduced the puppies to activities the breed was bred for and helped them discover the fun in various companion events, proving that hard work and passion can drive us to achieve great things.

The film takes us from the breeder's home to specialty events, with insight into personal reflections along the way. Breeders, owners,

and trainers can relate to the perspective we all gain as part of the fancy, as well as the emotional roller-coaster that can be experienced.

The documentary was created organically as events unfolded, without its participants knowing how things would turn out. The people and dogs face their reality with effort and heart, and the resulting journey is special to witness.

*Puppy Love* gives us a glimpse of the amazing things that can happen when we choose to approach adversity in dogs with commitment and care. For me it was a timely reminder to think outside the box and to keep trying. Our passion in dogs inspires us to greater heights.—**S.R.**

*Puppy Love (follow on Instagram) is available on demand at Prime Video, Apple TV, and Google Play. The AKC Museum of the Dog will hold a screening of Puppy Love at 4 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20.*



**T**he 2023 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin set a new record: A grand total of 5,762 dogs competed in Orlando for the title of America's National Champion. Combined with the weekend's other events, the overall show entry was a staggering 9,801 entries. The ANC remains to be by far North America's largest dog show.

We begin our coverage with a look at a few of the dogs and owners preparing for their big moment beneath the AKC spotlight.

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# ANC23

AKC National  
Championship Results



**T**he 23rd **AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin**  
(dedicated to the memory of Ronald H. Menaker)  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida, December 16 and 17

## **Best in Show**

Shih Tzu GCh.P

Hallmark Jolei Out of This World; judge Clay Coady

## **Reserve Best in Show**

German Shepherd Dog GCh.G Kaleef's Mercedes

## **Sporting** (entry: 1,002)

German Shorthaired Pointer GCh.G Vjk-Myst Heir to the Throne, JH, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, TKN, BN-V; judge Karolynne McAteer

## **Hound** (entry: 779)

Afghan Hound GCh.G Zaida Bint Muti Von Haussman; judge Charles Olvis

## **Working** (entry: 763)

Doberman Pinscher GCh.P Alcher Tmac Witchcraft V Gentry; judge Victoria Seiler-Cushman

## **Terrier** (entry: 665)

Bedlington Terrier GCh.G First Class Victoria Berland Empress of Magic; judge

Harold "Red" Tatro III

## **Toy** (entry: 897)

Shih Tzu GCh.P Hallmark Jolei Out of This World; judge Rosaland Karamer

## **Non-Sporting**

(entry: 656)

Miniature Poodle GCh.G Surrey Sage; judge David Kirkland

## **Herding** (entry: 791)

German Shepherd Dog GCh.G Kaleef's Mercedes; judge Dr. Carmen Battaglia

## **Best in Miscellaneous class** (entry: 34)

Japanese Akitainu Seiunme Go Tamashi Kensha; judge Desmond Murphy

## **Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Show**

(entry: 1,272)

English Springer Spaniel GCh.G Telltale Bohemian Rhapsody, owned by B. Fink, L. Pike, J. Vanderlip,

T. Lowe, and S. Hatch; judge Terry Stacy

## **AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Junior of the Year**

(entry: 1,717)

Rottweiler Ch. Von Hawes Forever Forward; judges Clay Coady, Terry Stacy, and Dennis Sprung

## **AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals**

**Best in Show** (entry: 875)

Irish Setter GCh.B Kinloch So There!, owned by Linda Layfield and Adam Kucera; judge Dennis Sprung

## **Junior Showmanship Finals**

Octavia Stensen; judge Dr. Adam Stafford King

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Working



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# All-Breed Junior of the Year

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# National Owner- Handled Series Finals



## Best Junior

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# ANC Flashback: *Tampa Showdown*

*In the winner's circle:  
the beloved Knotty with  
handler Ken Griffith*

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## TIMES PAST

*Michele Billings proudly counted herself among the AKC's 11 female all-breed judges of the 2000s. In the March 2005 GAZETTE, Billings published the following thoughts on judging Best in Show at the AKC National Championship. Her choice came down to two of the era's most popular ring champions.*

**O**n early Thursday, January 13, thousands of dogs from all 50 states and 17 foreign countries began descending on Tampa, Florida, to participate in this most significant event—the fourth annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. The total entry of 3,341 dogs was up more than 50 percent over last year's invitation-only event, which is a testimonial to its growing popularity among the fancy.

Astonishingly, the gate of 35,000 spectators at the events (which was held in two locations within the convention center to

accommodate the litany of activities, including Meet the Breeds, agility, obedience, group judging, and Best in Show judging) surpassed that of every event ever held at the Tampa Convention Center.

When called upon to speak at the gala pre-show dinner held at the historical Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg, I stated that to me this particular show is so very special in that the focus is really on the unsung heroes of this great sport—the breeders of these many glorious dogs.

As I knew it would be, the lineup for Best in Show was superb. All were seasoned

winners, as were their presenters. However, in the final analysis there were two dogs in that ring who, in my opinion, are the finest examples of their breed that I have seen during my years in the sport: the first, Ch. Rocky Tops Sundance Kid (Rufus), the colored Bull Terrier, and the second, Ch. Heathers Knock on Wood (Knotty), the Bloodhound.

The rest is now history. One has to choose, and the Bloodhound prevailed.

The exhaustive efforts of the commanders-in-chief of this operation, Ron Menaker and Dennis Sprung, and all of their dedicated staff combined with those of our esteemed sponsors culminated in the production of the “greatest show on earth.”

I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I did—glitch with my microphone during the live broadcast notwithstanding!—**M.B.**



## AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin, December 16 and 17



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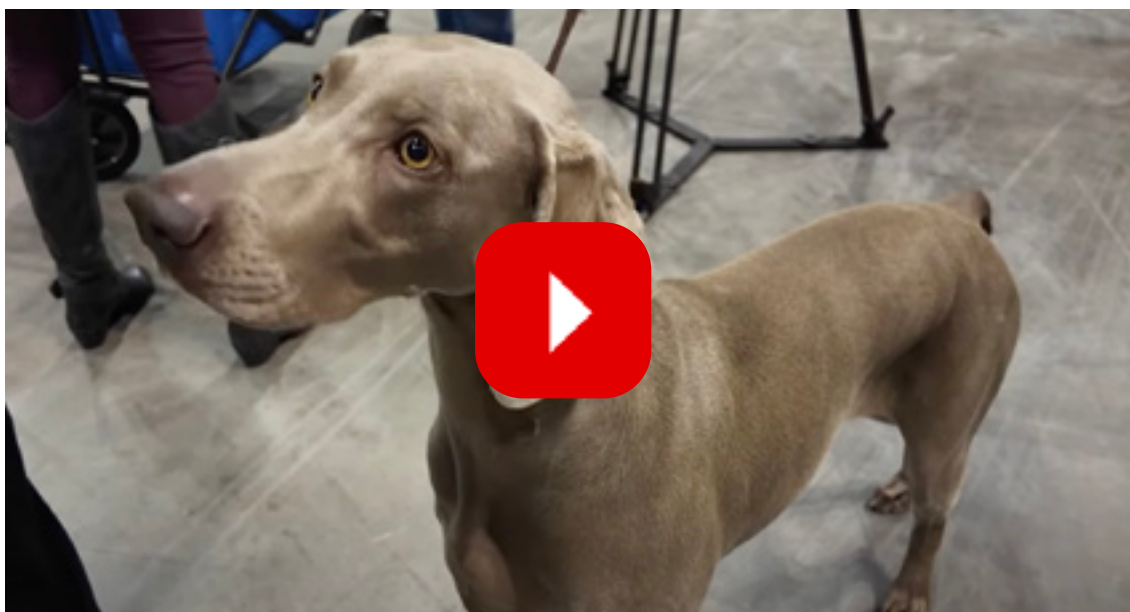
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## **Comet's Victory Lap**

*Luke, Diane, and Comet delight the gang at Good Morning America. 3:17*



## **National Championship Wrap-Up**

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### **AKC Purebred Preservation Bank**

*On the Pure Dog Talk podcast, Laura Reeves and Dr. Marty Greer discuss the AKC semen bank. 31:13*



## Harold “Red” Tatro III

**O**ur parting shot from Orlando is Red Tatro judging the Terrier Group. Red and Denise Tatro, of Redglen Kennels, have ties to both the Terrier and Hound groups. The difference? “The terrier world is very much ‘in your face’ about things, yet the disagreements are typically settled quite quickly and easily, and things move on,” he says. “The hound world is not as open about things. Things tend to drag on, and people can hold a grudge for a long time!”

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# BREED COLUMNS



Edited by **Arliss Paddock**

*Our coverage of the AKC National Championship continues with photos from the hound and terrier rings throughout the Breed Columns section. (American English Coonhound/Stephaniellen photo)*



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# BREED COLUMNS

## ABOUT THE BREED COLUMNS

The breed columns are a time-honored feature of the AKC GAZETTE. Each columnist is appointed by the breed's national parent club, which preserves the breed's standard and helps to educate breeders, judges, and the public about the breed's traits, history, care, and training. A national parent club is made up of dedicated breeders and fanciers and represents many years of collective experience in the breed. Columnists are asked to write about topics of interest to serious dog fanciers in general as well as those of specific interest to judges and devotees of the breed. The breed columns rotate quarterly by group so that each breed's column can appear four times a year. Information and opinions expressed in the breed columns represent the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the breed's parent club or the AKC. For questions about the breed columns, e-mail [Arliss.Paddock@akc.org](mailto:Arliss.Paddock@akc.org)



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### Afghan Hounds

Longtime breed columnist Georgie Guthrie wrote the following in 2007.

#### SEEING THROUGH THE HAIR

Many judges, and even people who have had Afghan Hounds for a long time, have difficulty seeing the balance, outline, and angulation of an Afghan through all that hair.

Looking at a lineup of dogs from a distance, one should instantly be able to see whether a dog is square, as called for in the standard. Visualizing a square in front of the dog should also help you see whether the dog has balanced angulation front to rear.

Most present-day Afghans have angulation in the rear and little or none in front. Occasionally, you see a dog built like a card table—no angulation anywhere, and very incorrect. Off-square dogs generally tend to lack leg or are too long-bodied, usually in the loin.

By visualizing a square, you should see a level



*Afghan Hound*

topline of the proper length. By running your eye to the ground from the ends of the horizontal, the balance of angulation should also be evident. In front, the line dropped from the back end of the scapula should run to the point of the elbow, and close to the leg the rest of the way. This indicates a properly set leg and a humerus of good length. A long humerus, set well, adds to the compact appearance of the Afghan.

Lack of angulation in the front assembly is probably

the worst fault in the breed today. First the set-under and the length of the upper arm disappeared; this was followed by higher and more forward-set withers. Many Afghans today appear to be standing on their fronts, as if standing behind a fence.

Unless it has been trimmed, the length and angle of the fall of the side coat tend to show a dog's depth of brisket. Development of brisket comes gradually with maturity, but if you see a puppy or young dog with side



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coat that is long at the front and rises toward the loin, it tells you the dog already has a pretty good brisket. If you see a dog with a short, equal-length side coat everywhere, it indicates that he is “tubey.”

One of the best examples of seeing through the coat is seeing the length of neck. It doesn’t matter if the dog has all his neck hair or almost none. Look to see if the shoulder is parallel to the planes of the head. Check whether the head is too close or too far from the shoulder. The length of neck from occiput to withers should equal the length of the head from the occiput to the end of the nose.

Watch the pads of the rear feet as the Afghan moves away. This tells you if he has sound movement. If you see any part of the front, especially the hair, swinging this way or that, you know even before he turns that he is faulty in front.

Even with coat carefully trimmed and rear legs carefully set, a cowhocked rear

is always evident, since coat always falls to either side.

Let the hair show you!  
—G.G.

[Afghan Hound Club of America](#)

### Basenjis

#### BASENJIS IN MY DATING

##### PROFILE PART TWO

*March and April 2023:*  
**M**In my August 2022 column, I wrote about my frustration with dating and the certainty that I would never meet a man with whom my three Basenji bitches and I could get along. That column received the most empathetic female feedback in my 20-plus years of writing for the AKC GAZETTE.

And then came John at the end of March 2023, after I had been a widow for four years and dating for a long three years. In his eHarmony profile, John wrote about his five dogs ranging in size from 10 to 200 pounds. He lived on the same island in the Pacific Northwest as I—only

eight minutes away. And he liked my profile photo with my Makita drill in the background and my orange accent wall. He saw an independent DIYer who also liked his favorite color. My three Basenjis interested him rather than causing him to swipe left.

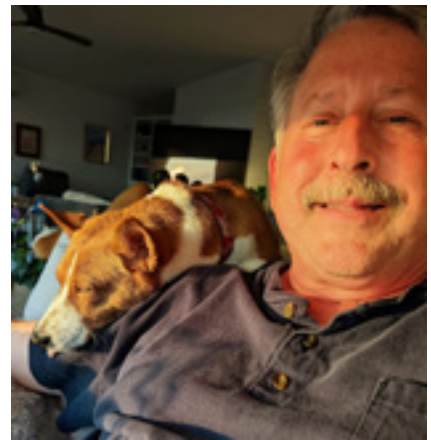
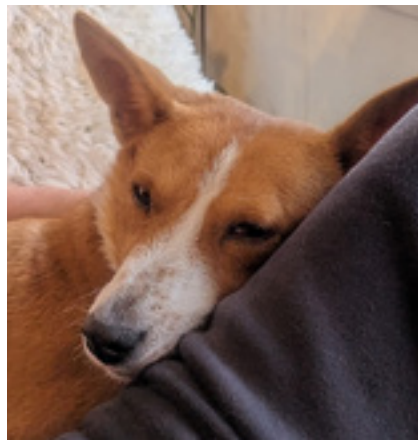
My niece Melina had to convince me to go out with John because I was tired and jaded. The last guy I dated dumped me the previous week because my laugh was “unbecoming.”

John messaged me an invitation to lunch or dinner, but that felt like too much commitment. “Then just go for coffee,” said Melina, “I want the credit when the two of you work out.”

Fast-forward: John followed the “no touch” rule with the Basenjis and brought chicken jerky treats on each visit. He left a Ziploc labeled “John’s Bribe Bag” in the fruit bowl on the kitchen counter. My “wary” bitches fell all over themselves to be the one who snuggled him. Evenings on the couch: Lilikoi on one

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*Photo from the Netherlands of three generations of Basenjis: FLTR Maeva (Suaralayn Chaos Junkie), Isra (Suaralayn Freedom Evolves), and Aoide (Aoide Princess of Burudika).*

*Top row and above: the Basenjis and Marcia with John*

side of John, with her head draped across his thigh; Lanikai wrapped across the back of his neck, licking his ears; me on John's other side. I had to battle my older bitch, Chloe, for my position.

John proceeded slowly with this wary human too. It took months for my self-protective walls to

crumble, and even longer for me to fall all over him.

Before John, when someone rang the doorbell, my dogs assumed it was an armed intruder. They flew out the dog door to see who was threatening us, and they returned, roller-derby style, sliding and scrabbling across the hardwood floor, slam-

ming into each other, and rebounding off the safety gate at the front door. Now, if they suspect it might be John, they just stand at the gate and whine.

Thank you, Melina—the credit is yours.

*May, June, July 2023:*

I wanted to spend some

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nights at John's house and go on trips together. However, when I moved out to Camano Island two years ago, I lost my dog sitters: family members and fellow fanciers. I had become homebound because finding a suitable sitter seemed impossible.

I panicked and stalled. Who would "get" Basenjis? In my view, they and I have alien in our DNA, and I worried most sitters wouldn't know how to deal with us. What's more, I worried my dogs wouldn't be okay alone for long periods of time, that they would be too wary of new sitters, and that sitters wouldn't be willing to spend the night.

Besides, I didn't have the best experience with "J," age 19, my last sitter, and that weighed on me. I booked her for two months. Then her boyfriend visited her at my house, and she got pregnant and had to go home. Well, that was a first.

My niece Melina was my emergency substitute when pregnant "J's" par-

ents wouldn't let her come back to my house of ill repute. For the next 30 days, Melina set out to calm my dog-sitting fears. During the day she had to leave the girls alone for 10 hours at a time, so she experimented with television therapy to keep them company. First she went with *Sex and the City*. My dogs' reaction was to chew the newest dog bed into puffs of stuffing. Next choice was *South Park*. The dogs watched all 327 episodes, and 126 killings of Kenny, without further damage: "And they are calm when I return at night," said Melina. She also had multiple friends visit and stay over.

John, as well, assured me that my dogs would be fine. He had an established team of sitters for his five-pack of a Rhodesian Ridgeback, German Shepherd, Leonberger, Yorkie, and Morkie—not your typical group. But I still thought his dogs were easy because they weren't Basenjis.

Fast-forward: I now have three sitters: Kary, who is

John's longtime favorite. She's the best, but I have to share her. Laura, who is dyslexic and likes weed a bit too much, so she can be unreliable with scheduling—otherwise, great. And Wendy, who is young and didn't notice the lake of pee and the poo-pile downstairs next to the dog door ... inside. I could live with that ... mostly.

The freedom I now have to spend time with John is unbelievable. So is the expense. But I'm getting used to both, and to professional dog-sitters, and to positive reactions to me and my pack. The sitters' usual feedback: "Your dogs are easy."

Lately, I've noticed my dogs aren't sure who is going to come through the revolving front door. When I enter, they are less reactive and their tilted heads communicate, "Who is it now?" "What's our next move?"

*August 2023 to now:*

John came to the 2023 Basenji Club of America national specialty in our

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state and hung out with me for the day—his first dog show. I introduced him to fellow fanciers, many of whom said they were glad to see me happy. The next day, four women, one by one, asked where/how we met, and each said they figured if I could find a nice man who appreciated Basenjis, maybe there was hope for them.

I think there is.

—Marcia Woodard,

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Basenji Club of America

### Basset Hounds

#### WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS

At around 11 P.M. on August 25, as my flight to the breed’s national specialty landed and the plane taxied into the St. Louis airport, I took my phone out of airplane mode and read a message that my good friend had been found dead. His death was completely unexpected—including by him. By the next day, I understood that he had left behind 21 dogs, and that our parent

club and our members were being thrust into the role of responding to their needs for care, fostering, and ultimately rehoming.

This isn’t an article about how to plan for the eventuality of our deaths, or how to write trusts, or even how to set up plans for which dog goes where. Those are all important things we should each be doing, but I am not an attorney or estate planner.

But there are simple things we can *all* do, today, to help our dogs and other companion animals have as soft a landing as possible and to help those who respond to them to do so in an orderly and informed way. Especially if you live alone, your dogs’ comfort and safety in the first days depend on your good preparation. And even in the event of an accident that causes just a few days of hospitalization, taking these steps will help ensure that your dogs are safe and well cared for, and you can concentrate on healing!

Start by microchipping or

tattooing your dogs—and have a list of each dog’s chip number or tattoo symbol. Don’t just keep this in each dog’s individual file. Also keep a simple list of *all* your animals and their IDs, labeled as “Dog Info” and placed prominently in your dog room or kennel—on the wall over your dogs’ crates, near their food, labeled in red! The key is to make it *easy* for people to find the information.

If you often have a dog-sitter, what follows may seem routine. But if, like me, you have used the same dog-sitter for several years, you may rely on their knowledge of your dogs more than you realize. I found that I have been doing that when I walked through my own setup.

Post in a prominent place a sheet for each dog, with photo, call and registered names, age/date of birth, microchip number or tattoo symbol, and some brief notes. Where do they eat? What do they eat? Are they on any medications? Who

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*Vital information about your dogs can be conveyed on emergency alert cards for your wallet, keychain, and car visor.*

is their vet, and what is the contact information? Slip this in a clear sleeve and tack each one up in your dog space, or put them in a notebook that is clearly labeled “Dog Info” and visible in your dog space. My dogs’ information hangs on a tackboard in my dog room, it’s one of the first things you see when you walk in. Update this information as things change.

When I returned home from our national specialty, I realized my photo array included one of my bitches who had been gone for nearly a year—and did not include my then 6-month-old puppy. Time to fire up the printer!

Contact your vet. Let them know who you have designated as responsible for caring for or finding homes for your dogs. Authorize

that person to have access to your dogs’ records.

Prominently post a list of the key people in your dog’s lives:

- The person who has agreed to ensure care for your dogs. You have that person identified, right?
- Dog-sitter
- Veterinarian
- Your next of kin, particularly if they will control access to the house and/or dogs.
- The person who is the administrator for your will or trust, especially if you have provided for funds for your dogs in your trust.

Many of us transfer food from bags to solid containers. If you have dogs with multiple diets, label those containers with the dogs’ names. I know that my girl Xtra’s kibble is more yellow than brown, but I can’t expect anyone else to know this.

Do you have automatic deliveries of dog food? Your dogs may end up someplace else, perhaps dispersed to multiple homes. Post information—again, prominently

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near the other information—about these deliveries and who to call to cancel or redirect them.

On the road with your dogs? Print out a duplicate of your information sheets, and either hang it in a clear sheet holder on each dog’s travel crate, or roll it up in a clear tube and attach the tube to the door of your dog’s crate with zip-ties. If you’re in an accident, hopefully your dogs will come through it safely in their crates, and having this information will help first responders know who to contact.

On the road without your dogs? Running errands? I carry a red wallet card, a copy of which is also tucked into the visor of my car, that says “EMERGENCY ALERT: MY DOG IS HOME ALONE.” Inside, it gives my name, my address, the dogs’ names, my emergency contact’s name and their phone number. On my key ring is a red key tag that reads “DOG HOME

ALONE: See Pet Wallet Card.”

If something terrible happens, nothing will shield your dogs from the shock of losing you and your loving presence. But basic—and simple—preparations can make those first days and hours a lot less chaotic and traumatic for them, as well as for your friends and family who will need to do their best for the dogs that are so important in your life.

And excuse me now ... I just walked through my set up again, and I have some work to do!

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Basset Hound Club of America

### Bloodhounds

#### ACHIEVING BOREDOM: TEACHING YOUR DOG SELF-CONTROL

The process of having a puppy become bored with people (or food on the counter) is a critical part of a dog’s education. It’s a critical part of impulse con-

trol and essential to a show dog’s education. Just as we do not want a child hanging on us and clamoring for every sweet thing they see in the store, a puppy must learn that not everyone will pet them and that their owner can have a calm conversation without the puppy climbing all over anyone near. It is possible to have a puppy stand still for an examination without them trying to tear the judge’s or handler’s clothes off, no matter how difficult it seems!

It’s impossible to teach a dog anything if their mind is somewhere else. Service dog training focuses on “achieving boredom”—after all, when that harness is on, they must keep their mind on the job at hand. They may not think of the next treat, chasing a squirrel, or stealing food off a table.

The same techniques can be used for a show puppy or a polite pet. Socialization should include *not* being petted right away and learning to settle down while a

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conversation is occurring.

But how do you do this? Looking at the mosquito on the end of my lead, it seems impossible, but it only takes a little time to give your dog an “off switch” that will be an invaluable tool for the rest of his or her life.

Start with your puppy on a buckle collar and a short (four- to six-foot) leash. Find an open area with no entertainment for the dog, and sit down with a book. (Don’t plan to read much for the first few sessions ... it’s the thought that counts.)

Sit or stand on the puppy’s lead, and do *not* interact with the puppy until he lies down. Then quietly toss a treat between his paws. If he gets up, wait until he lies down again, and treat again.

Once he stays lying down, treat and quit. Don’t ask or encourage the puppy to lie down, just wait it out. (That’s why the book!) This is also a good way to practice your own impulse control. You don’t want the dog staring at you. This is not an obedience exercise,



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but rather “life skills.” You will find that the puppy quickly understands that the treat doesn’t come until he is calm.

Try it again a few hours later, or the next day. The behavior will come faster each time. Once the puppy settles regularly, try extending the length of time you are there. (*Now* you can read your book!)

When you are up to about 30 minutes, it’s time to challenge the puppy a little. Go to somewhere a little busier

—a park, or the edge of a shopping-center parking lot. Again, start from scratch. No touching or rewarding the puppy for anything other than settling down. If people approach to pet, tell them the dog is in training and please don’t touch! Remember you want the dog to be successful, so start where he won’t see a lot of people at first, then move into busier areas.

I then move into a command for greeting. “Say hello” means “keep your

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feet on the ground and your tongue to yourself, and you will be petted” If the puppy gets too excited, remove him and have him greet calmer people. At this stage you don’t want the puppy to be rewarded by someone undoing all the work you have put in!

By taking a month or so to teach this kind of self-control, you will have not only taught your puppy to learn but also put him into a headspace where he *can* learn, no matter the surroundings. You are not squashing that inner fire but rather creating a mindset that will let the puppy shine to his greatest potential.

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### Borzoi

#### BORZOI GLOBALIZATION

Our passion for Borzoi may have started with encountering an exotic-looking creature on a walk through our hometown,

finding an Art Deco figurine of a lady with a dog at an antique shop in Europe, watching the hunting scene in the Oscar-winning film *War and Peace*, or leafing through a fashion magazine and coming across a photo—the true star of which, to our eye, was the dog.

The Borzoi has gripped the imaginations of many and enjoyed a solid fanbase among dedicated breeders around the globe. It is to these breeders that the Borzoi owes its survival through revolutions, wars, economic troubles, and slumps in breed popularity. Also, the international Borzoi community has ensured the breed’s genetic diversity. Many American breeders have imported dogs, used imported studs, and sent puppies abroad.

We are constantly glued to social media sites, which give us glimpses into what puppies and dogs look like in different parts of the world; what judges reward where; and how it all relates to our vision of the breed

and interpretation of the Borzoi standard. Important breed discussions originate on social media, where we hear voices from conformation shows, lure coursing meets, open-field trials, veterinary clinics, and breed rescue organizations. People with decades of breeding, show, and performance experience give advice to those who are willing to absorb it. Borzoi come in many styles, but it is not difficult to find like-minded breed aficionados, albeit they may live on the other end of the world.

In this age of information and connectivity, many resources are at our fingertips; yet it can be difficult to sift through all the information and understand where to find reliable sources. Also, after experiencing remote working during the pandemic, many of us know that nothing can replace face-to-face meetings. No internet site can compare to discussing real dogs ringside, hearing people’s stories in person, and simply “talking

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*Top: Participants at the 2023 International Borzoi Council (IBC), held in the Netherlands. Left: 2023 IBC Best of Breed winner with the three judges.*

dogs” with our peers.

The Borzoi Club of America puts on educational seminars during its national-specialty week, as do other national clubs. Since 1981, the global Borzoi community has

been meeting every three years under the auspices of the International Borzoi Council. The location of the meeting rotates around the world, and seminar topics include breed health, structure, performance, and

history. In the beginning, the Council worked on developing the international Borzoi standard. Currently, the organization’s purpose is mostly education, which plays a central role in breed preservation in this age of information and globalization.

This year, the IBC conference was hosted by the Dutch Borzoi Club in the Netherlands. Over 50 people with a combined Borzoi experience of over 1,000 years attended presentations

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that ranged in topic from “The Borzoi History,” by Andre van der Broek of the Netherlands, to “Borzoi Heart Study Results,” by Dr. Danielle Steenkamp, DVM, of the U.S. The speakers and attendees included judges, veterinarians, breeders, and enthusiasts from a dozen countries spanning three continents.

Many spectators gathered to watch the Dutch Borzoi Club show and the IBC Winner show, which was a special-attraction event officiated by three judges (representing Australia, the U.S., and Norway). The judges were thrilled and surprised to have chosen the same overall winner, proving that no matter where one is from, what Borzoi standard they might breed to, and what style of Borzoi they personally prefer, a balanced and sound dog with proper structure and correct breed details is easy to find.

The conference goes on cultural trips, watched the show together and talked during meals and

breaks. They exchanged opinions, forged friendships, met like-minded breeders, admired the same dogs, and learned.

And just like that, Borzoi globalization can be a positive thing.

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### Dachshunds

#### THE DACHSHUND’S MIND—AND OURS

If you look at any general book on Dachshunds, you will never see the word “biddable.” Biddable conjures up images of compliant Labrador and Golden Retrievers eager to do whatever you want. Instead you see phrases like “stubborn,” “hard-headed,” and “independent,” descriptions that set up the would-be Dachshund trainer for frustration, if not failure. Scour the Internet, and you find the same thing. Adding to the mix, the Dachshund is usually described as a smart dog. So if it’s smart, why

isn’t it easy to train?

The confusion lies in the differences between *biddable* and *smart*. Biddable, which means willing to follow directions, is a characteristic of Gundogs. Gundogs are selected to follow the hunter’s lead and to respond to the shot only when the hunter tells them. They were developed with the use of the long gun—initially a musket, then a rifle—to hunt birds. This activity developed in 17th-century Europe. But Dachshunds are hounds, an older canine type, a dog that found the scent of furred game and then chased it toward the hunter or hunters, who in earliest times were armed with a throwing stick flung with an atlatl, or perhaps a spear. This type of hunting by its very nature requires a more independent, persistent dog, one eager to range out in front on its own.

The mental characteristics needed to perform these two tasks, finding and retrieving game birds and finding and chasing furred game, were

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Dachshund

selected for over centuries. The resulting dogs were sensitive, soft-mouthed retrievers and spaniels (originally bird dogs from Spain), and more independent hounds eager to move far and wide.

So when we see our beloved Dachsies dash after a rabbit or insist there *is* a mouse in the wall, we see the end result of breeding for a specific mental function as well as physical appearance. (Curiously, the most biddable of the three Dachshund

varieties, the long, the smooth, and the wire, is the longhair. Is this perhaps a legacy of the spaniel in its ancestry?)

Because of the Dachshund’s *mental* heritage, we need to think like a hound when we want to train a Dachshund. By training I mean teaching it to be a well-mannered pet around the house and to perform basic obedience commands. Hounds like variety and do not respond well to extended repetition.

Therefore, to train a Dachshund you need to make the sessions short and focused. Hounds like action and movement. So use action before and after a “stationary exercise” like the sit-stay or down-stay. Most Dachsies love to tug. A soft braided fleece or a long, squeaky plush snake or similar toy will produce action—and even better, excitement—for training. Hounds love food, so reward the dog *immediately* after he does the exercise correctly. On these three concepts, variety, action, and reward, we can build a strong connection with our Dachsie.

Yes, I can hear the cynical reader thinking, *But what about the other part of the title—us?* This is where the “magic” of dog owning and training comes in. Training our Dachsies forces us to focus on them alone. We must clear our mind of anything else and see only what is in front of us: our dog. In making our own actions simpler and clearer to the

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dog, and in praising him enthusiastically when the command is understood, we also alter our own behavior—and not just toward dogs. We become more attuned to differences in posture and gesture, both our own and that of others. Unlike people, dogs give us immediate, direct feedback. They may not understand because perhaps we were not clear enough, or we gave confusing, contradictory signals, but they don't lie. They don't gaslight us, therefore we can trust what they "say."

This trust in turn is good for us as well. The calm focus needed to interact efficiently with your dog takes one away from all sorts of nagging worries and banishes extraneous thoughts. It's a kind of canine-oriented meditation that is good for the human body as well. Our breathing steadies, our pulse drops a little, yet our perceptions are heightened. To rewrite the old equestrian proverb, *the outside of a Dachshund is good for the inside of a person!*

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### Greyhounds

#### WHAT MAKES A SPECIALTY SPECIAL?

For those of you who are not aware of breed specialty shows, these are dog shows hosted by a parent club—the Greyhound Club of America, for example—or by a local or regional single breed club, usually recognized by the parent club. Specialty shows attract members of a single breed to compete in usually what is can be described as stiff competition for Best of Breed.

At specialties there are usually as well other types of conformation events, such as sweepstakes for puppies and veterans, futurity for puppies nominated by their breeders, and a Top 10 or 20 event for dogs ranked in the Top 10 or 20 for the year in their breed.

But wait, there is more.

The showgiving club, especially in the case of the parent club, can put on an extravaganza that lasts a week with many additional events from the performance world such as obedience, rally, and lure-coursing, and sometimes a triathlon or other performance-oriented events.

But wait, there is still more. The club can host health clinics, where testing can be done for diseases or traits common to the breed. They can also sponsor breeder and judges' education, which are particularly beneficial, since most of the top dogs will be present, along with very good examples of the breed who are not campaigned. Annual meetings and club dinners with recognition for various member accomplishments also occur.

Yet for all of this, is this what makes a specialty special? I contend not. Having been a show chair for many Greyhound specialties, and many times more an exhibitor and a sometimes winner,

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*Best of Breed lineup, HKC Greyhound Club of America supported entry*

I think there is far more to it than that.

My favorite part would be to see other Greyhound aficionados whom I had not seen since the previous year. It is a great gathering of Greyhound “elders,” and the conversation centers around one thing: the Greyhound. These specialties are a great place to learn, and as more than one of these elders has said to me, “you never stop learning about this engaging breed.”

If you are a newbie, or just think you may be interested in a Greyhound, you need to find out where you can find one of our three Greyhound Club of America specialties. (See the club’s website,

<http://www.greyhoundclubofamericainc.org>.) Each year one of the three is designated “the national,” and there is always more going on in conjunction with that show.

It is the effort of all of the club members that makes a national a great event. Some put in the effort to drive many hundreds or thousands of miles to get there, some contribute toward trophies, place ads in the catalog, and help run and take part in all the activities. It is here that you can see and discuss with very knowledgeable people the attributes of the dogs present and the breed in general.

The best specialties I have ever been to have an air of

camaraderie among the participants. When everyone shares the joys of winning with the winners, supports those participating in performance events, helps with the cleanup, talks positively about all of the entries, and participates in the club sponsored events that is special. When chatter is lively and full of laughter, that is special. When people are able to look past the mistakes that are bound to occur that makes the work worth doing for those who are running the event. These are the things that make a specialty memorable for all.

I encourage newcomers to the breed to look for and do these things for the best

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possible time at a specialty event. Don't be afraid to walk up to a group, introduce yourself, and start talking dogs. It is frequently a long way to go, at some expense, and not everyone is walking away with the blue and gold rosette, but the trip should still be worth the effort and your involvement makes it so.

Don't forget to thank the show committee before you go, and make plans to be back next year! You will leave with far more knowledge and understanding of the breed that you arrived with while having a special time.

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[Greyhound Club of America](#)

### Ibizan Hounds

**N**an Kilgore-Little wrote the following in 2010.

#### THE EYES HAVE IT

Nothing creates proper



breed expression like the correct eye. Eyes should not be large. The eyes are oval and are set rather obliquely—that is to say, slanted. A large, round, horizontally set eye gives a

startled and staring look. It also distracts from the exotic aspect of the dog.

The eyelids should fit snugly; without this tightness, the eye will not appear properly almond shaped,

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as of course all eyeballs are round. The color should be a shade of amber or caramel. It is good to have the eye color somewhat match the red in the coat. A glaring yellow eye is not desirable.

Puppies often have lighter-colored eyes that darken until maturity. This may take several years. Certain bloodlines go through a greenish phase during late puppyhood. This should mature out to a nice, rich amber. Eye-rim pigmentation is desirable in white-faced dogs but not faulted if missing. (From my observations over the years, however, I would suggest breeders not breed together two dogs who have little pigmentation on the eye-rim.)

Very dark brown or black eyes suggest impurity. If one looks at pictures of some of the rural farmer's hunting packs, one will see many miscolored dogs with dark pigmentation. There are of course many stunning, pure individuals in the breed's native land. I have seen videos of entire packs

of hounds that any breeder here would be proud to claim.

Expression is a nebulous thing. Of course there is a wide range of expression in Ibizans. Some, mostly bitches, are more reticent and private; I find the males to be more engaging in general. More often than not, the Ibizan has a happy, outgoing, somewhat intense aspect.

The expression should not be sharp or aggressive. They can respond in an instant. This is part of their hunting heritage.

The old Spanish standards always said, *intelligent, but not particularly noble*. I have always found this amusing. An Ibizan is not Rin Tin Tin. The Ibizan has a quick, bright, reactive intelligence that should be reflected in its expression.

As I watch my Ibizans standing in a row on the couch, looking out my picture window, I am amazed at how observant they are. It is amusing to watch them do a sort of *Terminator* camera-refocus as they watch a

distant squirrel. You can almost hear the clicking.

I find that even old dogs retain much of their youthful exuberance, in both expression and deed.

—N.K.-L.

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## Irish Wolfhounds

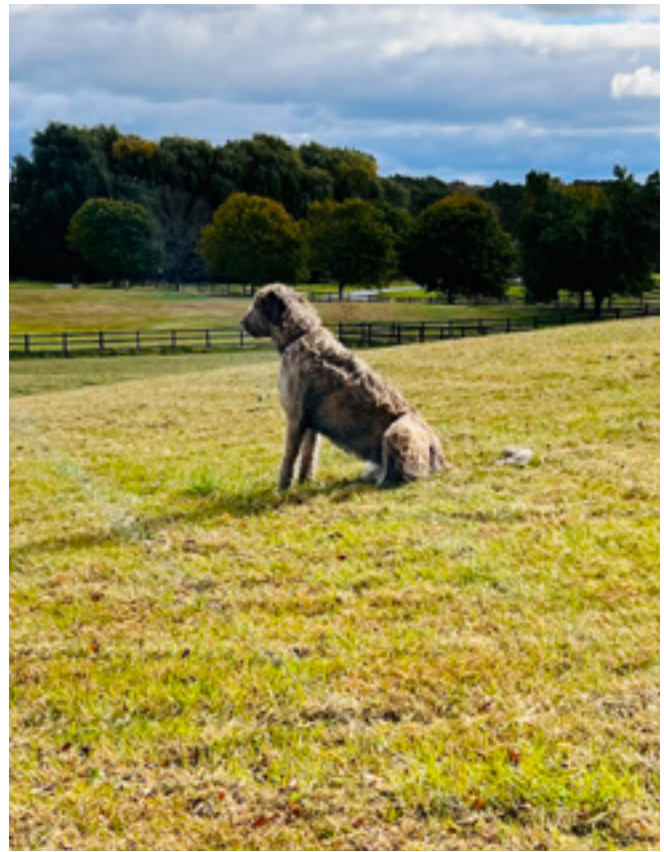
### SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

No matter how long we have been breeding purebred dogs, horses, or otherwise, on occasion we cannot “see the forest for the trees.” We are only human, and the myopic state this expression refers to can affect us all at one time or another. Occasionally, breeders become overly focused on one or more attributes or faults, when we must instead look at the situation as a whole.

The capacity to look down the road is a gift. As a dog's bloodline serves as a record of its past and present, we

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*The AKC standard for the Irish Wolfhound notes: “The largest and tallest of the galloping hounds, in general type he is a rough-coated, Greyhound-like breed; very muscular, strong though gracefully built ...”*

look forward to contributing to its future. So, when considering a specific pairing or breeding, apart from the elementary selection factors, naturally we should focus on the progeny’s future offspring, which will be bred onward.

This brief essay is not a lesson in genetics and cannot encompass all the mitigating factors. Still, it

touches upon some simplified fundamentals that may factor into a breeder’s decision-making process.

The Irish Wolfhound, as well as its close cousin the Scottish Deerhound, have very low genetic diversity percentages because these breeds are fixed—the Deerhound, with its small population, and the Wolfhound, being

a Founders breed. As a Founders breed, all its individuals are descended from the original founding dogs who established the race. Consequently, these Founders provided the only genes we have to work with. That’s it—no other genetic variables exist. Even though thousands of dogs are in our population, the gene pool can only stay the same

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or has gotten smaller when other genetic impediments have arisen. Thus, all the individuals in the Wolfhound breed ultimately are related, to a greater or lesser degree.

To what degree is measured by the Coefficient of Relationship or Relatedness (COR), which is the fraction of alleles that two individuals have in common. In other words, it is a direct measure of shared ancestry, and the extent of COR will depend on the various ancestors' number of appearances or saturation levels in early to later generations in an expansive pedigree.

In a tight linebreeding program, one might weigh the benefits of using a sire with a mostly distant bloodline. Choosing a sire with as remote ancestry as feasible from the dam's ancestry could result in lower CORs. You may consider the results a good nick or not, but acknowledge it as a step forward, as the offspring will have better heterozygosity than the parents. This means the frequency or rate of

occurrence of the various alleles in the genetic makeup of these pups may be very different than that of the Founders.

Using my last litter as an example, I employed this process by using a sire with ancestors who were either distant or did not appear in my dam's 30-generation pedigree. Therefore, the sire's ancestors have a lower contribution (percentage of blood or relatedness) to the puppies. I did so intending to affect the progeny's future positively. And, even if I did or did not produce my decades-long consistent style of Wolfhound in this sequel, I am satisfied, as I affected the frequency of their inherited alleles. Nonetheless, I have learned from experience that some traits or faults can skip a generation within a close bloodline. So, too, I may repeat this process. As a preservationist breeder, I intend to preserve this breed intact and free from further decay.

I can't entirely agree with

the oversimplification that anyone breeding a purebred dog is considered a preservationist breeder by default. Instead, a better portrayal of a preservationist breeder is being able to see the forest for the trees.

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### Norwegian Elkhounds

#### PRESIDENTIAL STAR POWER

A few years before they became an AKC member club in 1935, the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America (NEAA) was very busy gifting Norwegian Elkhound puppies to high-ranking U.S. government officials in 1931 to promote this rare Nordic breed in this country.

According to the *New York Times*, in October 1930 the NEAA had placed an order for a Norwegian Elkhound puppy for President Herbert Hoover. "The association offered a puppy to the President as a gift to replace

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### NEW PET FOR HOOVER ARRIVES FROM NORWAY

*Elkhound, Whose Ancestry Is  
Traceable to Time of Vikings,  
Will Replace King Tut.*

A two-months-old Norwegian elk-  
hound arrived yesterday on the Nor-  
wegian American liner Slavanger-  
fjord for presentation to President  
Hoover to replace his dog, King Tut,  
who died several months ago. The  
pet is the gift of the Norwegian Elk-  
hound Association of America.

The elkhound is rare in this coun-  
try, there being only twenty-five or  
thirty of the breed in the United  
States, although it is popular in Nor-  
way and England. As a breed the  
elkhound is one of the oldest in ken-  
nel records, being traceable to the  
time of the Vikings.

The puppy, which will find its fu-  
ture home on the grounds of the  
White House, is from the Glitre Ken-  
nels, owned by Dr. Drylarge T. Hem-  
sen. It is gray with an overtone of  
black on the sides and somewhat re-  
sembles the Alaskan or Siberian  
husky. When full grown the dog  
will be slightly smaller than a police  
dog, although stockier in build.

When the Slavangerfjord arrived  
yesterday the pedigree papers were  
sent to the Department of Agricul-  
ture in Washington for a certificate  
of pure breeding. These papers con-  
tain the dog's kennel name, and  
President Hoover will learn his new  
pet's real name within a week, when  
D. G. Campbell of Little Neck, L. I.,  
secretary of the association, takes  
the dog to the White House.

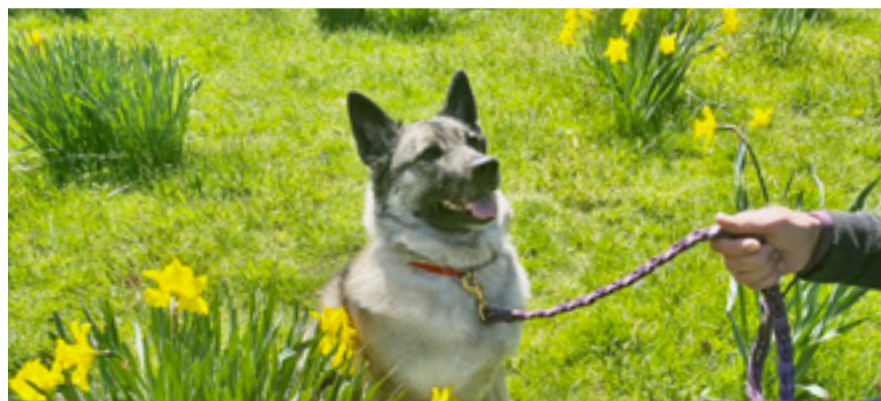
The association already has been  
informed that President Hoover will  
accept the elkhound and has asked  
for an appointment for the presenta-  
tion.



Clockwise from top left: New York Times article announcing the arrival of a Norwegian Elkhound puppy gifted to President Herbert Hoover (February 3, 1931); the President and Mrs. Hoover in the garden; Hoover with Weegie. Bottom: a Norwegian Elkhound today, with daffodils.

The club was trying to obtain a male puppy from the first litter of Saga, a female of much acclaim in Norway. But if it took too long to wait for Saga to be in whelp, then “another of the best stock will be imported.” That other import turned out to be Ronnie Av Glitre, sired by Skrub Av Glitre and Bringie II Av Glitre, whelped on November 27, 1930, and bred by veterinarian Dr. Drylarge T. Hensen of Norway.

Progeny of Skrub av Glitre were so coveted that more than a dozen puppies from different litters were sent to the States in the early 1930s. Holy popular sire syndrome, Batman! This at a time when only 25 people owned Elkhounds in the country—



King Tut, the Belgian shepherd dog which died some time ago, and just received

word from the White House of the President's acceptance,” the *Times* said.

FROM TOP LEFT: NEW YORK TIMES; PRESIDENTIAL PET MUSEUM; COURTESY LISA PETERSON/BARN GIRL MEDIA

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about 20 of them NEAA members.

Renowned Norwegian judge Olaf Campbell, in his 1988 book *My 60 Years with Norwegian Elkhounds*, called Skrub “the most famous of all Norwegian Elghunds. He was and still is the prototype of the perfect Norwegian Elghund.”

The Norsk Kennel Klub registered 53 elghunds in 1930, the year Hoover’s puppy was born, and 14 of them were imported to the U.S. After President Hoover’s puppy came to America, the canine immigration began.

The 1930s was the busiest decade for importing Norwegian Elkhounds. A record 122 dogs (74 from Norway, 47 from England, and one from Sweden) were imported from 1930 to 1939—a staggering amount, considering only one dog was imported in 1929.

### **Puppy Arriving**

On February 2, 1931, a 2-month-old Norwegian Elkhound puppy arrived on

the Norwegian-American liner *Stavangerfjord* in Manhattan. The NEAA secretary, D.G. Campbell of Little Neck, Long Island, was selected to take the dog to the White House.

Once the puppy arrived, Hoover granddaughter Peggy Ann named him Weegie. The dark-colored male spent many happy years at the White House and enjoyed romping in the rose garden with [Mrs. Hoover and their other dog, Pal](#). He retired with the Hoovers to Palo Alto, California in 1934.

A month after Weegie arrived in Washington, D.C., a litter by Skrub Av Glitre out of Sara Av Elglia was whelped on March 30, 1931, by famed breeder Johnny Aarflot in Norway. This would have been the litter the NEAA had hoped for the president out of the famous bitch Sara.

So, instead, in May 1931, a 3-month-old Norwegian Elkhound named Bister Av Elglia, half-brother to Hoover’s Weegie (with the

same sire, Skrub) was sent to the States to become the mascot of America’s newest and largest airship, the *USS Akron*. The president of the NEAA, Captain Oliver Holden was at the pier of the Norwegian American line in Brooklyn to greet the puppy. The dog was one of seven that arrived on the liner *Bergensfjord*, the other six going to fanciers.

Eventually, the puppy, now 11 months old, was delivered to the Commander of the *Akron*, Navy Vice Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl by NEAA Secretary Campbell, after the maiden voyage of the airship in November 1931. More news items appeared in the *New York Times*.

Not bad, NEAA, gifting Elkie pups into the hands of POTUS and a Naval officer as his ship’s mascot to bring attention to the breed. I have a sneaking suspicion that the club secretary, who also worked at the *New York Times* as a copy editor, came up with these brilliant public-relations campaigns,

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along with news coverage, to spread the word and the love of our beloved dogs.

(For more about Weegie, see <https://www.presidentialpetmuseum.com/herbert-hoovers-weegie/>.)

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### Otterhounds

#### COLD WEATHER WARRIORS

The end of burr season means I can stop the often painful daily combing of my dogs' coats. The little triangular ones bury themselves deep in a double-coated dog, but the little green ones with spikes that look like a green version of the coronavirus model really wreak havoc with beards and ears and can pin the ears to the top of the head. Then the large brown ones adhere in groups and entwine in under- and top-coats—yes, Otterhounds' double coats make trav-



eling off the beaten path in autumn very difficult. But then comes the cold weather, where they feel quite at home.

Otterhounds' outer, harsh coats repel snow as well as water, and a quick shake and light snow disappears without penetrating to the bottom layer. The undercoat that keeps an Otterhound warm when crossing cold waters in Europe does an excellent job in heavier snow. Most Otterhound owners who love in the

northern part of the U.S. can produce photos of their Otterhounds sitting in the backyard during a snow-storm—the half facing the wind covered and white, the other hound-color.

Otterhounds do not need coats or sweaters; nor do they need boots. Many people comment on Otterhounds' webbed feet that enable them to follow otters into and across rivers and up rocky banks. Webbing is only part of what makes Otterhound

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feet special. Their thick pads enable them to hunt all day in rough terrain without cuts.

I have never seen an Otterhound without webbing, but some do not have thick pads. That is a fault on a hunt and a problem on a winter walk. Those pads also enable them to navigate salted sidewalks and parking lots without a problem.

Most dogs pull up their feet after they walk across salted asphalt or concrete and then into snow; not so Otterhounds. I have watched one of my females track through a pile of salt dumped in a road, and then into wet snow without a pause, while other dogs were unable to go on without having their feet wiped.

Since Otterhounds put their noses on the ground no matter what the weather, their ears must also have some heft. The heavy ears so important on a hunt to keep ears from being torn in those brambles (and burrs, of course) perform well in snow. The hair covering the

ears helps keep them warm, but the leather keeps the blood circulating in very cold snow as well. Many people emphasize ear length in our standard; anyone who has worked or walked their hounds in inclement weather knows how easily thin ears can freeze.

Unless the snow is several feet deep, Otterhounds do not need a shoveled path in winter. They readily make their own through a field because they have the bone and muscle and persistence to plow through obstacles, even piles of the white stuff. Small dogs and kids can walk on top of crusty, hard-packed snow, but adults and Otterhounds will sink through the crust. No problem for the hound. They will bound with abandon while we humans trudge slowly along behind. And after all that exercise they burst into the house still invigorated by the bracing weather; we collapse in our favorite chair.

The same attributes that make Otterhounds specialists in hunting otters in the

United Kingdom, make them great playmates and trackers in snow. They need heft in bone, ear leather, and paw-pads to survive at their jobs. After all, some of those Scottish rivers are cold all year long.

Someday I have to ask a huntmaster how they deal with burrs. But now that winter is here, I won't have to worry about that for another year.

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Otterhound Club of America

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## Petits Bassets Griffons Vendéens

**2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY  
APRIL 2-6 IN WILMINGTON,  
OHIO**

April 2-9 will be an exciting week to celebrate all things PBGV. Come to the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio, to try a new dog sport or show off your skills in your current one, visit old friends, take advantage of educational





opportunities, have your dog's eyes examined, and see lots of PBGVs from all over the country.

This year will include several special events focused on the theme of "Preserving Our Future." This year's theme is really personal to

me. I chose it because I've been struggling to believe that the breed I have loved since I was a teenager even has a real future.

PBGVs have never been a popular breed, but registration numbers have dropped to a critical point as

many breeders have retired or changed breeds. I know everyone has a different view of what breed preservation means, but to me there needs to be a happy medium between the two extremes of protecting the breed out of existence and pretending that every drop-eared, fuzzy-faced dog in the shelter is a PBGV.

I think that middle ground needs to start with education, and I'm trying to make that a big part of this year's specialty. All through the preparation process, I've tried to keep the theme at the forefront.

Since social media is such a big part of how we communicate with distant friends, I established a Facebook group for the show early in the planning process. In addition to news and updates about the show, each week the group has featured "Tuesday Tips," "Throwback Thursday" posts, and "Friday Facts." The tips have included an introduction to each event at the show, training and travel

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ideas, and podcast and app recommendations. Thursday posts have featured video clips from specialties going back as far as 1998. Friday posts have helped to clarify rules and policies that are sometimes misunderstood.

The group has also featured two free webinars—one on “Entering Your First Dog Event,” and another on “Preparing for Triathlon Events.” Prior to the opening date for entries, I plan to host a third webinar to help new exhibitors navigate the entry and activity registration process.

The show itself will include agility, scent work, rally, obedience, conformation, Junior Showmanship, Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog testing, Fast CAT, and hunt tests.

We will also feature a variety of seminars throughout the week, including Judges’ Education; Mentor Education; a Breeder’s Roundtable, where four longtime breeders will speak about establishing a line of dogs; a presentation on

“Canine Reproduction” by Dr. Marty Greer; and a number of short educational events about hunting with PBGVs. We hope to make some of the educational seminars available via Zoom for those who can’t attend the show in person.

Please join us in April for a great week of PBGVs! —Megan Esherick, Chair, 2024 PBGVCA National Specialty

Thank you, Megan!

—Susan Smyth, PBGVCA GAZETTE column chair, [oldyork2002@aol.com](mailto:oldyork2002@aol.com)  
[Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America](#)

### Pharaoh Hounds

Mrs. Rita Laventhall Sacks, longtime columnist for the breed’s parent club, wrote the following in 2013.

#### POSITIVE VERSUS NEGATIVE JUDGING

Whatever the breed, many dogs are subjected to fault judging by judges, breeders, and exhibitors.

For those who are not familiar with the term, I can describe fault judging by example. One person evaluates the dog according to his good qualities as compared to the breed’s standard. Then his faults can be determined. The person judging may conclude that despite the dog’s faults, it is a fairly good example of its breed.

Someone else judging the same dog might achieve an entirely different opinion by focusing on the dog’s faults, to the extent that its good qualities are not taken into consideration. That person might conclude that the dog is a poor specimen. The second approach is called fault judging.

With regard to Pharaoh Hounds, judges who know the breed well usually do not fault-judge. It is those who are less informed who focus on one fault in particular and do not truly evaluate the entire dog. This makes judging much easier, but it is most inefficient. It can cause the rejection of a higher-quality dog in favor

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of one who is mediocre but does not have an obvious fault.

By criticizing fault judging, I am not de-emphasizing the seriousness of major faults, such as poor movement or severe structural defects. Also minor faults, such as a skull that is a little too wide, eyes that are a little lighter than they should be, a little too much slope in the pastern, or a tail that is carried a bit high, must surely be considered when evaluating

a dog. But judging can be more meaningful if judges would *first* evaluate each dog for its good qualities, assessing how its overall look relates to the standard, and *then* take into consideration the faults it may possess.

Of course there are people who are particularly sensitive to certain faults, possibly from having had problems with them in their own breeds. Prejudices should be set aside, and the Pharaoh Hound standard

should be studied carefully. What might be a serious fault in one breed might be a minor one, or not a fault at all, in Pharaohs. I knew one gentleman who went to his grave thinking that Pharaoh Hound feet and pasterns are “all wrong.” He had been a Doberman Pinscher breeder and could never accept the breed differences.

However, few experienced breeders evaluate Pharaoh Hounds by fault judging. They know how important the entire dog is. On the other hand, many inexperienced exhibitors are very quick to focus on the faults of a competitor’s dog, overlooking the fact that there is more to evaluating a dog than only finding its faults. I believe that this practice makes inexperienced fanciers feel more knowledgeable. Once again, they should read the standard and learn to consider each dog in its entirety. This is not nearly as easy as fault-judging, but it can provide a much more accurate evaluation.

Of course, each judge,

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breeder, and exhibitor sees each dog from a slightly different viewpoint, based on experience and a slightly different aesthetic sense. That is to be expected, and that's what makes dog shows both exciting and educational. But most important, we must judge our Pharaoh Hounds by evaluating the entire dog according to the standard and not limiting our evaluations to fault-judging.—*R.L.S.*

[Pharaoh Hound Club of America](#)

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### Salukis

#### **“RETURN TO NORMAL FUNCTION”: WHAT THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST MISSED**

Why couldn't our young Saluki Ildico make a running turn after being pronounced “whole” by both surgeon and therapist? Wendy and I had no idea—but it turned out there was something that neither professional had considered.

In November 2002, I flew home from England with

an 11-week-old puppy in the cabin. Just days after her arrival, Ildico injured her right knee. Our vet thought it was a bad sprain, but when the limp persisted, an X-ray revealed a piece of bone had been wrenched from her tibia (an avulsion fracture) and with it, one attachment point for her cranial cruciate ligament (one of two that both humans and dogs need to make their knees work).

Fast-forward through two surgeries, seven months of close confinement, physical therapy, pampering, and angst, to the day when Ildico was declared “returned to normal function.”

She was aching to run, and we let her loose in a small yard for first time since her injury. You have never seen a happier dog (or owners) until she made a turn at speed, fell, screamed, and got up limping. We were sure the knee was damaged again, but the therapist said reassuringly that we needed to work up to free-running—one element at a time

as her body became ready for it.

No one had anticipated that, unlike a normal puppy, Ildico had grown from toddler to teenager, unable to learn how to use her body as it grew and changed. So, Wendy and I would have to teach her. Twice a day, we put Ildico on a flexible lead and let her chase a bit of fur attached to a cord at the end of a six-foot bamboo pole. Like lunging a horse, we worked her in circles alternating directions and speed—letting her catch the fur periodically as a reward.

Over a month, we progressed to bigger circles, figure eights, and lastly, the wildest free-form maneuvers I could devise.

Finally, on July 4 (with her first birthday coming up) we judged that Ildico was ready. Wendy suggested we tire her a little with the usual circles, lest she go too crazy with her new freedom. That was just the ticket, because she tore happily around the large paddock and wore herself out in 15 minutes.

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*With Ildico's healing leg in a cast and restrictions against her bearing weight on it and playing free, we could at least give her mental stimulation on stroller walks; fully healed in June 2004, this was Ildico's first lure chase since her injury (the scar is visible on her right rear leg).*

We kept a cautious eye on Ildico for the next few months, allowing her to exercise freely alone and with dogs who would not be too rough as she re-learned to play tag, wrestle, and take tumbles. It took still more months for her to develop normal stamina and muscle tone.

In June the following year, we let her lure course for the first time, and she tore after that plastic bag like a ricocheting bullet. In the show ring, her rear gait was and

is flawless, and apart from a long scar inside of her right leg, you'd never know there had been anything wrong with her knee.

That's not the whole story of Ildico's recovery, but my point here is that an informed owner often knows more about breed-specific "normal" than the professionals who treat all breeds—and with a leg injury in a dog whose life is running, "return to normal function" is considerably more than just

walking without a limp.

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### Scottish Deerhounds

A relatively new sport, Fast CAT has grown by leaps and bounds with Deerhounds. As a group, Deerhounds are usually willing to give their hounds opportunities to have fun, and in the process show off

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their running abilities. Lure coursing has been embraced for years, and now a different kind of racing is being offered. Enter Fast CAT, a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. It can be very exciting, and it's over before you know it! It's a universal sport, where all dogs can participate, whether pure-bred or mixed-breed. And as the AKC says, "It's nothing short of awe-inspiring to watch your dog run at top speed, ears back, eyes focused, legs strong." To make it even more exciting, the top five ranked dogs in each breed are invited to the following year's Fast CAT Invitational held each December in Orlando.

Kathy Lazenby is one of the first Deerhounds to have participated in Fast CAT competition, and we've asked her to share her experience with you. Following is her response.

### FAST CAT FOR DEERHOUNDS

Fletcher and I began participating in Fast CAT in



*Fletcher's Fast CAT rank of 30.42 MPH is still the lifetime fastest for all Scottish Deerhounds.*

2018. He had begun "playing" with other hounds during lure-coursing events, and my hope was to get him focused on the lure again. We were camping at the Brooksville, Florida, shows, so this would also give him a chance to stretch his legs and burn off a little energy. Back then you could sign up easily on the day of the event and get in your two runs a day. He absolutely loved it!

Today most Fast CAT

events are packed with all manner of hounds, offering online entries and reserved time blocks. Once signed up you will need two people, each with a lead—one to release the dog, and another to wait at the end to catch and remove the dog. You shouldn't worry if you go alone, however; one of my favorite things was helping others at either end, and you'll no doubt find someone willing to help you.

I drove to an event in

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Lawrenceville, Georgia, alone to run Fletcher to get the points we needed for his DCAT, and there was a young man there with his son who were enamored with him. He released him for his second run, and his son was just outside the catch pen when I caught him. I'll never forget the smiles on both their faces as we walked him out a bit, and I took photos of them with him on their phone.

In 2019 Fletcher was invited to the first Fast CAT Invitational. Coming into this event Fletcher needed 40.19 points, or MPH, to become the first Scottish Deerhound to attain an FCAT title. We had loved doing this event together over the years, and he has always been a crowd pleaser, the thundering herd of delight.

The AKC went all out on the setup, and the teams of volunteers were incredible. As we got closer to the start line Fletcher was able to pick up the sound and sighted the cleverly dis-

guised return of the lure. What he lacked in size he made up for in enthusiasm, and his interest was piqued. We made our way onto the course. I set him up and was caught slightly off guard by the "Tally ho!"—Fletcher reared up, and I was sent sprawling backwards on my ... well, you know. I felt a twinge of pain spring through my left wrist but got up and watched my boy run! He finished the run and turned to get the lure, and I let them enjoy the catch. He did 100 yards in 7.63 seconds, which calculates to 26.80 MPH—respectable, with such a bad start. I ended up with a fractured wrist, and Fletcher ended up fourth in the large dog division, finished his FCAT, and remained number one for another year. His rank of 30.42 MPH is still the lifetime fastest for all Scottish Deerhounds.—K.L.

Thank you, Kathy—and congratulations!

—Frances Smith,  
[Scottish Deerhound Club of America](#)

## Whippets

### IN SHOWING THE WHIPPET, LESS IS MORE

Successfully presenting the Whippet in the show ring involves establishing trust, using a gentle demeanor, and maintaining physical contact with your dog. Whippets hate to be ignored, and they thrive when they are the center of attention.

The next rule of Whippet handling is to always keep the lead as loose as possible. I never show puppies on a choke collar, and only occasionally will I show an adult on one. I use collar and lead as a guide, not a corrective tool. I am not afraid to "let puppies be puppies." Choking him too tight and running him too fast can ruin a good puppy. Often the more the puppy fights the lead, the looser I try to make it; I would rather tolerate a little misbehavior than create a sullen dog.

I try to keep it slow and move at a nice, easy, coordinated trot. Never, ever, lose your temper with a Whippet,



no matter how he taxes you. Remember that he will not forgive or forget any perceived mistreatment.

This truth holds with regard to posing or stacking the Whippet. The third rule of successful Whippet handling is *less is more*. Whippets resent being manhandled. You should gently place the legs in the desired position, trying to keep physical contact with your dog in making small, subtle moves. By contrast you will rarely make a positive impression in the

ring if you pound on your dog's topline while staring at the judge, but I *guarantee* that by doing so you will make a negative impression on your dog. However, you can gently stroke the dog's back and arch the neck into proper position with a soft neck-massage. Subtle movements will keep the dog looking relaxed and natural *and* accentuate his attributes. Once again, contact plays a role in keeping the dog comfortable and interested.

I often see handlers stack their dog, hold the lead tight, and expect the dog to stay in position like a mannequin. I have even seen the dog close his eyes and doze off, never moving a muscle. This hardly illustrates the "eyes bright and alert" quality we want to see.

In America, we overdo the baiting aspect of presentation, expecting the Whippet to be on his toes, ears up every second, like a terrier. The handler will often bait the dog constantly, pulling the neck up and forward,

creating a sloping topline and a caricature of true Whippet outline and character. This is wrong, and I wish it would stop.

Somewhere in between "bored statue" and "exaggerated terrier" is the look you should be going for. A dog trained to stand still in a relaxed, natural pose, showing off his smooth curves, is a good thing. A little bait or a squeaky toy to pique the dog's interest and show proper ear carriage is also a good thing.

But, once again, less is more! The Whippet is a natural breed who should be presented in a natural stance and gaited at a smooth, easy trot.

To summarize, handle your Whippet with a soft, gentle yet confident demeanor. Don't gait him too fast. Work as a team. And if you maintain that physical contact with him that he loves, he will pay you back with a stellar performance.

—Phoebe Booth,  
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### American Hairless Terriers

Our guest contributor for this issue is Monica Jones ([newhopeaht@gmail.com](mailto:newhopeaht@gmail.com)).

#### TRAINING FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE AMERICAN HAIRLESS TERRIER

The American Hairless Terrier standard says, “given early socialization and training they excel as companions.” But what does this early socialization and training entail? Supporting confidence in your puppy helps set them up for success, whether they’re your next specials prospect, sport dog, service dog, or beloved pet.

Ideally, your American Hairless Terrier puppy should come home with a good genetic foundation toward a confident enthusiasm for their environment. Selecting a puppy from a breeder who prioritizes temperament makes the road forward a lot easier, but no matter where you’re starting from or your goals,

encouraging confidence and appropriate levels of arousal is possible with any dog.

While this article focuses on young dogs, the theory can be applied to any age.

The first consideration when encouraging confidence is environmental management. You want to expose your puppy to plenty of sights, sounds, textures, smells, and experiences—but that doesn’t mean you should bring your 10-week-old to a rock concert at the local park right away! It also doesn’t mean that a play group or traditional “puppy kindergarten” setting is the best way to socialize your puppy. Start with small outings in calm environments, and cater to your dog. Keep your puppies’ vaccination status in mind, and avoid high-dog-traffic areas until they are appropriately prepared.

Some of my favorite places to start are a quiet restaurant or coffee-shop patio. Reward your puppy for resting calmly with you. Bring a “place” (such as a rolled-up

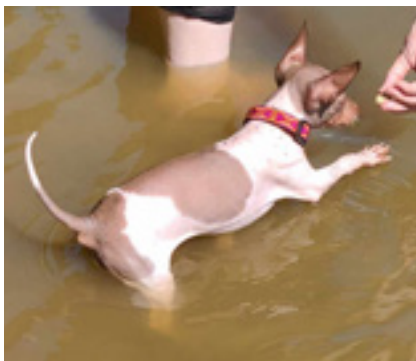
fleece crate mat), and drop-feed their kibble as a reward, or bring a fun chewy to keep them occupied and rewarded. Don’t ask every other patron to interact with your dog! If they like people, one or two who approach is fine (and if your puppy is unsure, don’t pressure them). Learning to relax in a busy environment is fantastic for dogs to learn how to observe their environment rather than immediately engaging, whether positively or negatively.

Stepping up at your dog’s pace may look like going from off-hours patios, to lunchtime, to the dinner rush, or it may look like jumping next to the neighborhood block party. The important part is that your dog remains calm, doesn’t get overwhelmed, and has an enjoyable learning experience. The more positive experiences in new situations your dog has, the more confident they will be when encountering something new.

As you start training

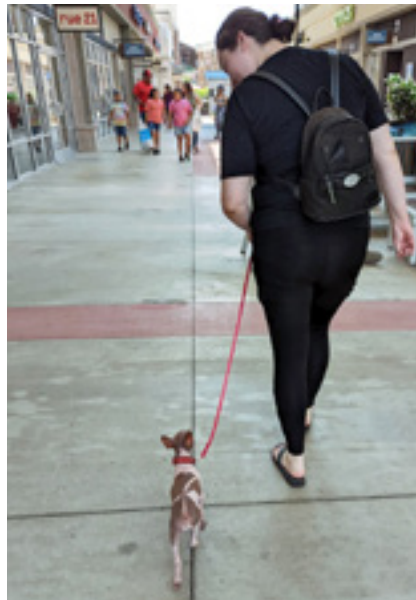


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*“Start with small outings in calm environments, and cater to your dog. ... As you expand to new environments and experiences, encourage your puppy to learn at their own pace, and make a game out of it.”*

tasks and behaviors, start working them in the new environments. Practice your down-and-back in the aisle of a Lowe’s store, or your loose-leash walking at Tractor Supply (or other dog-friendly business). As you go, reward confidence, reward calmness, and avoid



overstimulation—whether in the form of stress or excitement. If they start showing signs of being beyond threshold, take a step back to an environment they were successful in.

As you expand to new environments and experiences, encourage your puppy to learn at their own pace, and make a game out of it! Have them chase you over a “weird” surface, follow their favorite treat or toy into water ... encourage them to explore, and have fun with it. Avoid pushing experiences that cause high levels of stress, though—a bad experience can set a puppy back

more than exposing them would have helped—and let them learn that you are a safe space. If you’re their safety net, they’re more likely to follow you confidently into new or weird situations.

Doing a bit every day with your puppy ensures a myriad of experiences and exposures, and plenty of opportunities to have positive experiences and build or cement their confidence. Before you know it, you’ll have a confident, happy dog who can excel and focus on *you* in any number of environments, and you’ll find that they bounce back from even a spooky experience very quickly.—M.J.

Thank you, Monica.

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### Australian Terriers

Our guest columnist is Darlene Evans.

#### YOUR DOG IS MISSING ... NOW WHAT?

You cannot find your dog. Your pulse is racing. You

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are sweating. You look in the house. You look in the garage. Your dog is nowhere around. You check with the neighbors. Your dog is gone.

Now is the time to get creative and think outside the box when it comes to finding your dog before anything happens to him or her.

In addition to posting on social media, putting up printed flyers is an excellent way to attract attention and spread the info about the dog and how to contact you.

What you put on this flyer is critical. Saying your dog is an Australian Terrier, when most of the population has no idea what an Australian Terrier looks like, will not help people keep an eye out for your dog. Instead, you can say the dog looks like a “mixed terrier” that is red or black and tan. (Do not use the word “blue,” because only people who have Aussies know what “blue” coloring means.) Keep the description of the dog simple so that a non-dog person would be able to pick him or her out of a crowd.



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Saying something like the dog “looks like Toto” or like another well-known canine on TV or on social media can be very helpful.

Current photos of the dog are important to include on the flyer. If your dog is young, do not use a photo of an older dog. If your dog has not been groomed, do not use a photo of a groomed dog. You need to use accurate photos so that when people see your dog, they will know it is your dog and not think, “Well, that dog does not look like the

picture on the flyer.”

Keep in mind that a dog can travel great distance when chasing something or just having a great time; when a specific area is mentioned, some people who might see a small black and tan dog a distance of, say, 12 blocks away from where the dog was lost might not think it is the same dog.

You want your plea for help in finding your lost dog to stand out and catch people’s attention. The more people you have searching for your dog, the better the



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chance he'll be found.

A reward is always a great way of getting attention, but you must state the amount and make it large enough to be enticing.

Just a statement of "reward" will not get the attention you are seeking. A reward of \$200 or more will get people interested.

The amount of the reward must be the largest, most notable message on your flyer so that when people are walking or driving by it will catch their attention. If someone has your dog, now they are pressed to make the decision of whether to keep the dog or return it for the reward.

You want everyone talking about looking for your dog and claiming the reward. Older kids are great at finding animals, especially if they are motivated by money.

Schools are a great place to hand out flyers, or flyers can be posted on the school bulletin boards. Libraries, churches, and shopping centers are also great places to

put your notice. If electronic distribution is available, ask if you can send the flyer electronically as well.

Notify the vets in your area to contact you if they see your dog. Constantly check in with shelters, local vets, and pet stores. If you or a friend has a dog of the same breed and about the same color and age, take that dog along so the shelters will know what to look for (it's better than a picture).

If you have microchipped your dog, it does not mean that every organization can read your chip. Constantly keep checking.

An additional source may be services that assist in locating lost animals. Contact them. AKC Reunite is a program that has been very successful. Be sure to register your microchips with such a program.—D.E.

Thank you, Darlene.

—Dr. Grace Massey,

Gloucester, Virginia

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## Bedlington Terriers

Coated breeds in the hands of talented groomers can have their faults minimized and become something they are not. Our Bedlington Terrier breed standard is very specific about coats and presentation. "Eye candy" created with obvious coloring should not be rewarded. I have invited our breed parent club president, Laurie Friesen, to address these issues.

### PUTTING PRESENTATION IN PERSPECTIVE

The inaugural Des Moines Kennel Club Grooming Extravaganza was held last September in association with the club's two-day conformation show. The conformation show brought three Bedlington Terriers—and the Grooming Extravaganza brought five Bedlington Terriers!

I was not the only one who took notice of the Extravaganza's large entry. One of the grooming-event judges told me Bedlingtons

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*The Bedlington Terrier's coat is a distinct mixture of hard and soft hair standing well out from the skin—crisp to the touch, but not wiry. Left: Ch. Carillon Serendipity Bluenote*

are very trendy right now; every competition groomer wants one. She was and is correct. As a Bedlington breeder, I have also seen a recent demand for groomer-contest puppies. Apparently a “breed du jour” is not uncommon in the grooming-competition

industry and trends until another fashionable breed comes along.

New interest and popularity in a low-entry breed are most welcome ... until this influences breeding practices that differ from the breed standard. And unfortunately, these are also trending.

In my opinion, there is a difference between breed type and breed style in conformation. Breeders can debate breed type, but breed style is discretionary. However, most conformation exhibitors have always

followed a certain agreed-upon pattern, with a few exceptions.

There are no written rules on how to trim for conformation, as there are for grooming competitions, except that (according to the Bedlington Terrier standard) the head should be covered in a profuse topknot, highest at the crown and tapering gradually to just back of the nose, and when in a show trim must not exceed 1 inch on the body. The hair on the legs is slightly longer.

Exceptions are always noticeable in the ring. These dogs look like over-exaggerated caricatures deviating from the Bedlington's form and original function. A beautiful Bedlington with correct coat and structure does not need exaggeration. Close examination of these exhibits often reveals incorrect coat type as well.

Correct breed-standard coat is very different from the newly desired “grooming competition coat.” Breed-standard coat is a distinct mixture of hard and soft

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hair standing well out from the skin—crisp to the touch, but not wiry. The description is vague, but historical knowledge of the Bedlington as a hunting terrier is obvious in the interpretation of correct coat type. Those crossing over from the grooming industry might not understand this if they haven't had mentoring.

I've been told that competition groomers want more coat. They want thicker coat. They want coat they can sculpt and scissor to perfection. They want what is now defined as grooming-competition coat. When told this is not correct breed-standard coat, they reply, "Well, I can't win with that type of coat." The reply is, "Then you do not want a Bedlington."

Bedlingtons are hand scissored and are known for having the most difficult coat to scissor due to the fine, linty texture. The desired thicker, more cottony coat is a winning coat, and not only in grooming competitions. Some conformation judges like sculpted

dogs with thick, cottony coats and often point to these Bedlingtons despite the dog's structure and movement.

As more and more contest groomers enter dog shows with their newly acquired Bedlingtons, they bring exaggerated, trendy grooming-contest styles with them. A dog shown in conformation should never be rewarded solely based on a person's grooming skills. Judges should not reward trendy styles and should penalize coats exceeding an inch on the body as a fault. If in doubt, look for a Bedlington silhouette that exemplifies the historic purpose of the breed as a hunting terrier.

Lastly, no reputable breeder should promote trends that negate the standard. Fulfilling industry demands is not preservation. —L.F.

Thank you, Laurie.

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[Bedlington Terrier Club of America](#)

## Border Terriers

Susan Kane is our guest columnist for this issue. Susan is the editor of *The Borderline*, magazine of the Border Terrier Club of America (BTCA).

### ADVANCED JUDGES INSTITUTE: BTCA BORDER TERRIER SEMINAR

The American Kennel Club and the Dog Judges Association of America held their 2024 Advanced Judges Institute for Sporting and Terrier Breeds December 12–15, 2023, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship and the Orlando cluster of dog shows.

The Border Terrier seminar was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 13. The presenters were D'Arcy Downs-Vollbracht (Fortune) and Peter Holson (McHills). A high number of judges enrolled in the seminar (34), of which 24 attended, and there were many who were not originally terrier people. That

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*The AKC and the Dog Judges Association of America held the 2024 Advanced Judges Institute for Sporting and Terrier Breeds December 12–15, 2023, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship and the Orlando shows. The Border Terrier seminar on December 13 stressed to attendees the importance of breed points such as spanning, the proper loose pelt, and the otterlike head.*

number of attendees far exceeds normal attendance at a seminar held in conjunction with the national specialty, so it was an excellent opportunity to reach a broader audience.

The format included lively

conversation between the two presenters, who both stressed the importance of how the principle “form follows function” is implicit throughout the Border Terrier standard, and how it applies to every activity and

event that this multitalented breed can excel at.

A video narrated by Ronnie Irving on the history of the breed was followed by a discussion of the breed standard, during which the various points of the standard were explained in detail.

When the presenters demonstrated what a proper loose pelt was like on a Border Terrier by holding up a demonstration dog by its pelt, there were astonished gasps in the audience. It is one thing to read the words in a book,

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but wholly another to see how much extra loose, thick skin a Border Terrier really has, because you cannot tell that just by looking at the dog.

The importance of spanning to ensure that a Border can go safely to ground was stressed, as was the importance of a thick, loose hide to keep the dog from being injured by quarry and an otterlike head with large, punishing teeth.

After the lecture, participants went to a second, larger room where there were four Border Terriers for them to examine. These dogs were kindly offered for examination by Teri Beverly and Todd Young (Ch. Cobblestone Nigel); Gina Cobussen and Glynn Rivers (Ch. Redgate's Wallace the Brave); Faith and Simon Fairbrother (Ch. Foxrun 24 Karat); and Elizabeth Arellano (Blueprint Springtoo Fits the Bill). Ms. Arellano also provided the one blue and tan dog on site, the always-popular Fred, for the example of a lovely blue

and tan coat.

The stated goals of the presenters were to ensure that prospective judges left the seminar with a better understanding of the history and purpose of the breed, why moderation is important, and knowing what the breed-specific exam consists of and how each element of the exam is important.

The hallmark otterlike head of the breed was discussed in terms of form and function—how each element of the head, from eye placement and shape to ear set and size, are relevant to the functionality of the dog. The concepts of checking the thick, loose hide or pelt were discussed in the context of why these are important. In hunting and when underground the pelt provides a protective layer against elements of nature (weather, dehydration, rocks, sticks, etc.) and against the quarry, who will have a harder time gaining purchase when confronted with a dog who can move

around in its own skin and not be wounded as quickly as can a thinner-skinned dog. This seemed to be a unique concept to many and hopefully sparked enough interest that people will remember to check pelts in their future exams.

Spanning was also discussed and explained verbally, in writing, and physically demonstrated. The importance of flexibility and rib compression as well as size were covered, along with the mechanics of performing the span. This was demonstrated in the seminar and then for those judges attending the hands-on portion, where each was able to span several dogs and get a feel for how to physically perform the span.

The presenters kept it lively, and their diverse backgrounds provided a good overview of how the show and working Border Terrier is one and the same dog, with no difference in type or appearance. It was a wonderful forum for the



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club to have the breed well presented, and the Institute was an impressive educational opportunity. —S.K.

Thank you, Susan.

—D’Arcy Downs-Vollbracht,

[Border Terrier Club of America](#)

### Bull Terriers

#### SHOWING THE BULL TERRIER

Most Bull Terrier exhibitors take great pride in being owner-handlers. Pass by a ring full of Bull Terriers, and you will see ring behaviors by handlers and dogs that run the gamut from expert to absolute beginner ... amusing to cringeworthy.

How does one prepare for showing a dog who has exorbitant amounts of energy for play and who, when you put a show lead on him, is spinning, jumping, and carrying on like a whirling dervish? Then there’s the bored dog who absolutely loathes the idea of wasting her time parading around like some silly



*Bull Terrier GCh. Action’s Soul Power of Alaric, TKN, sweepstakes winner at the 2015 BTCA national*

showoff. Finally, there is that dog seemingly born to be in the ring. Perfect free-stacks every time. Works on a loose lead, attention never wavers. Totally animated

and in tune with her handler. Poetry in motion.

Is the latter a “natural show dog”? Probably not. As with all stellar performances, it may appear

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effortless but is likely the consequence of many hours of rehearsal.

The point is, the amount of time and energy required to channel raw Bull Terrier energy (or lack thereof) into a champion show partner requires a huge commitment. Let's face it: Bull Terriers are not typical dogs in any sense of the word. They are "non-biddable." This basically means they are inclined to do what they want when they want, and to hell with you!

Let us be reminded: We chose them, not the other way around!

There are a variety of training methods and styles one can employ, each with their benefits and hazards. Every dog is different; we all vary in levels of experience, and there is no one surefire method to present a dog that will guarantee your dog will show in the ring exactly the way you have taught her. That's what we love about Bull Terriers!! There is never a shortage of surprises, in the ring or out.

The challenge is to enter the show ring confident that we have invested sufficient training and practiced with our dog to give us a fighting chance. While there are no guarantees, the end can be a fun, pleasant, and enjoyable experience for both dog and handler.

Let us not ignore the fact that it can also be stressful. In order to present our dogs' virtues in the best possible way to judges, it benefits you to know your dog's virtues and to know her flaws. Know the breed standard, employ various training activities and exercises at an early age, and choose a method of presentation that works best for you and your dog.

Even the most seasoned handlers take their puppies to handling classes to acclimate them. A puppy will come to understand—hopefully—through positive reinforcement, experience, and consequence that walking into a show ring means there are specific expectations of her. The handler's

job is to know how to show a dog to emphasize her virtues and minimize her flaws, to guide her dog through stacking and gaiting, and facilitate the judge's ability to see and examine the dog. Your dog's job is to go into the ring, confidently, enthusiastically, and willingly.

Work with your dog at a young age. Use positive reinforcement and fun to build attention and a good work ethic. Train incrementally; be patient; choose the method of presentation that works for your dog, and have fun with her in the show ring. Read. Listen. Watch accomplished handlers. And while you may be aiming for Silverwood instead of Carnegie Hall, practice, practice, practice!

\* Congratulations to Team USA, represented by eight Bull Terriers, on their amazing first-place victory at the coveted International Bull Terrier Country Competition held in the Netherlands by the NBTC last November! The team is

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sponsored by donations and competed against 16 other countries. Go, Bullies, go!

—Victoria M. Sottile

[Bull Terrier Club of America](#)

### Cairn Terriers

#### MORE TO THE HEAD THAN A “HEAD BREED”

A recent discussion on social media among Cairn owners centered on the importance of a proper head in their breeding. While the head is an essential part of Cairn breed type, and certainly sought by breeders and judges, the head is only one part of what makes a winning dog.

A term sometimes used by judges is “head breed.” This term is not included in the AKC glossary, but commonly refers to a dog breed with head qualities that define breed type. If so, then the head shape or grooming may be so important that the head features may override the other parts of the whole dog.

One retort to the “head

breed” terminology is that a dog “does not walk on its head.” While head qualities may make for breed type, the head alone should not override other body qualities needed for a sound and correct dog.

To start with what we desire in a Cairn head, their overall skull is said to be the shortest and widest of the terriers. There is a distinct stop separating the muzzle from the skull. The top of the skull is slightly rounded. Cairns are described as having a general “foxy” facial appearance. While head planes are not described officially in the breed standard, the step up from the muzzle to skull, and the head furnishings, give the impression of an almost humanlike expression in the Cairn.

Seen from a front view, a correct Cairn head shows an equilateral triangle created from the tip of the nose, through the eyes on the sides, and ending at the tip of the ears. The skull should not be too narrow on the top

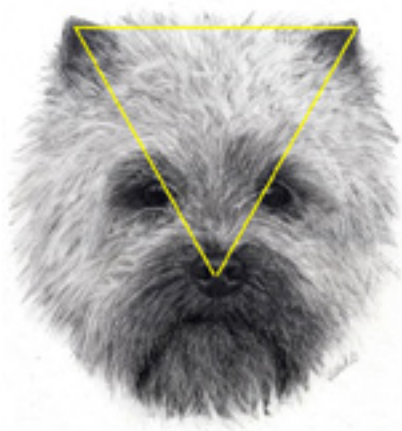
of the triangle. Nor should the ears be either too large or placed too close to create the third side of the triangle. (See Figure 1.) From the side view, the Cairn muzzle should be shorter in length than the skull from the stop to the occiput with a 4:5 ratio. The muzzle is narrower than the skull but wide enough for a full complement of teeth that meet in a scissors bite. (See Figure 2.)

Cairns are beloved for their alert piercing stares. The ideal Cairn eyes are medium in size, oval in shape, and deeply set under “eyebrows.” Good Cairn eyes are very dark hazel or brown, and without visible sclera. Although not described in the standard, a Cairn should have black eye-rims. White eye sclera is covered by the eyelids, making the Cairn gaze dark and piercing.

The small and pointed ears are set wide on the top of the skull and carried erect but can move with a Cairn’s mood. Groomed ears are

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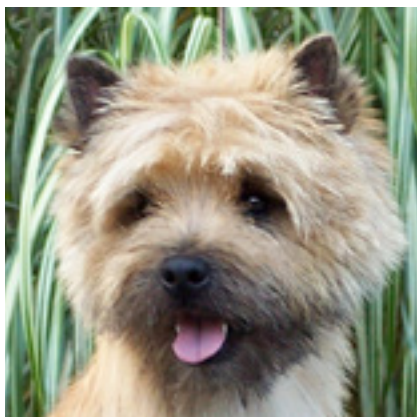
*Fig. 1: Equilateral triangle of the Cairn head seen from direct front. The triangle is formed from the nose, through the eyes, to the tips of ears. (from the CTCA Illustrated Standard)*



*Fig. 2: Side view of the Cairn head showing 4:5 ratio of muzzle to skull, the definite stop, and the widely separated planes in the muzzle and skull. (from the CTCA Illustrated Standard)*



*Ziggy the Cairn has an intense, “game on” stare, equilateral triangle head, small ears, dark oval eyes, and a healthy, natural coat.*



*Bandit shows correct triangle in head with dark deep-set eyes, color shading of muzzle and ears, and happy Cairn tongue protruding.*

accentuated by dark, fine undercoat covering the leather. The nose is solid black, medium in size, and

framed by generous furnishings on the muzzle. A dark muzzle is present in all Cairn puppies, but the mask color may fade with age in lighter-colored dogs. Lip color is solid black.

Grooming of the head is an important part of show presentation. The body of a Cairn should show a healthy coat comprising a hard outercoat and a short undercoat. The skull furnishings are often softer than the jacket. Grooming of the ears will remove long hairs and result in a dark, velvety

growth over the back of the ears. Head furnishings are shaped to create a rounded appearance, but less extreme than that produced in West Highland White Terriers for the show ring.

An ideal Cairn should be groomed just enough to be “neaten up.” Excessive grooming and use of product is really not desirable in a Cairn.

We want “keen terrier expression” in the breed. The Cairn is an alert, intelligent, and highly social dog that remains self-confident,

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independent, and fearless. A highly attentive, “game-on” stare is a most important component of Cairn expression, coupled with a cheerful “Cairn smile” created by the mouth and the eyes. A well-formed head is therefore part of the well-constructed Cairn we all treasure.

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 Cairn Terrier Club of America

### Dandie Dinmont Terriers

Our guest columnist for this issue is Sandra Pretari Hickson, Vice President of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America (DDTCA).

#### REAL TERRIERS

How many times do Dandie owners have to hear that Dandies aren’t “real terriers”? We’ve heard it far too much, too many times, and guess what? Don’t let the look fool you. They are real terriers, with terrier temperament and drive.

Yes, they are more amenable to spending the afternoon snoozing than some terriers—but when their terrier is aroused, they are all in.

Our breed does excel in the conformation ring but also excels in many companion and performance events such as Fast CAT, earthdog, obedience, Canine Good Citizen, S.T.A.R. Puppy, Therapy Dog, dock diving, Barn Hunt, NASDA, Trick Dog, Fit Dog, agility, rally, AWTA, NASDA, disc, weight pull, Coursing Ability, mantrailing/scent work/tracking, and other titling activities. We also have Dandies who are actively hunting or working in the field.

Because of the increased interest and participation in these events the DDTCA has formed a new Companion/Performance Events Committee, chaired by Mary Downs, that will highlight the various activities many of us participate in with our dogs. The purpose is to celebrate the achievements of our dogs

in performance and companion events and hunting in the field in addition to conformation. We will be working on ways to involve more Dandies in these and other events.

One of the first projects will be to develop a DDTCA parent club recognized title for our versatile, well-rounded dogs.

There is no dispute, Dandie Dinmont Terriers are versatile dogs. They were bred to have the skills and drive to excel in the field, and to be wonderful companions who are happiest when working closely with their owners. Modern-day Dandies and their owners use these skills to compete in many dog sports and activities that highlight how wonderful Dandies are as a breed.

To recognize and preserve these traits and to encourage owners to get out and work with their Dandie, the DDTCA will soon be offering Versatility Awards to reward and recognize participation in a variety of dog

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activities. While the framework for these awards is still in development, we are planning to create a Versatility title that can be earned by receiving titles in different categories of these events. Various point values and categories of involvement will ideally enable dogs to earn the first title

and continue progressing toward the next and to the highest title.

The Versatility Awards will be designed so that the average Dandie and their owner, with some effort, can earn one. For advanced dogs who title in numerous venues or participate at the highest levels of an event or sport,

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there will be the opportunity to earn the next-level Versatility Award, and for dogs who hold an impressive and remarkable record of

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titles, therapy dog work, and field work and exemplify the versatility of the Dandie, there will be a highest-level Versatility Award.

A conformation title will not be required to earn any level of the Versatility Awards, which means sport and companion pet dogs are on equal footing to earn the prestigious title. Conformation champion and grand championships will count toward the titles; however, a dog does not need to ever step foot in a conformation ring to be a good breed ambassador and versatile example of the breed.

Once the dog earns qualifying titles in these different categories, the owner would be able to apply for the next applicable level of Versatility title from the club. It is anticipated each would come with a certificate and a formal recognition at the national specialty and in *Mustard & Pepper*, the club magazine, as a way to honor owners and their Dandies.  
—Sandra Pretari Hickson,

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Thank you, Sandra!  
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Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America

### Smooth Fox Terriers

#### SIZE IN THE FOX TERRIER

Recently there were some brief comments on the “Terrier Archives” page on Facebook relating to the current size of Smooth and Wire Fox Terriers. Several points were made, and a few that should also be considered.

One well-known judge said that many Fox Terriers are too big now. Someone else said that in the days of the Wire Fox Terrier Spot On, and the Smooth Fox Terrier The Brat—in the 1970s—there were also big ones who were doing the winning and were top sires. Another mentioned that if all else is correct (balance, type, and so on), a larger dog should not be overlooked.

One comment brought

up genetics, and the effects of taller and shorter genes coming into play. Does that explain the oversize littermate of some under-sized pups in the same litter? If you use DNA to plan your breeding, would two dogs with genes for shorter height create an unbalanced, short-legged specimen? Being short may also produce cobby runts with short muzzles.

English import Ch. Ellastone Fireflash, a 1970s Best in Show winner, was on the large side and sired some very large get. Yet my homebred granddaughter of Fireflash was 15 inches, and a lovely winner and producer. If better nutrition is an explanation for over-standard-size dogs, then there must have been some well-fed dogs 50 years ago.

One criterion that could enter the discussion is the function of the dog. If a Ch. or GCh. can navigate the same earth size (such as at an earthdog trial) as a smaller, shorter specimen and shows appropriate

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gameness, hasn't that dog proven that it can perform the job it was bred to do?

Another important criterion in judging Fox Terriers is the condition and movement of the dog. A weak hindquarter will get the dog nowhere in the field,

earth, or in a battle with prey. Splay feet, in my book, would be a more serious flaw than size.

It is with great joy to see and hear the response even an urban Smooth demonstrates when he sees a fox for the first time. Imagine

the brain waves telling the dog that he was bred to chase that creature!

In the end, it may not be the height at the withers (15.5 inches) that determines a proper Smooth. But if you get both size and temperament in one dog who is also pretty, you are truly blessed.

—Judy March Dawson,  
[bjscout90@gmail.com](mailto:bjscout90@gmail.com)  
American Fox Terrier  
Club

## Glen of Imaal Terriers

### RESCUE GLENS?

In his February 2007 breed column in this publication, Bruce Sussman wrote about finding it necessary to respond to “a growing number of announcements that there are Glens in shelters.” Why were there these reports of Glens in shelters? “Because many terrier-mixes resemble Glens in part, though never entirely.”

Following the AKC recognition of Glens in late 2004, there was suddenly a catchy



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*Glen of Imaal Terrier*

name and story that could seem to fit a certain subset of cute, scruffy mixed-breed dogs who wound up in shelters. Being both “new and rare” (also the title of Bruce’s column) brought “a certain cachet to a rescue dog designated as a Glen.” Tagging a dog as this rare breed might possibly have made him more adoptable.

I often get emails from people enclosing photos of their beloved rescue whom they are certain was a Glen. Many of these “faux

Glens” can be found on Instagram and Facebook. It is exceedingly rare for any of these dogs to closely resemble a Glen, and even less likely that they are one, but because Glens are so rare that very few people have ever seen one up close.

A skilled groomer can sculpt a double-coated terrier mix into a reasonable facsimile of a Glen, but they usually lack size, substance, and correct ears. Glens appear smaller in the media than they do in person.

Meeting one in person and

getting your hands on them is very beneficial to appreciate the breed’s substance. This is highly recommended for anyone thinking of getting one.

As unlikely as it is that these rescues are purebred Glens, it is even less likely that they are Glen-mixes. Owners who are lucky enough to have gotten a Glen pup are not going to let it breed indiscriminately, creating mixed-breed litters, and then put those pups into rescue. Glen litters are carefully planned, often requiring long-distance travel for natural matings. Semen and dogs are often imported from abroad to increase the gene pool here in the U.S.

When we have to tell someone that their 20-pound, silky-coated, drop-eared pup is clearly not a Glen, it is not out of disrespect for the owner or the pup but out of respect for our breed. Someone who likes that size in their pet will quite possibly find a 35- to 40-pound adult male Glen a

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bit more dog than they bargained for.

If you find a cute rescue who seems to resemble photos you've seen of Glens and tugs on your heartstrings, then adopt him or her—but be aware that the chances of this actually being a Glen of Imaal Terrier are very, very slim.

—Jo Lynn,

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Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America



Although a photo of Alehouse Annie has yet to be located, in this shot from the 1945 Westminster show her owners Marsha Hall and Howard Rice are seen seated ringside—front and center for Irish Terrier Ch. Another Norah's Best of Breed win.

### Irish Terriers

#### DOGNAPPED!

As February was once the traditional time for Westminster, here's a story about an Irish Terrier named Alehouse Annie. She was entered in the 1948 Westminster show. However, this is not about victory at the Garden. It's about the worst nightmare for two icons of the breed, Martha Hall and Howard C. Rice. Much of it is told through the records found in the Howard C. Rice Archives at the University of Vermont.

The year before, Howard was in search of a puppy, and Martha had found the perfect one, writing to him: "I think that the puppy is exceptionally good ... her eye is dark and small. She has a good mouth, and a nice coat, good red wheaten. She excels in quarters, feet and legs, and has a beautiful curve of stifle. ... She has lots of class." Howard

purchased Annie for \$100.

William Harvey, who ran Twin Hill Kennels in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, was hired to handle Annie. Westminster was to be the starting point of her show career.

As the date approached, Martha eagerly wrote to Howard: "I am certainly anxious to hear what you think of "Annie," I just hope



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that she is the best ever. ...”

Westminster was held on February 11 and 12. Annie was entered in the puppy class, winning first place.

After the show, the dogs were placed in the loading docks at Madison Square Garden to be picked up by their handlers. Then, in the early hours of Friday the 13th, Annie disappeared, along with a Welsh Terrier and a Scottish Terrier. The *New York Times* reported: “A nine-state alarm went out yesterday for three prize dogs missing from the basement of Madison Square Garden. ... A spokesman for the Kennel Club said the dogs probably had been taken away by mistake by handlers of other dogs.”

As time passed, no word came from any handlers, and so a search ensued for the missing dogs.

On early Monday morning, police received a call from a couple who lived two blocks from the Garden. In the hallway of their apartment, they came across two dogs in a crate.

As reported, the dogs had clearly been stolen, but the thief had become alarmed at the publicity given to their disappearance. The police informed Westminster that they had discovered Annie.

Westminster immediately sent Howard a telegram with the good news. However, his relief was short lived when later in the day he received another telegram from Westminster: “Terribly sorry police department identification incorrect dog found was Welsh Terrier not Irish continuing efforts to find your dog will notify immediately any developements [sic].”

So, the Scottie and the Welsh had been recovered, but not our poor Annie! It wasn’t until Tuesday night that police received a phone call from a man who said the dog was located in a parking lot at Eleventh Avenue and Fourteenth Street. According to the Associated Press: “... He said he had bought it for \$5 from a drunk and had got nervous about the bargain

after reading about the dogs missing from the Garden. The police found Alehouse Annie under a tarpaulin at the rear of the lot behind a diner.”

Howard kept Martha informed of the situation, and when he gave her the good news, she wrote: “I got home last night and found your clippings saying that Annie had been found, what a relief it was for I was terribly upset. It was a dreadful thing for anyone to do, and I hope that they are punished well.”

Annie resumed competing and became a bit of a celebrity. Later in the year when the Manchester Kennel Club of New Hampshire held their show, the local newspaper headlined ‘DOGNAPPED’ ALEHOUSE ANNIE TO BE ON HAND.

Annie finished her championship in August—a happy ending to a frightful beginning.

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### Kerry Blue Terriers

The author, Geoff Whitfield, has been breeding and showing Kerry Blue Terriers for some 50 years. He has been a regular visitor to the Montgomery Kennel Club show for the past 35. His dogs have won numerous Best in Show awards. He is a licensed international all-breed judge.

#### FROM THE OTHER SIDE

As a Kerry Blue fanatic visiting the Montgomery County Kennel Club show from the other side of the world (New Zealand), it is special. I have been asked to pen my thoughts on our beloved breed as seen from the other side of the fence.

For me, Montgomery is a terrier man's Heaven; a show case of the best; a yard-stick against which to measure your own stock, and of course a place to reaffirm friendships. My first visit was in 1988, so generously hosted by long-time breed stalwarts Larry and Carol Brown.

From an entry of around



*From top: Bred-by-Exhibitor competition at Hatboro KC; center ring at the concurrent specialty.*

120, my initial impression was the high standard of presentation and the clear distinction between the American-bred dogs and the English/Irish/European imports. Time has seen this change: Airfares became more affordable, the world became more accessible,

there was a greater interchange of breeder opinion and bloodlines, and of course there was "Mick." Looking over the fence in 2023, the entries may have dropped numerically, but I felt the overall standard has lifted.

There was a greater depth

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of quality, particularly amongst the bitches, which is reassuring for the future of our breed. The breed winner each time she was shown is a spectacular bitch oozing quality. There were two litter sisters that caught my eye, along with a youngster that I believe finished her title on Saturday. I thought the Veteran bitch was also worthy of taking further.

As a breeder-judge, my benchmark for males is high, and whilst there were a number of nicely made, well presented dogs I had hoped to see more with that “look at me” X factor—this *is* Montgomery, after all! There were some, but I just would have liked more.

Overall, the trimming and presentation impressed with a high standard right through the classes to the specials. Color is always a contentious topic especially amongst those outside the breed. It has to be a major consideration at a show of this status.

At the Sunday specialty

I appreciated the considered wisdom of the judge in carrying an exceptionally well-constructed dog through to his final placings even though he sported a dark jacket. (Interestingly, he is from the same litter as the two girls mentioned above, so I would expect color will not be an issue.) I particularly enjoyed watching the different judges working their way to their final awards.

At these shows the entry numbers offer the potential for variation in judging results, especially at the specials level. Each judge had their own system; some had a dog or two different in the entry, but when it came down to the final line-up from which the top awards were to be selected, pretty much the same handful of dogs repeatedly stood before the judge of the day. This level of consistency from judges at a weekend of this standing deserves to be applauded.

Our whole sport pivots around people; it is impos-

sible to visit Montgomery without acknowledging the people factor within our breed. I recognized faces of longstanding breeders still showing today dogs of a quality they have maintained consistently throughout the years. Their dedication and commitment must be admired.

Magazines and social media bombard us with photos, so the opportunity to see the actual dog is always part of the Montgomery appeal. Then there is the simple camaraderie, the chance to sit ringside and enjoy the company of friends that we get to see so infrequently, held apart by geographical location but held together by our common love of the Kerry Blue.

When you live on the other side of the globe, the social interaction, the fun, and the serious discussions as we analyze our breed—these moments are sincerely priceless. To be there to see the Kerry Blue Terrier win Reserve Best in Show made

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my weekend magic.

Montgomery, you are the vehicle for so much, on so many fronts. Thank you.

—Geoff Whitfield, Kamagh Kerry Blue Terriers

[United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club](#)

### Lakeland Terriers

#### IT'S ALL ABOUT DIGESTIBILITY

Once knew a cynical dog-breeder spouse who commented that “dog people have only two topics of conversation: dog poop and dog sex.” That may have been true back in the day when most folks accepted that dog food manufacturers knew and were motivated by providing products that would provide not only convenience but optimal nutrition for their animals. The genie is out of the bottle these days, however, both in human and canine nutrition, that manufacturers of convenience food for both species (and commercial dog food certainly falls under that designation) are first and foremost driven by



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the bottom line.

And yes, dog poop is a very important part of the health/longevity/healthspan equation. Back in the 1960s I remember one kibble manufacturer had a major ad campaign touting the great stools their food produced. Definitely the stools were firmer and easier to scoop than many of their competitors. But the characteristic wasn't due to better digestibility of their product, but due to the inclusion of beet pulp, which absorbs water and creates a stool that is more solid than without the beet pulp—which dogs can't digest.

Beet pulp is great for horses, because it holds water and encourages drinking, especially in winter when horses are less likely to drink enough water. And horses ferment their food to digest it, relying on bacterial fermentation and not so much on digestive enzymes and stomach acid.

Having used beet pulp with horses, I should have made the disconnect sooner between horse feed and dog food: A 20-pound bag of beet pulp is as large as a 50-pound bag of dog kibble. Hmm ... in that case, even if beet pulp is way down the list of kibble ingredients,

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which are listed by weight, that means there can be much more beet pulp in that kibble than the ingredients label suggests.

That *aha!* moment eventually led me away from pledging allegiance to the premise that pet-food companies hired scientists to determine what is optimal nutrition for pets, and I should rely on their expertise.

The tipping point was a litter of pups that developed cystitis (bladder inflammation with frequency of voiding). Before I rushed them to the vet I recalled that another breeder had mentioned that she used to feed the brand I was feeding, but it gave her puppies cystitis. So before I medicated them I switched kibble. *Presto!* The urination frequency, white blood cells, mucus and oxalate crystals went away without antibiotics. What made the difference? The new kibble had no beet pulp listed in the ingredients.

That *aha!* moment led me to study canine nutrition

and decide for myself, based on the opinions of many who have academic credentials in the subject and *are not in the employ of pet-food manufacturers*. And I include a very large percentage of veterinarians in that designation. The high percentage of scholarships awarded to vet students are funded by pet-food companies. The lobbies of vet school clinics generally include prominent displays of commercial products from a single manufacturer, and so do most vet clinics. Much research in vet schools is funded by kibble manufacturers.

To the breeders who have either become skeptical or seen the results in others' dogs, it comes as a breath of fresh air that someone somewhere is actually publishing research on digestibility. The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign researchers conducted digestibility tests published in the *Journal of Animal Science*. The study compared four different pet-food formats—frozen

raw, freeze-dried raw, fresh, and extruded (kibble) dog foods—from varied manufacturers. They tested amino acid digestibility, Lysine ratios, and true metabolizable energy assays. Notably, frozen raw, freeze-dried raw, and fresh all surpassed extruded for each parameter measured, although the non-extruded formats varied in which one ranked highest.

It doesn't matter so much about what goes in the food; it matters how much of what's in the food gets into the dogs' bloodstream and is useable by his organs and tissues.

—Pat Rock, Providence Forge, Virginia  
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### Manchester Terriers

#### KEEPING OUR DOGS ENTERTAINED

When looking for toys for our pets, we don't always realize the role their past history, intended purpose, and drive play in

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determining the best types of items that will keep them entertained. Finding just the right one can be daunting, but here are a few suggestions, and you will surely come up with some of your own.

Manchesters are a thinking breed and can have a strong prey drive. This can mean that the regular stuffie toys and chewies are not always the best choice for a Manchester. They can easily become bored or quickly destroy items meant to give hours of entertainment. Whether toy or standard, puppy or adult,

there is a host of ideas for your Manchester for things that will provide interactive entertainment and an opportunity to train them without it seeming like training.

Manchesters have large teeth and mouths for their size. They often need items to chew on that are much larger than you would normally get for a small to medium-sized dog. These chews are also valuable for tooth and gum health. There are lots of choices including antlers, freeze-dried chews, smoked bones, rice paper “rawhide,” stuffed chews, or raw bones. There are several

schools of thought on what is best depending on the age of the dog, variety, or where they will chew it (such as in the crate, on their bed, or in your bed).

Whatever you choose, ensure that your dog will enjoy hours of chewing fun, as it is calming for your Manchester and can minimize trips to the vet to have their teeth cleaned.

Manchesters love a mental challenge and problem solving. There are plenty of marketed games and puzzles that can be filled with hidden treats for your Manchester to hunt out. They are available in levels from beginner to highly advanced. They are like Rubik’s Cubes for dogs. There are also ways to make your own games for your Manchester to work through. You can build a “jungle gym” with hanging toys and objects to keep them busy. You can hide treats under upside-down plastic dishes. You can place treats in their toybox so they have to root around and find

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them. You can even hide treats or toys in cardboard boxes for them to spring open. The 20 to 30 minutes of mental stimulation is enough to get them napping for hours. It is always a good idea to monitor them while they play and ensure you don't leave any treats behind to be found later.

There are those Manchesters for whom stuffed toys and balls are just perfect. They generally love to fetch and will even toss the toys around and self-entertain. For those that like water, you can put the toys in a bucket or small pool and they will go in after them. Manchesters are always looking for new and inventive ways to play and engage their owners in their fun.

Most important for your Manchester, of course, is something that cannot be bought but is extremely valuable: your time. Taking a little time each day to engage them mentally, provide short training sessions, and give them the focus

they crave will go far. They don't ask much of us, and obliging their instincts and what makes them the terriers that they are can result in a satisfied Manchester and a happy home.

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### Norfolk Terriers

#### THE MYTH OF THE UNTRAINABLE TERRIER

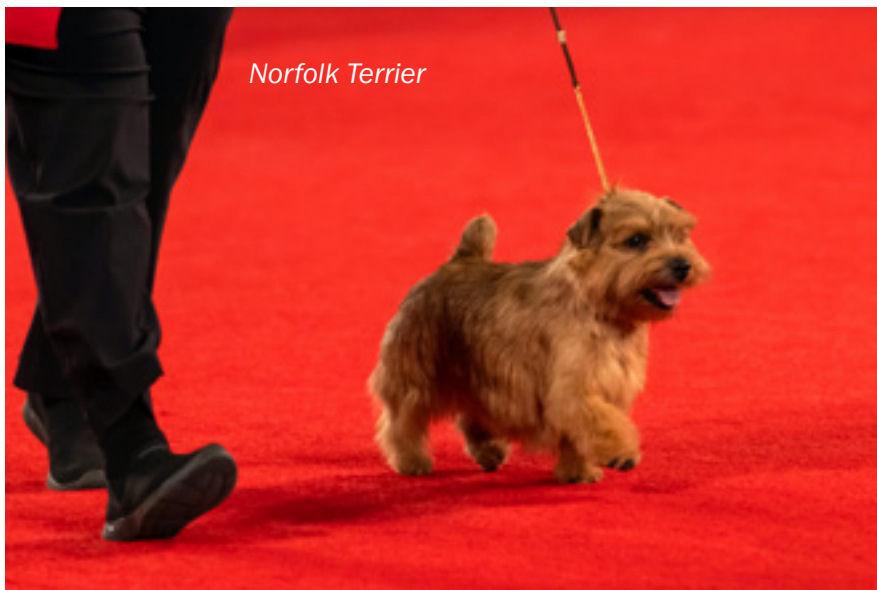
I assume that most people are first drawn to Norfolk Terriers because of their appearance. Norfolks are, undeniably, cute. Some people with experience in the dog world may want a terrier to show in the breed ring, and the Norfolk fits the bill as a compact and competitive breed. Others may want a small companion to sleep on the bed and travel in under-the-seat carriers as they fly to vacation spots or to visit the grandchildren. But how many people purchase their first Norfolk with the expectation of compet-

ing in dog sports? These are the activities that require training and concentration and teamwork between dog and handler. And everyone knows, "You can't train a terrier." Right? Well, actually, that's wrong.

The fact is, there are group- and breed-specific differences among purebred dogs. This is as it should be. There are terriers who pursue vermin, and herding dogs that move sheep, and hounds that bay as they chase their quarry. Some dogs are bred for the specific purpose of working with their handlers. Others, such as the dogs in the Terrier Group, are prized for their independence in pursuing quarry.

However, one shouldn't confuse broad generalities that describe a particular group of dogs with lack of intelligence, or lack of drive, or inability to work as a team member. The same things that define a group or breed of dog can be used to capture their true essence. And, as it turns out, Norfolk

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Terriers are not only smart, they are also more than willing to engage in dog sports. They may just need to put their own imprimatur on the activity.

Either my own Norfolks compete in—or I know of others who do—the following: obedience, rally, agility, earthdog, tracking, nose work, dock diving, coursing ability tests (Fast CAT), weight pulling, tricks, and freestyle (canine dancing) competitions.

The fact is, Norfolks are smart, and they actually thrive on activities in which they learn new things and interact with their handlers.

Norfolks love to learn and individual dogs will find various sports more or less interesting. I have never had a Norfolk who has really taken to tracking, but some do. One of my dogs is already a Junior Earthdog, whereas his mother has no interest in that sport whatsoever—but she has titles in obedience, rally, and tricks. She has also trained in agility, although she has not yet competed in the sport.

I once had a dog who was given the supreme compliment of being “better than the Jack Russells” at an earthdog competition. His son hated earthdog but was

a fine little obedience dog. My Norfolk Catcher didn’t think much of earthdog trials but titled in obedience and rally, and she was a stellar little agility competitor.

The fact is, today there are so many different dog sports to become involved in that it’s sometimes hard to decide what to do first. While it’s true that you don’t have to do any sort of formal competition with your Norfolk, in my experience specific training in one or more venues really helps to cement relationships. Whether or not your dog excels in a specific sport, the camaraderie among competitors and the time spent in training makes a good relationship even better. You might get “hooked” on a specific activity, or you might do as I do—which is dabble.

Just don’t let anyone tell your Norfolk Terrier is too stubborn to learn, because it’s just not true.

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### Norwich Terriers

#### MAKING A CASE FOR CRITIQUES

The Norwich Terrier Club of America requires judges for our national specialty shows to provide written critiques of the dogs judged for both the regular classes and sweepstakes. These critiques are published in our club’s newsletter. The AKC does not require or encourage written critiques, in contrast to some registries and countries where the dog show judge is required or expected to critique at least the top-placing entries. The Kennel Club (U.K.), for example, requires judges to provide written critiques on first- and second-placed dogs in each breed class at all championship and open shows. Last year, they launched a free online service for judges to publish their written critiques and for exhibitors and members of the public to easily find and view them in one place. An exhibitor can also contact a judge using the



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contact box at the top of each critique.

Critiques educate the exhibitor. A good critique is a succinct evaluation describing the reasons for the judge’s placements in a specific competition. For example, the rationale is evident in this excerpt from a recent published critique of Norwich Terriers: The judge describes the first-place dog as “cobby and compact, with a beautifully balanced outline ... well boned, lovely deep, well-ribbed body, with nice, tight elbows, level

topline, and well-set-on tail ... moved out true both ways, with a free and easy gait, with good parallel rear movement.” The description of the second-place dog sheds more light on the judge’s thought process and the features desired. It says, in part: “pleasing size, just slightly longer cast than the winner, so not quite so compact looking ... he moved out with good drive from behind, just a touch wide in front coming on.”

Dog show judging, we know, is subjective, but I



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believe that critiques can improve the quality of judging. It's not enough to place dogs simply because one exhibit looks better than another without being able to explain why. A judge who is required to provide rationale for his rankings is more likely to be prepared (know the breed standard) and on his toes when judging (that is, find the entry who best meets the ideal described by the breed standard). Some features, such as a correct bite, are easy to evaluate. Other features require understanding of the canine skeletal anatomy and musculature, and the features that define the ideal Norwich Terrier.

The competent judge evaluates the whole dog and is not fooled by clever trimming to flatten shoulders, raise a low tailset, fill in a dippy topline, and so on. Nor is the competent judge fooled by the handler who races around the ring or applies a taut lead to conceal her exhibit's faulty structure. We are discouraged when a

judge rewards the dog with obvious faults in favor of so-called "showmanship." A critique would compel a judge to be methodical and complete. He would need to apply the breed standard (not just memorize it to pass a test) and recognize the Norwich Terrier that is most typical of the breed.

If judges actually had to explain why they made their choices, I believe we would have more forthright judging. Over time we might notice trends, good and bad. Critiques would inform breeders and exhibitors and help us to preserve and advance our breed.

There is a downside for judges in the U.S. Writing critiques is more work, and the current time constraints are significant. An experienced AKC judge is expected to judge 25 dogs per hour, and up to 175 dogs for the day.

Requiring critiques for the first and second placements seems reasonable, and with a small recording device it would take little time com-

pared to the value added, assuming the critique is well-written. A poorly written critique will be of little value. Also, the judge can only describe what is shown that day, so the reader might not fully know what emphasis the judge placed on certain qualities. That said, the pros outweigh the cons.

How often do we wonder why a judge placed the dogs in a certain order? We should know the judge's rationale. After all, showing dogs is an expensive undertaking—time and money—and exhibitors deserve value.

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[The Norwich Terrier Club of America](#)

## Scottish Terriers

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BREED STANDARD

I'm sure many of you have heard the old adage, "Breed to the standard, don't rewrite the standard to what you breed." I was taught that by a mentor

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almost 30 years ago when I started showing Scottish Terriers. It's often a struggle within AKC breed parent clubs when factions want to change the standard to what is currently in fashion in the show ring.

For instance, a fellow terrier enthusiast attended a breed seminar presented by a longtime breeder-judge, and a particular aspect of the breed was under discussion and the comment was made, "But that's what's winning!" But it wasn't to the standard.

We all need to occasionally

reacquaint ourselves with our standard. Many of us may think we know what the breed standard is for our own breeds, but when was the last time you actually sat down and reread it? I am always amazed by the little details I pick up when I look at the standard for the Scottish Terrier, even though I have lived with the breed for over 35 years.

The AKC breed standards were developed by the parent clubs to describe the ideal specimen of that breed. While it's hypothetical, as breeders we should strive to

get as close to that ideal as possible.

Granted, there will always be personal interpretations and preferences, and there are certain characteristics of some Scotties that I can't live with, while others simply shrug them off as "fully acceptable" while still within the overall standard. But most important, the standard is one of the parent club's primary responsibilities to maintain breed integrity and not follow trends.

Recently, I have been asked to judge Terrier Group sweepstakes at several all-terrier club shows. In preparation for my assignment, I wait to see what breeds have entered, then start my homework: going to the AKC website and finding the breed, reading its standard, going to the parent club's webpage and taking notes of what I feel are the distinctive attributes for the breed, and then watching the videos from the latest AKC National Championship

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dog show in Orlando.

What an eye-opener! Seeing dogs that have won Best of Breed in the earlier competition now competing in the group with attributes conflicting with their standards. True, I don't know what the entry was at the show, or if the best representatives of the breed competed, but this is an important show with a large entry, so I hope it is pulling in the best of the best. But I observed tail carriage issues, overall movement and structural problems, proportional questions, bad toplines, and incorrect nose colorations on those videos. While these would be considered faults in their standard, they are not disqualifications, and thus the dogs are shown.

As a novice judge, I truly appreciate those standards which include a pointed ranking of attributes, which tells me what the parent club feels are the essential characteristics of the breed. This puts the priorities in place of what I should look for when I enter that ring.

One aspect of the various standards I always find interesting is when it was last updated by the parent club. There are breeds living with standards that were developed almost 90 years ago. Yet some terriers wouldn't be recognized from their early ancestors in today's breed rings, and their standards have been updated as the breed and its fancy have evolved over time. I will leave it to those breeds caretakers as to whether they changed their standard to accommodate fashion or not.

The Scottish Terrier today is very different in appearance from those seen in early 20th-century photographs, which wouldn't be competitive in today's show ring. Much of this has to do with grooming, and the acknowledgement that Scotties aren't always black. But the solid structure of the dog outlined in the standard has remained pretty much the same, as a working terrier with a job to do.

So, as a breeder, exhibitor,

or judge, take some time and reread breed standards to refresh your memory; you may find some interesting tidbits you had forgotten. The standard is an important roadmap that should be used when breeding solid dogs able to do the jobs they were developed to perform.

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## Sealyham Terriers

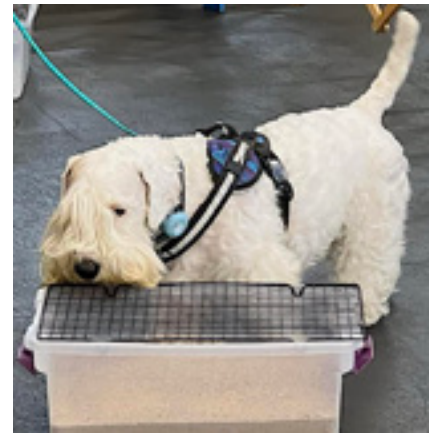
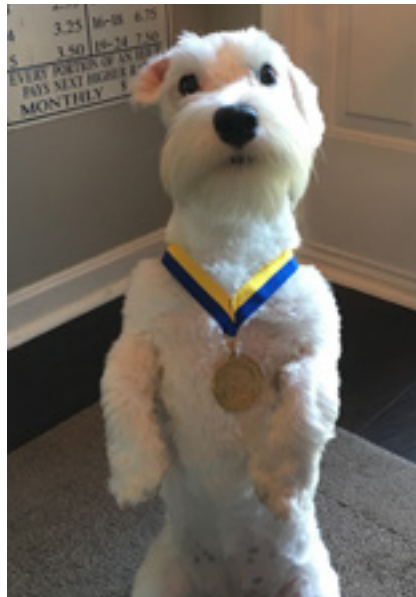
### BEYOND CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

In 1912, the [U.K.] Sealyham Terrier and Badger Digging Association was formed for protecting the working instincts of the breed so they did not become just ornamental show dogs. The American Working Terrier Association, since 1974, has offered natural hunting certificates, and the AKC Earthdog tests are an “instinct-based and non-competitive activity.”

However, the Sealyham and other terriers have gone

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Clockwise from top left: Sealyhams and other terriers showing off their capabilities—Sealys Dexter, Allie, Leah, Pippa and Snoopy; Bedlington Valkyrie; Glen of Imaals Winston and Griffin.



far beyond what they were initially bred to do. Now there are many “performance possibilities” in play to strengthen our bond.



The value of conformation championships cannot be minimized; however, performance events are showing off our terriers’ many capabilities like never before.



“My mom started performance sports with our family dog, Bailey,” says Ashley Tilley. The family got their first Sealyham, Satchmo, in 2013 and fell in love with the breed. The

bond her mom and Bailey formed inspired Ashley to pursue performance titles with her Sealyham,



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Allie. “Terriers are natural problem-solvers,” Ashley contends. Allie’s first title was Trick Dog, and their teamwork kept building on performance challenges. (Allie is Rosemont’s All Eyes on Her, AX, OAJ, AF, FCAT2, ACT1, TKA, ATT, VHMA, VSWB.)

“Teaching CGC and ATT behaviors are needed to be successful in trial environments for agility, breed shows, or rally,” says Ashley’s mom, Robin Murtha. “I can achieve accomplishments with my Sealyham Dexter that don’t necessarily align to what Sealyham Terriers were originally bred for.” (Dexter is GCh. MACH Rosemont’s High Society’s Haven, RI, MXS, MJS, XF, FCAT2, ACT1, CGC, TKN, ATT, VHMA, VSWB.)

Owner Bobbi Salman says, “I do trials with my Sealyham, Leah, to challenge us, enhance our relationship, and build trust. The titles are icing on the cake.” (Leah is Ch. Bonney Diamonds are a Girl’s Best

Friend, JE, SWE, SCM, SHON, RATN.)

It’s always a treat when a Sealyham Terrier is Top Dog for the year titling in an AKC event. Diane Kendall, owned by her Sealyham Snoopy, was not destined for the show ring. However, Diane delights in saying, “Snoopy is extremely clever, and getting his Elite Trick Dog Title is a highlight, enhancing our ever-expanding mutual vocabulary and his sense of humor.” (Witzn Darling Domino Dormouse, TKE, CGC, VHM)

Other terrier breeds excel in varied activities as well. Joseph Ainsley was the first to promote the superior gameness of the Bedlington Terrier during the 1820s. Today, Bedlington Terrier Valkyrie excels in AKC hunting and coursing tests but also “takes readily to Rally and Freestyle, transferring her agility skill set,” says owner JoAnn Burtness. “The prefixes Ch. and MACH are important, but the suffix titles are the most fun, validating the ability to

work together to strengthen the relationship.” (Valkyrie, also known as Coventina’s Moondance, has earned the MACH5 RN, FDC, MXS2, PAD, MJS2, PJD, OF, T2B, ME, CAX, BCAT, RATCH, and TKE.)

Top tricks trainer and AKC Evaluator Kelli Whitfield and her Glen of Imaal Terriers are a duo delight—an inspiration for tricks enthusiasts! “One of the best benefits of training is the relationship that goes beyond just having a pet,” she says. “A sense of trust and deeper communication develops. The dog is better trained and responds to cues more effortlessly in the real world. My terriers are less likely to exhibit what are often deemed ‘naughty’ behaviors.

“With terriers, training can bring some comic relief. Most terriers can be the ‘class clown,’ offering silly behaviors that make you smile.”—Keli Whitfield, Greystone Glens (Finnabair “Winston” O’Reilly, VCD1, CDX, BN, GN,





# BREED COLUMNS

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RE, FDC, JE, CA, SWN, SCE, SIA, SEA, THDA, RATM, SDPRO, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, ATT, VHMA (RIP), and Ch. Ber-D-Mar “Ballygriffin” of Greystone, BN, RE, FDC, NAP, AJP, NFP, JE, CAX, BCAT, SWA, RATO, SDPRO, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, VHMA, FITG)

### Top Sealy Superstars

Agility—MACH 2 Thunder Road Shimmy Shimmy Coco Bop, MXB2, MJC, OF

Barn Hunt—Ch. Bonney Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend, JE, SWE, SHDN, RATN;

Cadoria’s Reggie Pepper-Pepper, RATN, TKN

Coursing—Goodspice Full of the Dickens, JE, CAA, DCAT, SWN, SCA, SIA, SHDA

Fast CAT—Ch. Witzn Wild Adventure, MX, MXB, MXJ, MJB, MXP, MJP, OF, CA, FCAT2, TKN;

Rosemont’s All Eyes on Her, NA, NAJ, OF, FCAT2, ACT1, TKA, ATT

Scent work—Ch. Bonney

Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend, JE, SWE, SHDN, RATN;

Ch. Witzn Who’s Randy Butternubbs? SWM, TKN

Scent work HD—Goodspice Full of the Dickens, JE, CAA, DCAT, SWN, SCA, SIA, SHDA, RATO, CGC, TKP

Trick Dog—Witzn Darling Domino Dormouse, CGC, TKE, VHMA

Where the Wild Things Are

—Bev Thompson, [Thompscom@aol.com](mailto:Thompscom@aol.com)  
[American Sealyham Terrier Club](#)

### Skye Terriers

#### CAN WE SAVE OUR ENDANGERED SKYES?

The Skye Terrier breed is endangered. Research conducted for the Columbine Skye Terrier Club by Ana Maria Szolodko shows that 41 Skye puppies were born in the U.S. in 2022. Combining registered puppies from 2012–2022, she estimates that there are 479 Skyes in

the U.S. Szolodko contacted other countries for numbers, and she concluded that there are around 3,500 Skye Terriers worldwide. These small numbers place the breed the same path as the vanished Black and Tan Terrier, Cumberland Sheepdog, English Water Spaniel, English White Terrier, Norfolk Spaniel, North Country Beagle, and Paisley Terrier.

What can we do to save our Skyes? Showing your dog in conformation, rally, obedience, or other dog sport is a beginning. As is going to “meet the breeds” or to local dog-friendly events. Answer questions about the breed and pass out information, which can be obtained from the Skye Terrier Club of America, the Columbine Skye Terrier Club, or the Potomac Skye Terrier Club of America. Contact the clubs through their websites ahead of the event and have materials in hand.

Also, be pleasant! Too many people looking for a

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We must not be complacent in saving the Skye Terrier (pictured: GCh. Gleanntan Sure Good Solace, CGC, TKI). Vanished breeds: Paisley and Black and Tan Terriers, painting by Arthur Wardle; English Water Spaniel, by Henry Bernard Chalon (1797); photo of two Cumberland Sheepdogs.



dog are “turned off” by curt responses to their questions. Yes, there are annoying questions (and people), but if we are battling to save this breed, we need to woo new folks into the fold. You never know who might turn out to be a great future Skye owner.

A few years ago, I asked current Skye Terrier lovers: What got you into Skyes? The overwhelming response was the 1961



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Disney movie *Greyfriars Bobby*. Others said they became intrigued after seeing Bobby's statue in Edinburgh. A few said their interest was sparked when they saw the breed in a show or in a book. Since the latest versions of *Greyfriars Bobby* movies don't even feature a Skye, how do we attract more people (especially young people) to Skye Terriers?

Susi Szeremy, the founder of Purebred Dog Day, held annually on May 1, told me that fanciers of other breeds have found it effective to post amusing videos featuring their breed. Anyone out there have a nice sense of humor and a talent with video posting? We need to have fun and informative club and breeder websites so interested people will not go running off to a puppy mill. We need to educate people about waiting for the right dog—in a way that does not sound haughty. Consider yourself a matchmaker between a suitor and our Skyes. Yes, we need to be

discerning, but we also want to make a match.

I have started working my Skye with a professional who trains dogs to appear in advertisements or movies. She is the person whom producers contact when they need a pet in the Washington, DC, area. So far, everyone wants doodles or mutts, but we hope to be ready if the call comes.

In November, I received the Talbots Clothing holiday catalog. Purebred dogs are featured throughout. I sent an email to Talbots customer service department and congratulated them on using these dogs. I suggested they consider including endangered breeds next year.

What can you do? Anything, everything. Maybe our parent club can have an online meeting so we can address other actions to save our wonderful breed. We must not be complacent.

—Judith Tabler,  
[JudithATabler@gmail.com](mailto:JudithATabler@gmail.com)  
Skye Terrier Club of  
America

## Welsh Terriers

### ON SOCIALIZING PUPPIES

Every litter is a new and exciting adventure. The months of research into pedigrees, rereading notes on dogs that appear in various pedigrees and evaluating their influences, have come to fruition, and the future is now in the whelping box. The genetics are set; now the socialization begins.

Handling puppies daily from day one gets the puppies accustomed to human touch and smell. I expect my bitches to allow me to take the puppies out of the nest with no complaints.

For the first few days, I stroke the puppies as they nurse and only remove them to weigh them or for supplemental feeding, after having first put the bitch outside.

On day three they get their tails docked. The dam is removed from the room first, and then the puppies are placed in a safe, warm box and removed. The bitch doesn't see them again until they are back in the whelping box, so she never knows



they have been removed. Thus, she doesn't worry that you are going to permanently remove the puppies.

Handling puppies many times a day is necessary for the first three weeks or so. Doing this tells you a lot about the puppies' condi-

tion, motor responses, and overall health. They get used to having all parts of their bodies touched even if they don't want them touched.

As they develop you may have noticed that male and female puppies tend to have different responses to

sights and sounds, starting shortly after they begin to open their eyes and ears at around three weeks. Studies on the brains of mammals have shown that male and female brains are intrinsically different because of the differences



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in sex chromosomes. A 2004 study done by top neuroscientists showed that there was a dramatic difference in the expression of proteins derived from X chromosomes and Y chromosomes in female and male brains. In males, many areas of the brain are rich in proteins coded by the Y chromosome that are absent in females. Female brains are rich in proteins coded directly by the X chromosome that are absent in males. Female brain coding allows females to hear better than males, and male brain coding makes males more responsive to risk-taking behavior. Studies in human infants showed girls to be more responsive to human expression, and boys were more responsive to motion (Leonard Sax, MD, Ph.D., *Why Gender Matters*; Doubleday, 2005).

How can we use this information when socializing puppies?

I have noticed that bitch puppies tend to be more sensitive to loud noises. You

might have to accustom bitches to loud noises more slowly than you do dogs to get them used to noises associated with dog shows.

Male puppies are usually more adventurous and likely to take risks. While this is good, more supervision may be required to prevent them from hurting themselves while playing. It may be useful to have the dam discipline males to teach them self-control while you play with the bitches, encouraging them to be more adventurous.

Since the bitch puppies may not be as attracted to movement, you might have to spend extra time teaching them to watch your hands while you are training, so they are ready for hand-signal control later.

Welsh Terriers respond well to food, so food and hand movement combinations will teach them to pay attention to your hands. The dog puppies may need extra encouragement to respond to your facial expressions as a training

tool. Smiles make great reinforcements in obedience as unspoken praise, but males may need more encouragement to respond to them.

Some people put treats in their mouths and spit them at the dog to encourage watching their mouth, and this action is followed with a smile. Remember that if the puppies are going into homes where they will be trained for performance events, whatever you can do with them as puppies to make this training easier will be valuable.

I find this information in brain development differences between male and female fascinating and am hoping to use it to advantage in my next litter. While the studies were developed to aid in teaching children, they were done on animals and offer us a chance to improve our socialization skills. For those who are willing to try new things, it might be useful.

—Diane Orange, 2015

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Delegate Forum.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Curly-Coated Retriever Club of America

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Coursing Ability (CAT) and Fast CAT Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 19  
Doberman Pinscher Club of Columbus  
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## NOTICE

### REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event records, Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Chapter 1, Section 21  
Hinckley Retriever Club ..... \$50  
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## NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

- Mr. Robert Kripaitis (Lewisberry, PA)
- Mr. Michael Mayhew (Orlando, FL)

## NOTICE

Ms. Wendy Cerilli (Greenwich, NY). Action was taken by the LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts for conduct at its November 24, 2023 event. Ms. Cerilli was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and a \$300 fine, effective December 12, 2023. (Australian Shepherds)

## NOTICE

Ms. Mollie Gabbert (San Antonio, TX). Action was taken by the San Antonio

Poodle Club for conduct at its December 10, 2023. Ms. Gabbert was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand, \$200 fine, and required proof of restitution paid. (Great Dane)

## NOTICE

Mr. Jim Keller (Knox, ME). Action was taken by the English Springs Spaniel Field Trial Association for conduct at its November 27 – December 1, 2023 event. Mr. Keller was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally to a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective December 25, 2023. (English Springer Spaniels)

## NOTICE

Mr. Jeff Pribil (Trenton, SC). Action was taken by the Marion Kennel Club for conduct at its November 2, 2023 event. Mr. Pribil was charged with disorderly conduct. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand and \$100 fine. (Norfolk Terriers)

## NOTICE

Mr. Fernando Salas (Oakland, NJ). Action was taken by the South Jersey Kennel Club for conduct at its December 7, 2023 event. Mr. Salas was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event suspension and a \$200 fine, effective December 8, 2023. (Airedale Terriers)

## NOTICE

Ms. Martha Wilder (Magnolia, TX). Action was taken by the Greater Humble Area Kennel Club for conduct at its October 8, 2023 event. Ms. Wilder was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally towards a judge and inappropriate criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the combined penalty as a six-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective November 19, 2023. (Shetland Sheepdogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Haley Abell (Clinton, MO) for six-months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500



fine, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection, effective January 9, 2024. (French Bulldogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Chelsea Amend (Naples, FL) for five-years from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection, effective January 9, 2024. (English Toy Spaniels, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Gayle Wormington (Purdy, MO) for six months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, effective January 9, 2024. (Bulldogs, French Bulldogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals for a lifetime of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for violating AKC's Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment policy:

Effective January 9, 2024

Ms. Lisa Berry (Albuquerque, NM)  
Ms. Monica Wong (Suwanee, GA)

## OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

**General Appearance:** The West Highland White Terrier, originally bred to hunt in packs for badger and eradicate vermin in the rough terrain of the Scottish Highlands, is a small, well-boned, hardy-looking terrier, exhibiting confidence and possessed with no small amount of self-esteem. The Westie presents a compact appearance with good balance and substance, and is distinguished by its hard, white, double coat. The breed requires moderation both in structure and presentation, and any exaggerations are discouraged.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** The ideal *size* is eleven inches at the withers for dogs and ten inches for bitches. A *slight* deviation is acceptable. The Westie is a compact dog, with good balance and *substance*. The body between the withers and the root of the tail is slightly shorter than the height at the withers. Short-coupled and well boned.

**Head:** Shaped to present a roundish appearance from the front and in proportion to and balanced with the body. *Expression* - Inquisitive, intense, keen, intelligent and alert. *Eyes* - Widely set

apart, medium in size, almond shaped, dark brown in color, and deep set. Looking from under heavy brows, they give a piercing look. Eye rims are black. *Ears* - Small, prick, set wide apart, on the top outer edge of the skull, and carried tightly erect. They terminate in a sharp point; must never be cropped. The hair on the ears is trimmed short and is smooth and velvety, free of fringe at the tips. Black pigmentation is preferred. *Skull* - Broad, slightly longer than the muzzle, slightly domed between the ears. It gradually tapers to the eyes. There is a defined stop and heavy brows. *Muzzle* - Blunt, slightly shorter than the skull, powerful and gradually tapering to the nose, which is large and black. The muzzle is well filled below the eyes. The jaws are level and powerful. Lip pigment is black. *Bite* - The teeth are large for the size of the dog. There must be six incisor teeth between the canines of both lower and upper jaws. A tight scissors or level bite is equally correct.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** *Neck* - Muscular and well set on sloping shoulders. Length in proportion to the rest of the dog.

*Topline* - Flat and level, both standing and moving. *Body* - Compact and of good substance with defined forechest and buttocks. Ribs extend at least to the elbows. The ribs are well arched in the upper half and taper to present a flattish side appear-

ance. Chest is deep and extends at least to the elbows. Width is in proportion to the size of the dog. Back ribs are of considerable depth, and distance from last rib to upper thigh is as short as compatible with free movement of the body. Loin is short, broad and strong. Faults - Barrel ribs, ribs above elbows, lack of definite body overhang. *Tail* - Relatively short, with good substance, and shaped like a carrot. When erect it is never extended above the top of the skull. It is covered with hard hair without feather, as straight as possible, carried upright or slightly forward but not curled over the back. The tail is set on high enough so that the spine does not slope down to it. The tail is never docked.

**Forequarters:** Angulation, Shoulders - Shoulder blades are well laid back and well-knit at the withers. The shoulder blade attaches to an upper arm which is equal or nearly equal to the length of the shoulder blade. Faults - Steep or loaded shoulders. Upper arm too short or upright. Legs - Forelegs are muscular and well boned, relatively short, but with sufficient length to set the dog up so as not to be too close to the ground. The front legs are reasonably straight, and thickly covered with short hard hair. They are set in under the shoulder blades with definite body overhang before them. Height from elbow to withers and elbow to ground is approxi-

mately the same. Faults - Out at elbows, light bone, fiddle-front. Feet - Forefeet are larger than the hind ones, round, proportionate in size, strong, thickly padded; they may be turned out slightly. Dewclaws may be removed. Black pigmentation is most desirable on pads of all feet and nails, although nails may lose coloration in older dogs.

**Hindquarters:** Angulation - Thighs are very muscular, stifles well bent, and hocks well let down. Not set wide apart and parallel when viewed from the rear. Legs - Rear legs are muscular and relatively short. Faults - Weak hocks, long hocks, lack of angulation, cow hocks. Feet - Hind feet are smaller than front feet, and are thickly padded. Dewclaws may be removed.

**Coat:** The white double coat is hard and weather-resistant, consisting of straight, hard hair and a short, soft undercoat. The longer jacket hair is approximately 1½ to 2 inches of hard hair, plucked and trimmed to blend into the shorter coated side neck, chest, shoulder, and rear. The jacket is smoothly blended into the longer furnishings. Hair is left around the head, plucked and shaped to provide a roundish frame for the face, with the tips of the ears and piercing eyes partially exposed yielding a typical West Highland White Terrier expression. Coat color, texture, and pre-

sentation should reflect the breed's purpose and terrain in which they work.

**Color:** The color is white, as defined by the breed's name. A hard straight coat which has some wheaten tipping is preferable to a soft white coat.

**Gait:** Movement is free and easy all around; it is a distinctive gait, not stilted. When viewed from the side, the gait is powerful with equally ample reach and drive. The topline remains level. In the front the leg is freely extended by the shoulder. When viewed from the front, the legs do not move parallel but tend to move toward the center of gravity. The hind movement is free, strong, and fairly close, but does not single track. The hocks are freely flexed and drawn close under the body, so that when moving off on the foot the body is thrown or pushed forward with some force. Faults- Lack of reach in front, and/or drive behind. Stiff, stilted movement.

**Temperament:** Alert, confident, courageous, self-reliant, and friendly-Possessing no small amount of self-esteem. Faults - Excess timidity or excess pugnacity

**Approved January 9, 2024**

**Effective April 3, 2024**

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Article XII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and approved by Staff. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **ARTICLE XII**

**SECTION 1.** Any club or association or person or persons interested in purebred dogs may make a complaint against any other club or association or person or persons for conduct alleged to have been prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, purebred dog events or the AKC, which complaint shall be made in writing setting forth the circumstances. The complaint shall be verified by the complainant stating that the complainant has read the complaint, has knowledge of the facts stated in the complaint, and affirms and verifies under penalty of perjury that the complaint is true and correct. The complaint shall then be sent to the AKC, (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) with a deposit, the amount to be established annually by the Board of Directors. The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the Board of Directors does

not exercise jurisdiction; or in the event the Board of Directors exercises jurisdiction and the complaint is not sustained to any extent. The deposit will be returned if the Board of Directors exercises jurisdiction and the complaint is sustained to any extent.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 12, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 4 – THE CATALOG**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 12, Section 1** and **Section 4**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, suggested by Staff, proposed by the AKC Board and approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 12**

**SECTION 1.** Every Show Committee shall provide a published catalog which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show
- Date/dates on which the show will be held
- Show hours (opening and closing)
- List of all officers and members of the Event Committee
- Name, city and state of all judges
- Name and address of Superintendent and/or Show Secretary
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary

Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on call.

- Name, city, state, and if provided, e-mail address, of all exhibitors
- Information on all entered dogs as described in Chapter 12, Section 4
- Information on all entered Junior Handlers
- Judging Program

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his/her immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

Judges of sweepstakes and futurities, and all other special attractions held with a conformation show should refer to the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges for any applicable exhibiting restrictions as they are defined by Board policy.

*This provision prohibiting judges or those residing in the same household from exhibiting on the same day does not apply to the judge of the Four-to-Six Month Competition or to Junior Showmanship only judges. Such judges may also exhibit on the day(s) they judge.*

## CHAPTER 12

**SECTION 4.** The catalog shall be published and available. The catalog, if printed, shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches to 8 ½ x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all entered dogs, arranged in this order:

- Catalog (armband) number
- Complete registered name of dog
- One of the following for each dog:
  - or PAL number
  - or foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog
  - or identification number issued by AKC
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of Sire
- Name of Dam
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Name of owner's agent (if any)

The city, state, and if provided, e-mail address of the owner shall follow the owner's name, or shall be included in a separate alphabetical list of all exhibitors contained

elsewhere in the catalog.

*Remaining portions of this section are unchanged.*

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 1**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 3 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A FIELD TRIAL**

**SECTION 1.** A club which has been approved by the American Kennel Club may hold no more than two licensed field trials per calendar year.

## **PROPOSED BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 3**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small*

*Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 3 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A FIELD TRIAL**

**SECTION 3.** A licensed or member club may hold up to two licensed field trials in a calendar year.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 3**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 4, Section 1** and **Section 3**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 4 RIBBONS, MONEY PRIZES AND SPECIAL PRIZES**

**SECTION 1.** A club holding a licensed or member field trial shall offer prize ribbons or rosettes of the following colors in the four regular classes:

- First prize—Blue.
- Second prize—Red.
- Third prize—Yellow.
- Fourth prize—White.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Dark Green.

For additional non-regular classes, a club holding a licensed or member trial shall offer ribbons or rosettes of the following colors:

- First prize—Rose.
- Second prize—Brown.
- Third prize—Light Green.
- Fourth prize—Gray.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Orange.

**SECTION 3.** If ribbons or rosettes are given at sanctioned field trials they shall be of the following colors, and shall bear the words Field Trial, but may be of any design or size:

- First prize—Rose.
- Second prize—Brown.
- Third prize —Light Green.
- Fourth prize—Gray.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Orange.

\*N.B.Q applies only to brace and gun dog brace formats where there is no fifth place awarded.

## PROCEDURE 4. JUDGING

4-B In all classes the Judges shall award places as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, \*and 5th.

\*For brace and gun dog brace only, after four places have been awarded, the Judge shall designate the next best qualified hound as “N.B.Q.” not fifth place. At the discretion of the judge, a dog designated N.B.Q. can be moved up should any of the top four hounds commit a serious fault so as not to merit further consideration for placement.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 9, SECTION 5

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 5**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

## CHAPTER 9 DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 5. Awarding Championship Points.

Field Championship points for Beagles shall be awarded only to hounds placing in licensed or member trials in Open Classes in which there were six or more starters.

The championship points shall be awarded on the following basis:



1 point to the winner of first place for each starter;

½ point to the winner of second place for each starter;

⅓ point to the winner of third place for each starter;

¼ point to the winner of fourth place for each starter;

\*⅓ point to the winner of fifth place for each starter.

\*The point value for fifth place applies to all hunting formats except brace and gun dog brace, where there shall be no fifth place awarded but a judge can designate a dog as a next best qualified hound "N.B.Q."

A starter is an entered eligible hound that has not been disqualified and that is not measured out for second series or for the winners pack, and that has been cast or laid on a line with its brace mate at the start of its first series heat at a brace trial; or that has been cast at the start of its first series pack at a small pack trial; or that has been cast at the start with the rest of the pack at a large pack trial.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS**

### **- CHAPTER 9, SECTION 6**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 6**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

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It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org).

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## EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser

## REGULAR STATUS APPROVED OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of **regular approved** judges for the class indicated.

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## NEW PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/ TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a **Provisional** basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system.

**They may now accept assignments.**

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## EMERITUS OBEDIENCE/ RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

### **Loretta Delinger (CA)**

Obedience & Rally

### **Pat Kasten (MO)**

Obedience

### **Susan Oviatt-Harris (CO)**

Obedience

### **Betty Ribble (CA)**

Obedience & Rally

## APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club.

BRIARKEEP- Border Terriers- Cynthia Nichols & Laura N. Hooser

D'EL PRADO- Chihuahuas- Aroldo Hernandez Gutierrez

FULL MOON- Schipperkes- Kristin L. Morrison

FIREANDICE- Pomeranians- Karin L. Byrne

GRAND PRIX-Belgian Malinois- Andrea Gumrich

JET STAFF- Staffordshire Bull Terriers- Monique P. Blackston

JOMAR- Labrador Retrievers- Jodi M. Lopesilvero

MAJIME- Italian Greyhounds- Candace Laybourn-Morris

MERAKI-Italian Greyhounds-Cynthianna Cass

MERAKI- Whippets- Cynthianna Cass

MOSAIC-Miniature American Shepherds- Leah A. Scott

SPREZZATURA- Great Danes- Christine L. Spero

UPLAND NORTH- English Springer Spaniels- Karen L. Osnoe & Lee W. Osnoe  
VENI.VIDI.VICI- Cane Corso- Elyse I. Struckman

WENRICK-Shih Tzu- Wendy L. Paquette & Jody L. Paquette

WENRICK -Whippets- Wendy L. Paquette & Jody L. Paquette

WOODLYNN- Dachshunds- Carolyn Knox

XCALIBUR-Bernese Mountain Dogs-

## REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted.

74 RANCH – Miniature American Shepherds- Michelle E. Herbst & Thomas L. Herbst

ALPTRAUM- Belgian Malinois- Brittany Roberts

BELL SHARPS- Australian Shepherds- Kaity C. Sevits

KEB BORDEAUX -Dogue de Bordeaux- Liroi Kennedy

SHOCKEYHAUS- German Shepherds -Sydney A. Shockey

SHOCKEYHAUS- Belgian Malinois – Sydney A. Shockey

SHOREPOINT- Poodles- Mary Lou Parsons

SNOWMANS- Beagles- Rick Jay Snow

SOLUNA-Chinese Cresteds- Dina Berrios-Fischer

STORY TIME- Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Kimberly Blomquist

SUMMER MOON-Bulldog- Jennifer M. Cuipto-Benedict



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SUMMER MOON- French Bulldogs-  
Jennifer M. Cuipyo-Benedict  
VITA FELICE-Lagotto Romagnolo-  
Helen Korbut



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NY  
JANUARY 8-9, 2024**

The Board convened on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office except for Dr. Davies. The Executive Secretary was also present.

Copies of the November 13-14, 2023, Board Meeting minutes had been previously provided to all Directors for review.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the November 2023 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Sprung updated the Board on several business matters and on past action items.

AKC Staff put on the most successful AKC National Championship to date. Mr. Sprung thanked the Board members who judged and thanked the entire Board for

its support.

End of year stats: Litters ended the year 2% below budget and individual dogs were 11% below budget. There is a lot of work being done to improve these percentages in 2024.

Events and Entries remain up. As of 12/18/2023, we have recorded 3,471,380 entries across 24,267 events. Projected total entries for 2023 to be 3,675,000 vs. 3,471,389 in 2022.

The Sports and Events Department launched our newest AKC Family Dog sport called "Fetch". This brings the total number of AKC Sports offered up to twenty-eight (28).

AKC Meet the Breeds® will be held again at the Javits Center on January 27-28, 2024 with over 130 breeds represented.

## **Legal Update**

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of December 2023.

AKC Canine Health Foundation(CHF) Chief Executive Officer Report  
Stephanie Montgomery, AKC CHF Chief Executive Officer, presented the Board with a Q4 2023 update from AKC CHF.

CHF 2024 Organizational Goals:

1. Advance canine health: Fund and support the best scientific research that meaningfully impacts the health of dogs.
2. Enhance philanthropy to support canine health initiatives: Invest in relationships and focus on impact to foster fundraising and grow resources to drive canine health initiatives.
3. Increase impactful outreach of the Foundation: Develop and implement effective resources to strategically reach an expanded target audience.

In January 2024, a steering committee will be formed to begin work on a 3-year strategic plan for CHF.

CHF held an oncology grant review panel to fund canine cancer research in November 2023. Based on recommendations from this review panel, CHF funded 5 new canine cancer projects at a total of \$458,189.

CHF awarded thirty-six new grants totaling \$2.6M in 2023. Funding included educational support to train future canine health researchers, with 4 new Clinician-Scientist Fellowships and 2 new Theriogenology residents in 2023.

To close out 2023, CHF opened an Early Career Investigator award as part of a new

strategy for CHF to invest in the careers of young outstanding faculty who have the potential to be tomorrow's leading canine health researchers. This response feels particularly critical as veterinary schools face the challenge of increased faculty attrition.

Deans and Sports Medicine Program Directors at Veterinary Schools with training programs accredited by the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation were contacted about the new AKC/AKC CHF canine sports medicine and rehabilitation residency funding opportunity. Upon learning of the opportunity, four Vet schools (the Ohio State University, Colorado State, UPenn, and Cornell) expressed interest in our inaugural application cycle.

AKC CHF expressed its gratitude for AKC's continued dedication to canine health and commitment of \$1,000,000 of support to CHF in 2024.

### **AKC Museum of the Dog Update**

Christopher Bromson, Executive Director, and CEO of the AKC Museum of the Dog presented a Q4 2023 update.

Recent Programs and Exhibitions: The Museum partnered with Royal Canin on our latest exhibition, *Unique Instinct*, a photographic journey depicting the distinct

nature of dogs — and cats!

The impact this exhibit has made on our web presence is notable, with our social media channels gaining a 12.4% follower increase since its opening. We close our successful *Fashionable Dogs* and bring in the much-anticipated *Outfoxed: Fox Terriers and Friends* at the end of January. *Outfoxed* explores the development of the Fox Terrier, both Smooth and Wire, chronicling many champions in the collection and showcasing the variety of jobs these special canines have played over the past 150 years. We are delighted and grateful to have the support of the American Fox Terrier Club as our sponsors for this exhibition.

Museum programming has become extremely strong, and attendance is consistently at a maximum. Community focused programming often ties to current exhibitions and allows guests of the Museum to experience a deeper connection with the art in our impressive collection. Our consistent programming includes twice monthly Furry Fridays, which welcome members and guests into the Museum with their canine companions in the evening for specialized programming; weekly Paws to Read, which features dog-focused book reading to elementary school-aged youth; and monthly Breed Spotlight, typically a two-hour program on a Sunday afternoon presented in partnership with a breed club,

to teach guests of the Museum about the qualities and uniqueness of a designated breed.

Opportunities for increased revenue exist both by increasing memberships and visits to the Museum, as well as by increasing public and private philanthropic support. The Museum is greatly appreciative to AKC for its significant financial support of the Museum.

## **FINANCE**

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of November 30, 2023.

Unaudited Financial Results for the eleven months ended November 30, 2023.

Net Operating Income is \$9.7 million.

## REVENUES:

Total Revenues of \$92 million are lower than forecast by 1%, excluding Interest & Dividends.

Registration Fees, excluding Registration-Related revenues, total \$35.1 million and trail forecast by 3%.

Registration-related Revenues total 12.5 million, trailing forecast by 2%.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Application fees total \$16.1 million, ahead of forecast by 4%.

Product & Service Sales total \$10.6 million, trailing forecast by 3%.

Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total \$17.7 million, trailing forecast by 2%.

## EXPENSES:

Controllable Expenses total \$74 million, trailing forecast by <1%.

Non-controllable expenses total \$10.4 million, ahead of forecast by 6%.

## Non-Financial Statistics for the 11 months ended November 30, 2023

Registrations: 2023 YTD Litter Reg. 2% lower than forecast, 9% lower than 2022 YTD.

2023 YTD Dog Reg. 1% lower than forecast, 15% lower than 2022 YTD.

## Events & Entries

Compared to the same period in 2022, Events & Entries were ahead by 6% & 4% respectively.

Entries were 3% better than 2023 Forecast.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary participated in this portion of the meeting.

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sports

Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations; and Ashley Jacot, Director of Education, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Beagle Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

Following a motion from Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revision to the Color section of the Beagle Standard to be published in the Secretary's Pages of the AKC Gazette.

## **Parent Club Designation for Presa Canario**

The Board reviewed a request from the Presa Canario Club of America asking to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed thereby allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Czechoslovakian Vlcak Name Change**

The Board reviewed a request from the Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America to change the breed's name from Czechoslovakian Vlcak to Czechoslovakian Vlcak, to be consistent with the name in the country of origin. The Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America has voted to change the club's name as well if approved by AKC.

This will be discussed further at the Febru-



ary Board meeting.

## **AKC Education 2023 Review**

AKC Canine College:

The AKC Canine College (AKCCC) now boasts over 65,000 learner accounts, including more than 9,500 new learners added in 2023. It offers 432 courses and exams comprising 956 modules, accessible to breeders, judges, stewards, competitors, and the public. In 2023, there have been over 21,500 course and exam enrollments, with learners dedicating over 81,000 hours to AKCCC activities.

Breed Courses:

Seventy (70) breed-specific courses are now available for judges, breeders, and the fancy. In 2023, 13 breed courses were launched or revised\* for the following breeds:

- o Golden Retriever
- o Lhasa Apso
- o Shih Tzu
- o Beagle
- o Alaskan Malamute
- o Bracco Italiano
- o Beauceron
- o Manchester Terrier
- o Pembroke Welsh Corgi
- o English Cocker Spaniel\*
- o Brussels Griffon\*
- o Cavalier King Charles Spaniel\*
- o Dachshund\*

Breed Exams:

A total of 201 breed exams are available on AKCCC. The following seven breed exams were updated: Spanish Water Dog, Brussels Griffon, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, and Sussex Spaniel.

AKC Puppy Program:

AKCCC has launched the first four interactive eLearning courses that focus on evaluating a new puppy buyer's readiness, choosing the right breed, breeder screening, meeting the litter, and detailed lessons to prepare new puppy owners for picking their new family member.

The next course series will focus on the first 8-16 weeks following the puppy's journey home. All remaining courses are scheduled to be launched in Q1 2024.

AKC Fetch Judge's Education:

In coordination with AKC Family Dog, AKCCC filmed, produced, and launched a series of five videos for the AKC Fetch Judge's Education program to use as educational and promotional materials for this exciting new program.

AKC Education Webinars:

In 2023, AKC Education hosted 21 webinars for 7,811 participants. Webinars are

edited and added to the AKC Canine College and/or AKC.org for future reference.

## Public Education:

The Read with Bailey video series on AKC's YouTube channel has seen growing popularity, with 11 new videos produced and released this year. Collectively, these videos have over 10,000 views.

In 2023, Bailey's Book Club received 470 new and over 100 gently used books, alongside a \$500 contribution from Star City Canine Training Club and \$273.50 from the Columbus Meet the Breeds event.

## Teacher and Parent Resources:

23 new resources, many of them bundles, have been added to AKC.org and Teachers Pay Teachers. 93 resources are available and have been downloaded over 4,000 times throughout the year. Canine Corner and Kids News newsletters have continued to be released throughout the year, with 12 new issues of Canine Corner and four new issues of Kids News.

## Legislation Monthly Update

Sheila Goffe highlighted numerous active priority legislation and administrative regulations in Congress and State Legislation. She noted that additional information is available on the AKC legislative action center microsite: <https://www.akcgr.org>.

AKC Government Relations is currently tracking more than 1,500 local, state, and federal bills and more than 948 federal and state administrative regulations impacting AKC and dog owners.

Mrs. Goffe gave a presentation on AKC GR Highlights in 2023.

Top regulatory issues include:

- Sporting/ Land Use
- Veterinary
- Dogs in Public
- Breeder Regs

## COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events and Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## Agility Updates January 2024

The Board reviewed several recommended changes to the Agility Regulations that are meant to expand opportunities for exhibitors, make an event run more efficiently, and update technical equipment requirements for safety and to reflect current course designs.

- The recommendations cover the following topics:
- Allow For Exhibition Only (FEO) in all classes.
- Reduce wheeling of Open courses to one time.

- Increase the course yardage allowed for 8- & 12-inch heights (and corresponding Preferred heights) for the Excellent and Master levels.
- No longer require the Pause Table in the Excellent and Master Standard classes.
- No longer require a “Bar” jump in any courses.
- Only allow one time use of the tire obstacle in a course.
- Allow the use of a Wall Jump in Excellent and Master classes to add obstacle variety.
- Increase course yardage allowed in Jumpers with Weaves at the Excellent and Master levels for all heights (and corresponding Preferred heights).

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Regional NOHS Only Events**

The Board reviewed a recommendation for a pilot program to allow up to eight

Regional NOHS Only events to be held by All-Breed Clubs. The events would be structured like the NOHS Championship event in Orlando, except it would not be an invitational. All owner-handlers can participate.

All-Breed Clubs will be advised of the opportunity and asked to submit a proposal to hold a Regional NOHS Only event. The events will be located around the country.

Clubs will be selected based on the quality of the proposal, the club's history of holding NOHS events, and the date they are proposing to hold the event. Regional NOHS Only events will be staggered throughout the pilot period with no two occurring close to one another.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

## **Exhibition Only Four-to-Six Month**

### **Beginner Puppy Competition**

The Board reviewed a proposal to amend the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition Regulations to allow professional handlers, members of their household and current assistants to personally exhibit dogs they own For Exhibition Only in the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition. If approved, the effective date would be July 31, 2024.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

## **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

## **Conformation Judging Approval Process**

The Board reviewed recommendations brought forth by the Chairman's Committee on Judging Approval to modify aspects of the Judging Approval Process specific to prerequisite requirements for first-time applicants and applications for additional breeds.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board VOTED (Unanimously, absent Dr. Davies) to the following proposals to modify the Conformation Judging Approval Process as follows:

1. Modify the pre-requisite requirements for first applicants, reducing the number of required judging assignments at AKC sanctioned non-point events from six (6) to three (3) and add the requirement to com-

plete at least two ringside observations with Executive Field Representatives in the year preceding application.

2. Modify Virtual Tutoring experiences so that a Virtual Tutoring completed with a parent club approved mentor or recognized breed expert may only be accepted for low entry breeds where the department determines that insufficient educational opportunities are available.

3. Modify the CEU value assigned to breed specific sweepstakes or futurity assignments such that a sweepstakes or futurity held with a supported entry would be weighted at one (1) CEU, the same as those held with specialty show (non-National).

The effective date of the amendments approved by the Board is January 17, 2024.

## **Junior Showmanship Judge Application Requirements**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the criteria to judge Junior Showmanship by augmenting the experiences that may be accepted to meet the requirements to apply.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Battaglia the Board VOTED (Unanimously, absent Dr. Davies) to approve the addition of "Two ringside junior showmanship procedural observations with different members of the Executive Field Staff with-

in two years preceding application” as an experience criteria option for Junior Showmanship applicants.

The effective date is February 1, 2024.

### **Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges**

The Board reviewed a proposal to modify the exhibiting restriction for Sweepstake and Futurity Judges to prohibit them from exhibiting the same breed on the day they judge that breed. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting. If approved this will become effective, March 6, 2024.

### **Mandatory Ramp Examination – Lagotto Romagnolo**

The Board reviewed a request from the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America for the Lagotto Romagnolo to be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Davies) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Dr. Davies absent) for the Lagotto Romagnolo to be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition.

### **Conformation Judges Recertification Requirement**

Action Items from the Board’s August 2023 meeting included the direction to “Institute the format provided to the Board for Conformation Judges recertification test. The test should contain information on best practices for taking a test and links to the booklets or forms where answers may be found. When finalized, distribute as an FYI to the Board.”

This Board was provided with an update on the measures instituted to enhance the learner experience for those completing the recertification requirement.

#### Learner Tools:

To assist learners in becoming more comfortable and familiar with completing the recertification exam, a practice quiz is being generated. This practice quiz can be completed an unlimited number of times, will show correct answers, and will provide feedback for selected answers that will point the learner to where in the resources they should have looked for the correct answer. This quiz

will give learners the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the exam interface, the questioning style/phrasing, and the effort required to find correct answers. This quiz will clearly state that it is optional but encouraged and mimics what the learner will see in the full exam.

In addition, a tutorial video is being produced to help learners navigate the exam, answer questions, pause vs cancel, open resources, and complete the exam. This video will include voice over and video/screenshots of actual exam questions.

## Conformation Judging Statistics

### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	<u>Wthdrn</u>	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	1	0	1	0	0	0	13	10	0
February	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
March	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
April	10	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
May	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
June	8	7	0	1	0	0	43	40	0
July	8	8	0	0	0	0	9	9	0
August	8	7	0	1	0	0	15	14	0
September	10	9	0	1	0	0	24	23	0
October	7	7	0	0	0	0	11	11	0
November	7	7	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
December	11	11	0	0	0	0	41	41	0
<b>NB TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0</b>

### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	<u>Wthdrn</u>	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	22	21	1	0	0	0	134	131	0
February	39	38	0	1	0	0	183	180	0
March	21	20	1	0	0	0	120	117	0
April	57	55	1	1	0	0	336	332	0
May	41	40	1	0	0	0	215	211	0
June	20	20	0	0	0	0	76	76	0
July	30	27	2	1	0	0	122	115	0
August	19	19	0	0	0	0	90	90	0
September	27	23	4	0	0	0	134	128	0
October	50	46	2	2	0	0	242	229	0
November	29	25	3	1	0	0	140	133	0
December	38	37	1	0	0	0	176	175	0
<b>AB TOTAL</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>0</b>

## FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 YEAR END

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Withdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
<b>NB</b>	82	77	1	3	0	1	192	184	0
<b>AB</b>	393	371	16	6	0	0	1968	1917	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2160</b>	<b>2101</b>	<b>0</b>

### **CLUBS**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

### **Enhancing AKC's Clubs Resources Webpage**

Clubs are facing challenges that may be difficult to handle, depending upon the club's experience and knowledge with complex business or legal issues. To assist clubs AKC Staff will develop a resource document that offers helpful guidelines to clubs facing difficult situations. Included in this document will be suggestions to help clubs find resources to approach these situations.

### **MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED ADDING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

United States Lakeland Terrier Club (1968)

### **REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Abilene Kennel Club, Abilene, Texas (1986)

Doberman Pinscher Club of America (1921)

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (1926)

Giant Schnauzer Club of America (1979)

Mastiff Club of America (1941)

Mountain State Dog Training Club, Denver, Colorado (1956)

### **REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS**

#### **APPROVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Arizona Papillon Club, Maricopa County (including communities north to Sun City, south to Gilbert, west to Goodyear, east to Queen Creek), 26 total households, 19 local.

Brushy Creek Beagle Club of Mississippi, Lucedale, MS, 19 total households, 10 local.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of New England, greater Westhampton, MA (including communities northeast to Haverhill, MA, south to Wyoming, RI, west to Goshen, CT and north to Huntington, MA), 21 total households, 14 local.

Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club of Arizona, greater Phoenix, AZ (including communities north to Prescott, south to

Tucson), 37 total households, 22 local.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Specialist, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

*(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)*

## **REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of Registration; and Dr. Claire Wiley, Executive Director, AKC DNA Program participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sport Services participated via video conference.

## **AKC DNA Program Updates**

### **Genetic Identity & Parentage Verification**

A technology update in effect since December 2022 provides a panel of 201 SNP genetic markers.

The AKC DNA Program has launched a new product, AKC DNA + Health, which is one test for breeders needs. The test includes the 201 markers of the original AKC DNA Profile for genetic identity and parentage verification purposes, plus 328 markers for health and traits. The included DNA tests meet AKC requirements for Breeder of Merit and Bred with Heart cer-

tifications (some exclusions apply).

We will filter breed-specific tests focused on Parent Club health statements. This offer combined with parentage will be a unique AKC offering. Breeders can easily upgrade their kits if a breeder has already purchased AKC DNA kits (identification/parentage only).

The AKC DNA program is also launching the AKC Canine Genetic Counseling Center, staffed by veterinary professionals, to provide clear information to help breeders make smart breeding decisions.

AKC DNA Program's Genetic Diversity Project:

AKC will collect sample and sequence 2000-4000 dogs of all breeds.

## **Procedures for Recording Colors During Registration**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff provided a memo outlining the process for the recording of colors during the dog registration process. The memo notes that several breeds have colors that are acknowledged by the Parent Club as existing within the breed, but, at the same time, are NOT approved by the Parent Club for listing in Online Dog Registration or on AKC.org, forcing customers and Staff to undertake additional steps to register these otherwise



AKC registrable dogs.

## **BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of Registration and Seth Fera Schanes, Director of Planning; participated in this portion of the meeting. Kassandra McCombe, Business Intelligence Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Demographic Analysis of Current AKC Dog Owners**

Staff presented a Demographic Analysis of Current AKC Dog Owners. Key insights on AKC dog owners were provided. This analysis broke out dog-owning customers by the type of dog they registered: AKC, Canine Partner (CP), or FSS/MISC. This analysis offers the first insight into the current state of existing and current dog owners by including all owners who have registered a dog in the past 12 years (2010-2022). This is also the first analysis to stratify demographic profiles of dog owners by the type of dog they have registered or listed with the American Kennel Club.

This analysis and the findings herein will be shared with departments throughout the AKC to incite conversation and provide quantitative direction to support advertising, marketing, and help to form business decisions across the company.

## **MARKETING**

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing; Jake Sisskind, Group Product Manager; Somya Udeh, Product Manager; and Meghan Prince, Brand Marketing Manager participated in this portion of the meeting.

## **AKC Marketplace Platform Design**

Staff presented new and improve design for functionality and look and feel. This includes the creation of New AKC Marketplace Logo and Tagline, and a Homepage Redesign scheduled to launch in May 2024.

Additional developments will be shared with the Board at the April meeting.

## **CONSENT**

There was a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Davies) to approve the following Consent items:

## **Delegates Approved**

Robin Barkhaus

To represent Kettle Moraine Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December 2023

Angela Boeske

To represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December 2023

Cindy Grodkiewicz

To represent American Wirehaired Pointing

Griffon Association  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Mike Kriegel  
To represent Bell Vernon Kenne  
Association  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Margaret "Maggie" Kudirka  
To represent Dog Owners' Training Club  
of Maryland  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Karen Park  
To represent Mount Ogden Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Julie Poulin Siefert  
To represent Newfoundland Club of  
America  
Published October 2023, November 2023

## **Displaceable High Jump – Obedience and Rally**

The Board VOTED to modify the Obedience Regulations Chapter 1, Section 34 and the Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 36 to change the design and construction of the high jump to allow displaceable panels. In order to not cause an undue burden on

event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 1 2025.

## **Jindo Name Change**

The Board VOTED to change the breed's name from Jindo to Korean Jindo Dog to be consistent with the country of origin and foreign kennel clubs worldwide. Superintendents will be notified to phase in this change by March 1, 2024.

Parent Club Designation for Eurasier  
The Board VOTED to designate the United States Eurasier Club as the Parent Club for the Eurasier breed; thereby allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

Keeshond Breed Standard Revision  
The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Keeshond Club of America, (KCA) for KCA to ballot its membership in accordance with the clubs Constitution and Bylaws on the proposed breed standard revisions.

The Board adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:34 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Dr. Davies. The Executive Secretary was also present.



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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 12:08 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## SPORTING GROUP



American Water Spaniel



Barbet



Boykin Spaniel



Brittany



Chesapeake Bay Retriever



Clumber Spaniel



Cocker Spaniel



Curly-Coated Retriever



English Cocker Spaniel



English Setter



English Springer Spaniel



Field Spaniel



Flat-Coated Retriever



German Shorthaired Pointer



German Wirehaired Pointer



Golden Retriever



Gordon Setter



Irish Red and White Setter



Irish Setter



Irish Water Spaniel



Labrador Retriever



Lagotto Romagnolo



Nederlandse Kooikerhondje



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever



Pointer



Spinone Italiano



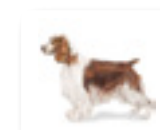
Sussex Spaniel



Vizsla



Weimaraner



Welsh Springer Spaniel



Wirehaired Pointing Griffon



Wirehaired Vizsla

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## HOUND GROUP



Afghan Hound



American English Coonhound



American Foxhound



Azawakh



Basenji



Basset Hound



Beagle



Black and Tan Coonhound



Bloodhound



Bluetick Coonhound



Borzoi



Cirneco dell'Etna



Dachshund



English Foxhound



Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen



Greyhound



Harrier



Ibizan Hound



Irish Wolfhound



Norwegian Elkhound



Otterhound



Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen



Pharaoh Hound



Plott



Portuguese Podengo Pequeno



Redbone Coonhound



Rhodesian Ridgeback



Saluki



Scottish Deerhound



Sloughi



Treeing Walker Coonhound



Whippet

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## WORKING GROUP



Akita



Alaskan Malamute



Anatolian Shepherd Dog



Bernese Mountain Dog



Black Russian Terrier



Boerboel



Boxer



Bullmastiff



Cane Corso



Chinook



Doberman Pinscher



Dogo Argentino



Dogue de Bordeaux



German Pinscher



Giant Schnauzer



Great Dane



Great Pyrenees



Greater Swiss Mountain Dog



Komondor



Leonberger



Kuvasz



Mastiff



Neapolitan Mastiff



Newfoundland



Portuguese Water Dog



Rottweiler



Saint Bernard



Samoyed



Siberian Husky



Standard Schnauzer



Tibetan Mastiff

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## TERRIER GROUP



Airedale Terrier



American Hairless Terrier



American Staffordshire Terrier



Australian Terrier



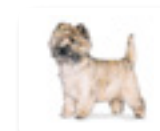
Bedlington Terrier



Border Terrier



Bull Terrier



Cairn Terrier



Cesky Terrier



Dandie Dinmont Terrier



Fox Terrier (Smooth)



Glen of Imaal Terrier



Irish Terrier



Kerry Blue Terrier



Lakeland Terrier



Manchester Terrier



Miniature Bull Terrier



Miniature Schnauzer



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich Terrier



Parson Russell Terrier



Rat Terrier



Russell Terrier



Scottish Terrier



Sealyham Terrier



Skye Terrier



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Welsh Terrier



West Highland White Terrier



Wire Fox Terrier

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## TOY GROUP



Affenpinscher



Biewer Terrier



Brussels Griffon



Cavalier King  
Charles Spaniel



Chihuahua



Chinese Crested



English Toy Spaniel



Havanese



Italian Greyhound



Japanese Chin



Maltese



Manchester  
Terrier (Toy)



Miniature  
Pinscher



Papillon



Pekingese



Pomeranian



Poodle (Toy)



Pug



Shih Tzu



Silky Terrier



Toy Fox Terrier



Yorkshire Terrier



# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## NON-SPORTING GROUP



American Eskimo Dog



Bichon Frise



Boston Terrier



Bulldog



Chinese Shar-Pei



Chow Chow



Coton de Tulear



Dalmatian



Finnish Spitz



French Bulldog



Keeshond



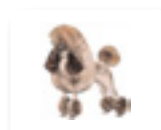
Lhasa Apso



Löwchen



Norwegian Lundehund



Poodle (Miniature)



Schipperke



Poodle (Standard)



Shiba Inu



Tibetan Spaniel



Tibetan Terrier



Xoloitzcuintli

# PARENT CLUB LINKS



## HERDING GROUP



Australian Cattle Dog



Australian Shepherd



Bearded Collie



Beauceron



Belgian Laekenois



Belgian Malinois



Belgian Sheepdog



Belgian Tervuren



Bergamasco



Berger Picard



Border Collie



Bouvier des Flandres



Briard



Canaan Dog



Cardigan Welsh Corgi



Collie (Rough)



Collie (Smooth)



Entlebucher Mountain Dog



Finnish Lapphund



German Shepherd Dog



Icelandic Sheepdog



Miniature American Shepherd



Mudi



Norwegian Buhund



Old English Sheepdog



Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Polish Lowland Sheepdog



Puli



Pumi



Pyrenean Shepherd



Shetland Sheepdog



Spanish Water Dog



Swedish Vallhund



# AKC REGISTERED HANDLERS

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