

# Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club

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## Letter From The President



Welcome to the first edition of Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club's newsletter! I would like to begin by introducing myself; I am serving as the first president for this club and am very excited to be a part of this group. I was introduced to the breed a little over 4 years ago as my husband and I were looking for a great family dog for our seven year old son. After many hours of researching breeds and making suggestions, my husband finally suggested the rat terrier because he had one in his family as a child. So, we found a breeder and started our journey into this breed.

We now have two dogs, Malcolm; a black and tan tuxedo male and Angus, who is a coated American Hairless Terrier. Both dogs are conformation quality but most importantly they are part of our family. I show Malcolm in AKC conformation and I am excited to also try him in Barn Hunt and I hope you will all take a look at some of the brags in the newsletter to get a glimpse of what Barn Hunt is.

My hope for this club is to become a recognized regional club by the national club, Rat Terrier Club of America (RTCA). Our leadership has begun the process to position our club for that goal as soon as RTCA receives full status recognition by AKC. We have had our initial meetings, set up our bylaws and constitution as well as hosted several fund raisers and fun matches!

I would like to personally thank the Kerry Blue Club for all their help and guidance through our raffles and fun matches. We are working diligently to ensure all our paper work is in order to ensure a smooth approval process.

I also hope that this club will become a professional active club to promote the rat terrier. I'd like to see our membership represent all aspects of the breed. We need pet families here just as much as we need the show families. I would love to see our club promote all facets of the breed including Agility, Barn Hunt, CGC, Lure Coursing, and any other sport our loving companions participate in.

Thank you for supporting our club as it begins. I look forward to seeing many more accomplishments from our members and from the rat terrier community in general.

Amy Miskiewicz

President

Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club

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**Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**For the Month of August 2014**

	<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>		<b>July 31, 2014</b>		<u><u>\$ 940.18</u></u>
<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 395.00		\$ (395.00)	
Donations	\$ 125.00	\$ 502.59		\$ (502.59)	
Events:					
Matches	\$ -	\$ 60.00		\$ (60.00)	
Meet the Breed		\$ -		\$ -	
Other		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Events:	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ (60.00)	
Fundraisers:					
Raffles	\$ -	\$ 295.00		\$ (295.00)	
Others		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Fundraisers:	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ -	\$ (295.00)	
Carry-over for Next Year				\$ -	
Unallocated Reserves				\$ -	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<u>\$ 155.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,252.59</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,252.59)</u>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
General Expenses:					
Banking Fees	\$ 7.20	\$ 12.11		\$ (12.11)	
LLC Fees		\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)	
501©3 Fees		\$ -		\$ -	
Logo	\$ -	\$ 52.50		\$ (52.50)	
Insurance		\$ -		\$ -	
Postage/Fax		\$ -		\$ -	
Website		\$ -		\$ -	
Other	323.58	\$ 323.58		\$ (323.58)	
Total Gen. Expenses:	\$ 330.78	\$ 488.19	\$ -	\$ (488.19)	
Event Expenses:					
Matches		\$ -		\$ -	
Meet the Breed		\$ -		\$ -	
Other		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Event Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fundraiser Expenses:					
Raffles		\$ -		\$ -	
Others		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Fundraiser Exps:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ 330.78</u>	<u>\$ 488.19</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (488.19)</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>August 31, 2014</b>		<u><u>\$ 764.40</u></u>		
Bank	\$ 383.42	Paypal	\$ 380.98		

Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## News from the Treasurers Desk....

Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club was officially organized as a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) on February 28, 2014. Since then the activities of organizing a Club continue. We opened a bank account at PNC Bank and are actively soliciting memberships as well as donations for a variety of projects. A raffle was held (with huge efforts on the parts of Stacy McWilliams and Kerry Cox as well as others) in April at the AKC Terrier Specialty in Timonium, MD and made a profit. A fun match was held at West Friendship, MD on July 5 with assistance from the Kerry Blue Club. And also with the help of the Kerry Blue folks, we have ordered a nice selection of ribbons and trophies for the Montgomery County Terrier Show in October.

Work on obtaining tax-exempt status as a 501(c) 3 organization under IRS regulations is in progress. The application is 28 pages long and that doesn't include all the necessary attachments! The good news on the 501(c)3 is that if we receive such status before our 17<sup>th</sup> month as a club (July 2015), all donations prior to our being officially designated tax-exempt will be able to be deducted as charitable donations by the donor. So all of our generous donors to date and in the future ... keep good records! The filing will take a chunk of our money, \$400 to be exact, and will deplete our account. It can be filed any time after September 28, 2014 and the goal is to file it before the end of October. Expected turnaround time at the IRS is 2-3 months. We are anticipating that with tax-free status as a charitable organization we will be able to more easily solicit donations and build the Club's financial health. Last but not least regarding the tax-free status is that it will allow us to have a free checking account. Our PNC account, free when we opened it, this month became a cost item (not a lot of money – \$12 per month – but every little bit adds up).

The balance in our accounts (bank and PayPal) was \$764.40 as of August 31, 2014. Reserving \$400.00 of that for the 501(c)3 application leaves us effectively \$364.40. We couldn't have come this far without the many generous donations of time, talent and money from our supporters. A HUGE thank you to all for supporting our wonderful breed, they deserve the best!



## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter, I hope you enjoy it as much as I have in putting this together. I would like to start by saying thank you to all the members and non-members for contributing your wonderful brags about your rat terriers and sharing some amazing photos for our use. My hope is that this newsletter provides an outlet for all Rat terrier owners and lovers. We want to focus on everything our wonderful dogs do from showing in the conformation ring to being wonderful pets for our families and children. In every edition we hope to provide a wide range of articles to help educate our readers on health issues and training but also make you laugh at the antics of our dogs and their adventures. If you want to do more, please consider joining our club. Join our facebook page and learn more about what we do and what our goals are within the breed. We can always use help with one of our committees including the newsletter!

E-mail us at [midatlanticrat Terrier@yahoo.com](mailto:midatlanticrat Terrier@yahoo.com) to learn more about our club, inquire about joining, or to provide us with feedback on the newsletter. We want to hear from you, and we are always in need of more articles, pictures, and brags. So don't forget to write! Thank you and enjoy!

Jackie Maye

# Rat Terrier Breed Standard

## General Appearance

The Rat Terrier was originally bred for ratting and farm work. A multipurpose companion dog that is capable of hunting rodents and vermin above and below ground, and to course small game. He is a sturdy, compact, small-to-medium sized parti-colored dog giving the appearance of elegance and fitness, denoting speed, power and balance. Honorable scars or a couple of broken or missing canines or incisors teeth are not to be faulted. The following is a description of the ideal Rat Terrier. Variations are penalized to the extent of the deviation.

## Size, Proportion, Substance

**Size-** There are two separate size divisions. **Miniature** At least 10 inches, not to exceed 13 inches. **Standard** over 13 inches, and up to and including 18 inches in height measured at the withers. Any dog six months of age or older measuring less than 10 inches, or any dog over 18 inches are to be disqualified.

**Proportion -** The Rat Terrier is just slightly longer than tall. The height, measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, is slightly less than the length, measured horizontally from the point of the shoulders to the point of the buttocks. Shortness in leg is a serious fault.

**Substance -** Moderate bone in proportion to size. A well-balanced, hard-muscled dog with smooth lines under taut skin. This dog should not be rangy nor fine boned and toyish, and never bulky or coarse. They are shown in good, hard physical working condition.

## Head

The head resembles a smooth, blunt wedge from a front or profile view. When seen from the front, the head widens gradually towards the base of the ears in an unbroken line and is well filled up under the eyes. The expression is intelligent, alert and full of interest. The eyes are not large. They are obliquely set wide apart and are oval in shape. Eye color varies with coat color from darkest brown to hazel. Eye rim pigmentation corresponds with nose color and facial markings. Gray eyes are acceptable in blue or blue-fawn dogs only, being a serious fault in other colorations. Any blue in the eye(s) is a disqualification.

**Ears-** Set on the top outer edge of the skull, V-shaped, with the length in proportion to the head moderately pointed at the tip. When viewed from the side, the base of the ear is on line with the outer corner of the eye. Ears should match in shape and carriage when alert, and can be carried erect, semi-erect and tipped, or button without preference. When alert, a rose ear is a fault. Cropped ears are a disqualification.

**Skull -**When viewed from the front the skull is moderate in width, relatively flat on top, and rounded at crown and the sides as it widens smoothly from the corner of the eyes to the base of the ears. The occiput is not prominent. The cheeks are flat and well-muscled, but never bulging. The stop is moderate but distinct. The muzzle is strong, just slightly shorter in length than the skull and tapers smoothly along the sides to the nose. The nose color corresponds with the body color and is entirely pigmented. Flesh-colored noses are considered a fault in lemon or light apricot colorations while being a serious fault in other colorations. Seasonal fading is permitted. The lips are clean and tight, and correspond in color with the nose leather or may be pink; either solid or spotted is acceptable. The lower jaw and teeth are strong and well developed with no sign of being snipey or weak.

**Bite-** A scissor bite is preferred. A level bite is acceptable.

## Neck, Topline, Body

**Neck-**Length of neck is in proportion to the head. Strong, arched along the crest and dry, the neck blends smoothly into the flat shoulder blades.

**Topline-** Smooth and blending from the back through the loin and set of the tail. **Body** The body is compact, strong and flexible with well sprung ribs. The brisket extends to the elbow. When viewed from the front, the ribs appear to be oval. The Rat Terrier, while muscled and fit, has flat muscles that blend into the body. The chest is moderately wide and well filled with a discernible forechest. The underline ascends gradually with the ribs extending well back to a moderate tuck-up.

**Back -** The back is level and firm from the withers to the loin. The short loin has a slight muscular arch blending into the gently rounded croup.

**Tail-** The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal to almost erect, but not over the back or a ring tail.

## Forequarters

The shoulder blades are well laid back with flat muscles providing enough space between the shoulder blades to allow for free movement. The shoulder blades and the upper arms are nearly equal in length and well set back so that the elbows fall directly under the highest point of the shoulder blade. The depth of the body at the elbow is the same distance as from the elbow to the ground. The forelegs stand straight and parallel with elbows turning neither in nor out. The pasterns are slightly sloping when viewed from the side. The feet are oval in shape. The toes turn neither in nor out, are compact, moderately arched, with thick pads and strong nails. The front dewclaws may be removed.

## Hindquarters

The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws are removed.

## Coat

Short, close lying, smooth and shiny coat. Texture varies; a very slight ruff or wave along the back is allowed, but undesirable. Any suggestion of kink or curl is cause for disqualification. Whiskers must not be removed. Absence of coat (total genetic hairlessness) is a disqualification.

## Color

Any variation of Pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without white markings, or bi-colored without one color being white. Acceptable colors with or without "tan points", include the predominate Black, or Chocolate, Red, Apricot, Blue, Fawn, Tan, Lemon, or White. Intense, dark shades of color with clearly defined and delineated coloration is preferred. White on the body is preferred to be between 10% and 90%, but all Patterns; spotted, patched or splashed with white in conjunction with (or without) any combination of white on the face, head or ears are equally acceptable without prejudice. "Tan Points" are common and vary in shades of cream to rust. Badger markings are acceptable. Speckling, ticking and mottling is common, but heavy ticking is undesirable. Sabbling is permitted in the coat or as shading on the head or penciling on the toes. A "black mask/black muzzle", on a dog not having black as coloration is to be seriously faulted. A few white hairs do not constitute an acceptable marking. A minimum white marking consists of a patch or strip of white with underlying white/pink skin on the forechest or body that exceeds one inch. Less than one inch of white at its widest dimension is a disqualification. Brindle or Merle color patterns are disqualifications.

## Gait

A ground-covering efficient trot with good reach and drive suggesting agility, speed and power. The legs are parallel at a trot, but as speed increases, the legs converge toward a center line. There should be no elbowing out, weaving or rolling action while in motion.

## Temperament

Keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, yet easily trained and obedient to command. The Rat Terrier is a non-sparring breed and generally friendly with other dogs, but may be reserved with strangers. Submissiveness is not a fault. Overt aggression and excessive shyness should be penalized.

## Disqualifications

Any dog over six months of age measuring less than 10 inches, or over 18 inches. Any blue color in the eye(s). Cropped ears. An absence of coat (genetic hairlessness). Any suggestion of kink or curl, or coat type other than described. Solid colorations (other than white). Bi colors without white, or dogs with a patch or strip of white measuring less than one inch at its widest dimension. Brindle or Merle color patterns.

Approved November 11, 2009  
Effective July 1, 2010



# Congratulations!!



## GUNNER

River Ridge Lock 'n Load won the Rat Terrier Sweepstakes at the Great Western Terrier Association show in Long Beach, CA on June 22, 2014.

Owned and loved by Sandra and Steve Ball.



## MARTI

Bronze GCH Stoneybay's Ur Martini's Serv'd was the first Rat Terrier to win Best in Show Owner Handler under Judge Linda Krukar. Marti is currently ranked #1 Rat Terrier-Owner Handled!



Send us your brags for next quarters newsletter!

# Way to go!!!



## SPRY

River Ridge Blue Solar Flare finished her CH title by taking BOW on 8/23/14 at the Mid-Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club All Breed show. The following day she went on to take Best Of Breed and Owner Handler Group 1!

Spry is owned by Beth Szczygiel



## MACKEREL

Sands' Holy Mackerel earned his first Rally Novice A leg with a third place on 9/13/14 at South Shore Kennel Club under Judge Mrs. Denise Lacroix.

Mackerel is also in agility training and hopes to be an agility star one day! Owned and Loved by Alison Raposo



# Primary Lens Luxation (PLL)

By Sandra Ball and Stacy McWilliams

Whether we like it or not, PLL exists in the Rat Terrier Dog breed. Fortunately, to date, quite a few Rat Terriers have been tested and recorded in the OFA database. Of those, we are seeing carrier, clear and affected (at risk) recorded in the database statistics at this time. It is nearly certain, if we have carriers that have already been detected; we have more dogs carrying both genes that are not reported in the database via proactive testing. Shown below are OFA database results as of December 31, 2013 for all tests done by the University of Missouri through the OFA.

<b>RAT TERRIER</b>	
CLEAR	623
CARRIER	354
AT RISK	30
<b>TOTAL TESTED</b>	<b>1007</b>

The question which many might ask is why should it matter? It is just another genetic test that we have available for our beloved breed. While that is true, PLL is the most serious of the current eye issues for which we actually have a genetic test available. The information provided by this test can help prevent breeding's which produce offspring at risk for primary lens luxation. PLL could also be considered a breed set back. Here are the results from 2009 – 2013

Report Year	Cases	Normal	% Normal	Carrier	% Carrier	At Risk	% At Risk
2009	52	32	61.5	18	34.6	2	3.9
2010	434	275	63.4	142	32.7	17	3.9
2011	224	140	62.5	77	34.4	7	3.1
2012	14	85	59.4	54	37.8	4	2.8
2013	154	91	59.1	63	40.9	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3.0</b>

## What is PLL?

I first heard about PLL in reference to the Bull Terrier breed and then learned that there were other breeds also carrying the genes for it including the Rat Terrier. PLL is a potentially very painful condition that requires immediate veterinary intervention. It is inherited as a simple recessive trait, so a dog needs to possess two copies of the mutated gene before they will show the disease. The average age for a dog to luxate is 4-8 years of age, although some do not do so until later. Results can be clear, carrier, and affected (at risk). Inheritance calculations are explained below:

**TT** - means that the chromosomes that carry the alleles for a certain characteristic both have a dominant gene.

**Tt** - means that one of the chromosomes of a pair has a dominant gene while the other has a recessive gene for the certain characteristic.

**tt** - means that the chromosomes that carry the alleles for a certain characteristic both have a recessive gene.

Cross a homozygous dominant "Clear" Rat Terrier (TT) with a homozygous recessive "At Risk" Rat Terrier (tt).

	t	t
T	Tt	Tt
T	Tt	Tt

One dominant gene from the phenotypically (physical characteristic) **Clear** Rat Terrier (TT) is crossed with one recessive gene from the phenotypically **At Risk** (tt) to produce puppies with the genotype of Tt. It shows that 100% of the offspring of the cross between TT and tt will be "**Carriers**" and Tt will be their genotype.

If two "**carrier**" Tt Rat Terriers were to be crossed:

	T	t
T	TT	Tt
t	Tt	tt

Approximately:

25% of the offspring will have the genotype of TT. **Clear**

50% of the offspring will have the genotype of Tt. **Carriers**

25% of the offspring will have the genotype of tt. **At Risk**

The pain could be described as being migraine-like if the lens luxates in the wrong direction because of the resulting glaucoma:

### **How does Glaucoma affect the eye?**

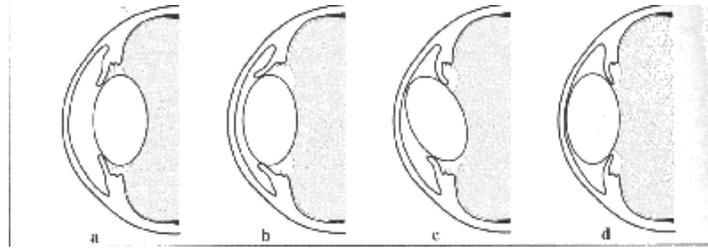
**Pain.** Increased intraocular pressure (IOP) is painful. Dogs, cats, and humans have normal IOPs between 10 and 20 mmHg. Glaucoma often results in pressures of 20–28 mmHg in humans, but pressures of 30 mmHg and higher (often higher than 50 mmHg!) are common in dogs and cats. For this reason, glaucoma in pets is usually much more painful than glaucoma in humans. The pain persists in the form of a constant headache or migraine. Animals show pain in different ways than humans do—in ways that are often not noted by the owner. Pain from glaucoma is usually not obvious to most owners—it can result in decreased activity, less desire to play, irritability, and/or decreased appetite—but is often not apparent at all to the owner. There is usually no squinting nor rubbing of the eye... **Your pet will not let you know that they have a headache and that their eye is uncomfortable.**

I have obtained permission from Dr. Michael Zigler, DVM to use the information below from his website, [www.eyevet.ca/luxlens.html](http://www.eyevet.ca/luxlens.html) and it is my hope that it will help improve the understanding about PLL and encourage more active genetic testing so we can eradicate this as much as possible from our wonderful cattle dogs. I also obtained permission from Dr. Glenn A Severin, DVM to use the graphic that he created for his book [Severin's Veterinary Ophthalmology Notes](#). I am grateful to both for their willingness to share their work.

### **What happens when the lens luxates?**

An anteriorly luxated lens is extremely serious, because it blocks the flow of the aqueous fluid in the eye. This often results in the acute onset of glaucoma. We often use the term pupillary block glaucoma since the luxated lens itself and some displaced vitreous obstructs the flow of aqueous through the pupil. There are, however, other causes of pupillary block glaucoma. In dogs, it is generally accepted that within 72 hours, the elevated pressure in the eye will cause irreversible damage to the optic nerve and retina. In addition, the anteriorly luxated lens may cause corneal damage by injuring the endothelial layer of cells which help keep the cornea clear. Corneal edema of varying severity may be the result.

A posteriorly luxated lens can also cause glaucoma since the vitreous is displaced forward and can block the drainage angle.



- a) Normal lens position
- b) Anterior luxation forcing the iris forward. This results in a very shallow anterior chamber
- c) Lens is partially through the pupil. If the lens touches the cornea, edema of the cornea will result
- d) Complete anterior luxation. The anterior chamber is very deep as it contains the whole lens. Pupillary block is present.

## Treatment

The first step in planning treatment for a dog or cat with a lens luxation is a careful assessment of the prospect for vision in the eye. If the lens luxation is longstanding and if there is glaucoma greater than 72 hours in duration, or if there is hemorrhage in the eye the chances of saving vision is reduced. If the lens luxation is recent, and if the glaucoma is not severe, and the retina and optic disc still look healthy, then there may be a reasonable chance of saving vision with surgery. In this case the surgery done is called an intracapsular lens extraction where the lens is removed with its capsule or covering intact. This requires a larger incision into the eye than traditional cataract surgery, and since the lens capsule is being removed, it is difficult, but not impossible, to replace the lens with an artificial lens (IOL). In many cases, it is also necessary to remove some of the vitreous which has also herniated forward. This is called a vitrectomy.

In some cases the patient is presented with the lens subluxated (partially luxated). If there is no pupillary block or glaucoma present, then medications may be used in an effort to keep the pressure low, and to keep the pupil relatively constricted to reduce the chance of anterior luxation. In some cases, where mild or intermittent glaucoma is present, laser surgery may help stabilize the intraocular pressure. Frequent re-examinations are required as the situation may change to true luxation in some cases.

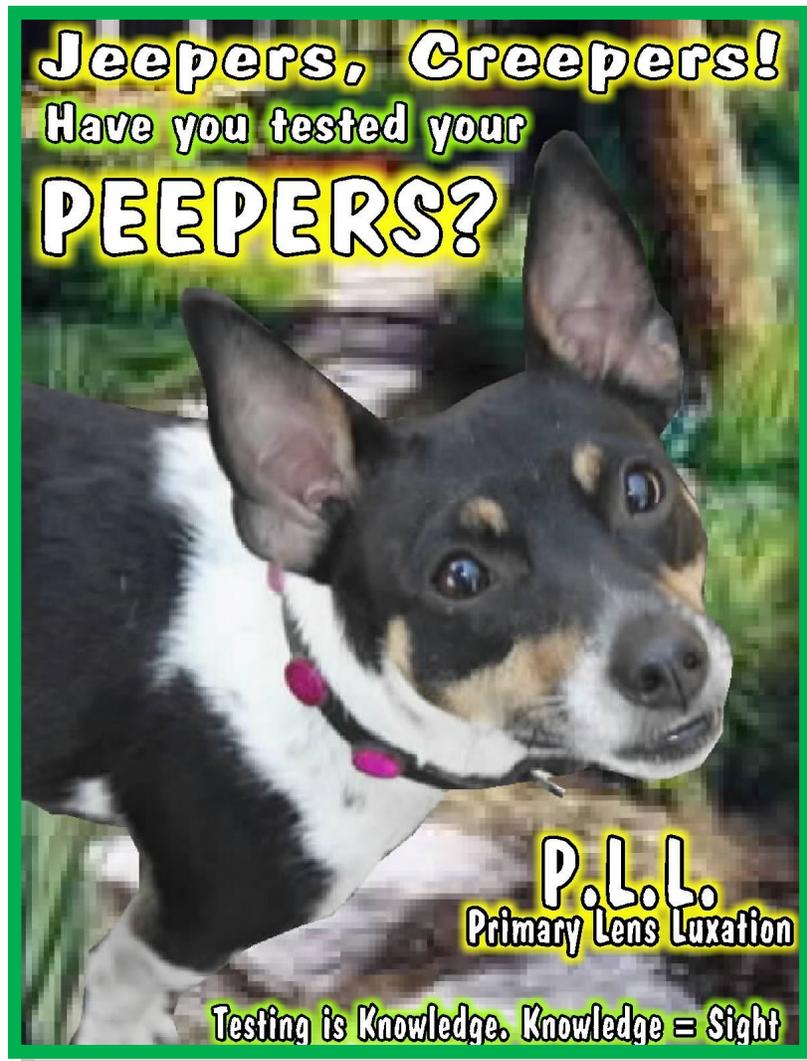
If the eye has been blinded as a result of the glaucoma caused by the lens luxation, then emergency lens removal surgery will not benefit the situation. If the eye is painful, something must be done to relieve the pain. The two main solutions (also discussed on the glaucoma page), are enucleation (removal) of the eye, or an intrascleral prosthesis procedure where the contents of the eye are removed and replaced with a silicon ball, in many cases resulting in a comfortable blind eye with a very reasonable cosmetic appearance.

## What about the other eye?

Examination of the fellow eye, especially in the terrier breeds predisposed to lens luxation may reveal a looseness or wobble to the lens as the head moves. This is due to weakness in the zonular ligaments and in such a case future luxation is likely. In these cases, preventative lens removal may be best, in an effort to prevent a crisis. Medical management by an observant owner is also an option, but should lens luxation occur, emergency surgery will be required.

The test is a simple swab test and can be ordered from [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org) for \$65.00 per dog and returned to the University of Missouri for analysis.

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# Fun at the Beach

(or anywhere else you may travel with your Ratties)

By,

Judith Babarsky

Rat Terriers are infinitely versatile. Ours love to travel with us and are always excited for a new adventure. We enjoy taking them to the beach, but it's always good to adhere to a few basics when traveling with dogs.

First of all, ours travel in crates. They are safer that way, don't "bounce" around the car, have a comfortable place that is "theirs" to relax. They also travel in collars with I.D. attached. Just in case of an accident or other emergency, they have their identification. Along these same lines, I always carry basic vet information (rabies inoculation, etc.) as some states actually require it (not that I've ever been asked to produce it, but one never knows). Leashes are easily accessible next to their crates. Water is available to the pups in their crates.

I don't feed my dogs within 2 hours or so of traveling to avoid any chance of upset tummies. And I make sure to give them potty stops if my trip is longer than 5 hours or so (if you have a puppy, you probably need to stop more often). Some dogs enjoy chew bones, etc. in their crates while traveling. A nice comfy pad or bed will also be a welcome addition for your furry friend.

When arriving at your destination whether it be a hotel, beach house, friend's, etc. it's always a good idea to make a quick sweep to ensure that there are no "dangerous" items around. An Advil tablet under a hotel bed could be disaster for your dog, as well as other problematic items. I also like to bring a baby gate or two with me on any trip so that I can block off exits or other areas of the house or room.

Make sure you don't forget your dog's food and bowls. It's always a good idea to maintain your Rattie's normal diet while away from home. I like to use bottled water as well as sometimes "strange" water can upset doggy tummies. Bring a few special toys for your dog's enjoyment and to keep him/her busy with something other than grandma's favorite sofa pillow!

Once we get to the beach, check in, dog-proof the house, etc. it's time to head to the beach. Depending on the time of year, it's important to be mindful of the temperature. Dogs don't have shoes to protect their feet, so be sure to check the temperature of any blacktop or sand or walkways where your dogs travel. Their feet can easily burn! Our dogs prefer the beach at night. The sand is cool, there are fewer people on the beach, and there are ghost crabs to chase! We especially like to use LED collars (you can find them at <http://www.glowdoggie.com/home.html>). They come in various colors and make it easy to locate your dog in the dark when they are running on the beach. And, the collars are always a conversation starter with anyone we may meet.

As long as you keep in mind basic safety for your dogs, Rat Terriers are easy to travel with. They are not too large, they are generally friendly with anyone they meet, and they love new adventures.



## Darby & Paolo



# Congratulations!!



## SHINER

CH 'PR' Lace Shiner Black CGC DS has just made breed history by being the first Rat Terrier to earn an AKC Dock Diving title!

Shiner jumped right into the senior division with a personal best of 12 feet! Bred by Rachel and Kelley Townsend and owned by Annie Angello.



## HOT SHOT

River Ridge's Top Gun "Hotshot" Earned his Championship title on 5/31/14 at 11 months of age by going BOB and taking a 5 point major. The following day, he was again BOB and earned a 5 point major toward his GR CH title. Owned by Paula Taylor.



# Way to go!!!



## SKYY

River Ridge's Passion 4 Perfection finished his CH title by going BOW at the South Shore Kennel Club Dog Show on September 13, 2014.

Skyy now joins 4 of his other littermates in the Champions Circle!

Owned and Adored by Jackie Maye and River Ridge Rat Terriers



## ENVY

Envy attended her very first Barn Hunt Fun Test in Central Square NY on August 17, 2014.

She passed her instinct test and finished a novice course in 45 seconds out of the allotted 2 minute time frame!!

Envy cant wait to attend her next barn hunt!



# ‘A Tale of Two Ratties...’

*By,  
Tricia McCree*

*They were the best of dogs, they were the best of dogs (we can't say worst of dogs because anyone who owns a Rat Terrier knows they are truly the best)! Now here's a story I heard tell...*

In the faraway land of Maryland live two Rat Terrier puppies named Molly and Murphy. Molly, a princess by birth, is the much adored daughter of King Marti the Magnificent and Queen Petunia the Prettiest-in-all-the-Land. She lives with her human parents and sister and is the bright light of their lives. Her humans were so enamored of her they decided to bless Molly with a little brother to complete their happy family. Five long months later, Prince Murphy arrived and captured the hearts of all. Murphy, too, descended from quite impressive lineage. His beautiful mother, Queen Spry-the-Sassy, is an accomplished agility star and bestowed her natural talents to her handsome son. His father, King Sky the Sly, is a decorated show dog with a keen sense of humor and the ability to cleverly maneuver his way through any barrier. At their first meeting, Molly and Murphy instantly recognized each other as soul mates. Best friends forever, they have exciting adventures every day bringing great joy and amusement to their human family.

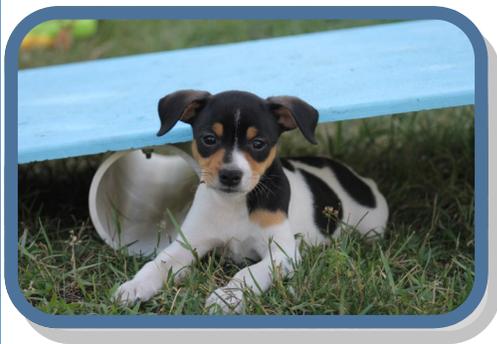
Molly has the natural drive and skill of a hunter. She loves table surfing in a never ending quest for the perfect treat. Ever the loving sister she occasionally shares her stolen bounty with her brother (after he not-so-gracefully tackles her, thus encouraging her to give up the goodies). Molly's favorite pastimes are chasing squirrels, birds, bugs, rabbits, her brother, her humans, the neighbors, stray cats, leaves, dandelions, dust mites, her tail, shadows, the red light from the elusive laser pointer, and butterflies). She spends many hours perfecting the art of breaking the necks of her 184 toys in true Rat Terrier style. Thursday evening dinners at Grandma's house are a highlight of her week, where she has her very own toy box overflowing with treasures and where she enjoys the undivided attention of her humans. Murphy, being a very young prince, must stay at home with his human mom until he can be trusted not to piddle on Grandma's carpet and eat the underside of her couch! Although Molly comes from a prestigious celebrity background, she prefers not to perform for mass audiences but chooses to flaunt her Diva status in the luxury of her own home.

Like all Rat Terriers, Molly is a loyal companion, frisky playmate, and a champion snuggler. She is adept in the art of hiding her favorite things, usually bully sticks, which her humans find endlessly entertaining. Possessing a keen intellect she has quickly learned that hiding certain treasures is frowned upon. ( A mouthful of raw tripe stuffed under a couch cushion caused a tremendous uproar and very unpleasant gagging sounds from her humans!).

Her favorite activity is following her human Daddy around the garden to monitor her estate, peeing on every square inch to ensure no trespassers encroach on her territory. She loves her Koi pond as well, not for the beautiful fish, but for the pungent smelling food Daddy often drops, which she promptly gobbles up with gusto. The only unfortunate drawback to this forbidden treat is the most dreadful gas in all the land (which she conveniently and consistently blames on Daddy!)

Murphy, a mere five months younger than his sister, is quick to follow in her footsteps. He adores Molly and shows his undying affection by tenaciously biting her cheek.. He cannot sleep peacefully unless he has one of his body parts draped over his sister. His favorite pastime is called “Steal the Toy from Molly’s Mouth” and he engages in it as often as possible. Fascinated by her table surfing abilities, he longs to possess her sneakiness and skill, but has yet to master the fine art of stealth. A young pup of boundless energy and not-so-great coordination, Murphy often tumbles off furniture, runs into walls and, screen doors. As the talented son of a famed agility star, he shows great promise... once he grows into his feet. Murphy, possessing another famed Rat Terrier trait, enjoys talking which includes: humming, snoring, groaning, sighing, play-growling and otherwise vocalizing his every desire and need. Not a yippy, barking sort of dog, he merely uses his wide range of vocal abilities to express his feelings. Like his sister, he is a superior cuddler. He is fiercely loyal to his family unless offered a treat – in which case it doesn’t matter if you are a cat burglar, serial killer, or any other miscreant! Murphy attends puppy school twice a week with Molly, where he charms all of his instructors and puppy friends. Once, he greatly impressed his trainer during puppy free play by fearlessly running up and down the agility slide all by himself without ever being introduced to it (clearly an inherited gift from Spry-the-Sassy)!

Princess Molly and Prince Murphy, thrilled with their luck at finding such loving humans, spend all of their days in divine bliss... and are living Happily Ever After.



**Murphy Patrick McCree**

**River Ridge’s Doggone  
Naughty**



**Molly Abigale McCree**

**Wildcliff Miss Bee Haven**

# Rickie Roo's Story

By,

Deborah Davidson Harpur

Rickie Roo is a 7 year old Rat Terrier from Los Angeles, CA who is a doggie model, actress, athlete, and service dog. Her most important job is as chief toy killer and treat thief. She does a lot of charity work and she is most passionate about promoting testing for PLL. She is living proof that being PLL “at risk” is not the end of a healthy happy life.

*Primary Lens Luxation, or PLL, is a condition that can happen in many breeds including American Eskimo Dog, American Hairless terrier, Australian Cattle Dog, Border Collie, Bull terrier, Chinese Crested, Jack Russell terrier, Lakeland terrier, Lancashire Heeler, Miniature Bull terrier, Norwich terrier, Parson Russell terrier, Patterdale terrier, Rat terrier, Russell terrier, Sealyham terrier, Teddy Roosevelt terrier, Tenterfield terrier, Tibetan terrier, Toy Fox terrier, Volpino Italiano, Welsh terrier, Wire Fox terrier, and Yorkshire terrier.*

*PLL is characterized by the dislocation of the lens in the eye thought to be due to the breakage of the ligaments or zonules that hold the lens in its normal place. Affected dogs may present with sudden signs of irritation in the eye with excessive twitching, blinking and tearing of the eye. Cataracts and inflammation of the eye are also associated. Dislocation of the lens can occur in both the forward and backward position within the eye, but dislocation in the forward position is more common and serious. If not treated immediately, lens dislocation can lead to glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye) and vision loss.*

Rickie Roo was born before the testing for PLL was available. I am very lucky to have a breeder who believes in testing. She tested Rickie Roo when the test became available and so I knew as soon as she did that PLL was a possibility for my dog. I had heard so many bad stories about PLL that every time anything remotely weird happened to her eyes I was in a panic certain that THIS WAS IT and that my baby was going to lose her eyes and be blind... or worse. I never really knew what the “worse” was but I knew it was BAD. I only knew a couple people at the time that had dogs with PLL and I knew a couple people whose dogs had suffered lens luxation for unknown reasons. All of the dogs I knew had their eye or eyes removed and I had heard the surgery to fix it was expensive. Also, that most of the time people would go to the vet with an eye issue, they were told it was a scratch or an abrasion and sent home with drops. Then a few days’ later things were much worse because they didn’t have scratches and instead they had luxating lenses ... a different thing for sure. So one day when Roo’s eyes looked cloudy and her head was all swollen around her eye I freaked and got to the vet. He, in turn, found me an AWESOME eye specialist whom I trust completely. She is so great and she even lets me put my breeder on speakerphone so that I’ll have someone else there with me so I don’t forget stuff.

That day we didn’t have luxations – instead there were other issues, inflammation and some swelling behind the eye (they think she ran into a wall or something... we never found out about that one) but those were treated and we continued competing in agility and having fun.

One morning (Oct 2013) I was up early to go to an agility trial and when I looked at Rickie Roo her eye was just a bit winky. She wasn’t pawing at her face, it wasn’t drippy and it didn’t look super weird but it was off enough for me to look closer. Something just kept nagging me so I threw her in the car went to the emergency vet and said “all I need to know is if her eye is luxating, nothing else”. It was. And the lens had dropped forward. If it goes forward it is a much bigger deal than if it goes to the back of the eye because it blocks things that cause pressures to skyrocket. If it gets above 30 they are in pain... a lot of it.

I promptly got her eye vet on the phone and we drove straight to her practice in a different part of Los Angeles. She met us there and within the hour Rickie Roo was having surgery. I was a hot mess. Thank goodness I had friends who supported us and a breeder that was willing to answer the phone at 5 AM. The ER costs weren't that bad, but the surgery was over 4200 dollars. WOW. A friend asked if she could start a fundraiser page for Rickie Roo. At first I declined, but then when she pointed out that she knew there were people who would really want to help and I needed help, I agreed. In 2 weeks we met our goal (that covered the surgery costs).

Just as I was typing a post to facebook, "we met our goal!" something caused me to hit delete delete delete and I decided to wait and post in the morning. I got up the next day and knew what I wanted to say but first I needed to do Rickie Roo's medications. So I did the first set of drops (she had about 7 drops in the AM spaced 5 min apart) and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> set. By the time I did the 3<sup>rd</sup> set, something about her good eye looked weird. It was kind of cloudy. I finished all my drops and put her in the car and headed to my agility class which is held a couple blocks from the vets' office. I got there and asked my friend "does her eye look weird to you?" and she said, "that one is cloudy, is that what you mean?" So back to the vet I went. This time her lens was 85 percent luxated. It was still attached at the top but it meant another surgery. You think I was stressed the first time... the second time was worse! Again my breeder was available on the phone and when my friends found out that we had to have another surgery they helped out again. I told everyone I wasn't asking for more donations and never did change the goal amount, but they pitched in anyway. I had breeders from other Rat Terrier Kennels pitch in, groomers donate the cost of a groom, and junior handlers gave Rickie Roo their allowance for a month. I even got a donation in an amount equal to a weekend of AKC agility entries, where the owner wrote that her dog would give up his weekend to help his pal Rickie Roo. How awesome is that?

Roo came home and was a good girl and I did each and every medication on time every time – whew was that hard! But the day we that had a follow up visit with her eye vet and she said "she can see!" it was well worth it all!

After Rickie Roo's lenses luxated it was questionable if she would ever do her most favorite sport of agility again. But this little girl has heart and 4 months after both of her lenses were removed, with permission from her vet she was back on the agility course. Because of the luxations she is very farsighted and does not have depth perception, but she is able to jump and play and run along with the rest of her agility pals. Sometimes I have to really point out a dogwalk or a teeter to her and when there is artificial light she sometimes has issues seeing so I will slow down and she'll hop up on me and we will navigate the course together safely. If it appears that she is struggling or that it is unsafe, I simply give her a HUPPY PUPPY and she jumps in my arms and we leave the ring and she gets her cookies for being a good girl. I truly think her 6 years of prior agility experienced helped her with muscle memory which took over when her eyesight wasn't the same. My friend made a video on the weekend of her first agility trial after her surgeries. To some, she may not look that great, but to others it's a super achievement. to me, it shows her true terrier spirit. She has improved since that date and I know she will keep getting better and better. She may never be as fast as she was pre-surgery, but I have a happy healthy dog that can see and I'm thankful for that.

Video can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq1B8TYDOeM>

Currently she is preparing for the Cynosport World Games where she will compete in Performance Versatility Pairs with her boyfriend Rat Terrier Mr. Willis, in Performance Grand Prix, Performance Speed Jumping and in the Performance Biathlon. While she is not as fast as she used to be, she is more accurate on her contacts... most of the time.

Rickie Roo recently competed in Blue Springs, Mo and in Prunedale, CA in the USDAA regional events where she made the finals for Performance Grand Prix and had an awesome time.

# Rickie Roo's Story Continued..

When Rickie Roo had her life change overnight we learned a lot about the dog community, about setting goals and rethinking your. Now we know quite a few people who have dogs that are at risk and many dogs that have been affected by PLL. As far as I know Rickie Roo is the only one that has had both eyes luxate and who is back to competing in a dog sport. I'm just lucky that I knew to watch her closely. She still gets drops everyday but I found a good resource. Goodrx.com will fill the people medications you get for your dogs and you can get a major discount on them. Also, Costco pharmacy is a good source for medication. You don't have to be a member of Costco to use their pharmacy to fill your drugs. Rickie Roo's medications were about \$260 every 5 weeks, now they are down to about \$80 plus her follow up visits, etc. We monitor her eye pressures and have follow up visits every couple months now. When Rickie had her lenses removed we did not put in artificial ones. Our vet said there are many issues long term with them and if she can deal without them that was the way she'd suggest we go, but I have heard from other people now that their vets suggest a different way. You need to do what you feel is right for YOUR dog!

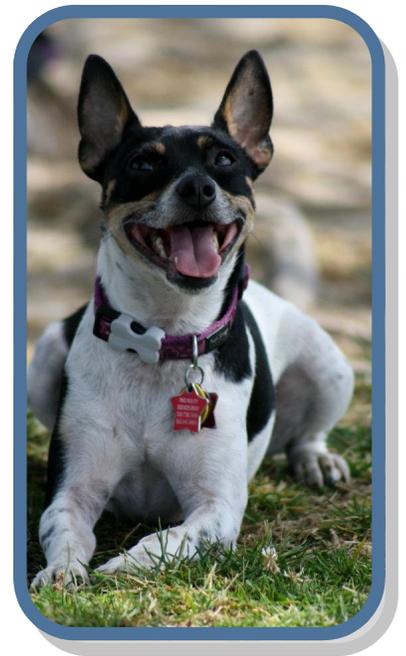
Rickie Roo wants to remind you to test for PLL and if you are at risk have your mommy watch your eyes closely and carefully and have a great relationship with an eye specialist. Because Rickie Roo got help immediately after her first lens luxated and then again AS the second one was luxating she has not only her vision, but her eyes. She does get multiple eye drops every day, but it's a game and she enjoys getting cookies for going to her "drop spot". Remember- Testing = Knowledge and Knowledge = Sight!

To read more about PLL and Rickie Roo you can visit the following sites:

<https://www.pawprintgenetics.com/blog/2013/10/27/rickie-roos-story-can-happen-your-dog/>

<https://www.pawprintgenetics.com/blog/2014/07/22/rickie-roos-story-happy-ending/>

You can also friend Rickie Roo on facebook and follow all of her adventures!



# Performance Spotlight!



3 year old Remus, Riverridge Mischief Managed RN AX MXJ MXF T2B AD SS AG AJ RL1-AOE, has a passion for agility. Super-speedy, highly-driven Remus is always ready to leap tall buildings in a single bound and loves the game. Anything that involves stopping or staying, not so much. Remus is titled in AKC and USDAA agility and recently qualified for the UKI US Open Masters Finals in N. Carolina in November.



Ferris, aka River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast, takes after his namesake Mr. Bueller. Always the clown, with just a little naughty thrown in to keep it interesting. He just turned a year old and is in training for agility. So far he is showing great promise ... smart, athletic, loves to work and is anxious to learn. Can't ask for more than that.



At 2 1/2 years of age, Charger has already competed in 8 different NAFA tournaments, has earned his FD, FDX, FDCH, FDCH-S and FDCH-G flyball titles. He has played in 2 U-FLI tournaments in Utah and has earned his Top Flight, TF-1 and TF-11 title (and he's preparing to return to Utah in October!). He has competed in tournaments in Washington, Oregon, Utah, and several times in Canada. He is a well-traveled boy!

Charger was also chosen as Dog of the Month at River dog Training day camp! One of the reasons he was given this award was because the trainers love to work with him, he is very biddable and quick to learn almost anything! He has mastered all of their puzzles and loves to do "environmental agility".

# At Home with the Rat Terrier

When most people think of Rat Terriers, they see the familiar tableau of the rugged little feist going barn to barn with his master ridding the farm of vermin. A great deal of this vision is true. A hundred years ago, you would be hard pressed to find a farm in America that didn't have a rat terrier. They were the ideal dogs for rural life: a compact, hardy dog that would rid the farm of rodents, help hunt squirrels, and play with the kids. To the turn of the century farmer, the rat terrier was an indispensable part of family life.

Today, the rat terrier remains a favorite of rural people everywhere, but it is also an ideal family dog that is just as much at home in the house as on the farm. Their small size makes them economical to feed and kennel, and their short hair makes them less messy than many shedding breeds. They are among the friendliest of terriers, making them excellent pets for children. A growing child couldn't ask for a better, more loyal friend than a rat terrier. And while they may be tenacious when on the trail of a rat, at home they are just as comfortable snuggling next to you on the couch for a long winter nap.

Outside the home, we get to see another side of the rat terrier. Those unfamiliar with the breed are quick to notice its keen intelligence and eye-popping athleticism. These two traits—along with exceptional bravery—are indispensable for a dog that makes its living dispatching ground quarry. The athleticism and intelligence of the rat terrier can also be found on display in a simple game of fetch. There are few things more enjoyable than watching a “rattie” race across an open field, leap high in the air after a ball, and then return it with a huge grin on its face.

Aesthetically, the rat terrier is among the most pleasing dogs in the world. Rat terriers are structurally balanced with a well-defined, expressive face. They are sturdy, but not bulky or cumbersome. In many ways, the rat terrier is a study in artistic balance, a combination of chiseled musculature and effortless grace. Such traits lend themselves naturally to the show ring where they have been a fixture in the UKC ring for some time and, since June 2013, in the AKC ring.

With a storied past and a bright future, the rat terrier has solidified itself as a quintessential American success story.



Monica  
and Haylie



# Great Family Dogs!



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# Congratulations!!



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## HUNTER

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“GRCH River Ridge’s Level of Intrigue” Earned his first leg towards his CAT (Coursing Ability Test) on September 13, 2014 in Macungie PA!!

Lots of Rats were entered and had a Great time running the course!



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## AMBER

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“COHills Amber Spice Muffin” earned her CPE (agility) Level 2 Fun (CL2-F) and Level 2 Strategy (CL2-S) on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. On May 17 she also earned her United Nosework Pre-Trial 3 and 4 (PT-3 and PT-4)



# Way to go!!!



## BREE

"Bur-Way After the Storm at KTR" earned all five United Nosework Pre-Trial titles (PT-1, PT-2, PT-3, PT-4, and PT-5) on May 17. Shortly after she earned her NAFA (Flyball) Flyball Dog Champion Gold (FDCH-G) on June 14!



## TEXANA

On Saturday June 8th, 2014 Stone Pony Farm Texana got her first points in the AKC ring at the Calcasieu Kennecl club All breed show!

Owned and Loved by Janice Broussard



# Life with an Agility Rat

By,

Beth Szczygiel

Agility has been my obsession for 14 years, several MACH Dobermans later I knew it was time to mix it up a little. A little dog? I have owned Dobes for almost 20 years, my friends looked at me curiously, surely Beth was going through a mid-life crisis their eyes seemed to say. Running agility with a terrier, living life with a terrier, how drastically different would it be? It was a daunting and exciting idea and 15 months ago this little blue whirlwind, Spry, came into my life.

Terriers in general, are bred to work independently of people so I was mentally preparing myself for an environmentally over stimulated puppy. How many times was someone going to roll their eyes and say “oh it’s a terrier” as the dog struggles to keep focus or blows off a recall, we have all witnessed this in a trial or class setting. I did my best to block out the negative commentary and focused on impulse control and foundation skills with Spry.

Training is not cookie cutter, what works for one dog, may not work for another and it is up to the handler to figure out what works best. I learned quickly that repetition was not helpful to our training, some breeds you can train and train the same skills in a session and they happily continue to work, this was not the case with this Rat Terrier. She seemed to be willing me with her eyes “I got it Momma, now give me something else!” Spry did not seem like the other terrier breeds that have come through my agility classes. She was focused on her job; she took in every new skill I presented to her with enthusiasm. In life she had a solid recall and hiked off leash with her Doberman brother, Milan. I

I don’t normally consider myself a lucky person, but clearly I must have hit the terrier lottery. I had an athletic, focused Terrier with a great work ethic (insert applause here). Actually what I have is a Rat Terrier, not luck at all. These little wonders truly are big dogs in small packages and I can appreciate first hand why they excel in the agility ring. I look forward to Spry’s debut in agility Spring of 2015!





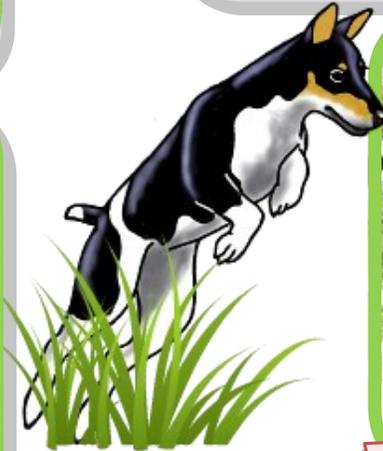
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**Agility**



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**Flyball**



## AKC National Owner-Handled Series Ranking

For Events Processed Through: September 5, 2014

Points Ranking for **Rat Terrier (2014)**

**Today's Date:** September 18, 2014

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex	OHS Points
No. 1	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	Stacy McWilliams/Tammy Jordan	Dog	245
No. 2	Ratitatt Blue Ooh Lala CGC	Laura A Gallagher/Valerie Luchsinger	Bitch	80
No. 3	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	Annette Agostine	Dog	70
No. 4	GCH CH River Ridge's I Put A Spell On U	Judith R Babarsky/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	55
No. 5	River Ridge Raftin' The Rapids	Ashley E Mroz/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	50
No. 6	CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	Cynthia Humphrey/Brandy Pettry	Bitch	40
No. 7	CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare	Ms. Beth Szczygiel	Bitch	35
No. 8	GCH CH Riverridge Trin2 Sail 2 The Top CM CA	Balynda Brown/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	25
No. 9	Bray Ridge Flying High Jesse CGC	Robin L Rudolph	Dog	20
	Brtk Kimi Of Mt Hood Wyr RN	Terri Wilson	Bitch	20
	CH Bur-Way Without Limits	Barbara Trammell/Felicity Trammell	Dog	20
	GCH CH Raganrat's Quintessential Q CM RN OA OAJ NF	Darice Ragan/Harriett Browne	Dog	20
	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	20
No. 14	CH Hogssden Buzablu Leo A Wonder BN RA OA OAJ CGC	Linda Lee/Jordon Leigh/Courtney Bickley/Julie Merser	Dog	15
	River Ridges Magnum Opus	Michael Godbey/Stacy McWilliams	Bitch	15
	GCH CH Riverridge Writ'N N The Stars	DONNA MCMAHAN/Stacy McWilliams	Bitch	15
No. 17	GCH CH Riverridge Sank Ur Battleship	Balynda Brown/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	10
No. 18	Call Me Petlyn Lily Of The Valley	Carolyn Helewski/Pete Helewski	Bitch	5
	Cohills Blaze Of Glory	Heather Bailey/Amanda Hill	Bitch	5
	Cohills Who Whiz It @ Bur-Way	Ms. Barbara J Trammell	Dog	5
	Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Valerie Luchsinger	Bitch	5
	Ratitatt Gotz Spirit	Ms. Valerie S Luchsinger	Bitch	5
	Ratitatt's Senorita Lolita's Lollipop	Edithmary Stenz/Gretchen A Chambers	Bitch	5
	GCH CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue	Stacy McWilliams	Dog	5
	CH Trimark's Take It All River Ridge	Patricia Smith	Bitch	5
	Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy	Beth Ann Amico/Stacy McWilliams	Bitch	5

# RAT TERRIER

Breed Standings through August 31, 2014

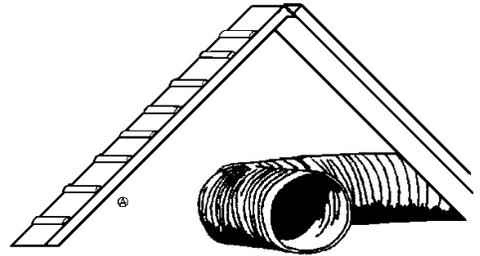
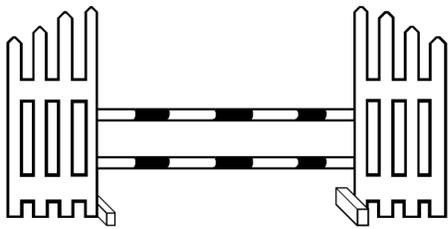
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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	161	0	0	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	153	0	0	S McWilliams/T Jordan
3	GCH CH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann	F	69	0	0	S Hendrix
4	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	62	0	0	A Agostine
5	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	49	0	0	T Gillies/D Gillies
6	CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	42	0	0	B Veltri
7	GCH CH Riverridge Sank Ur Battleship	M	39	0	0	B Brown/S McWilliams
8	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	38	0	0	L Hibbard
8	GCH CH Dos Kn Pn Rnb He's The Wizard	M	38	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
8	GCH CH Aacres Go The Distance	F	38	0	0	T Dennis
11	CH Skippin Cj Freedom	M	37	0	0	C Martinez
11	CH Gg's Dancing In The Dark	F	37	0	0	L Hibbard
11	GCH CH River Ridge's I Put A Spell On U	M	37	0	0	J Babarsky/S McWilliams
14	GCH CH Skippin Cj Golden Rose CM	F	29	0	0	C Martinez/M Simon
15	CH Riverridge Who Do U Think Ur	M	28	0	0	M Fabian
16	CH Cohills You Can Do Magic	M	26	0	0	A Hill/C Dennis
17	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	25	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
18	GCH CH Seegmillers Suzy Q CM	F	24	0	0	C Martinez
19	CH River Ridge's Top Gun	M	22	0	0	P Taylor
20	CH Bur-Way Without Limits	M	21	0	0	B Trammell/F Trammell

# RAT TERRIER

## Grand Champion Standings through August 31, 2014 Canine Chronicle

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	112	S McWilliams/T
2	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	104	T Little/R Little
3	GCH CH Aacres Go The Distance	F	57	T Dennis
4	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	54	A Agostine
5	GCH CH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann	F	52	S Hendrix
6	GCH CH River Ridge's I Put A Spell On U	M	43	J Babarsky/S McWilliams
7	GCH CH Seegmillers Dark Anthem	F	42	K Seegmiller
8	CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	40	C Hileman/D Hileman
9	GCH CH Dos Kn Pn Rnb He's The Wizard	M	38	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
10	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	37	T Gillies/D Gillies
11	GCH CH Riverridge Writ'N N The Stars	F	36	D MCMAHAN/S
12	GCH CH Seegmillers Suzy Q CM	F	35	C Martinez
12	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	35	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
12	GCH CH Sands' Black Diamond Wilson BN RA CGC	M	35	L Lee/J Leigh
15	GCH CH Ratitatt Buzablu Daisy Jamboree BN RA CGC	F	33	L Lee/V Luchsinger/J
15	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	33	L Hibbard
17	GCH CH Riverridge Sank Ur Battleship	M	32	B Brown/S McWilliams
18	GCH CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue	M	28	S McWilliams
19	GCH CH Skippin Cj Golden Rose CM	F	27	C Martinez/M Simon
20	GCH CH Riverridge Nice Tri Blu By-U	F	24	S Coleman/B Brown



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# Rat Terrier

## 2014 Agility Top Ten

1	MACH16	Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXS4 MJB5 MXF TQX T2B	Gayle Capen
2	MACH6	Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXB2 MJS2	Melissa Liebhardt/Valerie Luchsinger
3	MACH19	Pebbles' Magic Act I MXS5 MJC5 MXF TQX T2B	Denise Kennedy
4	MACH8	Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXG3 MJS3 OF	Gayle Capen
5	MACH7	MR. Big MXC2 MJS3 FTC1 MFG2 TQX T2B	Candice Oman
6	MACH2	Ellie May MXG MJG MXF T2B3	Hiroko Williams/Bill Williams
7	MACH	Call Me Greased Lightning MXS MJG XF T2B CA	Kathy Brown
8	MACH8	Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFS TQX T2B	Yvonne L Mancino/David V Mancino
9	MACH5	Hye's Never Say Never MXC2 MJC3 XF T2B	Mary Doyle
10	MACH	Bur-Way Anything Goes MXB MJB T2B CA	Mary Obidinski



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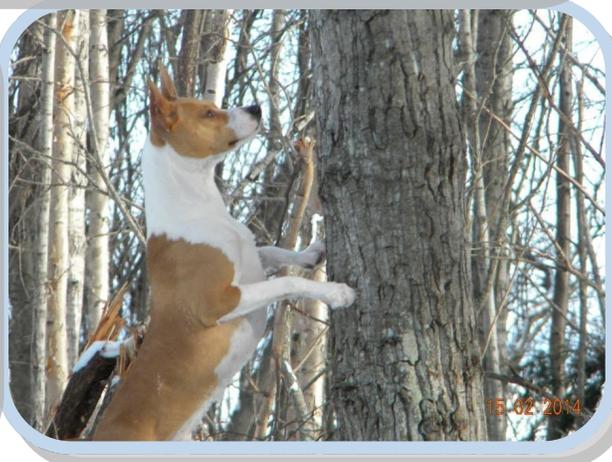
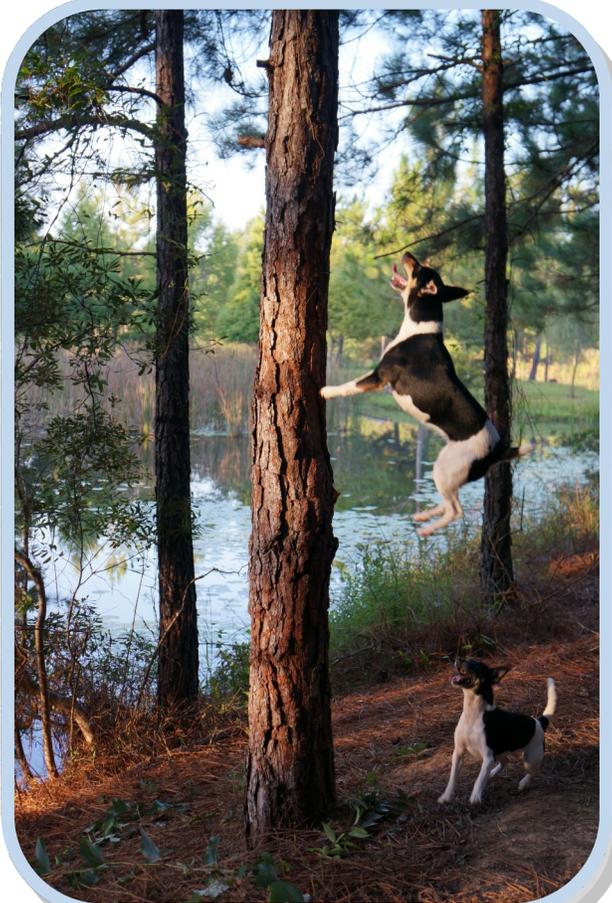
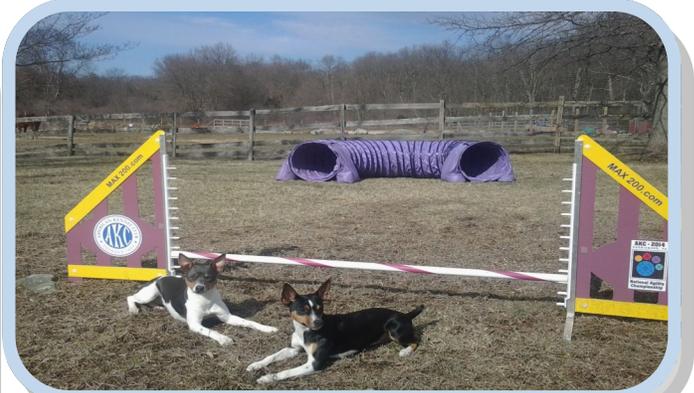
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## SILVER GRCH STONEYBAY'S UR MARTI'S SERV'D

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Congratulations! SILVER GRCH Stoneybay's Ur Martini's Serv'd CM. Marti is the first Rat terrier to earn his BRONZE and SILVER levels of his GRCH Title! He earned this prestigious award on Friday September 26, 2014 at the Warrenton Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show held in Millwood VA. Congratulations to Breeder Tammy Jordan and owners Stacy McWilliams and Tammy Jordan on such a wonderful accomplishment!

*Mid- Atlantic Rat Terrier Club is pleased to announce that they are donating awards to the Rat terriers entered in the Agility trials that coincide the Montgomery County Kennel Club. Each Rat Terrier to earn a "Q" at any of the agility trials will received an embroidered towel for their achievement! We are also donating wonderful pewter Trophies for the winners of the All Breed Show at Montgomery this year.. Awards will be presented for Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best opposite Sex, Winners dog/bitch, and select dog/bitch. Thank you to all our members and those who donated funds to help this happen!*





# MID-ATLANTIC RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Type of Membership:**

- Regular-\$25.00**  
Individual adult member residing in the Mid-Atlantic. Enjoys all privileges, including the right to hold office.
- Regular Household-\$30.00**  
Two adult members (same household) in the Mid-Atlantic. Enjoys all privileges, including the right to hold office.
- Associate-\$20.00**  
Individual adult member residing outside the Mid-Atlantic. Enjoys all privileges, except holding office.
- Associate Household \$25.00**  
Two adult members (in the same household) outside the Mid-Atlantic. Enjoys all privileges, except holding office.
- Junior-\$15.00**  
Individual under 18 years of age. Enjoys all privileges, except holding office and the right to vote.

*\*The "Mid-Atlantic" shall include only the following states: MD, NJ, DE, DC, VA, WV, NY, and PA.*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one or more of the following that best describes your interests:*

- Agility  Barn Hunt  Breeder  Conformation  Obedience  Pet Owner  Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Tell us about yourself and your dogs...*

We would love to hear about your hobbies, accomplishments, show brags or how your dogs like to spend their time. Please include registered names and call names for your dogs, as well as anything else you would like to share!

*If you are a member of any other dog clubs, please list them here. (Note any Board or other elected positions you currently hold.)*

*This club is run entirely by volunteers, if you would like to contribute, please list any special skills or areas of interest you may have.*

*Please provide the names of two current MARTC members who have agreed to sponsor your membership in the Club.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

You agree that, if accepted in membership, you will abide by the MARTC Constitution, Bylaws, and Codes for Ethical Behavior and Good Sportsmanship. You will also adhere to the rules set forth by AKC and their Code of Sportsmanship.

**Consent to Electronic Communications**

You understand and agree to accept notification of Club meetings, dues notices, minutes, and newsletters, as well as Board of Director notifications of meetings, and minutes from said meetings via email. This authorization (which is revocable in writing) also releases the Club from liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the Club's control.

**Electronic Signatures**

By typing your name below, you understand that you are electronically signing this document and are agreeing to all of the policies, terms and conditions set forth above. If you understand, accept and agree to the policies, terms and conditions set out above, then type in your name on the line below to acknowledge your acceptance.

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

**For Quickest Processing:**

Send Dues via PayPal to:  
MidAtlanticRatTerrier@yahoo.com  
Applications will also be accepted electronically to the above e-mail address

**For Regular Mail:**

Make personal checks payable to **MARTC** and mail to: Judith Babarsky  
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